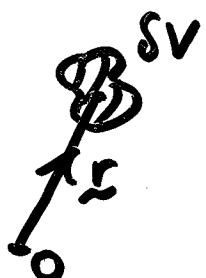


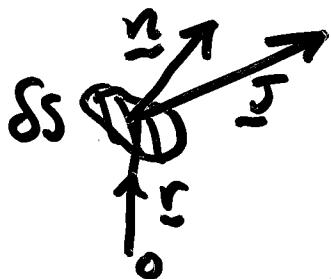
## MATH2100 Lec. 25 (= MATH2011 Lec. 7)

### A conservation law:

Consider some substance flowing through space, with density  $\rho(x, y, z, t)$  and flux vector field  $\underline{J}(x, y, z, t)$ :-



Amount of substance in  $\delta V$  at  $(x, y, z)$  at time  $t = \rho(x, y, z, t) \delta V$



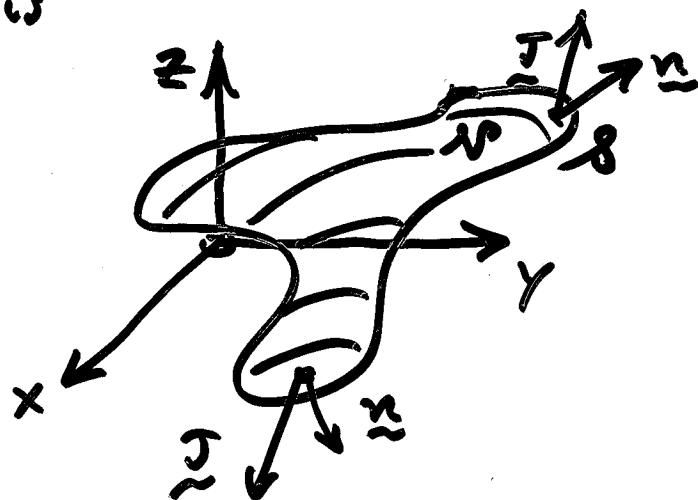
Amount of substance flowing per unit time over  $\delta S$  at  $(x, y, z)$   
 $= \underline{J}(x, y, z, t) \cdot \underline{n} \delta S$

If substance is conserved (not being created or destroyed), then for every closed surface  $S$ , and corresponding enclosed 3-D region  $P$ , we must have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_P \rho dV = - \oint_S \underline{J} \cdot \underline{n} dS$$

amount in  $P$   
 at time  $t$   
 rate at which  
 amount in  $P$  is  
 increasing

flux into  $P$  over  $S$   
 per unit time



$$\Rightarrow \iiint_P \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV = - \iiint_P (\underline{P} \cdot \underline{J}) dV$$

using  
Gauss'  
Theorem

$$\Rightarrow \iiint_V \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \underline{J} \right) dV = 0$$

Since  $S$  and corresponding  $P$  are arbitrary, follows that at every point  $(x, y, z)$  we have

$$\frac{\partial \rho(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \underline{J}(x, y, z, t) = 0 \quad (25.1)$$

Conservation of 'substance'

Ex: i) Moving fluid, velocity field  $\underline{v}(x, y, z, t)$

If fluid is homogeneous & incompressible, mass density  $\rho(x, y, z, t) = \rho_0$  (const.)

Since mass flux vector field is  $\rho_0 \underline{v}$ , we have

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_0 \underline{v}) = 0 \Rightarrow \rho_0 \nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 0}$$

Conservation of mass of incompressible fluid.

Ex: 2)

Important example for rest of course:-

Conduction of heat in a uniform solid.

$u(x, y, z, t)$  = temperature at  $(x, y, z)$  at time  $t$

$\rho$  = mass/unit volume of solid

$\sigma$  = specific heat of solid (= amount of heat energy to raise unit mass through one unit of temperature)

⇒  $\rho\sigma u(x, y, z, t)$  = heat energy density

Heat energy flux vector

$$\vec{J}(x, y, z, t) = -k \nabla u(x, y, z, t)$$

$\nearrow$   
thermal conductivity

[Heat flows from hotter to cooler regions, "down the temperature gradient"]

Conservation of heat energy:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\rho c u(x, y, z, t)] + \nabla \cdot [k \nabla u(x, y, z, t)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} - \left( \frac{k}{\rho c} \right) \nabla \cdot [\nabla u(x, y, z, t)] = 0$$

$\therefore k = c^2$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} = c^2 \nabla \cdot [\nabla u(x, y, z, t)]} \quad (25.2)$$

The heat (conduction) equation.

$c^2$ : thermal diffusivity

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } \nabla \cdot [\nabla u] &= \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) \\ &= \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \end{aligned}$$

Write this as

$$\nabla^2 u \quad (= \operatorname{del}^2 u)$$

$$\nabla^2 = \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\nabla} = \left( \underline{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \underline{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \underline{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left( \underline{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \underline{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \underline{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

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

$\underline{\nabla}$  vector differential operator

$\nabla^2 = \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\nabla}$  scalar differential operator

$\nabla^2$  called "the Laplacian"

So the heat equation (25.2) says

$$\frac{\partial u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} = c^2 \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

$$= c^2 \nabla^2 u(x, y, z, t) \quad (25.3)$$

A partial differential equation (PDE)

4 independent variables  $x, y, z, t$

1 dependent variable  $u$

1st-order in  $t$

2nd order in  $x, y$  and  $z$

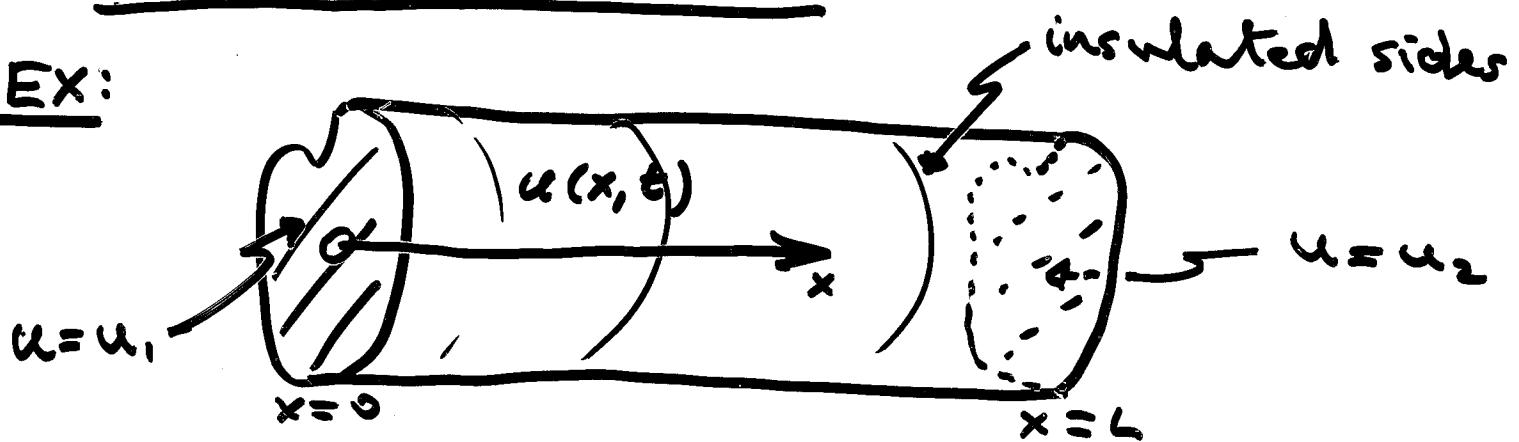
(25.7)

Sometimes call (25.3) the 3-D heat equation  
if no  $y$  or  $z$  dependence in problem,  
get

$$\frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} \quad (25.4)$$

1-D heat equation.

Ex:



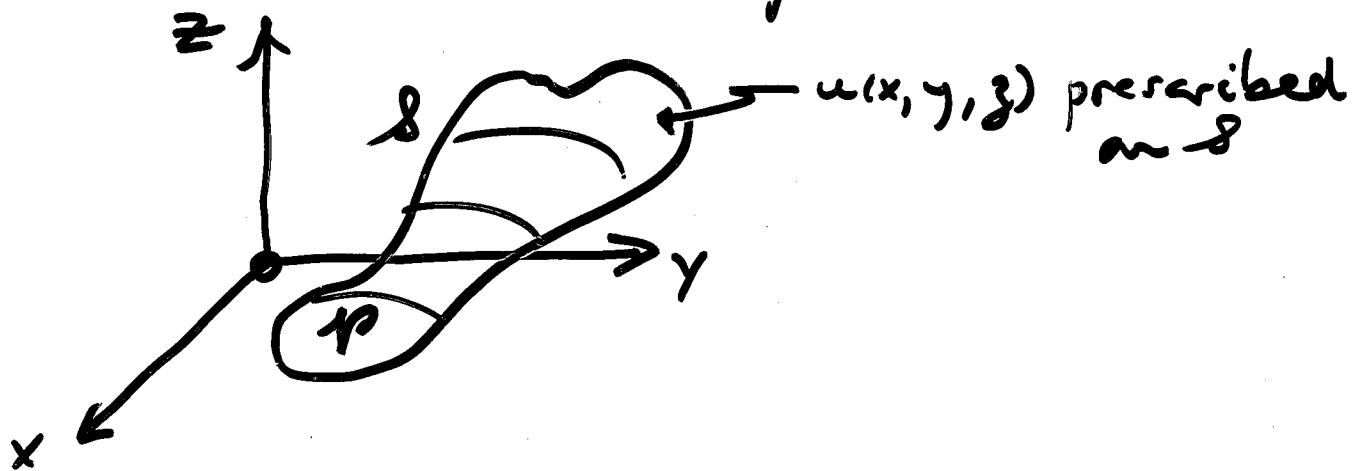
iron bar, initially at constant temperature  $u_0$ . Then one face held at temp.  $u = u_1$ , other at  $u = u_2$ .

$u(x,t)$  satisfies (25.4) for  
 $t > 0$  and  $0 < x < L$ .

Typical boundary/initial value problem:-  
Find solution with IC  $u(x,0) = u_0$   
BCs  $u(0,t) = u_1$ ,  $u(L,t) = u_2$ .

The heat equation governs the way temperature varies as heat flows from hotter to cooler regions, in a way consistent with conservation of heat energy.

Consider a 3-D region, with a prescribed, constant (in time) temperature distribution on the surface:-



After a long time, we expect temperature inside to approach a steady distribution  $u(x, y, z)$  satisfying (from (25.3))

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial u(x, y, z)}{\partial t}} = c^2 \nabla^2 u(x, y, z)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 u(x, y, z) = 0 \quad (25.5)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z)}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z)}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

## Laplace's Equation

- describes equilibrium (steady-state) temperature distributions.

If no  $z$ -dependence in problem,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (25.6)$$

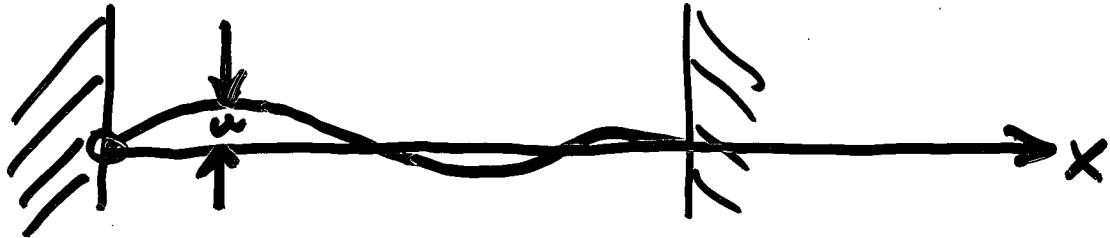
## 2-D Laplace Equation

PDE with 2 indep. variables  $x, y$  and one dependent variable  $u$ .

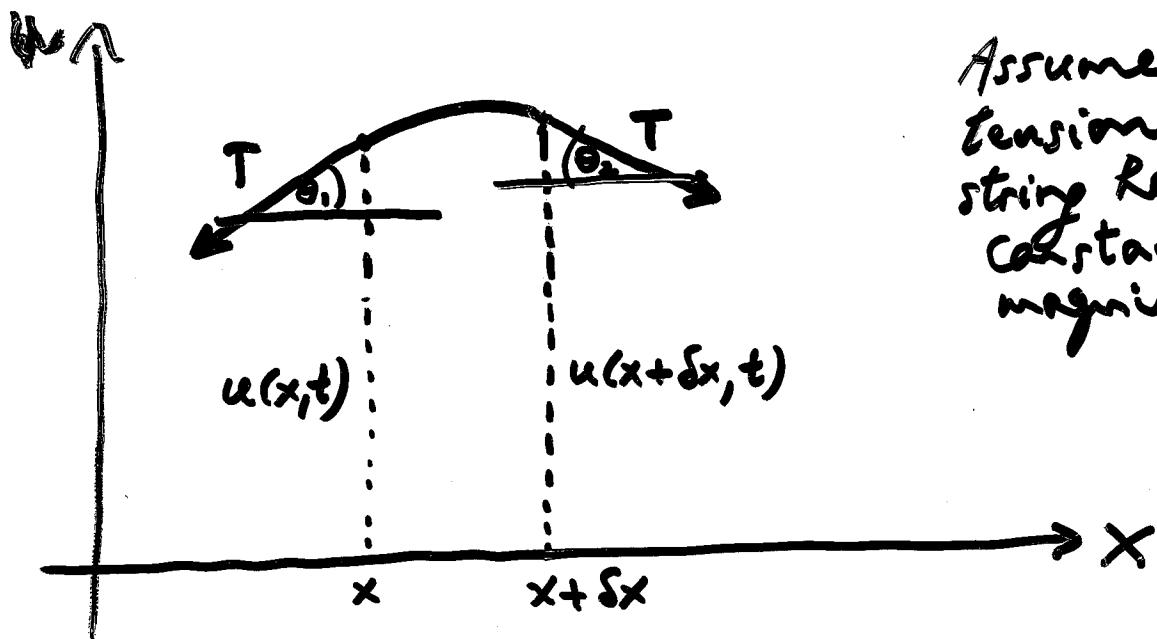
One more PDE with 2 indep. variables and one dep. variable for us to consider.

Consider small displacements of stretched string, whose equilibrium position is along  $x$ -axis:-

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Consider small segment:-



Assume  
tension T in  
string has  
constant  
magnitude

Force on segment in +u-direction

$$\approx -T \sin \theta_1, -T \sin \theta_2$$

$$\approx -T \tan \theta_1, -T \tan \theta_2 \quad (|\theta_1|, |\theta_2| \ll 1)$$

$$= -T \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial x} + T \frac{\partial u(x + \delta x, t)}{\partial x}$$

$$\approx -T \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial x} + T \left[ \frac{\partial u(x, t)}{\partial x} + \delta x \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \right]$$

$$\approx T \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \delta x$$

If mass/unit length of string is  $\rho''$ , then  
mass  $\times$  accel. of segment in  $x$ -direction  
is  
 $(\rho \delta x) \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$

Then, by Newton's 2nd Law,

$$T \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \delta x \approx \rho \delta x \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \quad (25.7)$$

$$c^2 = \frac{T}{\rho}$$

1-D wave equation

[The 3-D wave equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u(x, y, z, t)$$

We will consider the 3 PDEs in one dependent, and two independent variables:-

The 1-D heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$

Laplace's Equation in 2-D:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u(x,y)}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

The 1-D wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$$

Summary:

- 1) Understand idea of a conservation law and know (25.1)
- 2) Know definition of Laplacian operator  $\nabla^2$
- 3) Know forms of heat eqn<sup>=</sup>, wave eqn<sup>=</sup> and Laplace's eqn<sup>=</sup> in 1, 2, 3 dimensions

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