



TOPIC 11:FOURIER SERIES SOLUTION IN CARTESIAN CO-ORDINATES

A rectangular plate with insulated surfaces is 20cm wide and so long compared to its width that it may be considered infinite in length. If the temp. at the short edge $x=0$ is $3x$

$$u = \begin{cases} 10y & 0 \leq y \leq 10 \\ 10(20-y) & 10 \leq y \leq 20 \end{cases}$$

and the two long edges as well as the other short edge are kept at 0°C . Find the steady state temp. distribution in the plate.

Sol
The temp $U(x,y)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

The Cond. are.

- 1) $u(x,0) = 0$
- 2) $u(x,20) = 0$
- 3) $u(\infty, y) = 0$
- 4) $u(0,y) = U = \begin{cases} 10y & 0 \leq y \leq 10 \\ 10(20-y) & 10 \leq y \leq 20 \end{cases}$



The suitable form is
 $u(x,y) = (Ae^{px} + Be^{-px}) (C \cos py + D \sin py)$ (1)

Apply (1):
 $0 = (Ae^{px} + Be^{-px}) C$
 $C = 0$

Apply (2):
 $0 = (Ae^{px} + Be^{-px}) (D \sin py)$
 $\sin py = 0 = \sin n\pi y$
 $p = \frac{n\pi}{a}$

Apply (3) $x = a$:
 $0 = (Ae^{pa} + Be^{-pa}) D \sin py$
 $= (Ae^{pa} + Be^{-pa}) D \sin \frac{n\pi a}{a}$
 $= (Ae^{pa} + Be^{-pa}) D \sin n\pi$
 $= 0$

$\therefore D = 0$

\therefore (1) becomes:
 $u(x,y) = B e^{-\frac{n\pi x}{a}} \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{a} \right)$

Most gen. sol.
 $u(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n e^{-\frac{n\pi x}{a}} \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{a} \right)$

Apply (4)
 $u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{a} \right)$
 $B_n = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a u \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{a} \right) dy$
 $= \frac{1}{10} \left[\int_0^{10} 10y \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{20} \right) dy + \int_{10}^{20} 10(20-y) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{20} \right) dy \right]$
 $= \left[y \left(-\cos \left(\frac{n\pi y}{20} \right) \left(\frac{20}{n\pi} \right) + \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{20} \right) \left(\frac{20^2}{n^2\pi^2} \right) \right) \right]_0^{10} +$
 $\left[(20-y) \left(-\cos \left(\frac{n\pi y}{20} \right) \left(\frac{20}{n\pi} \right) - \sin \left(\frac{n\pi y}{20} \right) \left(\frac{20^2}{n^2\pi^2} \right) \right) \right]_{10}^{20}$



$$u(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{800}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) + \frac{400}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) + \frac{200}{n\pi} \left[\cos\left(\frac{n\pi y}{2}\right) + \frac{400}{400} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{2}\right) \right] \right] e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{2}}$$
$$D_n = \frac{800}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$
$$u(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{800}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) + \frac{400}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right] e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{2}}$$