

# Spring 2015 Welcome

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# Paul du Bois-Reymond (1889) PDE Classification



# Talking Points

Grade Distributions

Email

Accommodations

# Classifications of 2-D PDE's

Write  $Au_{xx} + 2Bu_{xy} + Cu_{yy} + Du_x + Eu_y + Fu = 0$  as the quadratic  $Ax^2 + 2Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$  and classify by the eigenvalues of quadratic form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B & C \end{bmatrix}$$

opposite signs means hyperbolic, same signs means elliptic,  
one zero parabolic

# Pierre-Simon Laplace (c1780) Laplace's Equation



# Properties of Solutions

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

Speed Zero

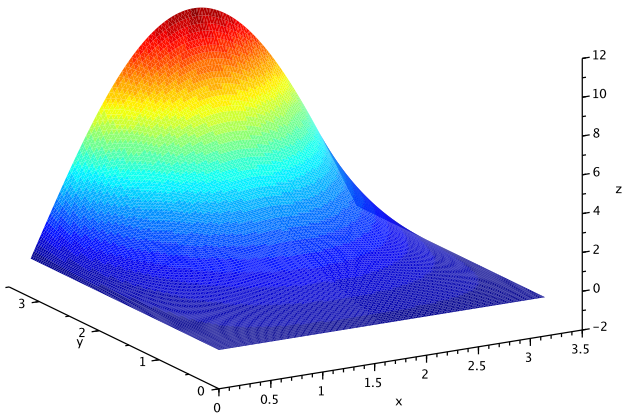
Solutions Harmonic – Power Series

Elliptic

Steady State Temperature

# Typical Solution

Laplace Solution  $z = \sin(x) \sinh(y)$



# Elliptic and Grade Distributions

<http://www.maa.org/CSPCC>

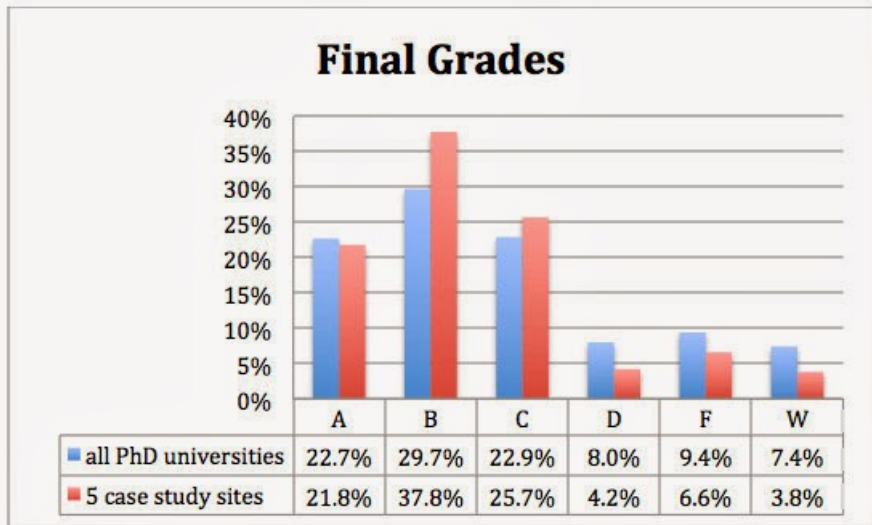
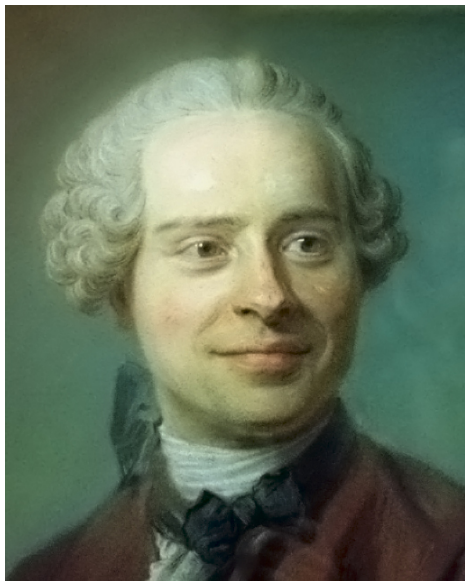


Figure 1: Instructor reported final grades.



# Jean le Rond d'Alembert (1748) Wave Equation



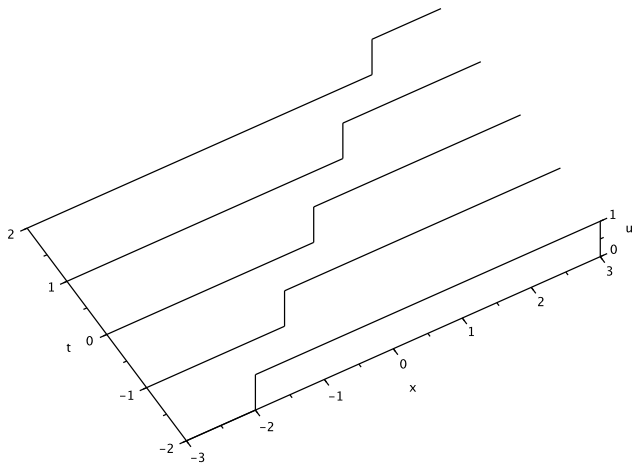
# Properties of Solutions

$$U_{xx} = U_{tt}$$

Finite Speed  
Discontinuous Solutions  
Hyperbolic  
Vibrating String

# Typical Solution

Wave Solution  $u(x, t) = H(x - t)$



Advisors (other than Pamela) are not your friend

- Do not reply to email from students wanting to add your class – just forward them to [advisor@math.fsu.edu](mailto:advisor@math.fsu.edu)

# Jean-Baptiste Fourier (1810-1822) Heat Equation



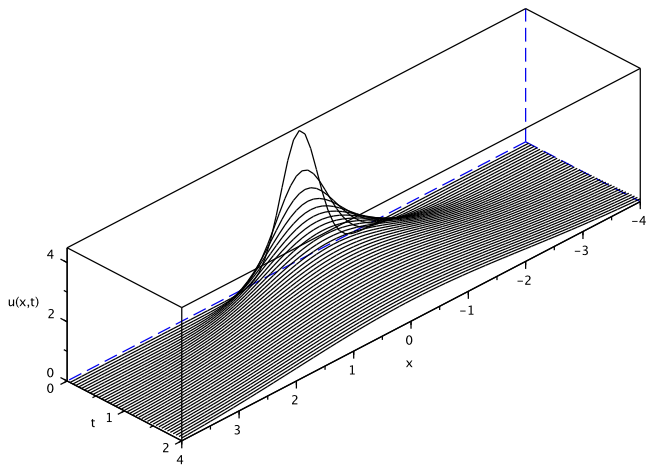
# Properties of Solutions

$$u_{xx} = u_t$$

Speed Infinity  
Solutions  $C^\infty$   
Parabolic  
Diffusion

# Typical Solution

Heat Equation Solution: Diffusion



# Heat Equation and Accommodations

- The letter isn't the request – It is a basis for discussion.
- Unlimited Excused Absences – One extra excused absence.



$u = H(x - t)$  is a solution to  $u_{xx} - u_{tt} = 0$

$H$  is the Heaviside function

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 1/2 & x = 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Show  $u_x + u_t = 0$

## Step 1: Integrate with respect to $x$ first

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u_x, \phi \rangle &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) \phi_x(x, t) dx dt \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} \phi_x(x, t) dx dt \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -\phi(t, t) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(t, t) dt\end{aligned}$$

## Step 2: Integrate with respect to $t$ first

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u_t, \phi \rangle &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) \phi_t(x, t) dt dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^x \phi_t(x, t) dt dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x, x) dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(t, t) dt\end{aligned}$$

## Step 3

We now know  $u_x + u_t = 0$  so

$$0 = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (u_x + u_t) = u_{xx} + u_{xt} - u_{tx} - u_{tt} = u_{xx} - u_{tt}$$

You have a lot of support, if you need help, ask.  
You are the math department.