

Wave Equation with Wentzell's Boundary Condition  
and a Related Semigroup on the Boundary

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Here, the problem is to solve the wave equation

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(x) = Au(x), \quad x \in D$$

on a compact domain  $\bar{D}$ , with Wentzell's boundary condition

$$(2) \quad Lu(x) = \sum_1^{N-1} \alpha_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j}(x) + \sum_1^{N-1} \beta_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi_i}(x) + \gamma(x) + \delta(x)Au(x) \\ + \int_{\bar{D}} (u(y) - u(x) - \sum_1^{N-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi_i}(x) \xi_i(x, y)) \nu(x, dy) = 0, \quad x \in \partial D,$$

which is, in a sense, the most general boundary condition for diffusion equation. The solution is given as a group of operators on a function space.

Another group of operators is obtained, which corresponds to

$$(3) \quad \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2}(x) = \overline{LH} \varphi(x), \quad x \in \partial D,$$

where  $\overline{LH}$  is a closure of  $LH : (LH)\varphi(x) = L(H\varphi)(x)$ . Here,  $H\varphi(x)$  is the solution of the Dirichlet problem  $Au(x) = 0, x \in D$ , with the boundary condition  $u(x) = \varphi(x), x \in \partial D$ .

Equation (3) is expected to describe the wave propagation through the boundary with mass distribution  $\int \delta(x)dx$  and the vibration term  $\sum_1^{N-1} \alpha_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j}$  of the boundary.

The concrete results are contained in the article with the same title in Proc. Japan Acad., vol. 49, 1973.