

Solve as simply as possible:

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

with $u(a, \theta, t) = 0$, $u(r, \theta, 0) = 0$, **and** $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, 0) = \alpha(r) \sin 3\theta$.

(7.7.45) represents the product solutions from separation of variables ($u(r, \theta, t) = f(r)g(\theta)h(t)$):

$$J_m(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r) \begin{cases} \cos m\theta \\ \sin m\theta \end{cases} \begin{cases} \cos(c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t) \\ \sin(c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t) \end{cases}$$

The first initial condition, $u(r, \theta, 0) = 0$, implies that all the terms containing $\cos(c\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} t)$ vanish. From the second initial condition, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, \theta, 0) = \alpha(r) \sin 3\theta$, implies that the only term that is necessary is when $m=3$, which means only $\sin 3\theta$ the terms. Then, by superposition,

$$u(r, \theta, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r) \sin 3\theta \sin(c\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} t)$$

From the second initial condition,

$$\alpha(r) \sin 3\theta = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n (c\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}}) J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r) \sin 3\theta$$

Cancelling the $\sin 3\theta$, we find that

$$\alpha(r) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n (c\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}}) J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r)$$

Using the orthogonality of $J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{mn}} r)$ with weight r :

$$A_n c\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} = \frac{\int_0^a \alpha(r) J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r) r dr}{\int_0^a J_3(\sqrt{\lambda_{3n}} r)^2 r dr}$$