

11.5. Heat Equation: Solution by Fourier Series

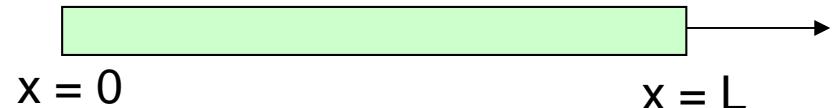
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \nabla^2 u \quad \left(c^2 = \frac{K}{\rho\sigma} \right) \quad u: \text{temperature}, c^2: \text{thermal diffusivity}$$

$\rho: \text{density}, \sigma: \text{specific heat}$

$$u(t,x,y,z)$$

→ Simple case: temp. distribution in a long thin bar or wire: $u(t,x)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{Parabolic Eqn. } (B^2 - 4AC = 0)$$



B.C.s: $u(0,t) = 0, u(L,t) = 0$ for all t

I.C.: $u(x,0) = f(x) \quad (f(0) = f(L) = 0)$

- Same procedure as Section 11.3

First Step: Two ODEs

$$\text{let } u(x,t) = F(x)G(t) \quad F'' + p^2 F = 0$$

$$\dot{G} + c^2 p^2 G = 0$$

$u(0,t) = F(0)G(t) = 0$ $u(L,t) = F(L)G(t) = 0$
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Second Step: Satisfying the B.C.'s

$$F'' + p^2 F = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = A \cos px + B \sin px \quad \leftarrow \text{apply B.C.'s : } F(0) = F(L) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \quad \text{for } B = 1 \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots) \quad (\text{For } n = 0 ? \rightarrow F = 0 \text{ no interest})$$

$$\dot{G} + \lambda_n^2 G = 0 \quad \left(\lambda_n = \frac{cn\pi}{L} \right) \Rightarrow G_n(t) = B_n e^{-\lambda_n^2 t} \quad (n=1,2,\dots)$$

→ $u_n(x,t) = B_n \left(\sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right) e^{-\lambda_n^2 t} \quad (n=1,2,\dots)$

Eigenfunctions with eigenvalues λ_n

Third Step: Solution of the Entire Problem

(all the terms → 0 as time increases)

- General solution: $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \left(\sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right) e^{-\lambda_n^2 t} \quad \left(\lambda_n = \frac{cn\pi}{L} \right)$

I.C.: $u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \left(\sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right) = f(x); \quad B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx \quad (n=1,2,\dots)$

(Fourier sine series)

Ex.1~3)

Ex. 4) Bar with insulated ends.: B.C.'s: $u_x(0,t) = F'(0)G(t) = 0, u_x(L,t) = F'(L)G(t) = 0$

$$F'' + p^2 F = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = A \cos px + B \sin px \quad \leftarrow \text{apply B.C's : } F'(0) = F'(L) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x \quad \text{for } A = 1 \quad (n = 0,1,2,\dots) \quad \leftarrow \quad (n \text{ includes 0 !!!})$$

$$u_n(x, t) = A_n \left(\cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) e^{-\lambda_n^2 t} \quad (\lambda_n = \frac{cn\pi}{L}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

→ $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right) e^{-\lambda_n^2 t} \quad \left(\lambda_n = \frac{cn\pi}{L} \right)$

I.C.: $u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right) = f(x); \text{(Fourier cosine series)}$

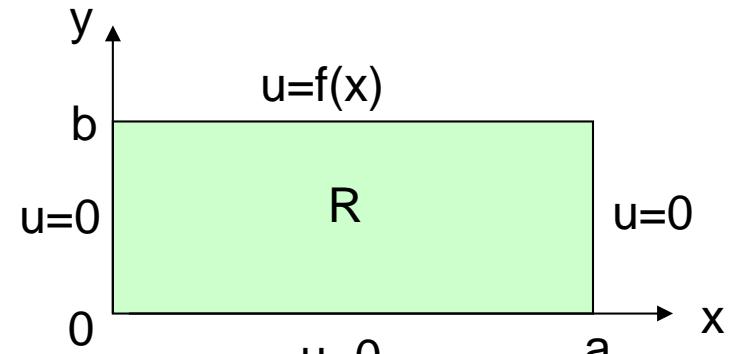
$$A_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx, \quad A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

Steady-State 2D Heat Flow

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \nabla^2 u = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \Rightarrow \text{at steady state: } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \left(\because \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0 \right)$$

Elliptic Eqn. ($B^2 - 4AC < 0$)

Dirichlet Problem in a Rectangle R



$$u(x,y) = F(x)G(y) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{F} \frac{d^2 F}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{G} \frac{d^2 G}{dy^2} = -k$$

$$\frac{d^2 F}{dx^2} + kF = 0 \leftarrow F(0) = 0, F(a) = 0 \Rightarrow F = F_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\frac{d^2 G}{dy^2} - \left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2 G = 0 \Rightarrow G(y) = G_n(y) = A_n e^{n\pi y/a} + B_n e^{-n\pi y/a}$$

From $G_n(0) = 0$ at $y=0$: $G_n(y) = 2A_n \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{a} = A_n^* \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{a}$

→ $u_n(x, y) = A_n^* \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}$

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n^* \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{a} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}$$

B.C.: $u(x, b) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(A_n^* \sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a};$

$$A_n^* \sinh \frac{n\pi b}{a} = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a} dx$$

11.6. Heat Equation: Solution by Fourier Integrals and Transforms

- In the case of infinite bars: Fourier series → Fourier integrals

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (\text{laterally insulated, infinite ends}), u(x,0) = f(x) \quad (-\infty < x < \infty)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F'' + p^2 F &= 0 & F(x) &= A \cos px + B \sin px; \quad G(t) = e^{-c^2 p^2 t} \\ \dot{G} + c^2 p^2 G &= 0 & u(x,t;p) &= (A \cos px + B \sin px) e^{-c^2 p^2 t} \end{aligned}$$

Use of Fourier Integrals

- $f(x)$: nonperiodic function (p multiples of a fixed number) → use of Fourier integrals
- A & B: functions of p , then $A(p)$ & $B(p)$

$$u(x,t) = \int_0^\infty u(x,t;p) dp = \int_0^\infty (A(p) \cos px + B(p) \sin px) e^{-c^2 p^2 t} dp$$

Determination of $A(p)$ and $B(p)$ from the Initial Condition

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,0) &= \int_0^\infty (A(p) \cos px + B(p) \sin px) dp = f(x) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \left[\int_{-\infty}^\infty f(v) \cos(px - pv) dv \right] dp \\ \left(A(p) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(v) \cos pv dv, \quad B(p) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(v) \sin pv dv \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-c^2 p^2 t} \cos(px - pv) dp \right] dv$$

$\left(\int_0^{\infty} e^{-s^2} \cos 2bs ds = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} e^{-b^2} \right) \quad \left(\text{let } s^2 = c^2 p^2 t, b = \frac{x-v}{2c\sqrt{t}} \right)$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-c^2 p^2 t} \cos(px - pv) dp = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2c\sqrt{t}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x-v)^2}{4c^2 t} \right\}$$

→ $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2c\sqrt{\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x-v)^2}{4c^2 t} \right\} dv$

$\left(\text{let } z = (v-x)/(2c\sqrt{t}) \right) \quad u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x + 2cz\sqrt{t}) e^{-z^2} dz$

Ex. 1)

Use of Fourier Transforms

Ex. 2) Temperature in the infinite bar

- Fourier transform w.r.t. x and resulting ODE in t

$$\Im(u_t) = c^2 \Im(u_{xx}) = -c^2 w^2 \hat{u} \quad (\text{let } \hat{u} = \Im(u))$$

$$\Im(u_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_t e^{-iwx} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u e^{-iwx} dx = \frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial t} &= -c^2 w^2 \hat{u} \\ \hat{u}(w, t) &= C(w) e^{-c^2 w^2 t}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{I.C.: } \hat{u}(w, 0) = C(w) = \hat{f}(w) \Rightarrow \hat{u}(w, t) = \hat{f}(w) e^{-c^2 w^2 t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Inversion: } u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(w) e^{-c^2 w^2 t} e^{iwx} dw \quad \left(\because \hat{f}(w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) e^{-iwv} dv \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-c^2 w^2 t} e^{i(wx-wv)} dw \right] dv \quad (\text{Imaginary part: odd func})\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-c^2 w^2 t} \cos(wx - wv) dw \right] dv$$

Ex. 3) Convolution method

$$\text{Starting from: } u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(w) e^{-c^2 w^2 t} e^{iwx} dw \quad \hat{g}(w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-c^2 w^2 t}$$

$$\left(\text{use } u(x, t) = f * g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p) g(x-p) dp = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(w) \hat{g}(w) e^{iwx} dw \right)$$

$$\left(\Im(e^{-ax^2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} e^{-w^2/4a} \xrightarrow{\text{up}} \Im(e^{-x^2/4c^2t}) = \sqrt{2c^2t} e^{-c^2w^2} = \sqrt{2c^2t} \sqrt{2\pi} \hat{g}(w) \right)$$

$\left\{ \frac{1}{4a} = c^2 t \right\}$

(See Ex. 2 of Sec. 10.10 for the Fourier transform)

$$\text{Inverse of } \hat{g}(w) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2c^2t}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/4c^2t}$$

$$u(x, t) = (f * g)(x) = \frac{1}{2c\sqrt{\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(p) \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-p)^2}{4c^2t}\right\} dp$$

Ex. 4) Fourier sine transform applied to the heat equation

A laterally insulated bar from $x=0$ to infinity, ($u(x, 0) = f(x)$, $u(0, t) = 0$)

$$\frac{\partial \hat{u}_s}{\partial t} = -c^2 w^2 \hat{u}_s \quad \leftarrow \Im_S(f''(x)) = -w^2 \Im_S(f(x)) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} w f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{u}_s(w, t) = \hat{f}_s(w) e^{-c^2 w^2 t} \quad \left(\hat{f}_s(w) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} f(p) \sin wp dp \right)$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} f(p) \sin wp e^{-c^2 w^2 t} \sin wx dp dw$$

Example) Heating a semi-infinite slab

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{I.C.: } u(x,0) = 0, \quad \text{B.C.'s: } u(0,t) = 1, \quad u(\infty,t) = 0$$

Define a new variable: $\eta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\alpha t}}$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\eta}{t} \frac{du}{d\eta}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{d^2 u}{d\eta^2} \frac{1}{4\alpha t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 u}{d\eta^2} + 2\eta \frac{du}{d\eta} = 0 \quad \text{with B.C.s: } u = 1 \text{ at } \eta = 0, \quad u = 0 \text{ at } \eta = \infty$$

let $\psi = \frac{du}{d\eta}$, then $\psi = C_1 \exp(-\eta^2)$, $u = C_1 \int_0^\eta \exp(-\bar{\eta}^2) d\bar{\eta} + C_2$

$$u(\eta) = 1 - \frac{\int_0^\eta \exp(-\bar{\eta}^2) d\bar{\eta}}{\int_0^\infty \exp(-\bar{\eta}^2) d\bar{\eta}} = 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\eta \exp(-\bar{\eta}^2) d\bar{\eta} = 1 - \text{erf}(\eta)$$

error function

(See Ex. 2 of Sec. 10.10 for the integration of special function)