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1. Consider the following partial differential equation with boundary conditions

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, & 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < y < \pi, \\ u(0, y) = \sin(y) + 3410 & \text{and} \quad u(1, y) = e \sin(y) + 3410, \\ u_y(x, 0) = e^x & \text{and} \quad u_y(x, \pi) = -e^x \end{cases}$$

and the following function

$$u(x, y) = e^x \sin(y) + 3410. \quad (1)$$

- (a) (6 points) Verify that  $u(x, y)$  satisfies the Laplace's equation  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ .

**Solution:** Since

$$u_{xx} = e^x \sin y \quad \text{and} \quad u_{yy} = -e^x \sin y$$

we get  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = e^x \sin y - e^x \sin y = 0$ .

- (b) (6 points) Verify also that  $u(x, y)$  given in (1) satisfies the given boundary conditions as well (check each of them separately) and conclude that  $u(x, y)$  in (1) solves the above Laplace's equation with the given boundary conditions.

**Solution:** Since  $u(x, y) = e^x \sin y$  then we have

$$u(0, y) = \sin y + 3410 \quad \text{and} \quad u(1, y) = e \sin y + 3410.$$

On the other hand, as  $u_y = e^x \cos(y)$  we then have

$$u_y(x, 0) = e^x \quad \text{and} \quad u_y(x, \pi) = -e^x.$$

These show that  $u(x, y)$  given in (1) solves above Laplace's equation with boundary conditions.

2. Consider the following Heat conduction problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} = u_t, & 0 < x < 2, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(2, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = 3 \sin(\pi x) - 4 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{2}\right), & 0 < x < 2. \end{cases}$$

- (a) (6 points) By considering separation of variables  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , rewrite the partial differential equation in terms of two ordinary differential equations in  $X$  and  $T$  (take arbitrary constant as  $-\lambda$ ).

**Solution:** Rewrite the PDE as  $u_{xx} - u_t = 0$ . Let  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ . Then

$$u_{xx} = X''T \quad \text{and} \quad u_t = XT'.$$

Substitute this in to the differential equation to get

$$u_{xx} - u_t = X''T - XT' = 0 \quad \text{equivalently} \quad \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda & \rightarrow X'' + \lambda X = 0, \\ \frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda & \rightarrow T' + \lambda T = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (4 points) Rewrite the boundary values in terms of  $X$  and  $T$  and choose the boundary values which will give a non-trivial solution and write the ordinary differential equation corresponding to  $X$ .

**Solution:** We have at  $x = 0$

$$u(0, t) = X(0)T(t) = 0; \quad \text{one has either } X(0) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad T(t) = 0.$$

At  $x = 2$

$$u(2, t) = X(2)T(t) = 0; \quad \text{one has either } X(2) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad T(t) = 0.$$

We know that the choice of  $T(t) = 0$  gives only the trivial solution as  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t) = 0$ .

Therefore, we choose our boundary conditions as  $X(0) = 0$  and  $X(2) = 0$  in order to obtain the non-trivial solution. Now if we rewrite the ordinary differential equation corresponding to  $X$  we get

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad X(2) = 0.$$

- (c) (6 points) Solve the two-point boundary value problem corresponding to  $X$ . Find all eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  and eigenfunctions  $X_n$ .

**Solution:** For  $\lambda = 0$ , you can check that  $X(x) = ax + b$  is the general solution and using the boundary conditions we get  $X(0) = b = 0$  and  $X(2) = 2a = 0$ . Hence  $X = 0$  is the only solution which is trivial solution.

For  $\lambda < 0$ , in this case  $X(x) = C_0 e^{\sqrt{-\lambda}x} + C_1 e^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}x}$  is the general solution and using  $X(0) = 0$  we have  $C_0 = -C_1$  and using  $X(2) = 0$  we get  $C_0 = C_1 = 0$ . Hence we get trivial solution.

For  $\lambda > 0$  We know that the non-trivial general solutions is

$$X(x) = A \cos(kx) + B \sin(kx)$$

where we choose  $\lambda = k^2, k > 0$ . Using this general solution and the first boundary condition

$$X(0) = A \cos(0) + B \sin(0) = A = 0 \quad \text{therefore we have } A = 0.$$

Using the second boundary condition, we get (as  $A = 0, X(x) = B \sin(kx)$ )

$$X(2) = B \sin(2k) = 0.$$

This holds when  $2k = n\pi$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Hence we get  $k = n\pi/2$ , or equivalently, we get the eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n = k^2 = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2^2} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

The corresponding eigenfunction (corresponding to  $\lambda_n$ ) is

$$X_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

- (d) (6 points) For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_n$  you found in (d), rewrite and solve the ordinary differential equation corresponding to  $T_n$ .

Solution: Since the ordinary differential equation corresponding to  $T$  is

$$T' + \lambda T = 0.$$

Plug in  $\lambda_n = k^2 = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2^2}$  we get (for each  $n$  we have a different solution  $T_n$ )

$$T'_n + \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2^2} T_n = 0.$$

We know that this is a first order linear ordinary differential equation and its solution is

$$T_n(t) = C_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2^2} t} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

for some  $C_n$ .

- (e) (2 points) Now write general solution for each  $n$ ,  $u_n(x, t) = X_n(x)T_n(t)$  and find the general solution  $u(x, t) = \sum u_n(x, t)$ .

Solution: We know that the solution for each  $n$  is

$$u_n(x) = X_n(x)T_n(t) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)C_n e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2^2} t} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, \quad \text{and.}$$

The general solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) e^{-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{2^2} t}.$$

- (f) (8 points) Using the given initial value and the general solution you found in (f), find the particular solution.

**Solution:** Using the given initial condition  $u(x, 0) = 3 \sin(\pi x) - 4 \sin(\frac{3\pi x}{2})$  and evaluating the solution at  $t = 0$  we found in the previous part we get

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) = 3 \sin(\pi x) - 4 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{2}\right).$$

From this we see that  $C_2 = 3$  and  $C_3 = -4$  and all other  $C_n = 0$ . The solution we are looking for is

$$u(x, t) = 3 \sin(\pi x) e^{-\frac{2^2 \pi^2}{2^2} t} - 4 \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{2}\right) e^{-\frac{3^2 \pi^2}{2^2} t}.$$

3. Consider the following wave equation which describes the displacement  $u(x, t)$  of a piece of flexible string with the initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} 9u_{xx} = u_{tt}, & 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(1, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = 3435\sin(\pi x) + 2018\sin(5\pi x) \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0, & 0 < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

- (a) (6 points) By considering separation of variables  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , rewrite the partial differential equation in terms of two ordinary differential equations in  $X$  and  $T$  (take arbitrary constant as  $-\lambda$ ).

**Solution:** Rewrite the differential equation as  $9u_{xx} - u_{tt} = 0$ . Let  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ . Then we get

$$u_{xx} = X''T \quad \text{and} \quad u_{tt} = XT''.$$

Substitute this into the partial differential equation  $9u_{xx} - u_{tt} = 0$  to get

$$9u_{xx} - u_{tt} = 9X''T - XT'' = 0.$$

Dividing by  $9XT$  we get

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{9T}.$$

Notice that the left-hand side is a function of  $x$  only and the right-hand side is function of  $t$  only and as they are same, this is possible only if they are the same constant;

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{9T} = -\lambda.$$

From this we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda & \rightarrow X'' + \lambda X = 0 \\ \frac{T''}{9T} = -\lambda & \rightarrow T'' + 9\lambda T = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (4 points) Rewrite the boundary values in terms of  $X$  and  $T$  and choose the boundary values which will give a non-trivial solution and then rewrite the ordinary differential equation corresponding to  $X$ .

**Solution:** Since  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  we have when  $x = 0$

$$u(0, t) = X(0)T(t) = 0 \quad \text{we should have either} \quad X(0) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad T(t) = 0.$$

At  $x = 1$ , we have

$$u(1, t) = X(1)T(t) = 0 \quad \text{we should have either} \quad X(1) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad T(t) = 0.$$

We know that  $T(t) = 0$  will give only the trivial solution. Therefore, we should choose

$$X(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad X(1) = 0.$$

Then  $X$  satisfies the following two-point boundary condition

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad X(1) = 0.$$

- (c) (6 points) Solve the two-point boundary value problem corresponding to  $X$  you found in (b). Find all eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  and eigenfunctions  $X_n$ .

Solution: For  $\lambda = 0$ , you can check that  $X(x) = ax + b$  is the general solution and using the boundary conditions we get  $X(0) = b = 0$  and  $X(1) = a = 0$ . Hence  $X = 0$  is the only solution which is trivial solution.

For  $\lambda < 0$ , in this case  $X(x) = C_0 e^{\sqrt{-\lambda}x} + C_1 e^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}x}$  is the general solution and using  $X(0) = 0$  we have  $C_0 = -C_1$  and using  $X(1) = 0$  we get  $C_0 = C_1 = 0$ . Hence we get trivial solution.

Now we know that only non-trivial solution comes from when  $\lambda = k^2 > 0$  for some  $k > 0$  (again when  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda < 0$  will give only the trivial solution,  $X(x) = 0$ ). In this case the solution is

$$X(x) = A \cos(kx) + B \sin(kx).$$

We now find  $A$  and  $B$  using the boundary values we have in (b), at  $x = 0$

$$X(0) = A \cos(0) + B \sin(0) = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad A = 0.$$

At  $x = 1$ , (now  $A = 0$ , we only have  $X(x) = B \sin(kx)$ )

$$X(0) = B \sin(k) = 0.$$

This holds if  $\sin(k) = 0$  which gives  $k = \pi n$ . Hence  $k = \pi n$ .

$$k = \pi n \quad \text{hence} \quad \lambda = k^2 = \pi^2 n^2.$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_n = \pi^2 n^2 \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

The corresponding eigenfunctions are

$$X_n(x) = \sin(kx) = \sin(\pi nx) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

- (d) (6 points) For each eigenvalue  $\lambda_n$  you found in (c), solve the initial value problem corresponding to  $T_n$ .

Solution: Since  $\lambda_n = \pi^2 n^2$  and the ordinary differential equation corresponding to  $T$  is

$$T'' + 9\lambda T = 0.$$

Substitute  $\lambda_n = \pi^2 n^2$  we get (we have a different solution for each  $n$ );

$$T_n'' + 9\lambda T_n = T_n'' + 9\pi^2 n^2 T_n = 0.$$

This is a second order linear differential equation and which has characteristic equation

$$r^2 + 3^2\pi^2n^2 = 0.$$

From this we get that the characteristic equation has a imaginary complex conjugate roots

$$r = \pm 3\pi ni.$$

Thus the solutions are

$$T_n(t) = A_n \cos(3\pi nt) + B_n \sin(3\pi nt) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

- (e) (2 points) Now write general solution for each  $n$ ,  $u_n(x, t) = X_n(x)T_n(t)$  and find the general solution  $u(x, t) = \sum u_n(x, t)$ .

**Solution:** Combining (c) and (d) we have

$$u_n(x, t) = X_n(x)T_n(t) = \sin(\pi nx)[A_n \cos(3\pi nt) + B_n \sin(3\pi nt)] \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

The general solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(\pi nx)[A_n \cos(3\pi nt) + B_n \sin(3\pi nt)].$$

- (f) (8 points) Using the given initial values, find the particular solution.

**Solution:** Using the given initial condition  $u(x, 0) = 3435\sin(\pi x) + 2018\sin(5\pi x)$  and evaluating the solution we found in the previous part at  $t = 0$  we get

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(\pi nx) = 3435\sin(\pi x) + 2018\sin(5\pi x).$$

From this we see that  $A_1 = 3435$  and  $A_5 = 2018$  and all other  $A_n = 0$  (we do not know what  $B_n$ 's are yet). To figure out  $B_n$ 's we use the second initial condition (keep  $A_n$  as they are for the moment).

$$u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(\pi nx)[-A_n 3\pi n \sin(3\pi nt) + B_n 3\pi n \cos(3\pi nt)].$$

and at  $t = 0$  we get

$$u_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(\pi nx)B_n 3\pi n = 0 \quad \text{which implies } B_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Hence (remember  $A_1 = 3435$  and  $A_5 = 2018$  and all other  $A_n = 0$ )

$$u(x, t) = 3435 \sin(\pi x) \cos(3\pi t) + 2018 \sin(5\pi x) \cos(15\pi t)$$

is the solution we are looking for.

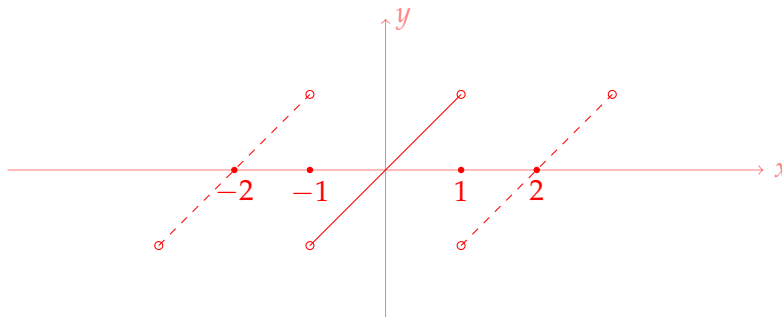


4. Let  $f(x)$  be given as

$$f(x) = x, \quad 0 \leq x < 1.$$

(a) (6 points) Extend  $f(x)$  into an odd periodic function with period of 2.

**Solution:** As we want to extend  $f$  into odd periodic function with period of 2 we define



Odd extension  $F_{\text{odd}}(x)$  of  $f$  is,  $F_{\text{odd}}(x+2) = F_{\text{odd}}(x)$  and

$$F_{\text{odd}}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & 0 \leq x < 1, \\ -f(-x) & -1 < x \leq 0. \end{cases} = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x < 1, \\ -(-x) & -1 < x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

(b) (6 points) Find Fourier series  $F(x)$  of the periodic function you found in (a).

**Solution:** As we have the extension  $F_{\text{odd}}$ , which is periodic with period of  $2L = 2$ , (hence  $L = 1$ ) we will find its Fourier series.

Since we want odd extension, then all even terms or equivalently cosine terms will be zero ( $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_n = 0$ ). Hence it will be a sine series and we need to find  $b_n$  where

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L F_{\text{odd}}(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 F_{\text{odd}}(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 F_{\text{odd}}(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} [x \cos(n\pi x)]_{x=0}^{x=1} + \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^1 \cos(n\pi x) dx \\ &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi) + \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \sin(n\pi x) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} \\ &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi). \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\cos(n\pi)$  is 1 when  $n$  is even and is  $-1$  when  $n$  is odd. Hence we get  $\cos(n\pi) =$

$(-1)^n$ . We have  $b_n = 2(-1)^{n+1}/(n\pi)$ . Hence the Fourier series of  $F_{\text{odd}}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x). \end{aligned}$$

(c) (3 points (bonus)) Using part (a)-(b) verify that

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}.$$

Solution: Since  $F_{\text{odd}}(1/2) = 1/2 = F(1/2)$  as  $F_{\text{odd}}$  is continuous and differentiable around that point it agrees with its Fourier series at that point. Using this we get

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{odd}}(1/2) &= 1/2 = F(1/2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi/2) \end{aligned}$$

Using this and the fact that  $\sin(n\pi/2)$  is 0 when  $n$  is even and 1 or  $-1$  when  $n$  is odd. Rewriting this we get

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}.$$

5. (12 points) Solve the first order equation

$$2u_x + 3u_y = 0$$

with the auxiliary condition

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{1 + e^x}.$$

**Solution:** Notice that

$$\langle (2, 3), \nabla u(x, y) \rangle = 2u_x + 3u_y = 0$$

Hence  $u(x, y)$  is constant in the direction of  $\langle 2, 3 \rangle$ . The lines parallel to  $\langle 2, 3 \rangle$  have equations  $-3x + 2y = c$ . Here  $-3x + 2y = c$  is called the characteristic lines. As  $u(x, y)$  is constant on these lines therefore  $u(x, y)$  depends only  $-3x + 2y$ . Hence

$$u(x, y) = f(-3x + 2y).$$

Using the the auxiliary condition  $u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{1+e^x}$  we get

$$u(x, 0) = f(-3x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^x}.$$

Since  $f(-3x) = \frac{1}{1+e^x}$ . We can find  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x/3}}$ . Since

$$u(x, y) = f(-3x + 2y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(3x+2y)/3}}.$$

is the solution.

6. True or False, you need to **justify your answer** why it is true or false. You will not get credit if you only write true or false.

(a) (6 points) The Fourier series of

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = & 1977 + 1980 \sin(x) + 1983 \cos(x) \\ & + 1999 \sin(2x) + 2002 \cos(2x) + 2005 \sin(3x) \\ & + 2015 \cos(3x) + 2017 \sin(4x) + 2019 \cos(4x) \end{aligned}$$

is itself.

**Solution:** True, since every term is already a sine or a cosine term and is periodic. Hence the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is itself.

(b) (6 points) The Fourier series of

$$f(x) = x^4 + \cos(3410x), \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi, \quad f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$$

is a Fourier **sine** series.

**Solution:** False. Since  $f(x)$  is even function, it should be a cosine series. In fact, all sine terms will be zero.

- (c) (8 points) The function  $u(x, t) = \sin(2x) \cos(4t)$  is a solution to the following equation with boundary conditions

$$4u_{xx} = u_{tt} \quad \text{with} \quad u(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(\pi, t) = 0.$$

**Solution:** True. Since  $u_{xx} = -4 \sin(2x) \cos(4t)$  and  $u_{tt} = -16 \sin(2x) \cos(4t)$ . Hence  $4u_{xx} = u_{tt}$ . Moreover,

$$u(0, t) = \sin(0) \cos(4t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(\pi, t) = \sin(2\pi) \cos(4t) = 0.$$

7. (20 points (bonus)) Consider the following partial differential equation

$$u_x + 2xu_y = 0.$$

Using separation of variables method (follow the steps in question 2 or question 3), find general solution  $u(x, y)$  of the form  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$ .

**Solution:** We use the hint which tells us that there is a separable solution  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$ .  
As

$$u_x = X'Y \quad \text{and} \quad u_y = XY'$$

and writing above PDE in terms of  $X$  and  $Y$  we get

$$X'Y + 2xXY' = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{X'}{2xX} = -\frac{Y'}{Y}.$$

One side is a function of  $x$  and the other side is a function of  $y$ , we know this is possible only if they are constant. Say

$$\frac{X'}{2xX} = -\frac{Y'}{Y} = -\lambda \quad \text{for some constant } \lambda.$$

From this we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{X'}{2xX} &= -\lambda \quad \text{hence} \quad X' + 2x\lambda X = 0 \\ -\frac{Y'}{Y} &= -\lambda \quad \text{hence} \quad Y' - \lambda Y = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Focus on the first equation;  $X' + 2x\lambda X = 0$  equivalently,  $X'/X = -2x\lambda$ . If we integrate both sides we get

$$\ln X = -x^2\lambda + c \quad \text{or} \quad X(x) = Ae^{-\lambda x^2}.$$

For the second equation we have  $Y'/Y = \lambda$  which has solution

$$Y(y) = Be^{\lambda y}.$$

Hence general solution is

$$u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y) = Ae^{-\lambda x^2}Be^{\lambda y}.$$