

Lecture Outline for Monday, Oct. 30

1. Not always possible to find a solution with SOV method; some PDE solutions are not separable. Which of the following PDEs can be solved via SOV, and which cannot?

a. $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

b. $a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - g = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$, where g is a constant

c. $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + u$

d. $a^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$

2. Wave equation example

$$v^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0$$

- a. Vibrations of string: $v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho}}$, where T = tension in string, ρ = mass per unit length
- b. Typical BCs and ICs (two ICs because time problem is second order)

$$u(0,t) = 0, \quad u(L,t) = 0, \quad u(x,0) = f(x), \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = g(x)$$

- c. Apply SOV method to obtain

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) \right]$$

$$\text{with} \quad A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad \text{and} \quad B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi v} \int_0^L g(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

- d. As with heat equation, BCs typically determine spatial eigenfunctions and ICs typically determine coefficients (use orthogonality of inner products)