

# Homework #3 Partial solutions

1. 
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < y < H$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, y) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, y) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \quad u(x, H) = g(x)$$

Notice that we have 2 homogeneous conditions in the  $x$  variable so let  $u(x, y) = \phi(x)h(y)$

so that 
$$h(y) \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + \phi(x) \frac{d^2 h}{dy^2} = 0$$
 then dividing by  $h(y)\phi(x)$  yields

$$\frac{1}{\phi} \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{h} \frac{d^2 h}{dy^2} = -\lambda \quad \text{where } \lambda \text{ is the separation constant.}$$

We have reduced the problem into 2 ODEs:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} &= -\lambda \phi \\ \frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) &= 0, \quad \frac{d\phi}{dx}(L) = 0 \end{aligned}} \quad (P_1) \text{ and}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 h}{dy^2} &= \lambda h \\ h(0) &= 0 \\ h(H) &= g(x) \end{aligned}} \quad (P_2)$$

From our table of BVPs,  $(P_1)$

and

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

with eigenfunctions

$$\phi_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$$

For  $P_2$ ,

$$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow h(y) = c_1 y + c_2$$

$$h(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0 \text{ so}$$

$$h(y) = c_1 y.$$

$$\lambda > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$h(y) = C_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}y\right) + D_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}y\right)$$

$$h(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_n = 0 \text{ because } \sinh(0) = 0.$$

$$\text{so } h(y) = D_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}y\right)$$

so for  $n=0$ , we have a product solution

$$A_0 \phi_0(x) y$$

$$n > 1, \text{ we have } A_n \phi_n(x) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}y\right).$$

By the principle of super-position

$$u(x,y) = A_0 y + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} y\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

To determine the coefficients we use the non-homogeneous b.c  $u(x,H) = g(x)$ .

Indeed,

$$g(x) = u(x,H) = A_0 H + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} H\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \quad (*)$$

multiplying by  $(\phi_0(x) = 1)$  to obtain  $A_0$ , and integrating yields

$$\int_0^L g(x) dx = \int_0^L A_0 H dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} H\right) \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) dx.$$

$$\int_0^L g(x) dx = A_0 H L + 0$$

$$\text{so } A_0 = \frac{1}{HL} \int_0^L g(x) dx.$$

Then multiply by  $\phi_m(x) = \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L} x\right)$ , so that

$$\int_0^L g(x) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L} x\right) dx = A_0 H \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L} x\right) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} H\right) \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi}{L} x\right) dx$$

$$\text{so } A_n = \frac{2}{L \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} H\right)} \int_0^L g(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) dx.$$

side note

by comparing coefficients from the Table we know that

$$\text{if } g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \text{ then } A_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L g(x) dx, \quad A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$\text{so } A_0 H = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L g(x) dx \quad \text{and} \quad A_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} H\right) = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx.$$

We want to write

$$|\sin(x)| = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad \text{on } [-\pi, \pi].$$

Integrating on both sides

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin(x)| dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A_0 dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

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$$\int_{-\pi}^0 -\sin(x) dx + \int_0^{\pi} \sin(x) dx = A_0 \cdot 2\pi + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$\cos(x) \Big|_{-\pi}^0 + (-\cos(x)) \Big|_0^{\pi} = A_0 \cdot 2\pi$$

$$[(1 - (-1))] + [(-1) + 1] = A_0 \cdot 2\pi \Rightarrow A_0 = \frac{2}{\pi}.$$

$$A_n = \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{n^2 + 1} & n \neq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n=1 \end{cases} \quad A_1 = 0.$$

$$\frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{n^2 + 1} \right) \cos(nx) \quad \text{if } L=\pi$$

$$n=2k.$$

If  $n$  is odd the coefficient is zero

$$\frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{\substack{2k=2 \\ k \geq 1}}^{\infty} -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^{2k} + 1}{(2k)^2 + 1} \cos(2kx) = |\sin(x)|$$

$$\frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{2}{4k^2 + 1} \cos(2kx) = |\sin(x)|$$

$$\frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{k \geq 1} -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{2}{4k^2 + 1} = 0$$

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{4k^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$