

## Solution of PDE's using Laplace

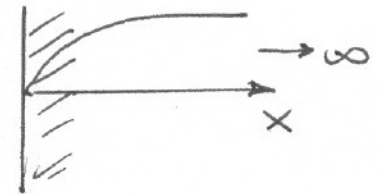
When?

- Problem cannot be solved with separation of variables
- Transform with respect to variable that goes from  $0 \rightarrow \infty$   
e.g. time ( $0 < t < \infty$ )

### Motivation Example

Solve the temperature  $\tau(x,t)$  in a semi-infinite well (very thick wall)

Heat transfer in 1 dimension only:



$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

with Boundary Conditions:

$$T(0,t) = T_0 \quad (2)$$

$$T(\infty,t) = T_b \quad (3)$$

and Initial Condition  $T(x,0) = T_b$  (4)

Try separation of variables:  $T(x,t) = f(x)g(t)$  (5)

(5) into (1): 
$$g'f = \alpha f''g \Rightarrow \frac{g'}{\alpha g} = \frac{f''}{f} = -\lambda^2 \quad (6)$$

(6)  $\Rightarrow g = A e^{-\lambda^2 \alpha t}$  and  $f = B \cos \lambda x + C \sin \lambda x$

$\Rightarrow$  from (5) 
$$T(x,t) = A e^{-\lambda^2 \alpha t} (B \cos \lambda x + C \sin \lambda x) \quad (7)$$

Can we satisfy all BC's and IC's with (7)?

The answer is no!

$$T(\infty, t) = Ae^{-\alpha^2 x t} (\beta \cos \alpha \infty + C \sin \alpha \infty) \text{ not defined}$$

Thus, separation of variables does not work!

Let try Laplace Transforms.

### Laplace Transform Review

Definition  $F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$

Some properties

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\partial f(x,t)}{\partial t}\right] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt \rightarrow \text{integration by parts} \\ &= f(x,t) e^{-st} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=\infty} + s \int_0^{\infty} f(x,t) e^{-st} dt = \\ &= s F(x,s) - f(x,0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\partial f(x,t)}{\partial x}\right] ? \text{ if Laplace is done wrt } t \\ = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dt = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt = \frac{\partial [F(x,s)]}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

since  $s$  is an algebraic variable  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{dF}{dx}$

## Continuation of Semi-infinite well example

Step 1 - Transform differential equation + B.C.'s

$$\text{eg. (1)} \quad \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}\right] = \mathcal{L}\left[\alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}\right]$$

$$\text{if } \bar{T}(x, s) = \mathcal{L}(T) \Rightarrow \Delta \bar{T}(x, s) - T(x, 0) = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x^2} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{From (8) and (4)} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\Delta}{\alpha} \bar{T} = -\frac{T(x, 0)}{\alpha} = -\frac{T_b}{\alpha} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Transform of B.C. eq. (2)} \quad \mathcal{L}[T(0, t)] = \bar{T}(0, s) = \frac{T_0}{\Delta} \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Transform of B.C. eq. (3)} \quad \mathcal{L}[T(\infty, t)] = \bar{T}(\infty, s) = \frac{T_b}{\Delta} \quad (11)$$

Equation (9) becomes an ODE since there are only derivatives with respect to  $x$

Equation (9) is a 2<sup>nd</sup>-order non-homogeneous ODE.

It's solution is:

$$\bar{T}(x, s) = \underbrace{A(s) e^{\sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{\alpha}} x} + B(s) e^{-\sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{\alpha}} x}}_{\text{homogeneous solution}} + \underbrace{\frac{T_b}{\Delta}}_{\text{particular solution}} \quad (12)$$

Note:  $A$  and  $B$  are independent of  $t$  to satisfy (9) but they may (may not) be dependent on  $s$ .

Step 2 - Satisfy boundary conditions with equation (12)

$$\bar{T}(0, s) = \frac{T_0}{s} = A(s) + B(s) + \frac{T_b}{s} \quad (13)$$

$$\bar{T}(\infty, s) = \frac{T_b}{s} = A(s) e^{\sqrt{\frac{s}{\alpha}} \infty} + 0 + \frac{T_b}{s} \quad (14)$$

$$(14) \Rightarrow A(s) = 0 \quad (15)$$

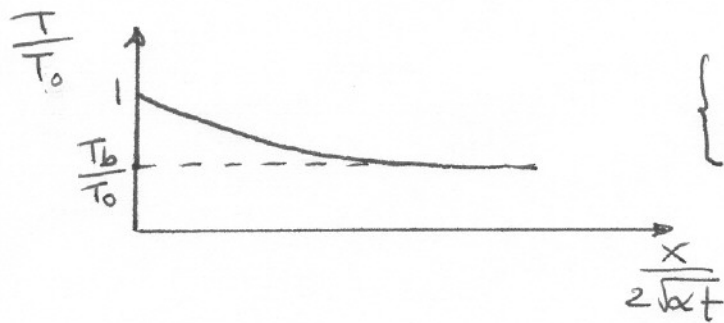
$$(13) \Rightarrow B(s) = \frac{T_0 - T_b}{s} \quad (16)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{T}(x, s) = \frac{T_0 - T_b}{s} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{s}{\alpha}} x} + \frac{T_b}{s} \quad (17)$$

Step 3 - Inverse Laplace (from Tables / Residues)

$$T(x, t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\bar{T}(x, s)) = (T_0 - T_b) \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right) + T_b$$

$$\text{or } \frac{T(x, t)}{T_0} = 1 + \left(\frac{T_b}{T_0} - 1\right) \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right)$$



$$\begin{cases} x \rightarrow \infty & T = T_b \text{ for all } t \\ t \rightarrow \infty & T = T_0 \text{ for all } x \end{cases}$$

Comments:

- 1 - Solution is not in separable form ( $f(x)g(t)$ )
- 2 -  $x$  and  $t$  collapse into a single variable  $x/2\sqrt{\alpha t}$

Example #2: Semi-infinite wall with a heat-flux boundary condition.

Some differential equation  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$  (1)

Initial Condition  $T(x, 0) = T_b$  (2)

Boundary Conditions  $Q = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0}$  (3)

$T(\infty, t) = T_b$  (4)

Step 1-  $\Delta \bar{T}(x, s) - T(x, 0) = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial x^2}$  (5)

Laplace transform of (3)  $\rightarrow k \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial x} = \frac{Q}{s}$  (6)

The solution of (5) is  $\bar{T}(x, s) = A(s) e^{-\sqrt{\frac{s}{\alpha}} x} + B(s) e^{\sqrt{\frac{s}{\alpha}} x} + \frac{T_b}{s}$  (7)

Step 2- Satisfy Boundary Conditions with (7)

For  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , equation (4)  $\Rightarrow B e^{\sqrt{\frac{s}{\alpha}} \infty} + \frac{T_b}{s} = \frac{T_b}{s} \Rightarrow B = 0$  (8)

For  $x = 0$   $\frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{Q}{s} = -\sqrt{\frac{s}{\alpha}} A \Rightarrow A(s) = \frac{Q \sqrt{\alpha}}{k s^{3/2}}$  (9)

From (8) and (9) into (7)

$\bar{T}(x, s) = \frac{Q \sqrt{\alpha}}{k} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{\frac{s}{\alpha}} x}}{s^{3/2}} + \frac{T_b}{s}$  (10)

Step 3- Inversion of (10) using Transform Table

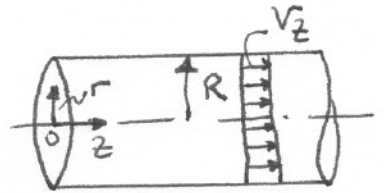
$T(x, t) = \frac{Q \sqrt{\alpha}}{k} \left\{ 2 \sqrt{\frac{t}{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4\alpha t}\right) - \frac{x}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{\alpha t}}\right) \right\} + T_b$

Example 3: Steady state. Conduction/Convection in a long Pipe.

Consider a long horizontal pipe of radius  $R$  through which an incompressible fluid is flowing at an average velocity  $v_z$  in the  $z$  direction.

Assume

- 1 -  $v_z \gg v_r$
- 2 - conduction in  $r$  larger than in  $z$ .
- 3 - steady state



The energy equation is  $v_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \alpha \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right)$  (1)

$$0 \leq z \leq \infty$$

$$0 \leq r \leq R$$

Solve  $T(r, z)$  with Laplace Method. The problem can be also solved by separation of variables.

Boundary Conditions:

$$T(r, 0) = T_0 \quad \text{inlet temperature (2)}$$

$$T(R, z) = T_A \quad \text{ambient temperature (3)}$$

Since the domain is from 0 to  $\infty$  in  $z$ , we will do Laplace transform with respect to the  $z$ -variable.



Step 1 - Transform the equation and boundary conditions

$$\text{From (1)} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial r} - \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\alpha} [\Delta \bar{T} - T(r, 0)] = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (2) and (4)} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial r} - \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\alpha} [\Delta \bar{T} - T_0] = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{From (3)} \quad \bar{T}(R, s) = \frac{T_A}{s} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{After algebra, from (5)} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial r} - \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\alpha} \Delta \bar{T} = \frac{\sqrt{z} T_0}{\alpha} \quad (7)$$

Equation (7) is a nonhomogeneous Modified Bessel Equation:

The solution to the homogeneous part of (7) is:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial r} - \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\alpha} \Delta \bar{T} = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{T}(r, s) = A(s) I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta \sqrt{z}}{\alpha}} r\right) + B(s) K_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta \sqrt{z}}{\alpha}} r\right) \quad (8)$$

For the particular solution of (7), by substitution:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{T}}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \bar{T}}{\partial r} - \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\alpha} \Delta \bar{T} = \frac{\sqrt{z} T_0}{\alpha} \Rightarrow \bar{T} = \frac{1}{s} \cdot T_0 \quad (9)$$

Then, the general solution is:

$$\bar{T}(r, s) = \frac{T_0}{s} + A(s) I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta \sqrt{z}}{\alpha}} r\right) + B(s) K_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{\Delta \sqrt{z}}{\alpha}} r\right) \quad (10)$$

Step 2 - Satisfy boundary conditions with equation (10)

Remember,  $I_0(r) = J_0(ir)$  and  $K_0(r) = Y_0(ir)$

From before  $Y_0(0) \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow K_0(0) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{from (10)} \quad B=0$

Then, from (6) and (10) using  $B=0$

$$\frac{T_0}{s} + A(s) I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{sV_z}{\alpha}} R\right) = \frac{T_A}{s} \Rightarrow A(s) = \frac{T_A - T_0}{s I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{sV_z}{\alpha}} R\right)} \quad (11)$$

Then, from (11) and (10)

$$\bar{T}(r, s) = \frac{T_0}{s} + \frac{T_A - T_0}{s I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{sV_z}{\alpha}} R\right)} I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{sV_z}{\alpha}} r\right) \quad (12)$$

Step 3- Inverse Transform of (12)

The inverse transform is not available in the Laplace Transform Tables.

Then, we have to use a classic result of complex algebra: Cauchy's Theorem of Residues (Proof: Appendix C Rice/Do book)

See review in the next page.



Review : Inversion Theorem with Pole Singularities

Let 
$$F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$$

Then 
$$f(t) = \sum (\text{residues of } F(s) e^{st})$$

Residues are computed as follows:

Assume  $s = -a$  is a pole (zero in the denominator of  $F(s)$ )

Then 
$$\text{res}(s = -a) = \left[ (s+a) F(s) e^{st} \right] \Big|_{s=-a}$$

Simple Example : compute  $f(t)$  for:

$$F(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)}$$

$F(s)$  has two poles  $s = -1$   $s = -2$

$$\text{residue}(s = -1) = \left[ \cancel{(s+1)} \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} e^{st} \right] \Big|_{s=-1} = e^{-t}$$

$$\text{residue}(s = -2) = \left[ (s+2) \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} e^{st} \right] \Big|_{s=-2} = -e^{-2t}$$

Then, 
$$f(t) = \sum (\text{residues of } F(s) e^{st})$$
  
$$= e^{-t} - e^{-2t}$$

Now, let complete the pipe problem.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Simple Example: Residues for  $F(s)$  with repeated roots

$$F(s) = \frac{N(s)}{(s-a)^m} \quad \left[ \frac{(s-a) N(s) \cdot e^{st}}{(s-a)^m} \right] \Big|_{s=a} \rightarrow \infty$$

multiple roots at  $s=a$  ( $m$  roots). What are the residues?

If we expand  $N(s)$  with a Taylor Series around  $s=a$

$$N(s) = N(a) + (s-a)N'(a) + \frac{(s-a)^2}{2!} N''(a) + \dots \\ + \dots + \frac{(s-a)^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} N^{(m-1)}(a)$$

Let compute:

$$\text{res}(s=a) = \lim_{s \rightarrow a} \left[ (s-a) \frac{N(s)}{(s-a)^m} e^{st} \right] = \frac{N^{(m-1)}(a)}{(m-1)!}$$

$$F(s) = \frac{N(s)}{(s-a)^m} \Rightarrow N(s) = F(s) (s-a)^m$$

$$\Rightarrow N^{(m-1)}(a) = \left. \frac{d^{m-1}}{ds^{m-1}} [F(s) (s-a)^m] \right\} \Big|_{s=a}$$

$$f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow a} \left[ (s-a) \frac{N(s)}{(s-a)^m} e^{st} \right] = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left. \frac{d^{m-1}}{ds^{m-1}} [e^{st} F(s) (s-a)^m] \right\} \Big|_{s=a}$$

e.g.  $\frac{1}{(s-a)^2}$ , what is the residue ( $s=a$ )

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{(2-1)!} t e^{at}$$

## Completion of the Long Pipe Problem

$$\text{Invert Eq (12)} \rightarrow \bar{T}(r, s) = \frac{T_0}{s} + \frac{T_A - T_0}{s I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{s \nu_z}{\alpha}} R\right)} I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{s \nu_z}{\alpha}} r\right) \quad (12)$$

Since  $J_0$  is better tabulated than  $I_0$ : use  $J_0\left(i\sqrt{\frac{s \nu_z}{\alpha}} r\right) = I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{s \nu_z}{\alpha}} r\right)$

$$\text{Then, Define } i\sqrt{\frac{s \nu_z}{\alpha}} = \lambda \quad (13)$$

Now, equation (12) becomes:

$$\bar{T}(r, s) = \frac{T_0}{s} + \frac{T_A - T_0}{J_0(\lambda R)} J_0(\lambda r) \quad (14)$$

The poles of (14) are  $s=0$  and,

from book, the solutions of  $J_0(\lambda R) = 0$  are  $\lambda_n$ ;  $n=1, 2, \dots$

$$\text{from (13)} \Rightarrow \lambda_n = -\lambda_n^2 \frac{\alpha}{\nu_z} \quad (14.a)$$

Compute residues

$$\text{res}[s=0] = \left[ s e^{st} \bar{T}(r, s) \right]_{s=0} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{st} \left[ T_0 + (T_A - T_0) \frac{J_0(\lambda_n r)}{J_0(\lambda_n R)} \right]_{s=0} dt = T_A$$

$J_0(0) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{res}[s=\lambda_n] &= \left[ (s-\lambda_n) e^{st} \bar{T}(r, s) \right]_{s=\lambda_n} = \left[ (s-\lambda_n) e^{st} \left( \frac{T_0}{s} + (T_A - T_0) \frac{J_0(\lambda_n r)}{J_0(\lambda_n R)} \right) \right]_{s=\lambda_n} = \\ &= \left[ (s-\lambda_n) e^{st} \frac{T_0}{s} \right]_{s=\lambda_n} + \left[ (s-\lambda_n) e^{st} (T_A - T_0) \frac{J_0(\lambda_n r)}{J_0(\lambda_n R)} \right]_{s=\lambda_n} \end{aligned}$$

However the second term in the last equation =  $\frac{0}{0}$  ( $r=R$ )  
Therefore, we need to apply L'Hopital rule to find limit.

$$= (T_A - T_0) \frac{\frac{d}{ds} \left\{ e^{s^2 z} (s - \lambda_n) J_0(\lambda_n r) \right\}_{s=\lambda_n}}{\frac{d}{ds} [s J_0(\lambda_n R)]_{s=\lambda_n}} = (T_A - T_0) \frac{e^{\lambda_n^2 z} J_0(\lambda_n r)}{\frac{d}{ds} [s J_0(\lambda_n R)]_{s=\lambda_n}} \quad (15)$$

Using a derivation property of Bessel functions:

from (13)

$$\frac{d}{ds} [s J_0(i\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\nu} z} R)] = \left\{ J_0(i\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\nu} z} R) - \frac{iR\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\nu} z}}{2} J_1(i\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\nu} z} R) \right\}_{s=\lambda_n}$$

$$= -\frac{R}{2} \lambda_n J_1(\lambda_n R) \quad (15)$$

from (15) and (16)

$$\Rightarrow \text{res } [s = \lambda_n] = (T_A - T_0) \frac{e^{\lambda_n^2 z} J_0(\lambda_n r)}{-\frac{R}{2} \lambda_n J_1(\lambda_n R)} - \frac{2(T_A - T_0)}{R \lambda_n} \frac{e^{-\lambda_n^2 \frac{\alpha}{\nu} z} J_0(\lambda_n r)}{J_1(\lambda_n R)}$$

$$T(r, t) = \sum (\text{residues}) \Rightarrow$$

$$T(r, t) = T_A - \frac{2(T_A - T_0)}{R \lambda_n} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda_n^2 \frac{\alpha}{\nu} z} \frac{J_0(\lambda_n r)}{J_1(\lambda_n R)}$$

$$\text{For } z \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow e^{-\lambda_n^2 \frac{\alpha}{\nu} z} = 0 \Rightarrow T(r, t) = T_A$$

It's correct, at the end of the long pipe the liquid exits at ambient temperature.