

Laplace equation on a rectangle.

$$0 = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \quad u(x, H) = f_2(x)$$

$$u(0, y) = 0 \quad u(W, y) = 0$$

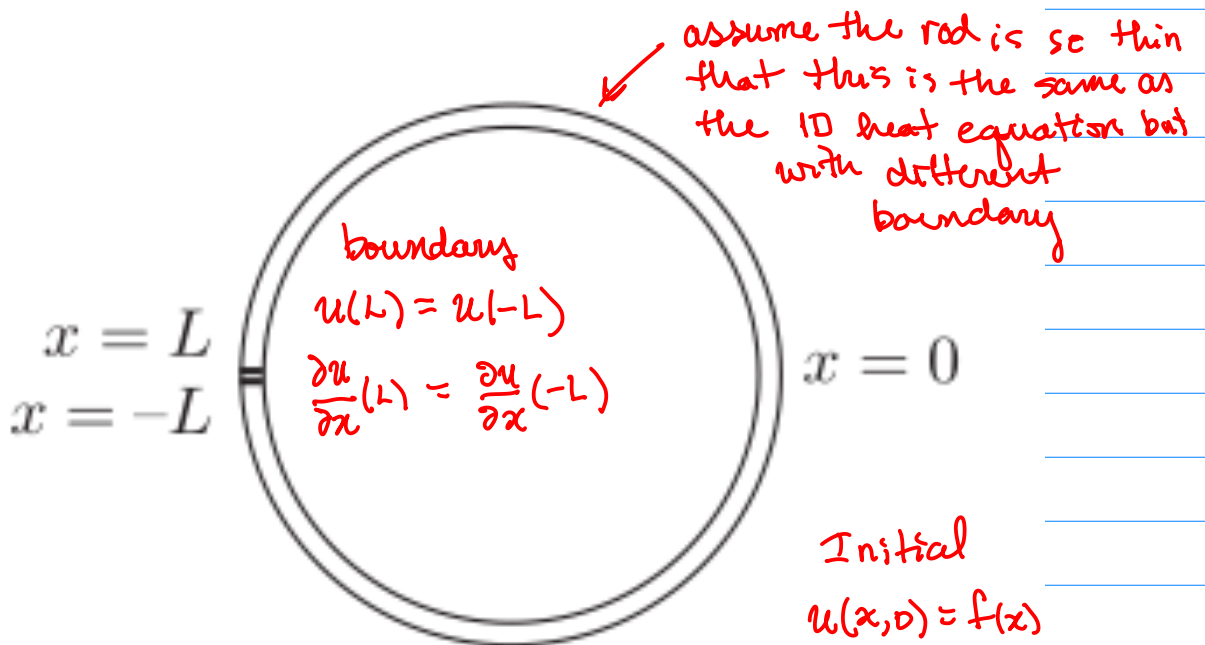
Super position of separable solutions

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{W} \sinh \frac{n\pi y}{W}$$

By orthogonality

$$B_m = \frac{2}{W \sinh \frac{m\pi H}{W}} \int_0^W \sin \frac{m\pi x}{W} f_2(x) dx$$

Heat equation on a circle



Note defining $x \in [-L, L]$ instead of $[0, L]$ just makes the algebra easier...

Initial
 $u(x, 0) = f(x)$
 $x \in [-L, L]$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$u(x,t) = \varphi(x) G(t)$$

look for separable solns.

$$\varphi(x) G'(t) = k \varphi''(x) G(t)$$

$$\frac{\varphi''(x)}{\varphi(x)} = \frac{G'(t)}{k G(t)} = -\lambda$$

ODEs, $\varphi'' = -\lambda \varphi$

$$\varphi(-L) = \varphi(L)$$

$$\varphi'(-L) = \varphi'(L)$$

$$G' = -\lambda k G$$

$G(t) =$ solve using superposition...

Case $\lambda > 0$

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

B.C.

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

Therefore

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

is $C_2 = 0$ or $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$
before deciding check other B.C.

$$\varphi'(x) = -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

B.C.

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

Therefore

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

is $C_1 = 0$ or $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$

If $C_1 = 0$ and $C_2 = 0$ then $\varphi(x) = 0$ and I can't make a superposition out of that

If $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$ then C_1 and C_2 can be anything.

Thus $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda}L) = 0$ so $\sqrt{\lambda}L = n\pi$ for $n=1, 2, \dots$

$$\text{so } \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi}{L} \text{ or } \lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2.$$

$$\text{So } \varphi(x) = C_1 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) + C_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

is a family of non-zero eigenfunctions... (for $\lambda > 0$).

Case $\lambda = 0$: $\varphi'' = 0$ with $\varphi(-L) = \varphi(L)$ $\varphi'(-L) = \varphi'(L)$

general solution $\varphi(x) = C_1x + C_2$, $\varphi'(x) = C_1$

$$\varphi(-L) = -C_1L + C_2 = \varphi(L) = C_1L + C_2$$

$$2C_1L = 0 \quad \text{so } C_1 = 0.$$

$$\varphi'(-L) = 0 = \varphi'(L) = 0 \quad (\text{nothing to solve for})$$

One more eigenfunction $\varphi(x) = C_2$

Case $\lambda < 0$.

eigenfunctions, $\sin n\pi x/L$ and $\cos n\pi x/L$. Not surprisingly, it can be shown that there are no eigenvalues in which $\lambda < 0$.

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or eigenfunctions.

? Check this at home ...

Now solve the other ODE

$$G' = -\lambda K G$$

general solution $G(t) = C_1 e^{-\lambda K t}$

thus $G_n(t) = e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 K t}$

Superposition to solve for the initial condition

$$u(x,t) = a_0 G_0(t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} G_n(t) + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} G_n(t)$$
$$\approx a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt}$$

Initial $u(x,0) = f(x)$ $x \in [-L, L]$

$$u(x,0) \approx a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) = f(x)$$

mult by the the different eigenfunction.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \\ \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} \end{array} \right. \text{ and } m=1,2,\dots$$

and then integrate over $[-L, L]$ and use orthogonality.

Normalization

$$\int_{-L}^L 1^2 dx = 2L, \quad \int_{-L}^L \left(\sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \right)^2 dx = \frac{2L}{2} = L, \quad \int_{-L}^L \left(\cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} \right)^2 dx = L$$

trigonometry or
integration by parts

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L \left(\sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) f(x) dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L \left(\cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) f(x) dx$$