

Office hours today: 4-5pm

Hw 2 due Tuesday.

Separation of Variables

MATH 3150 Lecture 04

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PDEs and the heat equation

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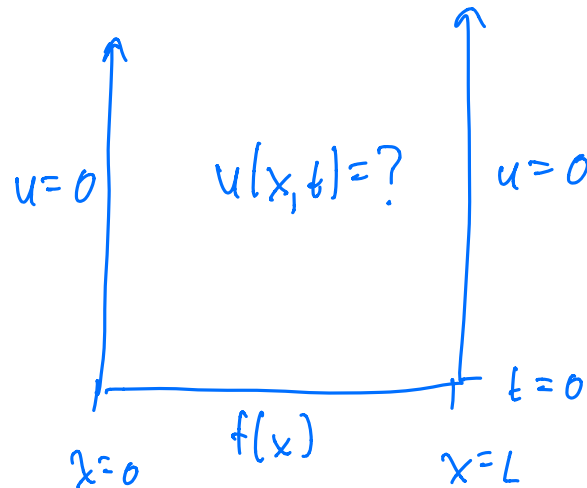
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$k > 0$

for $0 \leq x \leq L$ and $t \geq 0$.

Goal: find an
(essentially) explicit
formula for u .



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Our goal for the next 2 weeks is to show how to solve equations like the above one.
find a formula for $u(x, t)$

The technique we will use for this is *Separation of Variables*.

(This really can only be used on linear PDE's)

Separation of variables

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Step 1: Separate variables

Solve for $u(x, t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= k u_{xx}, & u(x, 0) &= f(x), \\ u(0, t) &= 0, & u(L, t) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

First step: make an ^{"ansatz"} "educated" guess for what $u(x, t)$ could look like. (Ignoring initial and boundary conditions)

ansatz: $u(x, t) = T(t) \cdot \phi(x)$, where T and ϕ are unknown.

Next goal: compute T and ϕ .

Again: right now we only consider PDE (not IC, BC).

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

Note $u(x,t)=0$ is a solution.

We don't care about it. In particular, $T(t)=0$ is not helpful (since $u=0$ then).

If $\phi(x)=0$, this is not helpful (then $u=0$)

New goal: compute "nontrivial" solutions $T(t)$, $\phi(x)$
not 0.

How to compute T , ϕ ? Need $u(x,t)=T(t)\phi(x)$
to satisfy PDE: $u_t = k u_{xx}$.

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (T(t)\phi(x)) = \phi(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (T(t)) \\ &= \phi(x) T'(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (T(t)\phi(x)) = T(t) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (\phi(x)) \\ &= T(t) \phi''(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$u_t = k u_{xx}$$

$$\phi(x) T'(t) = k \phi''(x) T(t)$$

now: separate variables on opposite sides of eqn.

Divide by $u(x,t) = \phi(x) T(t)$

$$\frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} = k \frac{\phi''(x)}{\phi(x)}$$

for convenience.

$$\frac{T'(t)}{k T(t)} = \frac{\phi''(x)}{\phi(x)}$$

depends
only on t

depends
only on x .

this equality can only be true if they both equal a constant.

Call this (unknown) constant $-\lambda$.

(Why negative λ ? Because λ will be positive.)

$$\frac{T'(t)}{kT(t)} = \frac{\varphi''(x)}{\varphi(x)} = -\lambda$$

\Rightarrow This results in 2 ODE's:

$$\underline{T'(t) = -\lambda kT(t)} \quad \underline{\varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0}$$

To complete this first step: need initial/boundary conditions for these equations,

PDE IC: $u(x,0) = f(x)$

$$\varphi(x) T(0) = f(x) \rightarrow T(0) = f(x)/\varphi(x)$$

don't know what $\varphi(x)$ is,
this is not a useful
condition.

PDE BC: @ $x=0$ $u(0,t) = 0$,

$$Q(0)T(t) = 0.$$

↙
either $T(t) = 0$ or $Q(0) = 0$

If $T(t) = 0 \rightarrow$ not interesting since $u = 0$.

Therefore instead, impose $Q(0) = 0$. ✓

PDE BC: @ $x=L$ $u(L,t) = 0$

$$Q(L)T(t) = 0$$

if $T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow u(x,t) = 0 \rightarrow$ trivial,

so not useful.

if $Q(L) = 0$ ✓

To summarize step 1 of separation of variables:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_t = k u_{xx} \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u(0, t) = 0 \\ u(L, t) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{u(x, t) = T(t)\varphi(x)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T'(t) = -\lambda k T(t) \\ \varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0 \\ \varphi(0) = 0 \\ \varphi(L) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Step 2: Boundary conditions (eigenvalues/eigenfunctions)

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

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

$$u(x, 0) = f(x),$$

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

$$T'(t) + \lambda k T(t) = 0$$

$$Q''(x) + \lambda Q(x) = 0$$

$$Q(0) = 0$$

$$Q(L) = 0$$

Since we have boundary conditions for Q , we'll solve that ODE first.

Find a nontrivial solution ϕ to the ODE:

$$\begin{cases} \phi''(x) + \lambda \phi(x) = 0 \\ \phi(0) = 0, \quad \phi(L) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\lambda \text{ unknown})$$

→ the equation above has nontrivial solutions only for certain values of λ (that we'll compute).

→ these special values of λ are "eigenvalues".
the associated nontrivial solutions ϕ are "eigenfunctions".

Goal of step 2 of separation of variables: compute eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.

General strategy: exhaust all values of λ .

E.g., take $\lambda = 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi''(x) = 0 \\ \phi(0) = 0 \\ \phi(L) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \phi(x) = c_1 + c_2 x \quad (\text{integrate twice})$$

c_1, c_2 are unknown constants of integration.

$$\varphi(0)=0 \Rightarrow \varphi(0)=c_1+c_2 \cdot 0=0 \rightarrow c_1=0$$

$$\varphi(L)=0 \Rightarrow \varphi(L)=c_1+c_2 \cdot L=0 \rightarrow 0+c_2 \cdot L=0$$
$$c_2=0$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi(x)=0$ is the only solution when $k=0$

$\varphi(x)=0$ is trivial $\Rightarrow \lambda=0$ is not an eigenvalue.

- Quiz due Wed (midnight)
- Hw (#2) due today (midnight)
- Hw #3 posted by end of day today (due next Tues).
- Midterm exam #1 on Feb. 25.
 - more on Thursday
 - midterm "cheat sheet" posted
 - practice midterm posted.
- Office hours thursday (just this week) moved to Friday
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1-2pm

ODE problem: $\varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0$ $\left(\begin{array}{l} \lambda \neq 0 \text{ not} \\ \text{an eigenvalue} \end{array} \right)$

$$\varphi(0) = 0$$

$$\varphi(L) = 0$$

Recall from ODE's: This eqn is a second-order, constant-coefficient, linear, homogeneous ODE.

Method of solution for this type of ODE: solutions via characteristic equation.

Idea: ansatz: $\varphi(x) = \exp(rx)$, r unknown constant.

$$\varphi''(x) = r^2 \exp(rx)$$

$$\varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0 \longrightarrow (r^2 + \lambda) \exp(rx) = 0$$

$\exp(rx)$ is never zero.

$$\implies r^2 + \lambda = 0$$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{-\lambda} \quad (\text{where } \sqrt{-\lambda} \text{ can be complex})$$

Therefore, if $\pm \sqrt{-\lambda}$ are two distinct numbers, then the general solution to $\varphi'' + \lambda \varphi = 0$ is

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \exp(r_1 x) + c_2 \exp(r_2 x)$$

$$r_1 = +\sqrt{-\lambda}, \quad r_2 = -\sqrt{-\lambda}$$

If $+\sqrt{-\lambda} = -\sqrt{-\lambda}$ (i.e. $\lambda=0$), then the general solution is

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \exp(r_1 x) + c_2 x \exp(r_1 x)$$

Recall: if r_1, r_2 are real, then

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \exp(r_1 x) + c_2 \exp(r_2 x)$$

if r_1, r_2 are complex numbers:

they must be complex conjugates (for real-valued ODE's)

$$r_1 = \sigma + i\omega \quad r_2 = \sigma - i\omega$$

$$i = \sqrt{-1}, \quad \sigma = \operatorname{Re}\{r_1\}$$

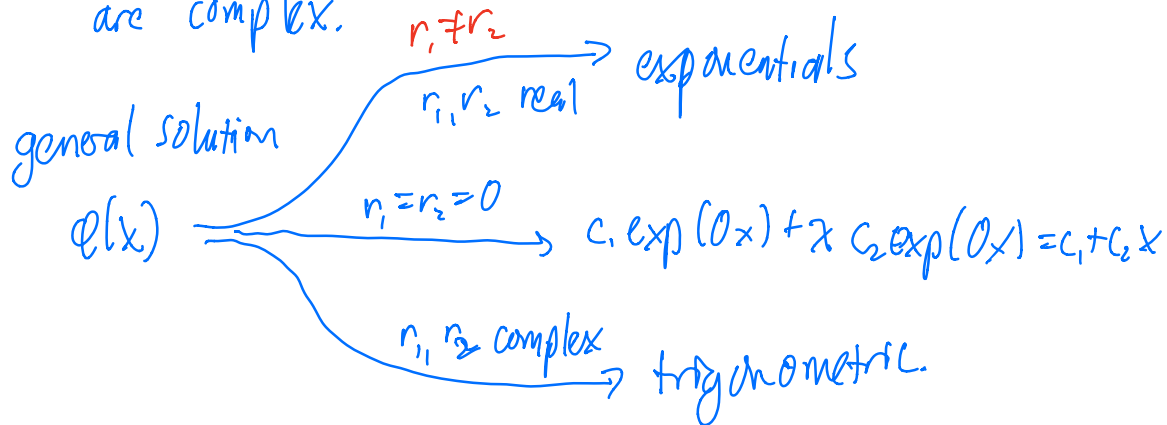
$$\omega = \operatorname{Im}\{r_1\}.$$

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \exp(\sigma + i\omega)x + c_2 \exp(\sigma - i\omega)x$$

(using $\exp(i\theta) = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ (Euler's formula))

$$\phi(x) = k_1 \exp(\sigma x) \cos(\omega x) + k_2 \exp(\sigma x) \sin(\omega x)$$

(where k_1, k_2 are just different constants)
 We'll prefer this real-valued solution when r_1, r_2 are complex.



Strategy: divide analysis into cases of λ when

- 1.) $r_1 = r_2 = 0$ ($\lambda = 0$) ✓
- 2.) $r_1 \neq r_2$ are real ($\lambda < 0$)
- 3.) $r_1 \neq r_2$ are complex ($\lambda > 0$)

$\lambda = 0$ (we already did this!)

$$r_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{-\lambda} = 0, 0$$

$$q(x) = c_1 \underbrace{\exp(0x)}_1 + c_2 x \exp(0x) = c_1 + c_2 x$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} q(0) = 0 \\ q(L) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0 \text{ (from before)}$$

$q(x) = 0 \rightarrow$ trivial, so $\lambda = 0$ not an eigenvalue.

$$\underline{\lambda < 0} : r_1, r_2 = \pm \underbrace{\sqrt{-\lambda}}_{\text{real, non zero.}} \quad \begin{array}{l} r_1 = \sqrt{-\lambda} \\ r_2 = -\sqrt{-\lambda} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &= c_1 \exp(r_1 x) + c_2 \exp(r_2 x) \\ &= c_1 \exp(\sqrt{-\lambda} x) + c_2 \exp(-\sqrt{-\lambda} x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(0) = 0 \quad \& \quad \phi(L) = 0$$

$$\phi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = c_1 \exp(0) + c_2 \exp(0)$$

$$= c_1 + c_2$$

$$c_2 = -c_1$$

$$\phi(L) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = c_1 \exp(\sqrt{-\lambda} L) - c_1 \exp(-\sqrt{-\lambda} L)$$

$$c_1 [\underbrace{\exp(\sqrt{-\lambda} L) - \exp(-\sqrt{-\lambda} L)}] = 0$$

can this equal 0?

$$\text{Let } z = \sqrt{-\lambda} L > 0$$

$$\text{Can } \exp(z) - \exp(-z) = 0?$$

$$\text{No: } \exp(z) > 1 \quad (z > 0)$$

$$\exp(-z) < 1 \quad (-z < 0)$$

Therefore, $c_1 = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = -c_1 = 0.$$

So $\phi(x) = 0$ for every $\lambda < 0$.

$\phi \equiv 0$ trivial, so there are no negative eigenvalues.

$\lambda > 0$: $r_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{-\lambda} = \pm i \sqrt{|\lambda|} (= \pm i \sqrt{\lambda})$

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{|\lambda|} x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{|\lambda|} x)$$

$$\phi(0) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = c_1 \cos(0) + c_2 \sin(0)$$

$$0 = c_1$$

$$\phi(L) = 0 \rightarrow 0 = c_2 \sin(\sqrt{|\lambda|} L)$$

Trying to avoid $c_2 = 0$, so can $\sin(\sqrt{|\lambda|} L) = 0$?

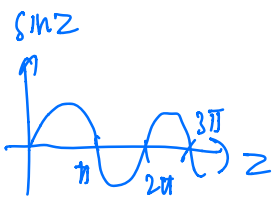
yes, if $\sqrt{|\lambda|} L = n\pi$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$|\lambda| = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} |\lambda| = \lambda \quad (\lambda > 0) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

Write $\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$ since λ depends on



our choice of n .

If $\lambda = \lambda_n$, then we can choose $c_2 \neq 0$.

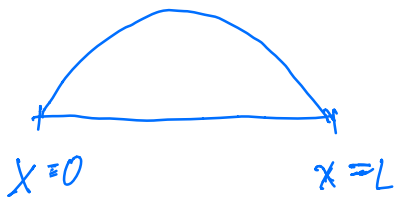
$$\text{So, if } \lambda = \lambda_n, \text{ then } \phi(x) = c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n} x) \\ = c_2 \sin(n\pi x), n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$c_2 \neq 0$$

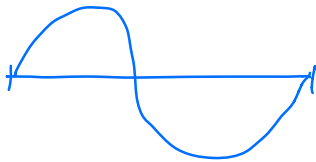
Given $n=1, 2, \dots$, define $\phi_n(x) = \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L})$ ^{$\sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n} x)$}
(Choose $c_2=1$, arbitrary)

In the end: $\lambda = \lambda_n = (\frac{n\pi}{L})^2, n=1, 2, \dots$ are eigenvalues

$\phi(x) = \phi_n(x) = \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L})$ are associated eigenfunctions.



$n=1$



$n=2$



$n=3$

Summary of step 2 : $\phi''(x) + \lambda \phi(x) = 0$

$$\phi(0) = 0$$

$$\phi(L) = 0$$

nontrivial solutions ϕ exist if we choose

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

associated eigenfunctions: $\phi_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

Observe : $\int_0^L \phi_n(x) \phi_m(x) dx$

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

HW \rightarrow

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ L/2, & n = m \text{ (positive integers)} \end{cases}$$

This relation is called orthogonality.

We say "eigenfunctions are orthogonal".

(In this class, can assume eigenfunctions are orthogonal.)

Step 3: General solution and initial conditions

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$$u(x, 0) = f(x),$$
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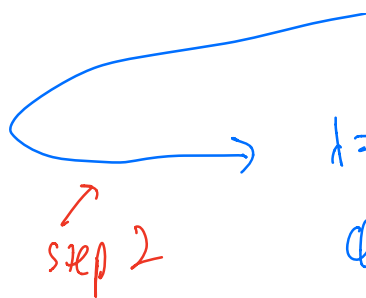
$u(x, t) = \phi(x) T(t) \rightarrow \phi''(x) + \lambda \phi(x) = 0$

$\phi(0) = 0$

$\phi(L) = 0$

$T'(t) + \lambda k T(t) = 0$

step 1


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

Last step: chose $\lambda = \lambda_n$

$$T'(t) + \lambda_n k T(t) = 0.$$

is a linear, constant-coeff, homogeneous ODE.
Characteristic eqn:

$$T(t) = a \exp(-k \lambda_n t)$$

(a constant)

$$T(t) = a \cdot \exp\left(-k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t\right)$$

call this T_n , since it depends on n , and call a as a_n

$$T_n(t) = a_n \exp\left(-k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t\right)$$

$$u(x, t) = \phi(x) T(t)$$

choose $k = k_n \Rightarrow$

$$u(x, t) = Q_n(x) T_n(t)$$

$$= a_n \exp\left(-k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

(this is a sol'n to the PDE!)

(but doesn't satisfy IC's).

Thurs., Feb. 11

- Midterm exam 1 two weeks from today (Feb. 25).
 - practice exam online (website)
 - formula sheet online (website)
 - 100% homework-based.
- Hw #3 due Tuesday.
(Canvas)

Recall: $u_t = k u_{xx}$, $0 < x < L$, $t > 0$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad (\text{IC's})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u(0, t) = 0 \\ u(L, t) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad (\text{BC's})$$

1.) Separate variables: (transform PDE's to ODE's)

$$T'(t) + k\lambda T(t) = 0$$

$$\varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0$$

$$\varphi(0) = 0, \quad \varphi(L) = 0$$

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

2.) Solve eigenvalue problem: find values of λ leading to nontrivial solutions for $\varphi(x)$.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0 \\ \varphi(0) = 0 \\ \varphi(L) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \lambda = \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots \\ \varphi_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \end{array}$$

eigenfunctions

(λ_n, φ_n) = eigenpair

Notice: eigenfunctions are orthogonal:

$$\int_0^L \varphi_n(x) \varphi_m(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ L/2, & n = m \end{cases}$$

3.) Solve the PDE: $\lambda = \lambda_n$

$$T'(t) + \lambda_n k T(t) = 0.$$

$$T_n(t) = \exp(-\lambda_n k t), \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$u_n(x, t) = \varphi_n(x) T_n(t) = \exp\left(-k \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

is a sol'n to the PDE, and satisfies BC's.

Unless we get lucky, none of these functions satisfy the IC's. $u_n(x, 0) = \varphi_n(x)$

Generally: $f(x) \neq \phi_n(x)$.

Since the PDE is linear, homogeneous, then superposition applies: for any constants a_1, a_2, \dots then

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi_n(x, t) \text{ also satisfies the PDE (and BC's).}$$

↗
this superposition solution is called the general solution (to the PDE).

Though $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ are arbitrary, we can choose them to satisfy the initial conditions. We do this with orthogonality.

$$u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi_n(x) T_n(0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi_n(x)$$

$T_n(t) = \exp(-\lambda_n k t)$

$$\text{Choose } a_n \text{ s.t. } f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi_n(x)$$

- multiply by $\phi_l(x)$ (l is some fixed positive integer.)
- integrate from 0 to L .

$$\int_0^L f(x) \phi_l(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \underbrace{\int_0^L \phi_n(x) \phi_l(x) dx}_{\substack{= 0 \text{ if } n \neq l \\ = \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } n = l.}}$$

(= $a_1 \cdot 0 + a_2 \cdot 0 + \dots + a_{l-1} \cdot 0 + a_l \cdot \frac{1}{2} + a_{l+1} \cdot 0 + \dots$)

$$= a_l \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_l = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_l(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{l\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad \text{(everything in this integrand is known!)}$$

These values of a_n ensure that the solution satisfies the IC's.

Solution :

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \exp\left(-k\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right),$$

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

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Example

Solve for $u(x, t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= k u_{xx}, & u(x, 0) &= f(x), \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) &= 0, & \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

1.) Separate variables : ansatz $u(x, t) = T(t) Q(x)$

$$u_t = Q(x) T'(t)$$

$$u_{xx} = Q''(x) T(t)$$

$$u_t = k u_{xx} \Rightarrow \varphi(x) T'(t) = k \varphi''(x) T(t)$$

$$\frac{T'(t)}{k T(t)} = \frac{\varphi''(x)}{\varphi(x)} = \lambda \quad (\text{constant})$$

↑
depends
only on t

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(intentionally chosen λ instead of $-k$. It doesn't matter, as long as we're consistent.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ODE's: } T'(t) - \lambda k T(t) &= 0 \\ \varphi''(x) - \lambda \varphi(x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{BC's: } u_x(0, t) = 0$$

$$\left(\varphi'(x) T(t) \right) \Big|_{x=0} = \varphi'(0) T(t)$$

$$\varphi'(0) T(t) = 0$$

don't want this to be 0,

$$\Rightarrow \varphi'(0) = 0$$

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

$$\varphi'(L) T(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi'(L) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} T'(t) - \lambda k T(t) = 0 \\ \varphi''(x) - \lambda \varphi(x) = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \varphi'(0) = 0, \quad \varphi'(L) = 0$$

2.) Solve an eigenvalue problem (find eigenpairs (λ, φ))

$$\varphi''(x) - \lambda \varphi(x) = 0, \quad \varphi'(0) = 0, \quad \varphi'(L) = 0$$

$$\text{char eqn: } r^2 - \lambda = 0$$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$\underline{\lambda < 0}: r = \pm i \sqrt{|\lambda|} \quad (i = \sqrt{-1})$$

$$\varphi(x) = c_1 \cos(x \sqrt{|\lambda|}) + c_2 \sin(x \sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\varphi'(x) = -c_1 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \sin(x \sqrt{|\lambda|}) + c_2 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \cos(x \sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\varphi'(0) = 0$$

$$0 = -c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \cdot 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$\varphi'(L) = 0$$

$$0 = -c_1 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \sin(L \sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

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

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

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

$$\text{choose } c_1 = 1$$

$$\varphi_n(x) = \cos(x \sqrt{|\lambda_n|}), \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\underline{\lambda=0}: \varphi''(x) = 0 \rightarrow \varphi(x) = c_1 + c_2 x$$

$$\varphi'(x) = c_2$$

$$\varphi'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$\varphi'(L) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

(c, arbitrary, choose $c_1 = 1$)

$\varphi(x) = 1$ is an eigenfunction with
eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \lambda_0 = 0 \\ \varphi_0(x) = 1 \end{array} \right\} \text{eigenpair.}$$

$\lambda > 0$: $r = \pm \sqrt{\lambda}$ (real, distinct)

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \exp(x\sqrt{\lambda}) + c_2 \exp(-x\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$\phi'(x) = c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \exp(x\sqrt{\lambda}) - c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \exp(-x\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$\phi'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} - c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2$$

$$\phi'(L) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \exp(L\sqrt{\lambda}) - c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \exp(-L\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \left(z - \frac{1}{z} \right) = 0, \quad z = \exp(L\sqrt{\lambda})$$

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 not
 zero

$= 0?$

$$z - \frac{1}{z} = 0 \Rightarrow z = \pm 1$$

$$\exp(L\sqrt{\lambda}) \neq -1$$

$$\exp(L\sqrt{\lambda}) = 1$$

only if $L\sqrt{\lambda} = 0$

can't happen.

$(L > 0, \sqrt{\lambda} > 0)$

So must choose $c_1 = 0 \rightarrow$ trivial solution


no eigenvalues for $\lambda > 0$.

Eigenpairs: $\lambda_n = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, n = 1, 2, \dots$
 $\phi_n(x) = \cos(x \sqrt{|\lambda_n|})$

$$\lambda_0 = 0$$

$$\phi_0(x) = 1$$

Observe: orthogonality condition on eigenfunctions:

 $\int_0^L \phi_n(x) \phi_m(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ \frac{1}{2}, & n = m \geq 1 \\ L, & n = m = 0 \end{cases}$

formula sheet

Tuesday, Feb. 16

- Hw 3 due today
 - Quiz 3 due tomorrow
 - Hw 4 due next Tuesday (Feb. 23)
- (no quiz next week)

Recall:

$$u_t = k u_{xx}, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, t) = \phi(x) T(t) \rightsquigarrow \phi''(x) - \lambda \phi(x) = 0$$

$$T'(t) - k\lambda T(t) = 0$$

(we chose λ for our separation of vars
constant instead of $-\lambda$)

$$\text{Eigenvalue problem: } \phi''(x) - \lambda \phi(x) = 0$$

$$\phi'(0) = 0, \quad \phi'(L) = 0$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 = 0 \quad \phi_0(x) = 1$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_n = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \phi_n(x) = \cos(x\sqrt{|\lambda_n|}) \\ = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$\lambda > 0$: no eigenvalues.

$$\text{orthogonality: } \int_0^L \phi_n(x) \phi_m(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ L, & n = m = 0 \\ L/2, & n = m \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Final step: satisfy initial conditions.

$$T'(t) - \lambda k T(t) = 0 \xrightarrow{\lambda = \lambda_n} T_n'(t) - \lambda_n k T_n(t) = 0$$

$$\downarrow \text{char. equ: } r - \lambda_n k = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_n(t) &= \exp(\lambda_n k t) \\ &= \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right) \\ n &= 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = \lambda_n: u_n(x, t) = \phi_n(x) T_n(t)$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right)$$

is a solution to $u_t = k u_{xx}$,
satisfies BC's.

To satisfy IC's: superposition

$$u(x, t) = c_0 \phi_0(x) T_0(t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x) T_n(t),$$

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(for arbitrary constants c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots
general solution.

IC's: $u(x, 0) = f(x)$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x) \underbrace{T_n(0)}_{1 = \exp(0)} = f(x)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x) = f(x) \quad (\text{choose } c_n \text{ to satisfy this})$$

mult. by $\phi_m(x)$, integrate.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \int_0^L \phi_n(x) \phi_m(x) dx = \int_0^L f(x) \phi_m(x) dx$$

$$m=0 : \quad c_0 \cdot L = \int_0^L f(x) \phi_0(x) dx \quad (\phi_0(x) = 1)$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_0(x) dx$$

$$m > 0: \quad C_m \cdot \frac{L}{2} = \int_0^L f(x) \phi_m(x) dx$$

$$C_m = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_m(x) dx$$

Solution: $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n u_n(x, t)$, where

$$u_n(x, t) = \phi_n(x) T_n(t)$$

$$\phi_n(x) = \cos(x \sqrt{|\lambda_n|})$$

$$T_n(t) = \exp(\textcolor{red}{+} \lambda_n k t)$$

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

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_0(x) dx$$

$$C_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_n(x) dx \quad (n > 0)$$

Alternatively :

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt\right)$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

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

Interpretations :

For the above problem's solution:

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

weighted
sum

spatially
oscillatory
functions

decaying in time

note: for n large: $(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2$ is large

exponentials decay very quickly

for n large: $\cos(n\pi x/L)$ is a very oscillatory function.

Solutions of the heat equation: components of the solution that are highly oscillatory decay very quickly (in comparison to slowly-varying components)

These interpretations are true for the heat equation with any boundary conditions: e.g. for homogeneous Dirichlet conditions:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt\right)$$

More interpretations:

$$u_t = k u_{xx}, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt\right)$$

• if $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$

then $f(x) = \varphi_1(x)$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \varphi_0(x) dx \quad \text{orthogonality}$$
$$= \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L \varphi_1(x) \varphi_0(x) dx = 0$$

$$c_1 = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \varphi_1(x) dx$$
$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \varphi_1(x) \varphi_1(x) dx \quad \text{orthogonality} = \frac{2}{L} \cdot \frac{L}{2} = 1$$

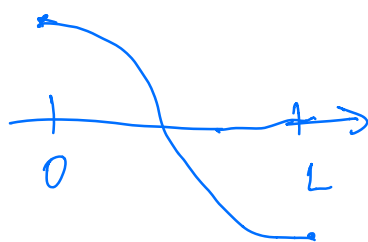
$$n \geq 2: c_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \varphi_n(x) dx = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 kt\right)$$

$$= 1 \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right)$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right)$$

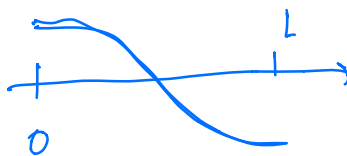
$t = 0^+$



$$f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$$

\downarrow
 $u(x, 0)$

t small:

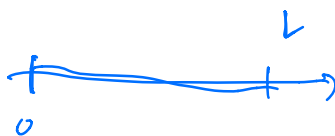


$$u(x, t)$$

$$\exp\left(-\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right) < 1$$

but still macroscopic

t large:



$$u(x, t)$$

$$\exp\left(-\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right) \ll 1$$

\nearrow
 much
 much
 smaller
 than 1.

Compare to equilibrium solutions:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_t = k u_{xx}, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{equilibrium} \\ \text{solution} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) \\ \parallel \\ u_e(x) = 0. \end{array}$$

Recall separation of vars solution:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right)$$

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

take $t \rightarrow \infty$ limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \underbrace{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right)}_{0 \text{ for every } n.}$$

$$= 0 = u_e(x)$$

Let's consider another case:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_t = k u_{xx} \quad u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{equilibrium} \\ \text{solution} \\ + \\ \text{cons. of} \\ \text{energy} \end{array} \rightarrow u_e(x) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

Separation of vars:

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

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \underbrace{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 k t\right)}_{\begin{array}{l} 0 \text{ if } n > 0 \\ 1 \text{ if } n = 0 \end{array}}$$

$$= c_0 \cos(0) \exp(0)$$

$$= c_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_0(x) dx$$

sep. of vars

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

$$= u_e(x)$$

(I.e., equilibrium solutions are consistent with separation of variables.)

Thurs Feb 18

- HW 4 is due Tuesday (Feb 23) midnight MT.
- No quiz next Tues/Wed.
- Tuesday Feb 23: review session
- Next week: office hours Monday 11-12 (usual)
Wed. 2-3 pm (special)
no office hours Thurs. Feb. 25
- Midterm exam
 - derive heat equation
 - compute equilibrium solutions
 - solve heat eqn via separation of variables
 - excellent study material: HW,

Example

Solve for $u(x, t)$:

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

$$u(x, 0) = f(x),$$

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

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t).$$

"Periodic boundary conditions"

Separate variables: $u(x, t) = \phi(x) T(t)$

$$u_t = k u_{xx} \longrightarrow \phi(x) T'(t) = k \phi''(x) T(t)$$

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$$\frac{T'(t)}{k T(t)} = \frac{\phi''(x)}{\phi(x)} = -\lambda$$

for $-\lambda$ an unknown constant.

$$\text{ODE's: } \varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0$$

$$T'(t) + \lambda k T(t) = 0$$

$$\text{BC's: } u(0, t) = u(L, t)$$

$$\varphi(0)T(t) = \varphi(L)T(t) \rightarrow T(t)[\varphi(0) - \varphi(L)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(0) = \varphi(L)$$

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

$$\varphi'(0)T(t) = \varphi'(L)T(t) \rightarrow T(t)[\varphi'(0) - \varphi'(L)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi'(0) = \varphi'(L).$$

$$u(x, t) = T(t) \varphi(x) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0 \\ \varphi(0) = \varphi(L) \\ \varphi'(0) = \varphi'(L) \\ T'(t) + \lambda k T(t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\lambda \text{ unknown})$$

Solve eigenvalue problem: Compute λ such that a nontrivial $\varphi(x)$ satisfies:

$$\varphi''(x) + \lambda \varphi(x) = 0$$

$$\varphi(0) = \varphi(L)$$

$$\varphi'(0) = \varphi'(L)$$

$$\text{char. eqn: } r^2 + \lambda = 0 \rightarrow r = \pm \sqrt{-\lambda}$$

$\lambda < 0$: $r = \pm \sqrt{|\lambda|}$, real, distinct.

$$\varphi(x) = c_1 \exp(x\sqrt{|\lambda|}) + c_2 \exp(-x\sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\varphi'(x) = c_1 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \exp(x\sqrt{|\lambda|}) - c_2 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \exp(-x\sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\varphi(0) = \varphi(L) \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = c_1 \exp(L\sqrt{|\lambda|}) + c_2 \exp(-L\sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\varphi'(0) = \varphi'(L) \Rightarrow c_1 \sqrt{|\lambda|} - c_2 \sqrt{|\lambda|} = c_1 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \exp(L\sqrt{|\lambda|}) - c_2 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \exp(-L\sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\text{call } z = \exp(L\sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1(1-z) + c_2(1-\frac{1}{z}) = 0$$

$$c_1(1-z) + c_2(\frac{1}{z}-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1-z & 1-\frac{1}{z} \\ 1-z & \frac{1}{z}-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is clearly a solution}$$

any nontrivial solutions?

a nontrivial solution exists iff the 2×2 matrix is singular.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-z & 1-\frac{1}{z} \\ 1-z & -(\frac{1}{z}-1) \end{pmatrix} \text{ is singular} \iff \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-z & 1-\frac{1}{z} \\ 1-z & -(\frac{1}{z}-1) \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\det = 0 \Rightarrow -(1-z)(1-\frac{1}{z}) - (1-z)(1-\frac{1}{z}) = 0$$

$$\underbrace{-2(1-z)(1-\frac{1}{z})}_{\text{require } z=1} = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} z = \exp(L\sqrt{|\lambda|}) \\ z = 1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L\sqrt{|\lambda|} = 0$$

$$L > 0$$

$$\lambda < 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{|\lambda|} > 0$$

so $z=1$ not possible

\Rightarrow matrix is nonsingular

$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$ is the only solution

$\Rightarrow \phi(x) \equiv 0$ is the only solution

\Rightarrow there are no eigenvalues λ satisfying $\lambda < 0$.

$\lambda = 0$: $\phi''(x) = 0$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{-\lambda} = 0, 0 \quad (\text{repeated})$$

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \exp(0x) + c_2 x \exp(0x)$$

$$= c_1 + c_2 x$$

$$\phi'(x) = c_2$$

$$\text{BC's: } \phi(0) = \phi(L) \Rightarrow c_1 = c_1 + c_2 L \rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$\phi'(0) = \phi'(L) \Rightarrow c_2 = c_2 \rightarrow \checkmark$$

c_1 is arbitrary, can choose $c_1 = 1$

$\phi_0(x) = 1$ is an eigenfunction associated to eigenvalue $\lambda = \lambda_0 = 0$.

$$\underline{\lambda > 0}: \quad r = \pm \sqrt{-\lambda} = \pm i \sqrt{|\lambda|}$$

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \cos(x \sqrt{|\lambda|}) + c_2 \sin(x \sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BC's: } \phi'(x) = & -c_1 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \sin(x \sqrt{|\lambda|}) \\ & + c_2 \sqrt{|\lambda|} \cos(x \sqrt{|\lambda|}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(0) = \phi(L) \rightarrow c_1 = c_1 \cos(L \sqrt{|\lambda|}) + c_2 \sin(L \sqrt{|\lambda|})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(0) = \phi'(L) \rightarrow & c_2 \cancel{\sqrt{|\lambda|}} = -c_1 \cancel{\sqrt{|\lambda|}} \sin(2 \sqrt{|\lambda|}) \\ & + c_2 \cancel{\sqrt{|\lambda|}} \cos(2 \sqrt{|\lambda|}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 - \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda}) & -\sin(L\sqrt{\lambda}) \\ \sin(L\sqrt{\lambda}) & 1 - \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

nontrivial solutions : require matrix to be singular.

$$\det(\text{matrix}) = 0$$

$$(1 - \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda}))^2 - \sin^2(L\sqrt{\lambda}) \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

$$1 - 2\cos(L\sqrt{\lambda}) + \cos^2(L\sqrt{\lambda}) + \sin^2(L\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0$$

$$2 = 2\cos(L\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$\cos(L\sqrt{\lambda}) = 1$$

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

$$\lambda = \lambda_n = \left(\frac{2\pi n}{L}\right)^2$$

what are eigenfunctions?

$$[1 - \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda})]c_1 - (\sin(L\sqrt{\lambda}))c_2 = 0$$

$$\sin(L\sqrt{\lambda}) c_1 + [1 - \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda})] c_2 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_n \Rightarrow \cos(L\sqrt{\lambda_n}) = 1$$

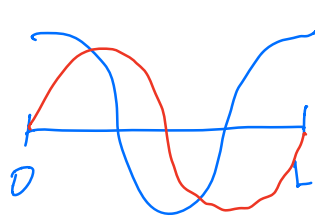
$$\sin(L\sqrt{\lambda_n}) = \sin(2\pi n) = 0.$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (1-1)c_1 + 0 \cdot c_2 &= 0 \\ 0 \cdot c_1 + (1-1)c_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} 0 &= 0 \checkmark \\ c_1, c_2 &\text{ arbitrary.} \end{aligned}$$

So there are two eigenfunctions corresponding to any eigenvalue.

$$c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0 \rightarrow \phi(x) = \phi_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{L}\right)$$

$$c_1 = 0, c_2 = 1 \rightarrow \phi(x) = \tilde{\phi}_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{L}\right)$$



$\phi_n(x)$

$\tilde{\phi}_n(x)$

$(\lambda_n, \phi_n(x)) = \text{eigenpair}$

$(\lambda_n, \tilde{\phi}_n(x)) = \text{eigenpair}$

Eigenfunctions are orthogonal:

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{2\pi n}{L}\right)^2, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\phi_0(x) = 1$$

$$\phi_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{L}\right), \quad \tilde{\phi}_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{L}\right)$$

$$\int_0^L \Phi_n(x) \Phi_m(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ L, & n=m=0 \\ \frac{L}{2}, & n=m \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^L \Phi_n(x) \tilde{\Phi}_m(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{for every } n \geq 0, m > 0,$$

$$\int_0^L \tilde{\Phi}_n(x) \tilde{\Phi}_m(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq m \\ \frac{L}{2}, & m=n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Superposition: $u(x,t) = u_n(x,t) = T_n(t) \Phi_n(x) \quad n \geq 0$

$$u(x,t) = \tilde{u}_n(x,t) = T_n(t) \tilde{\Phi}_n(x), \quad n > 0$$

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

$$T_n(t) = \exp(-\lambda_n k t)$$

General solution: $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \Phi_n(x) T_n(t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \tilde{\Phi}_n(x) T_n(t)$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \exp\left(-\left(\frac{2\pi n}{L}\right)^2 k t\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \exp\left(-\left(\frac{2\pi n}{L}\right)^2 k t\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{L}\right)$$

enforce: $u(x, 0) = f(x)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \phi_n(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \tilde{\phi}_n(x)$$

orthogonality: $a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_0(x) dx$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \phi_n(x) dx \quad (n > 0)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \tilde{\phi}_n(x) dx \quad (n > 0)$$

Solution : $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \exp\left(-\left(\frac{2\pi n}{L}\right)^2 kt\right) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{L}\right)$
 $+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \exp\left(-\left(\frac{2\pi n}{L}\right)^2 kt\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{L}\right)$

where: $a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{L}\right) dx \quad (n > 0)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nx}{L}\right) dx \quad (n > 0)$$