

Section 9.5 - Part 1

Heat Conduction & Separation of Variables

Announcements:

Online HW + A 4 due Tues July 13

Warm up:

Recall, a partial Differential Equation (PDE) relates a function of multiple variables with its partial derivatives.

Ex: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

Here $u(x,t)$

(can also write:)

$u_t = u_x$

Which of the following are PDEs?

(a) $u_t = u_{xx}$ ✓

(c) $\frac{du}{dt} = 3 + u$ X

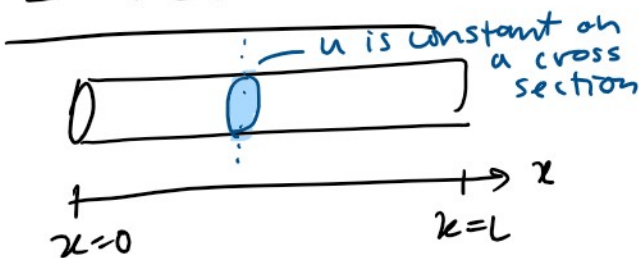
(b) $u_t = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$ ✓

$u = u(t)$

ODE

GOAL: Use Fourier Series to solve a PDE

I. Heated Rod:



Rod of length L

$u(x,t)$ - temperature of rod

t - time

Assume that the temperature is constant through a cross section

Model the temperature of rod using the 1D Heat Equation

$$u_t = k u_{xx} \quad \text{on} \quad 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t > 0$$

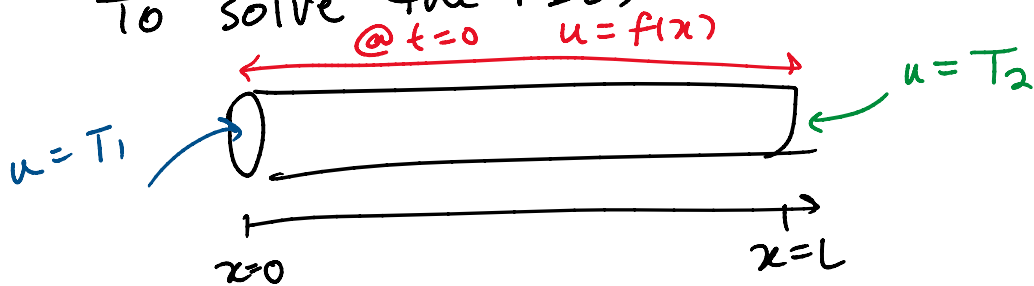
.. .. thermal diffusivity ($k > 0$)

Here k is called the thermal diffusivity ($k > 0$)
 depends on the material of the rod

Common thermal diffusivities (page 604)

material	k (cm^2/s)
Silver	1.70
Copper	1.15
Aluminum	0.85
Iron	0.15
Concrete	0.005

To solve the PDE, need more information



Assume at $x=0$, held at constant temp T_1
 at $x=L$, " " " " T_2

At $t=0$, initially the rod has initial temp $f(x)$

Boundary Conditions (BC):

$$C(1, 0, t) = T_1$$

left side fixed at T_1

Boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} u(0, t) = T_1 \\ u(L, t) = T_2 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

left side fixed at T_1
right side fixed at T_2
initial temp @ $t=0$

Boundary Value Problem: (BVP)

$$(*) \begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} \\ u(0, t) = T_1 \\ u(L, t) = T_2 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

on $0 \leq x \leq L, t > 0$

find $u(x, t)$ that satisfies all of these equations

Def If $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$, we say that the PDE has homogeneous boundary conditions

NOTE: The heat eqn $u_t = k u_{xx}$ is linear, so the principle of superposition still holds

if u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots solve (*) with homogeneous BC, then

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n u_n(x, t) \quad \text{also solves (*)}$$

provided:

1. the series converges
2. the series satisfies the initial condition $u(x, 0) = f(x)$
3. $u(x, t)$ is continuous

II. Method of Separation of Variables

... repeated in

II. Method of Separation -

NOTE: We will use this method repeatedly in
See 9.5, 9.6, 9.7

GOAL: Solve:
$$\begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq L, t > 0 \\ u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0 & \text{homog. BC.} \\ u(x,0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

Key step: Assume that $u(x,t)$ can be separated into 2 parts

$$u(x,t) = \underbrace{X(x)}_{\substack{\text{function of} \\ \text{one variable} \\ x}} \underbrace{T(t)}_{\substack{\text{function} \\ \text{of one} \\ \text{variable} \\ t}}$$

Intuition: What happens in x doesn't directly affect what happens in time

Plug into PDE: $u_t = k u_{xx}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (X(x)T(t)) = k \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (X(x)T(t))$$

pull out (no t dependence) pull out (b/c no x dependence)

$$X \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right) = k T \left(\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

often, write this as:

$$X T' = k X'' T$$

put all the X terms on one side, and T terms on other

$$T' = \frac{X''}{X}$$

key observation

particular ...

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{X''}{X}$$

function of t
 $g(t)$

function of x
 $h(x)$

key observation
these can only be equal if both sides are a constant

$$g(t) = h(x) = \text{constant} = -\lambda$$

call the constant $-\lambda$ (see why later)

Here λ is called the separation constant

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{kT} = -\lambda$$

(Assume $\lambda > 0$)

separate into 2 ODEs

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$X'' = -\lambda X$$

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0$$

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = -\lambda$$

$$T' = -k\lambda T$$

$$T' + k\lambda T = 0$$

These are both linear ODEs \rightarrow solve by finding the characteristic equation in r

Assume $X = e^{rx}$

char eqn
 $r^2 + \lambda = 0$

roots: $r = \pm i\sqrt{\lambda}$

general solution

$$X = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

Assume $T = e^{rt}$

char eqn:
 $r + k\lambda = 0$

root: $r = -k\lambda$

general solution

$$T = C_3 e^{-k\lambda t}$$

We also have BC:

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

What does this mean for \underline{X} and T ?

$$u(0,t) = \underline{X}(0)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{X}(0) = 0$$

$$u(L,t) = \underline{X}(L)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{X}(L) = 0$$

endpoint conditions for $\underline{X}(x)$

$$\begin{cases} \underline{X}'' + \lambda \underline{X} = 0 \\ \underline{X}(0) = 0 \quad \underline{X}(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

general soln!

$$\underline{X} = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

Plug in BC

$$\underline{X}(0) = 0 = C_1 \cos(0) + C_2 \sin(0) \rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$\underline{X}(L) = 0 = C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}L)$$

Recall $\sin \theta = 0$ if $\theta = n\pi, n=1,2,3,\dots$

if $\sqrt{\lambda}L = n\pi$, for $n=1,2,3,\dots$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \quad \text{for } n=1,2,3,\dots$$

separation constant

family of solution \underline{X}_n

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

NOTE 1: The $n=0$ term, we will not count

$$\lambda_0 = 0 \rightarrow \underline{X}_0(L) = 0$$

because $\underline{X}_0(x) \equiv 0$

... a trivial solution, it doesn't

because $\Delta_0(x) = 0$
but, this is a trivial solution, it doesn't
tell us anything about $u(x,t)$

NOTE 2: $X_n'' = -\lambda_n X_n$

$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$ is called an eigenvalue

$X_n(x)$ is called an eigenfunction

Plug $\lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$ into the eqn for $T(t)$

$$T_n' + k \lambda_n T_n = 0$$

family of solutions

$$T_n(t) = e^{-k \lambda_n t} = e^{-n^2 \pi^2 k t / L^2} \quad n=1,2,3, \dots$$

Recall, initially, we assumed that
 $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$

Now we have a family of solution

$$u_n(x,t) = X_n(x) T_n(t)$$

$$u_n(x,t) = e^{-k n^2 \pi^2 t / L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n \pi x}{L}\right) \quad \text{for } n=1,2,3, \dots$$

NOTE: each $u_n(x,t)$ satisfies:
$$\begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} \\ u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

By the Principle of Superposition, the general

By the Principle of Superposition, the general solution is a linear combination of these

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n u_n(x,t)$$

coefficients b_n undetermined yet

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

Now impose the initial condition: $u(x,0) = f(x)$

$$u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-kn^2\pi^2 \cdot 0/L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = f(x)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = f(x)$$

This is a Fourier Sine Series of $f(x)$
 $\rightarrow b_n$ are the Fourier coefficients

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

So the solution to the BUP (*) w/ homog BC is:

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

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

Ex: Solve the BVP on $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $t > 0$ L = π

$$\begin{cases} u_t = 3u_{xx} \\ u(0,t) = u(\pi,t) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = 4 \sin(2x) \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow \text{homog BC}$$

$$f(x) = 4 \sin(2x) \quad L = \pi \quad k = 3$$

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

where $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 4 \sin(2x) \sin(nx) dx$
 use the orthogonality of $\sin(nx)$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } n=m \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \end{cases}$$

$$\text{so } \int_0^{\pi} \sin(2x) \sin(nx) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } n=2 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot 4 \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } n=2 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b_2 = 4 \\ b_n = 0 & \text{if } n \neq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x,t) = b_2 e^{-3 \cdot 2^2 t} \sin(2x)$$

$$u(x,t) = 4 e^{-12t} \sin(2x)$$