

8. The 1870

$$u_t = \alpha u_{xx}$$

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

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

Here the boundary conditions are not Dirichlet type, but they are Neumann type. By separation of variables,

$$u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$$

The eq<sup>n</sup> becomes

$$\frac{T'}{T} = \frac{X''}{X} = K = -\lambda^2$$

Since the BCs are homogeneous, only for negative values of  $k$ , we will get nontrivial solutions conforming to the boundary conditions. Hence the PDE is converted to the following ODEs:

$$X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0, \quad T' + \alpha \lambda^2 T = 0$$

The solutions are:

$$X(x) = A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x$$

$$T(t) = C e^{-\alpha \lambda^2 t}$$

$$u(x,t) = (A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x) e^{-\alpha \lambda^2 t}$$

$$u_x = (-A \lambda \sin \lambda x + B \lambda \cos \lambda x) e^{-\alpha \lambda^2 t}$$

First BC  $\Rightarrow B = 0$

2nd BC  $\Rightarrow \sin \lambda L = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

corresponding  $\rightarrow a_n = 0$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{A_0}{2}$$

$$u_n(x, t) = A_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{l} x e^{-\frac{\alpha n^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{l} x e^{-\frac{\alpha n^2 \pi^2}{l^2} t} \quad [\text{Fourier series}]$$

Using the TC:

$$f(x) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{l} x$$

$$\Rightarrow A_0 = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) dx, A_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

(i)  $f(x) = 1, \quad l = \pi, x = 1$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos nx e^{-\alpha n^2 t}$$

$$A_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 dx = 2$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \sin nx \right]_0^{\pi} = 0$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = 1$$

(ii)  $f(x) = x^2$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos nx e^{-\alpha n^2 t}$$

$$A_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi^3}{3} = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx = \frac{4}{n^2} (-1)^n$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nx e^{-\alpha n^2 t}$$

10) ~~Solve the problem~~

$$u_t = \alpha u_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0$$

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$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(1, t) + u_x(1, t) = 0,$$

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

Sol<sup>n</sup>: The sol<sup>n</sup> is:

$$u(x, t) = (A \cos \alpha x + B \sin \alpha x) e^{-\alpha^2 t}$$

BC  $u(0, t) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$

BC  $u(1, t) + u_x(1, t) = 0 \Rightarrow (B \sin \alpha + \alpha B \cos \alpha) e^{-\alpha^2 t} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow B (\sin \alpha + \alpha \cos \alpha) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha + \alpha \cos \alpha = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \alpha \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -\tan \alpha \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

This equation cannot be solved analytically. But the graph of the functions  $\alpha$  and  $-\tan \alpha$  shows a point that the eq<sup>n</sup> has infinitely many positive solutions  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$ . These values  $\alpha_n$  are the eigenvalues.

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \alpha_n x e^{-\alpha_n^2 t}$$

where  $\alpha_n$  are solutions of (1).

IC  $u(x, 0) = f(x) \Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \alpha_n x.$$

$$\therefore B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \alpha_n x \, dx$$

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This is a D'Alembert's problem with  $u_t(x, 0) = 0 = \psi(x)$

$$u(x, 0) = \varphi(x) = \frac{1}{1+4x^2}$$

The D'Alembert sol<sup>n</sup> is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi(x+ct) + \varphi(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(s) ds$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{1+4(x+ct)^2} + \frac{1}{1+4(x-ct)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{[1+4(x-ct)^2] + [1+4(x+ct)^2]}{[1+4(x+ct)^2][1+4(x-ct)^2]} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{[2 + 8(x^2 + c^2 t^2)]}{[1+4(x+ct)^2][1+4(x-ct)^2]} \\ &= \frac{1 + 4c^2 t^2 + 4x^2}{[1+4(x+ct)^2][1+4(x-ct)^2]} \end{aligned}$$

We have to solve the following IBVP :

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \\ u_x(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_0 \\ u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(l, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$