

$$* \text{Laplace Equation } \nabla^2 u = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \Rightarrow u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\underline{u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0}$$

Please note that Laplace equation is a simplified form of heat equation with steady state problem
 $u_{tt} = \alpha^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$, S.S. $\Rightarrow u_{tt} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0}$

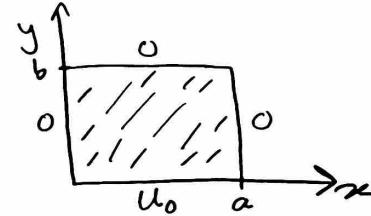
To solve Laplace eqn \Rightarrow Separation of variables: $u(x,y) = X(x)Y(y)$

$$\text{Subst. in PDE} \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \text{constant} = -\lambda^2 \quad (\text{we can } +\lambda^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X'' + \lambda^2 X &= 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x \\ Y'' - \lambda^2 Y &= 0 \Rightarrow Y(y) = C \cosh \lambda y + D \sinh \lambda y \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{A, B, C and D} \\ \text{constants} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ BC's} \end{array} \right.$$

Example: Solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$

$$\text{BC's: } \begin{aligned} u(0,y) &= u(a,y) = 0 \\ u(x,0) &= u_0, \quad u(x,b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



Sol. Sov: $u(x,y) = X(x)Y(y)$, Subst. PDE

$$\Rightarrow X''(x) + \lambda^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x$$

$$\Rightarrow Y''(y) - \lambda^2 Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y(y) = C \cosh \lambda y + D \sinh \lambda y$$

Apply BC's

$$\textcircled{1} \quad u(0,y) = 0 \Rightarrow X(0)Y(y) = 0 \Rightarrow X(0) = 0 = A + 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{A = 0}, \quad X(x) = B \sin \lambda x$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad u(a,y) = 0 \Rightarrow X(a)Y(y) = 0 \Rightarrow X(a) = 0 = \underbrace{B \sin \lambda a}_0 \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

Eigenvalues

The Eigenfunctions

$$X_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x, \quad B_n = 1$$

Then

$$Y_n(y) = C_n \cosh \lambda_n y + D_n \sinh \lambda_n y \quad \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

Apply BC's $u(x,b) = 0 = X(x)Y(b) \Rightarrow Y(b) = 0$

$$Y_n(b) = 0 = C_n \cosh \lambda_n b + D_n \sinh \lambda_n b \Rightarrow C_n = -D_n \frac{\sinh \lambda_n b}{\cosh \lambda_n b}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_n(y) = D_n \left[-\frac{\sinh \lambda_n b}{\cosh \lambda_n b} \cdot \cosh \lambda_n y + \sinh \lambda_n y \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_n(y) = \frac{-Dn}{\cosh \lambda_n b} \left[\sinh \lambda_n b \cosh \lambda_n y - \cosh \lambda_n b \sinh \lambda_n y \right] \quad (2)$$

$$\alpha = \lambda_n b \\ \beta = \lambda_n y$$

Remember ID: $\sinh \alpha \cosh \beta - \cosh \alpha \cdot \sinh \beta = \sinh(\alpha - \beta)$

$$\Rightarrow Y_n(y) = \frac{\frac{-Dn}{\cosh \lambda_n b}}{E_n} \left(\sinh(\lambda_n(b-y)) \right)$$

$$Y_n(y) = E_n \cdot \sinh(\lambda_n(b-y)) \quad \Rightarrow E_n = \frac{-Dn}{\cosh \lambda_n b}$$

the PDE sol. $u(x,y) = XY$

$$U(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n \cdot \sinh \lambda_n(b-y) \cdot \sin \lambda_n x \quad \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

$$\text{Apply and BC} \quad u_n(x,0) = u_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{E_n \cdot \sinh \lambda_n b}_{\text{constant} \cdot A_n} \cdot \sin(\lambda_n x)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_n(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x = u_0$$

$$A_n = \frac{\langle u_0, \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x \rangle}{\langle \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x, \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x \rangle} = \frac{4}{n\pi} u_0 \quad n = \text{odd}$$

$$C \quad E_n = \frac{4 u_0}{n\pi \sinh \lambda_n b}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_n(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n\pi} u_0 \frac{1}{\sinh \lambda_n b} \cdot \sinh(\lambda_n(b-y)) \cdot \sin \lambda_n x, \quad \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

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Example Solve $U_{xx} + U_{yy} = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{BC's} & u(0, y) = 0 \quad u(a, y) = f(y) \\ & u_y(x, 0) = 0 \quad u(x, b) = 0 \end{array}$$

Sol'n SOV: $u(xy) = X(x)Y(y)$ subst in PDE

$$\Rightarrow X''Y + XY'' = 0 \div XY \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda^2$$

$$\Rightarrow Y'' + \lambda^2 Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y(y) = A \cos \lambda y + B \sin \lambda y$$

$$\Rightarrow X'' - \lambda^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = C \cosh \lambda x + D \sinh \lambda x$$

$$\text{Apply BC's } u_y(x, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow X(x)Y'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow Y'(0) = 0$$

$$Y'(y) = -Ay \sin \lambda y + \lambda B \cos \lambda y \Rightarrow Y'(0) = 0 + B = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$Y(y) = A \sin \lambda y$$

$$Y(b) = 0 = A \cos \lambda b, \text{ for non-trivial sol.} \Rightarrow \cos \lambda b = 0$$

$$\lambda b = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2b}, n=1, 2, \dots \text{ "Eigenvalues"}$$

$$\text{Eigen functions } Y_n(y) = \cos \lambda_n y \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2b}, A_n = 1 \text{ or any val}$$

$$u(0, y) = 0 = X(0)Y(y) \Rightarrow X(0) = 0, X(0) = C + 0 = C = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$$

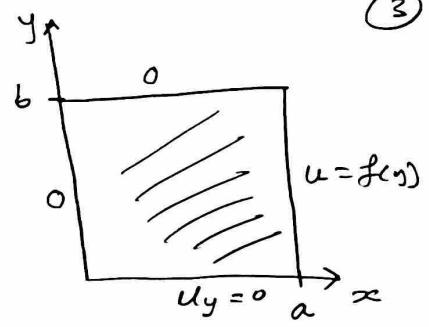
$$\Rightarrow X_n(x) = D_n \sinh \lambda_n x$$

$$\Rightarrow U_n(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n Y_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \sinh \lambda_n x \cdot \cos \lambda_n y, \lambda_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2b}$$

$$u(a, y) = f(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D_n \sinh \lambda_n a \cdot \cos \lambda_n y \quad \text{"Fourier Series"}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_n = \frac{\langle f, \cos \lambda_n y \rangle}{\langle \cos \lambda_n y, \cos \lambda_n y \rangle} \Rightarrow D_n = \frac{F_n}{\sinh \lambda_n a}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_n(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{F_n}{\sinh \lambda_n a} \cdot \sinh \lambda_n x \cdot \cos \lambda_n y$$



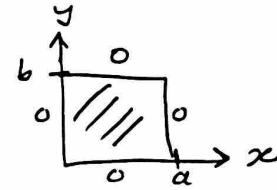
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* Non-homogeneous elliptic PDE

$\nabla^2 u = f(x,y) \Rightarrow u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x,y)$, will focus only on $f(x,y) = F$ "constant"

Example Solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = F \leftarrow \text{constant}$

$$\text{BC's} \quad u(0,y) = u(a,y) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = u(x,b) = 0$$



Sol'n : We need to do change of variables

$$\text{let } u(x,y) = v(x,y) + w(x) \rightarrow \text{or } w(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{xx} = v_{xx} + w'' \text{ and } u_{yy} = v_{yy} + 0 \leftarrow \text{Subst. in PDE.}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{xx} + v_{yy} + w''(x) = F \quad \begin{cases} v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0 \\ w''(x) = F \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Principle of} \\ \text{superposition!} \end{matrix}$$

$$v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0$$

apply BC's
 $\textcircled{1} \quad u(0,y) = v(0,y) + w(0) = 0 \Rightarrow w(0) = 0 \text{ and } v(0,y) = 0$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad u(a,y) = v(a,y) + w(a) = 0 \Rightarrow w(a) = 0 \text{ and } v(a,y) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad u(x,0) = 0 = v(x,0) + w(x) \Rightarrow v(x,0) = -w(x)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad u(x,b) = 0 = v(x,b) + w(x) \Rightarrow v(x,b) = -w(x)$$

Therefore: PDE

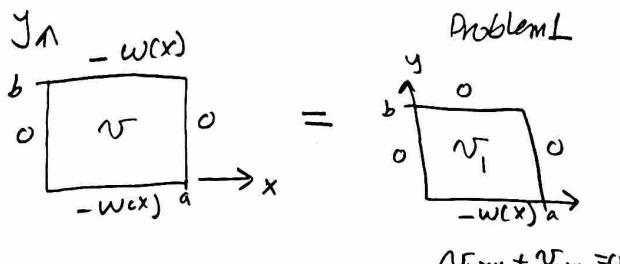
$$v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0$$

$$\text{BC's} \quad v(0,y) = v(a,y) = 0 \\ v(x,0) = v(x,b) = -w(x)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ODE} \Rightarrow w'(x) = F \\ w(0) = 0 \\ w(a) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow w'(x) = Fx + A \leftarrow \text{constants} \\ w(x) = \frac{Fx^2}{2} + Ax + B \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{ADDy BC's} \quad w(0) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0 \\ w(a) = 0 \Rightarrow A = -\frac{Fa}{2} \\ \Rightarrow w(x) = \frac{Fx}{2}(x-a)$$

This PDE can be splitted into 2 PDEs



Now, Problem 1 and Problem 2 can be solved separately "as we did before" and find $v_1(x,y)$ and $v_2(x,y) \Rightarrow v(x,y) = v_1 + v_2$

Finally, $u(x,y) = v_1(x,y) + v_2(x,y) + w(x)$ "superposition principle"

$$v_1(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sinh 2n(b-y) \sin 2nx \cdot A_n$$

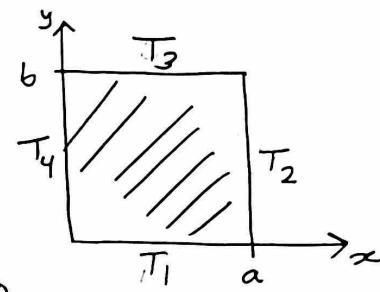
$$v_2(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sinh 2ny \cdot \sin 2nx \cdot A_n$$

$$B_n = \frac{\langle -w(x), \sin 2nx \rangle}{\langle \sin 2nx, \sin 2nx \rangle} \Rightarrow A_n = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

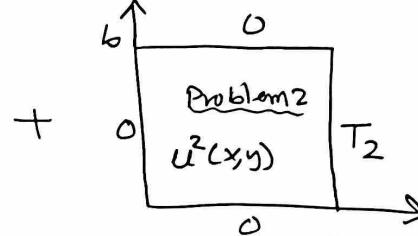
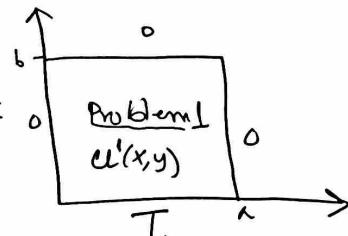
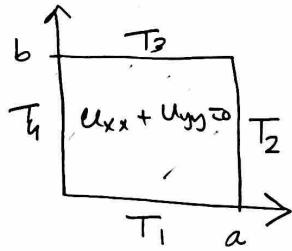
$$A_n = \sinh 2nb$$

Example, solve $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BC's} \quad u(0, y) &= T_4 & u(x, 0) &= T_1 \\ u(a, y) &= T_2 & u(x, b) &= T_3 \end{aligned}$$

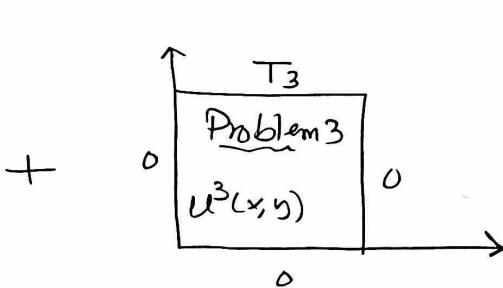


Sol'n: This problem can be splitted into
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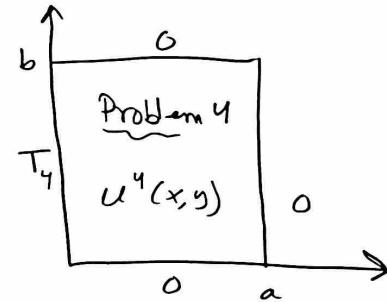


$$\begin{aligned} u^1_{xx} + u^1_{yy} &= 0 \\ u^1(x, 0) &= T_1 \\ \text{all other BC's} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u^2_{xx} + u^2_{yy} &= 0 \\ u^2(a, y) &= 0 \\ \text{all other BC's} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} u^3_{xx} + u^3_{yy} &= 0 \\ u^3(x, b) &= T_3 \\ \text{all other BC's} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} u^4_{xx} + u^4_{yy} &= 0 \\ u^4(0, y) &= T_4 \\ \text{all other BC's} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

⇒ we can obtain u^1, u^2, u^3 and u^4

then

$$u(x, y) = u^1 + u^2 + u^3 + u^4$$

“Principle of superposition!”