

### LEC 3.

### Heat equation with zero temperature at finite ends.

Consider the linear homogeneous 1D heat equation w/ homogeneous BCs

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 \leq x \leq L \\ u(0, t) = 0 = u(L, t) \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \end{array} \right.$$

### Separation of variables

Look for solutions of the form

$$u(x, t) = \phi(x) G(t).$$

this is called the separation of variables, which allows us to reduce a PDE to ODE.

Plug the separation into original equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \phi(x) \frac{dG}{dt} \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} G(t).$$

Hence

$$\phi(x) \frac{dG}{dt} = k \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} G(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{dG}{dt}}{kG(t)} = \frac{\frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2}}{\phi(x)} = -\lambda$$

function of  $t$   
only

function of  
 $x$  only

$\Rightarrow$  both of them must be a constant.

here  $\lambda$  is the separation constant. The minus sign is introduced for later convenience.

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Let's temporarily ignore IC now.

Now we have 2 ODEs.

$$\frac{\phi''}{\phi} = -\lambda \Rightarrow \phi'' + \lambda \phi = 0.$$

$$\frac{G'}{kG} = -\lambda \Rightarrow G' + \lambda k G = 0.$$

The goal is to construct a nontrivial solution.

Note:  $u(x,t) \equiv 0$  is always a solution to our equation, and we call this solution the trivial solution.

From the boundary conditions.

$$u(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\phi(0)}_{\neq 0} G(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(0) = 0.$$

Here  $G(t) \neq 0$  means  $G(t)$  cannot always be 0, since  $G(t) \equiv 0$  implies  $u(x,t) = 0$ .  $\phi(x) = 0$  which is trivial.

$$\text{Similarly, } u(L,t) = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\phi(L)}_{\neq 0} G(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(L) = 0.$$

① The time-dependent problem.

$$G' + \lambda k G = 0$$

$$\frac{dG}{dt} + \lambda k G = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dG}{G} = -\lambda k dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |G(t)| = -\lambda k t + \tilde{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow G(t) = C e^{-\lambda k t}$$

where  $C$  is  
some constant.

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② Boundary value problem for  $\phi(x)$ .

$$\begin{cases} \phi'' + \lambda \phi = 0 \\ \phi(0) = 0 \\ \phi(L) = 0. \end{cases}$$

This is an eigenvalue problem,  
 $\lambda$  is called the eigenvalue.  
 $\phi(x) \neq 0$  is the associated eigenfunction.

First consider  $\lambda > 0$ . The general solution is

$$\phi = C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x.$$

(sometimes we used  $e^{i\sqrt{\lambda}x}$  and  $e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}x}$ ).

Apply the BCs.

$$\phi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(0) = C_1 \cos 0 + C_2 \sin 0 = C_1 = 0$$

$$\phi(L) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(L) = C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$$

Either  $C_2 = 0$  or  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$ . But  $C_2 = 0$  will imply  $\phi(x) = 0$  which is trivial. Hence  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} L = n\pi \text{ for } n > 0.$$

Q: Why  $n > 0$  here?

Therefore, the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  are

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The corresponding eigenfunctions are

$$\phi_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Next, suppose  $\lambda = 0$ .

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(x) = C_1 + C_2 x$$

$$\phi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$\phi(L) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 \cdot L = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

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Hence  $\lambda = 0$  will give a trivial solution  $\phi \equiv 0$ .  
Therefore  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue.

Finally, consider  ~~$\lambda > 0$~~   $\lambda < 0$ .

The general solution is

$$\phi(x) = C_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda}x} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}x}$$

or we can write this as

$$\phi(x) = C_3 \cosh \sqrt{\lambda}x + C_4 \sinh \sqrt{\lambda}x$$

$$\phi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_3 \cosh 0 = 0 \Rightarrow C_3 = 0.$$

$$\phi(L) = 0 \Rightarrow C_4 \underbrace{\sinh \sqrt{\lambda}L}_{\neq 0} = 0 \Rightarrow C_4 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  We also can only have trivial solution.

Hence ~~non-trivial~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~or~~ eigenvalues and eigen functions are

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \quad n=1,2,3$$

$$\phi_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

Hence we have a product solution to the PDE

$$v(x,t) = B \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \quad n=1,2,\dots$$

By principle of superposition, we can take the linear combination for different  $\lambda$ .

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-(n\pi/L)^2 kt}$$

In order to determine  $B_n$ , we need to use the initial condition.



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$$\text{At } t > 0 \quad u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Claim: Any functions (with certain restrictions that we will discuss later) can be written as an infinite linear combination of  $\sin\frac{n\pi x}{L}$ .  
This expansion is called the Fourier sine series.

Q: What kind of properties must  $f(x)$  satisfy?

Now our task is to compute  $B_n$  for each  $n$ .

Orthogonality of sines.

$$\text{Proposition} \quad \int_0^L \sin\frac{n\pi x}{L} \sin\frac{m\pi x}{L} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \frac{L}{2} & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$$

~~This can be easily~~ The proof of this formula is left as an exercise.

Now, consider  $\int_0^L f(x) \sin\frac{m\pi x}{L} dx$ .

$$= \int_0^L \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \sin\frac{m\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \int_0^L \sin\frac{n\pi x}{L} \sin\frac{m\pi x}{L} dx = B_m \cdot \frac{L}{2}$$

since for all other  $n$ 's, the integrals are 0.

$$\text{Hence} \quad \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{L}{2} \cdot B_m$$

$$\Rightarrow B_m = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\frac{m\pi x}{L} dx$$

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~~Note Note:~~Orthogonality of functions.

Recall, vectors  $\vec{A} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\vec{B} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are orthogonal if

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = 0.$$

Def: Two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  defined on  $[0, L]$  are orthogonal on  $[0, L]$  if

$$\int_0^L f(x)g(x) dx = 0$$

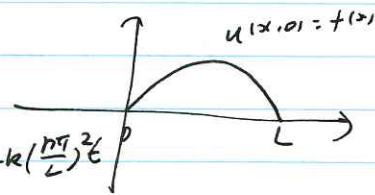
Analogy: - We can think of functions as infinite dimensional vectors

- integral  $\int_0^L f(x)g(x) dx$  is like an infinite ~~version~~ dimensional version of dot product  ~~$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$~~

Ex.  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $0 < x < L$

$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = x(L-x) = f(x).$$



We have  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2 t}$

where  $B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} f(x) dx$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cdot x(L-x) dx$$

(by computation)

$$= \frac{4L^2}{(\pi n)^3} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

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Hence the solution for our Heat equation is

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4L^2}{(n\pi)^3} [1 - (-1)^n] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

- Note:
1.  $e^{-k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$  decays as  $t \rightarrow \infty$
  2. The first term ( $n=1$ ) decays <sup>the</sup> slowest, followed by the term with  $n=2$  etc.
  3. We can get good approximation if we use only finite # of terms.
  4. As  $t$  increases, we can use fewer terms to approximate our ~~an~~ solutions.

Heat conduction with insulated BCs.

Consider ~~the heat equation~~

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,t) = 0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L,t) \\ u(x,0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

Physically: perfectly insulated boundaries: no heat loss/gain at  $x=0$  and  $x=L$ .

Separation of variables:

$$u(x,t) = \phi(x) \cdot G(t).$$

$$\Rightarrow G' + \lambda k G = 0 \Rightarrow G = C e^{-\lambda k t}$$

$$\begin{cases} \phi'' + \lambda \phi = 0 \\ \phi'(0) = 0 = \phi'(L) \end{cases}$$

Case I.  $\lambda > 0$

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general solution:  $\phi(x) = C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda}x + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx} = -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda}x + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda}x$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot 1 = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0. \text{ since } \lambda \neq 0.$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx}(L) = 0 \Rightarrow -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda}L = 0$$

since  $C_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\sin \sqrt{\lambda}L = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda}L = n\pi, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

Hence

$$\phi_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

Case II:  $\lambda = 0$        $\phi(x) = C_1 + C_2 x$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx} = C_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0 \text{ by B.C.s.}$$

Therefore  $\phi = C_1$  is an eigenfunction for  $C_1 \neq 0$ .  
Hence  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue.

Case III:  $\lambda < 0$       no eigenvalues.      Left as an exercise.

All eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(note we put  $\lambda=0$  case inside)

with ~~eigen~~ eigenfunctions.

$$\phi_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Q: Why we can have  $n=0$  here?



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Now ~~the~~ by superposition.

$$u(x,t) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

I.e.  $u(x,0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \Rightarrow$  Fourier cosine series.

To find  $A_n$ , we need.

### Orthogonality of cosines

Proposition  $\int_0^L \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq m \\ \frac{L}{2} & n = m \neq 0 \\ L & n = m = 0. \end{cases}$

Then  $\int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \int_0^L \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx$

$$= \begin{cases} A_m \cdot \frac{L}{2} & \text{if } n = m \neq 0 \\ A_m L & \text{if } n = m = 0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $A_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$

$$A_m = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx, \quad m > 0$$

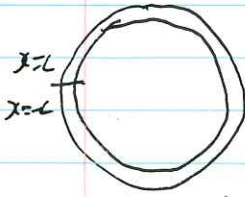
Now  $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$

$$= A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

Q: What is the steady-state of this solution, i.e.  
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$ ?

In fact  $\lim u = A_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$ , which is the average of the initial temperature distribution. This confirms our claim ~~to~~ before.

### Heat conduction in a thin ring (Periodic BC)



a thin circular ring

~~Assume~~ Consider heat flows in a circle ring with constant thermal properties and no sources, in  $x$  direction.

The heat distribution  $u(x, t)$  can be thought of a periodic function on the real line



Mathematically, we have periodic BCs.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad -L < x < L \quad t > 0, \\ u(-L, t) = u(L, t) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(-L, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) \\ u(x, 0) = f(x). \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}} \right\} \text{ periodic BCs.}$$

(Here we assume both  $u(x, t)$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t)$  are continuous)

Again, using the separation of variables.

$$u(x, t) = \phi(x) G(t).$$

$$\Rightarrow G(t) = C e^{-\lambda k t}$$

Then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi'' + \lambda \phi = 0 \\ \phi(-L) = \phi(L) \\ \phi'(-L) = \phi'(L) \end{array} \right.$$

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Case I:  $\lambda > 0$  gen. sol.  $\phi(x) = C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$

$$\phi(-L) = \phi(L) \Rightarrow C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}(-L)) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}(-L)) = C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} L + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} L$$

Note:  $\cos$  is an even function,  $\sin$  is odd.

$$\Rightarrow 2C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} L = 0$$

$$\phi'(-L) = \phi'(L) \Rightarrow$$

$$-C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}(-L)) + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}(-L)) = -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} L$$

$$\Rightarrow 2C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$$

Since  $C_1, C_2$  cannot both be 0.  $\Rightarrow \sin \sqrt{\lambda} L = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\phi_n(x) = C_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + d_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

Case II:  $\lambda = 0$ .

$$\phi'' = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(x) = C_1 + C_2 x$$

$$\phi'(x) = C_2 = 0 \quad \text{since} \quad \phi(-L) = \phi(L)$$

$$C_1 - C_2 \cdot L = C_1 + C_2 \cdot L \Rightarrow 2C_2 \cdot L = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

$\phi'(-L) = \phi'(L) = 0$ .  $\checkmark$  automatically satisfied.

$C_1$  can be arbitrary. Hence.

$\phi(x) = C_1 \neq 0$  is an eigenfunction. In particular, we can pick  $\phi(x) = 1$ .

Case III:  $\lambda < 0$  left as an exercise.

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Remark: This is only one eigenfunction associated with  $\lambda=0$ . But for  $\lambda_n > 0$ , each  $\lambda_n$  has two eigenfunctions  $\cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$  and  $\sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$ .

By superposition, the general form of the solution is

$$u(x,t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2 t} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-k(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2 t}$$

Initial conditions  $u(x,0) = f(x)$  Fourier series

$$= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

To solve for  $a_n, b_n$ , we need orthogonality for both sine and cosine.

$$1. \int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq m \\ L & n = m \neq 0 \\ 2L & n = m = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$2. \int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq m \\ L & n = m \end{cases}$$

$$3. \int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx = 0.$$

Pt: Exercise.

As before, by calculating  $\int_{-L}^L f(x) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} \\ \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \end{array} \right\} dx$



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We get  $a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$

$$a_m = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx \quad m > 0$$

$$b_m = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx \quad m > 0$$

Summary: BVP for  $\phi'' + \lambda\phi = 0$

Dirichlet  
 $\phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0$

Neumann  
 $\phi'(0) = \phi'(L) = 0$

Periodic  
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi(0) = \phi(L) \\ \phi'(0) = \phi'(L) \end{array} \right\}$