

PDE Recitation 4 notes

1) solve the wave eq. w/ homogeneous Dirichlet conditions

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} \text{ for } 0 < x < \pi$$

$$u(0, t) = 0 = u(\pi, t)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x) = \sin^3 x$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) = -\sin x + 5 \sin 4x + \sin 7x$$

Solu: By trig identities

$$\sin^3 x = \frac{3 \sin x - \sin 3x}{4}$$

$$u(x, t) = \left(\frac{3}{4} \cos t - \sin t \right) \sin x$$

$$- \frac{1}{4} \cos 3t \sin 3x$$

$$+ \frac{5}{4} \sin 4t \sin 4x$$

$$+ \frac{1}{7} \sin 7t \sin 7x$$

2) Wave equation with a restoration term
 (e.g. restoring force in the medium
 proportional to the displacement of
 the particle from its equilibrium
 position — 1D string, 2D — drum head)

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} - u & 0 < x < l, t \geq 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0 & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) & 0 \leq x \leq l \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Soln: We look for solutions of the form

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

$$XT'' = X''T - XT \quad \text{divide by } XT$$

$$\frac{T''}{T} = \frac{X''}{X} - 1$$

$$\frac{T''}{T} + 1 = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda \quad (\text{by the discussion on p. 85 of the text } \lambda > 0)$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2 \quad X_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

We solve the ODE given by

$$T'' + (\lambda_n + 1)T = 0$$

$$\text{By ODE theory } x^2 + (\lambda + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{\lambda_n + 1} = \beta_n$$

$$T_n(t) = A_n \cos(\beta_n t) + B_n \sin(\beta_n t)$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(\beta_n t) + B_n \sin(\beta_n t)) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

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$$0 = u_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-A_n \sin \beta_n t - B_n \cos(\beta_n t)) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} =$$

$$\Rightarrow B_n = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(\beta_n t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

given IC

$$f(x) = \sum_n A_n \sin \left(\frac{n\pi x}{l} \right)$$

3) § 6 auss 4.2.1

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