

Today

- Diffusion equation -
 - More examples: Dirichlet, Neumann BCs
 - Non homogeneous BCs

The Diffusion Equation

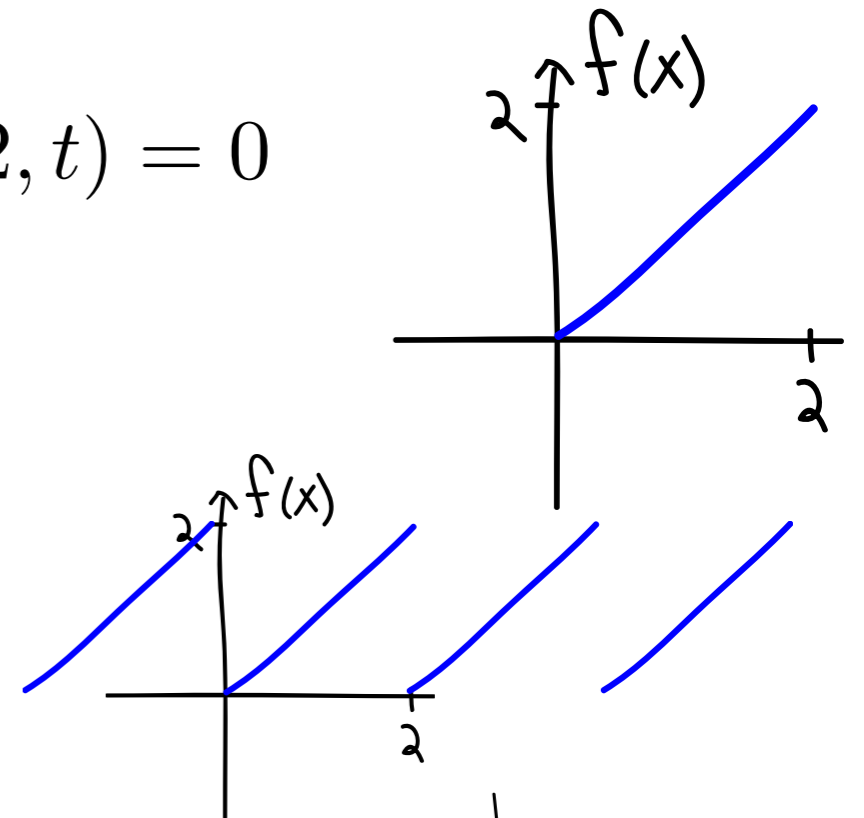
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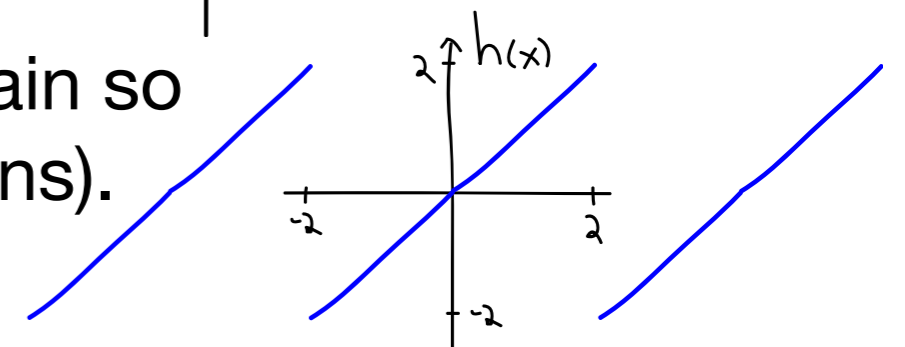
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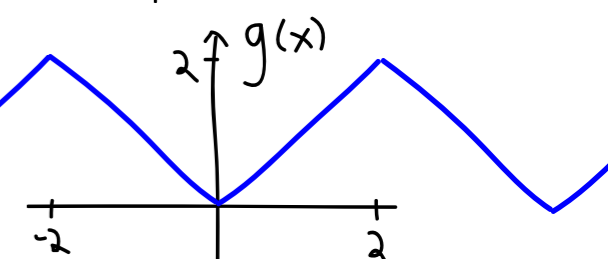
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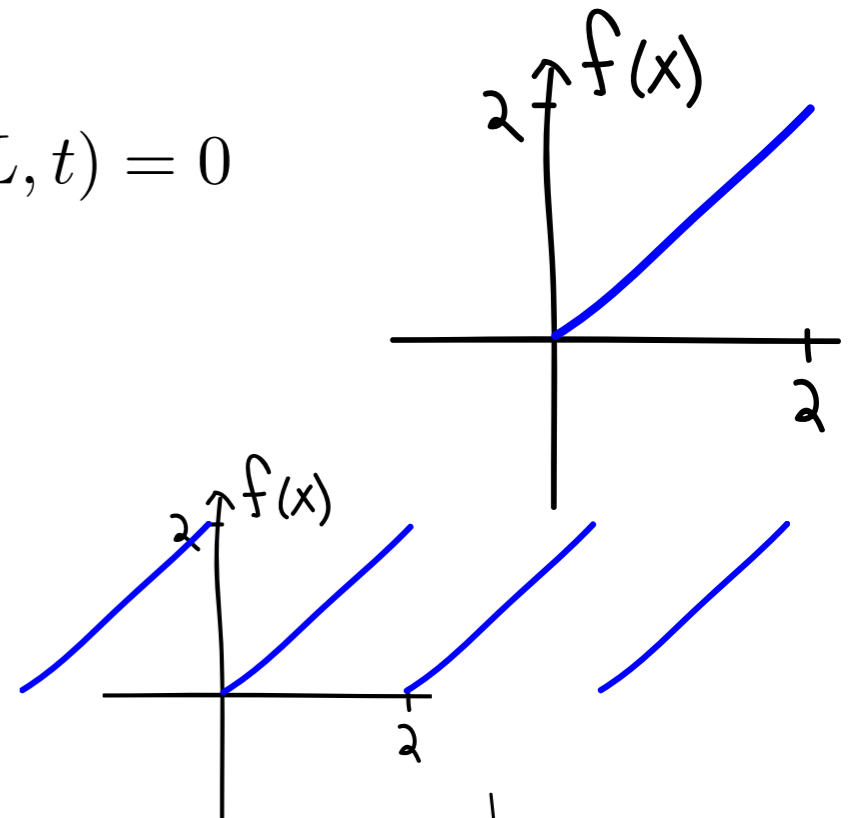
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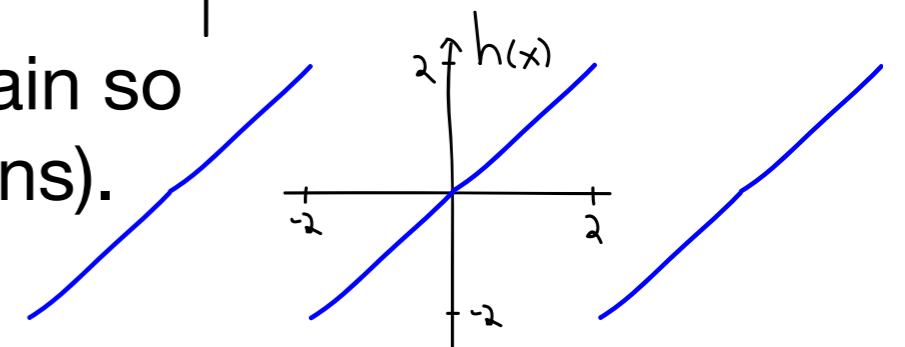
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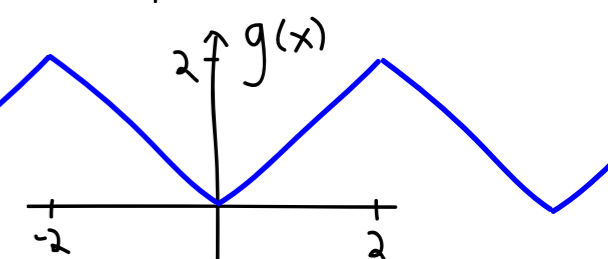
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...with nonhomogeneous boundary conditions

$$u_t = Du_{xx}$$

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

$$u(2, t) = 4$$

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

→ Nonhomogeneous BCs

Still use $\sin(n\pi x/L)$ but need to get end(s) away from zero!

What is steady state? $u_{ss}(x) = 2x$

Ultimately, we want $u(x, t) = 2x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 Dt/L^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$

What function do we use to calculate the Fourier series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$?

(A) x^2

(B) $x^2 - 2$

(C) $x^2 - 2x$

(D) $x^2 + 2x$



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- Solve the Diffusion Equation with nonhomogeneous BCs:

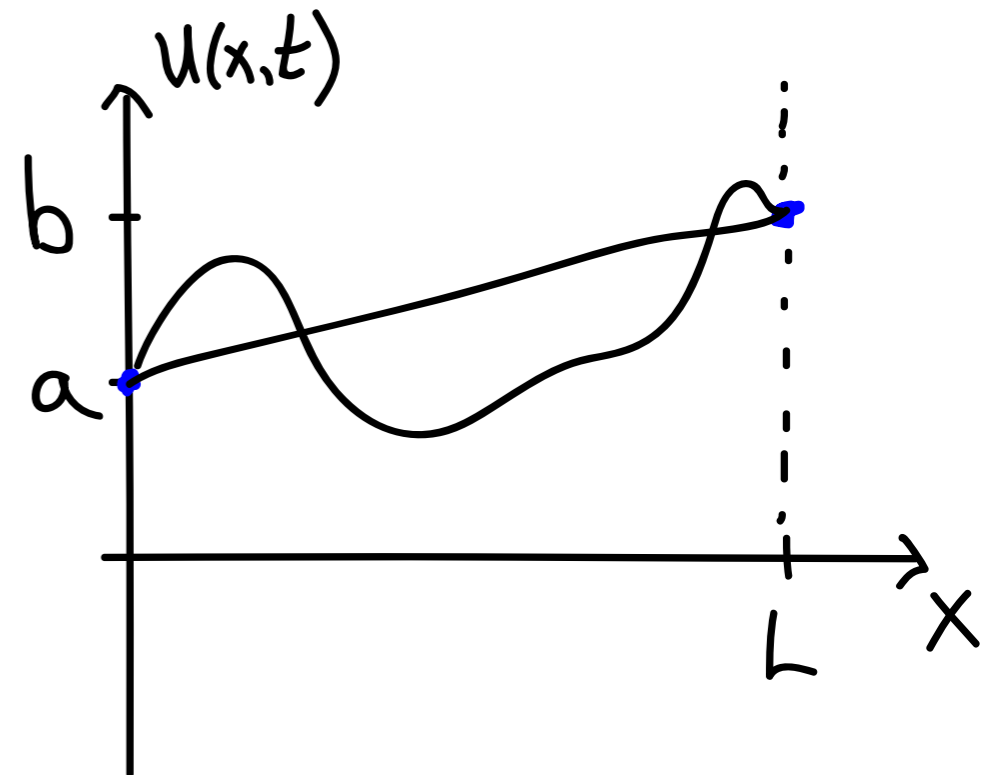
$$u_t = Du_{xx}$$

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

$$u(L, t) = b$$

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

- Recall - rate of change is proportional to concavity so bumps get ironed out.



$$v(x, t) = u(x, t) - \left(a + \frac{b-a}{L}x \right)$$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v_t = u_t \\ v_{xx} = u_{xx} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow v_t = Dv_{xx}$$

$$v(0, t) = u(0, t) - a = 0$$

$$v(L, t) = u(L, t) - b = 0$$

$$v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - \left(a + \frac{b-a}{L}x \right)$$

- $v(x,t)$ satisfies the Diffusion Eq with homogeneous Dirichlet BCs and a new IC.
- General trick: define $v=u-SS$ and find v as before.

Nonhomogeneous boundary conditions

- Find the solution to the following problem:

$$u_t = 4u_{xx}$$

$$u(0, t) = 9$$

$$u(2, t) = 5$$

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

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

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

$$\star (C) \quad u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{2} + 9 - 2x$$

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where $b_n = ?$

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$$\star (C) \quad b_n = \int_0^2 \left(\sin \frac{3\pi x}{2} - 9 + 2x \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{2} dx$$

$$(D) \quad b_n = \int_0^2 \left(\sin \frac{3\pi x}{2} + 9 - 2x \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{2} dx$$

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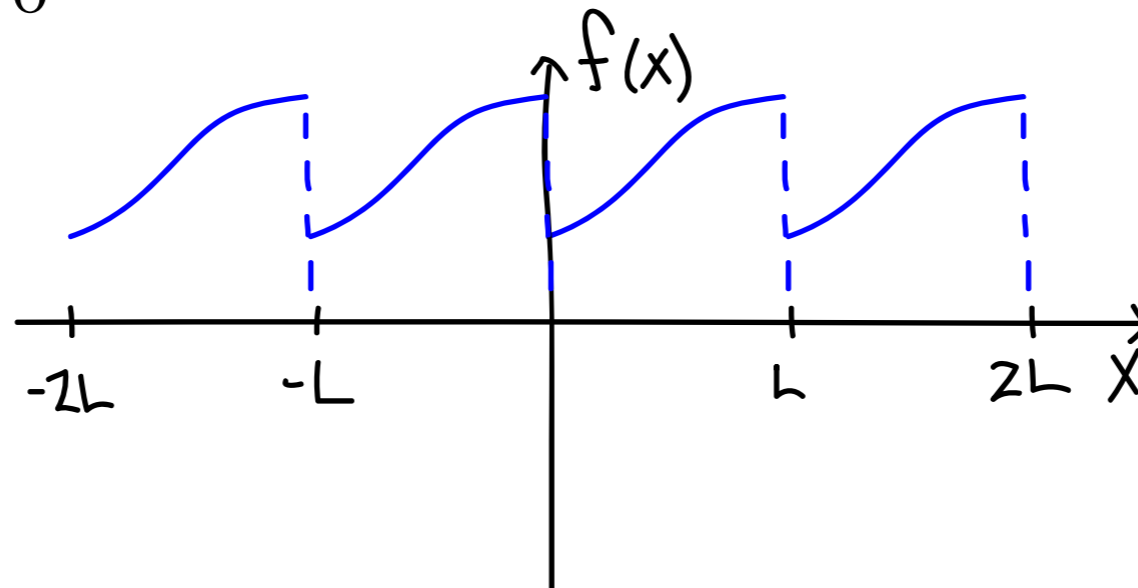
Review of solutions to the Diffusion Equation

$$u_t = Du_{xx}$$

- Extend $f(x)$ to all reals as a periodic function.

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

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



$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

- All coefficients will be non-zero. Not particularly useful for solving the BCs.

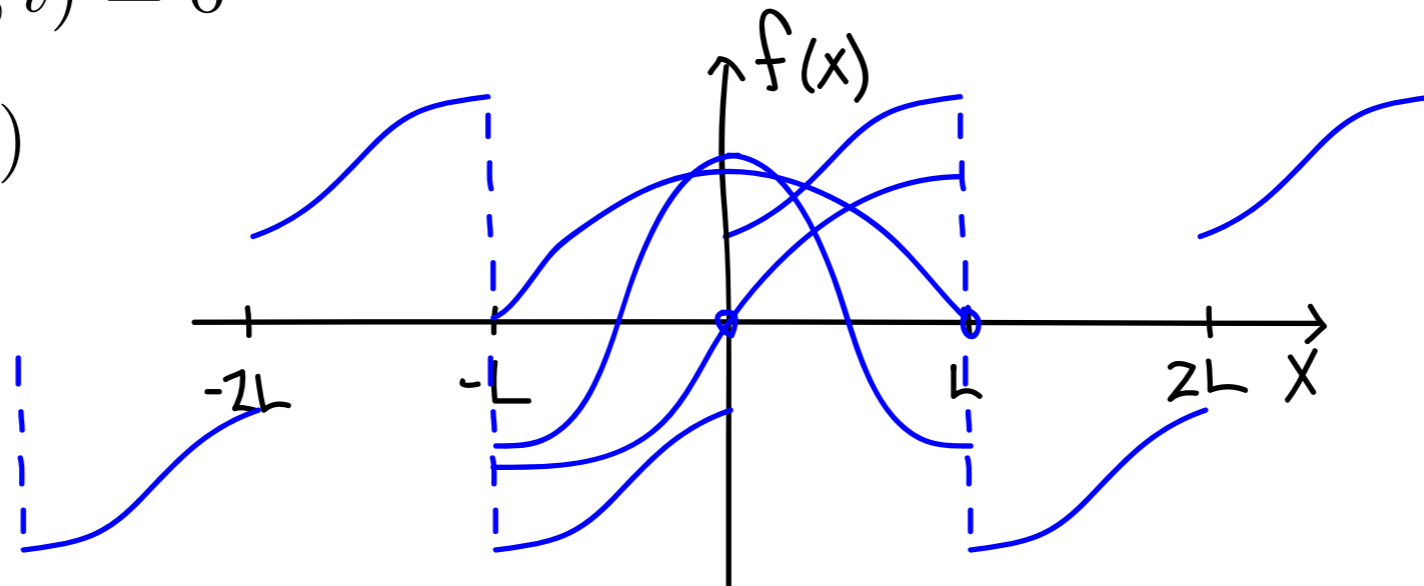
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- Extend to $-L$ as an odd function and then to all reals as a periodic function.



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- Cosine coefficients will be zero because $f(x)$ is odd about $x=0$ and cosine is even. Useful for solving the Diffusion equation with Dirichlet BCs.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L a_n f_{ext}(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = \frac{2}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

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$$u_t = Du_{xx}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0,L} = 0$$

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

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Review of solutions to the Diffusion Equation

$$u_t = Du_{xx}$$

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

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$$u(x, t) = a + \frac{b-a}{L}x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 Dt/L^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \left(f(x) - a - \frac{b-a}{L}x \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

- Adding the linear function to the usual solution to the Dirichlet problem ensures that the BCs are satisfied without changing the fact that it satisfies the PDE.

Review of solutions to the Diffusion Equation

$$u_t = D u_{xx}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0,L} = a$$

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

$$u_{ss}(x) = ax + B$$

$$B = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} aL$$

$$u(x, t) = ax + B + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 D t / L^2} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

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

Review lectures

- What days are best for a review session / office hours?
- WeBWorK problems with low success.
- Exam review questions (on the wiki).
- Student requested problems.

Nonhomogeneous boundary conditions

- How would you solve this one?

$$u_t = 4u_{xx}$$

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

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