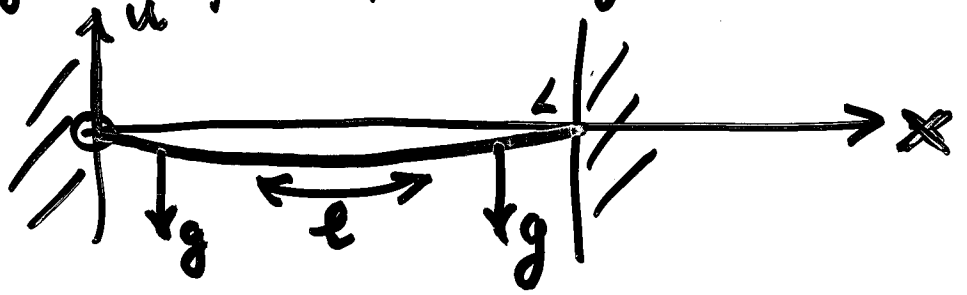


[Exact resting shape of string is catenary :



$$u^{(ss)}(x) = \frac{2}{\lambda} \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda x}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda(x-L)}{2}\right)$$

$$[= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \cosh\left(\frac{\lambda(2x-L)}{2}\right) - \cosh\left(\frac{\lambda L}{2}\right) \right\}]$$

where λ is determined by

$$\frac{\lambda l}{2} = \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda L}{2}\right)$$

We are interested in situation where

$\lambda L \ll 1$, $\frac{l}{L} \approx 1$ and so $\left[\sinh\left(\frac{\lambda L}{2}\right) \approx \frac{\lambda L}{2} \text{ if } \left|\frac{\lambda L}{2}\right| \ll 1 \right]$

$$u^{(ss)}(x) \approx \frac{2}{\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda x}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda(x-L)}{2} = \frac{\lambda x(x-L)}{2}$$

Comparing with p. (32.11), see $\lambda \approx \frac{g}{c^2}$ and so for consistency

$$\frac{g L}{c^2} \ll 1 \quad (\Leftrightarrow \rho g L \ll T) \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{weight} \ll \text{tension} \end{array} \right]$$

We proceed much as in previous example for heat equation:

Suppose ICs:
$$\begin{cases} u(x, 0) = f(x), & 0 < x < L \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x), & 0 < x < L \end{cases}$$

BCs: $u(0, t) = 0 = u(L, t), \quad t > 0$

PDE: $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = -g \quad \begin{matrix} 0 < x < L \\ t > 0 \end{matrix}$

Pvt

$$\underbrace{u(x, t)}_{\text{displ.}} = \underbrace{u^{(ss)}(x)}_{\substack{\text{equilib.} \\ \text{displ.}}} + \underbrace{\hat{u}(x, t)}_{\substack{\text{displ. from} \\ \text{equilib.}}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{u}(x, t) = u(x, t) - u^{(ss)}(x)$$

Then: $\hat{u}_{tt}(x,t) - c^2 \hat{u}_{xx}(x,t)$
 $= [u_{tt}(x,t) - c^2 u_{xx}(x,t)]$
 $- [\cancel{u_{tt}^{(ss)}(x)} - c^2 u_{xx}^{(ss)}(x)]$
 $= -g - (-g) = 0$

Also: $\hat{u}(0,t) = u(0,t) - u^{(ss)}(0) = 0 - 0 = 0$
 (New BCs) $\hat{u}(L,t) = u(L,t) - u^{(ss)}(L) = 0 - 0 = 0$

and $\hat{u}(x,0) = u(x,0) - u^{(ss)}(x) = f(x) - u^{(ss)}(x)$
 $= \hat{f}(x), \text{ say.}$

$\hat{u}_t(x,0) = u_t(x,0) - u_t^{(ss)}(x) = g(x) - 0 = g(x)$

So now we have unforced string problem for $\hat{u}(x,t)$.

Solution: (Lec. 27)

$\hat{u}(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{L}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{L}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

Where $A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \hat{f}(x) dx$

see
(27.12)

and

$$B_n = \left(\frac{L}{n\pi c}\right) \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) g(x) dx$$

Then $u(x, t) = \hat{u}(x, t) + u^{(ss)}(x)$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{g}{2c^2} x(x-L) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{L}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{L}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

For example, for plucked string, might have

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2u_0 x}{L}, & 0 < x < \frac{L}{2} \\ \frac{2u_0}{L}(L-x), & \frac{L}{2} < x < L \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = 0$$

Then $B_n = 0$, and

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \left[\frac{2u_0 x}{L} - \frac{g}{2c^2} x(x-L) \right] dx + \frac{2}{L} \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \left[\frac{2u_0}{L}(L-x) - \frac{g}{2c^2} x(x-L) \right] dx$$

We won't pursue this further. See we can solve the problem, and more complicated ones, in principle.

We note that frequencies of normal modes of vibration are unchanged:

$$\omega_n = \frac{n\pi c}{L} \quad (\text{or } \nu_n = \frac{n c}{2L})$$

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Turn now to

Steady-state problems in
Heat Conduction in 2-D

Recall Heat Equation in 3-D:

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

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \quad \text{Laplacian operator}$$

For steady temperature distribution:

$$u(x, y, z) \Rightarrow u_t = 0$$

and so Heat Equation reduces to

$$\nabla^2 u(x, y, z) = 0 \quad \text{Laplace's Equation}$$

or

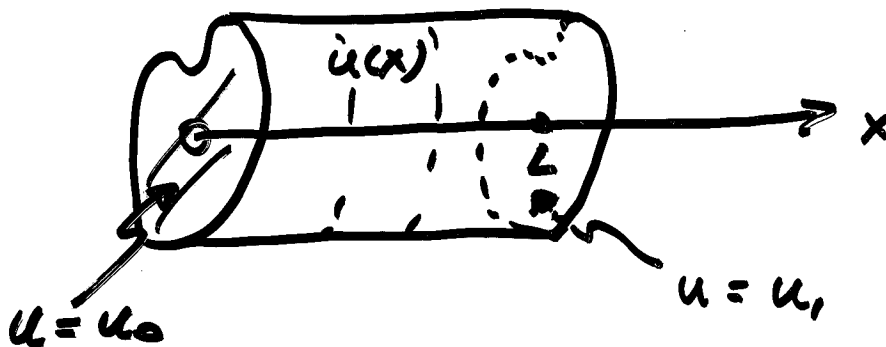
$$u_{xx}(x, y, z) + u_{yy}(x, y, z) + u_{zz}(x, y, z) = 0$$

If no y or z -dependence in problem:
reduces to:

$$u_{xx}(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = \alpha x + \beta$$

EX:



$$u(0) = u_0 \Rightarrow 0 + \beta = u_0 \Rightarrow u(x) = \alpha x + u_0$$

$$u(L) = u_1 \Rightarrow \alpha L + u_0 = u_1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{u_1 - u_0}{L}$$

$$\text{So } u(x) = \left(\frac{u_1 - u_0}{L} \right) x + u_0$$

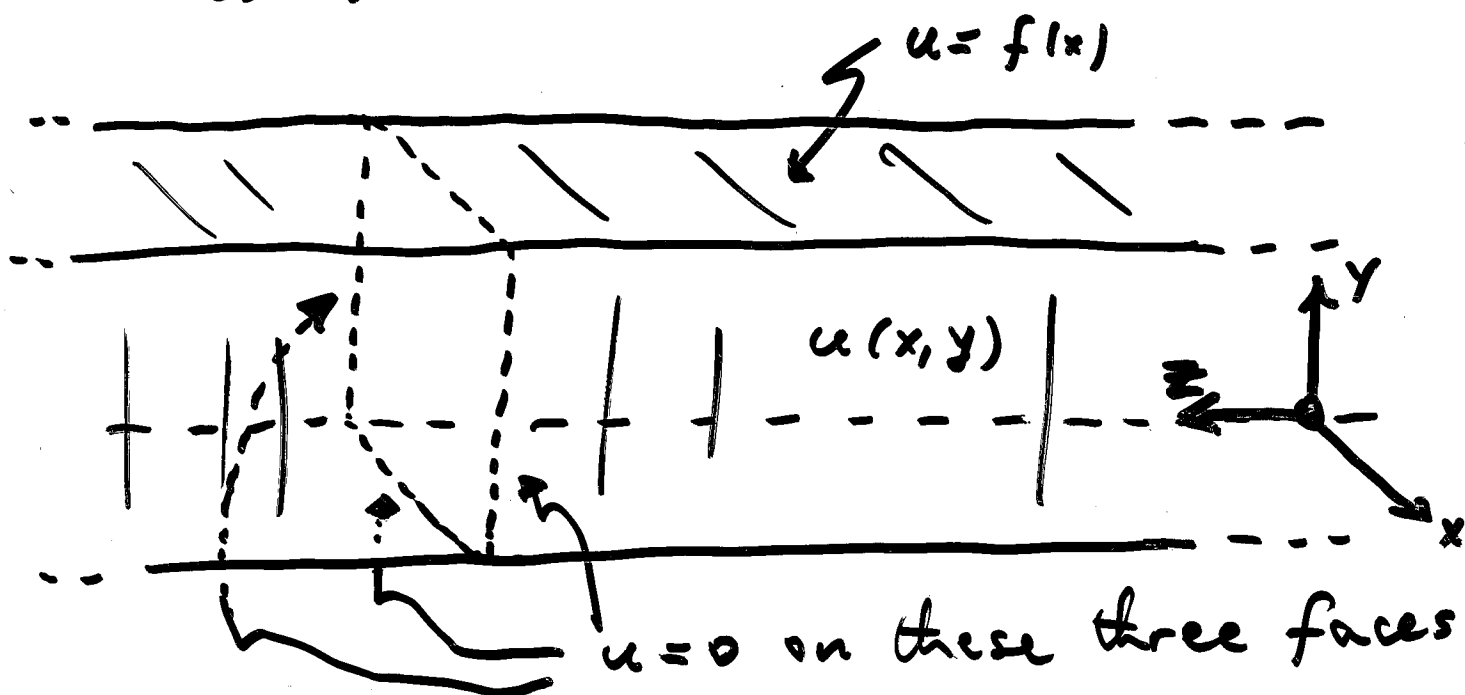
2-D situations more interesting
(we won't try 3-D)

$u(x, y)$ - no z -dependence

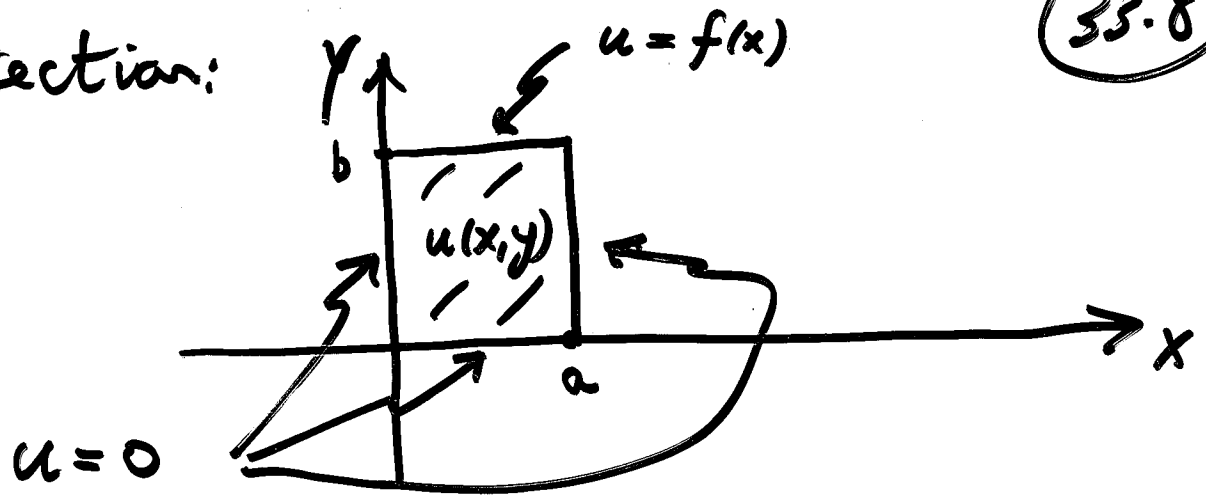
$\Rightarrow$ $u_{xx}(x, y) + u_{yy}(x, y) = 0$ Laplace's Equation in 2-D
(33.1)

Again, we can Fourier's Method
in simple cases:

EX: Steady temperature distribution
in a long beam of rectangular
cross-section:



Cross-section:



Now no ICs - only BCs. A boundary-value problem (BVP):

$$\text{PDE: } u_{xx}(x, y) + u_{yy}(x, y) = 0, \quad \begin{matrix} (33.2) \\ 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0 \leq y \leq b \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{BCs: } \begin{cases} u(0, y) = 0, & 0 \leq y \leq b & -(33.3) \\ u(a, y) = 0, & 0 \leq y \leq b & -(33.4) \\ u(x, 0) = 0, & 0 \leq x \leq a & -(33.5) \\ u(x, b) = f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq a & -(33.6) \end{cases}$$

We look for all possible solutions of the homogeneous equations (33.2), (33.3), (33.4), (33.5) in separated form:

$$u(x, y) = F(x) G(y) \quad (33.7)$$

(33.9)

First, the homogeneous BCs:

$$(33.3) \Rightarrow u(0,y) = F(0)G(y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{F(0)=0}{[\text{or } G(y)=0 \Rightarrow u(x,y)=0 \text{ trivial}]} \quad (33.8)$$

$$(33.4) \Rightarrow u(a,y) = F(a)G(y) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{F(a)=0} \quad (33.9)$$

$$(33.5) \Rightarrow u(x,0) = F(x)G(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{G(0)=0} \quad (33.10)$$

Next, the PDE:

$$(33.2) \Rightarrow \overset{u_{xx}}{F''(x)} G(y) + F(x) \overset{u_{yy}}{G''(y)} = 0$$

$$\div F(x)G(y) \Rightarrow \frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = -\frac{G''(y)}{G(y)} = k$$

So

$$\underline{F''(x) = k F(x)} \quad , \quad \underline{G''(y) = -k G(y)} \quad (33.11) \quad (33.12)$$

Next, look at (33.11) + (33.8) + (33.9):

Three cases:

Case a): $k = 0$

$$(33.11) \Rightarrow F''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = Ax + B$$

$$\text{Then } (33.8) \Rightarrow \underset{F(0)=0}{0} = 0 + B \Rightarrow F(x) = Ax$$

$$\text{Then } (33.9) \Rightarrow \underset{F(a)=0}{0} = Aa \Rightarrow A = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow u(x, y) = 0 \text{ trivial.}$$

Case b): $k > 0$ ($k = \mu^2$, say, $\mu > 0$)

$$(33.11) \Rightarrow F''(x) = \mu^2 F(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = A \cosh(\mu x) + B \sinh(\mu x)$$

$$\text{Then } (33.8) \Rightarrow 0 = A + 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = B \sinh(\mu x)$$

$$\text{Then } (33.9) \Rightarrow 0 = B \sinh(\mu a) \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = 0 \Rightarrow u(x, y) = 0 \text{ trivial}$$

Case c): $k < 0$ ($k = -p^2$, say, $p > 0$)

$$(33.11) \Rightarrow F''(x) = -p^2 F(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = A \cos(px) + B \sin(px)$$

(33.11)

$$\text{Then (33.8)} \Rightarrow 0 = A + 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = B \sin(px)$$

$$\text{Then (33.9)} \Rightarrow 0 = B \sin(pa) \Rightarrow B = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow u(x, y) = 0 \\ \text{trivial}$$

$$\text{OR } pa = n\pi \\ p = \frac{n\pi}{a} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$F(x) = B \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$\text{In this case, } k = -p^2 = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2$$

$$\text{Then (33.12)} \Rightarrow G''(y) = +\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2 G(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow G(y) = C \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) + D \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

$$\text{Then (33.10)} \Rightarrow 0 = C + 0 \Rightarrow G(y) = D \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

$$\text{Combining: } u(x, y) = B \cdot D \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right)$$

or

$$\boxed{u_n(x, y) = B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \quad (33.13)}$$

Following Fourier, assume $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) \quad (33.14)$$

One BC left to fix the B_n 's:

(33.6) $\Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = u(x, b) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$0 < x < a$

Fourier coeffs.
for $f(x)$

$$\int_0^a B_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{a \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \int_0^a f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx \quad (33.15)$$

Summary:

- 1) Understand extension of Fourier's method to forced string.
- 2) Understand Fourier's method for 2-D Laplace Equation, rectangular symmetry.

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