

# Today

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- Neumann BC example
- Summary of steps for solving the Diffusion Equation with **homogeneous** Dirichlet or Neumann BCs using Fourier Series.
- Nonhomogeneous BCs
- Eigenvalue / eigenvector interpretation
- End-of-term info:
  - Don't forget to complete the online teaching evaluation survey.
  - Review and office hours during exams TBA - by online poll

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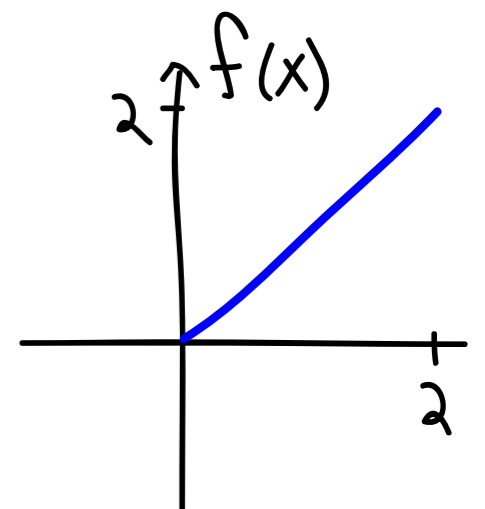
What is the steady state in this case?  $c_{ss}(x) = Ax + B$

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 also tells us the answer:

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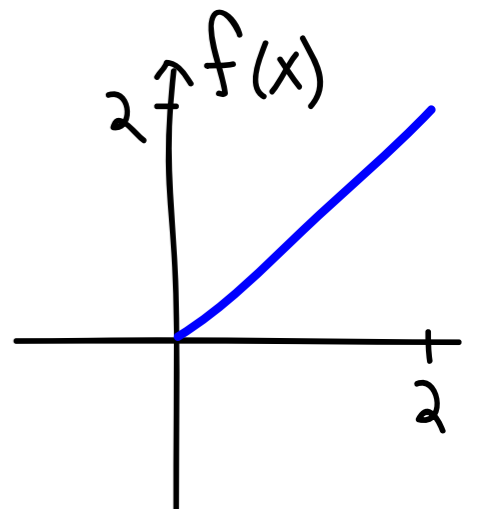
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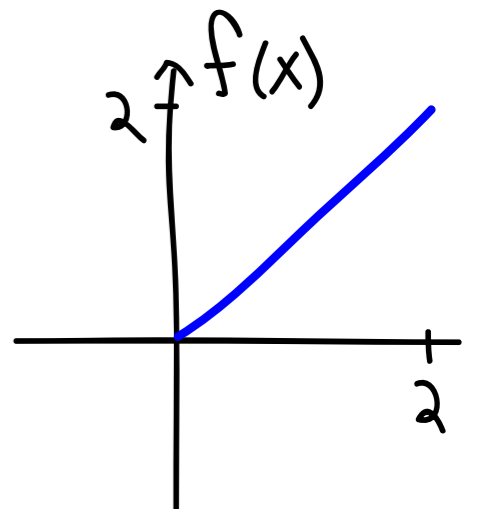
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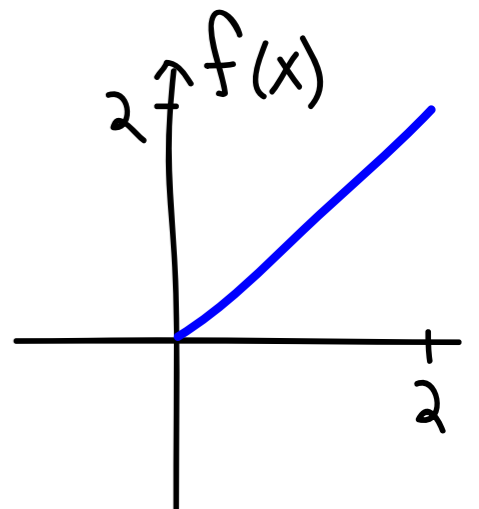
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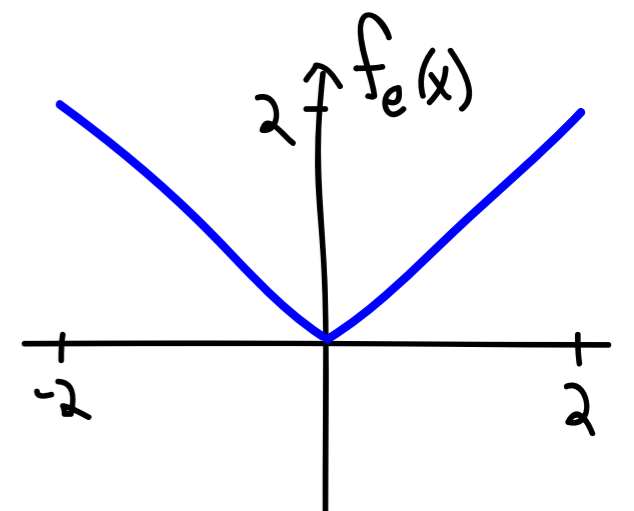
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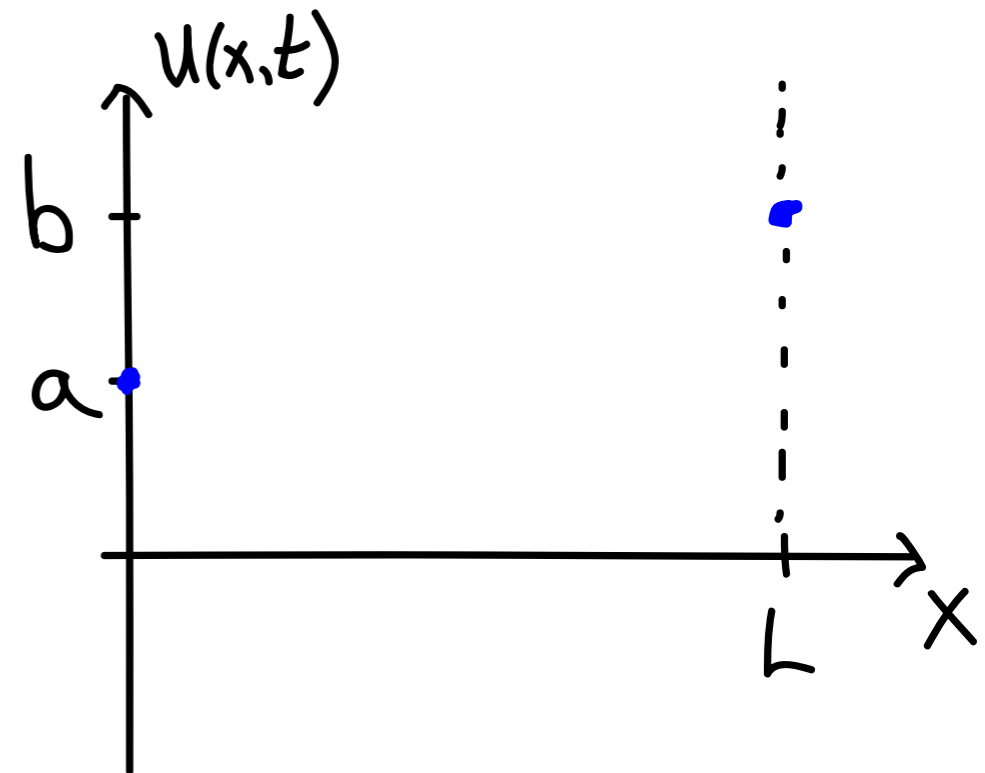
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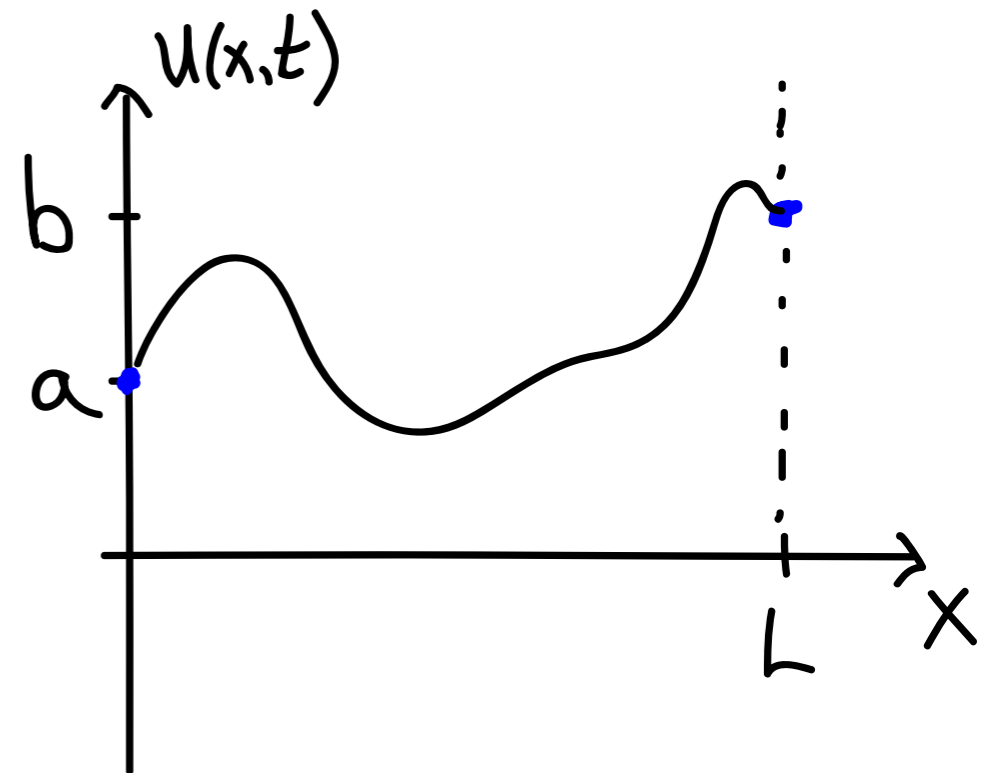
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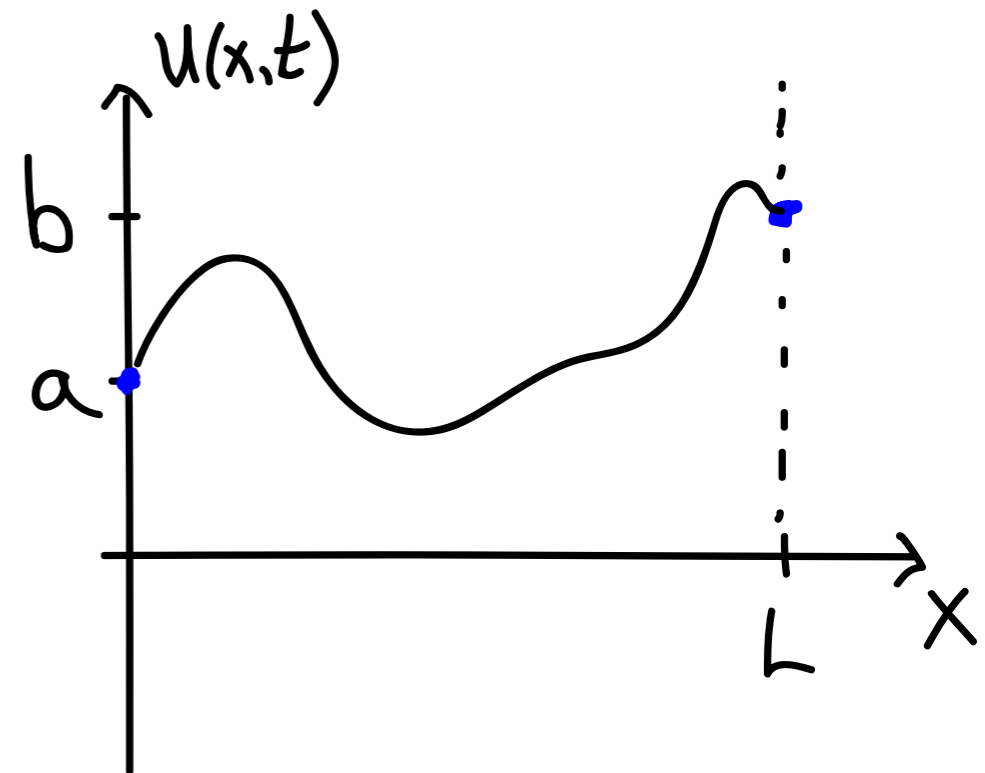
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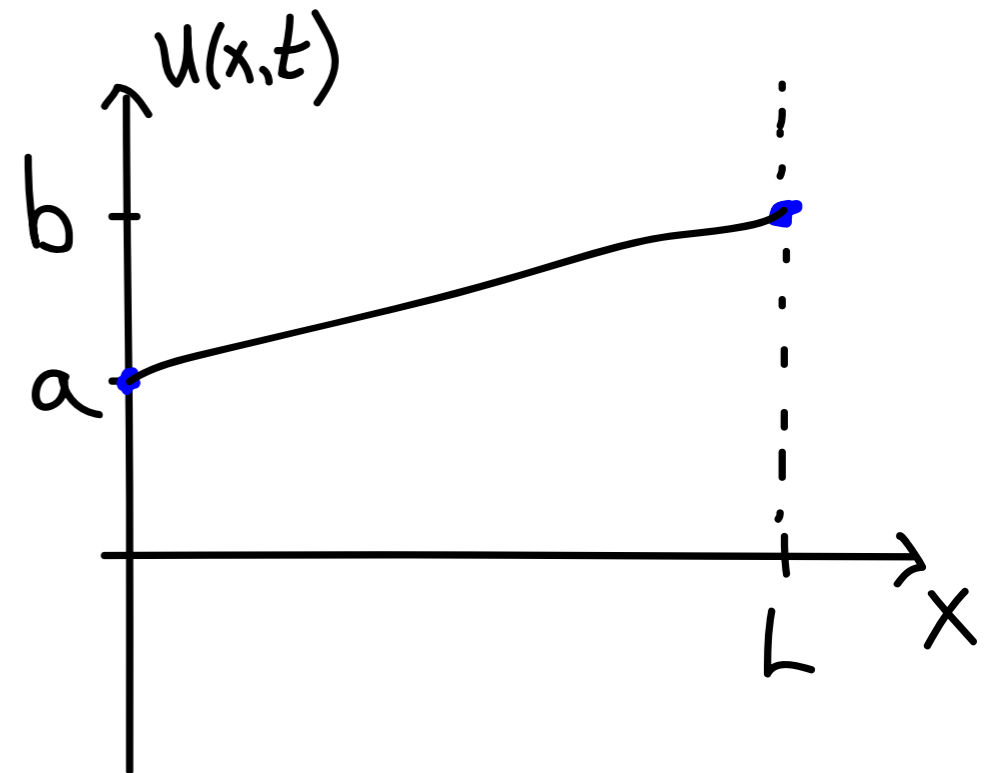
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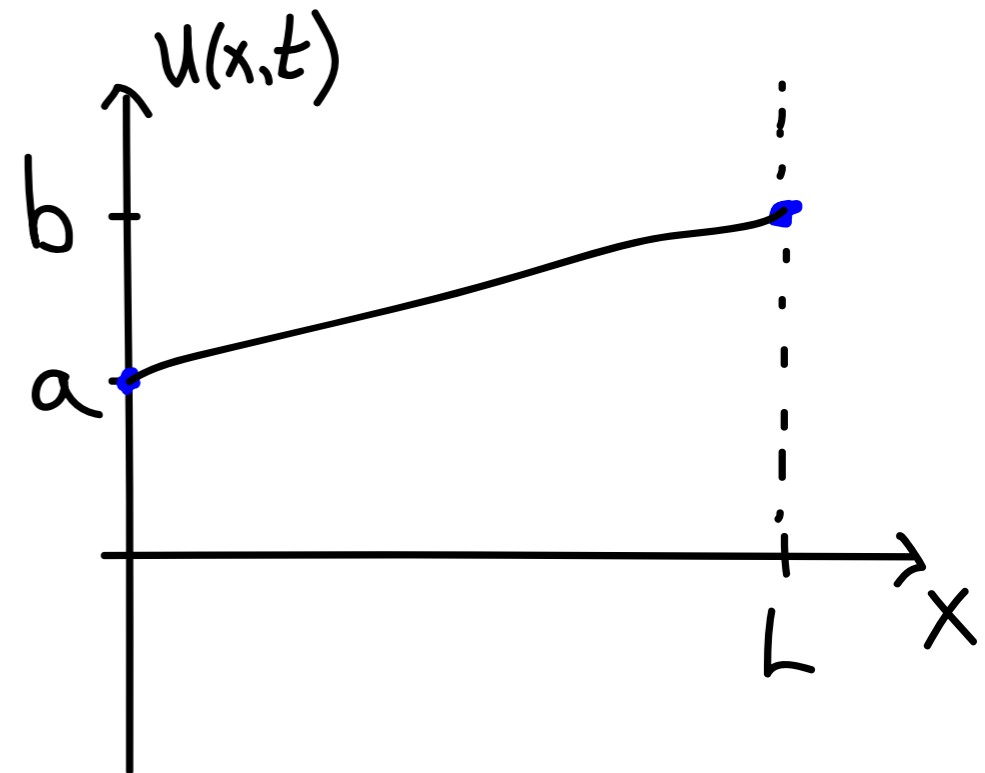
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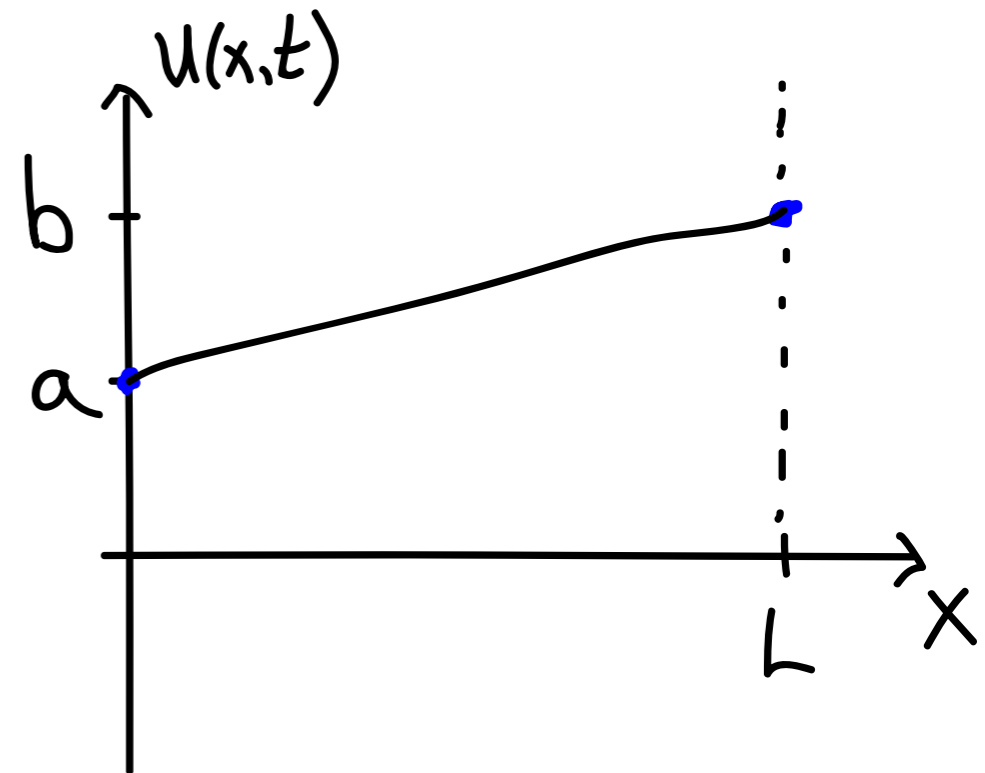
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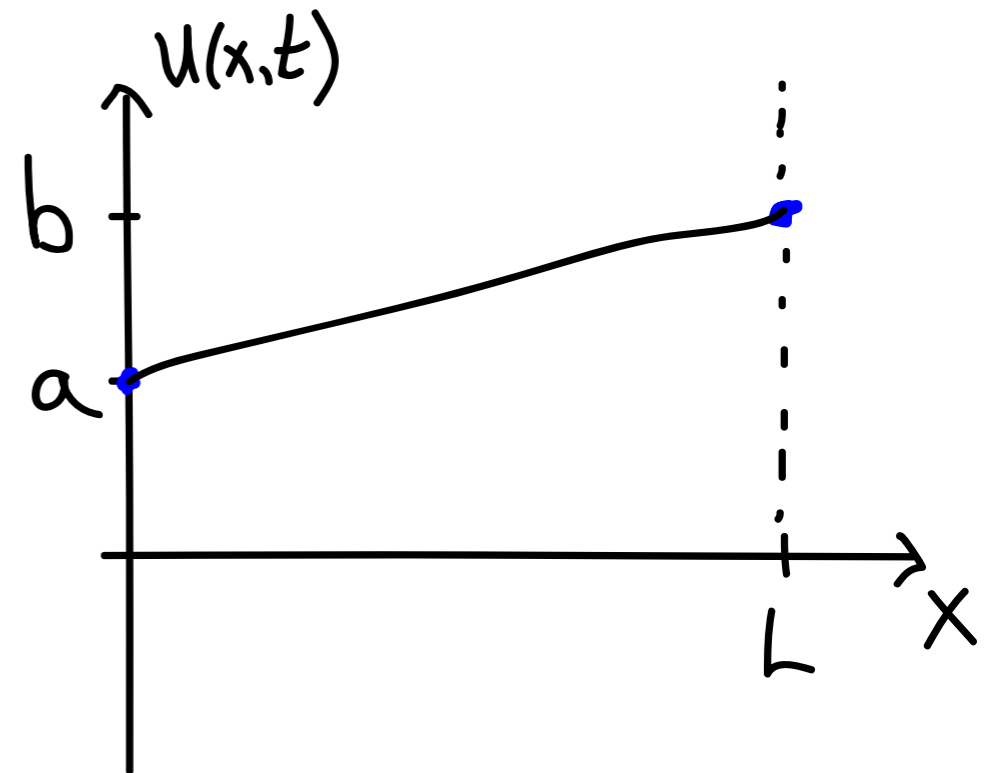
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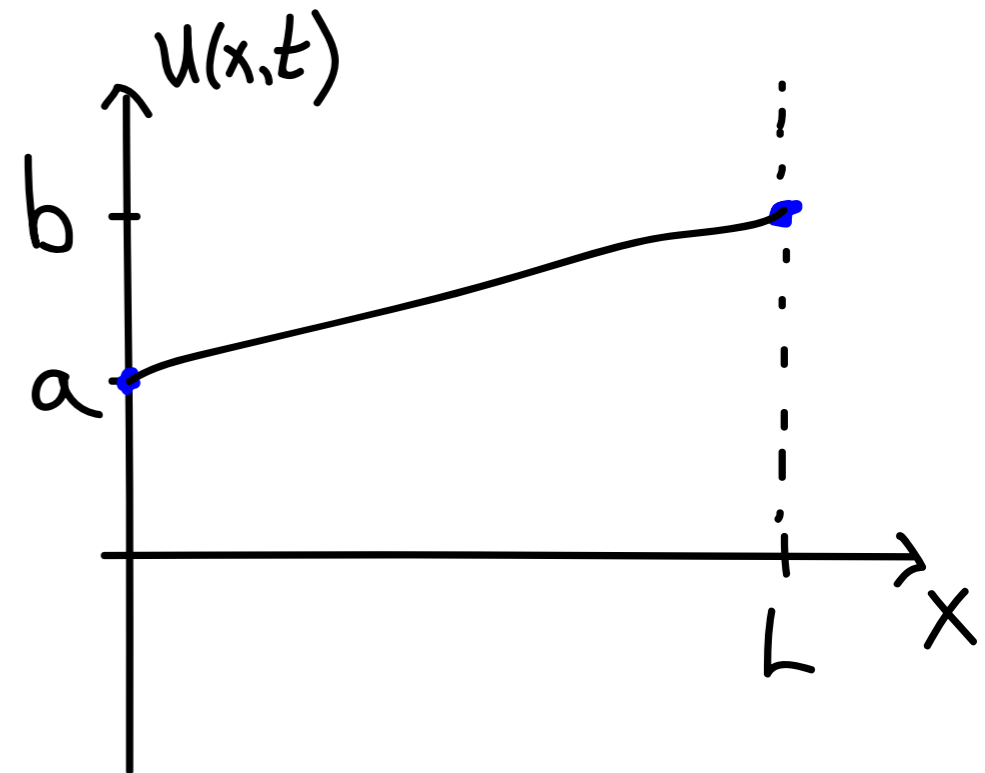
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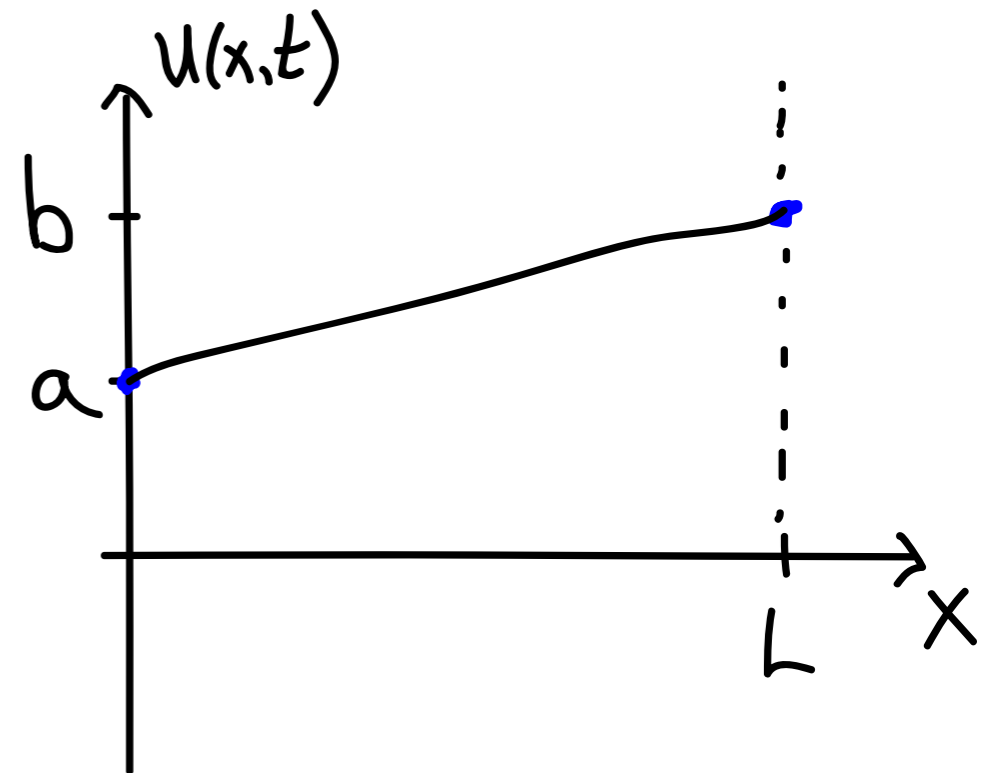
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