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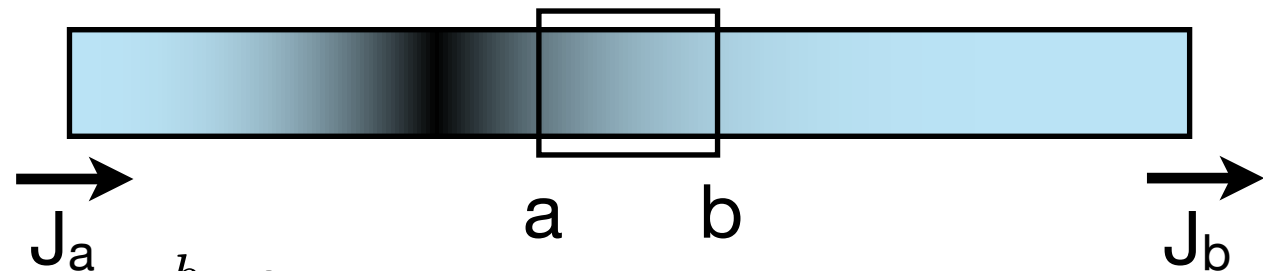
- Diffusion equation -
  - derivation (transport eqns in general)
  - initial conditions, boundary conditions
  - steady state
  - separation of variables


# Conservation equations

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$c(x,t)$  is linear mass density of ink in a long narrow tube.

$$Q_{ab}(t) = \int_a^b c(x,t) dx$$





$$\frac{dQ_{ab}}{dt}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b c(x,t) dx = \int_a^b \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(x,t) dx$$

Define the flux  $J_a$  to be the amount of mass crossing the line  $x=a$  per unit of time (particles moving right count as positive flux) .

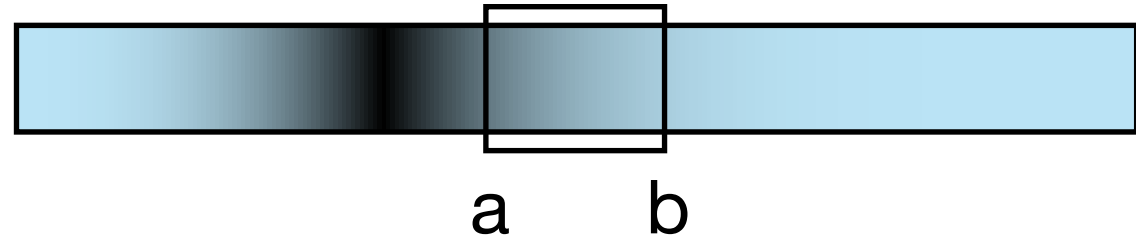
In that case, the change of  $Q$  inside the  $a$ - $b$  box can also be counted watching flux, that is, flux at  $a$  - flux at  $b$ :

$$\frac{dQ_{ab}}{dt}(t) = -J_b + J_a$$

# Conservation equations - Transport equation

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 Need a model for flux. Let's consider simpler case first (not diffusion yet!)

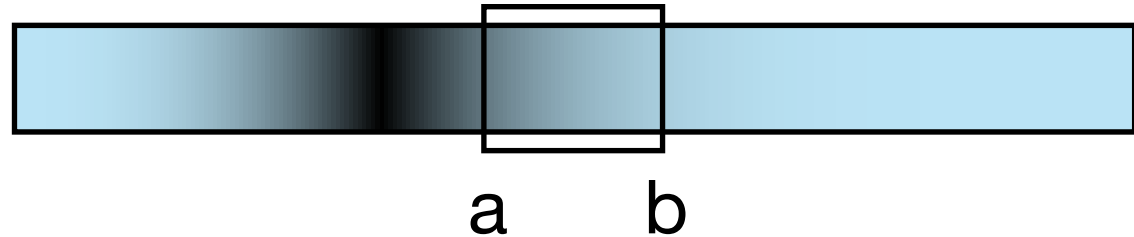
If fluid in pipe is moving with velocity  $v$ , flux is  $vc$ :  $J_a = vc(a, t)$

$$\frac{dQ_{ab}}{dt}(t) = -J_b + J_a = -vc(b, t) + vc(a, t) = -vc(x, t) \Big|_a^b = - \int_a^b v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} dx$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(x, t) dx = - \int_a^b v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} dx \Rightarrow \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \quad \text{Called Transport equation.}$$

# Conservation equations - Diffusion equation

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The Diffusion Equation

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

Now lets consider diffusion from chemical potential but

it also makes sense that for diffusion:  $J_a = -D \left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a}$

$$\frac{dQ_{ab}}{dt}(t) = -J_b + J_a = D \left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right|_{x=b} - D \left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a} = D \left. \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right|_a^b$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(x, t) dx = \int_a^b D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} dx \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(x, t) = D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} c(x, t)$$

# Initial and boundary conditions

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- One derivative in time requires an **initial condition** in  $t$ .
- Two derivatives in space require two “initial conditions” in  $x$  (i.e. one at  $x=0$  and one at  $x=L$ ). Called **boundary conditions (BCs)**.
- Initial condition:  $c(x,0) = f(x)$  where  $f(x)$  gives initial concentration profile.
- Boundary conditions:

- $c(0,t) = c_0$  and  $c(L,t) = c_L$

**Dirichlet conditions**

- $\frac{dc}{dx}(0,t) = m_0$  and  $\frac{dc}{dx}(L,t) = m_L$

**Neumann conditions  
(no-flux conditions)**

- $c(0,t) = c_0$  and  $\frac{dc}{dx}(L,t) = m_L$

**Mixed conditions**

~~$a \frac{dc}{dx}(0,t) = m_0$  and  $b c(0,t) = c_0$~~

~~$c \frac{dc}{dx}(L,t) = m_L$  and  $d c(L,t) = c_L$~~

Neumann conditions also called **Robin conditions** (no-flux when  $m_0 = m_L = 0$ )

# The Diffusion equation

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The Diffusion Equation

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

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

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

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

- A and B can be determined using the BCs. Getting A from Neumann conditions requires using the IC as well (total mass conservation).

# Separation of variables

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## Deriving the FS coefficient formulae

Define the dot product for periodic functions (with period  $P$ )

$$f(x) \circ g(x) = \int_{\text{one period}} f(x) \cdot g(x) dx = \int_{-P/2}^{P/2} f(x) g(x) dx$$

Let  $v_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{P}\right)$ ,  $w_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n x}{P}\right)$ ,  $v_0(x) = 1$ . ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ )

Recall (or calculate for yourself) that

$$v_0(x) \circ v_0(x) = P, \quad v_m(x) \circ v_n(x) = 0 \text{ for } m \neq n, \quad v_n(x) \circ v_n(x) = P/2$$
$$w_m(x) \circ w_n(x) = 0, \quad w_m(x) \circ w_n(x) = 0 \text{ for } m \neq n, \quad w_n(x) \circ w_n(x) = P/2$$

Suppose  $f(x)$  can be represented exactly as a FS. Thus

$$f(x) = A_0 v_0(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m v_m(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m w_m(x).$$

Find its FS coefficients. As with vectors, use 'o' to find  $A_0, a_n, b_n$ .

To find  $A_0$ ,

$$f(x) \circ v_0(x) = A_0 v_0(x) \circ v_0(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m v_m(x) \circ v_0(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m w_m(x) \circ v_0(x) = A_0 \cdot P$$

$$\text{Thus, } A_0 = \frac{1}{P} f(x) \circ v_0(x) = \frac{1}{P} \int_{-P/2}^{P/2} f(x) dx.$$

To find  $a_n$ ,

$$f(x) \circ v_n(x) = A_0 v_0(x) \circ v_n(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m v_m(x) \circ v_n(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m w_m(x) \circ v_n(x) = a_n \underbrace{v_n(x) \circ v_n(x)}_{P/2}$$

$$\text{Thus, } a_n = \frac{2}{P} f(x) \circ v_n(x) = \frac{2}{P} \int_{-P/2}^{P/2} f(x) \cos \frac{2n\pi x}{P} dx.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } b_n = \frac{2}{P} \int_{-P/2}^{P/2} f(x) \sin \frac{2n\pi x}{P} dx$$

In many cases, we will have  $P = 2L$  (but not always!) so

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

This pdf is also posted on the lecture slides page.

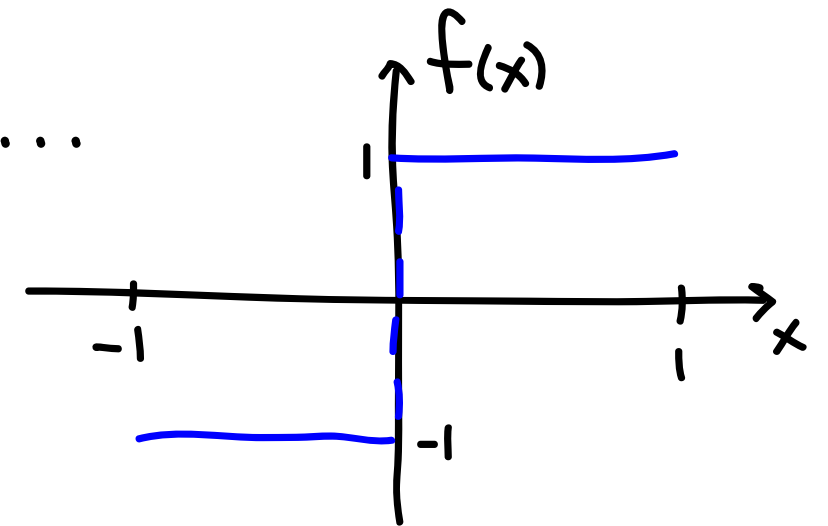


# Fourier series

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- Find the Fourier series for  $f(x) = 2u_0(x) - 1$  on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ .

$$f_{FS}(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + a_2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots$$
$$+ b_1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + b_2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots$$



- Our hope is that  $f(x) = f_{FS}(x)$  so we calculate coefficients as if they were equal:

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx \quad \text{\textit{A}_0 is the average value of f(x)!}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

- To simplify formulas, usually define

$$a_0 = 2A_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$$

# Fourier series

- Calculate the coefficients.

$$f_{FS}(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + a_1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + a_2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right) + \dots$$

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$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$$

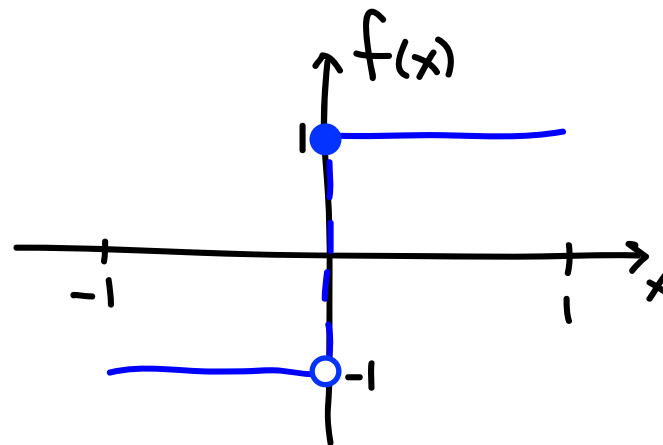
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$$a_0 = 0$$

$$a_n = 0$$

$$b_n = 2(1 - (-1)^n) / n\pi$$



$$f_{FS}(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{4}{3\pi} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{4}{5\pi} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi x}{L}\right)$$

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/tlvtkmi0y>

Does  $f(x) = f_{FS}(x)$  for all  $x$ ?

Problems at jumps!  $x = -1, 0, 1$

# Fourier series

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- **Theorem** Suppose  $f$  and  $f'$  are piecewise continuous on  $[-L, L]$  and periodic beyond that interval. Then  $f(x) = f_{FS}(x)$  at all points at which  $f$  is continuous. Furthermore, at points of discontinuity,  $f_{FS}(x)$  takes the value of the midpoint of the jump. That is,

$$f_{FS}(x) = \frac{f(x^+) + f(x^-)}{2}$$

# Heat/Diffusion equation - example

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- Find the solution to the heat/diffusion equation

$$u_t = 7u_{xx}$$

- subject to BCs

$$u(0, t) = 0 = u(4, t)$$

- and with IC

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0, & 2 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

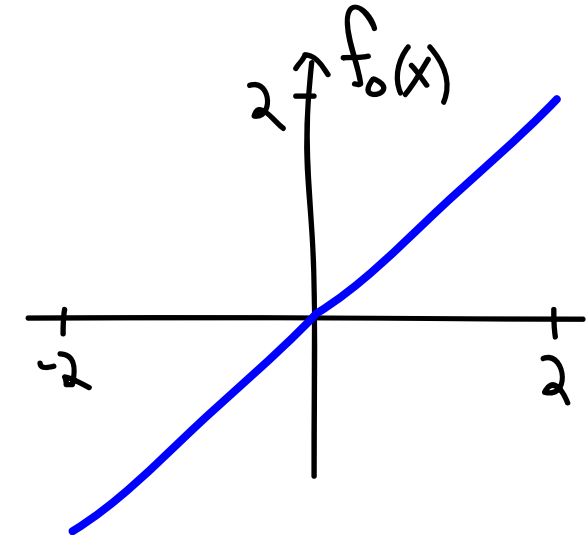
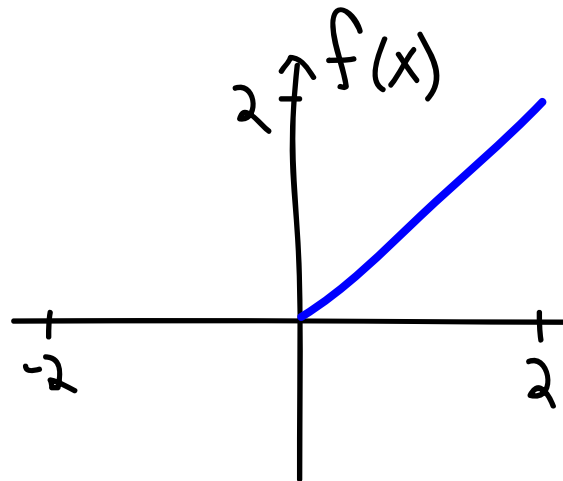
- The “warming up the milk bottle” example.

# Using Fourier Series to solve the Diffusion Equation

$$u_t = 4u_{xx}$$

$$u(0, t) = u(2, t) = 0$$

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



$$(A) \quad u(x, t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

$$a_0 = 1, \quad a_n = -\frac{8}{n^2 \pi^2} \text{ for } n \text{ even} \\ (0 \text{ for } n \text{ odd})$$

$$\star (B) \quad u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

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

- Show Desmos movies.

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/yt7kztcke>

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# Using Fourier Series to solve the Diffusion Equation

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$$u_t = 4u_{xx}$$

$$\left. \frac{du}{dx} \right|_{x=0,2} = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \cos \frac{3\pi x}{2}$$

The IC is an eigenvector! Note that it satisfies the BCs.

$$v_3(x) = \cos \frac{3\pi x}{2}$$

$$v_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

$$u_n(x, t) = e^{\lambda_n t} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_n(x, t) = \lambda_n e^{\lambda_n t} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

$$4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u_n(x, t) = -\frac{4n^2\pi^2}{4} e^{\lambda_n t} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{2}$$

$$\lambda_n = -n^2\pi^2$$

So the solution is

$$u(x, t) = e^{-9\pi^2 t} \cos \frac{3\pi x}{2}$$