

⇒ The set of decoupled ODEs for the B_n are

$$\dot{B}_n + \frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} B_n = \frac{2}{L} S_0 e^{-(t-t_0)/\tau} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

→ The general solution of the homogeneous problem is

$$B_n^G(t) = \alpha_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} t}$$

The particular solution: by $B_n^{PS}(t) = K e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau} K + \frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} K = \frac{2}{L} S_0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{\frac{2}{L} S_0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} - \frac{1}{\tau}}$$

So finally, we have $B_n(t) = \alpha_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} t} + \frac{\frac{2}{L} S_0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} - \frac{1}{\tau}} e^{-\frac{(t-t_0)}{\tau}}$
for $(n \neq 0)$

⇒ $p(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(x) B_n(t)$ is the complete solution, where the α_n s remain to be determined.

At $t=t_0$ $p(x,t) = 0$ (the street is empty before $t=t_0$)

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n(x) B_n(t_0) = 0$$

$$S_0 - \frac{2}{L} S_0 e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \left[\alpha_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k t_0}{L^2}} + \frac{\frac{2}{L} S_0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} - \frac{1}{\tau}} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_n = \frac{-S_0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{2}{L} e^{\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k t_0}{L^2}}}{\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} - \frac{1}{\tau}} \quad \text{and} \quad t_0 = \frac{\tau}{L} S_0$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \frac{\frac{2}{L} S_0 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} - \frac{1}{\tau}} \left(-e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2} (t-t_0)} + e^{-(t-t_0)/\tau} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{\tau}{L} S_0 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}} \right)$$

Note ① The total number of people in the street at any time is easily derived from the PDE

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + S(x, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^L p(x, t) dx &= k \int_0^L \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} dx + \int_0^L S(x, t) dx \\ &= k \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right]_0^L + S_0 e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}} \\ &= S_0 e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \int_0^L p(x, t) dx &= \int_{t_0}^t S_0 e^{-\frac{t'-t_0}{\tau}} dt' \\ &= \tau S_0 \left[1 - e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}} \right] \quad (t > t_0) \end{aligned}$$

\hookrightarrow at any time the # of people in the street is equal to the total # which has left the pub already

② See movies:

- if $\tau \ll \frac{L^2}{\pi^2 k}$ then a large # of people are rapidly released, and then diffuse away from pub entrance

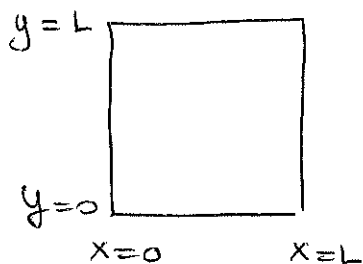
- if $\tau \gg \frac{L^2}{\pi^2 k}$ then the diffusion is faster than release & the people are always \sim evenly spread in the street.

③ Note the "resonance" between $\frac{1}{\tau}$ and $\frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2}$
 \Rightarrow if $\tau \ll \frac{L^2}{\pi^2 k}$ then $\exists n$ such that $\frac{1}{\tau} \approx \frac{n^2 \pi^2 k}{L^2}$

That n determines the typical initial "width" of the people density function. (see movie) as $\Delta = \frac{L}{n\pi}$

③ Poisson equation

Suppose we want to solve $\nabla^2 T = -H(x, y)$
 to obtain the steady-state temperature profile in a metallic plate, heated as prescribed by $H(x, y)$ and with $T=0$ on all 4 sides; take $k=1$



Note that the - sign comes from

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla^2 T + H(x, y)$$

→ in steady state $\nabla^2 T = -H$.

The spatial eigenmodes in x-direction are (see previous lectures), for $T(0, y) = T(L, y) = 0$

$$A_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

→ Assume $T(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(x) B_n(y)$

Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} A_n(x) B_n(y) + A_n(x) \frac{d^2 B_n}{dy^2} = -H(x, y)$$

Noting that $\int_0^L A_n(x) A_m(x) dx = \frac{L}{2} \delta_{mn}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 B_n}{dy^2} - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} B_n &= -\frac{2}{L} \int_0^L H(x, y) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \\ &= -h_n(y) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $H(x, y) = \delta\left(x - \frac{L}{2}\right) \delta\left(y - \frac{L}{2}\right)$
 to model a point source

Then $\frac{d^2 B_n}{dy^2} - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} B_n = -\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} y - \frac{L}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{2}{L}$

Laplace transforms, review

Laplace transforms are very useful for solving non-homogeneous linear ODEs.

Idea: let f be a function of t

The Laplace transform of f is

$$\mathcal{L}(f) = \hat{f}(p) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-pt} dt.$$

Properties: $\mathcal{L}(f') = p \hat{f}(p) - f(0)$

since $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{df}{dt} e^{-pt} dt = \left[f e^{-pt} \right]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} p f e^{-pt} dt$
 $= p \hat{f}(p) - f(0)$

$$\mathcal{L}(f'') = p^2 \hat{f}(p) - p f(0) - f'(0)$$

(proof is similar).

So given a linear ODE with constant coefficients

$$a f'' + b f' + c f = g(t) \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(*) \Rightarrow & a \left[p^2 \hat{f}(p) - p f(0) - f'(0) \right] \\ & + b \left[p \hat{f}(p) - f(0) \right] \\ & + c \hat{f}(p) = \int_0^{\infty} g(t) e^{-pt} dt = G(p) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $f(0)$ and $f'(0)$ are known (initial value problem) then this is an algebraic equation for $\hat{f}(p)$.

To recover $f(t)$, we need to do an inverse Laplace transform.

For detail on Inverse Laplace transforms, see handout. Usually, it's easy to find the solution using Inverse Laplace transform tables.

Here:

$$\frac{d^2 B_n}{dy^2} - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} B_n = -\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \delta\left(y - \frac{L}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{2}{L}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad p^2 \hat{B}_n - p B_n(0) - B_n'(0) \\ - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \hat{B}_n &= -\frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \int_0^\infty \delta\left(y - \frac{L}{2}\right) e^{-py} dy \\ &= -\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) e^{-p \frac{L}{2}} \cdot \frac{2}{L} \end{aligned}$$

$B_n(0) = 0$ but $B_n'(0)$ is unknown. Let's leave it as is for the moment.

$$\Rightarrow \quad \hat{B}_n \left[p^2 - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \right] = B_n'(0) - \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) e^{-p \frac{L}{2}}$$

$$\text{so } \hat{B}_n(p) = \frac{B_n'(0)}{p^2 - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}} - \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) e^{-p \frac{L}{2}} \frac{1}{p^2 - \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}}$$

From tables:

• The inverse transform of $\frac{1}{p^2 - a^2}$ is $\frac{\sinh(ay)}{a}$

• The inverse transform of

$$\frac{e^{-pb}}{p^2 - a^2} \text{ is } \begin{cases} \frac{\sinh(a(y-b))}{a} & \text{if } y > b \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 < y < b \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_n(y) = \frac{B_n'(0)}{\frac{n\pi}{L}} \sinh\left[\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right] - \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi(y-\frac{L}{2})}{L}\right) \frac{1}{\frac{n\pi}{L}} \quad \text{if } y > \frac{L}{2}$$

At $y=L$, the solution is such that $B_n(L)=0 \Rightarrow$

$$B_n'(0) \sinh(n\pi) - \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B_n'(0) = \frac{2}{L} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{\sinh(n\pi)}$$

So finally, we have

$$T(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{L}} \frac{2}{L} \left[\frac{\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{\sinh(n\pi)} \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{L}\right) - \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi(y-\frac{L}{2})}{L}\right) H\left(y-\frac{L}{2}\right) \right]$$

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Heaviside function

Note: This expression is slightly awkward, but it can be shown that it indeed leads to the correct behavior in y , which should be symmetry across the $y = \frac{L}{2}$ line. (Homework!)