



Overview

- Problem statement
- Separation of variables
- General solution
- Boundary value problems:
 - Mixed Neumann-Dirichlet
 - Dirichlet
 - Inhomogeneous Dirichlet

- Steady-state temperature or static deformation in a plate of size $a \times b$

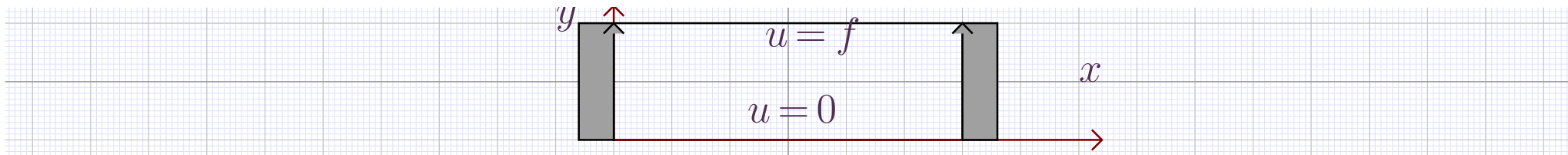
$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= k(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) & u_{tt} &= a^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) \\ u_{xx} + u_{yy} &= 0 & u_{xx} + u_{yy} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Laplace equation

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

- Boundary conditions: thermally isolated at $x = 0, x = a$. Fixed temperature at $y = 0, y = b$.

$$u_x(0, y) = 0, u_x(a, y) = 0, u(x, 0) = 0, u(x, b) = f(x)$$





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 - $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow X'' = 0 \Rightarrow X = c_1 + c_2 x$. $X'(0) = c_2 = 0$, $X'(a) = c_2 = 0$. $X(x) = c_1$. $u(x, y) = c_1 Y(y)$. $Y'' = 0 \Rightarrow Y(y) = c_3 + c_4 y$, $Y(0) = c_3 = 0$. $Y(y) = c_4 y$. $u(x, b) = c_1 Y(b) = c_1 c_4 b = f(x)$



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- $Y'' - \alpha^2 Y = 0 \Rightarrow Y(y) = c_3 \cosh(\alpha y) + c_4 \sinh(\alpha y)$. $Y(0) = c_3 = 0$.
- $u(x, b) = X(x)Y(b) = f(x) \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} x\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} b\right) = f(x)$



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$$A_n \sinh(\alpha_n b) = (f(x), \cos(\alpha_n x)) = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{a} x\right) dx \Rightarrow$$

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$$u(x, b) = f(x) = X(x)Y(b) = X(x) c_4 \sinh(\alpha b)$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{a \sinh(\alpha_n b)} \int_0^a f(x) \sin(\alpha_n x) dx$$

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- Superposition of solution to two problems:
 - $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$, $u(x, 0) = 0$, $u(x, b) = 0$, $u(0, y) = g(y)$, $u(a, y) = G(y)$ has solution $u_1(x, y)$
 - $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$, $u(x, 0) = f(x)$, $u(x, b) = F(x)$, $u(0, y) = 0$, $u(a, y) = 0$ has solution $u_2(x, y)$
- The $u(x, y) = u_1(x, y) + u_2(x, y)$

$$\Delta u = \Delta u_1 + \Delta u_2 = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_1(x, 0) + u_2(x, 0) = u_2(x, 0) = f(x)$$