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## Math 4567. Homework Set # VI

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**Chapter 5 page 113, Problem 1** The initial temperature of a slab  $0 \le x \le \pi$  is everywhere 0 and the face x = 0 is kept at that temperature. Heat is supplied through the face  $x = \pi$  at a constant rate  $ku_x(\pi, t) = A > 0$ . Write  $u(x,t) = U(x,t) + \Phi(x)$  and use the solution to the problem

(\*) 
$$U_t = kU_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < \pi, t > 0,$$
  
 $U(0,t) = 0, \ U_x(\pi,t) = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi,$ 

and U(x,0) = F(x) where

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{when } 0 < x < \pi \\ f(2\pi - x) & \text{when } \pi < x < 2\pi, \end{cases}$$

which is

$$U(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \exp(-\frac{n^2 k}{4}t) \sin\frac{nx}{2},$$
$$B_n = \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin\frac{nx}{2} \, dx.$$

to derive the final solution u(x,t)

**Solution**: We first find a function  $u = \Phi(x)$  that satisfies the nonhomogeneous condition  $ku_x(\pi, t) = A$  and the homogeneous condition u(0, t) = 0. The differential equation is  $\Phi''(x) = 0$ , so  $\Phi(x) = Bx + C$ . The nonhomogeneous boundary condition says KB = A and the homogeneous condition says C = 0 thus  $\Phi(x) = \frac{A}{k}x$ . Then, setting  $u(x,t) = U(x,t) + \Phi(x)$  we see that u(x,t) will be a solution of our original problem, provided U(x,t) satisfies problem (\*) where  $U(x,0) = f(x) = -\Phi(x) = -\frac{A}{k}x$  for  $0 < x < \pi$ . Thus

$$u(x,t) = \frac{A}{k}x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \exp(-\frac{n^2 k}{4}t) \sin\frac{nx}{2},$$

where

$$B_n = -\frac{A}{k} \left(\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{\pi}\right) \int_0^\pi x \sin \frac{nx}{2} \, dx$$

Note that  $B_n = 0$  unless n = 2m - 1 is odd. Since

$$\int_0^\pi x \sin \frac{nx}{2} \, dx = \frac{2}{n} \left\{ -x \cos \frac{nx}{2} \Big|_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi \cos \frac{nx}{2} \, dx \right\} = \frac{2}{n} \left[ -\pi \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right]$$
$$= \left(\frac{2}{2m-1}\right)^2 (-1)^{m+1},$$

we get the solution

$$u(x,t) = \frac{A}{k} \left\{ x + \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m-1)^2} \exp\left[-\frac{(2m-1)^2 k}{4}t\right] \sin\frac{(2m-1)x}{2} \right\}$$

Chapter 5, page 122, Problem 1 The faces and edges x = 0 and  $x = \pi$ ,  $(0 < y < \pi)$  of a square plate  $0 \le x \le \pi$ ,  $0 \le y \le \pi$  are insulated. The edges y = 0 and  $y = \pi$ ,  $(0 < x < \pi)$  are kept at temperatures 0 and f(x), respectively. Let u(x, y) be the steady state temperature distribution in the plate. Show that

$$u(x,y) = A_0 y + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh ny \cos nx,$$
$$A_0 = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx, \ A_n = \frac{2}{\pi \sinh n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \ dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \cdots.$$
Find  $u(x,y)$  if  $f(x) = u_0$ .

Solution: The problem is

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \ 0 < y < \pi,$$

$$u_x(0, y) = 0, \ u_x(\pi, y) = 0, \quad 0 < y < \pi,$$
$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi$$
$$u(x, \pi) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < \pi.$$

We use separation of variables u = X(x)Y(y) to find solutions satisfying the homogeneous conditions. The Sturm-Liouville eigenvalue problem is

$$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \ X'(0) = X'(\pi) = 0.$$

From past work we know that the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_n = n^2$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ with eigenfunctions  $X_n(x) = \cos nx$ , and  $\lambda_0 = 0$  with eigenfunction  $X_0(x) = 1$ . The corresponding equations for Y(y) are

$$Y''(y) - \lambda Y(y) = 0, \ Y(0) = 0.$$

As has been shown earlier, for  $\lambda_n = n^2$  we have  $Y_n(y) = \sinh ny$  and for  $\lambda_0 = 0$  we have  $Y_0(y) = y$ . Thus we can write

$$u(x,y) = A_0 y + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos nx \sinh ny,$$

where

$$u(x,\pi) = f(x) = A_0\pi + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos nx \sinh n\pi$$

Thus

$$A_n \sinh n\pi = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx \, dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \cdots,$$
  
 $A_0 \pi = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx.$ 

If  $f(x) = u_0$  then  $A_n = 0$   $A_0\pi = u_0$ , so the solution is  $u(x, y) = \frac{u_0}{\pi}y$ .

**Chapter 5, page 128, Problem 2** Let the faces of a wedge shaped plate  $0 \le \rho \le a, 0 \le \phi \le \alpha$  be insulated Find the steady temperature  $u(\rho, \phi)$  in the plate when u = 0 on the rays  $\phi = 0, \phi = \alpha$  ( $0 < \rho < \alpha$ ) and  $u = f(\phi)$  on the arc  $\rho = a$  ( $0 < \phi < \alpha$ ). Assume f is piecewise smooth and u is bounded.

**Solution**: Our problem in polar coordinates is to find a function  $u(\rho, \phi)$  for

$$\rho^{2}u_{\rho\rho} + \rho u_{\rho} + u_{\phi\phi} = 0, \quad 0 < \rho < a, \ 0 < \phi < \alpha,$$
$$u(\rho, 0) = u(\rho, \alpha) = 0, \quad 0 < \rho < \alpha,$$
$$u(a, \phi) = f(\phi), \quad 0 < \phi < \alpha,$$

where f is piecewise smooth and |u| < M, i.e., u is bounded.

Separating variables,  $u = R(\rho)\Phi(\phi)$  satisfies the homogeneous conditions if  $\Phi$  satisfies the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\Phi'' + \lambda \Phi = 0, \ \Phi(0) = \Phi(\alpha) = 0,$$

and  ${\cal R}$  satisfies

$$\rho^2 R'' + \rho R' - \lambda R = 0$$

and R is bounded. It is straightforward to show that the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{\alpha^2}$  with eigenfunctions  $\Phi_n(\phi) = \sin \frac{n \pi \phi}{\alpha}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ . The change of variable  $\rho = e^s$  gives the corresponding equation for R as  $R_{ss} - \lambda_n R = 0$ . The general solutions are

$$R_n(\rho) = A\rho^{n\pi/\alpha} + B\rho^{-n\pi/\alpha},$$

and the boundedness requirement yields  $R_n(\rho) = \rho^{n\pi/\alpha}$ . Thus

$$u(\rho,\phi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \rho^{n\pi/\alpha} \sin \frac{n\pi\phi}{\alpha},$$

and

$$u(a,\phi) = f(\phi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n a^{n\pi/\alpha} \sin \frac{n\pi\phi}{\alpha},$$

where

$$B_n a^{n\pi/\alpha} = \frac{2}{\alpha} \int_0^\alpha f(\psi) \sin \frac{n\pi\psi}{\alpha} d\psi.$$

Thus

$$u(\rho,\phi) = \frac{2}{\alpha} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\rho}{a}\right)^{n\pi/\alpha} \sin \frac{n\pi\phi}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\alpha} f(\psi) \sin \frac{n\pi\psi}{\alpha} \, d\psi.$$

Chapter 5, page 133, Problem 4 A string is stretched between points 0 and  $\pi$  on x-axis and, initially at rest, is released from the position y = f(x). The equation of motion is

$$y_{tt} = y_{xx} - 2\beta y_t, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \ t > 0,$$

where  $0 < \beta < 1$  and  $\beta$  is constant. Show that

$$y(x,t) = e^{-\beta t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \left( \cos \alpha_n t + \frac{\beta}{\alpha_n} \sin \alpha_n t \right) \sin nx,$$

$$\alpha_n = \sqrt{n^2 - \beta^2}, \ B_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \ dx, \ n = 1, 2, \cdots$$

**Solution**: Set  $z(x,t) = e^{\beta t}y(x,t)$ . Then z(x,t) satisfies

$$z_{tt} = z_{xx} + \beta^2 z, \quad 0 < \pi, \ t > 0,$$
$$z(0,t) = z(\pi,t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$
$$z_t(x,0) = \beta f(x), \ z(x,0) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < \pi,.$$

where  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$ . We look for a solution of the form

$$z(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) \sin nx, \ A_n(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} z(x,t) \sin nx \ dx.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} A_n''(t) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi z_{tt}(x,t) \sin nx \ dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (z_{xx}(x,t) + \beta^2 z(x,t)) \sin nx \ dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi z_{xx}(x,t) \sin nx \ dx + \frac{2\beta^2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi z(x,t) \sin nx \ dx. \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} [z_x(x,t) \sin nx |_0^\pi - n \int_0^\pi z_x(x,t) \cos nx \ dx] + \beta^2 A_n(t) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} [-nz(x,t) \cos nx |_0^\pi - n^2 \int_0^\pi z(x,t) \sin nx \ dx] + \beta^2 A_n(t) \\ &= (-n^2 + \beta^2) A_n(t). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$A_n''(t) + (n^2 - \beta^2)A_n(t) = 0,$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

$$A_n(t) = B_n \cos \alpha_n t + C_n \sin \alpha_n t$$

where  $\alpha_n = \sqrt{n^2 - \beta^2}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ . The condition

$$z(x,0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin nx$$

gives

$$B_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx \, dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \cdots.$$

The condition

$$z_t(x,0) = \beta f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \alpha_n \sin x$$

gives  $C_n = \beta B_n / \alpha_n$ . (Here we are assuming that it is permissible to differentiate the sum term-by-term. This assumption could be avoided by taking  $z_t(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E(t) \sin nx$  and obtaining  $E_n(t)$  by integration by parts, just as we did for  $A_n(t)$ .) Thus we obtain the formal solution

$$y(x,t) = e^{-\beta t} z(x,t) = e^{-\beta t} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \left( \cos \alpha_n t + \frac{\beta}{\alpha_n} \sin \alpha_n t \right) \sin nx,$$

Chapter 5, page 136, Problem 1 Solve the problem

$$y_{tt} = a^2 y_{xx} + Ax \sin \omega t, \quad 0 < x < c, \ t > 0,$$
  
$$y(0,t) = y(c,t) = 0, \ y(x,0) = y_t(x,0) = 0.$$

Show that resonance occurs for  $\omega = \omega_n$ , where

$$\omega_n = \frac{n\pi a}{c}, \quad n = 1, 2, \cdots.$$

Solution: We look for a solution in the form

$$y(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n(t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c},$$

$$B_n(t) = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c y(x,t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c} \, dx$$

Then

$$B_n''(t) = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c y_{tt}(x,t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c} \, dx = \frac{2}{c} \int_0^c [a^2 y_{xx}(x,t) + Ax \sin \omega t] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{c} \, dx$$
$$= \frac{2A(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \sin \omega t - \frac{a^2 n^2 \pi^2}{c^2} B_n(t),$$

Where we have integrated by parts several times and applied the boundary conditions. Thus

(\*) 
$$B''_n(t) + \frac{a^2 n^2 \pi^2}{c^2} B_n(t) = \frac{2A(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \sin \omega t.$$

This is a nonhomogeneous equation. We need only find one solution and then add to it the general solution  $H_n \cos \frac{an\pi x}{c} + K_n \sin \frac{an\pi x}{c}$  of the homogeneous equation to get the general solution. We look for a solution of the form  $B_n(t) = C_n \sin \omega t$ . Substituting this into equation (\*) and setting  $\omega_n = an\pi/c$  we find a solution if  $C_n = 2A(-1)^{n+1}/(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)$ . Thus

$$B_n(t) = \frac{2A(-1)^{n+1}}{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2} \sin \omega t,$$

and the general solution is

$$B_n(t) = A_n \cos \frac{an\pi t}{c} + C_n \sin \frac{an\pi t}{c} + \frac{2A(-1)^{n+1}}{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2} \sin \omega t.$$

The boundary conditions are  $B_n(0) = B'_n(0) = 0$ , and these are satisfied for  $A_n = 0$  and  $C_n = 2(-1)^n \omega / [\omega_n(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)]$ . Thus the final solution is

$$B_n(t) = \frac{2(-1)^n \omega}{\omega_n(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)} \sin \frac{an\pi t}{c} + \frac{2A(-1)^{n+1}}{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2} \sin \omega t,$$

unless  $\omega = \omega_n$  for some *n*. In that case we have resonance and the solution becomes unbounded.

To see this, we look for a particular solution of (\*) in the case  $\omega = \omega_n$ . Take the trial solution  $B_n(t) = D_n t \cos \omega_n t$ . Then we find a solution provided  $D_n = (-1)^n A/n\pi\omega_n$ :

(†) 
$$B_n(t) = \frac{(-1)^n A}{n\pi\omega_n} t\cos\omega_n t.$$

To this solution we can add a general solution of the homogeneous equation, but the resonant solution quickly dominates the bounded solution of the wave equation as t gets large.

Chapter 5, page 146, Problem 1 Write  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  and show that the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \ X(-\pi) = X(\pi), \ X'(-\pi) = X'(\pi),$$

has no solutions.

Solution: The general solution of the differential equation is

$$X(x) = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{-\alpha x},$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

$$X'(x) = \alpha (Ae^{\alpha x} - Be^{-\alpha x}).$$

The conditions  $X(-\pi) = X(\pi), \ X'(-\pi) = X'(\pi)$  can be written as

 $A \sinh \alpha \pi = B \sinh \alpha \pi, \ A \sinh \alpha \pi = -B \sinh \alpha \pi,$ 

respectively. Since  $\sinh \alpha \pi \neq 0$  for  $\alpha \neq 0$ , we have A = -B = B, so A = B = 0. Thus there are no negative eigenvalues.

Chapter 8, page 209, Problem 1 Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions:

 $X'' + \lambda X = 0, \ X(0) = 0, \ X'(1) = 0.$ 

**Solution**: If  $\lambda = 0$  then X(x) = Ax + B and X'(x) = A. Thus the

boundary conditions are B = 0, A = 0 and  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue.

If  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  then  $X(x) = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{-\alpha x}$ ,  $X'(x) = \alpha(Ae^{\alpha x} - Be^{-\alpha x})$ . Thus the boundary conditions are A + B = 0 and  $Ae^{\alpha} - e^{-\alpha}$ , or B = -A where  $A \cosh \alpha = 0$ . Since  $\cosh \alpha \neq 0$  we have A = B = 0 and  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$  is not an eigenvalue.

If  $\lambda = \alpha^2$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  then  $X(x) = A \cos \alpha x + B \sin \alpha x$ ,  $X'(x) = \alpha (-A \sin \alpha x + B \cos \alpha x)$ , and the boundary conditions can be read as

$$A = 0, \quad \alpha(B\cos\alpha) = 0,$$

or  $\cos \alpha = 0$ , so  $\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2$  where

$$\alpha_n = (2n-1)\frac{\pi}{2}, \ X_n(x) = \sin \alpha_n x \quad n = 1, 2, \cdots$$

Since  $\int_0^1 X_n^2(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - \cos \pi (2n - 1)x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$  the normalized eigenfunctions are  $\phi_n(x) = \sqrt{2} \sin \alpha_n x$ .