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**Engineering Mathematics**

**(Lecture # 11)**

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 **Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)** 

**Modeling: Membrane,  
Two-Dimensional Wave Equation**



**Physical Assumptions**

1. The mass of the membrane per unit area is constant (“**homogeneous membrane**”).
2. The membrane is stretched and then fixed along its entire boundary in the  $xy$ -plane.
3. The deflection  $u(x,y,t)$  of the membrane during the motion is small **compared to the size of the membrane**, and all angles of inclination are small.

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## Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

**Remark:**

The tension  $T$  is the force per unit length.

These components along the right side and the left side are (Fig. 301), respectively,

$$T\Delta y \sin \beta \quad \text{and} \quad -T\Delta y \sin \alpha.$$

Membrane

Fig. 301. Vibrating membrane

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**Remark:**

Since the angles are small, then:

$$\sin \alpha \approx \tan \alpha$$

$$\sin \beta \approx \tan \beta$$

(1) 
$$T\Delta y(\sin \beta - \sin \alpha) \approx T\Delta y(\tan \beta - \tan \alpha)$$

$$= T\Delta y[u_x(x + \Delta x, y_1) - u_x(x, y_2)]$$

where:  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are values between  $y$  and  $y + \Delta y$ .

Similarly, the resultant of the vertical components of the forces acting on the other two sides of the portion is:

(2) 
$$T\Delta x[u_y(x_1, y + \Delta y) - u_y(x_2, y)]$$

where:  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are values between  $x$  and  $x + \Delta x$ .

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**Newton's Second Law Gives the PDE of the Model.**

**M \* a = F**

$$\rho \Delta x \Delta y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = T \Delta y [u_x(x + \Delta x, y_1) - u_x(x, y_2)] + T \Delta x [u_y(x_1, y + \Delta y) - u_y(x_2, y)]$$

here  $\rho$  is the mass of the undeflected membrane per unit area, and  $\Delta A = \Delta x \Delta y$

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Division by  $\rho \Delta x \Delta y$  gives

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T}{\rho} \left[ \frac{u_x(x + \Delta x, y_1) - u_x(x, y_2)}{\Delta x} + \frac{u_y(x_1, y + \Delta y) - u_y(x_2, y)}{\Delta y} \right]$$

If we let  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$  approach zero, we obtain the PDE of the model

(3) 
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad c^2 = \frac{T}{\rho}$$

**OR**

(3') 
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u.$$

This PDE is called the **two-dimensional wave equation**.

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**Rectangular Membrane.**  
**Double Fourier Series**

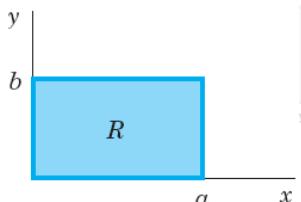
The model of the vibrating membrane for obtaining the displacement  $u(x, y, t)$  of a point  $(x, y)$  of the membrane from rest ( $u = 0$ ) at time  $t$  is

(1)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$

(2)  $u = 0$  on the boundary

(3a)  $u(x, y, 0) = f(x, y)$

(3b)  $u_t(x, y, 0) = g(x, y).$



**Fig. 302.**  
Rectangular membrane

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**Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)**

**Solution Steps:**

**Step 1.**

$$u(x, y, t) = F(x, y)G(t) \longrightarrow F(x, y) = H(x)Q(y)$$

Two ODEs for  $H(x)$  and  $Q(y)$ .

**Step 2.**

Determine **eigenfunctions**  $u_{mn}$ s, that satisfy the boundary condition (2).

**Step 3.**

Determine **whole solution**  $u(x,y,t)$  that satisfies the initial conditions (3a) and (3b).

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**Step 1. Three ODEs From the Wave Equation (1)**

$$u(x, y, t) = F(x, y)G(t) \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$F \ddot{G} = c^2(F_{xx}G + F_{yy}G)$$

divide both sides by  $c^2FG$

$$\frac{\ddot{G}}{c^2G} = \frac{1}{F}(F_{xx} + F_{yy}).$$

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$$\frac{\ddot{G}}{c^2G} = \frac{1}{F}(F_{xx} + F_{yy}).$$

$$\frac{\ddot{G}}{c^2G} = \frac{1}{F}(F_{xx} + F_{yy}) = -v^2.$$

“time function”  $G(t)$

(4)  $\ddot{G} + \lambda^2G = 0$  where  $\lambda = cv$ ,

“amplitude function”  $F(x, y)$

(5)  $F_{xx} + F_{yy} + v^2F = 0.$

The PDE (5) is called the *two-dimensional Helmholtz equation*.

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$$F(x, y) = H(x)Q(y) \quad \rightarrow \quad F_{xx} + F_{yy} + v^2 F = 0.$$

$$\frac{d^2H}{dx^2} Q = -\left(H \frac{d^2Q}{dy^2} + v^2 HQ\right)$$

divide both sides by  $HQ$

$$\frac{1}{H} \frac{d^2H}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{Q} \left( \frac{d^2Q}{dy^2} + v^2 Q \right)$$

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$$\frac{1}{H} \frac{d^2H}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{Q} \left( \frac{d^2Q}{dy^2} + v^2 Q \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{H} \frac{d^2H}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{Q} \left( \frac{d^2Q}{dy^2} + v^2 Q \right) = -k^2.$$

(6)  $\frac{d^2H}{dx^2} + k^2 H = 0$

and

(7)  $\frac{d^2Q}{dy^2} + p^2 Q = 0$        $p^2 = v^2 - k^2.$

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### Step 2. Satisfying the Boundary Condition

General solutions of (6) and (7) are

$$\frac{d^2H}{dx^2} + k^2H = 0 \rightarrow H(x) = A \cos kx + B \sin kx$$

$$\frac{d^2Q}{dy^2} + p^2Q = 0 \rightarrow Q(y) = C \cos py + D \sin py$$

**Boundary Conditions:**

$$u(0, y) = u(a, y) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = u(x, b) = 0 \rightarrow u(x, y, t) = H(x)Q(y)G(t)$$


$H(0) = 0, \quad H(a) = 0, \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q(b) = 0.$

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$$H(x) = A \cos kx + B \sin kx \quad Q(y) = C \cos py + D \sin py$$

$$H(0) = 0, \quad H(a) = 0,$$

$$H(0) = A = 0$$

$$H(a) = B \sin ka = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow k = \frac{m\pi}{a} \quad (m \text{ integer}).$$

**Similarly:**

$$Q(0) = 0, \quad Q(b) = 0.$$

$$C = 0 \quad p = \frac{n\pi y}{b} \quad \rightarrow Q_n(y) = \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b},$$

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We obtain:

$$(8) \quad F_{mn}(x, y) = H_m(x)Q_n(y) = \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b},$$

$$n = 1, 2, \dots, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p^2 = v^2 - k^2 \\ \lambda = cv \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \lambda = c\sqrt{k^2 + p^2}.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} k = m\pi/a \\ p = n\pi/b \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \lambda = \lambda_{mn} = c\pi\sqrt{\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2}},$$

(9)

**Eigenvalues**

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Recall “time function” ODE ( equation (4) ):

$$(4) \quad \lambda = \lambda_{mn} = c\pi\sqrt{\frac{m^2}{a^2} + \frac{n^2}{b^2}}, \quad \ddot{G} + \lambda^2 G = 0$$

A corresponding general solution of (4) is

$$G_{mn}(t) = B_{mn} \cos \lambda_{mn} t + B_{mn}^* \sin \lambda_{mn} t.$$

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$$(10) \quad u_{mn}(x, y, t) = (B_{mn} \cos \lambda_{mn} t + B_{mn}^* \sin \lambda_{mn} t) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

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**Step 3. Solution of the Model (1), (2), (3).**  
**Double Fourier Series**

To obtain the solutions that also satisfies initial conditions (3), we proceed as:

$$(14) \quad u(x, y, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_{mn}(x, y, t)$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_{mn} \cos \lambda_{mn} t + B_{mn}^* \sin \lambda_{mn} t) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

setting  $t = 0$ ,

$$(15) \quad u(x, y, 0) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} = f(x, y).$$

(15) is called the **double Fourier series** of  $f(x, y)$

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coefficients of **double Fourier** can be determined as follows:

Let:

$$(16) \quad K_m(y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{mn} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b}$$

we can write (15) in the form

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} K_m(y) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a}.$$

For fixed  $y$  this is the Fourier sine series of  $f(x, y)$ , considered as a function of  $x$ .

$$(17) \quad K_m(y) = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x, y) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} dx.$$

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Furthermore, (16) is the Fourier sine series of  $K_m(y)$ ,

$$B_{mn} = \frac{2}{b} \int_0^b K_m(y) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} dy.$$

From this and (17) we obtain the **generalized Euler formula**

$$(18) \quad B_{mn} = \frac{4}{ab} \int_0^b \int_0^a f(x, y) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} dx dy$$

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To determine the  $B_{mn}^*$ , 

differentiate (14) termwise with respect to  $t$ ; using (3b), we obtain

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{mn}^* \lambda_{mn} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} = g(x, y).$$

Then, proceeding as before, we find that the coefficients are

$$(19) \quad B_{mn}^* = \frac{4}{ab \lambda_{mn}} \int_0^b \int_0^a g(x, y) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{b} dx dy$$

**Solution Completed...**

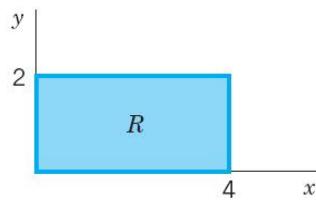
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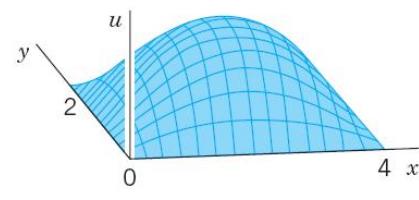
### EXAMPLE 2 Vibration of a Rectangular Membrane

Find the vibrations of a rectangular membrane of sides  $a = 4$  ft and  $b = 2$  ft (Fig. 305) if the tension is 12.5 lb/ft, the density is 2.5 slugs/ft<sup>2</sup> (as for light rubber), the initial velocity is 0, and the initial displacement is

$$(20) \quad f(x, y) = 0.1(4x - x^2)(2y - y^2) \text{ ft.}$$



Membrane



Initial displacement

Fig. 305. Example 2

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**Solution.**  $c^2 = T/\rho = 12.5/2.5 = 5$  [ft<sup>2</sup>/sec<sup>2</sup>]. Also  $B_{mn}^* = 0$  from (19). From (18) and (20),

$$\begin{aligned} B_{mn} &= \frac{4}{4 \cdot 2} \int_0^2 \int_0^4 0.1(4x - x^2)(2y - y^2) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{4} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{2} dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{20} \int_0^4 (4x - x^2) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{4} dx \int_0^2 (2y - y^2) \sin \frac{n\pi y}{2} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Two integrations by parts give for the first integral on the right

$$\frac{128}{m^3 \pi^3} [1 - (-1)^m] = \frac{256}{m^3 \pi^3} \quad (m \text{ odd})$$

and for the second integral

For even  $m$  or  $n$  we get 0.

$$\frac{16}{n^3 \pi^3} [1 - (-1)^n] = \frac{32}{n^3 \pi^3} \quad (n \text{ odd}).$$

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**Then we obtain:**

$$B_{mn} = \frac{256 \cdot 32}{20m^3 n^3 \pi^6} \approx \frac{0.426050}{m^3 n^3} \quad (m \text{ and } n \text{ both odd}).$$

From this, (9), and (14) we obtain the answer

$$(21) \quad u(x, y, t) = 0.426050 \sum_{m,n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{m^3 n^3} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}\pi}{4} \sqrt{m^2 + 4n^2}\right) t \sin \frac{m\pi x}{4} \sin \frac{n\pi y}{2}$$

$$= 0.426050 \left( \cos \frac{\sqrt{5}\pi\sqrt{5}}{4} t \sin \frac{\pi x}{4} \sin \frac{\pi y}{2} + \frac{1}{27} \cos \frac{\sqrt{5}\pi\sqrt{37}}{4} t \sin \frac{\pi x}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi y}{2} \right.$$

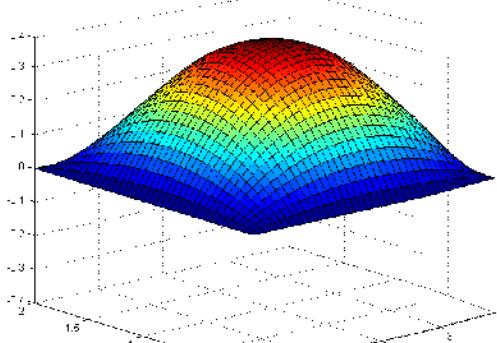
$$\left. + \frac{1}{27} \cos \frac{\sqrt{5}\pi\sqrt{13}}{4} t \sin \frac{3\pi x}{4} \sin \frac{\pi y}{2} + \frac{1}{729} \cos \frac{\sqrt{5}\pi\sqrt{45}}{4} t \sin \frac{3\pi x}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi y}{2} + \dots \right).$$

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