

Serie 11

What's needed: Fourier series solution of the 1-dimensional heat equation and Laplace equation on a rectangle (steady 2-dimensional heat equation).

1. Find, via Fourier series, the solution of the 1-dimensional heat equation with the following initial condition:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = 4u_{xx}, \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

where

$$f(x) = \sin(\pi x) + \sin(5\pi x) + \sin(10\pi x).$$

2. An aluminium bar of length $L = 1$ (m) has thermal diffusivity of (around)¹

$$c^2 = 0.0001 \left(\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}} \right) = 10^{-4} \left(\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}} \right).$$

It has initial temperature given by $u(x, 0) = f(x) = 100 \sin(\pi x)$ ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), and its ends are kept at a constant 0°C temperature. Find the first time t^* for which the whole bar will have temperature $\leq 30^{\circ}\text{C}$.

In mathematical terms, solve

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and find the smallest t^* for which

$$\max_{x \in [0,1]} u(x, t^*) \leq 30.$$

¹we are approximating the standard value which would be $c^2 \approx 0.000097 \text{m}^2/\text{sec}$ to make computations easier.

3. Solve the following Laplace equation (steady heat equation) on the rectangle

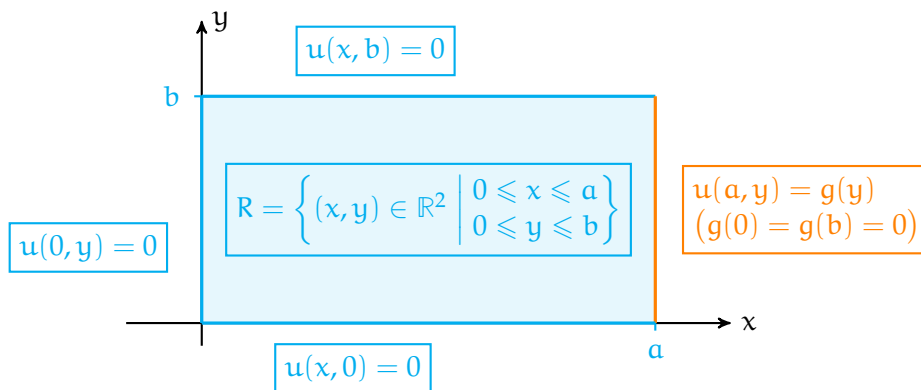
$$R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 2\},$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0, & (x, y) \in R \\ u(0, y) = u(1, y) = 0, & 0 \leq y \leq 2 \\ u(x, 0) = 0, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ u(x, 2) = f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

where

$$f(x) = x(1 - x).$$

4. Adapt the method used to solve the previous Laplace equation in the case in which the only nontrivial initial boundary condition is on the right vertical segment of the rectangle



$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0, & (x, y) \in R \\ u(x, 0) = u(x, b) = 0, & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ u(0, y) = 0, & 0 \leq y \leq b \\ u(a, y) = g(y), & 0 \leq y \leq b \end{cases}$$

where $g(y)$ is any function with prescribed boundary conditions

$$g(0) = g(b) = 0.$$

Due by: Thursday 6 / Friday 7 December 2018.