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The loss of mass for the heat equation in an exterior

domain with general homogeneous boundary conditions

One of the main properties of the heat equation in the entire space is that the mass of the solution (its integral in space) is conserved during the temporal evolution. In bounded domains, the situation is different, and depends on the specific boundary conditions under consideration. For instance, when subject to homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions, the mass exponentially decays to 0, while under Neumann boundary conditions, it is conserved.

In this talk, we will study the phenomenon of loss of mass in somehow intermediate domains between the two examples above: exterior domains, i.e. the complementary of a compact set. With elementary tools such as comparison principles or classical estimates for elliptic equations, we will characterize the asymptotic mass depending on the shape of the domain, its dimension and the boundary conditions we are considering. We will also be able to obtain convergence rates.

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