

(1.4) Equilibrium or Steady States

Example 1: Find the equilibrium temperature of a rod of length L with given temperature at the end as

$$u(0, t) = T_1, \quad u(L, t) = T_2$$

Example 2 Find the equilibrium temp. of a rod of length L with perfectly insulated ends and initial temperature

$$u(x, 0) = 3x^2$$

(1.4) Equilibrium Temperature

Def: A solution to a PDE that does not depend on time is called steady state or equilibrium.

Example 1: heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{on } [0, L]$$

$$u(0, t) = T_1, \quad u(L, t) = T_2$$

(Problem: not enough conditions !)

Maybe that's OK for equilibrium? Let's try:

$$u \text{ equilibrium} \Rightarrow u(x, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) = 0$$

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

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x) = C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = C_1 x + C_2$$

Find C_1 and C_2 from the boundary conditions:

$$T_1 = u(0) = C_2$$

$$T_2 = u(L) = C_1 L + C_2 = C_1 L + T_1$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{L}$$

Hence the equilibrium temperature is

$$u(x) = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{L} x + T_1$$

Example 2

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{on } [0, L]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(L, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 3x^2 \quad x \in [0, L]$$

Equilibrium: $k \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow u''(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u'(x) = C_1$$

$$u(x) = C_1 x + C_2$$

boundary conditions: $u'(x) = C_1$

$$u'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$u'(L) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u(x) = C_2} \quad \text{But what is } C_2?$$

Physically: both ends are insulated, i.e.

the total heat energy should be constant:

$$E = \text{const} = \int_0^L c \rho u(x) dx = \int_0^L c \rho u(x, 0) dx$$

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initial condition!

$$= c \rho \int_0^L 3x^2 dx = c \rho L^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^L u(x) dx = L^3 \quad u(x) = C_2$$

$$C_2 L = L^3$$

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Then the unique solution is

$$\boxed{u(x) = L^2}$$

(1.5) Heat equation in 2-D and 3-D

$$\frac{\partial u(x, y, t)}{\partial t} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x, y, t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} u(x, y, t) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial u(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t} = D \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x, y, z, t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} u(x, y, z, t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} u(x, y, z, t) \right)$$

The differential operator of the right hand side is called Laplace-operator: Δ

$$\Delta u(x, y, t) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} u$$

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$$\Delta u(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u$$

heat equation ~~is~~ $\boxed{u_t = D \Delta u}$

$$\text{Nabla} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$f(x, y, z): \quad \nabla f(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)$$

gradient of f .

$$\nabla^2 = \Delta.$$

We can express Δ in polar, cylindrical or spherical coordinates:

Example: Write the 2-D heat equation in polar coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

$$u(x, y, t) = u(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta), t)$$

$$\text{for later use: } \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \cos \theta \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \sin \theta \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} u(t, x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta)) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \quad \text{chain rule} \\ &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} u(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta), t) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = -r \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ &\quad + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} u \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + r \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + r \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)$$

$$= \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + r \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + r \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2r \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + r \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} u \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(-r \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= -r \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - r \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - r \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-r \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(-r \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + r \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$= -r \cos \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - r \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + r^2 \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2r^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + r^2 \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} u \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} u = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} u$$

heat equation in polar coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(r, \theta, t) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} u \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} u$$

Laplace operator in polar coordinates

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}$$

cylindrical (r, θ, z)

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

spherical (ρ, ϕ, θ)

$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2 \sin \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2 \sin^2 \phi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}$$

Example: In 2-D, find Δf for $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$

Cartesian: $\Delta f = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} f = 2 + 2 = 4 //$

polar: ~~Δ~~ $f(r, \theta) = r^2$

$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} f \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} f$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r(2r))$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (2r^2)$$

$$= 4 //$$