

2.5.1

Solve  $\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$  on  $(0, L) \times (0, H)$

(a) B.C.  $u_x(0, y) = u_x(L, y) = 0$   $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(x, H) = f(x)$

SEPARATION OF VARIABLES:

$$u(x, y) = h(x) \varphi(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow h'(0) = h'(L) = 0$$

$$\varphi(0) = 0 \quad u(x, H) = f(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dx^2} = -\lambda h$$

$$\text{with } h'(0) = h'(L) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \varphi}{dy^2} = \lambda \varphi$$

$$\text{with } \varphi(0) = 0$$

- solution of x-dependent equation is

$$h(x) = \alpha_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + \alpha_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$h'(x) = -\alpha_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x + \alpha_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$h'(0) = \sqrt{\lambda} \alpha_2 = 0$$

$$h'(L) = -\alpha_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} L = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \right| \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\boxed{\varphi_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x}$$

- solution of y-dependent equation:

$$\frac{d^2 \varphi}{dy^2} = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \varphi \quad \text{with } \varphi(0) = 0$$

$$n > 0 \quad \varphi(y) = c_1 \cosh \frac{n\pi}{L} y + c_2 \sinh \frac{n\pi}{L} y$$

$$\varphi(0) = c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi_n(y) = \sinh \frac{n\pi}{L} y$$

$$n = 0 \quad \varphi(y) = k_1 y + k_2$$

$$\varphi(0) = k_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi_0(y) = y$$

In column:

$$u(x, y) = A_0 y + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \sinh \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} y\right)$$

$$\textcircled{\$} u(x, H) = A_0 H + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( A_n \sinh \frac{n\pi H}{L} \right) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} = f(x) \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

$$\text{Hence } HA_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

$$A_n \sinh \frac{n\pi H}{L} = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A_0 = \frac{1}{HL} \int_0^L f(x) dx}$$

$$\boxed{A_n = \frac{2}{L \sinh \frac{n\pi H}{L}} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx} \quad n \geq 1$$

(b) B.C.  $u_x(0, y) = g(y)$ ,  $u_x(L, y) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = u(x, H) = 0$

Set  $u(x, y) = h(x) \varphi(y) \rightarrow h'(L) = 0, \varphi(0) = \varphi(H) = 0$   
 $u_x(0, y) = g(y)$

Need to solve:

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dx^2} = \lambda h \quad h'(L) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \varphi}{dy^2} = -\lambda \varphi \quad \varphi(0) = \varphi(H) = 0$$

•  $y$ -dep. eq.

$$\varphi(y) = c_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} y + c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} y$$

$$\varphi(0) = c_1 = 0, \quad \varphi(H) = c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} H = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{H}\right)^2 \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\varphi_n(y) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{H} y$$

•  $x$ -dep. eq.

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dx^2} = \left(\frac{n\pi}{H}\right)^2 h \quad h'(L) = 0$$

Based on argument explained in class it must be  $h(x) = c \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{H}(x-L)\right)$

EXPLANATION:  $h(x) = k_1 \exp\left(\frac{n\pi x}{H}\right) + k_2 \exp\left(-\frac{n\pi x}{H}\right)$   
 $h'(L) = \frac{n\pi}{H} (k_1 \exp\left(\frac{n\pi L}{H}\right) - k_2 \exp\left(-\frac{n\pi L}{H}\right)) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{k_1}{k_2} = \exp\left(-\frac{2n\pi L}{H}\right)$   
 choose  $k_1 = \frac{c}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{n\pi L}{H}\right)$ ,  $k_2 = \frac{c}{2} \exp\left(\frac{n\pi L}{H}\right)$   
 Hence  $h(x) = c \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{H}(x-L)\right)$

In conclusion:

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi}{H}(x-L)\right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{H} y$$

To determine  $A_n$ :

$$u_x(0, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \frac{n\pi}{H} \sinh\left(-\frac{n\pi L}{H}\right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{H} y = g(y)$$

Hence:

$$A_n \frac{n\pi}{H} \sinh\left(-\frac{n\pi L}{H}\right) = \frac{2}{H} \int_0^H g(y) \sin \frac{n\pi}{H} y dy$$

$$A_n = -\frac{2}{n\pi \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi L}{H}\right)} \int_0^H g(y) \sin \frac{n\pi}{H} y dy$$

(c) B.C.  $u_x(0, y) = 0, u(L, y) = g(y), u(x, 0) = u(x, H) = 0$

Set  $u(x, y) = h(x) \varphi(y) \rightarrow h'(0) = 0, \varphi(0) = \varphi(H) = 0, u(L, y) = g(y)$

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dx^2} = \lambda h \quad h'(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \varphi}{dy^2} = -\lambda \varphi \quad \varphi(0) = \varphi(H) = 0$$

- Solution of  $y$ -dependent equation.

As in part (b),  $\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{H}\right)^2, \varphi_n(y) = \sin \frac{n\pi y}{H}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- Solution of  $x$ -dependent equation

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dx^2} = \left(\frac{n\pi}{H}\right)^2 h \quad h'(0) = 0$$

$$h(x) = c_1 \cosh \frac{n\pi}{H} x + c_2 \sinh \frac{n\pi}{H} x$$

$$h'(x) = c_1 \frac{n\pi}{H} \sinh \frac{n\pi x}{H} + c_2 \frac{n\pi}{H} \cosh \frac{n\pi x}{H}$$

$$h'(0) = c_2 \frac{n\pi}{H} = 0$$

Here  $h(x) = \cosh \frac{n\pi x}{H}$

We have:

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

$$u(L, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cosh \frac{n\pi L}{H} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{H} = g(y)$$

Here  $A_n \cosh \frac{n\pi L}{H} = \frac{2}{H} \int_0^H g(y) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{H} dy$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{H \cosh \frac{n\pi L}{H}} \int_0^H g(y) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{H} dy$$