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We have the heat equation

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

with initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = 200 \sin(\pi x)$$

The ends of the rod is kept at 0°C which means

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(L, t) = 0$$

By variable separation we set

$$u(x, t) = F(x)G(t) \quad (2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F(0) &= 0 \\ F(L) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

which when inserted into (1) gives us

$$\begin{aligned} F\dot{G} &= c^2 F''G \\ \frac{F}{F''} &= c^2 \frac{G}{\dot{G}} \end{aligned}$$

Since F and G are independent both sides of this equation must be constant

$$\frac{F}{F''} = c^2 \frac{G}{\dot{G}} = k$$

and can be split into two ODEs

$$\begin{aligned} F - kF'' &= 0 \\ c^2 G - k\dot{G} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

To solve (4) we first try with positive $k = -p^2$ which gives us

$$F(x) = \frac{F'(0)}{p} \sin px$$

If we insert (3) into this we get

$$F(L) = \frac{F'(0)}{p} \sin pL = 0$$

giving us

$$p = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

and a general solution

$$F(x) = \frac{F'(0)L}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

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Since we have a steady state there is no change dependent on time, meaning all time derivatives are constant (or zero)

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

We use (2) to get

$$c^2 F''(x) G(t) = k$$

We know that $G(t)$ is constant since we are in a steady state, which means

$$u(x, \infty) = c^2 G(\infty) F''(x)$$

$$F''(x) = K$$

$$F(x) = Kx^2 + \alpha x + \beta$$

We have that

$$F(0) = U_1$$

$$F(L) = U_2$$

which gives us

$$\beta = U_1$$

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