

One Dimensional Heat Equations ++

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Q. Find the temperature in a laterally insulated bar of length L , whose ends are kept at zero temperatures, assuming that the initial temperature is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2} \\ L - x & \text{for } \frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L \end{cases}$$

Solⁿ : It is the case of one dimensional heat equation with its equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \dots (1)$$

The boundary conditions are

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

and

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

The initial temperature on the rod is

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2} \\ L - x & \text{for } \frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L \end{cases}$$

Its general solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x . e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t} \dots\dots(2)$$

Using the initial condition,

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2} \\ L - x & \text{for } \frac{L}{2} \leq x \leq L \end{cases}$$

we get

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \cdot e^0$$

or,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

Which is a half range Fourier sine series, where

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^{L/2} f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx + \frac{2}{L} \int_{L/2}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx \\
&= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^{L/2} x \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx + \frac{2}{L} \int_{L/2}^L (L-x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2}{L} \left[x \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x - 1 \cdot \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 (-) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right]_0^{L/2} \\
&+ \frac{2}{L} \left[(L-x) \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x - (-1) \cdot \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 (-) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right]_{L/2}^L
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2}{L} \left[(-) \frac{L}{2} \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - 0 + 0 \right] \\
 &+ \frac{2}{L} \left[0 - 0 - \left\{ (-) \frac{L}{2} \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right\} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2}{L} \cdot 2 \cdot \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \\
 &= \frac{4L}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{4L}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} & \text{for } n = \text{odd} \\ 0 & \text{for } n = \text{even} \end{cases}$$

Hence, from equation (2), we get

$$u(x, t) = \frac{4L}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t}$$

where $n = \text{odd}$

This is required temperature distribution.

Determine the solution of one dimensional heat equation under the boundary condition $u(0, t) = 0, u(L, t) = 0$ and the initial temperature is $u(x, 0) = x$, where L is the length of the bar.

Solⁿ : It is the case of one dimensional heat equation with its equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \dots (1)$$

The boundary conditions are

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

and

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

The initial temperature on the rod is

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

Its general solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x . e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t} \dots\dots(2)$$

Using the initial condition,

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

we get

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \cdot e^0$$

or,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

Which is a half range Fourier sine series, where

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

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x \cdot \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \left[x \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x - 1 \cdot \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 (-) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right]_0^L$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \left[L \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos n\pi - 0 - 1 \cdot (0 - 0) \right]$$

$$\therefore a_n = -\frac{2L}{n\pi} \cos n\pi$$

Hence, from (1), we get

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

This is required temperature distribution.

Steady state condition:

The condition at which temperature is independent of time is called steady state condition.

In steady state ,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$$

The one dimensional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \dots (1)$$

now becomes

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

or,

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

Integrating we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = A$$

Again, integrating, we get

$$u = Ax + B$$

which is temperature distribution on the bar in steady state condition.

Q. An insulated rod of length L has its ends P and Q maintained at temperatures $0^{\circ}C$ and $100^{\circ}C$ respectively, until the steady state condition prevails. If the end Q is suddenly reduced to $0^{\circ}C$ and maintained at $0^{\circ}C$, find the temperature distribution on the rod.

Solⁿ: In steady state,

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

Solving,

$$u(x) = Ax + B$$

Using the boundary condition, $u = 0$ at $x = 0$, we get

$$0 = A \cdot 0 + B$$

i.e.

$$B = 0$$

Again, using the boundary condition, $u = 100$ at $x = L$, we get

$$100 = A.L + 0$$

i.e.

$$A = \frac{100}{L}$$

So,

$$u = Ax + B = \frac{100}{L}x + 0$$

which is initial temperature on the rod.

Now, we have to solve the one dimensional heat equation with its equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \dots (1)$$

The boundary conditions are

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

and

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

And the initial condition is,

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{100}{L}x$$

Its general solution is

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

Using the initial condition,

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{100}{L}x$$

we get

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x \cdot e^0$$

or,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

Which is a half range Fourier sine series, where

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

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \frac{100x}{L} \cdot \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

$$= \frac{200}{L^2} \left[x \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} x - 1 \cdot \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 (-) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right]_0^L$$

$$= \frac{200}{L^2} \left[L \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos n\pi - 0 - 1 \cdot (0 - 0) \right]$$

$$\therefore a_n = -\frac{200}{n\pi} \cos n\pi$$

Hence, from (1), we get

$$u(x, t) = -\frac{200}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \cos n\pi \cdot \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t}$$

This is required temperature distribution.

Solution of non homogeneous boundary conditions

If temperatures at end points of the rod are different from zero, the boundary conditions are called non-homogeneous.

In such case, the solution of one dimensional heat equation is given by

$$u(x, t) = u_s(x) + u_1(x, t)$$

where,

$$u_s(x)$$

is solution of steady state condition i.e.

$$u_s(x) = Ax + B$$

and

$$u_1(x, t)$$

satisfies the heat equation with homogeneous boundary conditions

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

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial t^2}$$

with the initial condition

$$u_1(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - u_s$$

The ends A and B of the rod of length 20 cm have the temperatures at 30°C and at 80°C respectively, until the steady state condition prevails. The temperatures of the ends are changed to 40°C and 60°C respectively. Find the temperature distribution in the rod at any time t .

Solⁿ: First, we find the initial temperature on the rod. For, in steady state,

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

Solving,

$$u(x) = Ax + B$$

Using the boundary condition, $u = 30$ at $x = 0$, we get

$$30 = A \cdot 0 + B$$

i.e.

$$B = 30$$

Again, using the boundary condition, $u = 80$ at $x = 20$, we get

$$80 = A.20 + 30$$

i.e.

$$A = \frac{5}{2}$$

So,

$$u = Ax + B = \frac{5}{2}x + 30$$

which is initial temperature on the rod.

Now, we have to solve the one dimensional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \dots (1)$$

The boundary conditions are

$$u(0, t) = 40$$

and

$$u(L, t) = 60$$

And the initial condition is,

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{5}{2}x + 30$$

Its solution is

$$u(x, t) = u_s(x) + u_1(x, t) \dots (2)$$

where

$$u_s = Cx + D$$

using $u = 40$ at $x = 0$, we get $D = 40$ and using
 $u = 60$ at $x = 20$, we get $C = 1$.

$$\therefore u_s = x + 40$$

And

$$u_1(x, t)$$

satisfies the heat equation

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

with the homogeneous boundary conditions. So, its solution is,

$$u_1(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t} \dots (3)$$

with the initial condition

$$u_1(x, 0) = u(x) - u_s$$

So, using the initial condition ,

$$u_1(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{5}{2}x + 30 - (x + 40) = \frac{3}{2}x - 10$$

we get

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x$$

which is a half range Fourier sine series, where

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

$$= \frac{2}{20} \int_0^{20} \left(\frac{3}{2}x - 10 \right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{20}x \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{10} \left[\left(\frac{3}{2}x - 10 \right) \cdot \frac{20}{n\pi} (-) \cos \frac{n\pi}{20} x - \frac{3}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{20}{n\pi} \right)^2 (-) \sin \frac{n\pi}{20} x \right]_0^{20} \\
&= \frac{1}{10} \left[\left\{ 20 \cdot \frac{20}{n\pi} (-) \cos n\pi - 0 \right\} - \left\{ (-10) \cdot \frac{20}{n\pi} (-) \right\} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_n = -\frac{20}{n\pi} [1 + 2 \cos n\pi]$$

Hence, from (2),

$$u(x, t) = u_s(x) + u_1(x, t)$$

we get

$$u(x, t) = x + 40 - \frac{20}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + \cos n\pi)}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{20} x \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{20}\right)^2 c^2 t}$$

which is required solution to the given problem.

A rod of length L has its ends A and B kept at temperatures at 0°C and at 100°C respectively, until the steady state condition prevails. If the changes consists of raising the temperature of A to 25°C and reducing that of B to 75°C respectively. Find the temperature distribution in the rod at any time t .

Solⁿ: First, we find the initial temperature on the rod. For, in steady state,

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

Solving,

$$u(x) = Ax + B$$

Using the boundary condition, $u = 30$ at $x = 0$, we get

$$0 = A \cdot 0 + B$$

i.e.

$$B = 0$$

Again, using the boundary condition, $u = 100$ at $x = L$, we get

$$100 = A.L + 0$$

i.e.

$$A = \frac{100}{L}$$

So,

$$u = Ax + B = \frac{100}{L}x$$

which is initial temperature on the rod.

Now, we have to solve the one dimensional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \dots (1)$$

With the boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 25$$

and

$$u(L, t) = 75$$

And the initial condition is,

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{100}{L}x$$

Its solution is

$$u(x, t) = u_s(x) + u_1(x, t) \dots \dots (2)$$

where

$$u_s = Cx + D$$

using $u = 25$ at $x = 0$, we get $D = 25$ and using $u = 75$ at $x = L$, we get $C = \frac{50}{L}$.

$$\therefore u_s = \frac{50}{L}x + 25$$

And

$$u_1(x, t)$$

satisfies the heat equation

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

with the homogeneous boundary conditions. So, its solution is,

$$u_1(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t} \dots (3)$$

with the initial condition

$$u_1(x, 0) = u(x) - u_s$$

So, using the initial condition ,

$$u_1(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{100}{L}x - \left(\frac{50}{L}x + 25\right) = \frac{50}{L}x - 25$$

we get

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x$$

which is a half range Fourier sine series, where

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

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \left(\frac{50}{L}x - 25 \right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2}{L} \left[\left(\frac{50}{L}x - 25 \right) \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L}x - \frac{50}{L} \cdot \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 (-) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x \right]_0^L \\
&= \frac{2}{L} \left[\left\{ 25 \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos n\pi - 0 \right\} - \left\{ (-25) \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-1) - 0 \right\} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_n = -\frac{50}{n\pi} [1 + \cos n\pi]$$

Hence, from (2),

$$u(x, t) = u_s(x) + u_1(x, t)$$

we get

$$u(x, t) = \frac{50}{L}x + 25 - \frac{50}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + \cos n\pi)}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t}$$

which is required solution to the given problem.

A rod of length L has its ends A and B kept at temperatures at 0°C and at 100°C respectively, until the steady state condition prevails. If the changes consists of raising the temperature of A to 20°C and reducing that of B to 80°C respectively. Find the temperature distribution in the rod at any time t .

Solⁿ: First, we find the initial temperature on the rod. For, in steady state,

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

Solving,

$$u(x) = Ax + B$$

Using the boundary condition, $u = 30$ at $x = 0$, we get

$$0 = A \cdot 0 + B$$

i.e.

$$B = 0$$

Again, using the boundary condition, $u = 100$ at $x = L$, we get

$$100 = A.L + 0$$

i.e.

$$A = \frac{100}{L}$$

So,

$$u = Ax + B = \frac{100}{L}x$$

which is initial temperature on the rod.

Now, we have to solve the one dimensional heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \dots (1)$$

With the boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 20$$

and

$$u(L, t) = 80$$

And the initial condition is,

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{100}{L}x$$

Its solution is

$$u(x, t) = u_s(x) + u_1(x, t) \dots \dots (2)$$

where

$$u_s = Cx + D$$

using $u = 20$ at $x = 0$, we get $D = 20$ and using $u = 80$ at $x = L$, we get $C = \frac{60}{L}$.

$$\therefore u_s = \frac{60}{L}x + 20$$

And

$$u_1(x, t)$$

satisfies the heat equation

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

with the homogeneous boundary conditions. So, its solution is,

$$u_1(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t} \dots (3)$$

with the initial condition

$$u_1(x, 0) = u(x) - u_s$$

So, using the initial condition ,

$$u_1(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{100}{L}x - \left(\frac{60}{L}x + 20\right) = \frac{40}{L}x - 20$$

we get

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x$$

which is a half range Fourier sine series, where

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

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \left(\frac{40}{L}x - 20 \right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2}{L} \left[\left(\frac{40}{L}x - 20 \right) \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos \frac{n\pi}{L}x - \frac{40}{L} \cdot \left(\frac{L}{n\pi} \right)^2 (-) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x \right]_0^L \\
&= \frac{2}{L} \left[\left\{ 20 \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-) \cos n\pi - 0 \right\} - \left\{ (-20) \cdot \frac{L}{n\pi} (-1) - 0 \right\} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_n = -\frac{40}{n\pi} [1 + \cos n\pi]$$

Hence, from (2),

$$u(x, t) = u_s(x) + u_1(x, t)$$

we get

$$u(x, t) = \frac{60}{L}x + 20 - \frac{40}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + \cos n\pi)}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x \cdot e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 c^2 t}$$

which is required solution to the given problem.