

Q2

Find the temperature distribution in a rod of length 'a' which is perfectly insulated including the ends and the initial temperature distribution is $u(a-x)$, $0 < x < a$.

Solⁿ

Let the equation of the temperature distribution is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

--- (3)

$$u = X(x)T(t)$$

$$X \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = c^2 T \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2 T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -k^2 \text{ (let)}$$

$$x = C_1 \cos kx + C_2 \sin kx$$

$$T = C_3 e^{-k^2 c^2 t}$$

$$\text{Thus, } u = (A_n \cos kx + B_n \sin kx) e^{-k^2 c^2 t} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Given boundary and initial conditions are

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{x=0} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{x=a} = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = x(a-x), \quad 0 < x < a$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = (-k A_n \sin kx + B_n k \cos kx) e^{-k^2 c^2 t}$$

$$0 = B_n k e^{-k^2 c^2 t}$$

$$B_n = 0$$

From eq (2)

$$u = A_n \cos kx e^{-k^2 c^2 t} \quad \text{--- (3)} \quad \text{(2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -k^2 c^2 A_n \cos kx e^{-k^2 c^2 t}$$

$$0 = -k^2 c^2 A_n \cos ka e^{-k^2 c^2 t}$$

$$k = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

$$u = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{a} \right) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 c^2 t / a^2} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Now at $t=0$

$$u(x, 0) = \sum A_n \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{a} \right)$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a u(x, 0) \cos \left(\frac{n\pi x}{a} \right) dx$$

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$$A_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a x(a-x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{a} \left[(ax-x^2) \left(\frac{a \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n\pi} \right) - (a-2x) \right.$$

$$\left. \left(\frac{-a^2 \cos \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^2 \pi^2} \right) + (-2) \left(\frac{-a^3 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}}{n^3 \pi^3} \right) \right]_0^a$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{a} \left[-(a) \left(\frac{-a^2 \cos n\pi}{n^2 \pi^2} \right) + a \left(\frac{-a^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2a^2}{n^2 \pi^2} [1 + \cos n\pi]$$

thus,

$$u(x,t) = \sum_0^{\infty} \frac{-2a^2}{n^2 \pi^2} (1 + \cos n\pi) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$e^{-n^2 \pi^2 c^2 t / a^2}$$