

The sine and cosine transforms are not suitable for transforming the first derivative (or any odd derivative).

I'll leave it as an exercise to show that

$$\mathcal{F}_s \{f'(x)\} = -\alpha \mathcal{F}_c \{f(x)\},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_c \{f'(x)\} = \alpha \mathcal{F}_s \{f(x)\} - f(0).$$

⇒ The transform of $f'(x)$ is not expressed in terms of the same transform of $f(x)$.

Sine transform of a second derivative

Suppose f and f' are continuous on $[0, \infty)$, f is abs. integrable, f'' is piecewise continuous on every finite interval, and also that $f \rightarrow 0$ and $f' \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\mathcal{F}_s \{f''(x)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f''(x) \sin(\alpha x) dx$$

$$= f'(x) \sin(\alpha x) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \alpha \int_0^{\infty} f'(x) \cos(\alpha x) dx$$

$$= -\alpha \left[f(x) \cos(\alpha x) \Big|_0^{\infty} + \alpha \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin(\alpha x) dx \right]$$

$$= \alpha f(0) - \alpha^2 \mathcal{F}_s \{f(x)\}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{F}_s \{f''(x)\} = -\alpha^2 \mathcal{F}_s \{f(x)\} + \alpha f(0)$$

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Cosine transform of a second derivative

Under the same conditions,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_c \{f''(x)\} &= \int_0^{\infty} f''(x) \cos(\alpha x) dx \\ &= f'(x) \cos(\alpha x) \Big|_0^{\infty} + \alpha \int_0^{\infty} f'(x) \sin(\alpha x) dx \\ &= -f'(0) + \alpha \left[f(x) \sin(\alpha x) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \alpha \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cos(\alpha x) dx \right] \\ &= -f'(0) - \alpha^2 \mathcal{F}_c \{f(x)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{F}_c \{f''(x)\} = -\alpha^2 \mathcal{F}_c \{f(x)\} - f'(0)$$

Using transforms to solve BVPs

We may use a Fourier/sine/cosine transform to eliminate one variable, and turn the PDE into an ODE.

If the domain of that variable is $(-\infty, \infty)$, use a Fourier transform.

If the domain is $[0, \infty)$, and ...

* the boundary condition is a function value, use a sine transform.

* the boundary condition is a derivative, use a cosine transform.

Example

Find the steady-state temperature in a semi-infinite plate:

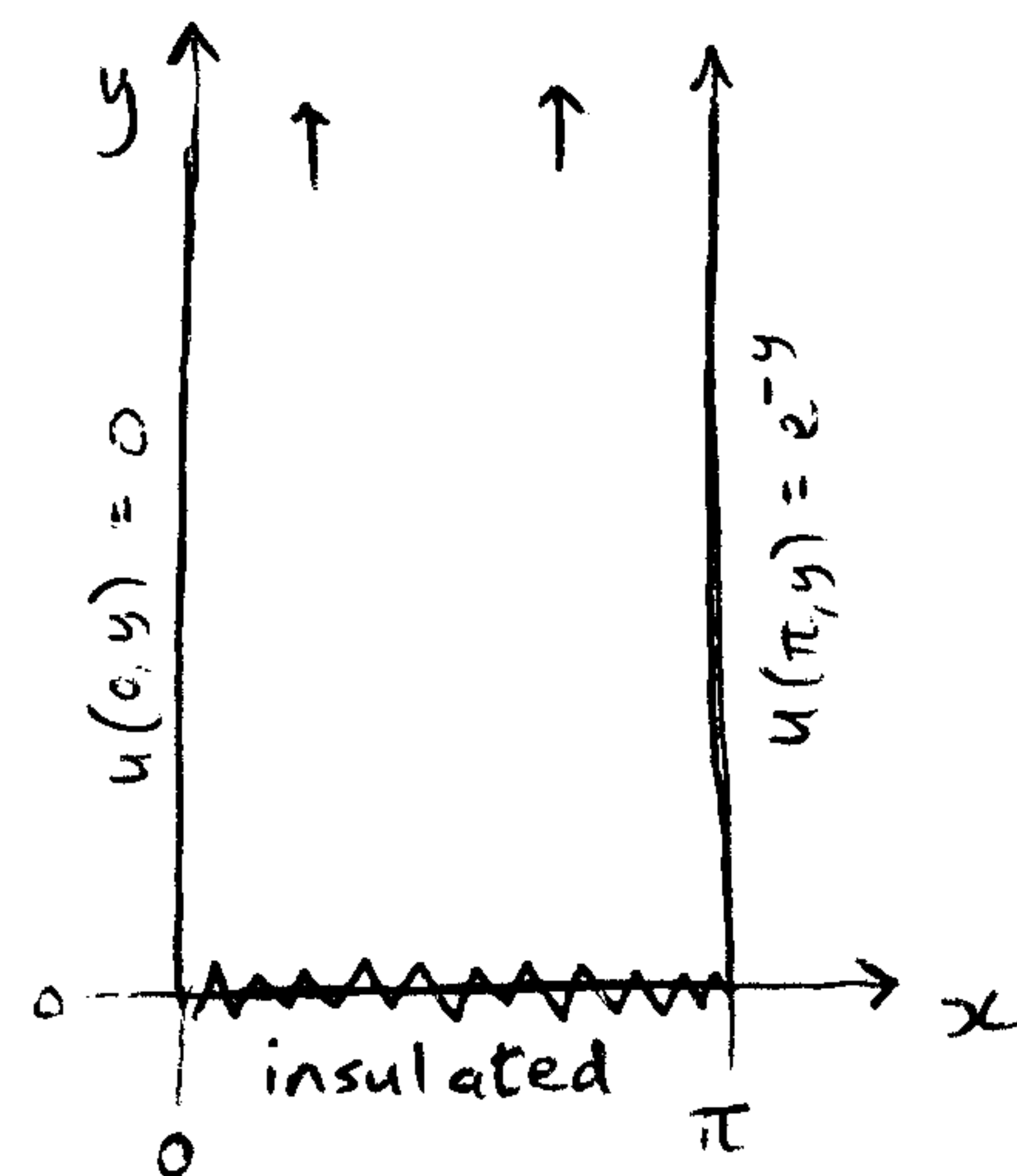
$$\text{solve } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi$$

$$0 < y < \infty$$

$$\text{subject to } u(0, y) = 0, \quad y > 0$$

$$u(\pi, y) = e^{-y}, \quad y > 0$$

$$u_y(x, 0) = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi$$



The domain of y and the condition on its derivative at $y=0$ indicate the suitability of the cosine transform.

$$\text{Let } U(x, \alpha) = \mathcal{F}_c \{ u(x, y) \} \quad [\text{the transform w.r.t. } y]$$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{F}_c \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right\} = \frac{d^2 U}{dx^2}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_c \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right\} = -\alpha^2 U - u_y(x, 0)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} - \alpha^2 U - u_y(x, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} = \alpha^2 U$$

$$\text{Therefore } U(x, \alpha) = c_1 \cosh(\alpha x) + c_2 \sinh(\alpha x)$$

Transform the boundary conditions :

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$$u(0, y) = 0 : \mathcal{F}_c \{u(0, y)\} = \mathcal{F}_c \{0\} \Rightarrow U(0, \alpha) = 0$$

$$u(\pi, y) = e^{-y} : \mathcal{F}_c \{u(\pi, y)\} = \mathcal{F}_c \{e^{-y}\} \Rightarrow U(\pi, \alpha) = \frac{1}{1+\alpha^2} \quad \boxed{*}$$

Enforce these conditions :

$$U(0, \alpha) = 0 : c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$U(\pi, \alpha) = \frac{1}{1+\alpha^2} : c_2 \cdot \sinh(\alpha\pi) = \frac{1}{1+\alpha^2} \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{1}{(1+\alpha^2) \sinh(\alpha\pi)}$$

$$\therefore U(x, \alpha) = \frac{\sinh(\alpha x)}{(1+\alpha^2) \sinh(\alpha\pi)}$$

Take the inverse transform :

$$u(x, y) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sinh(\alpha x)}{(1+\alpha^2) \sinh(\alpha\pi)} \cos(\alpha y) d\alpha.$$

$$\boxed{*} \quad \mathcal{F}_c \{e^{-y}\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} \cos(\alpha y) dy = \frac{1}{1+\alpha^2} \quad (\text{using integration by parts})$$