

PDE: HOMEWORK 7

Due Friday, October 28st (at the start of the recitation)

- From the Strauss textbook: 6.1.6, 6.2.1, 6.2.4, 6.2.7, 6.3.2, 6.3.3

6.1.6. Assume a radial solution, so that  $u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r = 1$ , and thus  $(ru_r)_r = r$ . Integrating and dividing by  $r$  gives  $u_r = \frac{1}{2}r + c_1r^{-1}$ . Integrating again gives  $u = \frac{1}{4}r^2 + c_1 \ln r + c_2$ . The boundary conditions  $u(a) = u(b) = 0$  imply  $c_1 = \frac{b^2 - a^2}{4(\ln a - \ln b)}$  and  $c_2 = \frac{a^2 \ln b - b^2 \ln a}{4(\ln a - \ln b)}$ .

## Section 6.2

6.2.1. Guess that  $u = Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F$ . Then  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 2A + 2C$ . If  $u$  is harmonic, then  $C = -A$ . The boundary conditions lead to the equations

$$By + D = -a$$

$$Bx + E = b$$

$$2Aa + By + D = 0$$

$$By + 2Cb + E = 0.$$

The first two equations imply  $B = 0$ ,  $D = -a$  and  $E = b$ . Plugging these results into the last two equations gives  $A = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $C = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Thus  $u(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - y^2) - ax + by + F$ , where  $F$  is arbitrary.

6.2.4 Let  $u_1$  be the solution with the boundary data  $(x, 0, 0, 0)$  and  $u_2$  be the solution with the boundary data  $(0, 0, 0, y^2)$ . Then the desired solution is given by  $u = u_1 + u_2$

To find  $u_1$  We use separation of variables

$$u = X(x) Y(y) \Rightarrow -\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda, \lambda > 0$$

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

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

$$u_x = X'(x) Y(y)$$

$$X' = -\beta A \sin \beta x + \beta B \cos \beta x$$

To find  $u_1$  we apply the first boundary data

$$X'(0) = X'(1) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$X(x) = A \cos(n\pi x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = n\pi \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(note that  $\beta = 0$  also gives rise to an eigenfunction of  $X''$ )

$$Y(1) = C \cosh(\pi u) + D \sinh(\pi u) = 0$$

$$\lambda > 1: D = -C \coth(u\pi)$$

$$\lambda = 0: Y''(y) = 0 \Rightarrow Y = Cy + D \stackrel{Y(1)=0}{\Rightarrow} C = -D$$

Thus,

$$u_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} A_0 (1-y) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n (\cosh(ny) - \coth(n\pi) \sinh(ny)) \cos(n\pi x)$$

$$u_1(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2} A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos n\pi x = x$$

$$A_n = 2 \int_0^1 x \cos n\pi x dx = \frac{\pi n x \sin(\pi n x) + \cos(\pi n x)}{(\pi n)^2} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{\pi n \sin(\pi n)}{(\pi n)^2} + \frac{\cos(\pi n)}{(\pi n)^2} - \frac{1}{(\pi n)^2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{2((-1)^n - 1)}{(\pi n)^2} \quad \text{when } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$A_0 = 2 \int_0^1 x dx = 1 \quad \text{when } n = 0$$

$$u_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} (1-y) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2((-1)^n - 1)}{(\pi n)^2} (\cosh(ny) - \coth(n\pi) \sinh(ny)) \cos(n\pi x)$$

To find  $u_2$ , we also use separation of variables

$$u_2 = X(x)Y(y) \Rightarrow \frac{x''}{x} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda, \beta^2 = \lambda > 0$$

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

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

$$Y'(0) = Y(1) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0, \beta = n\pi, n = 1, 2, 3$$

( $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue by the boundary condition)

$$X'(0) = C n\pi \sinh(n\pi x) + D n\pi \cosh(n\pi x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D = 0$$

Therefore  $X(x) = C \cosh(n\pi x)$

$$u_2(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cosh(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi y)$$

$$(u_2)_x(1, y) = n\pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh(n\pi) \sin(n\pi y) = y^2$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{(n\pi) \sinh(n\pi)} \int_0^1 y^2 \sin(n\pi y) dy$$

$$= \frac{2}{(n\pi) \sinh(n\pi)} \frac{(2 - \pi^2 n^2) \cos(\pi n) + 2\pi n \sin(\pi n) - 2}{\pi^3 n^3}$$

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$$= \frac{2}{\sinh(n\pi)} \frac{(2 - (\pi n)^2) (-1)^n - 2}{(\pi n)^4} = \frac{2}{\sinh(n\pi)} \left( \frac{(-1)^n}{(\pi n)^2} + \frac{2(-1)^n - 2}{(\pi n)^4} \right)$$

Thus 
$$u_2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\sinh(n\pi)} \left( \frac{(-1)^n}{(\pi n)^2} + \frac{2(-1)^n - 2}{(\pi n)^4} \right) \cosh(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x)$$

and 
$$u = u_1 + u_2$$

- (a) Separating variables leads to  $X'' = -\lambda X$  and  $Y'' = \lambda Y$  for some constant  $\lambda$ . The boundary conditions  $X(0) = X(\pi) = 0$  imply that  $X_n(x) = \sin nx$  and  $\lambda_n = n^2$ . The solutions of  $Y'' = n^2 Y$  are  $Y_n = A_n e^{-ny} + B_n e^{ny}$ . The boundary condition  $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} Y(y) = 0$  implies that  $B_n = 0$ . Thus the solution takes the form

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(nx) e^{-ny}.$$

The boundary condition  $u(x, 0) = h(x)$  implies

$$h(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin nx,$$

so the coefficients are given by

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} h(x) \sin nx \, dx.$$

- (b) Without the condition at infinity, solutions would not be unique. They would take the form

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin nx (A_n e^{-ny} + B_n e^{ny}),$$

where

$$A_n + B_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} h(x) \sin nx \, dx.$$

6.3.2. In the full Fourier series for  $h(\theta) = 1 + 3 \sin \theta$ ,  $A_0 = 2$ ,  $B_1 = 3/a$  and all other coefficients are zero. Thus by equation (6.3.10),  $u(r, \theta) = 1 + \frac{3}{a} r \sin \theta$ . In rectangular coordinates  $u(x, y) = 1 + 3y/a$ .

6.3.3 By Eq (6.3.10) in the textbook,  
we have

$$u = \frac{1}{2} A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n (A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta)$$

By

$$u(a, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n (A_n \cos n\theta + B_n \sin n\theta)$$

$$= \sin^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4} \sin \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 3\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow B_1 = \frac{3}{4a} \text{ and } B_3 = -\frac{1}{4a^3} \text{ (remaining coefficients are zero)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u = \frac{3r}{4a} \sin \theta - \frac{r^3}{4a^3} \sin 3\theta}$$

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