

MT3 Soln

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PROBLEM 1

Consider the following heat boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & 0 < x < L, & \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) &= T_1, \quad u(L, t) = T_2, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x), & 0 < x < L.\end{aligned}$$

Set $T_1 = 0, T_2 = 0, L = \pi, c = 1, f(x) = \sin x$.

Solve this problem without using any formulas from Chapter 3 of the textbook.

• SOL $u(x, t) = X(x) T(t)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow X(x) T'(t) = c^2 X''(x) T(t) \Rightarrow \frac{T'(t)}{c^2 T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = k$$

• For $X(x)$: $\begin{cases} X'' - kX = 0 \\ X(0) = 0 \\ X(\pi) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{char. eqn } \lambda^2 - k = 0$

① $k > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \sqrt{k}, X(x) = c_1 e^{\sqrt{k}x} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{k}x}$

b.c. $\begin{cases} X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2 \\ X(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{c_1}_{=-c_2} e^{\sqrt{k}\pi} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{k}\pi} = 0 \Rightarrow \underbrace{(-c_2 e^{\sqrt{k}\pi})}_{\neq 0} \underbrace{(1 - e^{-2\sqrt{k}\pi})}_{\neq 0} = 0 \end{cases}$
 $\Rightarrow c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow X = 0$

② $k = 0 \Rightarrow X'' = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = c_1 x + c_2$

b.c. $\begin{cases} X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow 0 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0 \\ X(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 \pi = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow X = 0$

③ $k < 0$ Let $k = -\mu^2 \Rightarrow X(x) = c_1 \cos \mu x + c_2 \sin \mu x$

b.c. $\begin{cases} X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \\ X(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 \sin \mu \pi = 0 \Rightarrow \mu \pi = n\pi \Rightarrow \mu = n \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{X_n(x) = \sin(n x)}$

for any n .

Prob 1 (continued)

• For $T(t)$: $T' - k c^2 T = T' + h^2 T = 0 \Rightarrow T_n(t) = e^{-h^2 t}$

here $k = -u^2 = -h^2$, $c=1$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-h^2 t} \sin nx$$

• i.c. $u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) = 30 \sin x$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = 30 \text{ \& } b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = \dots = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u(x,t) = 30 e^{-t} \sin(x)}$$

PROBLEM 2

Use the formula given in class to solve the boundary value problem for the wave equation with $L = 1$, $c = 1$, $f(x) = \sin \pi x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 3\pi x + 3 \sin 7\pi x$, $g(x) = \sin 2\pi x$.

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x) (b_n \cos(n\pi t) + b_n^* \sin(n\pi t))$$

$$b_1 = 1, \quad b_3 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad b_7 = 3, \quad \text{all other } b_n = 0$$

$$b_2^* = \frac{1}{2\pi}, \quad \text{all other } b_n^* = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u(x,t) = & \sin \pi x \cos \pi t + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin 2\pi x \sin 2\pi t \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sin 3\pi x \cos 3\pi t + 3 \sin 7\pi x \cos 7\pi t \end{aligned}$$

PROBLEM 3

The Laplace equation in the radially symmetric case can be written as

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \cot(\theta) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0,$$

in the spherical coordinates (r, ϕ, θ) .

Apply the separation of variables technique, $u = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$, and derive ODEs for R and Θ .

$$u(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$$

$$\Delta u = R''\Theta + \frac{2}{r}R'\Theta + \frac{1}{r^2}(R\Theta'' + \cot\theta R\Theta') = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(R'' + \frac{2}{r}R'\right)\Theta = -\frac{R}{r^2}(\Theta'' + \cot\theta\Theta')$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R'' + \frac{2}{r}R'}{-\frac{R}{r^2}} = \frac{\Theta'' + \cot\theta\Theta'}{\Theta} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} R'' + \frac{2}{r}R' + k\frac{R}{r^2} = 0 \\ \Theta'' + \cot\theta\Theta' - k\Theta = 0 \end{cases}$$