

40: Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

$\frac{d}{dx} \left(c \frac{du}{dx} \right) = -f$ is an ordinary differential eq. (ODE)

Unknown func. $u(x)$ is the displacement of point x on an elastic rod, subject to an external force per unit length f , in equilibrium.

or $u(x)$ is the equilibrium temperature at point x on a rod, subject to a heat source $f(x)$.

etc.

$$\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u(x, y)) = -f \quad \text{is Poisson's eq, a PDE.}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (c (\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y})) = -f$$

$$\nabla \cdot (c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, c \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}) = -f$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (c \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}) = -f$$

Unknown func $u(x, y)$ is the displacement of point (x, y) on an elastic membrane (sheet), subject to an external force per unit area f in equilibrium.

or $u(x, y)$ is the equilibrium temp at point (x, y) on a membrane, subject to a heat source $f(x, y)$. etc.

PDEs can have additional independent variables with physical interpretations, like $z, t, \dots$ PDE, 3

A second-order equation is a P.E. where the largest number of derivatives on the unknown func. is 2.

A nonhomogeneous P.E. has term(s) that do not involve the unknown func.

A linear P.E. contains no terms that are nonlinear in the unknown func.

If our equations are linear, then we can write them in operator notation

$$Lu = g,$$

where L is a linear operator.

$$(1) \quad Lu = g, \text{ where } Lu = \frac{d}{dx} \left(c \frac{du}{dx} \right), \quad g = -f$$

$$(2) \quad Lu = g, \text{ where } Lu = \nabla \cdot (c \nabla u), \quad g = -f.$$

def. An operator L is linear means

$$L(\alpha u + \beta v) = \alpha Lu + \beta Lv,$$

α, β arbitrary constants.

Consider $c = \text{constant}$

$$(1) \quad Lu = g, \text{ where } Lu = c \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2}$$

$$(2) \quad Lu = g, \text{ where } Lu = c \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

show these operators are linear.

$$(1) \text{ show } L(\alpha u + \beta v) = \alpha Lu + \beta Lv.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{show } c \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (\alpha u + \beta v) \right) = \alpha \left(c \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} \right) + \beta \left(c \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \right)$$

$$c \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (\alpha u + \beta v) \right) = c \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (\alpha u) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (\beta v) \right)$$

$$= c \left(\alpha \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + \beta \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \right)$$

$$= c \alpha \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + c \beta \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2}$$

$$= \alpha \left(c \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} \right) + \beta \left(c \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \right) \quad \checkmark$$

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(2) show $L(\alpha u + \beta v) = \alpha Lu + \beta Lv$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{show } c \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (\alpha u + \beta v) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (\alpha u + \beta v) \right)$$

$$+ \left(\left(\frac{\partial^2 h_e}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 x_e}{\partial y^2} \right) v \right) \partial +$$

$$c \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (\alpha u + \beta v) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} (\alpha u + \beta v) \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 h_e}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 x_e}{\partial y^2} \right) \partial +$$

$$= c \left(\frac{\partial^2 h_e}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 x_e}{\partial y^2} \right) \partial + \left(\frac{\partial^2 h_e}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 x_e}{\partial y^2} \right) \partial$$

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A system of DEs consists of multiple equations in multiple unknown functions.

ex. $\left. \begin{aligned} x'(t) &= F_1(x(t), y(t), t), \\ y'(t) &= F_2(x(t), y(t), t), \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{an ODE system} \\ \text{in the unknown} \\ \text{funcs } x(t), y(t). \end{array}$

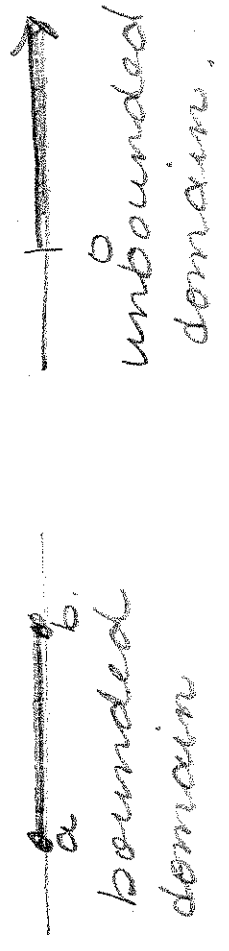
ex. $\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T(x,t)}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial^2 T(x,t)}{\partial x^2} + F(T(x,t), C(x,t)) \\ \frac{\partial C(x,t)}{\partial t} &= -F(T(x,t), C(x,t)), \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{a PDE} \\ \text{system in} \\ \text{the unknown} \\ \text{funcs } T(x,t), \\ C(x,t). \end{array}$

e.g. $F = C(x,t) \exp\left(-\frac{E}{R_g T(x,t)}\right)$

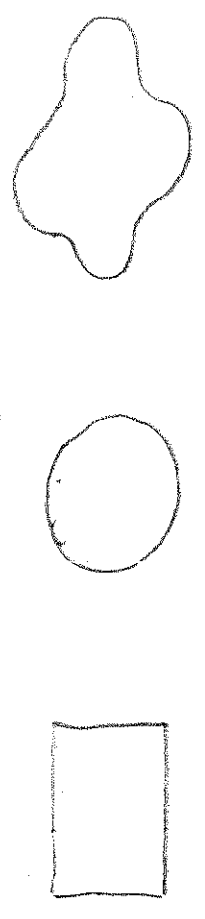
E, R_g constants

Domains

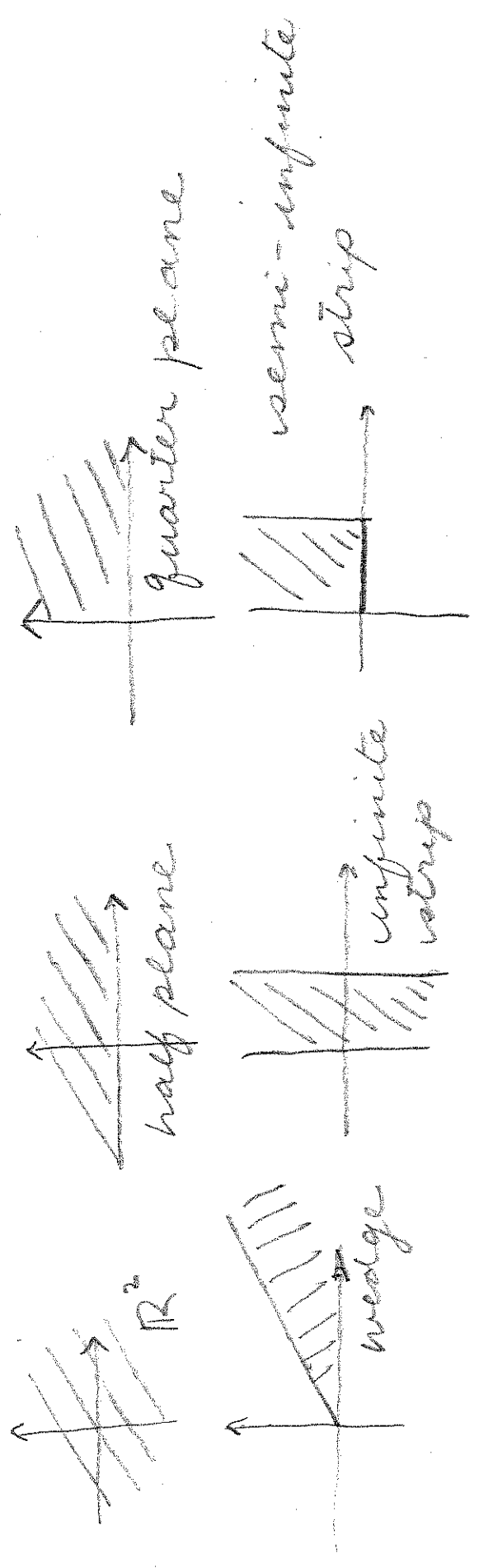
ODE: Ex. $a < x < b$ or $x > 0$



PDE: I. Bounded domain



II. Unbounded domain



- III. moving boundary:
prescribed motion of the boundary
- IV. free boundary:
boundary is at an unknown location.
Solve for it!

Three Classifications for linear 2nd order PDEs.

$$a(x,y) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2b(x,y) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + c(x,y) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} +$$

$$+ d(x,y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + e(x,y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + f(x,y) u = g(x,y).$$

$a-g$ are prescribed.

principal part of the operator L for this eq. $L(u) = g$.

① IF $b^2 - ac > 0$, the eq. is hyperbolic.

prototype: wave eq. $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$.

$$a=1, b=0, c=-1 \rightarrow b^2 - ac = 1 > 0.$$

② IF $b^2 - ac = 0$, the eq. is parabolic.

prototype: heat eq. $u_t - u_{xx} = 0$.

$$a=0, b=0, c=-1 \rightarrow b^2 - ac = 0.$$

③ IF $b^2 - ac < 0$, the eq. is elliptic.

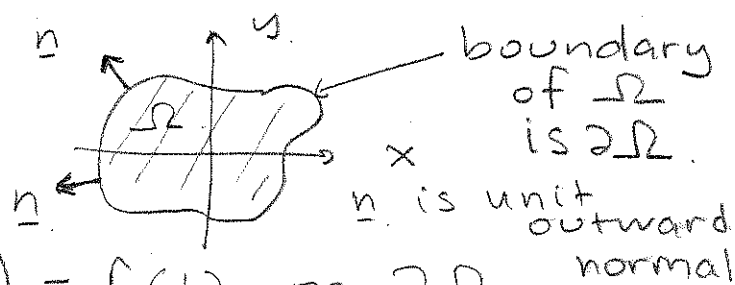
prototype: Laplace's eq. $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$.

$$a=c=1, b=0 \rightarrow b^2 - ac = -1 < 0.$$

Problems involving parameters could change type as parameter values are changed.

Boundary-value problem (BVP)

Ex. PDE : $L(u(x, y, t)) = 0$ on Ω .



BCs : $B(u(x, y, t)) = f(t)$ on $\partial\Omega$.

Types of B:

(1). Prescribe u on the boundary

$$u(x, y, t)|_{\partial\Omega} = f(t)$$

Dirichlet condition or condition of 1st kind

(2). Prescribe flux across boundary

$$D_{\underline{n}}(u(x, y, t))|_{\partial\Omega} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \underline{n}}|_{\partial\Omega} = D_{\underline{n}}u|_{\partial\Omega} = \underline{\nabla}u \cdot \underline{n}|_{\partial\Omega} = f(t)$$

Neumann condition or condition of 2nd kind

(3). Robin condition or mixed condition

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \underline{n}}|_{\partial\Omega} = f(t).$$