



**Soru 1 (Separation of Variables).**

[25p] Explain the method of *Separation of Variables* for partial differential equations.

[25p] *Değişkenleri Ayırma Yöntemini* kısmi türevli diferansiyel denklemleri için açıklayınız.

Imagine that you are explaining the method of *Separation of Variables* to someone who hasn't studied this course. How would you explain it? This question should take you  $\approx 25$  minutes.

You might like to include:

- the main concepts of this method;
- an explanation of the *separation constant*
- an explanation of *eigenvalues* and *eigenfunctions*;
- an example of your choosing.

Bu dersi almamış birisine *Değişkenleri Ayırma Yöntemini* anlatmanız gerektiğini varsayalım. Bu yöntemi nasıl anlatırdınız? Bu soruyu cevaplamak yaklaşık 25 dakikanızı alacaktır.

Bu soruyu cevaplariken aşağıdaki noktalara da yer veriniz:

- bu yöntemin temel kavramları;
- *ayırma sabitinin* açıklaması;
- *özdeğer* ve *özışlev*'in açıklamaları;
- sizin seçtiğiniz bir örnek.

The are many possible solutions to this question.

Marks will be given generously.

**Soru 2 (Method of Characteristics).** Consider

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + t^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 5. \quad (1)$$

(a) [1p] Equation (1) is

linear;  non-linear AND quasilinear;  non-linear, but not quasilinear;

(b) [17p] Use the method of characteristics to solve

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + t^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 5 \\ u(x, 0) = x. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Using the Method of Characteristics, we can change (1) into two ODEs:

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 5 \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = t^2 u.$$

Since the latter equation includes  $u$ , we start with the former.

The solution to  $u' = 5$  is  $u(x(t), t) = 5t + K$ . At  $t = 0$ , we have  $x_0 = u(x_0, 0) = K$ . Therefore

$$u(x(t), t) = 5t + x_0.$$

The latter ODE then becomes  $x' = 5t^3 + x_0 t^2$  which has solution

$$x(t) = \frac{5}{4}t^4 + \frac{1}{3}x_0 t^3 + x_0 = \frac{5}{4}t^4 + \left(\frac{1}{3}t^3 + 1\right)x_0.$$

Solving for  $x_0$ , we have that

$$x_0 = \frac{x - \frac{5}{4}t^4}{\frac{t^3}{3} + 1}.$$

Therefore

$$u(x, t) = 5t + \frac{x - \frac{5}{4}t^4}{\frac{t^3}{3} + 1}$$

is the solution to (2).

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + t^2 u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 5 \quad (1)$$

- (c) [7p] Check your answer to part (b) by differentiating your solution  $u(x, t)$  and calculating  $(u_t + t^2 u u_x)$ .

My answer to part (b) is

$$u(x, t) = 5t + \frac{x - \frac{5}{4}t^4}{\frac{t^3}{3} + 1}.$$

We can calculate that

$$u_t = 5 + \frac{(-5t^3) \left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 1\right) - (x - \frac{5}{4}t^4) (t^2)}{\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 1\right)^2} = 5 + \frac{\frac{5}{4}t^6 - \frac{5}{3}t^6 - 5t^3 - xt^2}{\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 1\right)^2}$$

and

$$u_x = \frac{1}{\frac{t^3}{3} + 1}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} u_t + t^2 u u_x &= 5 + \frac{\frac{5}{4}t^6 - \frac{5}{3}t^6 - 5t^3 - xt^2}{\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 1\right)^2} + t^2 \left(5t + \frac{x - \frac{5}{4}t^4}{\frac{t^3}{3} + 1}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\frac{t^3}{3} + 1}\right) \\ &= 5 + \frac{\frac{5}{4}t^6 - \frac{5}{3}t^6 - 5t^3 - xt^2}{\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 1\right)^2} + t^2 \left(\frac{\frac{5}{3}t^4 + 5t + x - \frac{5}{4}t^4}{\frac{t^3}{3} + 1}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\frac{t^3}{3} + 1}\right) \\ &= 5 + \frac{\frac{5}{4}t^6 - \frac{5}{3}t^6 - 5t^3 - xt^2}{\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 1\right)^2} + \frac{\frac{5}{3}t^6 + 5t^3 + xt^2 - \frac{5}{4}t^6}{\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + 1\right)^2} \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

as expected.

**Soru 3 (The Parallelogram Rule).** Consider the wave equation on a string, of length  $L$ , with fixed ends:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 & 0 < x < L \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) & f : (0, L) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) & g : (0, L) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ u(0, t) = 0 \\ u(L, t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $c > 0$ .

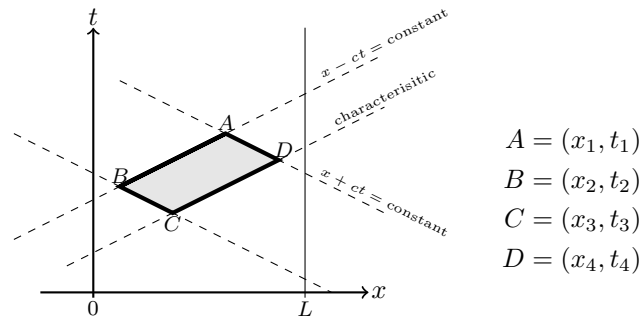
(a) [5p] First show that

$$u(x, t) = F(x - ct) + G(x + ct)$$

solves the wave equation,  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$ , for any twice differentiable functions  $F : (0, L) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $G : (0, L) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $u_t(x, t) = -cF'(x - ct) + cG'(x + ct)$ ,  $u_{tt}(x, t) = c^2F''(x - ct) + c^2G''(x + ct)$ ,  $u_x(x, t) = F'(x - ct) + G'(x + ct)$  and  $u_{xx}(x, t) = F''(x - ct) + G''(x + ct)$ , we have that

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = (c^2F'' + c^2G'') - c^2(F'' + G'') = 0.$$



Suppose that

- the parallelogram  $ABCD$  is contained in  $[0, L] \times [0, \infty)$ ;
- each of the edges of the parallelogram lies on characteristics of the wave equation; and
- $u(x, t) = F(x - ct) + G(x + ct)$ .

(b) [20p] Prove that

$$u(A) + u(C) = u(B) + u(D).$$

Let  $F$  and  $G$  be as in part (a). Abusing notation; when I write  $F(A)$ , I mean  $F(x_1 - ct_1)$ . Similarly  $G(C) := G(x_3 + ct_3)$ , etc.

Now, since  $A$  and  $B$  lie on the same characteristic  $x - ct = \text{constant}$ , we must have that

$$F(A) = F(x_1 - ct_1) = F(\text{constant}) = F(x_2 - ct_2) = F(B).$$

Similarly  $F(C) = F(D)$ ,  $G(A) = G(D)$  and  $G(B) = G(C)$ .

It is then straightforward to see that

$$\begin{aligned} u(A) + u(C) &= F(A) + G(A) + F(C) + G(C) \\ &= F(B) + G(D) + F(D) + G(B) \\ &= u(B) + u(D). \end{aligned}$$

**Soru 4 (Fourier Transforms).** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  denote the Fourier Transform operator with respect to  $x$ .

(a) [7p] Suppose that  $v : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable. Show that

$$\mathcal{F} \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right] (\omega, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{F}[v](\omega, t)$$

for all  $\omega, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\mathcal{F} \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right] (\omega, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(x, t) e^{-i\omega x} dx = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(x, t) e^{-i\omega x} dx \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{F}[v](\omega, t).$$

(b) [18p] Use the Fourier Transform to solve

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + u \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 = 0, & -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty, \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Taking Fourier Transforms, the problem becomes

$$\begin{cases} 0 = U_{tt} + U(-\omega^2 U) - (i\omega U)^2 = U_{tt} \\ U(\omega, 0) = F(\omega) \\ U_t(\omega, 0) = 0. \end{cases} \quad [5]$$

The general solution of  $U_{tt} = 0$  is

$$U(\omega, t) = A(\omega)t + B(\omega).$$

Using the initial conditions, we obtain  $A = 0$  and  $B(\omega) = F(\omega)$ . Therefore

$$U(\omega, t) = F(\omega). \quad [10]$$

Therefore the solution to (4) is

$$u(x, t) = f(x, t). \quad [3]$$

**Soru 5 (Fourier Sine Series).** Define the function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & x = 0, x = 1, \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 < x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ x & \frac{1}{2} < x < 1. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

(a) [7p] Show that

$$\{\sin n\pi x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

is an orthogonal system on  $[-1, 1]$ .

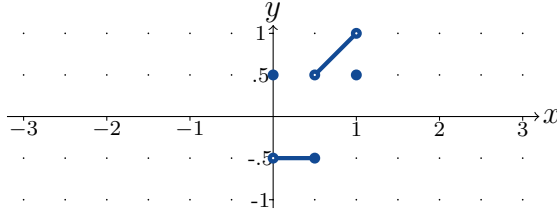
[HINT:  $\cos(A + B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$ , so  $\cos(A + B) + \cos(A - B) = ?$  and  $\cos(A + B) - \cos(A - B) = ?$ ]

Let  $n \neq m, n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

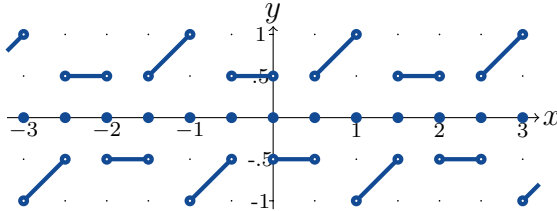
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sin nx, \sin mx \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 \sin nx \sin mx \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 -\cos(n+m)\pi x + \cos(n-m)\pi x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{-1}{(n+m)\pi} \sin(n+m)\pi x + \frac{1}{(n-m)\pi} \sin(n-m)\pi x \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\{\sin n\pi x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an orthogonal system on  $[-1, 1]$ .

(b) [1p] Sketch  $f$ .



(c) [7p] Sketch the Fourier **Sine** Series of  $f$ .



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & x = 0, x = 1, \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 < x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ x & \frac{1}{2} < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

(d) [10p] Calculate the coefficients ( $b_k, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) of the Fourier **Sine** Series of  $f$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin k\pi x \, dx = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin k\pi x \, dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \sin k\pi x \, dx + 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 x \sin k\pi x \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} -\sin k\pi x \, dx + 2 \left[ x \frac{-\cos k\pi x}{k\pi} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 - 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \frac{-\cos k\pi x}{k\pi} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{k\pi} \left[ \cos k\pi x \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{k\pi} \left[ x \cos k\pi x \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 + \frac{2}{k^2\pi^2} \left[ \sin k\pi x \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{k\pi} \left( \cos \frac{1}{2}k\pi - 1 \right) - \frac{2}{k\pi} \left( (-1)^k - \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{1}{2}k\pi \right) + \frac{2}{k^2\pi^2} \left( 0 - \sin \frac{1}{2}k\pi \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k\pi} \left( 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}k\pi - 1 - 2(-1)^k \right) - \frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}k\pi}{k^2\pi^2} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k\pi} - \frac{2}{k^2\pi^2} & k = 1, 5, 9, \dots \\ -\frac{5}{k\pi} & k = 2, 6, 10, \dots \\ \frac{1}{k\pi} + \frac{2}{k^2\pi^2} & k = 3, 7, 11, \dots \\ -\frac{1}{k\pi} & k = 4, 8, 12, \dots \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$