

so the solution to the problem is  $y(x) = \int_0^1 G(x, x') F(x') dx'$

$$y(x) = \int_0^1 \sum_n \frac{3 \sin(2\pi x')}{1 - n^2 \pi^2} 2 \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') dx'$$
$$= \frac{3}{1 - 4\pi^2} \sin(2\pi x)$$

### 6.7.2 Application to parabolic/hyperbolic PDEs

Now consider either  $u_t - \frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] = F(x,t)$

or  $u_{tt} - \frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] = F(x,t)$ .

Idea: Solve the associated Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] + \lambda u = 0$$

to find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions  $\{v_n\}$ ,  $\{\lambda_n\}$

then expand

$$F(x,t) = \sum_n b_n(t) v_n(x)$$

$$(\text{in this case, } b_n(t) = \int_a^b F(x,t) r(x) v_n(x) dx)$$

Assume a solution of the form

$$u(x,t) = \sum_n a_n(t) v_n(x)$$

and try the ansatz into the equation:

Parabolic case:  $\sum_n \dot{a}_n(t) v_n(x) - \frac{1}{r(x)} \left[ \left( p(x) \sum_n a_n(t) v_n'(x) \right)' + q(x) \sum_n a_n(t) v_n(x) \right]$

$$= \sum_n b_n(t) v_n(x)$$

so that

$$\sum_n \dot{a}_n(t) v_n(x) + \sum_n \lambda_n a_n(t) v_n(x) = \sum_n b_n(t) v_n(x)$$

and (by orthogonality):

$$\dot{a}_n + \lambda_n a_n = b_n(t)$$

→ integrating factor method:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (a_n e^{\lambda_n t}) = b_n(t) e^{\lambda_n t}$$

$$\text{so } a_n(t) e^{\lambda_n t} - a_n(0) = \int_0^t b_n(t') e^{\lambda_n t'} dt'$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n(t) = a_n(0) e^{-\lambda_n t} + e^{-\lambda_n t} \int_0^t b_n(t') e^{\lambda_n t'} dt'$$

Putting it all together we find that

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,t) &= \sum_n a_n(0) e^{-\lambda_n t} v_n(x) + \int_0^t \sum_n e^{-\lambda_n(t-t')} v_n(x) b_n(t') dt' \\ &= \sum_n a_n(0) e^{-\lambda_n t} v_n(x) + \int_0^t \int_a^b \sum_n e^{-\lambda_n(t-t')} v_n(x) v_n(x') r(x') F(x',t') dx' dt' \end{aligned}$$

So we can write

$$u(x,t) = \sum_n a_n(0) e^{-\lambda_n t} v_n(x) + \int_0^t \int_a^b G(x,t; x',t') F(x',t') dx' dt'$$

$$\text{with } G(x,t; x',t') = \sum_n e^{-\lambda_n(t-t')} v_n(x) v_n(x') r(x')$$

Here  $G$  is called the Heat Equation Kernel.  
↳ another example of a Green's function.

↳  $u$  is the sum of

- the solution to the problem with no forcing
- the weighted integral of  $F(x,t)$  with the Green's function.

## Example of the drunks exiting the pub:

Recall: 
$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + S(x,t)$$

$$\begin{cases} p(x,0) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ at } x=0, L \\ S(x,t) = S_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \delta(x - \frac{L}{2}) \text{ for } t > 0 \end{cases}$$

(take  $\lambda_0 = 0$ ).

Homogeneous problem; separation of variables to get spatial eigenmodes  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} v_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \\ \lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \end{cases}$$

So, by the previous calculation, we have

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(t) e^{-\lambda_n t} v_n(x) + \int_0^t \int_0^L S(x',t') G(x,x';t,t') dx' dt'$$

where  $a_n(t)$  are obtained by fitting  $u$  to initial conditions

$$u(x,0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(0) v_n(x) = 0 \Rightarrow a_n(0) = 0$$

and where  $G(x,x';t,t') = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda_n(t-t')}}{\|v_n\|^2} \frac{v_n(x') v_n(x) r(x)}{\uparrow \text{but } r(x)=1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u(x,t) &= \int_0^t \int_0^L \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_0 e^{-\frac{t'}{\tau}} \delta(x' - \frac{L}{2}) e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}(t-t')} \frac{1}{\|v_n\|^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x'}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx' dt' \\ &= \int_0^t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_0 e^{-\frac{t'}{\tau}} e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}(t-t')} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dt' \cdot \frac{1}{\|v_n\|^2} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \frac{1}{\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} - \frac{1}{\tau}} \left[ e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} - e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} t} \right] \frac{1}{\|v_n\|^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hyperbolic case : similarly

$$\sum_n \ddot{a}_n(t) v_n(x) + \sum_n [\lambda_n a_n(t) v_n(x)] = \sum_n b_n(t) v_n(x)$$

so by orthogonality

$$\ddot{a}_n(t) + \lambda_n a_n(t) = b_n(t)$$

This time we use the Laplace transform method:

$$s^2 \hat{a}_n - s a_n(0) - a_n'(0) + \lambda_n \hat{a}_n = \hat{b}_n(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_n(s) = \frac{\hat{b}_n(s) + s a_n(0) + a_n'(0)}{s^2 + \lambda_n}$$

Now, the  $\lambda_n$  are positive  $\Rightarrow$  the inverse Laplace transform (see table) is

$$a_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \int_0^t b_n(t') \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}(t-t')) dt' + a_n(0) \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) + a_n'(0) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  The general solution of the problem becomes

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n(x) \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \int_0^t b_n(t') \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}(t-t')) dt' + a_n(0) \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) + a_n'(0) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) \right]$$

$$\text{but with } b_n(t') = \int_a^b \frac{F(x',t') v_n(x') r(x') dx'}{\|v_n\|^2}$$

we get

$$u(x,t) = \sum_n \left[ a_n(0) \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) + a_n'(0) \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) \right] \cdot v_n(x) + \int_0^t \int_a^b F(x',t') G(x,x';t,t') dx' dt'$$

with

$$G(x, x'; t, t') = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}(t-t')) \frac{V_n(x)V_n(x')r(x')}{\|V_n\|^2}$$

↳ the wave kernel

### Example of the bridge

Recall :  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \cos(\omega t)$

$u = 0$  at both ends

$$u_t(x, 0) = u(x, 0) = 0$$

⇒ Eigenmodes/values of spatial homogeneous pb:

$$\begin{cases} V_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \\ \lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 c^2}{L^2} \end{cases}$$

then  $u(x, t) = \sum_n \left[ a_n(t) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi c t}{L}\right) + a_n'(t) \frac{L}{n\pi c} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c t}{L}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \int_0^t \int_0^L F(x', t') G(x, x'; t, t') dx' dt'$

Fitting this to ICs ⇒  $a_n(0) = a_n'(0) = 0$

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^t \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x'}{L}\right) \cos(\omega t') \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{L}{n\pi c} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}(t-t')\right) \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x'}{L}\right)}{\frac{L}{2}}$$

$$= \int_0^t dt' \cos(\omega t') \frac{L}{2\pi c} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi c}{L}(t-t')\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$= \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{2} \left[ \sin\left(\omega t' + \frac{2\pi c}{L}(t-t')\right) - \sin\left(\omega t' - \frac{2\pi c}{L}(t-t')\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \frac{L}{2\pi c}$$

$$= \frac{1/2}{\omega + \frac{2\pi c}{L}} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi c t}{L}\right) - \cos \omega t \right] - \frac{1/2}{\omega - \frac{2\pi c}{L}} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi c}{L}\right) - \cos \omega t \right] \frac{L}{2\pi c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\omega^2 - 4\pi^2 c^2 / L^2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi c t}{L}\right) - \cos \omega t \right] \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) \checkmark \cdot \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right)$$