

March 9, 2024 Lecture 14

Quiz 1 Take home Mon. March 15 4 hrs

To be picked 4-5 pm

Rev session: FRI 4:15-5:45 pm

Nonlinear PDE \Rightarrow Linear PDE

Case: $u_t - a \nabla^2 u + b|u|^2 = 0 \quad t > 0, \vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$u(\vec{r}, t=0) = g(\vec{r}) \quad + \text{conds at } \infty$

Steps: ① Take $w = \phi(u)$; find ϕ s.t. PDE for w is linear

$\Rightarrow a\phi''(u) + b\phi'(u) = 0 \quad \text{ODE}$

$\Rightarrow \phi(u) = C_1 e^{-\frac{bu}{a}} + C_2 = w \quad \text{(last time we took } \phi = e^{-\frac{bu}{a}})$
 \longleftarrow arbitrary

② Choose C_1 and C_2 to accommodate boundary conditions

Example: Suppose $u \rightarrow 0, |\vec{r}| \rightarrow \infty$ and want $w \rightarrow 0, |\vec{r}| \rightarrow \infty$

then you choose $C_1 = -C_2$

③ Solve PDE for w :
$$\begin{cases} w_t = a \nabla^2 w \\ w(\vec{r}, t=0) = \phi(u(\vec{r}, t=0)) = \phi(g(\vec{r})) \\ w \rightarrow 0, |\vec{r}| \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

Let $C_1 = -1 = -C_2$, $\phi(u) = 1 - e^{-\frac{bu}{a}} = w$

in this way, we obtain homogeneous conditions, we can apply directly our \bar{H} method.

$$w(\vec{r}, t) = \int d\vec{r}' e^{-\frac{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|^2}{4at}} \frac{1}{(4\pi at)^{n/2}} \left[1 - e^{-\frac{bg(\vec{r}')}{a}} \right]$$

$$w(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{a}{b} \ln(1-w)$$

(for fixed problem in w , no matter how you play with the transformation and/or const C_1/C_2 , you must have the same result)

Laplace equation $\nabla^2 u = 0$

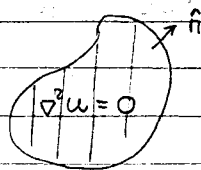
- electro-magneto-static
- steady state diffusion
- irrotational fluid flow

∇^2 diffusion equation by setting $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$

we expect some similarities

Laplace = steady state of diffusion

"Natural" BVP: which means well-posed problems

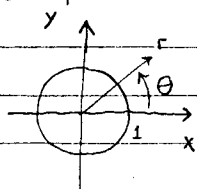


$$au + b \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = c$$

a, b, c given

$a \neq 0$ (for uniqueness)

Example:



2D POL (r, θ) , $0 \leq r \leq 1$, $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$

Laplace equation:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = 0 & , 0 \leq r < 1, 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi \\ u(1, \theta) = f(\theta) \end{cases}$$

(this is a well-posed problem)

(open set is a better idea)

Assumptions:

- o u single valued
- o $u(0, \theta)$ finite

Step 1: Identify geometry, independent variables (r, θ)

Laplacian in polar coordinates: $\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}$

Step 2 Apply PDE : $\left(r^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right) u = 0$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\mathcal{L}_1(r)}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\mathcal{L}_2(\theta)}$
 depends only depends only
 on r on θ

→ Apply separation of variables : Try $u(r, \theta) = R(r) \Theta(\theta)$
 L (multiplicative / additive)

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

depends only on r depends only on θ

only way to have the sum equals 0 is each one to be const.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \Theta'' = -d = \text{const} & \text{I} \\ r^2 R'' + r R' - d R = 0 & \text{II} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{two ODEs} \\ \text{PDE} \Rightarrow \text{ODE} \end{array}$$

$$\text{I} \quad \Theta'' + d \Theta = 0 \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

+ BC: usual assumption is that the solution u is single-valued \Rightarrow therefore the BC are periodic

* "physical" assumption

$$\begin{cases} \Theta(0) = \Theta(2\pi) \\ \Theta'(0) = \Theta'(2\pi) \end{cases} \quad \text{means periodicity}$$

the solution is $\Theta(\theta) = A e^{\pm i\sqrt{d}\theta}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{periodicity}}$ $d = m^2$, m integer

$$\text{II} \quad r^2 R'' + r R' - m^2 R = 0, \quad 0 \leq r < 1$$

equidimensional

Try $R = r^p \Rightarrow$ find p from ODE $p(p-1) + p - m^2 = 0$

$$\begin{cases} p = \pm m, m \neq 0 & \rightarrow R(r) = r^{\pm m} \\ p = 0, m = 0 \text{ (double)} & \rightarrow R(r) = 1, \ln r \end{cases}$$

suppose $u \geq 0$, some of the solutions blow up at zero this is not a problem for the $\nabla^2 u = 0$

∇^2 can be defined even if a function blows up at 0

\Rightarrow we have a new "physical" assumption $u(0, \theta)$ finite *

"physical" assumption

$$R(0) \text{ finite} \Rightarrow R(r) = r^m, 1$$

Step 3 Apply BC:

Condition at $r=1$: $u(1, \theta) = f(\theta)$

$$u(r, \theta) = r^m e^{\pm im\theta}$$

How to satisfy the BC? Take a linear superposition of all possible w 's:

$$w(r, \theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} A_m r^m e^{\pm im\theta} = A_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [A_m \cos(m\theta) + B_m \sin(m\theta)] r^m$$

at $r=1$

$$w(r=1, \theta) = A_0 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [A_m \cos(m\theta) + B_m \sin(m\theta)] = f(\theta) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_m, A_0 \\ B_m \end{cases}$$

can be found
(Fourier series)

Example of Nonlinear PDE \Rightarrow Laplace equ.

Potential functions : help converts systems of PDE's to a Linear PDE

Example: Inviscid, incompressible fluid

$$\vec{u} = (u^1, u^2, u^3), \quad \vec{r} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\text{PDE's} \begin{cases} \vec{u}_t + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} = -\nabla p + \vec{F} \rightarrow \text{external force (given)} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \\ \nabla \times \vec{u} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \downarrow \text{pressure}$$

$$\nabla \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u^1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u^2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial u^3}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial u^1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial u^1}{\partial x_3} & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} = (u^1 u^2 u^3) \begin{pmatrix} \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall: In electrostatics, the electric field \vec{E} satisfies $\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} = 0 \end{cases}$ in source free region.

E satisfies 2 equations but it is not necessarily zero.

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \\ \nabla \times \vec{u} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{we solve this by introducing a potential function} \\ \vec{u} = -\nabla \phi \quad (\nabla \times \vec{u} = 0 \text{ is satisfied}) \\ \text{from } \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 \phi = 0} \quad (\text{additive const often present})$$

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi + \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \nabla \phi = -\nabla p + \vec{F} \quad (\text{suppose } F \text{ is conservative}) \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ -\nabla f \quad \quad \quad \vec{F} = -\nabla f$$

can be found from BC

$$\Rightarrow \nabla p = \nabla \phi_t - \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \nabla \phi - \nabla f = \nabla \left(\phi_t + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 - f \right) \Rightarrow \boxed{p = \phi_t - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 - f + K(t)}$$