

# General Solutions from Fundamental Solutions

## "Reciprocal Theorem"

Consider

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}(\underline{x}, t) &= -\nabla \cdot \underline{J}\{p\} + P(\underline{x}, t) \\ \frac{\partial q}{\partial t}(\underline{x}, t) &= -\nabla \cdot \underline{J}\{q\} + Q(\underline{x}, t) \end{aligned} \right\} (1)$$

where  $\underline{J}\{f\} = -D \nabla f$


Then

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial p}{\partial t'}(\underline{x}, t-t') &\equiv \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}(\underline{x}, t-t') \\ &= -\nabla \cdot \underline{J}\{p(\underline{x}, t-t')\} + P(\underline{x}, t-t') \end{aligned} \quad \dots (2)$$

and (1) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\underline{x}, t-t') \frac{\partial q}{\partial t'}(\underline{x}, t') + q(\underline{x}, t') \frac{\partial p}{\partial t'}(\underline{x}, t-t') \\ &= q(\underline{x}, t') \nabla \cdot \underline{J}\{p(\underline{x}, t-t')\} - p(\underline{x}, t-t') \nabla \cdot \underline{J}\{q(\underline{x}, t')\} \\ &\quad + p(\underline{x}, t-t') Q(\underline{x}, t') - q(\underline{x}, t') P(\underline{x}, t-t') \\ &\equiv \nabla \cdot [q(\underline{x}, t') \underline{J}\{p(\underline{x}, t-t')\} - p(\underline{x}, t-t') \underline{J}\{q(\underline{x}, t')\}] \\ &\quad + p(\underline{x}, t-t') Q(\underline{x}, t') - q(\underline{x}, t') P(\underline{x}, t-t') \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

Integration of (3) w.r.t.  $\underline{x}, t'$  over  $V \times (0, t)$  gives, with aid of Divergence theorem:



$$\int_V [\varphi(\underline{x}, t) p(\underline{x}, 0) - \varphi(\underline{x}, 0) p(\underline{x}, t)] dV(\underline{x})$$

$$= \int_{A_0}^t \int_V [\varphi(\underline{x}, t') \underline{J}_v \{p(\underline{x}, t-t')\} - p(\underline{x}, t-t') \underline{J}_v \{\varphi(\underline{x}, t')\}] dA dt'$$

$$+ \int_V \int_0^t [p(\underline{x}, t-t') Q(\underline{x}, t') - \varphi(\underline{x}, t') P(\underline{x}, t-t')] dV dt'$$

... (4)

where

$$\underline{J}_v \{f(\underline{x}, t)\} = \underline{J} \{f(\underline{x}, t)\} \cdot \underline{v}$$

$$= -D \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}(\underline{x}, t) \equiv -D \underline{v} \cdot \nabla f(\underline{x}, t)$$

$\underline{x}$  on  $A$ , is normal component of flux.

Construction of General Solution

$$\text{Let } p(\underline{x}, t) = F(\underline{x}, t; \underline{x}^*, 0), \quad P(\underline{x}, t) = \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}^*) \delta(t)$$

$$\text{where } F(\underline{x}, t; \underline{x}^*, t^*) \equiv F(\underline{x}, t - t^*; \underline{x}^*, 0) \quad (5)$$

$$\equiv F(\underline{x}^*, t; \underline{x}, t^*)$$

is a fundamental solution, satisfying

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \cdot \underline{J} \{F\} + \delta(\underline{x} - \underline{x}^*) \delta(t - t^*) \\ F(\underline{x}, t, \underline{x}^*, t^*) &\equiv 0, \quad t \leq t^* \end{aligned} \right\} \int_{\underline{w}}^{\underline{x}} dV \quad (6)$$

and an appropriate b.c. on  $\partial V = A$ . Then (4) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} q(\underline{x}^*, t) &= \int_V F(\underline{x}, t; \underline{x}^*, 0) q(\underline{x}, 0) dV(\underline{x}) \\ &+ \iint_V \int_0^t F(\underline{x}, t; \underline{x}^*, t') Q(\underline{x}, t') dV(\underline{x}) dt' \\ &+ \int_A \int_0^t \mu_{\nu} \{q, F\} dA(\underline{x}) dt' \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mu_{\nu} = q(\underline{x}, t') J_{\nu} \{F(\underline{x}, t; \underline{x}^*, t')\} - F(\underline{x}, t; \underline{x}^*, t') J_{\nu} \{q(\underline{x}, t')\}$$

Now we identify  $f(x, t)$  with the solution  $C(x, t)$  satisfying (1) and the b.c.

$$\alpha(x) J_n \{ C(x, t) \} + \beta(x) C(x, t) = \gamma(x, t) \quad (8)$$

for  $x \in \partial V$

whereas  $F(x, t; x^*, t')$  satisfies the same condition with  $\gamma(x, t) \equiv 0$ . Then (7) can be written as

$$C(x, t) = \int_V F(x, t; x^*, 0) C(x^*, 0) dV(x^*)$$

$$+ \int_{V_0} \int_0^t F(x, t; x^*, t') Q(x^*, t') dV(x^*) dt'$$

$$+ \int_A \int_0^t \mu_n dA(x^*) dt' \quad (9)$$

where

$$\mu_n = - \frac{\gamma(x^*)}{\alpha(x^*)} F(x, t; x^*, t') = \frac{\gamma(x^*)}{\beta(x^*)} J_n \{ F(x^*, t; x, t') \}$$

For the standard b.c.'s either one or other is chosen from (10):

(10):	$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$	F	where
Dirichlet	0, 1, $C_0(x, t)$	G	... $C_0$ is b.c. on C
Neumann	1, 0, $J_0(x, t)$	N	... $J_0$ is b.c. on $J_n$
Robin	1, k, $kC_{\text{ext}}(x, t)$	R	... $\{ k \text{ is transfer coeff.}$ $\{ C_{\text{ext}} \text{ is external conc.}$