

§ Vibrating Drum [\[Spec005-3WaveEquation\]](#)

$$U(t, x, y) : R_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow R$$

$$U_{tt} - a^2 \Delta U = 0 \quad U|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$$

Let $u(t, x, y) = T(t)u(x, y)$

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = \lambda u \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$$

The Dirichlet problem usually can not be explicitly solved ◦

However , for certain geometries — for example , for a rectangle or for a disk — that could be done by using once again the separation of variables ◦

Let $R_{a,b} = (0, a) \times (0, b)$ be a rectangle with sides a and b . Show that

$$\lambda_{k,m}^D = \pi^2 \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2} \right), \quad k, m = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (1.1.11)$$

are the eigenvalues of the Dirichlet problem (1.1.9)–(1.1.10) on $R_{a,b}$, and the corresponding eigenfunctions are given by

$$u_{k,m}^D(x, y) = \sin \frac{k\pi}{a} x \sin \frac{m\pi}{b} y. \quad (1.1.12)$$

Prove that these functions form an orthogonal basis in $L^2(R_{a,b})$.

§ Problem for a disk [\[PDE701Harmonic\]](#)

$-\Delta u = \lambda u$ subject to the Dirichlet condition $u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ or Neumann condition

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=1} = 0$$

Switch to polar coordinates (r, φ)

$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$ for the Laplacian in planar polar coordinates , and looking the

solutions in the form $u(r, \varphi) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} u_n(r) e^{in\varphi}$

Solution Summary :

1. Dirichlet problem

$$\lambda_{m,n} = (j_{m,n})^2, \text{ where } j_{m,n} \text{ is the } n\text{-th positive zero of the Bessel function } J_m(x)$$

for $m=0,1,2,3,\dots$ and $n=1,2,\dots$

◦ **Eigenfunctions:**

▪ For $m = 0$: $u_{0,n}(r, \theta) = J_0(j_{0,n}r)$

▪ For $m \geq 1$:

$$u_{m,n}^{(1)}(r, \theta) = J_m(j_{m,n}r) \cos(m\theta),$$

$$u_{m,n}^{(2)}(r, \theta) = J_m(j_{m,n}r) \sin(m\theta).$$

Each eigenvalue $\lambda_{m,n}^{(D)}$ has multiplicity 1 if $m = 0$ and multiplicity 2 if $m \geq 1$.

2. Neumann problem

◦ **Eigenvalues:**

▪ $\lambda_{0,0}^{(N)} = 0$ (multiplicity 1),

▪ $\lambda_{0,n}^{(N)} = (j_{1,n})^2$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$,

▪ $\lambda_{m,n}^{(N)} = (j'_{m,n})^2$ for $m = 1, 2, \dots$ and $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Here, $j_{1,n}$ is the n -th positive zero of $J_1(x)$, and $j'_{m,n}$ is the n -th positive zero of $\frac{d}{dx} J_m(x)$

◦ **Eigenfunctions:**

▪ For $\lambda = 0$: $u_{0,0}(r, \theta) = 1$ (constant function),

▪ For $m = 0, n \geq 1$: $u_{0,n}(r, \theta) = J_0(j_{1,n}r)$,

▪ For $m \geq 1, n \geq 1$:

$$u_{m,n}^{(1)}(r, \theta) = J_m(j'_{m,n}r) \cos(m\theta),$$

$$u_{m,n}^{(2)}(r, \theta) = J_m(j'_{m,n}r) \sin(m\theta).$$

Eigenvalues $\lambda_{0,n}^{(N)}$ ($n \geq 1$) have multiplicity 1, and $\lambda_{m,n}^{(N)}$ ($m \geq 1$) have multiplicity 2.

Let us describe the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the Dirichlet and Neumann problems in the unit disk \mathbb{D} . Switching to polar coordinates (r, φ) , using the standard expression

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

for the Laplacian in planar polar coordinates, and looking for solutions of (1.1.9) in the form

$$u(r, \varphi) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{+\infty} u_m(r) e^{im\varphi},$$

we arrive at the equations

$$u_m''(r) + \frac{1}{r} u_m'(r) + \left(\lambda - \frac{m^2}{r^2} \right) u_m(r) = 0 \quad (1.1.15)$$

for unknown functions u_m .

The equations (1.1.15) are closely related to the *Bessel equation*

$$y''(r) + \frac{1}{r} y'(r) + \left(1 - \frac{m^2}{r^2} \right) y(r) = 0. \quad (1.1.16)$$

This solution fully characterizes the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions for both boundary conditions in the unit disk ◦

The eigenfunctions form orthogonal bases for L^2 spaces over the disk under respective boundary conditions ◦

The Bessel differential equation :

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 - \nu^2)y = 0$$

General solution is $y(x) = c_1 J_\nu(x) + c_2 Y_\nu(x)$

The modified Bessel differential equation :

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - (x^2 + \nu^2)y = 0$$

$$y(x) = c_1 I_\nu(x) + c_2 K_\nu(x)$$

$$I_\nu(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k! \Gamma(\nu + k + 1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{\nu+2k} \quad K_\nu(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{I_{-\nu}(x) - I_\nu(x)}{\sin \nu \pi}$$