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Serie 11 Review

- 1. Separation of variables for elliptic equations
 - (a)
 - (b)
- 2. Heat Equation
 - The comparison principle for solutions of the heat equation: If u and v are two solutions of the heat equation, and u < v for the initial and boundary condition, then u < v everywhere.
 - Prove:
 - Consider w = u v.
 - By linearity w satisfies the heat equation, and $w \le 0$ on the parabolic boundary.
 - By the weak maximum principle, w < 0 everywhere, thus u < v everywhere.
- 3. Uniqueness of solutions

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Course Overview

- 1st order PDFs
 - Quasilinear first order PDEs
 - Method of characteristics
 - Conservation laws
- 2nd order PDFs
 - Hyperbolic PDEs
 - ▶ Wave equation
 - ▶ D'Alembert formula
 - ► Separation of variables
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 - Heat equation
 - ► Maximum principle
 - Separation of variables
 - Elliptic PDEs
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 - ► Maximum principle
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Laplace's Equation with Dirichlet boundary condition

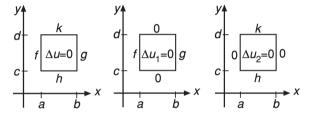


Figure 7.4 Separation of variables in rectangles.

We assumed last time that the compatibility condition holds.

$$f(c) = f(d) = g(c) = g(d) = h(a) = h(b) = k(a) = k(b) = 0$$

The uniqueness theorem guarantees that $u = u_1 + u_2$ is a unique solution.

Laplace's Equation with Dirichlet boundary condition

When we split the problem for u into two problems for u_1 and u_2 , the boundary data may not be continuous anymore, even if they are continuous in the original problem.

We therefore present a method for transforming a Dirichlet problem with continuous boundary data that does not satisfy the compatibility condition into another Dirichlet problem that does satisfy the condition.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } R \\ u = f & \text{in } \{a\} \times [c,d] \\ u = g & \text{in } \{b\} \times [c,d] \\ u = h & \text{in } [a,b] \times \{d\} \\ u = k & \text{in } [a,b] \times \{c\} \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \Delta \bar{u} = 0 & \text{in } R \\ \bar{u} = \bar{f} & \text{in } \{a\} \times [c,d] \\ \bar{u} = \bar{g} & \text{in } \{b\} \times [c,d] \\ \bar{u} = \bar{h} & \text{in } [a,b] \times \{d\} \\ \bar{u} = \bar{k} & \text{in } [a,b] \times \{d\} \\ \bar{u} = \bar{k} & \text{in } [a,b] \times \{c\} \end{cases}$$

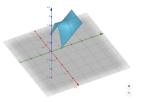
$$\bar{u} = u - P, \quad \bar{f} = f - P, \quad \bar{g} = g - P, \quad \bar{h} = h - P, \quad \bar{k} = k - P$$

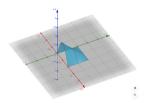
$$P(x,y) := a_o + a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 x y$$

Note that \bar{u} is still harmonic since P is harmonic, we can choose coefficients $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ to ensure that the compatibility condition is fulfilled.

Laplace's Equation with Dirichlet boundary condition Example 1

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } [0,1] \times [0,1] \\ u(x,0) = 1 + \sin(\pi x) & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ u(x,1) = 2 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ u(0,y) = 1 + y & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ u(1,y) = 1 + y & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \end{cases}$$





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Laplace's Equation with Neumann boundary condition

Recall the necessary condition for the existence of a solution to the Neumann problem:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = \rho(x, y) & (x, y) \in D \\ \partial_v u(x, y) = g(x, y) & (x, y) \in \partial D \end{cases} \qquad \oint_{\partial D} g(x(s), y(s)) \, ds = \int_D \rho(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

heat flux through the boundary = heat generated in the domain

Laplace's equation in a rectangular domain with Neumann boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } R \\ u_x = f & \text{on } \{a\} \times [c,d] \\ u_x = g & \text{on } \{b\} \times [c,d] \\ u_x = k & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{d\} \\ u_x = h & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{c\} \end{cases}$$

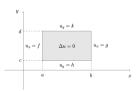


Figure 8.3: Neumann problem in a rectangular domain

$$\int_{c}^{d} g - \int_{c}^{d} f + \int_{a}^{b} k - \int_{a}^{b} h = \int_{c}^{d} (g - f) + \int_{a}^{b} (k - h) = 0$$

Laplace's Equation with Neumann boundary condition

To solve the problem we need to split $u=u_1+u_2$ in the sum of two problems as we did for the Dirichlet problem. Hence u_1,u_2 satisfy

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u_1 = 0 & \text{in } R \\ (u_1)_x = f & \text{on } \{a\} \times [c,d] \\ (u_1)_x = g & \text{on } \{b\} \times [c,d] \\ (u_1)_y = 0 & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{d\} \\ (u_1)_y = 0 & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{c\} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u_2 = 0 & \text{in } R \\ (u_2)_x = 0 & \text{on } \{a\} \times [c,d] \\ (u_2)_x = 0 & \text{on } \{b\} \times [c,d] \\ (u_2)_y = k & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{d\} \\ (u_2)_y = h & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{c\} \end{cases}$$

Note that, by splitting the problem, the existence condition for the Neumann problem might not be satisfied anymore for u_1 and u_2 .

To overcome this problem, we use the trick of adding a harmonic polynomial $\alpha(x^2-y^2)$ for some $\alpha\in\mathbb{R}.$

This yields the new harmonic function $v = u + \alpha(x^2 - y^2)$.

Laplace's Equation with Neumann boundary condition

If we now split $v = v_1 + v_2$ as we did above for u, then the problem for v_1 and v_2 are

$$\begin{cases} \Delta v_1 = 0 & \text{in } R \\ (v_1)_x = f + 2\alpha a & \text{on } \{a\} \times [c,d] \\ (v_1)_x = g + 2\alpha b & \text{on } \{b\} \times [c,d] \\ (v_1)_y = 0 & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{d\} \\ (v_1)_y = 0 & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{c\} \end{cases}$$

The compatibility condition for v_1

$$\int_{c}^{d} (g+2\alpha b) - \int_{c}^{d} (f+2\alpha a) = 0$$
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2(b-a)(d-c)} \int_{c}^{d} (f-g)$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta v_2 = 0 & \text{in } R \\ (v_2)_x = 0 & \text{on } \{a\} \times [c,d] \\ (v_2)_x = 0 & \text{on } \{b\} \times [c,d] \\ (v_2)_y = k - 2\alpha d & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{d\} \\ (v_2)_y = h - 2\alpha c & \text{on } [a,b] \times \{c\} \end{cases}$$

The compatibility condition for v_2

$$\int_{a}^{b} (k - 2\alpha d) - \int_{a}^{b} (h - 2\alpha c) = 0$$
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2(b - a)(d - c)} \int_{a}^{b} (k - h)$$

Laplace's Equation with Neumann boundary condition Example 2

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } [0,\pi] \times [0,\pi] \\ u_x(0,y) = 0 & \text{on } 0 \leq y \leq \pi \\ u_x(\pi,y) = \sin(y) & \text{on } 0 \leq y \leq \pi \\ u_y(x,0) = 0 & \text{on } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ u_y(x,\pi) = -\sin(x) & \text{on } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

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Laplace's equation on circular domains

Let B_a be a disk of radius a around the origin, the Dirichlet problem is:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & (x, y) \in B_a \\ u(x, y) = g(x, y) & (x, y) \in \partial B_a \end{cases}$$

It is convenient to solve the equation in polar coordinates

$$w(r,\theta) = u(x(r,\theta), y(r,\theta))$$

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\Delta w = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \theta^2}$$

$$\begin{cases} w_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} w_r + \frac{1}{r^2} w_{\theta\theta} = 0 & 0 \le r < a, \ 0 \le \theta \le 2\pi \\ w(a,\theta) = h(\theta) = g(x(a,\theta), y(a,\theta)) & r = a, \ 0 \le \theta \le 2\pi \end{cases}$$

Laplace's equation on circular domains

$$w(r,\theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$$

$$R''(r)\Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r}R'(r)\Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2}R(r)\Theta''(\theta) = 0$$

$$\frac{r^2R''(r) + rR'(r)}{R(r)} = -\frac{\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = \lambda$$

Solve ODE for $\Theta(\theta)$ first

$$\begin{cases} \Theta''(\theta) &= -\lambda \Theta(\theta) \\ \Theta(0) &= \Theta(2\pi) \\ \Theta'(0) &= \Theta'(2\pi) \end{cases}$$

$$\Theta_n(\theta) = A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \text{ for } \lambda_n = n^2, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Laplace's equation on circular domains

Then solve the ODE for R(r) together with the eigenvalue $\lambda_n = n^2$:

$$r^{2}R''_{n} + rR'_{n} - n^{2}R_{n} = 0$$

$$R_{n}(r) = C_{n}r^{n} + D_{n}r^{-n}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$R_n(r) = \begin{cases} C_0 + D_0 \ln(r) & n = 0\\ C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n} & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

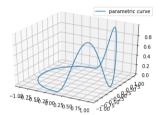
However, the fucntion r^{-n} and ln(r) are singular at 0 inside the domain D, so we discard them. Thus the general solution is given by:

$$w(r,\theta) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n \left[A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta) \right]$$

Laplace's equation on circular domains Example 3

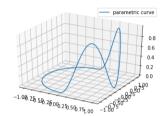
$$\begin{cases} \Delta u(r,\theta) = 0 & 0 < r < R, \ 0 < \theta < 2\pi \\ u(R,\theta) = \sin^2(2\theta) & 0 \le \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ u(R,\theta) = 0 & \frac{\pi}{2} \le \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ u(R,\theta) = \sin^2(2\theta) & \frac{3\pi}{2} \le \theta < 2\pi, \end{cases}$$

Evaluate u(0,0) without solving the PDE.



Laplace's equation on circular domains Example 3

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Show that the inequality $0 < u(r, \theta) < 1$ holds at each point (r, θ) in the disk.

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Tips for Serie 12

- 1. Separation of variables for elliptic equations
 - Compatibility condition for Laplace's equation with Neumann boundary condition.
 - Use the correct direction to integrate.
- 2. Separation of variables
 - Solve the homogeneous direction at first.
 - Then proceed with the other direction.
 - Case studies according to the eigenvalues.
- 3. Neumann problem
 - Consult example 2.
- 4. Laplace operator and rotations
 - Express x and y in terms of s and t.
 - Calculate $\Delta v(s,t)$ using the chain rule.

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