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Derivation of the one-dimensional heat Equation

In the early 1800, J. Fourier began a mathematical study of heat. A deeper understanding of heat flow had significant application in science and within industry.

A basic version of Fourier's efforts in the problem

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}$$

with BC's $u(0,t) = 0 = u(l,t)$

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

where $u(x,t)$ is the temperature at position x at time t . c^2 is a constant and f is a given function.

Derivation:

To derive this one-dimensional heat equation we follow some empirical law's

1. Heat flow from a higher temperature to a lower temperature.
2. The amount of heat in a body is proportional to its mass and temperature.
($H = mst$)
3. The rate of heat flow across an area is proportional to the area and to the temperature gradient normal to the area.

where the constant of proportionality k is called the ~~thermal~~ thermal conductivity.

consider a homogeneous rectangular bar, with cross section area A

Density = ρ

The specific heat of

this metal bar is s

Thermal conductivity = k

Let $u(x, t)$ be the temperature

at any point P .

consider the element of the bar between the place $PQRS$ and $P'Q'R'S'$ at a distance sx with thickness sx distance from the origin

is x . Then distance of the surface $PQRS$ from the origin is x and the surface $P'Q'R'S'$

$(x + sx)$.

Let the temperature at the surface $PQRS$ is $u + \delta u$ and at the surface $P'Q'R'S'$ is u

Then change in temperature = $u + \delta u - u$ in a slab thickness of $sx = \delta u$.

The mass of the element = $\rho \times A \times sx = A \rho sx$.

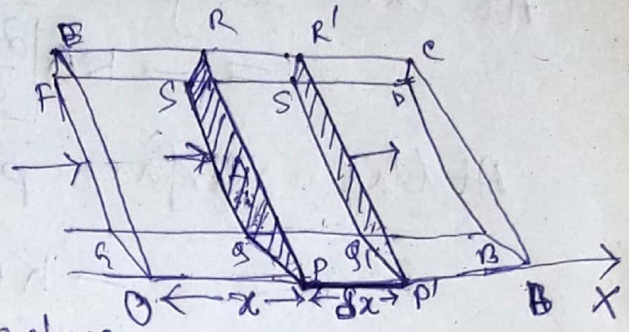
$$\left[\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{m}{V} \\ m &= \rho V \end{aligned} \right]$$

Now the quantity of heat stored in the slab element = (mass \times specific heat \times change in temperature)

$$= A \rho sx \times s \times \delta u$$

$$= A \rho sx \delta u$$

So the rate of increase of heat in the slab element $(R) = A \rho sx \frac{\delta u}{\delta t}$



Now ~~read~~ rate of heat flow from Fourier's law —

At the surface PQR is

$$\therefore = -KA \left[\frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} \right]_{x_0}$$

At the surface P'Q'SR'

$$= -KA \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right]_{x+\delta x}$$

The rate of heat flow in the space.

$$= -KA \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right]_x + KA \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right]_{x+\delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow AP \delta x \cdot \frac{\delta u}{\delta t} = -KA \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right]_x + KA \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right]_{x+\delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow AP \delta x \frac{\delta u}{\delta t} = KA \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\delta x} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_x \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta u}{\delta t} = \frac{KA}{AP} \cdot \frac{1}{\delta x} \left[u_x(x+\delta x, t) - u_x(x, t) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta u}{\delta t} = \frac{KA}{AP} \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{u_x(x+\delta x, t) - u_x(x, t)}{\delta x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{KA}{AP} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u_t = c^2 u_{xx}} \quad \text{where } c^2 = \frac{KA}{P}$$