

Math 531 - Partial Differential Equations

Fourier Transforms for PDEs - Part C

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Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domains

Consider the **PDE** for the *heat equation* on a semi-infinite domain:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad t > 0, \quad x > 0,$$

with the **BC** and **IC**:

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(x, 0) = f(x),$$

where we assume $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

We employ the *separation of variables*, $u(x, t) = h(t)\phi(x)$, where the *Sturm-Liouville problem* is

$$\phi'' + \lambda\phi = 0, \quad \phi(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |\phi(x)| < \infty.$$

The solution to the SL-Problem is:

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \sin(\omega x), \quad \text{where} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\lambda}.$$

Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domains

The ODE in t is $h' = -k\omega^2 h$, which has the solution

$$h(t) = c e^{-k\omega^2 t}.$$

Thus, the *product solution* becomes

$$u_\omega(x, t) = A(\omega) \sin(\omega x) e^{-k\omega^2 t}, \quad \omega > 0.$$

The *superposition principle* gives the solution:

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^\infty A(\omega) \sin(\omega x) e^{-k\omega^2 t} d\omega,$$

where

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty A(\omega) \sin(\omega x) d\omega,$$

and

$$A(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty f(x) \sin(\omega x) dx.$$

Fourier Sine Transform

From the *Fourier transforms* with complex exponentials, we have the *Fourier pair*:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega, \\F(\omega) &= \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{i\omega x} dx, \quad \text{for any } \gamma.\end{aligned}$$

If $f(x)$ is odd (choose an odd extension),

$$\begin{aligned}F(\omega) &= \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) (\cos(\omega x) + i \sin(\omega x)) dx, \\&= \frac{2i\gamma}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin(\omega x) dx.\end{aligned}$$

Note $F(\omega)$ is an odd function of ω , so

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{1}{\gamma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) (\cos(\omega x) - i \sin(\omega x)) d\omega, \\&= -\frac{2i}{\gamma} \int_0^{\infty} F(\omega) \sin(\omega x) d\omega,\end{aligned}$$

Fourier Sine and Cosine Transforms

For convenience, take $-\frac{2i}{\gamma} = 1$, so for $f(x)$ odd we obtain the *Fourier sine transform pair*:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} F(\omega) \sin(\omega x) d\omega \equiv S^{-1}[F(\omega)], \\F(\omega) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin(\omega x) dx \equiv S[f(x)].\end{aligned}$$

Note that some like to have symmetry and have a coefficient in front of the integrals as $\sqrt{2/\pi}$.

If $f(x)$ is even, then we obtain the *Fourier cosine transform pair*:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} F(\omega) \cos(\omega x) d\omega \equiv C^{-1}[F(\omega)], \\F(\omega) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cos(\omega x) dx \equiv C[f(x)].\end{aligned}$$

Differentiation Rules for Sine and Cosine Transforms

Assume that both $f(x)$ and $\frac{df}{dx}(x)$ are continuous and both are vanishing for large x , i.e., $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{df}{dx}(x) = 0$.

Use integration by parts to find the transforms of the first derivatives:

$$C \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{df}{dx} \cos(\omega x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} f(x) \cos(\omega x) \Big|_0^{\infty} + \frac{2\omega}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin(\omega x) dx,$$

and

$$S \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{df}{dx} \sin(\omega x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} f(x) \sin(\omega x) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \frac{2\omega}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \cos(\omega x) dx.$$

It follows that

$$C \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right] = -\frac{2}{\pi} f(0) + \omega S[f]$$

and

$$S \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right] = -\omega C[f].$$

Note that these formulas imply that if the PDE has any first partial w.r.t. the potential transformed variable, then *Fourier sine* or *Fourier cosine transforms* won't work.

Differentiation Rules for Sine and Cosine Transforms

From the pair,

$$C \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right] = -\frac{2}{\pi} f(0) + \omega S[f]$$

and

$$S \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right] = -\omega C[f],$$

we can readily obtain the transforms of the second derivatives:

$$C \left[\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \right] = -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{df}{dx}(0) + \omega S \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right] = -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{df}{dx}(0) - \omega^2 C[f]$$

and

$$S \left[\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} \right] = -\omega C \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} \omega f(0) - \omega^2 S[f].$$

Note: When solving a PDE (with second partials), then either $f(0)$ must be known and *Fourier sine transforms* are used or $\frac{df}{dx}(0)$ must be known and *Fourier cosine transforms* are used.

Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domain

Consider the **PDE** for the *heat equation* on a semi-infinite domain:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad t > 0, \quad x > 0,$$

with the **BC** and **IC**:

$$u(0, t) = g(t) \quad \text{and} \quad u(x, 0) = f(x).$$

Since the **BC** is nonhomogeneous, the technique of *separation of variables* does NOT apply.

Since we know u at $x = 0$, we want to apply the *Fourier sine transform* to the PDE.

Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domain

For the nonhomogeneous equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad t > 0, \quad x > 0,$$

we apply the *Fourier sine transform*:

$$\bar{U}(\omega, t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} u(x, t) \sin(\omega x) dx,$$

which gives the **ODE** in \bar{U}

$$\frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial t} = k \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \omega g(t) - \omega^2 \bar{U} \right).$$

The *Fourier sine transform* of the initial condition is:

$$\bar{U}(\omega, 0) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) \sin(\omega x) dx.$$

Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domain

The **ODE** is linear and can be written:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial t} + k\omega^2 \bar{U} = \frac{2k\omega}{\pi} g(t),$$

which is readily solved to give:

$$\bar{U}(\omega, t) = \bar{U}(\omega, 0)e^{-k\omega^2 t} + \frac{2k\omega}{\pi} \int_0^t e^{-k\omega^2(t-s)} g(s) ds.$$

This problem is readily solved with programs similar to the ones shown earlier.

With specific **ICs**, $f(x)$, and **BCs**, $g(t)$, the integrals can be formed, then numerically computed.

Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domain

As a specific example, we choose to numerically show the solution with

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad u(0, t) = g(t) = e^{-at}.$$

The *Fourier sine transform* satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{U}(\omega, t) &= \bar{U}(\omega, 0)e^{-k\omega^2 t} + \frac{2k\omega}{\pi} \int_0^t e^{-k\omega^2(t-s)} g(s) ds, \\ \bar{U}(\omega, t) &= \frac{2k\omega}{\pi} \frac{(e^{-k\omega^2 t} - e^{-at})}{a - k\omega^2}.\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^\infty \bar{U}(\omega, t) \sin(\omega x) d\omega.$$

Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domain

Enter the **Maple** commands for the graph of $u(x, t)$

```
u := (x,t) -> (2/Pi)*(int(w*(exp(-w^2*t)-exp(-0.1*t))*sin(w*x)/
                (0.1-w^2), w = 0..50));
plot3d(u(x,t), x = 0..10, t = 0..20);
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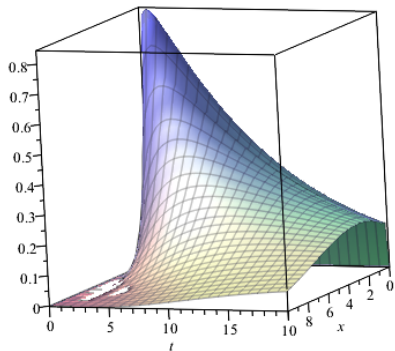
The **IC** is

$$f(x) = 0.$$

The **BC** is

$$g(t) = e^{-0.1t}.$$

This graph shows the *diffusion* of the heat with time.



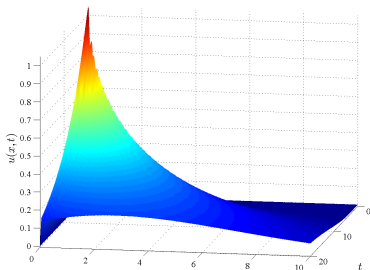
Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domain

In both **Maple** and **MatLab**, the integral over ω is truncated at 50. The figure below shows that this creates some oscillations.

```
1 % Solution Heat Equation with FT
2 % f(x) = 0, u(0,t) = e^(-t)
3 N1 = 201; N2 = 201;
4 tv = linspace(0,20,N1);
5 xv = linspace(0,10,N2);
6 [t1,x1] = ndgrid(tv,xv);
7 f = @(w,c) (2*w/pi).*(exp(-c(1)*w.^2)-...
8     exp(-0.1*c(1)))./(0.1-w.^2);
9 for i = 1:N1
10     for j = 1:N2
11         c = [t1(i,j),x1(i,j)];
12         U(i,j) = ...
13             integral(@(w) f(w,c).*sin(w*c(2)),0,50);
14     end
15 end
```

Heat Equation on Semi-Infinite Domain

```
16 set(gca,'FontSize',[12]);  
17 surf(t1,x1,U);  
18 shading interp  
19 colormap(jet)  
20 view([100 15])
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Wave Equation

Consider the *wave equation* on an infinite domain:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0,$$

with the **ICs**:

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0,$$

where the latter **IC** is to simplify the problem.

The *Fourier transform pair* satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{U}(\omega, t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{i\omega x} dx, \\ u(x, t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{U}(\omega, t) e^{i\omega x} d\omega.\end{aligned}$$

Wave Equation

From the *differentiation rules*, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{U}}{\partial t^2} = -c^2 \omega^2 \bar{U},$$

where the **ICs** give

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{U}(\omega, 0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{i\omega x} dx, \\ \frac{\partial \bar{U}(\omega, 0)}{\partial t} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

The general solution becomes:

$$\bar{U}(\omega, t) = A(\omega) \cos(c\omega t) + B(\omega) \sin(c\omega t).$$

The **IC** with the velocity being **zero** gives $B(\omega) = 0$.

Wave Equation

The *initial position* gives:

$$A(\omega) = \bar{U}(\omega, 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{i\omega x} dx.$$

The *inverse Fourier transform* satisfies:

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{U}(\omega, 0) \cos(c\omega t) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega.$$

Euler's formula gives $\cos(c\omega t) = \frac{e^{ic\omega t} + e^{-ic\omega t}}{2}$, so

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{U}(\omega, 0) \left[\frac{e^{-i\omega(x-ct)} + e^{-i\omega(x+ct)}}{2} \right] d\omega.$$

Wave Equation

Since

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{U}(\omega, 0) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega,$$

we have

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{U}(\omega, 0) \left[\frac{e^{-i\omega(x-ct)} + e^{-i\omega(x+ct)}}{2} \right] d\omega,$$
$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x-ct) + f(x+ct)].$$

It follows that the *initial position* breaks into **2 traveling waves** with velocity c in opposite directions.

This solution is also obtained using *D'Alembert's method*.

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Consider *Laplace's equation on a semi-infinite strip*:

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad y > 0.$$

with **BCs**:

$$u(0, y) = g_1(y), \quad u(L, y) = g_2(y), \quad u(x, 0) = f(x).$$

Divide the problem into

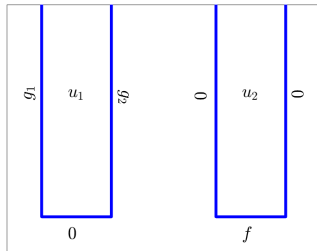
$$\nabla^2 u_1 = 0,$$

with *homogeneous BC*
on the bottom.

Second problem is

$$\nabla^2 u_2 = 0,$$

with *homogeneous BCs* on the sides.



Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Consider Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 u_2 = 0, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad y > 0,$$

with **BCs**:

$$u_2(0, y) = 0, \quad u_2(L, y) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad u_2(x, 0) = f(x).$$

Separation of variables with $u(x, y) = \phi(x)h(y)$ gives

$$\frac{\phi''}{\phi} = -\frac{h''}{h} = -\lambda, \quad \phi(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(L) = 0.$$

The *Sturm-Liouville problem* is

$$\phi'' + \lambda\phi = 0, \quad \phi(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(L) = 0,$$

so the *eigenvalues* and *eigenfunctions* are

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{L^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right).$$

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

The other **ODE** is $h'' - \lambda_n h = 0$, which has the solution:

$$h_n(y) = c_1 e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{L}} + c_2 e^{\frac{n\pi y}{L}}.$$

For the $h_n(y)$ to be bounded as $y \rightarrow \infty$, then $c_2 = 0$.

The *superposition principle* gives

$$u_2(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{L}}.$$

The lower **BC**, $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ gives

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right),$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx.$$

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

The second Laplace's problem is:

$$\nabla^2 u_1 = 0, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad y > 0,$$

with **BCs**:

$$u_1(0, y) = g_1(y), \quad u_1(L, y) = g_2(y), \quad \text{and} \quad u_1(x, 0) = 0.$$

Separation of variables for this case gives

$$h(y) = c_1 \cos(\omega y) + c_2 \sin(\omega y), \quad \text{for} \quad \omega \geq 0.$$

The *homogeneous BC* at $y = 0$ gives $c_1 = 0$, suggesting that we use the *Fourier sine transform*.

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

The *Fourier sine transform pair* is:

$$u_1(x, y) = \int_0^{\infty} \bar{U}_1(x, \omega) \sin(\omega y) d\omega,$$
$$\bar{U}_1(x, \omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} u_1(x, y) \sin(\omega y) dy.$$

Recall

$$S \left[\frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial y^2} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} \omega u_1(x, 0) - \omega^2 S[u_1].$$

Laplace's equation becomes:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{U}_1}{\partial x^2} - \omega^2 \bar{U}_1 = 0,$$

which is easily solved.

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

It is convenient to take the solution of the form:

$$\bar{U}_1(x, \omega) = a(\omega) \sinh(\omega x) + b(\omega) \sinh(\omega(L - x)).$$

The **BCs** give:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{U}_1(0, \omega) &= b(\omega) \sinh(\omega L) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty g_1(y) \sin(\omega y) dy, \\ \bar{U}_1(L, \omega) &= a(\omega) \sinh(\omega L) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty g_2(y) \sin(\omega y) dy,\end{aligned}$$

so we can readily find $a(\omega)$ and $b(\omega)$,

$$a(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi \sinh(\omega L)} \int_0^\infty g_2(y) \sin(\omega y) dy \quad \text{and} \quad b(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi \sinh(\omega L)} \int_0^\infty g_1(y) \sin(\omega y) dy.$$

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Example: Consider the specific case:

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < 2, \quad y > 0.$$

with **BCs**:

$$u(0, y) = e^{-y} \sin(y), \quad u(2, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & y < 5, \\ 0, & y > 5, \end{cases} \quad u(x, 0) = x.$$

This problem is broken into the **2** problems with either a homogeneous end condition or homogeneous side conditions, then the **2** solutions are added together.

We provide the details to produce a temperature profile for this problem, using the previous work.

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

When the two sides are homogeneous,

$$\nabla^2 u_2 = 0, \quad 0 < x < 2, \quad y > 0,$$

with **BCs**:

$$u_2(0, y) = 0, \quad u_2(2, y) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad u_2(x, 0) = x.$$

From before, the solution is:

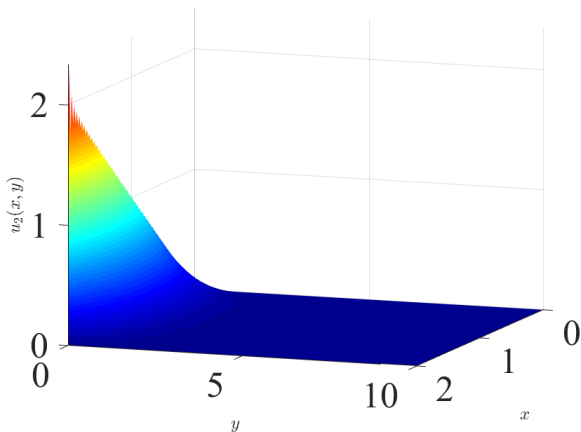
$$u_2(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{2}},$$

where using **Maple**, we find:

$$a_n = \int_0^2 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx = \frac{4(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi}.$$

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

The *steady-state temperature* profile for $u_2(x, y)$ using 100 terms in the series is shown below.



Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

```
1 % Solution Laplace's equation - semi-infinite strip
2 N1 = 201; N2 = 201; M = 100;
3 xv = linspace(0,2,N1);
4 yv = linspace(0,10,N2);
5 [x1,y1] = ndgrid(xv,yv);
6 for i = 1:N1
7     for j = 1:N2
8         c = [x1(i,j),y1(i,j)];
9         U2(i,j) = 0;
10        for k = 1:M
11            U2(i,j) = U2(i,j) + ...
                (4*(-1)^(k+1)/(k*pi)) ...
                *sin(k*pi*c(1)/2)*exp(-k*pi*c(2)/2);
12        end
13    end
14 end
15 end
```

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Laplace's problem for $u_1(x, y)$ is:

$$\nabla^2 u_1 = 0, \quad 0 < x < 2, \quad y > 0,$$

with **BCs**:

$$u_1(0, y) = e^{-y} \sin(y), \quad u_1(2, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & y < 5, \\ 0, & y > 5, \end{cases} \quad u_1(x, 0) = 0.$$

From before, the *Fourier transform solution* satisfies:

$$u_1(x, y) = \int_0^{\infty} \bar{U}_1(x, \omega) \sin(\omega y) d\omega,$$

where

$$\bar{U}_1(x, \omega) = a(\omega) \sinh(\omega x) + b(\omega) \sinh(\omega(2 - x)).$$

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Once again **Maple** is used to find the coefficients $a(\omega)$ and $b(\omega)$:

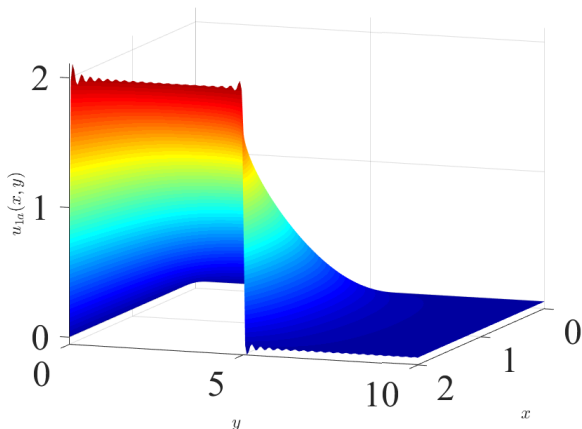
$$\begin{aligned} a(\omega) &= \frac{2}{\pi \sinh(2\omega)} \int_0^5 2 \sin(\omega y) dy, \\ &= \frac{4(1 - \cos(5\omega))}{\pi \omega \sinh(2\omega)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} b(\omega) &= \frac{2}{\pi \sinh(2\omega)} \int_0^\infty e^{-y} \sin(y) \sin(\omega y) dy, \\ &= \frac{4\omega}{\pi(\omega^2 - 2\omega + 2)(\omega^2 + 2\omega + 2) \sinh(2\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

The *steady-state temperature* profile for $u_{1a}(x, y)$ integrating on $\omega \in [0, 100]$, where this only accounts for the **BC** at $x = 2$ ($b(\omega) = 0$), is shown below.



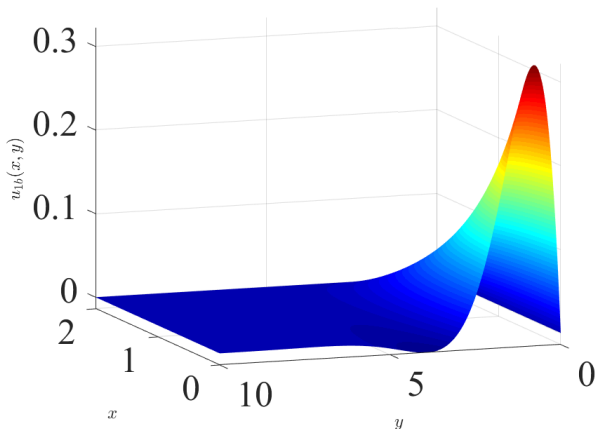
Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Below is the **MatLab** for the first part of $u_1(x, y)$

```
32 wmax = 100;
33 f = @(w,c) ...
    4*(1-cos(5*w)).*sinh(c(1)*w).*sin(c(2)*w)...
34 ./ (pi*w.*sinh(2*w));
35 for i = 1:N1
36     for j = 1:N2
37         c = [x1(i,j), y1(i,j)];
38         U1a(i,j) = integral(@(w) f(w,c), 0, wmax);
39     end
40 end
41 surf(x1, y1, U1a);
42 shading interp
43 colormap(jet)
```

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

The *steady-state temperature* profile for $u_{1b}(x, y)$ integrating on $\omega \in [0, 100]$, where this only accounts for the **BC** at $x = 0$ ($a(\omega) = 0$), is shown below.



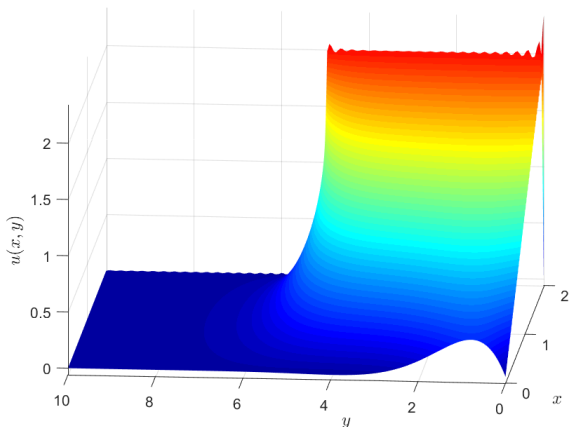
Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Below is the **MatLab** for the second part of $u_1(x, y)$

```
55 wmax = 100;
56 f = @(w,c) 4*w.*sinh((2-c(1))*w).*sin(c(2)*w)...
57     ./(pi*(w.^2-2*w+2).* (w.^2+2*w+2).*sinh(2*w));
58 for i = 1:N1
59     for j = 1:N2
60         c = [x1(i,j),y1(i,j)];
61         U1b(i,j) = integral(@(w) f(w,c), 0, wmax);
62     end
63 end
64 surf(x1,y1,U1b);
65 shading interp
66 colormap(jet)
```

Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Combining all the results above, the *steady-state temperature* profile for $u(x, y)$ with the limits on number of terms in the series and the wave numbers ω in the integral is shown below.



Laplace's Equation on a Semi-Infinite Strip

Below is the **MatLab** for the complete *steady-state temperature* profile $u(x, y)$

```
78 for i = 1:N1
79     for j = 1:N2
80         U(i, j) = U2(i, j)+U1a(i, j)+U1b(i, j);
81     end
82 end
83 surf(x1, y1, U);
84 shading interp
85 colormap(jet)
```