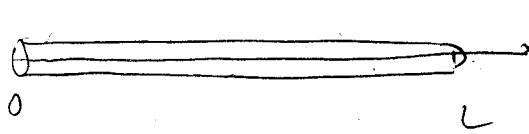


§ 3.6 Even more boundary conditions for 1D Heat Eq



metal rod with insulated ends
homogeneous Neumann B.C.

$$(1) \begin{cases} u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0, & t > 0 \quad (\Leftrightarrow \text{no heat flux}) \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & 0 < x < L \end{cases}$$

Solution using separation of variables.

$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ = ansatz plug in in (1) gives:

$$\begin{cases} X'' - kX = 0 & T' - kc^2 T = 0 \\ X'(0) = X'(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$k = \mu^2 > 0$: $X(x) = a \cosh \mu x + b \sinh \mu x + B.C. \Rightarrow X(x) = 0$ (check)

$k = 0$: $X(x) = ax + b + B.C.$: $X'(x) = a$
 $X'(0) = X'(L) = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$

\Rightarrow we get $X(x) = b$ a nontrivial solution

$k = -\mu^2 < 0$: $X(x) = a \cos \mu x + b \sin \mu x$
 $X'(x) = -a \sin \mu x + b \cos \mu x$
 $X'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$
 $X'(L) = 0 \Rightarrow a \sin \mu L = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \mu = \mu_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}, n = 1, 2, \dots$
 $\leadsto X_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x, n = 1, 2, \dots$

Thus we get =
 $T_0(t) = a_0$
 $T_n(t) = a_n \exp \left[- \left(\frac{n\pi c}{L} \right)^2 t \right]$

Using superposition principle:

$$u(x,t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \exp\left[-\left(\frac{n\pi c}{L}\right)^2 t\right] \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

solves by construction (1)

What about initial conditions?

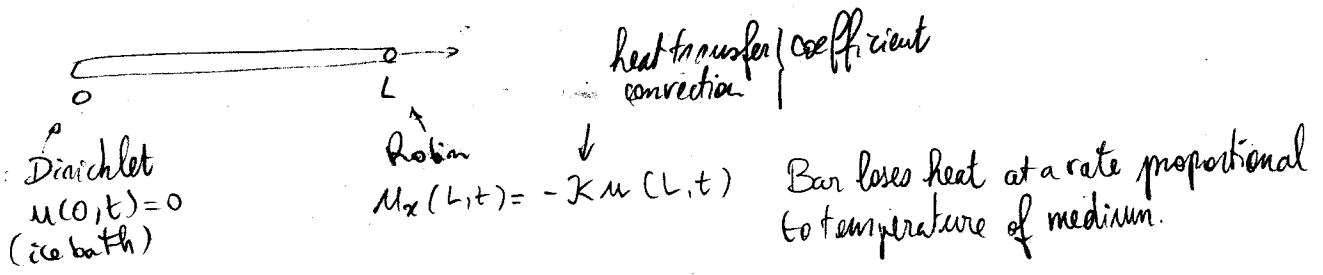
$$u(x,0) = f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

surprise! $a_n, n \geq 0$ are the coeff in the cosine series of $f(x)$.

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

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

Now more complicated Robin type boundary cdt:



$$(2) \begin{cases} u_t = c^2 u_{xx} & , & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\ u_x(0,t) = 0 & , & t > 0 \\ u_x(L,t) = -K u(L,t) & , & t > 0 \\ u(x,0) = f(x) & , & 0 < x < L \end{cases}$$

Idea Use separation of variables to get:

$$\begin{cases} X'' - kX = 0 \\ X(0) = 0 & \text{(BC1)} \\ X'(L) = -K X(L) & \text{(BC2)} \end{cases}$$

$$T' - k^2 T = 0$$

$k = \mu^2 > 0$: $X(x) = a \cosh \mu x + b \sinh \mu x$. (BC1) $\Rightarrow a = 0$
 (BC2) $\Rightarrow b \frac{\sinh \mu L}{\cosh \mu L} = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$
 $\Rightarrow X(x) = 0$ (trivial sol)

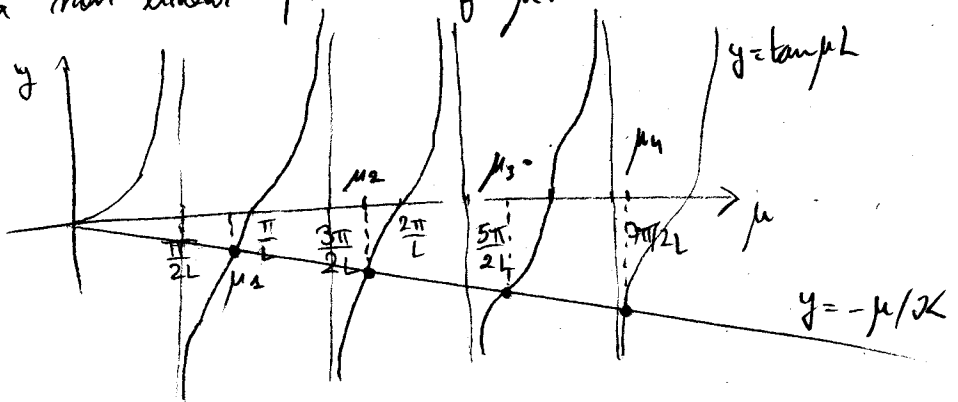
$k = 0$: $X(x) = ax + b$. (BC1) $\Rightarrow b = 0$
 (BC2) $\Rightarrow a = -K a L \Rightarrow a(1 + KL) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow a = 0$. (trivial sol)

$k = -\mu^2: X(x) = a \cos \mu x + b \sin \mu x$

(BC1) $\Rightarrow a = 0$

(BC2) $\Rightarrow \mu \cos \mu L = -K \sin \mu L \Leftrightarrow \tan \mu L = -\frac{\mu}{K}$

gives a non linear eq to solve for μ :



can solve (numerically) for roots $\mu_n, n \geq 1$

\leadsto get solutions:

$X_n(x) = \sin \mu_n x$

$T_n(t) = c_n \exp[-c^2 \mu_n^2 t]$

$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \exp[-c^2 \mu_n^2 t] \sin \mu_n x$ solves (2) by construction

What about I.C.?

$u(x,0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin \mu_n x$

\sim "Generalized Fourier series" (Some series but not quite)

It turns out (Sturm-Liouville theory, § 6) that:

$\{ \sin \mu_n x \}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ form an orthogonal system of functions w.r.t inner product: $(u,v) = \int_0^L u(x)v(x) dx$

thus

$(f, \sin \mu_n x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n (\sin \mu_n x, \sin \mu_n x) = c_n (\sin \mu_n x, \sin \mu_n x)$

$\Rightarrow c_n = \frac{(f, \sin \mu_n x)}{(\sin \mu_n x, \sin \mu_n x)}$