

## MATB42 Week 2 Notes

### 1. HEAT Equation:

- The PDE  $u_t = k u_{xx}$  is called the **heat eqn / diffusion eqn** where  $k$  is a constant called the rate of diffusion.
- The heat eqn describes the diffusion of heat through a 1-D medium, such as a metal rod. The unknown function  $u(x, t)$  is the temperature at point  $x$  at time  $t$ .
- We aim to solve  $u(x, t)$  in the finite domain  $0 < x < l$  where  $l$  is the length of the domain.
- Initial Condition:  
 $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$  where  $\phi(x)$  describes the initial heat distribution at time  $t=0$ .
- Boundary Condition:  
 $u_x(0, t) = 0$   
 $u_x(l, t) = 0$

The boundary conditions indicate that no heat is leaving or entering the domain.

To solve the heat eqn, we'll use Separation of Variables.



Assume  $u(x, t) = X(x) \cdot T(t)$

Then, the PDE  $u_t = k u_{xx}$  becomes  
 $X \cdot T' = k \cdot X'' \cdot T$

**Recall:** By convention, we move all the constants and terms with  $t$  to the LHS and all the terms with  $x$  to the RHS.

Thus, we get  $\frac{T'}{k \cdot T} = \frac{X''}{X} = F$

The separation constant. Is always negative.

$$\frac{T'}{k \cdot T} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda, \text{ where } \lambda > 0$$

$$\frac{T'}{k \cdot T} = -\lambda$$

$$T' = -\lambda k T$$

**Recall:**  $(\ln(f(x)))' = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$

$$\frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda k$$

Hence,  $\frac{T'}{T} = (\ln(T))'$

$$(\ln(T))' = -\lambda k$$

$$\ln(T) = \int -\lambda k$$

$$= -\lambda k t + C$$

$$T = e^{-\lambda k t + C}$$

$$T = A e^{-\lambda k t}$$

To get rid of the derivative, we integrate both sides with respect to  $t$ .

Now, we have  $\ln(T) = -\lambda k t$

To get rid of  $\ln$ , raise both sides by  $e$ .

$$e^{\ln f(x)} = f(x)$$

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$X'' = -\lambda X$$

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0$$

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

$$r^2 = -\lambda$$

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

$$\text{Take } r = \sqrt{\lambda}i$$

$$e^{rx} = e^{(\sqrt{\lambda}x)i}$$

$$= \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + i\sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$X = C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$u(x, t) = \underbrace{X(x) \cdot T(t)}_{\text{We found both terms}}$$

Now, we plug in the boundary equations.  
Recall that the boundary conditions are

$$1. u_x(0, t) = 0$$

$$2. u_x(l, t) = 0$$

This means that we need to differentiate  $u$  with respect to (w.r.t)  $x$  first.

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

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (X(x) \cdot T(t))$$

$$= T(t) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (X(x)) \quad \leftarrow T \text{ is treated as a constant.}$$

$$= T(t) \underbrace{(-C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x))(\sqrt{\lambda})}_{x'}$$



$$u_x(0,t)=0 \rightarrow X'(0) \cdot T(t)=0 \rightarrow X'(0)=0$$

**Recall:** We ignore the case when  $T(t)=0$  bc that gives us the trivial soln.

$$X'(0) = (-C \sin(0) + D \cos(0))(\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$X'(0) = 0$$

$$D\sqrt{\lambda} = 0$$

Since we assumed that  $\lambda > 0$ , this means  $D=0$ .

Now, we'll plug in the other boundary condition.  
 $u_x(l,t)=0 \rightarrow X'(l) \cdot T(t)=0 \rightarrow X'(l)=0$

$$X'(l) = -C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$X'(l) = 0$$

$$-C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$$

$$C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$$

Either  $C=0$  or  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l)=0$ .

We ignore the case when  $C=0$ . (Trivial soln)

$$\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0 \rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} l = n\pi, n \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi}{l}$$

For each value of  $n$ , we have a soln, denoted as  $u_n$ .

$$u_n(x,t) = A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2 kt}$$

**Recall:**

$$X = C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + \underbrace{D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)}_{D=0}$$

$$= C \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \leftarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi}{l}$$

$$T = A e^{-\lambda kt} \leftarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi}{l} \rightarrow \lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2$$

$$= A e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2 kt}$$



**Note:** Because  $\cos(0) = 1 \neq 0$ , it does not give the trivial soln and we can't ignore the case when  $n=0$ .

Since each value of  $n$  gives a soln to the PDE, the general soln is a linear comb of all the Unis.

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

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Notice we start at  $n=0$ .

We now apply the initial condition  $u(x,0) = \phi(x)$ .

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

$$u(x,0) = \phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

This is called the **Fourier (cosine) Series of  $\phi(x)$** . The reason we got cosine instead of sine is bc our boundary conditions involve the derivative of  $u$ .

Recall the Orthogonal Relations for Fourier Series:

$$\int_0^l \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } m \neq n \\ \frac{l}{2}, & \text{if } m = n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Since we have  $m = n \neq 0$ , we have to distinguish when  $m = 0$  and when  $m \neq 0$ .

1. When  $m = 0$ :

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \leftarrow \text{From before}$$

Multiply both sides by  $\cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right)$  and integrate from 0 to  $l$ .

$$\int_0^l \phi(x) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \underbrace{\int_0^l \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx}_{\substack{\text{This integral equals 0} \\ \text{for when } n \neq 0, \text{ and} \\ \text{is equal to } l \text{ when} \\ n = 0}}$$

$$= A_n \int_0^l 1 + 0 + 0 + \dots 0 \\ = A_n l$$

$$A_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) \underbrace{\cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right)}_{\substack{\text{Equals 1 since } \cos(0) = 1}} dx, \text{ when } m = 0 \\ = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) dx$$



2. When  $m \neq 0$ :

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \leftarrow \text{From Before}$$

Multiply both sides by  $\cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right)$  and integrate from 0 to  $l$ .

$$\int_0^l \phi(x) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \underbrace{\int_0^l \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx}_{\substack{\text{The integral equals 0} \\ \text{when } n \neq m \text{ and} \\ \frac{l}{2} \text{ when } n=m}}$$

$$= 0 + \dots + 0 + A_n \frac{l}{2} + 0 + \dots + 0$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx$$

— Earlier, we said that the separation constant is always negative, and we denoted it as  $-\lambda$ , where  $\lambda \geq 0$ . We'll see why here.

If  $\lambda = 0$ :

$$T' = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad X'' = 0$$

$$T(t) = A \quad X(x) = Cx + D$$

$$u_x(0, t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(0) \cdot T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(0) = 0$$

$$X'(0) = C$$

$$\therefore C = 0$$

$$u_x(l, t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(l) \cdot T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(l) = 0$$

$$X'(l) = C$$

$$\therefore C = 0$$

Both boundary conditions show that  $C = 0$ .



Furthermore, we see no restrictions on  $A$  or  $D$ . This means that, when  $\lambda=0$ , we get a constant  $A \cdot D$ . This is the exact constant we get when  $n=0$ .

I.e.

$$U_0^{(x,t)} = A_0 e^0 \cdot D_0 \cos(0) \\ = A_0 \cdot D_0$$

If  $\lambda < 0$ :

Let  $\lambda = -\mu$ , where  $\mu > 0$ .

Now, we have:  $T' - \mu k T = 0$  and  $X'' - \mu X = 0$ .

From  $T' - \mu k T = 0$ , we get  $T(t) = A e^{\mu k t}$ .

From  $X'' - \mu X = 0$ , we get  $X(x) = C e^{\sqrt{\mu} x} + D e^{-\sqrt{\mu} x}$ .

We now apply the boundary eqns.

First, we apply  $U_x(0, t) = 0$ .

$$U_x = X' \cdot T \\ = \underbrace{(C e^{\sqrt{\mu} x} - D e^{-\sqrt{\mu} x})}_{X'} (\sqrt{\mu}) \cdot T$$

$$U_x(0, t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(0) \cdot T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(0) = 0$$

$$X'(0) = (C - D) \sqrt{\mu}$$

$$(C - D) \sqrt{\mu} = 0$$

$$C - D = 0 \quad (\text{we know } \mu \neq 0)$$

$$C = D$$

Now, we use the other boundary condition.

$$U_x(l, t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(l) \cdot T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(l) = 0$$

$$X'(l) = (C e^{\sqrt{\mu} l} - D e^{-\sqrt{\mu} l}) \sqrt{\mu} = 0$$

$$\text{Using } C = D, \text{ we get } C(e^{\sqrt{\mu} l} - e^{-\sqrt{\mu} l}) = 0$$



This means that either  $C=0$  or  $e^{\sqrt{\lambda}l} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}l} = 0$ .

$C=0$  gives us the trivial soln, so we ignore it.

$$e^{\sqrt{\lambda}l} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}l} = 0$$

$$e^{\sqrt{\lambda}l} = e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}l}$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda}l = -\sqrt{\lambda}l \quad (\text{we took the ln of both sides.})$$

This means that  $\lambda=0$ , which is a contradiction.

Hence, there are no non-trivial solns for  $\lambda < 0$ .

$\therefore$   $\lambda$  is never negative but may be equal to 0.

## 2. Important Formulas:

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

$$- \text{If } m=0, A_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) dx$$

$$- \text{If } m \neq 0, \text{ and } n=m, A_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) dx$$

$$- \int_0^l \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } m \neq n \\ \frac{l}{2}, & \text{if } m=n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



### 3. Examples

**E.g. 1** Find the soln to the heat eqn on  $0 < x < l$  with  $U_x(0, t) = 0$ ,  $U_x(l, t) = 0$  and  $\phi(x) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right)$ .

**Soln:**

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

Because  $n$  could equal  $m$ , which equals 0, we need to split this into 2 cases.

**Case 1 ( $n=m=0$ ):**

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{l} \left(\frac{l}{2\pi}\right) \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) \Big|_0^l \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \underbrace{\sin(2\pi)}_0 - \underbrace{\sin(0)}_0 \right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2 ( $n=m \neq 0$ ):**

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) \\ &= 0 \text{ if } n \neq 2, \text{ and } 1, \text{ if } n=2. \end{aligned}$$



$$\therefore A_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n=m=0 \\ 0, & \text{if } n \neq 2 \\ 1, & \text{if } n=2 \end{cases}$$

**E.g. 2** Find the soln to the heat eqn on  $0 < x < l$  with  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u_x(l, t) = 0$  and  $\phi(x) = 1$

**Soln:**

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

If  $n=0$ : ( $n=m=0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l 1 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{l} (l-0) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

If  $n \neq 0$ : ( $n=m \neq 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{l}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{m\pi} \left( \sin(m\pi) - \sin(0) \right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n=0 \\ 0, & \text{if } n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



**E.g. 3** Find the soln to the heat eqn on  $0 < x < l$  with  $u(0,t) = 0$ ,  $u(l,t) = 0$  and  $u(x,0) = \phi(x)$ .

**Soln:**

Notice that the boundary conditions do not differentiate  $u$  w.r.t  $x$ .

I.e. we have  $u(0,t) = 0$  instead of  $u_x(0,t) = 0$ .

Assume  $u(x,t) = X(x) \cdot T(t)$   $\leftarrow$  Separation of var

The PDE  $u_t = k u_{xx}$  now becomes

$$X \cdot T' = k \cdot X'' \cdot T$$

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$T' = -\lambda k T$$

$$X'' = \lambda X$$

$$X'' - \lambda X = 0$$

$$X = C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

$$T = A e^{-\lambda k t}$$

Now, let's plug in the boundary conditions.

$$u(0,t) = 0 \rightarrow X(0) \cdot T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X(0) = 0$$

$$X(0) = C$$

$$X(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore C = 0$$

$$u(l,t) = 0 \rightarrow X(l) \cdot T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X(l) = 0$$

$$X(l) = D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l)$$

$$X(l) = 0$$

$$D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} l = n\pi, \quad n > 0$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi}{l}$$



For each  $n$ , we have  $U_n(x,t) = A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\ell}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{\ell}\right)^2 kt}$   
 To get the general soln, we need to sum up all the  $U_n$ 's.

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

To solve for  $A_n$ , we'll plug in the initial condition.

$$u(x,0) = \phi(x)$$

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\ell}\right)$$

Now, we multiply both sides by  $\sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\ell}\right)$  and integrate from 0 to  $\ell$ .

$$\int_0^{\ell} \phi(x) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{\ell}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx$$

$$= A_n \cdot \frac{\ell}{2}$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} \phi(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\ell}\right) dx$$

**E.g. 4** Find the soln to the heat eqn on  $0 < x < l$  with  $u(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u_x(l, t) = 0$  and  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$ .

**Soln:**

**Note:** This is sometimes called a **mixed boundary eqn**.

Assume  $u(x, t) = X(x) \cdot T(t)$

The PDE  $u_t = k u_{xx}$  is now:  $T'X = k \cdot T \cdot X''$ .

$$\frac{T'}{k \cdot T} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$T = A e^{-\lambda k t}$$

$$X = C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

Now, let's plug in the boundary conditions.  
First, we'll use  $u(0, t) = 0$ .

$$u(0, t) = 0 \rightarrow X(0) \cdot T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X(0) = 0$$

$$X(0) = C$$

$$X(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore C = 0$$

Next, we'll use  $u_x(l, t) = 0$ .

$$u_x = X'(x) \cdot T(t)$$

$$= \underbrace{D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) (\sqrt{\lambda})}_{X'} \cdot T(t)$$

$$u_x(l, t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(l) \cdot T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X'(l) = 0$$

$$X'(l) = \sqrt{\lambda} D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l)$$

$$X'(l) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$$

Since we assume that  $\lambda > 0$ , and  $D \neq 0$ , we get  $\cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$



$$\sqrt{\lambda} l = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}, \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2l}$$

Each value of  $n$  gets us a soln, denoted as  $U_n(x, t)$ .

$$U_n(x, t) = A_n \sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2l}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2l}\right)^2 kt}$$

To get the general soln of the PDE, we need a linear combination of each of the  $U_n$ 's.

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2l}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2l}\right)^2 kt}$$

To solve for  $A_n$ , we'll use the initial condition.  
 $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2l}\right)$$

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2l}\right)$$

Now, we'll multiply both sides by

$$\sin\left(\frac{(2m+1)\pi x}{2l}\right) \text{ and integrate from } 0 \text{ to } l.$$

$$\int_0^l \phi(x) \sin\left(\frac{(2m+1)\pi x}{2l}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{(2m+1)\pi x}{2l}\right)$$
$$= A_n \cdot \frac{l}{2}$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) \sin\left(\frac{(2m+1)\pi x}{2l}\right)$$

**Note:** Since we have a sine function, the above also includes the case when  $n=m=0$ .



**E.g. 5** Find the soln to the heat eqn on  $-l < x < l$ , with  $u(-l, t) = u(l, t)$ ,  $u_x(-l, t) = u_x(l, t)$  and  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$ .

**Note:** This is called a **periodic boundary condition** where the point  $x=l$  and  $x=-l$  are viewed as the "same" point.

**Soln:**

PDE:

$$u_t = k u_{xx}$$

Boundary Conditions:

1.  $u(-l, t) = u(l, t)$
2.  $u_x(-l, t) = u_x(l, t)$

Initial Condition:

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$$

We know that:

1.  $u(x, t) = X(x) \cdot T(t)$
2.  $T(t) = A e^{-kt\lambda}$
3.  $X(x) = C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$

Using the boundary condition  $u(-l, t) = u(l, t)$ , we get

$$u(-l, t) = X(-l) \cdot T(t)$$

$$u(l, t) = X(l) \cdot T(t)$$

$$X(-l) \cdot T(t) = X(l) \cdot T(t)$$

$$X(-l) = X(l)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(-l) &= C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) \\ &= C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l) - D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) \end{aligned}$$

$$X(l) = C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l)$$

$$C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l) - D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l)$$

$$0 = 2D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l)$$

$$0 = D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l)$$

Here, either  $D=0$  or  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l)=0$ . Because we don't yet know the value of  $C$ , we cannot assume that  $D$  can not be 0. Hence, we'll use the second boundary condition.

$$u_x(-l, t) = u_x(l, t)$$

$$u_x = X'(x) \cdot T(t)$$

Hence,  $u_x(-l, t) = X'(-l) \cdot T(t)$  and  $u_x(l, t) = X'(l) \cdot T(t)$ .

$$X'(-l) \cdot T(t) = X'(l) \cdot T(t)$$

$$X'(-l) = X'(l)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X'(x) &= -C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x) \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \\ &= (-C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x)) \sqrt{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X'(-l) &= (-C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l)) \sqrt{\lambda} \\ &= (C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l)) \sqrt{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$X'(l) = (-C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l)) \sqrt{\lambda}$$



$$X'(-l) = X'(l)$$

$$(C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l)) \sqrt{\lambda} = (-C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l)) \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = -C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) + D \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} l)$$

$$C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = -C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l)$$

$$2C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$$

$$C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$$

Now, we have:

$$1. C \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$$

$$2. D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$$

Consider this case: Suppose that  $D=0$ . Then, we know that  $C \neq 0$ . This is because we don't want the trivial soln. If both  $C$  and  $D=0$ , then we get the trivial soln. Hence, if  $C \neq 0$ , then that means  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$ . Therefore, the most general soln occurs when  $C \neq 0$ ,  $D \neq 0$  and  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$ .

$$\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} l) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} l = n\pi, n \geq 0$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi}{l}$$

$$X(x) = C \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + D \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

$$T(t) = A e^{-kt\lambda}$$

Each value of  $n$  gets us a soln.

$$U_n(x, t) = \left( C_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) + D_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \right) A_n e^{-kt\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2}$$

To get the general soln, we need to sum up each of the  $U_n$ 's.

I.e. We need a linear combination of each of the  $U_n$ 's.

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( C_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + D_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right) e^{-kt\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2}$$

**Note:**  $A_n$  got "absorbed" into  $C_n$  and  $D_n$ .

**Note:** When  $n=0$ , we get  $C_0$ , which is not a trivial soln, so  $n$  starts at 0.