

Heat flow equation in 1D.

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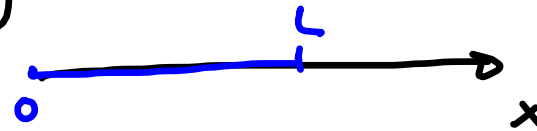
$$\frac{\partial \psi(x,t)}{\partial t} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x,t)}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

change in
heat stored

$$-\frac{dQ}{dt} = -c\rho \frac{dT}{dt}$$

net heat out

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla} Q &= \bar{\nabla} \cdot (-\sigma \bar{\nabla} T) \\ &= -\sigma \nabla^2 T \end{aligned}$$



$T(x,t)$

To find $\psi(x,t)$ we will work in Fourier space.

Let's write $\psi(x, t)$ in terms of its FT $\psi(k, t)$:

$$\psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(k, t) e^{-ikx} dk \quad (2)$$

Plugging (2) in (1):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial \psi(k, t)}{\partial t} e^{-ikx} dk = \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -k^2 \psi(k, t) e^{-ikx} dk$$

For each value of k we have to find $\psi(k, t)$ that satisfies:

$$\frac{\partial \psi(k, t)}{\partial t} = -a^2 k^2 \psi(k, t)$$

$$\int_{\psi(t=0)}^{\psi(t)} \frac{d\psi}{\psi} = -a^2 k^2 \int_0^t dt'$$

$$\ln \psi(k, t) - \ln \psi(k, 0) = -a^2 k^2 t \quad (3)$$

Exponentiating both sides of (3):

$$\psi(k, t) = \psi(k, 0) e^{-k^2 a^2 t} \quad (4)$$

Plugging (4) in (2):

$$\psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\psi(k, 0) e^{-k^2 a^2 t}}_{\psi(k, t)} e^{-ikx} dk$$

The solution depends on the initial condition.

If $\psi(k, 0) = C$ then

$$\psi(x, t) = \frac{c}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-k^2 a^2 t - ikx} dk =$$

$$= \frac{c}{a\sqrt{2t}} e^{-x^2/4a^2t}$$

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table for FT.

Green function for the inhomogeneous wave equation.

Homogeneous wave equation:

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \psi = 0$$

If $\psi(x, t) = X(x) T(t)$ (separation of variables)

Then we obtain

$$\frac{1}{c^2 T} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} - \frac{1}{X} \nabla^2 X = 0$$

Then for $X(x)$ we have

$$\nabla^2 X = -k^2 X$$

or $\nabla^2 X + k^2 X = 0$

$$\nabla^2 \chi + k^2 \chi = 0 \quad \text{Homogeneous Helmholtz equation.}$$

Now we want to solve the inhomogeneous Helmholtz equation:

$$\nabla^2 \psi(\bar{x}) + k^2 \psi(\bar{x}) = -4\pi f(\bar{x}) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

We are going to find the Green function to solve $\textcircled{1}$ considering that V is all the space.

The Green function $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')$ has to satisfy the Helmholtz differential equation for the case in which $f(\bar{x}) = \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}')$.

$$\nabla^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') + k^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = -4\pi \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \quad (2)$$

It can be shown that

$$\psi(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\text{all space}} f(\bar{x}') G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') d^3x'$$

for $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')$ solving $\nabla^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') + \lambda q(\bar{x}) G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = -4\pi \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}')$

We will find $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')$ solving (2) :

- Since V is all space and space is isotropic G cannot depend on θ, φ, θ' or φ' .
- Then $G = G(R) \equiv G(r-r')$ $r-r' = |\bar{r}-\bar{r}'|$.
- Then we will work in spherical coordinates, but only the radial component will appear.

Then eq. (2) becomes:

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2 (RG)}{dR^2} + k^2 G(R) = -4\pi \delta(R) \quad (3)$$

For the homogeneous eq.

$$G(R) = \frac{A e^{ikR} + B e^{-ikR}}{R}$$

If $k \rightarrow 0$ (3) becomes Poisson's eq.

and $G(R) = \frac{1}{R}$ then $A+B=1$

Let's propose:

$$G_k^\pm(R) = \frac{e^{\pm ikR}}{R}$$

+ for $A=1, B=0$
 - for $A=0, B=1$

Then

$$\psi(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\text{all space}} dr' \frac{e^{\pm ik|r-r'|}}{|r-r'|} f(r')$$

Notice that $\psi(r) = \psi_k(r)$.

Now we want to solve:

$$\nabla^2 \psi(\bar{x}, t) - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi(\bar{x}, t)}{\partial t^2} = -4\pi f(\bar{x}, t) \quad (5)$$

(Inhomogeneous wave equation).

We will find the Green function $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', t, t')$ that solves:

$$\nabla^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', t, t') - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', t, t')}{\partial t^2} = -4\pi \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \delta(t - t')$$

(6)

To solve the t part we will work in Fourier transformed space. Then consider:

$$\psi(\bar{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\bar{x}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \quad (7)$$

$$f(\bar{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\bar{x}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega \quad (8)$$

Replace (7) and (8) in (5):

$$\nabla^2 \psi(\bar{x}, \omega) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \psi(\bar{x}, \omega) = -4\pi f(\bar{x}, \omega) \quad (9)$$

We have this for each ω .

Then (9) is Helmholtz equation and I know then that:

$$\bar{\psi}(\bar{x}, \omega) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x' \underbrace{G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega)}_{G_{k=\pm\frac{\omega}{c}}(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')} f(\bar{x}', \omega) \quad (10)$$

with

$$G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega) = G_k(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') = \frac{e^{\pm i k |\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} \quad (11) \quad k = \pm \omega/c$$

Now we need to obtain $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', t, t')$.
 We need to FT eq. (6) for the variable t
 (to its conjugate ω):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \nabla^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega, t') e^{-i\omega t} d\omega - \\
 & - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} [G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega, t') e^{-i\omega t}] d\omega = \\
 & = -4\pi \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \frac{1}{2\pi} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega t} e^{-i\omega t'} d\omega}_{\delta(t-t')} \quad (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

applies only here

Let's rewrite (12):

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\nabla^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega, t') + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega, t') \right]$$

$$e^{-i\omega t} d\omega = -4\pi \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega t'} e^{-i\omega t} d\omega$$

(13)

Now propose that

$$G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega, t') = \underbrace{G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega)}_{h(\bar{x}')} g(t') \quad (14)$$

Green function
for Helmholtz eq.

Plug (14) in (13):

For each value of ω we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega) g(t') + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega) g(t') &= \\ = -4\pi \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i\omega t'} & \end{aligned}$$

Then $\left[\nabla^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega) \right] g(t') =$ equal (the inhomog. eq.)

$$\left[\nabla^2 G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega) \right] g(t') =$$

$$= -4\pi \delta(\bar{x} - \bar{x}') \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i\omega t'} \quad \text{equal}$$

Then:

$$g(t') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i\omega t'} \quad (15)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega, t') &= G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega) \frac{e^{i\omega t'}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \\ &= \frac{e^{\pm ik|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} \frac{e^{i\omega t'}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad (16) \end{aligned}$$

We need to get rid of ω and obtain t .

To obtain $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', t, t')$ we need to

AFT $G(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', \omega, t')$:

$$G^{\pm}(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', t, t') = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\pm i\omega |\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} e^{-i\omega t'} e^{-i\omega t}}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} d\omega$$

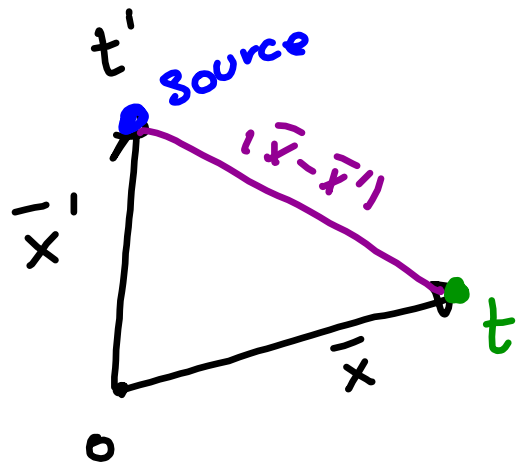
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\omega [t' - t \pm \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}{c}]} d\omega}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi} \frac{\delta[t' - t \pm \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}{c}]}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega(t-t')} d\omega = 2\pi \delta(t-t')$$

Then we found that

$$G^{\pm}(\bar{x}, \bar{x}', t, t') = \frac{\delta\left[t' - \left[t \mp \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}{c}\right]\right]}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}$$

G^+ is called the retarded Green function.



It takes a time $t - t'$ for the effect of the point like source at \bar{x}' and t' to reach \bar{x} .

If $t' < t$ then

$$t' = t - \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}{c} \quad \text{or}$$

$$t = t' + \frac{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|}{c}$$

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