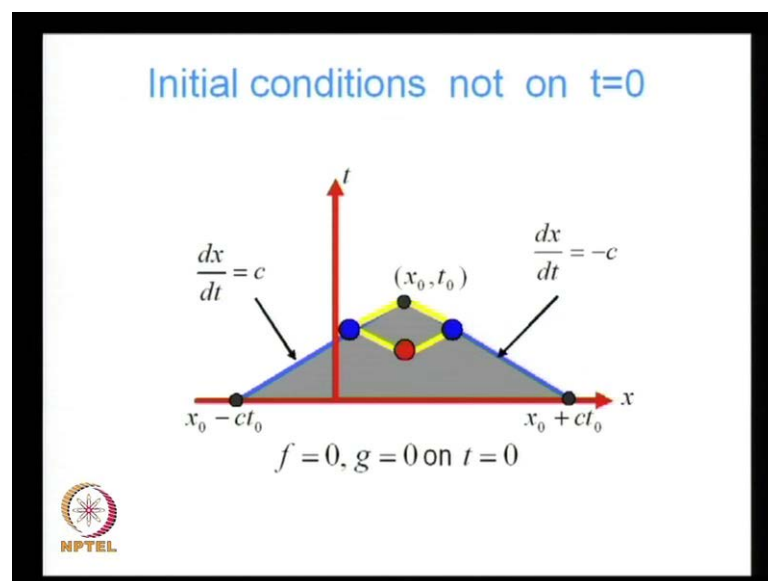


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Lecture - 23
Analytical Methods for Hyperbolic and Parabolic PDE's

It is a twenty three of our series on numerical methods in civil engineering, we will continue with our discussion on analytical techniques for solving second order linear partial differential equations. Last time, we look at methods for solving hyperbolic partial differential equations and specifically, we looked at the method of Eigen functions. And, we started looking at the method of characteristics which yields a lot of geometric insight into the problem of solving the wave propagation problem in a space time domain.

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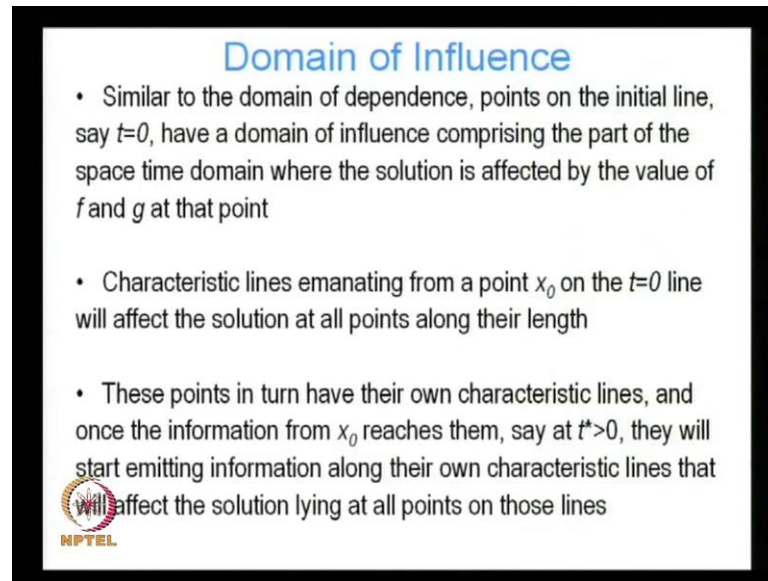
Specifically, we said that given any point in this space time domain, any point x_0, t_0 in the space time domain I can find this solution to the wave equation at that point based on the initial conditions initial conditions are prescribed at time t is equal to 0 then it depends on the part of the t is equal to 0 axis, which lies between these two lines x with slope plus c and minus c . So, all the information all the initial information in this part of the domain within these two black dots can affect the solution here right. In addition, we said that to effect the solution at this point right any source any source of disturbance it should be able to traverse the path between that source and this point right.

And, that path must lie along the characteristic lines that path must lie along the characteristic lines then that path must be must be it must be able to traverse that path within the time t_0 right. If it is not able to traverse that path within the time t_0 ; that means, that source will not affect the solution at the point x_0, t_0 right. So, for instance this if this if there is some disturbance at this red point for that to affect the solution at x_0, t_0 the it has to traverse along the characteristic lines passing through that red point that is these two lines these two yellow lines and once it reaches points on the characteristic lines passing through x_0, t_0 .

This information can propagate from these blue dots to this line right. So, the disturbance here goes and affects the solution here; and the that and the solution here affects the solution here because the information from here can go to the can affects the solution here because it is passing through the same characteristic line. Right, but the sums total the net path from here to here; it must be able to traverse this net path from here to here within time t_0 right. If it is not able to do that then this disturbance here is not going to affect the solution at x_0, t_0 right.


So, the information travels only along the characteristic lines; number one and the information travels with wave with the speed equal to the wave speed right. So, that is the that those are the two things we can take away from here. So, we said that for this point x_0, t_0 this shaded area; this shaded area in gray is the domain of dependence right. The solution here depends on things happening within this domain right disturbances initial conditions anything happening within that domain is going to affect the solution at x_0, t_0 right.

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Domain of Influence

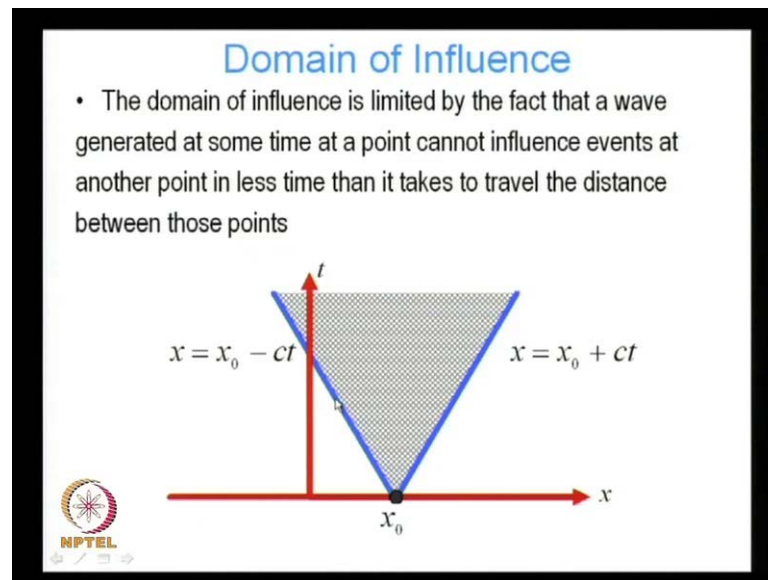
- Similar to the domain of dependence, points on the initial line, say $t=0$, have a domain of influence comprising the part of the space time domain where the solution is affected by the value of f and g at that point
- Characteristic lines emanating from a point x_0 on the $t=0$ line will affect the solution at all points along their length
- These points in turn have their own characteristic lines, and once the information from x_0 reaches them, say at $t^* > 0$, they will start emitting information along their own characteristic lines that affect the solution lying at all points on those lines



Similar to the domain of dependence there is something called the domain of influence, it is basically judge the reverse which is at points. This tells me if there is a point in the x t region in the x t domain what is the part of the domain, which affects that the affects the solution at x_0 t_0 right. So, the solution here depends on this region this is the domain of dependence. The other way of looking at it is to look for the domain of influence, suppose I have disturbance at a certain point what is the conceivable region in the space time domain which the disturbance at that point can affect right.

So, that is the domain of influence of that point right. So, similar to the domain of dependence points in the initial line say t equal to 0 have a domain of influence comprising the part of the space time domain, where the solution is affected by the value of f and g at that point; f and g being my initial conditions, f and g being my initial functions. So, characteristic lines emanating from a point x_0 on the t is equal to 0 line will affect the solution at all points along their length that we already know.

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Suppose, I have the point on the t is equal to 0 line, So any point lying on these blue lines are going to be affected by the initial conditions here. But, what is also important is that any point in this shaded region is also going to be affected by their solution; by the initial condition here. Why is that well you look at a point here right; this point the information from this point is going to move along characteristic lines passing those through this point right. Characteristic lines, means lines with slope plus c n minus c so, for instance I do not have a point here, but if I bring my cursor here and focus on this region right. So, information from here is going to move along the characteristic lines passing through that point right. So, the characteristic lines passing through that point.

So, the information here is going to travel in this direction right. Similarly, the information here in the on the other characteristic line is going to travel in this direction. So, the information here can propagate to this entire region right. Because this entire region, is the region through which the this information along this and the along this line; and this line can get propagated into this region right. where two characteristic lines intersect right that in that region we can see the influence of this point right. So, characteristic lines emanating from point x_0 on the t equal to 0 line will affect the solution at all points along there that is a given.

But these points in turn have their own characteristic lines and once the information from x_0 reaches them say at time t star they will start emitting information along their

own characteristic lines that will affect the solution at all points lying on those lines. So, the domain of influence is limited by the fact that a wave generated at some time at a point cannot influence events at another point in less time than it takes to travel the distance between those two points right. So, that is how we find out the domain of influence.

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Using the method of characteristics

These simple ideas can be used to construct solutions to the inhomogeneous wave equation where c has been assumed to be 1 for simplicity

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + f(x, t) \quad (*)$$

We solve this problem subject to general initial conditions that are specified on a curve Γ_0 on the $x-t$ plane, not necessarily on the initial line at $t=0$. Thus we assume that ϕ and its normal derivative $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n}$ are specified at Γ_0

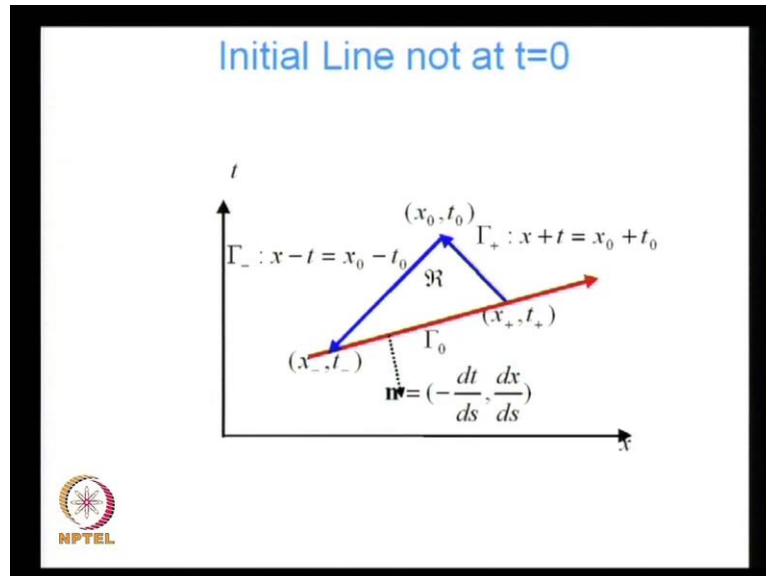
The negative characteristic lines passing through any point (x_0, t_0) in the domain are denoted Γ_- such that all points (x, t) on it satisfy the equation $x-t = x_0-t_0$

So using, so this is this was a general discussion of method of characteristics. Let us use the method of characteristics to find the solution to this inhomogeneous wave equation why is it inhomogeneous because on the. On this side, you have a forcing function $f(x, t)$ right the previous wave equations that we looked at they were all homogenous wave equations. So, this is an inhomogeneous wave equation with $f(x, t)$ source term; $f(x, t)$ and in this case for simplicity I have assumed that the wave speed c is equal to one right. So, we will sort this problem subject to general initial condition. Up till now, we have looked at the initial condition meaning conditions on the line t equal to 0 right. That always may not always be true right I can have initial conditions at any time right. suppose, I have a problem I have I gave I specify the conditions at time t equal to 5 right.

So, at time t is equal to 5, I gave some disturbance; I gave some start startup conditions and then for time t greater than 5 that is going to propagate right. So, the initial conditions need not be restricted at time t equal to 0 right. So, in this case I am going to

subject it to general initial conditions that are prescribed on a curve Γ_0 on the $x-t$ plane not necessarily on the initial line at $t=0$.

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So, I have a curve Γ_0 in the $x-t$ plane right. you can see that it is not aligned along the line t is equal to 0. So, on this curve; on this curve I prescribed certain initial conditions and you can see these initial conditions are not all at the same time right. So, at any point on this these are all, these are points where I prescribe the initial conditions. So, at this point at the space; the space and time are given by x and t right at this point another point on this curve this space and time may be different; it may be at a different time right.

So, these are the points at which these are points in the space time domain where I give my initial condition right; that means, at different points they are setting of this at different times right. So, I have I have a location in space right. So, it is like I think of somebody has laid a charge in space right lead charges in space right and those charges are going off at different times right.

So, at different locations in space the initial condition is starting at different times. So, not necessarily the initial line at t is equal to 0. Thus, we assume that ϕ and its normal derivative we will find that we need not only to prescribe ϕ that is the actual primary variable suppose the displacement but we also need to specify its normal derivative at Γ_0 right. So, to fully define the problem not only do we need to specify ϕ along this red

line the variable; the primary variable you also need to specify its derivative how phi is varying in the direction of the normal to this line right. How phi is is varying at the direction of normal to this line at different locations along that line. So, with these are the initial conditions that we need to specify along gamma 0.

So, the negative characteristic line passing through any point x_0, t_0 in the domain are denoted gamma minus. So, these are the negative characteristic lines this gamma minus right and these are the positive characteristic lines. Here is my point, x_0, t_0 through this point I have these two lines right. And, these two lines each having slope equal to one right one and minus one in this case because our wave speed is one right. So, slope of one and minus one passing through that point and this point; these characteristic lines intersect my gamma 0 my initial line right my initial condition line along which I prescribe my initial condition and the information from here is going to travel to this point along these characteristic lines with a speed of one.

So, all points on the negative characteristic line satisfy the equation $x - t = x_0 - t_0$ that we have seen last time right. So, that is basically the equation of the negative characteristic line x is equal to $x_0 - t_0 + t$ or $x - t = x_0 - t_0$.

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Description of the Domain

Similarly the positive characteristic lines passing through any point (x_0, t_0) in the domain are denoted Γ_+ such that all points on $\Gamma_+(x, t)$ satisfy the equation $x + t = x_0 + t_0$


To find the solution at (x_0, t_0) we form the region \mathfrak{R} bounded by the initial line Γ_0 and the characteristic lines Γ_+ and Γ_- as shown in the figure

Next we integrate Eqn (*) over the domain \mathfrak{R}

$$\int_{\mathfrak{R}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \right) dx dt = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} f(x, t) dx dt$$

We consider a gradient operator whose vector representation includes

derivatives with respect to space and time i.e. $\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$



Similarly, we have the positive characteristic lines passing through any point x_0, t_0 in the domain denoted by gamma plus. Such that, all points on that line satisfy all points on

gamma plus satisfy the equation $x + t = x_0 + t_0$, to find the solution at $x_0 + t_0$ we form the region r bounded by the initial line γ_0 and the characteristic lines γ_+ and γ_- as shown in the figure.

So, we consider this region r right this region r , which is bounded by γ_- , γ_0 and γ_+ . Next, we integrate this equation which is my governing equation right my governing equation; which i integrate that over the domain r right straight forward integration of this over the domain r right. And then, we consider since the my primary my independent variables are x and t my gradient operator is nothing to comprises its components are partial derivatives with respect to t and x right. So, gradient is given by $\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{j}$.

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Converting surface to line integral


Then it is clear that the term within the integral on the left hand side of the equation is $\nabla \cdot \hat{\phi}$ where $\hat{\phi} = \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}, -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)$

Then using the divergence theorem, we get :

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}} \nabla \cdot \hat{\phi} \, d\mathcal{R} = \oint_{\Gamma} \hat{\phi} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dl = \oint_{\Gamma} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}, -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dl$$

In the above $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_+ + \Gamma_-$ traversed in a fashion such that while traversing along the curve the outward normal \mathbf{n} always lies to the right, while dl is the elemental arc length along the curve

From the figure it can be seen that $\mathbf{n} = \left(\frac{dt}{dl}, -\frac{dx}{dl} \right)$. Hence we get :



$$\oint_{\Gamma} \left(-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dl = -\oint_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \, dt - \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \, dx$$

Then it is clear that the term within the integral on the left hand side of this equation is a divergence of $\hat{\phi}$, where $\hat{\phi}$ if you look at this term this term $\nabla \cdot \hat{\phi} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$; this is equal to the divergence this dot of gradient operator acting on a vector and what is that vector. That vector is given by $\hat{\phi}$, where $\hat{\phi}$ is equal to $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \mathbf{i} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \mathbf{j}$. So, if you take the gradient operator which was $\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{j}$.

And, we dot it with this vector $\hat{\phi}$ with whose components are $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}$ and $-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$ then we are going to get $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$ like here right. So, that is exactly what you are going to get. So, we can write. So,

we can write this as this operator on the left hand side this operator on the left hand side I can write this as divergence of $\hat{\phi}$ operating on the domain integrated over the domain r right integrated over the domain r and then I transfer I convert this volume integral into surface integral using the divergence theorem.

So, I get divergence of $\hat{\phi}$ is equal to $\hat{\phi}$ dotted with n and now the now the integral is over the surface right over the bound area of the domain which comprises of three parts γ_{minus} , γ_0 and γ_{plus} right. So, $\hat{\phi}$ dotted with n and then $\hat{\phi}$ of course, is $\text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } t$ minus $\text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } x$ dotted with an $d l$ right. Now, I have converted this integral over this region r to integral along these lines γ_{minus} ; part of γ , γ_0 and γ_{plus} . So, in the above γ is equal to γ_0 plus γ_{plus} plus γ_{minus} is traversed in such a fashion that while traversing along the curve the outward normal n always lies to the right if you go back and take a look I am moving along this direction.

So, the outward normal is always lying to my right I move along this path I move along that path I move along. So, outward normal is always lying on the right hand on my right hand side as I move along this path. And, $d l$ is the elemental arc length along that curve right $d l$ is the elemental infinitesimal arc length along that curve. From the figure, it can be seen that the normal is actually given by $d t d l$ minus $d x d l$ if you take a look you can see here right the normal is $\text{minus } d t d S$ it has a negative component right $d t$ its pointing in this direction $\text{minus } d t d S$ and $d x d S$ right.

So, that is my normal and hence we get hence we get this integral as $\text{minus } \text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } x$ $\text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } t$ dotted with n for some reason I have just changed the order but that is not important right. So, $\text{minus } \text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } x$ $\text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } t$ dotted with n and if I do that I get $\text{minus } \text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } x$ $d t$ this $d l d l$ cancels out right. So, I get $\text{minus } \text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } x$ $d t$ $\text{minus } \text{del } \hat{\phi} \text{ del } t$ $d x$ right.

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Evaluating boundary integrals


Therefore (*) can be rewritten as :

$$-\oint_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx - \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dt = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} f(x,t) dx dt \quad (**)$$

Evaluating the L.H.S. along various portions of the boundary we find that along Γ_- since $dx = dt$, we can write :

$$-\oint_{\Gamma_-} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dt \right) = -\oint_{\Gamma_-} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx \right) = -\oint_{\Gamma_-} d\phi = \phi(x_0, t_0) - \phi(x_-, t_-)$$

Similarly along Γ_+ since $dx = -dt$, we can write :

$$-\oint_{\Gamma_+} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dt \right) = \oint_{\Gamma_+} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx \right) = \oint_{\Gamma_+} d\phi = \phi(x_0, t_0) - \phi(x_+, t_+)$$


So, this integral that is that is what I get therefore, we can write my equation which was this which was this equation right. As this integral right and the integral of f of x t over the region r right. So, now, we are going to evaluate this integral along various portions of the boundary right. So, first we are going to evaluate it along gamma minus and along gamma minus you will see that this line has got slope one right. So, along gamma minus as it moves along this direction it x decreases as it moves along this direction t decreases and the slope is one. So, dx is got to be equal to dt right.

So, both have the same sign dx is negative dt is negative right. So, dx is equal to dt . So, along that line dx is equal to dt and we can write $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dt$ basically this term has is that now I can replace x by dt right along that line. So, I get $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dt$ and $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dt$ I can replace by dx right and if you look at this what is it is nothing, but the total derivative of ϕ right. So, that is nothing, but $d\phi$.

So, that is the integral of this over gamma minus right and $d\phi$ and then if I evaluate that if I integrate that and evaluate it at the two end points of my path right that is ϕ of x_0 t_0 minus ϕ of x_- t_- minus why is that well my because my path is going from x_0 t_0 to x_- t_- normally it would be ϕ of x_- t_- minus ϕ of x_0 t_0 zero, but there is negative sign in front. So, I get ϕ of x_0 t_0 minus ϕ of x_- t_- minus. Similarly, along gamma plus we can see that along this line we have $dx = -dt$ because as t increases, x decreases right and the slope is one.

So, dx is equal to minus dt and again we replace we replaced dx by minus dt and dt by minus dx right and eventually we end up with an integral and again a total derivative right of ϕ over along right it is pardon me its class right. So, then we integrate that and when we evaluate the function ϕ of x_0, t_0 minus ϕ of x_+, t_+ plus. So, we have evaluated this integral γ , over γ_0 minus and γ_+ plus but I have not evaluated it over γ_0 . So, that part is still remaining right.


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Generalization of D'Alembert's Eqn

Substituting these in (*) we can solve for $\phi(x_0, t_0)$ in terms of the values of ϕ at (x_+, t_+) , (x_-, t_-) as well as the values of the derivative of ϕ along Γ_0 :

$$\phi(x_0, t_0) = \frac{1}{2} \{ \phi(x_+, t_+) + \phi(x_-, t_-) \} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma_0} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dt + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx \right) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathfrak{R}} f(x, t) dx dt \quad (***)$$

The above expression generalizes D'Alembert's solution for the wave equation to situations where the initial conditions are prescribed along an arbitrary curve Γ_0 and the wave equation contains a non-zero source term



So, what I am going to do is that I am going to substitute this in my this equation right and bring the integral over γ_0 to the right hand side right. So, here this left hand side includes the integral over γ_0 . I am going to include that bring that to the right hand side, if I do that I am going to get something like this ϕ of x_0, t_0 is equal to half of ϕ of x_+, t_+ plus, plus ϕ of x_-, t_- plus. you can see that I have brought this integral to the right hand side half of integral of $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dt + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} dx$ over γ_0 plus the source term right. So, this is my solution.

So, you can see that this expression actually generalizes the D'Alembert's solution for the wave equation to situations where I have the initial conditions not prescribed at t is equal to 0; not prescribed along the t is equal to 0 line and prescribed along any arbitrary curve γ_0 number one. So, that is the one modification and the second modification is that I have a non-zero source term right. I have this additional term f of x, t right function another function of f of x, t it is like a source term right. So, for the non

homogenous wave equation with non standard initial conditions; non standard many initial conditions not all give an t is equal to 0, this is my solution to the wave equation.

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Evaluation of derivatives

For a general initial line Γ_0 it is clear that we must know ϕ as well as its gradient $\nabla\phi$ on Γ_0

This becomes more evident if we parametrize the initial line Γ_0 in terms of the arclength s traversed while moving from (x_-, t_-) to (x_+, t_+)

$$\Gamma_0 : x = x^0(s), t = t^0(s)$$

The unit tangent vector to Γ_0 is therefore $\left(\frac{dx^0}{ds}, \frac{dt^0}{ds}\right) = (\dot{x}^0, \dot{t}^0)$ where dot denotes differentiation with respect to s

The unit normal pointing outwards as we move along the curve from  to (x_+, t_+) is therefore given by: $\left(-\frac{dt^0}{ds}, \frac{dx^0}{ds}\right) = (-\dot{t}^0, \dot{x}^0)$

So, for a general line why. So, I said at the beginning not only must we know ϕ at γ_0 , we must also know the component; the dot product of the gradient of ϕ in the normal direction. Basically, I must know the normal derivative of ϕ along γ_0 why is that well to understand that it is it make sense to parameterize my initial line γ_0 . So, I suppose that γ_0 , I can parameterize in terms of a parameter s right. And, while moving from x minus t minus to x plus t plus, I moving along γ_0 right and along that path I have a parameter s right.

So, x is actually a function of s as is t a function of s along that line right. So, that one line can always be if I know the direction I can always parameterize it with one quantitative one scalar right and what is that scalar basically, its distance along that line right. So, as I move along that line my x and t changes. So, x is a function of distance along that line, t is a function of distance along that line right. So, x is a function of s and t is a function of s right and here I have said that function is x^0 and t^0 right x^0 a function of s gives me the x and t^0 another function of s gives me t right.

So, the unit tangent vector to γ_0 is therefore, $\frac{dx^0}{ds}, \frac{dt^0}{ds}$ it tells me how x^0 is varying with x s and t^0 is varying with s . So, now, you can see now I do not have partial derivatives any more I have total derivatives because x^0 and t^0 are functions of s

only right. So, this is my unit tangent vector $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{0}$ where dot denotes differentiation with respect to s and the normal pointing outwards as we move along the curve from x minus t minus to x plus t plus is therefore, given by $-\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{s}$ this we have already seen right and that is equal to $-\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{0}$.

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Valid and invalid initial lines

Then if $\nabla \phi = \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right)$ is known along Γ_0 , we can evaluate the partial derivative of ϕ with respect to x and t along Γ_0 as follows by solving two simultaneous equations:

$$\nabla \phi \cdot \mathbf{s} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \dot{x}_0 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \dot{t}_0$$

$$\nabla \phi \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \dot{t}_0 + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \dot{x}_0$$

Finally we note that if the slope of Γ_0 is such that $\left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right| < c$ then Γ_0 will intersect the characteristic lines through (x_0, t_0) at only one point while if $\left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right| > c$ it will intersect the characteristic line through Γ_0 at two points



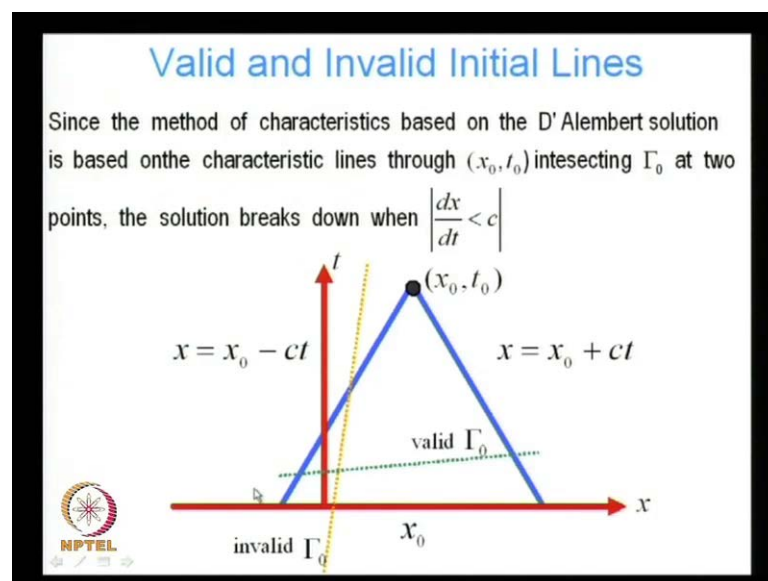
Then if I know $\text{grad } \phi$ which is $\mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{t}$ along Γ_0 we can evaluate the partial derivative of ϕ with respect to x and t along Γ_0 by solving two simultaneous equations. So, if I know the gradient right I take the projection of the gradient along the unit tangent vector \mathbf{s} and that gives me $\mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{dot} \cdot \mathbf{0}$ plus $\mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{dot} \cdot \mathbf{0}$ right if you calculate that if you take this is my gradient vector if I take the dot of this with this vector right $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{dot} \cdot \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{dot} \cdot \mathbf{0}$ I've basically get this on the right on right hand side.

Similarly, if I take the gradient of this vector this vector and I take if I take the dot with this vector I get this term right. So, now So, we can solve for the partial derivatives right if I know if I know these quantities right, if I know $\mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{s}$ and if I know $\mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ I can solve for $\mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ $\mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{t}$ $\mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ $\mathbf{del} \cdot \phi \cdot \mathbf{del} \cdot \mathbf{t}$ these two simultaneous equations for my partial derivatives, which I am going to solve right and I have of course, no $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{dot} \cdot \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{dot} \cdot \mathbf{0}$ because I know the path right I know the path as a function of s , the distance along travelled along that path.

So, that I know if I know my gradient if I know my gradient; and if I know the once I know the my gradient I can find out my $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n}$ and my $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial s}$ by just taking the projection of my gradient vector along the unit vector; along the unit tangent vector as unit normal vector. So, those are those two quantities right. So, if I know the gradient, I can find out my partial derivatives with respect to ϕ and t right.

So, that that explains why I need to know not only ϕ along my line Γ_0 I also need to know the gradient along Γ_0 right. Because in order to evaluate my partial derivatives, I need that information finally, one more point it is we note that if the slope of Γ_0 is such that $\frac{dx}{dt}$ is less than c then Γ_0 will intersect the characteristic lines to x_0, t_0 only at one point, while if $\frac{dx}{dt}$ is greater than c it will intersect the characteristic line through Γ_0 at through it should be x_0, t_0 at two points.

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So, basically what I am trying to say I have tried to make it clear from this picture. So, if I have x_0, t_0 point right and this is my this either my brown dotted line or my green dotted line are my Γ_0 right. Suppose, the characteristic lines through x_0, t_0 are intersect this line only at one point. The slope of this line is such that the mod of $\frac{dx}{dt}$ is less than c . So, that there only characteristic line intersects this initial line right. In that case, my solution is going to breakdown because my prerequisite is that both of the characteristic lines passing through x_0, t_0 must pass through my initial condition line


right. So, this green line is fine because both my characteristic lines passing through x_0 at $t=0$ intersect this line but look at the brown line this line x , x is equal to $x_0 - ct$ intersects that line, but this does not intersect that line except at sometime which is much beyond my time t_0 right. So, that is not going to work right. So, in this case the solution is going to break down. So, if I have the solution I initial line initial γ_0 , whose slope is less than c mod of $\frac{dx}{dt}$ is less than c .

Now, what I have did I write that well its basically this right. mod of $\frac{dx}{dt}$ is less than c in that case my solution is going to break down right. So, that is when the method of characteristics is not going to work anymore right is that clear. So, that is all I had to say about analytical methods for hyperbolic equations right. We looked at the method of Eigen functions, which I mentioned that it is a very general method right. It is not only valid for hyperbolic partial differential equations you can extend it to other types of partial differential equations as well as we are going to see very soon. But, then we are again we looked at another method which is method of characteristics, which is sort of specific to hyperbolic partial differential equations in particular, so very useful and very meaningful and very insightful of solving the wave equation.

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The Diffusion Equation

- Heat flow occurs due to the diffusion of energy from one part of the problem domain to another. Conduction of heat takes place through diffusion
- Inhomogeneity in temperature means that molecules at some region are at a higher temperature than at another region in the model
- To obtain the governing equation for heat flow we consider conservation of energy over an insulated bar of length L between $x=0$ and $x=L$



But let us move on to hyperbolic to parabolic equations and let us look at the diffusion equation. So, see main example while we talking about while we were talking about the canonical forms of the partial secondary order linear partial differential equation; I

mentioned that the diffusion equation is a typical example of the parabolic form parabolic; canonical form of the second order equation right and the particular example of the diffusion equation is heat flow, is diffusion of heat through a metal right or through any substance which conducts heat right. So, heat flow occurs due to the diffusion of energy from one part of the problem domain to another conduction of heat takes place through diffusion. So, if you have a heat source somewhere the molecules their start moving more right they vibrate more they move more. So, they have more energy that energy gets transmitted over the domain heat propagates right.

So, in homogeneity in temperature means that the molecules at some region are at a higher temperature then at another region in the model. And, basically what we want to do is to obtain the governing equation of heat flow right what is the equation, which tells me how the temperature is going to vary across a domain right. At the at the boundaries of, which suppose I have a certain heat flux right or prescribe a certain temperature right. So, in that case how is the temperature in that domain going to vary as a function of space as a function of time right that is what I want to model right to do that I use the principle of conservation of energy; I use the principle of conservation of energy and to make thing simple I look at a bar I look at the heat conduction problem, the diffusion problem in one d right I look at a bar which is of length L and I assume that it is lying between x is equal to 0 and x is equal to L.

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Modeling heat flow

- The energy contained in a width Δx of the bar is propagated to the mass in that width
- Let ρ be the mass per unit length and C the heat capacity per unit mass per degree of temperature. Then the heat energy in the width Δx is $\rho C T(x,t) \Delta x$
- We denote the heat flux passing a plane through x at a time t by Q .

The diagram shows a horizontal bar along the x-axis from $x=0$ to $x=1$. A small segment of width Δx is highlighted between x_1 and x_2 . Two blue arrows labeled Q indicate heat flux: one pointing right into the segment at x_1 , and one pointing left out of the segment at x_2 . The NPTEL logo is in the bottom left corner.

So, the energy contained in its in its width delta x of the bar is propagated is proportional I am sorry this is proportional to the mass in that width right. It is proportional to the mass in that width. So, why well you know you know about specific heat capacity right if rho be the mass per unit length and see the heat capacity per unit mass per degree of temperature then the heat energy in that width delta s delta x is given by the density times delta x, which gives me the mass right times the heat capacity c times the temperature right. So, that is the total heat energy in that width delta x rho CT right, rho CT times the volume right which is delta x. And, we denote the heat flux passing a plane through x at a time t by Q right. So, this is my little width delta x it is bounded by those two planes and then I have heat flux through these planes right.

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Modeling heat flow

- Conservation of energy requires that the rate of change of energy in the width Δx must be equal to the net flux i.e. the difference of heat flux entering and leaving the width Δx at the ends x_1 and x_2 :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \rho CT dx = Q(x_1) - Q(x_2)$$

In the limit $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ we get: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho CT) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} Q$ (*)

- Next we introduce the heat conduction equation which requires that the heat flux be proportional to the negative temperature gradient



So, conservation of energy requires that the rate of change of energy in that width delta x must be equal to the net flux. The heat, amount of heat in that little volume it changes depending on the amount of heat that is flowing in through the boundaries and the amount of heat that is leaving through the boundaries right. So, the net the rate of change of energy in the width delta x must be equal to the net flux, that is the difference of heat flux entering and leaving the width delta x at the ends x 1 and x 2 right. So, we see that rate of changes so, this was my volume of heat energy in my little strip right rho CT d x integrated over x 1 and x 2 that was the total heat energy in that little strip and the rate of change of that heat energy is equal to the flux at x 1 minus the flux at x 2 right.

And, in the limit when delta x goes to 0 right what do we have we have del del t rho CT is equal to minus del Q del x. So, this Q x 1 minus Q x 2 I can now represent it as del Q right in the limit that x 1 and x 2 tend to 0 I mean x 1 minus x 2 tends to 0 and this integral becomes derivative right. So, I get that that right.

So, that is part of the problem, the other next I have to look at in look at the constitutive behavior. Basically, I have to see I have to introduce the heat conduction equation right which requires that heat flux be proportional to the negative of the temperature gradient right. So, it tells me how the flux is related to the temperature. So, heat is going to flow in the direction from higher temperature to lower temperature right. And, if the heat flow heat is going to be proportional to the difference in temperature divided by the in this case we can think of distance, but in multidimensions it is a basically a gradient right. So, if an one d which is the temperature at x 1 minus the temperature at t at x 2 divided by the difference between the distance between x 1 and x 2 right. So, that is the gradient and heat is flowing always in the negative gradient direction because it flows from higher temperature to lower temperature.

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Modeling heat flow

- The constant of proportionality is given the conductivity λ i.e.


$$Q = -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

Substituting the above equation in (*):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho C T) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)$$

Assuming the density and heat capacity do not vary with time and space throughout the bar, we get: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} T = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\rho C} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)$

Denoting $\frac{\lambda}{\rho C} = \kappa$, the final equation is: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} T = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)$ (**)



So, and then we say that that is, so we know that heat flux is proportional to the to the temperature gradient; negative temperature gradient and lambda is the is the constant of proportionality. So, I can write heat flux is equal to minus lambda times del del x T right.

And then I go ahead and substitute this in my equation here which I have got from energy conservation right this equation I got from conservation of energy.

So, I go ahead and substitute $\frac{dQ}{dx}$ in terms of $\lambda \frac{dT}{dx}$ right and once I do that I get an equation like this right and then I assume that density and heat capacity do not vary not always true. But for the sake of simplicity, let me assume that the density and heat capacity do not vary with time and space throughout the path in that case I can pull this ρc down here right. So, I get $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2}$ is equal to $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\rho c} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)$. I denote $\frac{\lambda}{\rho c}$ by κ right and then the if I get a final form of this equation as $\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2}$ is the temperature right small t is the time right. So, $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$ is equal to $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right)$ right.

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Initial and boundary conditions

In order to get unique solutions we have to specify initial conditions $T(x, t)|_{t=0} = T^0(x)$ as well as boundary conditions.

In the heat flow problem we may specify the temperatures at the two ends of the bar: $T(x, t)|_{x=0} = T_1(t)$ and $T(x, t)|_{x=l} = T_2(t)$

The most general boundary conditions are again the Robin boundary conditions where we prescribe a combination of the temperature and its spatial derivatives at the ends:

$$T(0, t) + \alpha T_x(0, t) = T_1(t)$$

$$T(l, t) + \beta T_x(l, t) = T_2(t)$$


So, in order to So, this is my final equation this is my diffusion my equation right for heat; heat flow in order to get unique solutions again we have to specify initial conditions which tells me what is the temperature at time equal to 0 in my domain in my spatial domain right at time t equal to 0 how does my temperature vary in space. So, which is $t = 0$ x which is a function of x right. So, that is my initial condition in addition I need boundary conditions and in this problem of bar one d bar I am going to specify my I have two boundaries at x is equal to 0 x is equal to l .

So, I am going to specify the temperature at x is equal to 0 and x is equal to l again as a function of time right. So, T_1 of t and T_2 of t . So, these are very simple boundary

conditions I just wanted to mention in passing like I have also mentioned when I was talking about the wave equation that the boundary conditions need not be as simple as that right we can have we can have a mix of new Norman and Dirichlet boundary conditions. So, I can specify I can have a combination of the temperature and the gradient of the temperature specified at 0 similarly I can have a a linear combination of the temperature and the gradient of the temperature specified at l in this case it is really simple because I am just specifying the temperature at x is equal to 0.

So, this part alpha is equal to 0 and beta is equal to 0 for us right. So, it is a straight forward Dirichlet boundary condition, but you can have a combination of the temperature as well as its derivative specified at the boundary right most general form of the boundary condition, but even under these conditions it is possible to the problem is still well posed and it is still possible to get the solution for the heat equation.

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Generalizing to 3 dimensions

Generalizing to 3 dimensions, if \mathbf{Q} is the flux per unit area then the flux through an element of area dS and normal \mathbf{n} is $\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$

If we consider an arbitrary volume V of material with surface S , the heat contained in V is: $\int_V \rho CT dV$ and equating the rate of change of this quantity to the net heat flow through the surface S , we get:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho CT dV = - \int_S \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$

Using the divergence theorem, to convert the surface integral on the RHS to a volume integral:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho CT dV + \int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{Q} dV = 0$$


We can generalize this through three dimensions to 3D, I do not want to spend too much time on it but just to mention it in passing we say instead of the instead of saying that Q is the heat flux through a plane through a line at x is equal to x_1 or x is equal to x_2 we say it is the heat flux per unit area, where area denotes the boundary of a particular volume in 3 D space right. So, Q is the flux per unit area then the flux to an element of area dS is and the with normal \mathbf{n} is given by Q dotted with $\mathbf{n} dS$ right, dS is the $\mathbf{n} dS$ is

my area right area magnitude of the area given by dS infinitesimal area, n is the normal up to that area to that infinitesimal area and Q is the flux through that area.

So, the total flux through that area is given by Q dotted with n dS and next we consider an arbitrary volume v of material, which surface s and the heat contained in that heat volume v is again given by $\rho C T dV$ integral of v like we had earlier $\rho C T dx$ integral from x_1 to x_2 . So, here we have $\rho C T dV$ integrated over my total volume right and then we equate the rate of change again we use the principle of conservation of energy and we say that any change in the energy contained in that little volume dV or any change in that volume V , which comprise infinitesimal volumes dV is given the rate of change of that energy has got to depend on the how heat is flowing in through the boundary.

So, right how heat is flowing in or how heat is leaving through the boundaries right. So, $\frac{d}{dt}$ integral of v $\rho C T dV$ got to be equal to minus Q dotted with n dS right. So, net flux through the boundary right and again we use the divergence theorem to convert the surface integral to volume integral. So, Q dotted with n dS I converted into divergence of Q dV right use the divergence theorem I get that and then I use.

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Generalizing to 3 dimensions


It can be shown that using notions from continuum mechanics that even for non-constant arbitrary volumes V this can be rewritten as:

$$\int_V (\rho C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} T + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{Q}) dV = 0$$

Since the volume is arbitrary, for the integral to be always zero, the integrand must be zero point-wise: $\rho C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} T + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{Q} = 0$

Using the generalized heat conduction law, $\mathbf{Q} = -\kappa \nabla T$ we finally get the heat flow equation in 3 dimensions: $\rho C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} T = \nabla \cdot \kappa \nabla T$

For constant conductivity κ this becomes the parabolic equation:

$$\rho C \frac{\partial}{\partial t} T = \kappa \nabla \cdot \nabla T = \kappa \nabla^2 T$$


So, interesting thing is that I do not want to spend too much time on this, but it might be worth mentioning in passing is that I have this partial derivative with T outside the volume integral right well it well you can show using some arguments based on

continuum mechanics right based on continuum mechanics that it is possible to bring that partial. Even if my volume v is not constant right it is varying with time right it is possible to bring that integral inside that partial derivative with respect to t inside that integral right.


And if we do that I get something like this $\rho c \text{ del del } T, T$ plus divergence of Q integral over dV that is equal to 0 and since this volume is arbitrary for the integral to be always this is true for all arbitrary volumes right. So, you can make my volume go to a point right it is got to be true there so; that means, it must and I can do that at every for my every volume at around every point center around every point in my domain and if I do that I I in order to satisfy this question this must be 0 point wise right.

So, $\rho C \text{ del del } T \text{ d}T$ plus divergence of Q got to be 0 at every point in my domain and thus we get back an equation very similar to what we had for earlier one d right and then again we use my heat conduction law, which tells me that the flux is proportional to the negative of the temperature gradient and then I substitute that there I get divergence of k κ times gradient of T right and in case κ is a constant in case of constant conductivity κ I can pull that κ out. So, I get κ times divergence of gradient of t which is nothing, but Laplacian of t . So, κ times Laplacian of t . So, $\rho c \text{ del } T \text{ del } T$ is equal to κ times Laplacian of T , which becomes my heat conduction equation in three dimensions right.

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Solution methods

- We will consider two methods to solve the diffusion equation analytically. The first method involves using the eigen function approach we described earlier for the wave equation
- In the second approach we will show the use of transforms, in particular Laplace transforms to solve the problem effectively
- We consider the problem of one dimensional heat flow through a ring of circumference 1. Again, since there are no end points, we have periodic boundary conditions:



$$T(0, t) = T(1, t) = \dots T(n, t)$$

$$T'(0, t) = T'(1, t) = \dots T'(n, t)$$

So, solution methods we will consider two methods to solve the diffusion equation analytically the first method involves using the Eigen function approach, which we described earlier for the wave equation; in the second approach we will use Laplace transform right we will use Laplace transform to solve the problem effectively right. So, that was one way is use to use the Eigen function approach. The other way is to use the transform based method in this case we are going to use the Laplace use Laplace transforms to solve that problem to consider the problem.

So, again we when we looked at the wave equation the first problem we looked at we considered wave propagation in a ring of unit circumference; of unit circumference and we looked at that condition and now again where when we looked at the heat flow problem we are again going to look at that geometry. So, we are going to consider a ring of unit circumference and we are going to consider heat flow along that ring and as we noticed in case of the wave equation for this particular geometry the boundary conditions are periodic right. So, if I have along if I my spatial dimension is my arc length along that ring once it completes one whole arc length once and since the whole circumference is one once it travels through one right I must recover I must my I must get back the same boundary conditions right.

So, it has got periodic boundary conditions, which tell me that the temperature at 0 must be equal to the temperature at one must be equal to equal to the temperature at n . Every time I am going around 1 2 3, I am reaching the same points at the same point the temperature are better be the same. So, $T(0, t) = T(1, t)$ must be equal to $T(n, t)$ and similarly the slope right here the slope when I say slope when I say prime I denote partial derivative with respect to the x right, where x is my distance along the circumference of the ring right. So, $T'(0, t) = T'(1, t)$ and $T'(n, t)$. So, that is my that is I know what is my governing equation those are my boundary conditions right.

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Finding the eigen functions

Assuming solutions of the form $T = e_n(x)e^{-\frac{\lambda_n}{\kappa}t}$ and substituting in (***) we get the eigen value problem in the following form:

$$\frac{d^2 e_n(x)}{dx^2} = -\lambda_n e_n(x), \quad e_n(0) = e_n(1), \quad e_n'(0) = e_n'(1)$$


Again assuming eigen functions of the form $e_n(x) = e^{-i\omega x}$ and substituting in the above equation: $-\omega^2 + \lambda_n = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \pm\omega$

Thus $e_n(x) = A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$, $e_n'(x) = -A\omega \sin \omega x + B\omega \cos \omega x$

Imposing the boundary conditions, we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \cos \omega & -\sin \omega \\ \omega \sin \omega & \omega(1 - \cos \omega) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

For non-trivial solutions, setting the determinant to zero, we get

$$\cos \omega = 1 \Rightarrow \omega = 2n\pi, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \pm \infty$$


So, in this case let us do when I looked at the wave when I looked at the Eigen function approach for the wave equation I sort of assumed that you would know how to find the Eigen functions that I think that this particular problem I will go through it in detail right. How do you find the Eigen functions? let us go through that in detail right. So, to find the Eigen functions we assume solutions of the form T is equal to e n x e to the power minus lambda n kappa of t and substituting this in my governing equation, which was somewhere which we have left long back here if I substitute that particular form of my Tin this governing equation I get an equation like this d 2 e n x d x square equal to minus lambda n e n x right.

I get an equation like this, and it is it has these boundary conditions which are at e n 0 must be equal to e n 1 e n prime of 0 must be equal to e equal to n prime minus 1. So, this becomes my Eigen value problem how do I get my Eigen value problem well I do this substitution right I assume that t is of this form right with e n is the my Eigen function and this is my time dependence I assume my dependence of this of this nature if I substitute that I get this equation and then again. So, you can that this an equation in x right. So, I assume that my Eigen functions are of this form.

So, this equation now, I assume is of the form e to the power minus i omega x right and then once I substitute that here this differential equation becomes the algebraic equation in omega right I get an algebraic equation in omega and thus I get lambda n equal to plus

minus ω right. So, my solution $e^{-i\omega x}$ is equal to $e^{-i\omega x}$. So, using de Moivre's theorem right I know I can write it as $A \cos \omega x + B \sin \omega x$ right. So, $e^{-i\omega x}$ is of this form right and ω is related to λ the Eigen value like this right this is of the we have seen this is like an Eigen value problem right I have a linear operator and times some constants operating on that same function. So, this is of the form of an Eigen value problem λ is the Eigen value and I know the solution of this equation observed this form right. So, if a_n is of this form then $e^{-i\omega x}$ had better be this I have just taken derivative with respect to x and then I impose my boundary conditions what are my boundary conditions $e^{-i\omega \cdot 0}$ is equal to $e^{-i\omega \cdot 1}$.

So, evaluate $e^{-i\omega x}$ at 0 equate that to $e^{-i\omega x}$ at one. So, that gives me the top equation $m \cos \omega A - \sin \omega B = 0$ and then I evaluate $e^{-i\omega x}$ at 0 and I also evaluate that at one and set it equal set them equal. So, I get the bottom equation $\omega \sin \omega A + \cos \omega B = 0$.

So, now, I have a linear system and a homogenous system to get non trivial solutions for A and B that is to get solutions when A and B are not both equal to 0 the determinant of that system must vanish right determinant, if I evaluate the determinant of that system and set it equal to 0, I find eventually I get this equation $\cos \omega = 1$ and I know that $\cos \omega$ is going to be equal to 1 for $\omega = 2n\pi$ n is equal to 0 plus minus 1 plus minus 2 up to plus minus infinity. So, that gives my ω I know is equal to my Eigen value. So, I already know my Eigen values right I already know my Eigen values. So, I know my Eigen values I know now I know my Eigen vectors right I know my Eigen vectors up to those constants right up to those constants A and B right.

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Eigen function solution

Thus we finally get: $e_n(x) = e^{-2\pi i n x}$ and thus the solution in terms of the eigenfunctions is $T(x,t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_n(t) e_n(x)$ where the orthonormality of the eigenfunctions can be used to evaluate the coefficients $\tau_n(t) = \int_0^1 (e_n(x), T) dx$

Substituting the Fourier expansion for $T(x,t)$ in the governing eqn.:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial \tau_n}{\partial t} e_n(x) = \kappa \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} -(2\pi n)^2 \tau_n e_n(x)$$

Using orthonormality of the eigenfunctions, we get a first order ordinary differential equation in time subject to initial conditions:


$$\frac{\partial \tau_n}{\partial t} = -(2\pi n)^2 \kappa \tau_n, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \dots$$

So, I know that. So, my Eigen vectors must be of the form $e^{i n x}$ is equal to $e^{-2\pi i n x}$ why is that I said that $e^{i n x}$ is equal to $e^{-i \omega x}$ right. So, ω is given by that. So, I know my Eigen vectors and thus I go back and remember that this is a self adjoint operator this is the self adjoint operator. So, its Eigen functions form a basis are complete they form a they are complete.

So, they form a basis for that function space. So, my solution $T(x,t)$ I can always express them as a linear combination of my Eigen functions. So, this $T(x,t)$ must be equal to the sum of this $\tau_n(t)$ which are some coefficients times my basis functions, which are my Eigen functions and I can evaluate these constants these, these coefficients which are functions of time by using the orthonormality of the Eigen functions right. So, maybe this is a good place to stop and we will continue our discussion the Eigen functions solution for the heat equation. We will talk about the Laplace transform solution and then we will move on to last remaining type of second order linear partial differential equations those are elliptic equations.

Thank you.