

Mathematics – Numerical Analysis Solution

Problem 1:

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq x \leq a \\
 0 &\leq y \leq b \\
 U(x, 0) &= 0 \\
 U(a, y) &= 0 \\
 U(x, b) &= \frac{U_0 x(a-x)}{a^2} \\
 U(0, y) &= 0
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad [1]$$

The solution of Laplace's equation proceeds by a method known as the separation of variables. In this method we postulate a solution that is the product of two functions, $h(x)$ a function of x only and $\phi(y)$ a function of the y only. With this assumption, our solution becomes.

$$U(x, y) = h(x)\phi(y) \quad [2]$$

We do not know, in advance, if this solution will work. However, we assume that it will and we substitute it for u in equation [1]. Since $X(x)$ is a function of x only and $Y(y)$ is a function of y only, we obtain the following result when we substitute equation [2] into equation [1].

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 [h(x)\phi(y)]}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 [h(x)\phi(y)]}{\partial y^2} = \phi(y) \frac{\partial^2 h(x)}{\partial x^2} + h(x) \frac{\partial^2 \phi(y)}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad [3]$$

$$\frac{1}{h(x)} \frac{\partial^2 h(x)}{\partial x^2} = - \frac{1}{\phi(y)} \frac{\partial^2 \phi(y)}{\partial y^2} \quad [4]$$

The left hand side of equation [4] is a function of x only; the right hand side is a function of y only. The only way that this can be correct is if both sides equal a constant. This also shows that the

separation of variables solution works. In order to simplify the solution, we choose the constant¹ to be equal to μ . This gives us two ordinary differential equations to solve.

$$\frac{h''(x)}{h(x)} = -\frac{\phi''(y)}{\phi(y)} = \mu$$

The separation yields the following problem for h and ϕ :

$$h''(x) - h(x)\mu = 0, h(0) = h(a) = 0$$

$$\text{And } \phi''(y) + \phi(y)\mu = 0, \phi(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2h(x)}{dx^2} + \mu h(x) = 0 \rightarrow h(x) = A\sin(\sqrt{\mu}x) + B\cos(\sqrt{\mu}x) \quad [6]$$

$$\frac{d^2\phi(y)}{dy^2} + \mu\phi(y) = 0 \rightarrow \phi(y) = C\sinh(\sqrt{\mu}y) + D\cosh(\sqrt{\mu}y) \quad [7]$$

From the solutions in equations [6] and [7], we can write the general solution for $u(x,y) = h(x)\phi(y)$ as follows.

$$U(x, y) = (A\sin(\sqrt{\mu}x) + B\cos(\sqrt{\mu}x))(C\sinh(\sqrt{\mu}y) + D\cosh(\sqrt{\mu}y)) \quad [8]$$

We now apply the boundary conditions shown with the original equation [1] to evaluate the constants A, B, C, and D.

$$U(0, y) = (A\sin(\sqrt{\mu}0) + B\cos(\sqrt{\mu}0))(C\sinh(\sqrt{\mu}y) + D\cosh(\sqrt{\mu}y)) \quad [9]$$

Because $\sin(0) = 0$ and $\cos(0) = 1$, equation [9] will be satisfied for all y only if $B = 0$. Thus, we set $B = 0$. Next we apply the solution in equation [8] (with $B = 0$) to the boundary condition at $y = 0$

$$U(x, 0) = (A\sin(\sqrt{\mu}x))(C\sinh(\sqrt{\mu}0) + D\cosh(\sqrt{\mu}0)) \quad [10]$$

Since $\sinh(0) = 0$ and $\cosh(0) = 1$, this boundary condition will be satisfied only if $D = 0$. The third boundary condition that $u = 0$ occurs at $x = a$. At this point we have the following result, using solution in [8] with $B = 0$ and $D = 0$ as found previously.

$$U(a, y) = (A\sin(\sqrt{\mu}a))(C\sinh(\sqrt{\mu}y)) \quad [11]$$

General solution will look:

$$U(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi nx}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\pi ny}{a}\right)$$

¹ The choice of μ for the constant as opposed to just plain λ comes from experience. Choosing the constant to have this form now gives a more convenient result later. In solutions to Laplace's equation in rectangular geometries we will select the constant as μ to give us an ordinary differential equation whose solutions results in sines and cosines in the direction for which we have a Sturm-Liouville problem (with homogenous boundary conditions).

$$U(x, b) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n x}{a}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\pi n b}{a}\right) = \frac{U_0 x(a-x)}{a^2}$$

$$a_n \left(\frac{a}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\pi n b}{a}\right) = \int_0^a \frac{U_0 x(a-x)}{a^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi n x}{a}\right) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{a \sinh\left(\frac{\pi n b}{a}\right)} \int_0^a \frac{U_0 x(a-x)}{a^2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi n x}{a}\right) dx$$

The same approach (as in the problem 1) is used in all following problems!

Problem 2:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0 \leq y \leq b \\ U(x, 0) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(a, y) = q_0 \\ U(x, b) = 0 \\ U(0, y) = U_0 \left(0, \frac{y}{b}\right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{b}\right) \end{array} \right\}$$

The solution we will find in this way:

$$U(x, y) = h(y)\phi(x)$$

$$\frac{h''(x)}{h(x)} = -\frac{\phi''(y)}{\phi(y)} = \mu$$

The separation yields the following problem for h and ϕ :

$$h''(x) + h(x)\mu = 0, h(0) = h(b) = 0$$

$$\text{And } \phi''(y) - \phi(y)\mu = 0, \phi(0) = 0$$

General solution will look:

$$U(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n(a-x)}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n x}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(a, y) = q_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{\pi n}{b} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{\pi n}{b} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right)$$

$$U_0 \left(0, \frac{y}{b}\right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{b}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right)$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a U_0\left(0, \frac{y}{b}\right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) dy$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{b} \int_0^b q_0 dx$$

Problem 3:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0 \leq y \leq b \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, 0) = -q_0 \\ U(a, y) = U_0(a, y) \\ U(x, b) = 0 \\ U(0, y) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

The solution we will find in this way:

$$U(x, y) = h(y)\phi(x)$$

$$\frac{h''(x)}{h(x)} = -\frac{\phi''(y)}{\phi(y)} = \mu$$

The separation yields the following problem for h and ϕ :

$$h''(x) + h(x)\mu = 0, h(0) = h(b) = 0$$

$$\text{And } \phi''(y) - \phi(y)\mu = 0, \phi(0) = 0$$

General solution will look:

$$U(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n(a-x)}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n x}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}$$

$$U_0(a, y) = q_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right)$$

$$-q_0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{\pi n}{b} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n x}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{b} \int_0^b U_0(a, y) \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) dy$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a -q_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) dy$$

Problem 4:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0 \leq y \leq b \\ U(x, 0) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(a, y) = q_0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, b) = q_0 \\ U(0, y) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

The solution we will find in this way:

$$U(x, y) = h(y)\phi(x)$$

$$\frac{h''(x)}{h(x)} = -\frac{\phi''(y)}{\phi(y)} = \mu$$

The separation yields the following problem for h and ϕ :

$$h''(x) + h(x)\mu = 0, h(0) = h(b) = 0$$

$$\text{And } \phi''(y) - \phi(y)\mu = 0, \phi(0) = 0$$

General solution will look:

$$U(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n(a-x)}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n x}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}$$

$$U_0(a, y) = q_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -a_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{1}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n b}{a}\right)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\frac{\pi n}{b} \cosh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}$$

$$q_0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, b) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{\pi n}{b} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n b}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n(x-a)}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n b}{a}\right)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{\pi n}{b} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n b}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n(a-x)}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n b}{a}\right)}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{b} \int_0^b q_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) dy$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a q_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi n x}{a}\right) dx$$

Problem 5:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0 \leq y \leq b \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, 0) = 0 \\ \frac{k}{h} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(a, y) + U(a, y) = U_0 \\ U(x, b) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}(0, y) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

The solution we will find in this way:

$$U(x, y) = h(y)\phi(x)$$

$$\frac{h''(x)}{h(x)} = -\frac{\phi''(y)}{\phi(y)} = \mu$$

The separation yields the following problem for h and ϕ :

$$h''(x) + h(x)\mu = 0, h(0) = h(b) = 0$$

$$\text{And } \phi''(y) - \phi(y)\mu = 0, \phi(0) = 0$$

General solution will look:

$$U(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n(a-x)}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n x}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}$$

$$U_0 = q_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) \frac{\frac{\pi n}{b} \cosh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{\pi n a}{b}\right)}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{b} \int_0^b U_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{a}\right) dy$$

Problem 6:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0 \leq x \leq \infty \\ 0 \leq y \leq b \\ U(x, 0) = 0 \\ U(a, y) \rightarrow 0 \\ U(x, b) = U_0(x, b) \exp(-cx) \\ U(0, y) = U_0(0, y) \frac{y}{b} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

The solution we will find in this way:

$$U(x, y) = h(y)\phi(x)$$

$$\frac{h''(x)}{h(x)} = -\frac{\phi''(y)}{\phi(y)} = \mu$$

The separation yields the following problem for h and ϕ :

$$h''(x) + h(x)\mu = 0, h(0) = h(b) = 0$$

$$\text{And } \phi''(y) - \phi(y)\mu = 0, \phi(0) = 0$$

General solution will look:

$$U(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \exp\left(-\frac{\pi n x}{b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{b} \int_0^b U_0(0, y) \frac{y}{b} \sin\left(\frac{\pi n y}{b}\right) dy$$

Problem 7:

The solution we will find in the next way:

$$T(x, t) = \varphi(x)G(t)$$

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = -k\alpha G \text{ and } \frac{d^2\varphi}{dx^2} + \alpha\varphi = 0$$

List of eigenvalues:

$$\alpha_n = \pm \frac{\arccos^2 \frac{T_0}{c_1}}{l^2}, \alpha_0 = 0$$

$$T(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\arccos\left(\frac{T_0}{c_1}\right)\frac{x}{l}\right) \exp\left(-k\left(\frac{\arccos^2 \frac{T_0}{c_1}}{l^2}\right)t\right)$$

$$T(x, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\arccos\left(\frac{T_0}{c_1}\right)\frac{x}{l}\right)$$

$$A_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l U_0\left(\frac{x}{l}\right) dx \\ \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l U_0\left(\frac{x}{l}\right) dx \cos\left(\arccos\left(\frac{T_0}{c_1}\right)\frac{x}{l}\right), n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Problem 8:

The definite solution of the Poisson's equation could be find in this way (this is a generalized case of solution of Poisson's equation these boundaries):

$$\varphi(x, y) = \sum_{i=0, j=0}^{\infty} \frac{16}{\pi^2(2i+a)(2j+b)((2i+a)^2 + (2j+b)^2)} \sin\pi(2i+a)x \sin(2j+b)y$$

