

MATH 4581 Lecture 4 Sept. 2, 2021

◦ The heat equation in higher spatial dimensions

(◦ Method of Separation of variables)

Last time $u_t = u_{xx}$ (or $u_t = k u_{xx}$)
1-D heat eqn. diffusivity.

→ Initial condition: $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$

boundary conditions: fixed temp.

$$\begin{cases} u(0, t) = T_1 \\ u(L, t) = T_2 \end{cases}$$

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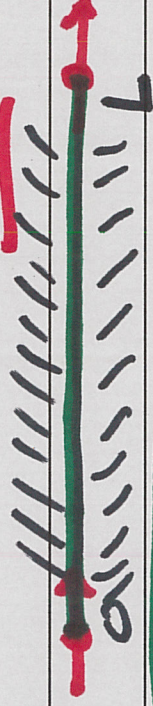
boundary conditions for insulated ends (?)

1-D Fourier's Law

$$q(x,t) = -K u_x(x,t)$$

$$\begin{cases} u_x(0,t) = 0 \\ u_x(L,t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

INSULATED ENDS

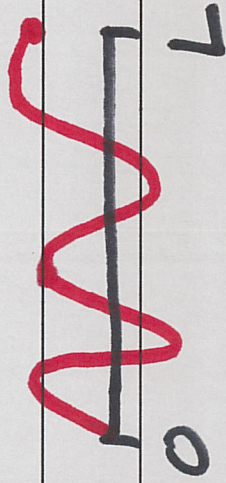


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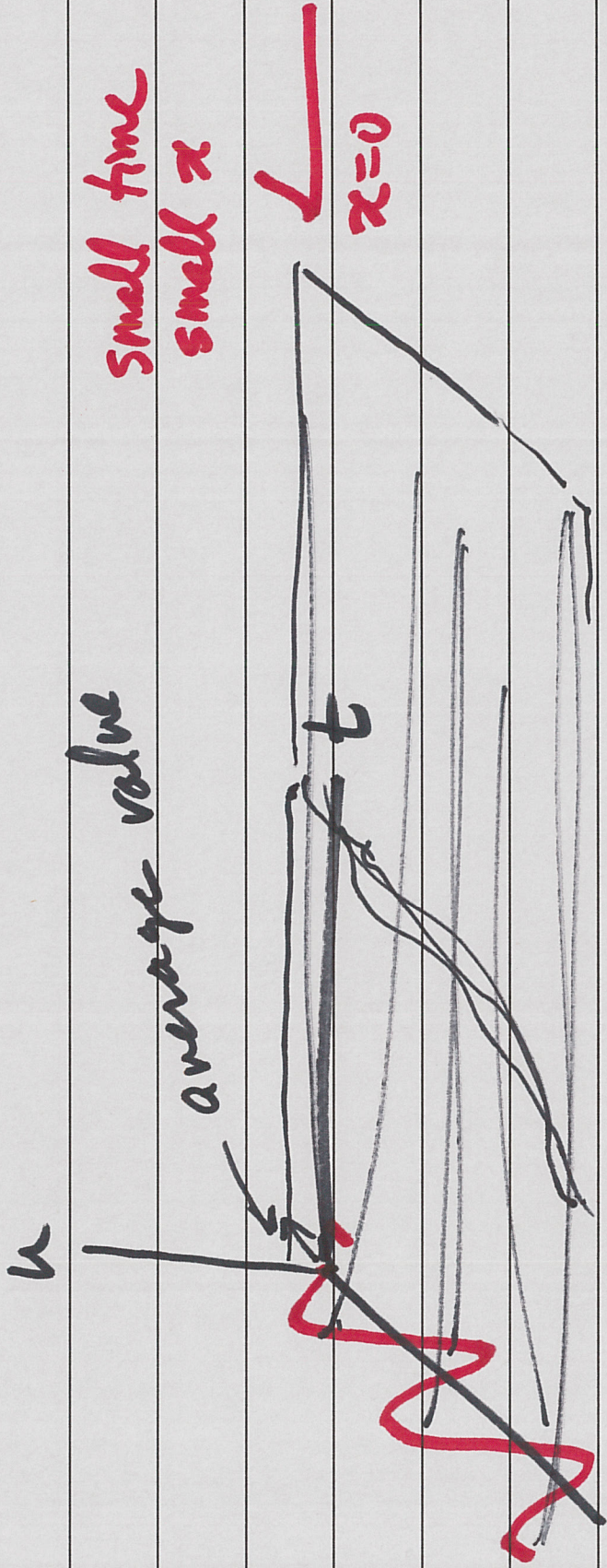
$$u_t = k u_{xx}$$

$$u(x,0) = u_0(x)$$

→ What happens?



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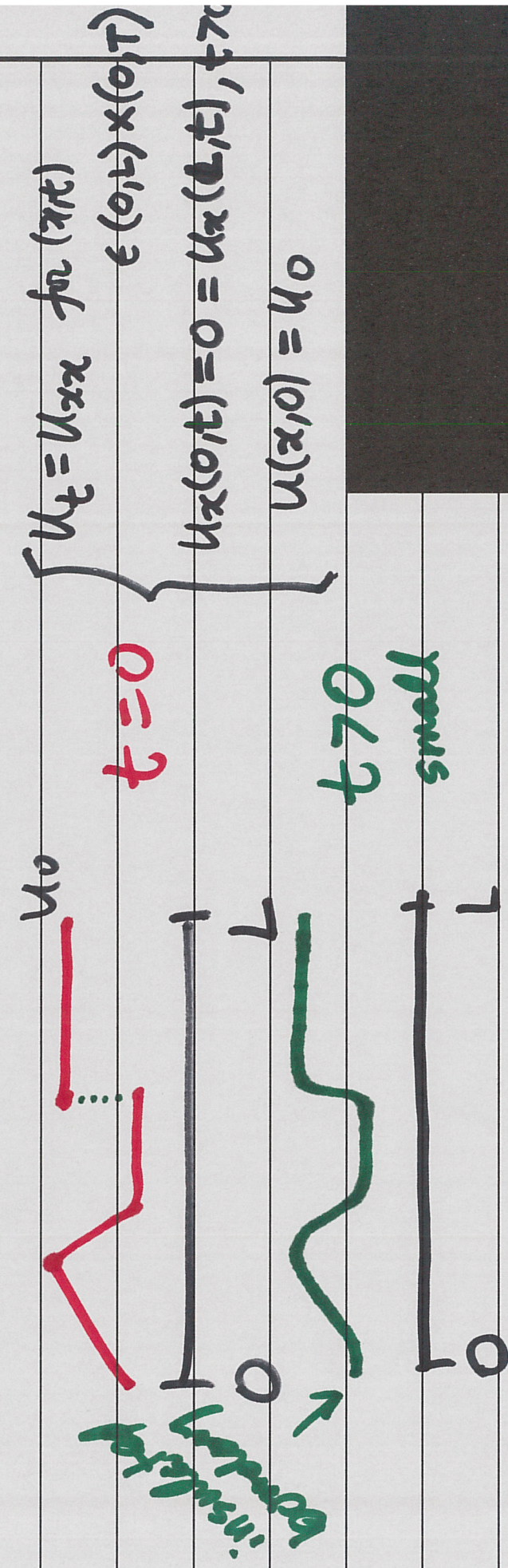


$$\text{Claim: } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x,t) = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L u_0(x) dx$$

$$u_x(0,t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$

Regularizing Parabolic PDE are instantaneously regularizing

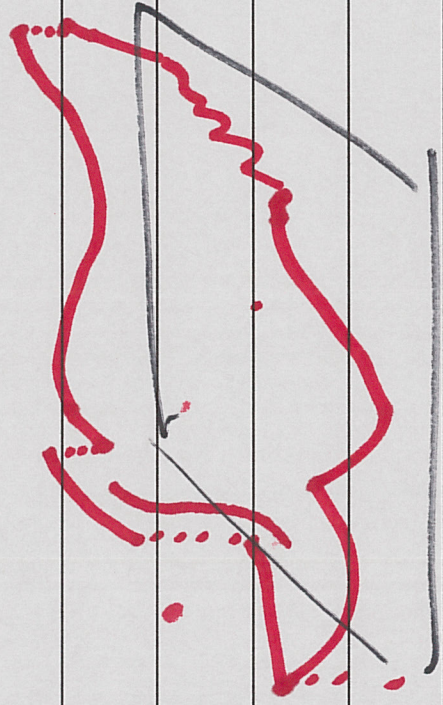
Infinite propagation speed Parabolic equations can "move things" infinitely fast.



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$\Delta u = 0$ (elliptic)

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



$$u_t = \Delta u$$

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$$\theta \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$[\theta] = \frac{[\text{energy}]}{L^3}$$

↑
volumetric

thermal energy density.

New Ideas for $n > 1$

- Integration on sets. $\int_{\mathcal{U}} \theta = \int_{x \in \mathcal{U}} \theta$
- Fourier's Law

$$\vec{\Phi} = -k \nabla u = -k \nabla u$$

spatial gradient

- Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
→ The Divergence Theorem.

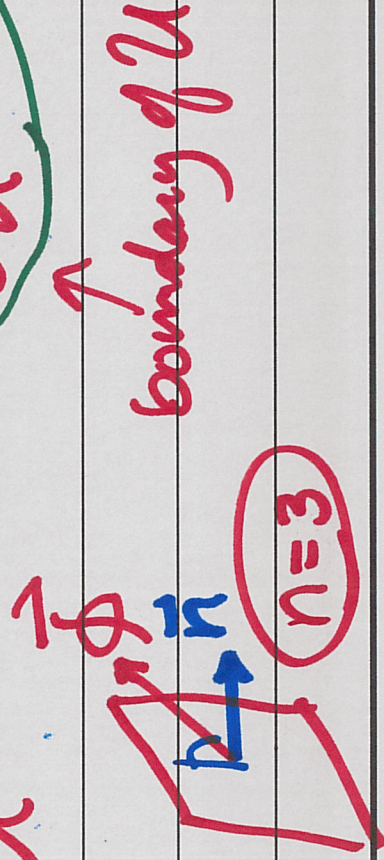
Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

$$(a) \int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x g(x) dx = g(x)$$

flux integral

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_U \theta = - \int_{\partial U} \vec{\phi} \cdot \vec{n}$$



$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{V}} \theta = - \int_{\partial \mathcal{V}} \vec{\phi} \cdot \vec{n} + \int_{\mathcal{V}} Q$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \theta_t = - \int_{\mathcal{V}} \text{div} \vec{\phi} + \int_{\mathcal{V}} Q$$

flux field

[The Divergence Theorem]

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}} \text{div} \mathbf{W} = \int_{\partial \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{W} \cdot \vec{n}$$

temporarily think $\text{div} \mathbf{W} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_j} \mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_j$

$$\int_{\mathcal{U}} [\theta_t + \operatorname{div} \vec{\phi} - \varrho] = 0$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{R}} [\theta_t + \operatorname{div} \vec{\phi} - \varrho] = 0 \quad \text{for all } \mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{U}.$$

$$(\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n)$$

$$\boxed{\theta_t + \operatorname{div} \vec{\phi} = \varrho}$$

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$$\theta_t = -\operatorname{div} \vec{\phi} + Q$$

$$(c\rho u)_t = \operatorname{div}(K Du) + Q$$

↑ spatial gradient

$$Du = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

$$\int_R [(c\rho u)_t - \operatorname{div}(K Du) - Q] = 0$$

↑ weak version

$$\operatorname{div}(K Du) = K \operatorname{div} Du$$

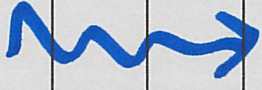
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const.

$$\operatorname{div} V = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial V_j}{\partial x_j} \quad V = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$

$$Du = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} Du &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} + \dots \\ &= \Delta u \text{ (Laplacian)} \end{aligned}$$

$$(c\rho u)_t = \text{div}(K \nabla u) + Q$$



$$u_t = k \Delta u + f$$

$Lu = u_t - k \Delta u \leftarrow$ heat operator

$Lu = f$ Linear 2nd order parabolic PDE.