

1. a)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$A=1 \quad C=1 \quad B=0 \Rightarrow B^2 - 4AC = -4 < 0 \\ \Rightarrow \text{elliptic.}$$

b)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 3 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

$$A=1 \quad 2B=2 \Rightarrow B=1 \quad C=1$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = 1 - 4 = -3 < 0 \Rightarrow \text{elliptic}$$

c)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial t}$$

$$A=1 \quad C=-\frac{1}{2} \quad B=-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$B^2 - 4AC = \frac{1}{4} - 4 \times 1 \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} + 2 > 0 \\ \Rightarrow \text{hyperbolic}$$

d)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$\Rightarrow$ nonlinear
(so doesn't classify in this way).

2. a)

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \alpha u$$

General solution

$$u(x) = A e^{\alpha x}$$

b)

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dt^2} = k^2 X$$

has

general solution

$$X(t) = A \cosh(kt) + B \sinh(kt)$$

$$c) \frac{d^2 Y}{dy^2} = -\alpha^2 Y$$

has general solution

$$Y(y) = A \cos(\alpha y) + B \sin(\alpha y)$$

or equivalently,

$$Y(y) = A e^{i\alpha y} + B e^{-i\alpha y}.$$

$$d) \quad r \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{R'}{R} = 0$$

is a bit tricky: First multiply through by $R(r)$:

$$r R'' + R' = 0$$

or

$$r \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{dR}{dr} = 0$$

which we can write as

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dR}{dr} \right) = 0$$

Solving,

$$r \frac{dR}{dr} = A$$

where A is a constant.

So

$$\frac{dR}{dr} = \frac{A}{r}$$

Integrating again,

$$R = \int \frac{A}{r} dr$$

$$= A \ln|r| + B$$

which is the general solution.

3. We use the separation Ansatz

$$v(x, y) = x(x) Y(y).$$

Subbing in to the PDE, we find

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) x(x) Y(y) = 0$$

or

$$Y X'' + X Y'' = 0$$

Dividing by XY ,

$$\frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = 0$$

And so the variables separate:

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \pm \lambda = - \frac{Y''}{Y}$$

We can satisfy $v(0, y) = v(\pi, y) = 0$

if $x(0) = x(\pi) = 0$. We therefore solve

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -X'' = \lambda X & \text{as } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ X(0) = X(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

which is a S-L problem. The general solution is

$$X(x) = A \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + B \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

and $X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$, so

$$X(x) = B \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

Now $X(\pi) = 0$ implies

$$0 = \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \pi)$$

so

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = n \quad \text{where } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

The eigenfunctions are therefore

$$X_n = \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n} x)$$

with

$$\lambda_n = n^2.$$

The problem for $Y(y)$ is then

$$-\frac{Y''}{Y} = -\lambda_n \Rightarrow Y'' = \lambda_n Y$$

The general solution is

$$Y_n(y) = A \cosh(\sqrt{\lambda_n} y) + B \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_n} y)$$

Now because $V(x, 0) = 0$ we have $Y_n(0) = 0$,
and so $A = 0$. Therefore

$$Y_n(y) = B \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_n} y).$$

The general solution is then

$$\begin{aligned} V(x, y) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n X_n(x) Y_n(y) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n} x) \cdot B \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda_n} y) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(n x) \sinh(n y). \end{aligned}$$

We then have $V(x, a) = x(\pi - x) =: f(x)$

So

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n X_n(x) Y_n(a).$$

Take the inner product with X_n :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X_n, f \rangle &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_m Y_m(a) \langle X_n, X_m \rangle \\ &= c_n Y_n(a) \|X_n\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$c_n = \frac{\langle X_n, f \rangle}{Y_n(a) \|X_n\|^2}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|X_n\|^2 &= \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(nx) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos(2nx)) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[x - \frac{\sin(2nx)}{2n} \right]_0^{\pi} = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) - (0 - 0) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X_n, f \rangle &= \int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx) (\pi x - x^2) dx \\ &= \left[-\frac{\cos(nx)}{n} (\pi x - x^2) \right]_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \left(\frac{-\cos(nx)}{n} \right) (\pi - 2x) dx \\ &= 0 + \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} (\pi - 2x) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} (\pi - 2x) \right]_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} (-2) dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{2}{n^2} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{n^2} \left[-\frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{-2}{n^3} (\cos(n\pi) - \cos(0)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n^3} \left((-1)^n - 1 \right) = \frac{2}{n^3} \left(1 - (-1)^n \right)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{\langle X_n, f \rangle}{\|X_n\|^2} \frac{1}{Y_n(x)} = \frac{2}{n^3} \left(1 - (-1)^n \right) \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sinh(na)} \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi n^3} \left(1 - (-1)^n \right) \frac{1}{\sinh(na)}. \end{aligned}$$

4. The general solⁿ is

$$X(x) = A \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + B \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x).$$

We have

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$X(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = B \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\pi)$$

and so

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = n$$

The eigenfunctions are

$$X_n(x) = \sin(nx)$$

with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n = n^2.$$

Use the separation ansatz

$$u(x, t) = X(x) T(t)$$

Subbing in to the PDE, we find

$$X T' = \kappa X'' T$$

Dividing by $\kappa X T$ we have

$$\frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{T'}{T} = \frac{X''}{X} = \pm \lambda$$

and so the variables separate.

Choosing the negative λ , we have the S-L problem

$$X'' = -\lambda X$$

$$X(0) = X(\pi) = 0$$

Which has the eigenfunctions given above.
The problem for T is then

$$\frac{1}{k} \frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda_n$$

Rearranging:

$$T' = -\lambda_n k T$$
$$= -u^2 k T$$

This has the general solution

$$T(t) = A e^{-u^2 k t}$$

We then expand the complete solution as

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n X_n(x) T_n(t)$$

We would like $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ at $t=0$, so

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n X_n(x) T(0)$$

Taking the inner product with X_n ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle X_n, f \rangle &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m T(0) \langle X_n, X_m \rangle \\ &= b_n T_n(0) \|X_n\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$b_n = \frac{\langle X_n, f \rangle}{T_n(0) \|X_n\|^2}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}\|X_n\|^2 &= \int_0^\pi \sin^2(nx) dx \\ &= \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2nx) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[x - \frac{\sin(2nx)}{2n} \right]_0^\pi \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 - (0-0) = \frac{\pi}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Now we have to compute

$$\langle X_n, f \rangle = \int_0^\pi \sin(nx) \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \sin(3x) + \sin(5x) \right\} dx.$$

and this is doable, but maybe a bit hard, unless we notice that

$$\sin(3x) = X_3(x)$$

$$\sin(5x) = X_5(x)$$

so

$$\frac{1}{3} \int_0^\pi \sin(nx) \sin(3x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \langle X_n, X_3 \rangle = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{n,3} \|X_3\|^2$$

↑ "Kronecker delta"

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{n,3}$$

and

$$\int \sin(nx) \sin(5x) dx = \langle X_n, X_5 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{n,5}.$$

Therefore

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{n,3} + \frac{\pi}{2} \delta_{n,5} \right) \frac{1}{\pi/2} X_n(x) T_n(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} X_3(x) T_3(t) + X_5(x) T_5(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sin(3x) e^{-\kappa^2 t} + \sin(5x) e^{-\kappa^2 t} \text{ as required.}$$

5. Use the separation ansatz

$$Y(x, t) = X(x) T(t).$$

Subbing into the PDE we find

$$X'' T = \frac{1}{c^2} X T''$$

Dividing by XT we have

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''}{T} = \pm \lambda$$

and so the variables separate. Picking the negative sign for λ , we obtain a Sturm-Liouville problem for X :

$$-X'' = \lambda X$$

$$X(0) = X(a) = 0.$$

This has eigenfunctions

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

with eigenvalues

$$\sqrt{\lambda_n} = \frac{n\pi}{a}.$$

The problem for $T_n(t)$ is then

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T_n''}{T_n} = -\lambda_n$$

$$\Rightarrow T'' = -\lambda_n c^2 T$$

This has the general solution

$$T(t) = A_n \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n} c t) + B_n \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n} c t)$$

Or

$$T_n(t) = A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} ct\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} ct\right)$$

The function $Y(x,t)$ can then be written as

$$\begin{aligned} Y(x,t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(x) T_n(t) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} x\right) \left[A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} ct\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} ct\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

as required.

Now, we are given that

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{when } t=0$$

This will be satisfied if

$$T'_n(0) = 0$$

ie

$$-A_n \frac{n\pi}{a} c \sin 0 + B_n \frac{n\pi}{a} c \cos 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B_n = 0$$

So we have

$$Y(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(x) A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} ct\right)$$

The other initial condition is

$$Y(x,0) = f(x) = x^2(a-x)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n X_n(x) \cos(0) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n X_n \end{aligned}$$

We now take the inner product:

$$\langle x_n, f \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \langle x_n, x_n \rangle$$

$$= A_n \|x_n\|^2$$

So

$$A_n = \frac{\langle x_n, f \rangle}{\|x_n\|^2}$$

Here, $\|x_n\|^2 = \int_0^a \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{a}\right) \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[x - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{a}\right)}{\frac{2n\pi}{a}} \right]_0^a$$

$$= \frac{a}{2}$$

This is ugly,
but do-able:

Also

$$\langle x_n, f \rangle = \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) x^2(a-x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) (ax^2 - x^3) dx$$

$$= \underbrace{\left[-\frac{\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{a}} (ax^2 - x^3) \right]_0^a}_{=0} + \int_0^a \frac{\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{a}} (2ax - 3x^2) dx$$

$$= \frac{a}{n\pi} \underbrace{\left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{a}} (2ax - 3x^2) \right]_0^a}_{=0} - \left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^a \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) (2a - 6x) dx$$

$$= -\left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right)^2 \left[-\frac{\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{a}} (2a - 6x) \right]_0^a + \left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^a \frac{\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{a}} (-6) dx$$

$$= \left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right)^3 \left[\cos(n\pi)(-4a) - 2a \right] + \left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right)^3 (-6) \underbrace{\left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{a}} \right]_0^a}_{=0}$$

$$= -2a \left(\frac{a}{n\pi}\right)^3 \left[2\cos(n\pi) + 1 \right]$$

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$$A_n = \frac{\langle x_n, f \rangle}{\|x_n\|^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2n \left(\frac{\alpha}{n\pi}\right)^3 [2\cos(n\pi) + 1]}{\alpha/2}$$

$$= -4 \left(\frac{\alpha}{n\pi}\right)^3 [2\cos(n\pi) + 1]$$