

Note: In this problem set, expressions in green cells match corresponding expressions in the text answers.

5 - 8 Electrostatic Potential. Steady-State Heat Problems.

The electrostatic potential satisfies Laplace's equation $\nabla^2 u = 0$ in any region free of charges. Also the heat equation $u_t = c^2 \nabla^2 u$ (Sec. 12.5) reduces to Laplace's equation if the temperature u is time independent ("steady-state case"). Using numbered line (20), p. 591, find the potential (equivalently: the steady-state temperature) in the disk $r < 1$ if the boundary values are (sketch them, to see what is going on).

$$5. u(1, \theta) = 220 \text{ if } -\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

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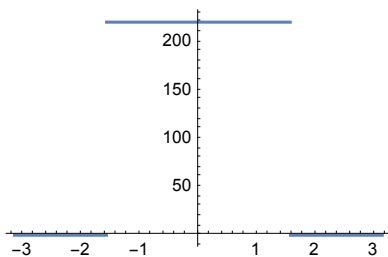
Looking at some polar coordinate solutions of wave equation problems, I see that the usual basic approach is to consider the function $f(r)$, then get the section form of the deflection shape on a radius and calculate u from there, by revolving. However, in this problem the text prefers to consider the function $f(\theta)$, which is needed only in the case of a deflection shape which is not radially symmetric (for example, see <https://www.math.uni-sb.de/ag/fuchs/PDE14-15/pde14-15-lecture-16.pdf>). (For a complete example using $f(r)$, see the bottom of this notebook, under the heading "Extra Inserted Material.") Since the current problem is covered in the s.m. I just follow that. I need numbered line (20) from p. 591.

$$u[r, \theta] = a_0 + \text{Sum}\left[a_n \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n \cos[n\theta] + b_n \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n \sin[n\theta], \{n, 1, \infty\}\right]$$

$$u[1, \theta_] = f[\theta_] = \text{Piecewise}\left[\left[\left\{\left\{220, -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}\right\}\right\}\right]\right]$$

$$\begin{cases} 220 & -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 & \text{True} \end{cases}$$

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Plot[f[θ], {θ, -π, π}, ImageSize -> 200]
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I observe that $f(\theta)$ is an even function. Also the problem description tells me to use (20), which is a periodic function. The s.m. deduces somehow that the period of $f(\theta)$ is 2π . I am

advised to use numbered line (6*) from p. 486:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f[x] dx, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f[x] \cos\left[\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right] dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

and taking $L = \pi$, and noting that an even $f(\theta)$ implies $b_n = 0$, I can set about to calculate:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f[x] dx$$

110

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f[x] \cos\left[\frac{n\pi x}{\pi}\right] dx$$

$$\frac{440 \sin\left[\frac{n\pi}{2}\right]}{n\pi}$$

The alternating signs of $\sin\left[\frac{n\pi}{2}\right]$ in a_n will make the terms in u alternate in sign.

$$u[r, \theta] = a_0 + \text{Sum}[a_n (r)^n \cos[n\theta], \{n, 1, 7, 2\}];$$

$$u[r, \theta]$$

$$110 + \frac{440 r \cos[\theta]}{\pi} - \frac{440 r^3 \cos[3\theta]}{3\pi} + \frac{88 r^5 \cos[5\theta]}{\pi} - \frac{440 r^7 \cos[7\theta]}{7\pi}$$

The expression in the green cell above matches the answer in the text.

$$7. u(1, \theta) = 110 |\theta| \text{ if } -\pi < \theta < \pi$$

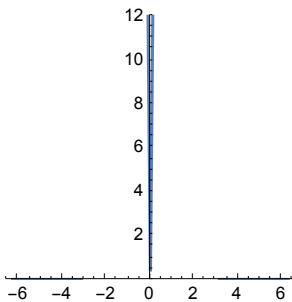
This problem looks similar to the last.

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u[1, \theta_] = f[\theta_] = Piecewise[{{110 Abs[\theta], -\pi < \theta < \pi}}]
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{ 110 Abs[\theta]  -\pi < \theta < \pi
  0             True
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Plot[f[\theta], {\theta, -2 \pi, 2 \pi}, ImageSize -> 150,
      AspectRatio -> Automatic, PlotRange -> {0, 12}]
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Again I see that $f(\theta)$ is an even function. Also the problem description tells me to use (20), which is a periodic function. I assume again that the period of $f(\theta)$ is 2π . I am advised to use

numbered line (6*) from p. 486:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f[x] dx, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f[x] \cos\left[\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right] dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

and taking $L = \pi$, and noting that an even $f(\theta)$ implies $b_n = 0$, I can begin calculations:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f[x] dx$$

55 π

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f[x] \cos\left[\frac{n\pi x}{\pi}\right] dx$$

$$\frac{220 (-1 + \cos[n\pi] + n\pi \sin[n\pi])}{n^2 \pi}$$

$$u[r_, \theta_] = a_0 + \text{Sum}[a_n (r)^n \cos[n\theta], \{n, 1, 7, 2\}];$$

$$u[r, \theta]$$

$$55 \pi - \frac{440 r \cos[\theta]}{\pi} - \frac{440 r^3 \cos[3\theta]}{9\pi} - \frac{88 r^5 \cos[5\theta]}{5\pi} - \frac{440 r^7 \cos[7\theta]}{49\pi}$$

The expression in the green cell above matches the answer in the text.

11. Semidisk. Find the steady-state temperature in a semicircular thin plate $r = a$ kept at constant temperature u_0 and the segment $-a < x < a$ at 0 .

This problem is worked in the s.m., but briefly, and seems to establish that a disk with both faces heated has an average, or possibly zero, temperature in the median plane.

15. Tension. Find a formula for the tension required to produce a desired fundamental frequency f_1 of a drum.

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The variables for tension, T and density, ρ , have entered the calculations before. Assume the starting tension $T=12.5$ lbs/ft, and the density of the drum covering is 2.5 slugs/ft².

The s.m. refers to p. 588 and states that the frequency, in cycles per unit time, equals $\lambda_m / 2\pi$. This interesting formula I can't find in the text. Instead, I located a simple online version from <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Music/cirmem.html>, which use a different mass system but seems general.

And in the above formula T =membrane tension in Newtons/meter; σ =density in kg/meter²; D =diameter of membrane in meters. And f is in Hertz. So to do the conversions of the assumptions made above,

$$f_1 == 0.766 \frac{\sqrt{T/\sigma}}{D}$$

If I prescribe f in hertz, then T yields some pretty big numbers for tension. The tempered scale for C_0 , D_1 , E_4 , F_6 , and B_8 :

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tab1 = Table[Solve[0.766  $\frac{\sqrt{T/3.389}}{0.3}$  == f, {T}],
  {f, {16.35, 36.71, 329.63, 1396.91, 7902.13}}];
f1 = {"frequency", 16.35, 36.71, 329.63, 1396.91, 7902.13};
tab2 = Flatten[{"tension", Flatten[tab1]}];
sc = {"note", "C0", "D1", "E4", "F6", "B8"};
Grid[{sc, f1, tab2}, Frame → All]
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note	C ₀	D ₁	E ₄	F ₆	B ₈
frequency	16.35	36.71	329.63	1396.91	7902.13
tension	T → 138.961	T → 700.528	T → 56 482.	T → 1.01436 × 10 ⁶	T → 3.24597 × 10 ⁷

25. Semicircular membrane. Show that u_{11} represents the fundamental mode of a semicircular membrane and find the corresponding frequency when $c^2 = 1$ and $R = 1$.

EXTRA INSERTED MATERIAL

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In[1]:= Clear["Global`*"]
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For an example in the text where $f(r)$ is considered instead of $f(\theta)$, see example 1 on p. 590. To go through a complete example from Fasshauer's wave.nb, (http://math.iit.edu/~fass/461_handouts.html):

We consider the general wave equation on a disk of radius R

$$u_{tt} = c^2 \left(\frac{r u_r}{r} + \frac{u_{\theta\theta}}{r^2} \right)$$

subject to the boundary condition

$$u(R, \theta, t) = 0$$

and initial conditions

$$u(r, \theta, 0) = f(r, \theta),$$

$$u_t(r, \theta, 0) = g(r, \theta).$$

If the problem is circularly symmetric then the PDE simplifies to

$$u_{tt} = c^2 \frac{(r u_r)_r}{r}.$$

If, in addition, we assume that the initial velocity is zero, then the boundary and initial conditions become

$$u(R, t) = 0,$$

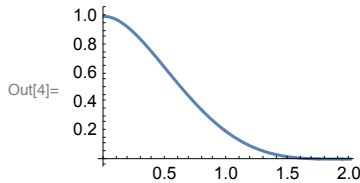
$$u(r, 0) = f(r),$$

$$u_t(r, 0) = 0.$$

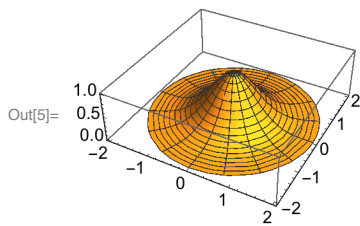
We set some parameters and define the initial displacement:

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In[2]:= c = 1; R = 2;
f[r_] = (1 - r/R)^4 (4 r/R + 1);
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In[4]:= Plot[f[r], {r, 0, R}, ImageSize -> 150]
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In[5]:= RevolutionPlot3D[f[r], {r, 0, R}, ImageSize -> 150]
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We showed that, for general initial position f and general initial velocity g , the solution is of the form

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n} c t) + b_n \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n} c t) \right) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_n} r)$$

with

$$a_n = \frac{\int_0^R f(r) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_n} r) r dr}{\int_0^R (J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_n} r))^2 r dr} \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{\int_0^R g(r) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_n} r) r dr}{\int_0^R (J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_n} r))^2 r dr}.$$

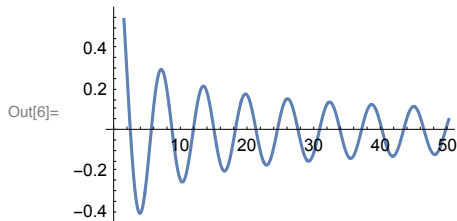
Since we assumed the initial velocity to be zero we have $b_n = 0$.

First, we know that the eigenvalues are given by

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{z_n}{R} \right)^2,$$

where z_n is the n -th zero of the Bessel function J_0 .

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In[6]:= Plot[BesselJ[0, r], {r, 0, 50}, ImageSize -> 200]
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The zeros of the Bessel function look almost equally spaced, but they are not. However, their spacing approaches π . Here are the first 16 zeros from the graph above along with their spacing:

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In[7]:= Grid[{{Grid[Table[
      {i, BesselJZero[0, i] // N, BesselJZero[0, i] // N - 0}, {i, 1}]}],
      {Grid[Table[{i, BesselJZero[0, i] // N, BesselJZero[0, i] -
        BesselJZero[0, i - 1] // N}, {i, 2, 16}]}]}], Alignment -> "."]

      1  2.40483  2.40483
      2  5.52008  3.11525
      3  8.65373  3.13365
      4 11.7915  3.13781
      5 14.9309  3.13938
      6 18.0711  3.14015
      7 21.2116  3.14057
      8 24.3525  3.14083
Out[7]=  9 27.4935  3.14101
     10 30.6346  3.14113
     11 33.7758  3.14121
     12 36.9171  3.14128
     13 40.0584  3.14133
     14 43.1998  3.14137
     15 46.3412  3.1414
     16 49.4826  3.14142

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The eigenvalues are given by

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In[8]:= Lambda[n_] = N[(BesselJZero[0, n] / R) ^ 2];
Table[Lambda[n], {n, 1, 16}]

Out[9]= {1.4458, 7.61782, 18.7218, 34.7601, 55.7331, 81.6408, 112.483, 148.261,
      188.973, 234.62, 285.202, 340.718, 401.169, 466.556, 536.876, 612.132}

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We now compute the Fourier coefficients a_n :

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In[10]:= a[n_] = Integrate[f[r] BesselJ[0, Sqrt[Lambda[n]] r] r, {r, 0, R}] /
      Integrate[BesselJ[0, Sqrt[Lambda[n]] r] ^ 2 r, {r, 0, R}];
Table[a[n], {n, 1, 10}]

Out[11]= {0.432885, 0.407986, 0.110033, 0.0239338, 0.0126202,
      0.00457419, 0.0030777, 0.0014233, 0.00108219, 0.000577441}

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In our setting, the N-th partial sum of the Fourier series solution of the wave equation is

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n} c t) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_n} r).$$

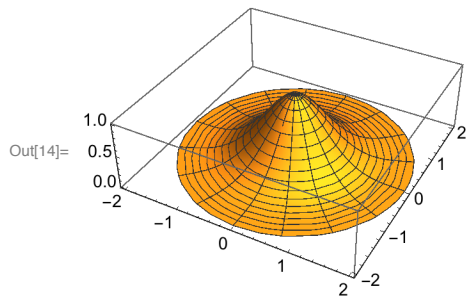
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In[12]:= u[r_, t_, N_] = Sum[a[n] Cos[Sqrt[Lambda[n]] c t]
      BesselJ[0, Sqrt[Lambda[n]] r], {n, 1, N}];
uplot = u[r, t, 20];

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We plot the (partial sum approximation to the) solution at time $t=0$.

In[14]:= **RevolutionPlot3D**[uplot /. t → 0, {r, 0, R}, ImageSize → 200]

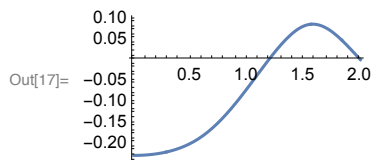
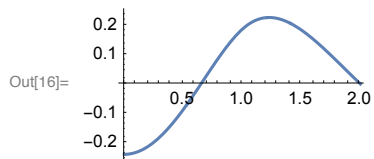
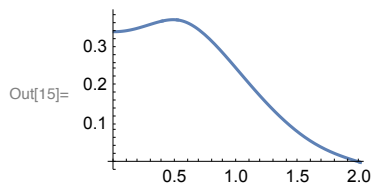


Some more plots at different times t:

In[15]:= **Plot**[uplot /. t → 0.5, {r, 0, R}, ImageSize → 150]

Plot[uplot /. t → 1.0, {r, 0, R}, ImageSize → 150]

Plot[uplot /. t → 1.5, {r, 0, R}, ImageSize → 150]



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In[18]:= Manipulate[RevolutionPlot3D[uplot /. t -> tplot,  
  {r, 0, R}, PlotRange -> {All, All, {-1, 1}}], {tplot, 0, 10}]
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