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1 Section 27, Problem 8

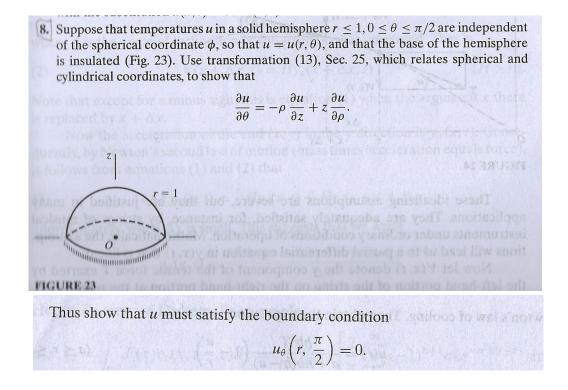


Figure 1: Problem statement

Solution

The cylindrical and spherical coordinates are defined as given in the textbook figures shown below

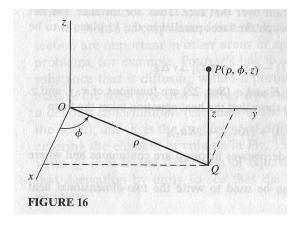


Figure 2: Cylinderical coordinates

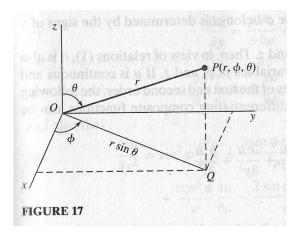


Figure 3: Spherical coordinates

The relation between these is given by (13) in the book

$$z = r\cos\theta\tag{1}$$

$$\rho = r \sin \theta \tag{2}$$

$$\phi = \phi \tag{3}$$

To obtain the required formula, we will use the chain rule. Since in spherical we have $u \equiv u(r, \theta)$ and in cylindrical we have $u \equiv u(\rho, z)$, then by chain rule

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta}$$

But from (2) $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta$ and from (1) $\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta$, hence the above becomes

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} (r \cos \theta) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} (-r \sin \theta)$$

But $r\cos\theta=z$ and $-r\sin\theta=\rho$, hence the above simplifies to

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = z \frac{\partial u}{\partial \rho} - \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \tag{4}$$

Which is the result required to show. Now we need to show that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$ evaluated at boundary $r=1, \theta=\frac{\pi}{2}$ is zero. But $\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}$ implies that z=0, since $z=r\cos\theta$. Hence (4) now reduces to

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \tag{4}$$

Since $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$ is the directional derivative normal to the base surface. But we are told it is insulated. This implies that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$, since by definition this is what insulated means. Therefore $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 0$ at r = 1, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, which is what we are asked to show.

2 Section 28, Problem 1

A stretched string, with its ends fixed at the points 0 and 2c on the x axis, hangs at rest under its own weight. The y axis is directed vertically upward. Point out how it follows from the nonhomogeneous wave equation (6), Sec. 28, that the static displacements y(x) of points on the string must satisfy the differential equation

$$a^2y''(x) = g \left(a^2 = \frac{H}{\delta}\right)$$

on the interval 0 < x < 2c, in addition to the boundary conditions

$$y(0) = 0,$$
 $y(2c) = 0.$

By solving this boundary value problem, show that the string hangs in the parabolic

$$(x - c)^{2} = \frac{2a^{2}}{g} \left(y + \frac{gc^{2}}{2a^{2}} \right)$$
 $(0 \le x \le 2c)$

and that the depth of the vertex of the arc varies directly with c^2 and δ and inversely with H.

Figure 4: Problem statement

Eq (6) in section 28 is

$$y_{tt}(x,t) = a^2 y_{xx}(x,t) - g$$

At static displacement, by definition, there is no time dependency, hence $y_{tt} = 0$ and the above becomes

$$0 = a^2 y_{xx}(x, t) - g$$

Therefore now this becomes an ODE instead of a PDE since it does not depend on time, and we can write the above as

$$a^2y''(x) = g \tag{1}$$

The boundary conditions y(0,t) = 0 and y(2x,t) = 0 now become y(0) = 0, y(2x) = 0. Now we need to solve (1) with these boundary conditions. This is an boundary value ODE.

$$y''(x) = \frac{g}{a^2}$$

The RHS is constant. The solution to the homogeneous ODE y'' = 0 is $y_h = Ax + B$. Let the particular solution be $y_p = C_3 x^2$, then $y_p' = 2C_3 x$ and $y_p'' = 2C_3$. Substituting this in the above ODE gives

$$2C_3 = \frac{g}{a^2}$$
$$C_3 = \frac{g}{2a^2}$$

Hence $y_p(x) = \frac{g}{2a^2}x^2$. Therefore the general solution is

$$y = y_h + y_p$$

= $Ax + B + \frac{g}{2a^2}x^2$ (2)

Now we will use the boundary conditions to find A, B above. At x = 0, (2) becomes

$$0 = B$$

Hence solution (2) reduces to

$$y(x) = Ax + \frac{g}{2a^2}x^2 \tag{3}$$

At x = 2c, the second boundary condition gives

$$0 = 2cA + \frac{g}{2a^2} (4c^2)$$
$$A = \frac{-g}{2a^2} \frac{(4c^2)}{2c}$$
$$= \frac{-gc}{a^2}$$

Hence the solution (3) becomes

$$y = \frac{-gc}{a^2}x + \frac{g}{2a^2}x^2$$

$$y = \frac{gx^2 - 2gcx}{2a^2}$$
(4)

To get the result needed, we can manipulate this more as follows. From (4)

$$2a^{2}y = gx^{2} - 2gcx$$
$$= g(x^{2} - 2cx)$$
$$= g(x - c)^{2} - gc^{2}$$

Hence

$$g(x-c)^{2} = 2a^{2}y + gc^{2}$$
$$(x-c)^{2} = \frac{2a^{2}y}{g} + c^{2}$$
$$= \frac{2a^{2}}{g} \left(y + \frac{gc^{2}}{2a^{2}} \right)$$

Now since $a^2 = \frac{H}{\delta}$ then the above becomes

$$\frac{g}{2a^2} (x - c)^2 = y + \frac{gc^2}{2a^2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2a^2} \left(g (x - c)^2 - gc^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{g}{2\frac{H}{\delta}} \left((x - c)^2 - c^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\delta}{H} \frac{g}{2} \left((x - c)^2 - c^2 \right)$$

We see now that y is directly proportional to δ and c^2 and inversely proportional to H.

3 Section 28, Problem 5

A strand of wire 1 ft long, stretched between the origin and the point 1 on the x axis, weighs 0.032 lb ($\delta g = 0.032$, g = 32 ft/s²) and H = 10 lb. At the instant t = 0, the strand lies along the x axis but has a velocity of 1 ft/s in the direction of the y axis, perhaps because the supports were in motion and were brought to rest at that instant. Assuming that no external forces act along the wire, state why the displacements y(x, t) should satisfy this boundary value problem:

$$y_{tt}(x,t) = 10^4 y_{xx}(x,t) \qquad (0 < x < 1, t > 0),$$

$$y(0,t) = y(1,t) = 0, \qquad y(x,0) = 0, \qquad y_t(x,0) = 1.$$

Figure 5: Problem statement

solution

The wave PDE in 1D is given by

$$y_{tt}(x,t) = a^2 y_{xx}(x,t)$$
 (1)

Where

$$a^2 = \frac{H}{\delta}$$

Where H is the tension in the strand and δ is the mass per unit length of the strand. But weight = (mass)g, hence $\delta = \frac{weight}{g}$. We are given that weight = 0.032 lb, and that g = 32 ft/s². This implies that

$$\delta = \frac{0.032}{32} = \frac{1}{1000}$$

Hence

$$a^2 = \frac{10}{\frac{1}{1000}} = 10^4$$

Therefore (1) becomes

$$y_{tt}(x,t) = 10^4 y_{xx}(x,t)$$
 (2)

Since at t = 0 we are told that strand lies along the x - axis, then y(x, 0) = 0 and problem says $y_t(x, 0) = 1$. For boundary conditions, since strand fixed at x = 0 and x = 1, then this implies y(0, t) = 0 and y(1, t) = 0. Therefore the PDE is

$$y_{tt}(x,t) = 10^4 y_{xx}(x,t)$$
 $0 < x < 1, t > 0$
 $y(x,0) = 0$
 $y_t(x,0) = 1$
 $y(0,t) = 0$
 $y(1,t) = 0$

4 Section 30, Problem 3

Let y(x, t) represent transverse displacements in a long stretched string one end of which is attached to a ring that can slide along the y axis. The other end is so far out on the positive x axis that it may be considered to be infinitely far from the origin. The ring is initially at the origin and is then moved along the y axis (Fig. 27) so that y = f(t) when x = 0 and $t \ge 0$, where f is a prescribed continuous function and f(0) = 0. We assume that the string is initially at rest on the x axis; thus $y(x, t) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. The

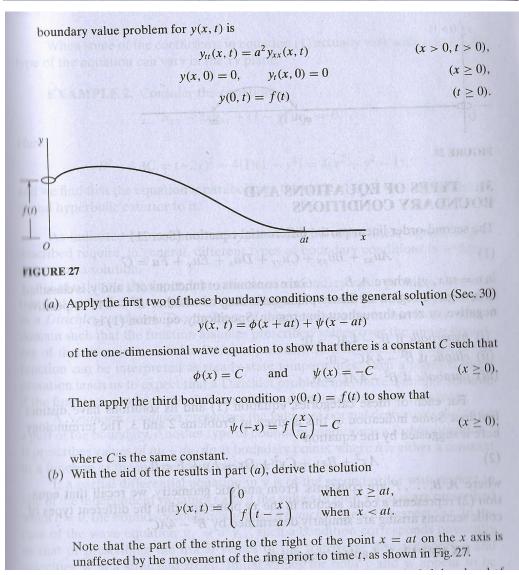


Figure 6: Problem statement

4.1 Part a

Applying the first initial conditions y(x, 0) = 0 to the solution

$$y(x,t) = \phi(x+at) + \psi(x-at) \tag{1}$$

Gives

$$0 = \phi(x) + \psi(x) \tag{2}$$

But $y_t = a\phi' - a\psi'$. Hence the second initial conditions at t = 0 gives

$$0 = a\phi'(x) - a\psi'(x) \tag{3}$$

Taking derivative of (2) and multiplying the resulting equation by a gives

$$0 = a\phi'(x) + a\psi'(x) \tag{2A}$$

Adding (3,2A) gives

$$2a\phi'(x) = 0$$
$$\phi'(x) = 0$$

Therefore

$$\phi\left(x\right) = C\tag{4}$$

Where C is an arbitrary constant. Substituting the above result back in (2) gives

$$0 = C + \psi(x)$$

$$\psi(x) = -C$$
 (5)

From (4,5) we see that

$$\phi(x) = C$$
$$\psi(x) = -C$$

Now applying boundary condition y(0,t) = f(t) to (1) gives

$$f(t) = \phi(at) + \psi(-at)$$

But a is the speed of the wave given by $a = \frac{x}{t}$ or $t = \frac{x}{a}$. Hence the above becomes

$$f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) = \phi(x) + \psi(-x)$$
$$\psi(-x) = f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) - \phi(x)$$

Since $\phi(x) = C$ from equation (4), then the final result is obtained

$$\psi(-x) = f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) - C \qquad x \ge 0 \tag{6}$$

4.2 Part b

Since the part to the right of x = at is unaffected by the movement of the right, then

$$y(x,t) = 0 x \ge at (1)$$

So now we need to find the solution for x < at and $x \ge 0$. From

$$y(x,t) = \phi(x+at) + \psi(x-at)$$

And using (6) in part (a), we see that $\psi(x-at) = f\left(\frac{-(x-at)}{a}\right) - C$. Therefore the above becomes

$$y(x,t) = \phi(x+at) + f\left(\frac{-(x-at)}{a}\right) - C$$

But also from part (a) $\phi(x + at) = C$. Hence the above simplifies to

$$y(x,t) = c + f\left(\frac{-(x-at)}{a}\right) - C$$

$$= f\left(\frac{-x+at}{a}\right)$$

$$= f\left(t - \frac{x}{a}\right) \qquad x < at$$
(2)

Combining (1) and (2) shows that

$$y(x,t) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \ge at \\ f\left(t - \frac{x}{a}\right) & x < at \end{cases}$$

5 Section 30, Problem 4

4. Use the solution obtained in Problem 3 to show that if the ring at the left-hand end of the string in that problem is moved according to the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin \pi t & \text{when } 0 \le t \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{when } t > 1, \end{cases}$$

then

$$y(x,t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } x \le a(t-1) \text{ or } x \ge at, \\ \sin\left[\pi\left(t - \frac{x}{a}\right)\right] & \text{when } a(t-1) < x < at. \end{cases}$$

Observe that the ring is lifted up 1 unit and then returned to the origin, where it remains after time t = 1. The expression for y(x, t) here shows that when t > 1, the string coincides with the x axis except on an interval of length a, where it forms one arch of a sine curve (Fig. 28). Furthermore, as t increases, the arch moves to the right with speed a.

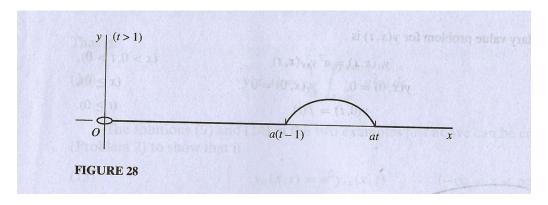


Figure 7: Problem statement

This requires just substitution of the function f(t) given into the solution found above which is

$$y(x,t) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \ge at \\ f\left(t - \frac{x}{a}\right) & x < at \end{cases}$$
 (1)

But

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin \pi t & 0 \le t \le 1\\ 0 & t > 1 \end{cases}$$
 (2)

Substituting (2) into (1) gives, after replacing each t in (2) by $t - \frac{x}{a}$ the result needed

$$y(x,t) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \ge at \\ \sin\left(\pi\left(t - \frac{x}{a}\right)\right) & a(t-1) < x < at \end{cases}$$

6 Section 31, Problem 2

2. Consider the partial differential equation

$$Ay_{xx} + By_{xt} + Cy_{tt} = 0 (A \neq 0, C \neq 0)$$

where A, B, and C are constants, and assume that it is hyperbolic, so that $B^2 - 4AC > 0$ (a) Use the transformation

$$u = x + \alpha t, \qquad v = x + \beta t \qquad (\alpha \neq \beta)$$

to obtain the new differential equation

$$(A + B\alpha + C\alpha^{2})y_{uu} + [2A + B(\alpha + \beta) + 2C\alpha\beta]y_{uv} + (A + B\beta + C\beta^{2})y_{vv} = 0.$$

(b) Show that when α and β have the values

$$lpha_0 = rac{-B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2C}$$
 and $eta_0 = rac{-B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2C},$

respectively, the differential equation in part (a) reduces to $y_{uv} = 0$.

(c) Conclude from the result in part (b) that the general solution of the original differential equation is

$$y = \phi(x + \alpha_0 t) + \psi(x + \beta_0 t),$$

where ϕ and ψ are arbitrary functions that are twice differentiable. Then show how the general solution (7), Sec. 30, of the wave equation

$$-a^2y_{xx}+y_{tt}=0$$

follows as a special case.

Figure 8: Problem Statement

6.1 Part a

We want to do the transformation from y(x, t) to y(u, v). Therefore

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

But $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 1$, hence the above becomes

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y}$$

And

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

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

But $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 1$, hence the above becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial u^2} + 2\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial uv} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial v^2}$$

$$y_{xx} = y_{uu} + y_{vv} + 2y_{uv}$$
(1)

Similarly,

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$$

But $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \beta$, hence the above becomes

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

And

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\alpha \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right) \\ &= \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right) + \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right) \\ &= \alpha \left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial u^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial u v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right) + \beta \left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial v^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial u v} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) \end{split}$$

But $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \beta$, hence the above becomes

$$\frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial t^{2}} = \alpha \left(\alpha \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial u^{2}} + \beta \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial u v} \right) + \beta \left(\beta \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial v^{2}} + \alpha \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial u v} \right)
= \alpha^{2} \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial u^{2}} + \alpha \beta \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial u v} + \beta^{2} \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial v^{2}} + \alpha \beta \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial u v}
y_{tt} = \alpha^{2} y_{uu} + \beta^{2} y_{vv} + 2\alpha \beta y_{uv}$$
(2)

And to obtain y_{xt} , then starting from above result obtained

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

Now taking partial derivative w.r.t. x gives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\alpha \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)$$

$$= \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right) + \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)$$

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

But $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 1$, hence the above becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right) = \alpha \left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial u v} \right) + \beta \left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial v^2} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial u v} \right)$$

$$y_{xt} = \alpha y_{uu} + (\alpha + \beta) y_{vu} + \beta y_{vv}$$
(3)

Substituting (1,2,3) into $Ay_{xx} + By_{xt} + Cy_{tt} = 0$ results in

$$A\left(y_{uu}+y_{vv}+2y_{uv}\right)+B\left(\alpha y_{uu}+\left(\alpha+\beta\right)y_{vu}+\beta y_{vv}\right)+C\left(\alpha^2 y_{uu}+\beta^2 y_{vv}+2\alpha\beta y_{uv}\right)=0$$
 Or

$$y_{uu}\left(A+B\alpha+C\alpha^{2}\right)+y_{uv}\left(2A+B\left(\alpha+\beta\right)+2C\alpha\beta\right)+y_{vv}\left(A+B\beta+C\beta^{2}\right)=0$$

6.2 Part b

Looking at the term above for y_{uu} we see it is $A + B\alpha + C\alpha^2$ which has the root

$$\alpha = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{1}{2a}\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$$
$$= -\frac{B}{2C} \pm \frac{1}{2C}\sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}$$

Hence if we pick the root $\alpha = \alpha_0 = -\frac{B}{2C} + \frac{1}{2C}\sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}$ then the term y_{uu} vanishes. Similarly for the term multiplied by y_{vv} which is $A + B\beta + C\beta^2$. The root is

$$\beta = -\frac{B}{2C} \pm \frac{1}{2C} \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}$$

And if we pick $\beta = \beta_0 = -\frac{B}{2C} - \frac{1}{2C}\sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}$ then the term y_{vv} vanishes also in the PDE obtained in part (a), and now the PDE becomes

$$y_{uv} \left(2A + B \left(\alpha + \beta \right) + 2C\alpha\beta \right) = 0$$

Substituting the above selected roots α_0 , β_0 into the above in place of α , β since these are the values we picked, then the above becomes

$$y_{uv} \left(2A + B \left(-\frac{B}{2C} + \frac{1}{2C} \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC} - \frac{B}{2C} - \frac{1}{2C} \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC} \right) + 2C\alpha\beta \right) = 0$$
$$y_{uv} \left(2A - \frac{2B^2}{2C} + 2C\alpha\beta \right) = 0$$

And again replacing $\alpha\beta$ above with α_0, β_0 results in

$$y_{uv} \left(2A - \frac{2B^2}{2C} + 2C \left(-\frac{B}{2C} + \frac{1}{2C} \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC} \right) \left(-\frac{B}{2C} - \frac{1}{2C} \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC} \right) \right) = 0$$

$$y_{uv} \left(2A - \frac{2B^2}{2C} + 2C \left(\frac{B^2}{4C^2} + \frac{1}{4C^2} \left(B^2 - 4AC \right) \right) \right) = 0$$

$$y_{uv} \left(2A - \frac{2B^2}{2C} + \frac{B^2}{2C} + \frac{1}{2C} \left(B^2 - 4AC \right) \right) = 0$$

$$y_{uv} \left(2A - \frac{2B^2}{2C} + \frac{B^2}{2C} + \frac{B^2}{2C} - 2A \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{B^2}{2C} y_{uv} = 0$$

Since $B \neq 0$, $C \neq 0$ then the above simplifies to

$$y_{uv} = 0$$

6.3 Part c

Since

 $y_{uv} = 0$

Or

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right) = 0$$

The implies that

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = \Phi(u)$$

Integrating w.r.t. u gives

$$y(u,v) = \int \Phi(u) du + \psi(v)$$

Where $\psi(v)$ is the constant of integration which is a function.

Let $\int \Phi(u) du = \phi(u)$ then the above can be written as

$$y(u,v) = \phi(u) + \psi(v)$$

Or in terms of x, t, since $u = x + \alpha t$ and $v = x + \beta t$ the above solution becomes

$$y(x,t) = \phi(x + \alpha t) + \psi(x + \beta t)$$

Where ϕ , ψ are arbitrary functions twice differentiable. When $\alpha = +a$, $\beta = -a$, then the above becomes

$$y(x,t) = \phi(x+at) + \psi(x-at)$$

Which is the general solution (7) in section (30). QED

(1)

7 Section 31, Problem 3

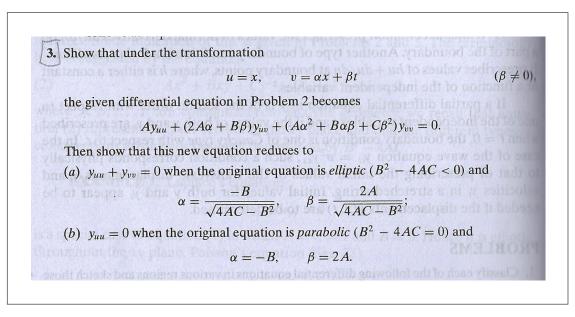


Figure 9: Problem Statement

The differential equation in problem 2 is

$$Ay_{xx} + By_{xt} + Cy_{tt} = 0$$

We want to do the transformation from y(x, t) to y(u, v) with

$$u = x$$
$$v = \alpha x + \beta t$$

Now

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

But $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \alpha$, hence the above becomes

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \alpha \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

And

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$$

But $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \beta$, hence the above becomes

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial y}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial x^{2}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} + \alpha \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right) + \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial u^{2}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial uv} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + \alpha \left(\frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial v^{2}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial vu} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$$

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$$= \frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial u^{2}} + \alpha \frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial uv} + \alpha^{2} \frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial v^{2}} + \alpha \frac{\partial^{2}y}{\partial vu}$$

$$y_{xx} = y_{uu} + \alpha^{2}y_{vv} + 2\alpha y_{uv}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial t^{2}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)
= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)
= \beta \left(\frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial v^{2}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial v u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)
= \beta \left(\beta \frac{\partial^{2} y}{\partial v^{2}} \right)
y_{tt} = \beta^{2} y_{vv}$$
(2)

And to obtain y_{xt} , then starting from above result obtained

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$$

Now taking partial derivative w.r.t. x gives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\beta \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)
= \beta \left(\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial v^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial v u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)
= \beta \left(\alpha \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial v^2} + \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial v u} \right)
y_{xt} = \alpha \beta y_{vv} + \beta y_{vu}$$
(3)

Substituting (1,2,3) into $Ay_{xx} + By_{xt} + Cy_{tt} = 0$ results in

$$A\left(y_{uu} + \alpha^2 y_{vv} + 2\alpha y_{uv}\right) + B\left(\alpha\beta y_{vv} + \beta y_{vu}\right) + C\left(\beta^2 y_{vv}\right) = 0$$

Or

$$Ay_{uu} + y_{uv} \left(2A\alpha + B\beta \right) + y_{vv} \left(A\alpha^2 + B\alpha\beta + C\beta^2 \right) = 0 \tag{4}$$

Which is what asked to show.

7.1 Part a

Setting
$$\alpha = \frac{-B}{\sqrt{4AC-B^2}}$$
, $\beta = \frac{2A}{\sqrt{4AC-B^2}}$ in (4) above results in
$$Ay_{uu} + y_{uv} \left(2A \left(\frac{-B}{\sqrt{4AC-B^2}} \right) + B \left(\frac{2A}{\sqrt{4AC-B^2}} \right) \right) + y_{vv} \left(A\alpha^2 + B\alpha\beta + C\beta^2 \right) = 0$$
$$Ay_{uu} + y_{vv} \left(A\alpha^2 + B\alpha\beta + C\beta^2 \right) = 0$$

And the above now becomes

$$Ay_{uu} + y_{vv} \left(A \left(\frac{-B}{\sqrt{4AC - B^2}} \right)^2 + B \left(\frac{-B}{\sqrt{4AC - B^2}} \right) \left(\frac{2A}{\sqrt{4AC - B^2}} \right) + C \left(\frac{2A}{\sqrt{4AC - B^2}} \right)^2 \right) = 0$$

$$Ay_{uu} + y_{vv} \left(\frac{AB^2}{4AC - B^2} - \frac{2B^2A}{4AC - B^2} + \frac{4CA^2}{4AC - B^2} \right) = 0$$

$$Ay_{uu} + y_{vv} \left(\frac{AB^2 - 2B^2A + 4CA^2}{4AC - B^2} \right) = 0$$

$$Ay_{uu} + Ay_{vv} \left(\frac{-B^2 + 4CA}{4AC - B^2} \right) = 0$$

$$Ay_{uu} + Ay_{vv} \left(\frac{-B^2 + 4CA}{4AC - B^2} \right) = 0$$

$$A(y_{uu} + y_{vv}) = 0$$

Therefore, since $A \neq 0$ the above becomes

$$y_{uu} + y_{vv} = 0$$

7.2 Part b

Setting $\alpha = -B$, $\beta = 2A$ in (4) above results in

$$\begin{split} Ay_{uu} + y_{uv} \left(-2AB + 2AB \right) + y_{vv} \left(AB^2 - 2B^2A + 4CA^2 \right) &= 0 \\ Ay_{uu} + y_{vv} \left(4CA^2 - B^2A \right) &= 0 \\ Ay_{uu} - Ay_{vv} \left(B^2 - 4CA \right) &= 0 \end{split}$$

But $B^2 - 4CA = 0$, therefore the above becomes

$$y_{uu}=0$$