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- Pre-lecture week 12 comments
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- Using FS to solve the Diffusion equation.

# Solving the Diffusion equation using FS - Preview

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- The Diffusion equation is solved by functions of the form

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = D \frac{d^2c}{dx^2}$$

$$c(x, t) = b e^{-w^2 Dt} \sin(wx) \quad \text{✎}$$

$$d(x, t) = a e^{-w^2 Dt} \cos(wx)$$

$$g(x, t) = \text{constant}$$

- Boundary conditions determine which of these to use.

- For **Dirichlet** BCs, use  $c(x,t)$  with  $w = n \pi x / L$ .

$$c(0, t) = 0, \quad c(L, t) = 0 \Rightarrow c_n(x, t) = b_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} Dt} \sin\left(\frac{n \pi x}{L}\right)$$

- For **Neumann BCs**, use  $d(x,t)$  with  $w = n \pi x / L$  and  $g(x,t)$ .

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0 \Rightarrow d_n(x, t) = a_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} Dt} \cos\left(\frac{n \pi x}{L}\right)$$

- The initial condition determines the  $a_n$  or  $b_n$  values via Fourier series.

# The Diffusion Equation

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- What does a steady state of the Diffusion equation look like?

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = D \frac{d^2 c}{dx^2}$$

$$D \frac{d^2 c}{dx^2} = 0$$

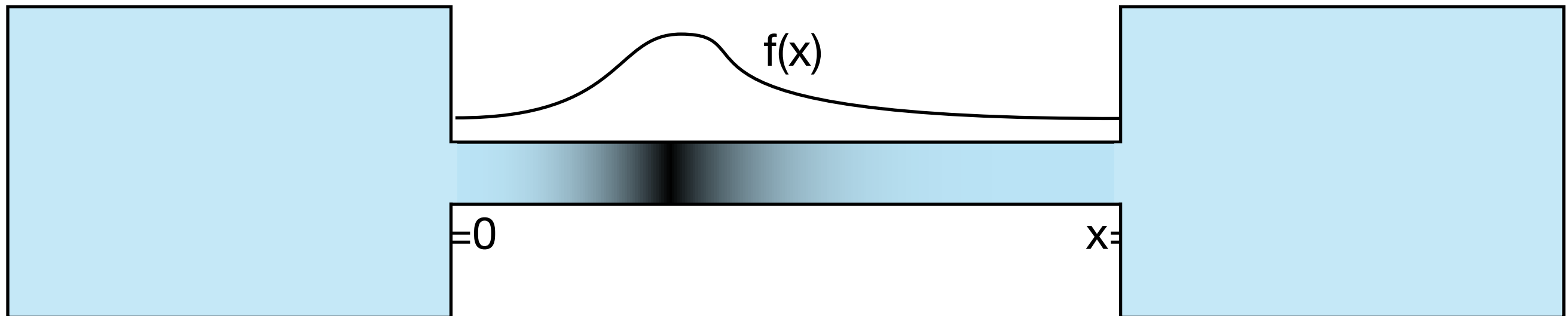
$$\frac{dc}{dx} = A$$

$$c_{ss}(x) = Ax + B$$

# The Diffusion Equation

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An initial condition specifies where all the mass is initially:  $c(x,0) = f(x)$ .



A common boundary condition (Dirichlet) states that the concentration is forced to be zero at the end point(s) (infinite reservoir):

$$c(0, t) = 0, \quad c(L, t) = 0$$

What is the steady state in this case?  $c_{ss}(x) = Ax + B$

$$c_{ss}(0) = B = 0, \quad c_{ss}(L) = AL = 0, \quad A = 0, \quad B = 0 \quad \text{so} \quad c_{ss}(x) = 0!$$

# The Diffusion Equation

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Solve  $\frac{dc}{dt} = D \frac{d^2c}{dx^2}$

subject to  $c(0, t) = 0, c(L, t) = 0$  (Dirichlet boundary conditions)

and  $c(x, 0) = f(x)$  (initial condition)

For any  $a$  and any  $w$ , the following are both solutions to the PDE:

$$c(x, t) = be^{-w^2 Dt} \sin(wx) \quad \text{and} \quad \del d(x, t) = ae^{-w^2 Dt} \cos(wx)$$

$$c(0, t) = b \sin(0) = 0 \text{ \textit{yup!}} \quad d(0, t) = a \cos(0) = a$$

$$c(L, t) = b \sin(wL) = 0$$

$$wL = n\pi$$
$$w = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

For any  $n$  and any  $b_n$ ,

$$c_n(x, t) = b_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} Dt} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

solves the PDE and BCs. What about IC?

# The Diffusion Equation

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So far, we can add these up with any choice of  $b_n$  (provided the series converges) to get a solution.

$$c(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} Dt} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

Now, choose  $b_n$  so that  $c(x, t)$  satisfies the IC. That is,  $c(x, 0) = f(x)$ :

$$c(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) = f(x)$$

That means we choose  $b_n$  to be the coefficients of a Fourier series for  $f(x)$  consisting entirely of sin terms.

How do we get a **Fourier sine series** for  $f(x)$  defined on  $[0, L]$ ?

# The Diffusion Equation

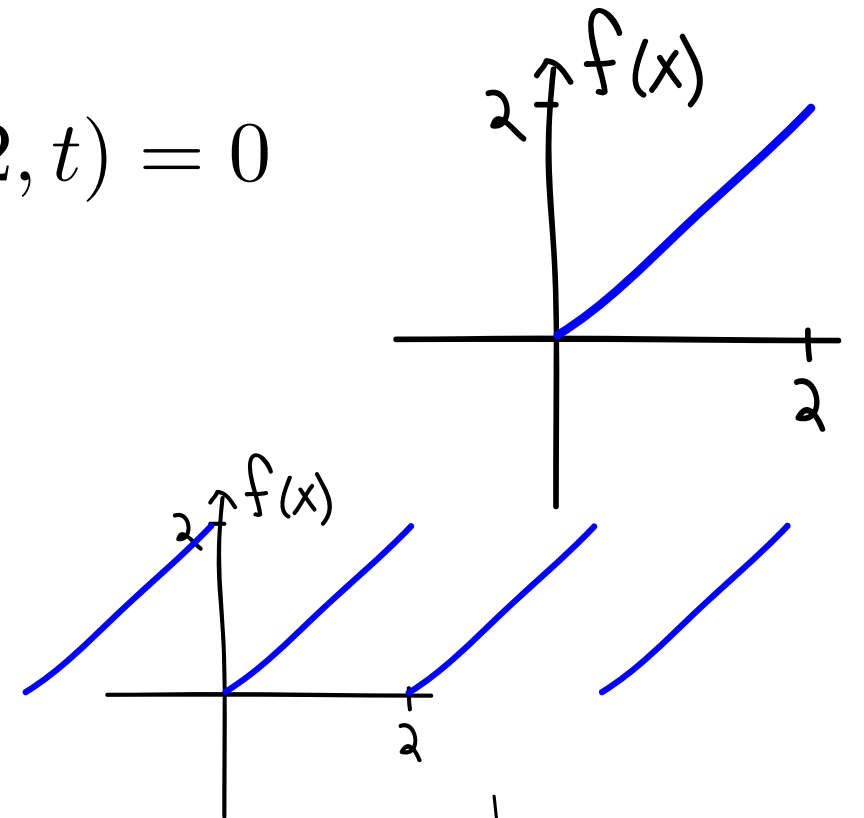
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subject to boundary conditions  $c(0, t) = 0, c(2, t) = 0$

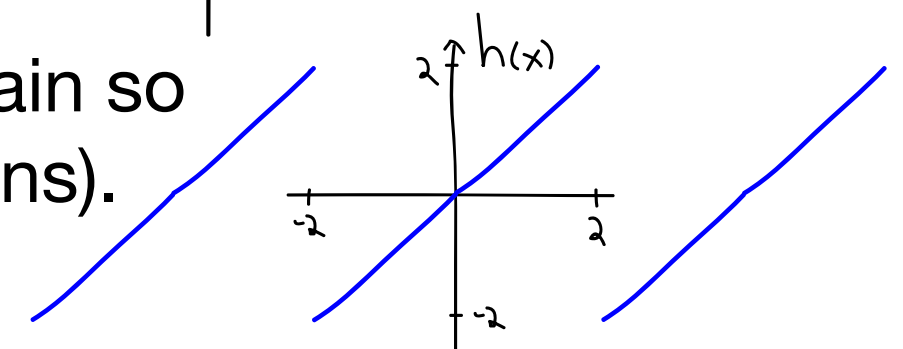
and initial condition  $c(x, 0) = x$  defined on  $[0, 2]$ .

How do we solve this?

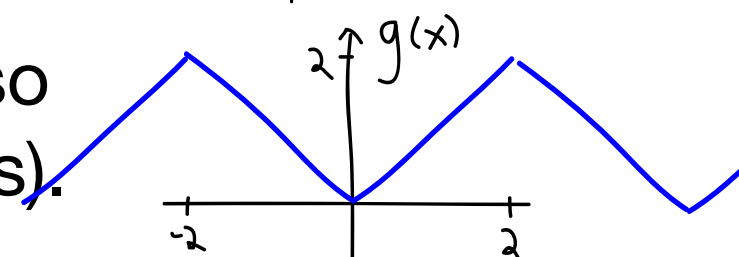
(A) Extend IC so it's periodic ( $P=2$ ), then find FS.



(B) Extend IC so it's odd on  $[-2, 2]$ , then extend again so it's periodic ( $P=4$ ), finally find FS (all sin functions).



(C) Extend IC so it's even on  $[-2, 2]$ , then extend again so it's periodic ( $P=4$ ), finally find FS (const. and cosines).



Note: the IC does not satisfy the BC at  $x=L$  in this case - that's ok.

# The Diffusion equation - BC terminology

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$$c(0, t) = 0, \quad c(L, t) = 0$$

**Dirichlet BCs**, huge empty chambers at both ends of the pipe.

- use sin functions for Fourier series (Fourier Sine series)
  - extend  $f(x)$  as an odd function on  $[-L, L]$  and then extend as periodic ( $2L$ ).
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$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$$

**Neumann BCs**, both ends of the pipe are sealed so nothing escapes.

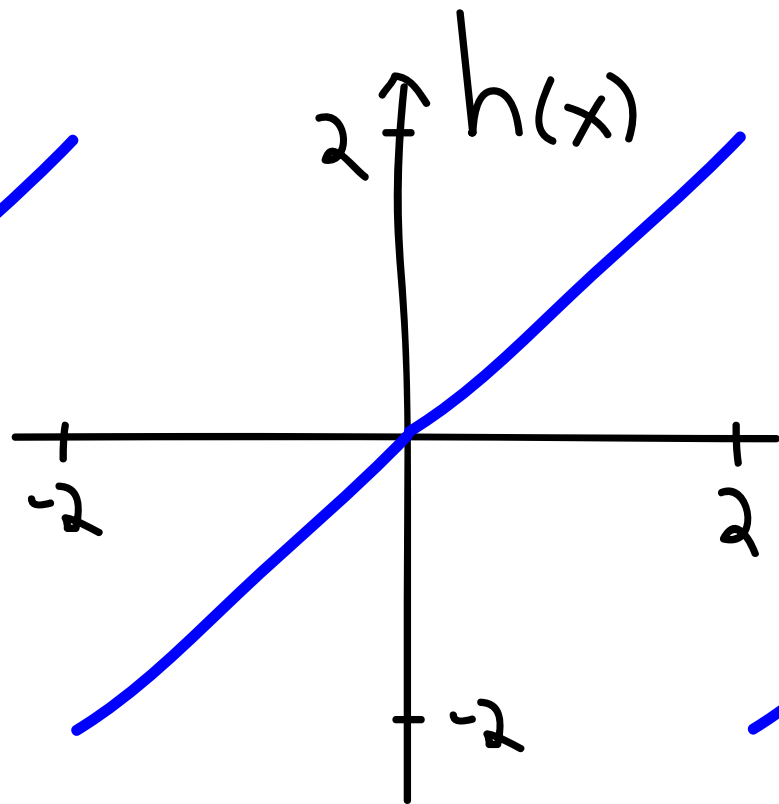
- use constant + cosine functions for Fourier series (Fourier Cosine series)
- extend  $f(x)$  as an even function on  $[-L, L]$  and then extend as periodic ( $2L$ ).
- often called **no flux BCs**, because

$$J_0 = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad J_L = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$$



# Examples - odd periodic extension

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$$a_n = 0$$
$$b_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 4}{n\pi}$$

$$h(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

for  $x \neq -2, 2$ .

What is  $L$ ?  $L=2$


$$c(x, t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2 D t}{4}} \sin \left( \frac{n\pi x}{2} \right)$$

# Even and odd extensions

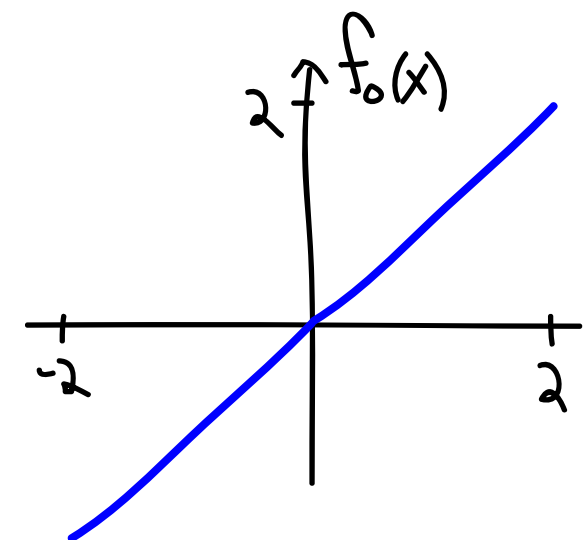
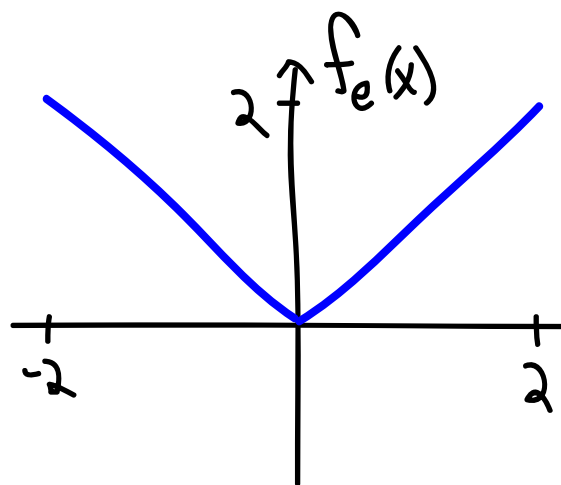
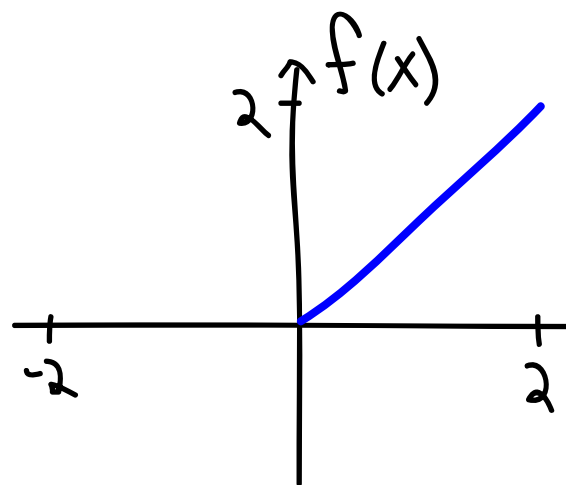
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- For a function  $f(x)$  defined on  $[0, L]$ , the even extension of  $f(x)$  is the function

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- Because these functions are even/odd, their Fourier Series have a couple simplifying features:

$$f_e(x) \stackrel{\text{no sin}}{=} \frac{f(0)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$f_o(x) \stackrel{\text{no cos}}{=} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

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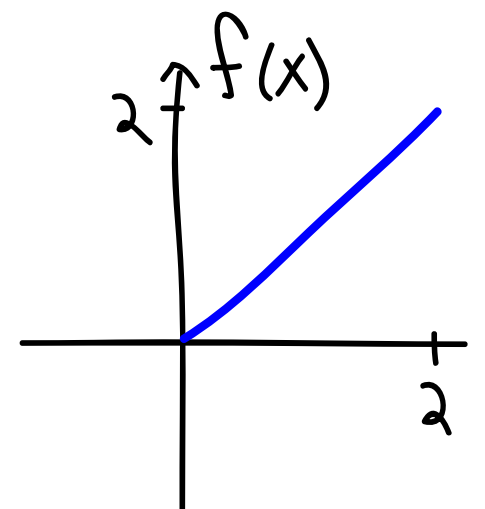
What is the steady state in this case?  $c_{ss}(x) = Ax + B$

BC says  $A=0$ .  $B=?$

Total initial mass =  $\int_0^L c(x, 0) dx$   
 Total “final” mass =  $\int_0^L c_{ss}(x) dx$  } No flux BCs so these must be equal.

In this case, the Fourier series tells us the answer:

$$c(x, t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{4} Dt} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \longrightarrow c_{ss}(x) = a_0/2$$



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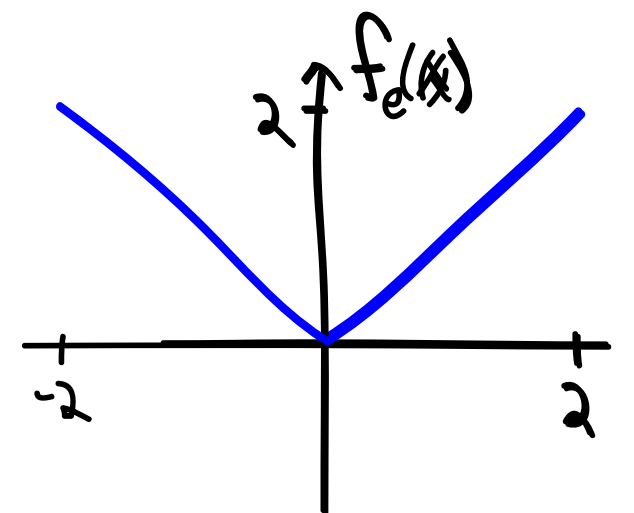
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$$a_0 = 2$$

$$a_n = \frac{4}{n^2 \pi^2} \left( (-1)^n - 1 \right)$$

$$f(x) = 1 + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{((-1)^n - 1)}{n^2} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

$$c(x, t) = 1 + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{((-1)^n - 1)}{n^2} e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{4} Dt} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

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- The Diffusion equation ties the exponent to the frequency:

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- Boundary conditions whether you need a Fourier sine or cosine series and determines the frequency  $\omega$ .

$$c(0, t) = 0, \quad c(L, t) = 0 \Rightarrow c_n(x, t) = b_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} Dt} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

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- The initial condition determines the  $a_n$  values via Fourier series.

$$c(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad c(x, 0) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = f(x)$$