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Due next Tuesday : HW 1 (Feb 2).

The heat equation

MATH 3150 Lecture 01

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Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

L01-S01

Overall goal of today: derive a PDE governing heat diffusion.

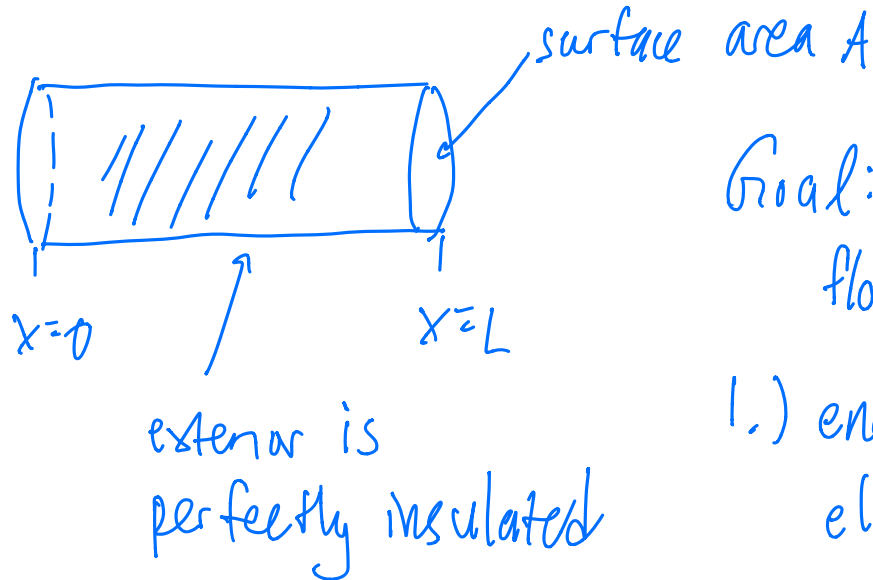
Basic outline:

- Model heat diffusion in an idealized rod
- Energy conservation + Fourier's Law
- Heat equation (PDE) results from taking limits

Conductive rod model

L01-S02

We consider a model for an idealized rod.



Goal: model heat/energy flow inside rod.

1.) energy density
 $e(x,t)$
time

(doesn't depend on y, z)

units: $\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume}}$

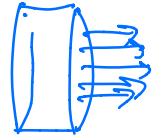
total energy in rod:

$$E = \int_{\text{rod}} e(x,t) dx$$
$$= \int_0^L \int_S e(x,t) dS dx$$

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length surface area

$$= A \int_0^L e(x,t) dx$$

(because e is constant
across surface area).

2.) heat flux $\phi(x,t)$. Units: $\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}}$  $\phi(x,t)$

3.) "external" sources (external heating/cooling)

$Q(x,t)$: energy per unit volume due to external sources.

Units: $\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume} \cdot \text{time}}$ per unit time

Step 1: Use conservation of energy to relate e, ϕ, Q .

Conservation of heat energy (differential form) L01-S03

Rate-of-change form:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{"e"} \\ \left(\text{Rate of energy change} \right) = & \left(\text{energy flux due to flow across boundary} \right) + \\ & \left(\text{external energy sources} \right) \\ \text{"Q"} \end{aligned}$$

Rate of energy change: consider a small slice of rod



$$\text{total energy: } A \cdot \int_x^{x+\Delta x} e(x,t) dx$$

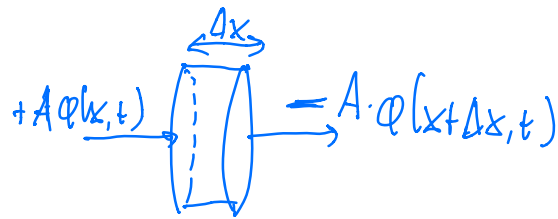
$$\text{rate of change of energy: } A \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\int_x^{x+\Delta x} e(x,t) dx \right)$$

If Δx is very small: then $e(x,t)$ is approximately constant from x to $x+\Delta x$.

$$\text{I.e.: } \int_x^{x+\Delta x} e(x,t) dx \approx \Delta x \cdot e(x,t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{total energy rate of change} = A \Delta x \cdot \frac{\partial e}{\partial t}.$$

Energy flow due to flux:



rate of energy change

units of ϕ : $\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}}$

rate of energy change due to flux: $-A\phi(x+\Delta x,t) + A\phi(x,t)$.

Energy change due to external sources:

$Q(x,t)$: energy imparted to rod per unit volume per unit time.



energy change per unit time: $\int_{\text{vol.}} Q(x,t) dx$

$$\approx A \cdot \Delta x \cdot Q(x,t).$$

Q is constant over Δx length,

Putting it all together:

$$A \Delta x \cdot \frac{\partial e}{\partial t} = -A(\phi(x+\Delta x, t) - \phi(x, t)) + A \Delta x Q(x, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} = - \frac{\phi(x+\Delta x, t) - \phi(x, t)}{\Delta x} + Q(x, t)$$

$$\Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + Q(x, t) \leftarrow \text{desired relation between } Q, e, \phi \text{ due to energy conservation.}$$

$\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume} \cdot \text{time}}$

$\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time} \cdot \text{length}}$

$\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume} \cdot \text{time}}$

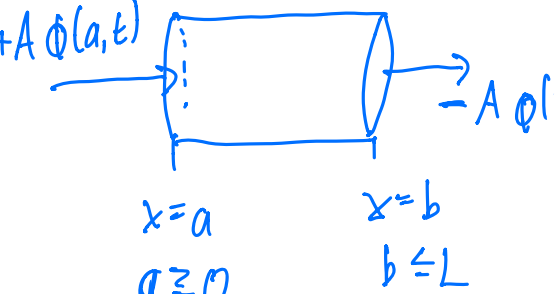
Conservation of heat energy (integral form)

L01-S04

We can obtain the same result using an integrated energy approach.

Rate-of-change form:

$$(\text{Rate of energy change}) = (\text{energy flux due to flow across boundary}) + (\text{external energy sources})$$



rate of energy change $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(A \int_a^b e(x,t) dx \right)$

e is constant across cross-sectional surface.

energy flux: $-A[\phi(b,t) - \phi(a,t)]$

$$= -A \left[\int_a^b \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx \right]$$

$$\text{FTC: } F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b F'(x) dx$$

$$\text{external sources: } \int_{\text{vol}} Q(x,t) dV$$

$$= A \int_a^b Q(x,t) dx$$

Q independent of y, z .

$$\text{conservation of energy: } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(A \int_a^b e(x,t) dx \right) = -A \int_a^b \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + A \int_a^b Q(x,t) dx$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{\partial e}{\partial t} dx = - \int_a^b \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \int_a^b Q(x,t) dx$$

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - Q(x,t) \right) dx = 0$$

a, b are arbitrary.

I.e., the equation above is true for every a, b .

\Rightarrow integrand is 0.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial e}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + Q(x,t)$$

PDE from conservation of energy

We now have a PDE describing conservation of energy:

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - Q(x, t) = 0.$$

(Step 2)

Next goal: rewrite this in terms of a single function. (temperature)

- Relate energy density to temperature via specific heat
- Relate energy flux to temperature via Fourier's Law

Preliminaries: $\rho(x, t)$: mass density of rod (mass/volume)

$c(x, t)$: specific heat of rod.

Def'n: amount of energy required to raise
1 unit of mass by 1 temp. unit.

units: (energy / mass · temperature)

Specific heat

Goal: relate energy density e to temperature u .

$$e(x,t) = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume.}}$$

$$c(x,t) = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{mass} \cdot \text{temperature}}$$

$$\rho(x,t) = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$

$u(x,t)$: temperature.

$$e(x,t) = c(x,t) \cdot \rho(x,t) \cdot u(x,t).$$

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treat as known/given.
They are properties of rod.

Fourier's Law

Goal: relate energy flux ϕ to temperature u .

Fourier's Law is based on following observations:

- constant temperature (in space) \Rightarrow no flux.
- heat flows toward locations of low temperature.
("heat flows against temperature gradient")
- rate of heat flow depends on the material.

Quantitative description: $\phi(x,t) = -k_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

k_0 : "diffusion coefficient."

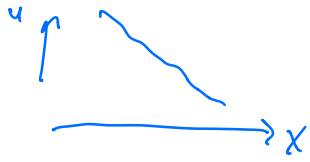
Fourier's Law

"against"

positive,

material-dependent constant.

temp. gradient



$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} < 0 \Rightarrow \phi > 0 \Rightarrow \text{heat flows to right } \checkmark.$



$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} > 0 \Rightarrow \phi < 0 \Rightarrow \text{heat flows to left } \checkmark.$

The heat equation

(Energy conservation + specific heat definition + Fourier's Law) yield the heat equation.

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + Q(x, t)$$

$$e(x, t) = c(x, t) \rho(x, t) u(x, t)$$

$$\phi = -k_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (c(x, t) \rho(x, t) u(x, t)) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-k_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}) + Q(x, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (c(x,t) \rho(x,t) u(x,t)) = k_0 u_{xx} + Q(x,t)$$

The heat equation (in general form)

k_0, c, ρ and Q are given

u is the unknown. (that we'll solve for)

Common simplifications (that we'll almost always make):

c and ρ are constant.

no sources: $Q=0$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (c \cdot \rho \cdot u(x,t)) = k_0 u_{xx}$$

$$u_t = \frac{k_0}{c \rho} u_{xx}$$

define $k := \frac{k_0}{c \rho}$ "thermal diffusivity"

$$u_t = k u_{xx}, \quad u = u(x,t)$$

The heat equation.

The heat equation, simplified

The typical simplification of the heat equation we'll use in this class:

$$u_t = k u_{xx},$$

with $k > 0$ a constant.

This equation is almost enough to model heat flow.
We need initial conditions (what state the rod starts in),
and boundary conditions (what happens at $x=0$, $x=L$?).