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## Chapter #2: Mathematical Models in ONE Spatial Dimension

- PDE have been used for centuries to model the physical world
- PDE can be very challenging: models are often studied first in one or two dimensions
- Several important PDE that act as Heuristic "building blocks" of more complicated processes:
  - Heat equation
  - Wave equation
  - transport equation

□ This chapter focuses on showing the basics of the modeling process. This process typically leans on arguments from Physics / physical principles and sometimes statistics. Typically, to arrive at a model, several simplifying assumptions tend to be made. These assumptions must be kept in mind when considering the solution (either analytic or computed)

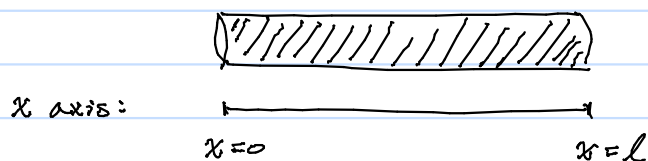
### ▷ Chapter 2.1: Heat flow in a bar, Fourier's law and the heat equation

• Assumptions:

- Long, thin bar
- uniform cross sections
- temperature varies only with  $x$  direction

⇒ It will be shown in chapter 11 that these assumptions imply that for all subsequent times the temp. depends only on the  $x$  direction

⇒ The model is therefore one dimensional (in space)

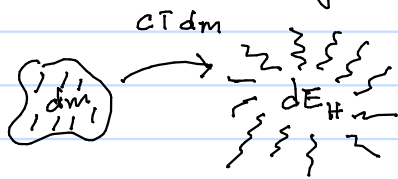


\* We want to model the change (or flow) of Heat Energy in the bar

### Modeling Assumption:

- We are only interested in modeling the heat/energy flow near a reference temperature  $T_0$
- Assume an approximately linear relationship between the heat energy in the bar and its temperature  $T$  w.r.t a reference temp.  $T_0$ . I.e. there exists  $C$  such that  $(E_H) = C(T - T_0) + E_0$

Implication: The heat energy of a small mass,  $dm$ , of uniform material at a temperature  $T$  is given by  $dE_H = C(T - T_0) dm + E_0$  where  $C$  is the specific heat of the material and  $T_0$  is a reference temperature (so that  $T - T_0$  is the temp. w.r.t the reference temp.) and  $E_0$  is the reference heat energy.



Drawback: Our model will only work for temperatures near a reference temperature but the definition of "near" can vary depending on the specific material in question.

Consider a small volume of the bar  
then this volume has mass:



$$dm = \rho dV.$$

Letting  $A$  be the cross sectional area of the bar so that the volume of the bar is:  $dV = A dx$ . We assumed the temperature depended only on  $x$ : denote the temperature at  $x$  and time  $t$  as  $u(x, t)$ .

Then the total energy in  $dV$  at time  $t$  is:

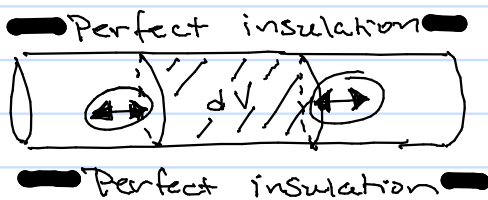
$$dE_H = \int_x^{x+dx} \underbrace{A \rho}_{\substack{\text{temp w.r.t Reference} \\ A \rho ds = \rho (A ds) \\ = \rho (\text{infinitesimal volume}) \\ = \text{infinitesimal mass}}} (u(x, t) - T_0) ds + \underbrace{E_0}_{\text{reference energy}}$$

$$\Rightarrow dE_H = E_0 + \int_x^{x+dx} A \rho u(x, t) ds$$

⇒ Next we consider two different ways to specify the rate of change of heat energy in the small volume  $dV$

1) take time deriv of  $dE_n$

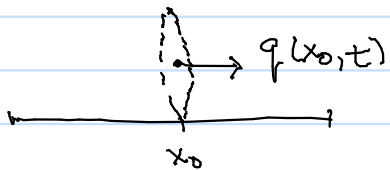
2) Assume the bar is perfect insulated on the boundary. Then the only way for heat energy to change in  $dV$  is to flow in or out from the ends or to be added/removed from the inside of  $dV$ .



$$1) \frac{d}{dt} E_n = \frac{d}{dt} \left( E_0 + \int_x^{x+\Delta x} A_p u(x,t) ds \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_x^{x+\Delta x} A_p u(x,t) ds$$

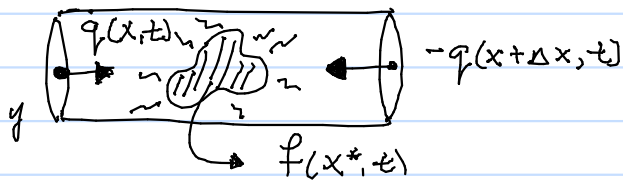
↳ this equality follows from a theorem in mathematics that requires  $\partial_b u(x,t)$  be known to be a continuous function. This step adds to the list of modeling assumptions

2) Let  $q(x, t)$  denote the rate at which heat energy is flowing through the cross section at  $x$  and time  $t$ .  $q(x, t)$  is positive if heat flows "right" and negative if heat flows "left".



Then the net heat energy in  $dV$  is the amount of heat energy flowing in (which can be negative for "flowing out") plus the

Energy created or removed (source/sink) in  $dV$ . Let " $f(x,t)$ " denote the energy creation at  $x$  and time  $t$  so that the expression  $\int_x^{x+\Delta x} f(x,t) dx$  is the energy created/removed in  $(x, x+\Delta x)$  at time  $t$ .  $f$  is positive for a source and negative for a sink.



Then the amount of heat energy in  $dV$  is:  $A(q(x,t) - q(x+\Delta x,t)) + \int_x^{x+\Delta x} f(s,t) ds$

Which gives:  $q A (q(x,t) - q(x+\Delta x,t)) + \int_x^{x+\Delta x} f(s,t) ds = \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \left( A - \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}(s,t) + f(s,t) \right) ds$   
by the fundamental theorem of calculus.

Idea: We now have two expressions for the same thing so they must be equal!

$$(1) = (2) \Rightarrow \int_x^{x+\Delta x} A c_p \partial_t u(s,t) ds = - \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \left( A \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}(s,t) + f(s,t) \right) ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \left\{ A c_p \partial_t u(s,t) + A \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}(s,t) \right\} ds = \int_x^{x+\Delta x} f(s,t) ds$$

Since this holds for any  $x, \Delta x$  and all  $t$  it must follow that  $A c_p \partial_t u(s,t) + A \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}(s,t) = f(s,t)$

• Key idea: Fourier's Law:  $q \approx \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Rightarrow$  there exists  $K(x)$  with  $q(x,t) = K(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x,t)$

So that the result is the heat equation:

$$A c_p \partial_t u(x,t) + A \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -K \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = f$$

Dividing by  $A$  and assuming that  $c$  and  $K$  could depend on  $x$  yields (we just absorb the constant  $A$  into the  $f$  term):

$$\boxed{c(x) \rho(x) \partial_t u(x,t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -K(x) \partial_x u(x,t) \right) = f} \quad (1)$$

▷ Chapter 2.1: Boundary conditions for the Heat Equation:

- Without any mathematics at all we can see that equation (1) cannot be a complete physical model.
- Why? The rod is perfectly insulated on the edges but heat energy flows through cross sections. Therefore, what happens at the ends of the rod?
- The specification of what happens "at the end" are called boundary conditions.

• We will consider two possible boundary conditions:

1) Perfectly insulated endpoints: corresponds to no heat flux through the endpoints.

e.g.  $q(0,t)=0$  and  $q(l,t)=0$   
by "Fourier's law" this becomes:  
 $-K \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,t)=0$  ,  $-K \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(l,t)=0$

2) Ends of the rod are held at a prescribed temperature {without loss of generality assume zero degrees}  
 $u(0,t)=u(l,t)=0$

⇒ Boundary condition terminology:

A) When derivatives are prescribed on the boundary we call this "Neumann Boundary Conditions"

B) When values are prescribed on the boundary we call this "Dirichlet Boundary Conditions"

C) When a derivative is prescribed on one side and a value is prescribed on another this is called a "mixed boundary condition"

• We are still not done! Why?

A: The heat distribution is changing with time.

So we need to know the initial heat distribution.

We need to know the initial value at time

$t=0$ . IE we need to know  $u(x,0)$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq l$ .

→ Our complete system specifies:

- 1) The partial differential equation to be solved
- 2) The boundary conditions
- 3) The initial value

This type of problem is called an Inital Boundary Value Problem  
or IBVP.

## Chapter 2.1.2: Steady State Heat Flow

- "Steady state" means that nothing changes with time. This means that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = 0$

So the steady state version of equation (1) is given by:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -K(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x) \right) = f} \quad (2)$$

Note: In the steady state case the source term,  $f$ , cannot depend on time! If it did, it would cause time variation in the unknown function,  $u$ . However we are assuming that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = 0$ !

- If we want to solve a steady state problem we don't need to know the initial heat distribution. So the full steady state problem is:
  - 1) Differential Equation
  - 2) Boundary Values

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -K(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x) \right) = 0 \\ u(0) = u(l) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{This is a boundary value problem (BVP)}$$

Note that since  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = 0$   $u$  depends only on the variable  $x$ . Hence this is an ordinary differential Equation (ODE).

Ex: Solve the following BVP:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x) = 0 \\ u(0) = 4 \quad u(l) = 10 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{(Steady state) 2nd order homogeneous} \\ \text{ODE w/ Dirichlet boundary Conditions} \end{array}$$

Solution:  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x) = 0 \rightarrow u(x) = C_1 x + C_2$

Boundary Conditions:  $u(0) = C_2 = 4 \quad u(l) = C_1 l + 4 = 10$

So that  $C_1 = 6/l$  and

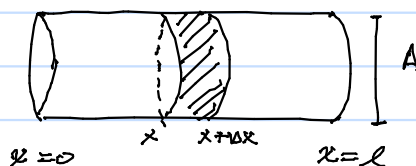
$$u(x) = \frac{6}{l} x + 4$$

## Chapter 2.1.3 : Diffusion

- Consider a tube filled with liquid (water, say) and suppose the pipe contains a chemical whose concentration varies only with the  $x$  direction. Suppose the tube has length  $l$  and cross-sectional area  $A$ .

- Let  $u(x,t)$  be the concentration of chemical, in units of mass per volume, at a point  $x$  and time  $t$ . Then the mass of chemical from  $x$  to  $x+\Delta x$  at time  $t$  is given by:

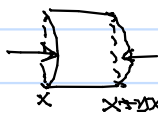
$$\int_x^{x+\Delta x} A u(s,t) ds$$



The change in mass between  $x$  and  $x+\Delta x$  is therefore:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_x^{x+\Delta x} A u(s,t) ds \rightarrow \int_x^{x+\Delta x} A \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(s,t) ds$$

- The chemical mass in  $(x, x+\Delta x)$  can change only by
  - 1) chemical leaving/entering through the endpoints
  - 2) chemical introduced/removed directly inside



- The amount of chemical mass is therefore  $A(q(x,t) - q(x+\Delta x, t)) + f$  where  $q$  is the concentration flux per unit time and  $f$  is the source/sink term.

- Assuming that  $q(x,t)$  is proportional to  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x,t)$  then gives

$$\begin{aligned} A(q(x,t) - q(x+\Delta x, t)) + f &= A \left( K \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x,t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x+\Delta x, t) \right] \right) + f \\ &= - \int_x^{x+\Delta x} A \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( K \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(s,t) \right) ds + f \end{aligned}$$

- Equating these expressions gives:

$$\int_x^{x+\Delta x} A \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(s,t) ds = - \int_x^{x+\Delta x} A \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( K \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(s,t) \right) ds + f$$

Since  $x$  and  $x+\Delta x$  are arbitrary this gives:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( K \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u \right) = f$

Note: this is the same as the heat equation!!

