

# Distributed Systems

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## Terminology:

- 1) Spatially distributed systems: in addition to time, there is (extended)  
a spatial independent variable
- 2) Infinite dimensional systems  
(Distributed parameter systems)
  - partial differential equations (PDEs)
  - Delay equations
- 3) Large-scale systems (interconnected systems)  
Many degrees of freedom, High dynamical order.

{ First part of the course: (1) and (2)  
Second " " " " : (3)

## Example

- (1) Heat equation in 1D (one spatial direction)  
(diffusion)

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$$

unforced problem (no input)

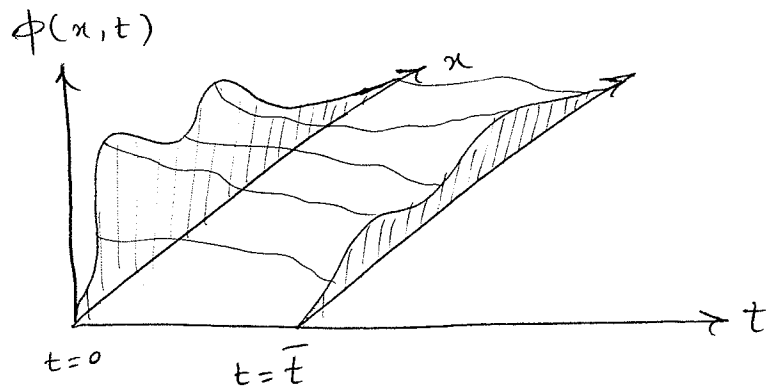
$\phi$  ... field of interest  
(e.g. temperature distribution)

$\phi(x, t)$

$x$  ... spatial variable } independent variables  
 $t$  ... time

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A possible objective: find  $\phi(x, t)$



$x$  ... a continuous spatial variable

e.g.  $x \in [-1, 1]$

Note: if  $x$  belongs to a finite interval, we will usually normalized it to  $[-1, 1]$

$$\bar{x} \in [0, L] \xrightarrow{\text{affine}} x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$x = a\bar{x} + b$$

$$b = -1 \quad ; \quad a = \frac{2}{L}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \bar{x}} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \bar{x}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = a \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

~~Derivatives~~ Derivatives change after the transformation

Question what do we need to uniquely determine

$$\phi(x, t) \text{ from } \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} ?$$

Answer Need initial and boundary conditions

$$\text{I.C. : } \phi(x, t=0) = \phi_0(x)$$

(an initial temperature distribution)

B.C. : Many possibilities, but need two B.C.

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degree of  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

(a)  $\phi(x = \pm 1, t) = 0$  (Dirichlet)

(b)  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}(x = \pm 1, t) = 0$  (Neumann)

(c) Combination of (a) and (b)  
(Linear)

For the case of forced Heat equation

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \phi(x, t) + u(x, t)$$

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spatially and temporally distributed input

+ I.C. + B.C.

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Can be disturbance  
or Control

Boundary input :

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$$

I.C.  $\phi(x, 0) = \phi_0(x)$

B.C.  $\begin{cases} \phi(x = -1, t) = u(t) \\ \phi(x = 1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$