

## Solutions for §2.1

#3.  $u_t = k u_{xx}$ ,  $u_x(0,t) = u_x(4,t) = 0$ ,  $u(x,0) = x^2$ .

This is the standard heat equation with  $L=4$  and 2 insulated ends.

Separating variables leads to  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$ ,  $X'(0) = X'(4) = 0$   
 $T' + k\lambda T = 0$ .

The only nontrivial solutions occur when  $\lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right)^2$  and are  
 $X_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right)$  and  $T_n(t) = e^{-k\frac{n^2\pi^2}{16}t}$  for  $n=0,1,2,\dots$

so  $u_n(x,t) = X_n(x)T_n(t) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) e^{-k\frac{n^2\pi^2}{16}t}$

$\lambda=0$   
 $X_0(x)=1$   
 $T_0(t)=1$

The general soln to the heat eqn of insulated BC is:  
 $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) e^{-k\frac{n^2\pi^2}{16}t}$

To match the IC:  $u(x,0) = x^2$  we need  $x^2 = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right)$

so  $a_n = \frac{2}{4} \int_0^4 x^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) dx = \dots = \frac{2}{4} \left( \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \right) \left( 8n\pi x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) + (n^2\pi^2 x^2 - 32) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) \right) \Big|_0^4$

$= \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \left( 8n\pi(4) \cos(n\pi) - 0 + (16n^2\pi^2 - 32) \sin(n\pi) - 0 \right)$

$= \frac{64(-1)^n}{n^2\pi^2}$  for  $n=1,2,3,\dots$

For  $n=0$ :  $a_0 = \frac{2}{4} \int_0^4 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3} x^3 \Big|_0^4 = \frac{32}{3}$

The solution to this problem is

$u(x,t) = \frac{16}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{64(-1)^n}{n^2\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) e^{-k\frac{n^2\pi^2}{16}t}$   
 $= \frac{16}{3} - \frac{64}{\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) e^{-\frac{k\pi^2}{16}t} + \frac{64}{4\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{4}\right) e^{-\frac{k4\pi^2}{16}t} - \dots$

#4.  $u_t = k u_{xx}$ ,  $u(0,t) = u(2,t) = 0$ ,  $u(x,0) = \sin(\pi x)$

This is the basic heat equation with  $L=2$  and 2 ends at zero temperature.

Separating variables leads to  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$ ,  $X(0) = X(2) = 0$   
 $T' + k\lambda T = 0$

The only nontrivial solutions occur when  $\lambda_n = (\frac{n\pi}{2})^2$ , with  $X_n = \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{2})$  and  $T_n(t) = e^{-k(\frac{n\pi}{2})^2 t}$ .

This gives  $u_n(x,t) = \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{2}) e^{-k(\frac{n\pi}{2})^2 t}$   
 and the general solution is  $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{2}) e^{-k(\frac{n\pi}{2})^2 t}$

To match the IC requires  $\sin(\pi x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{2})$

and so  $a_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq 2 \\ 1 & n = 2 \end{cases}$

← by inspection because  $\sin(\pi x)$  can be written as

$0 \sin(\frac{\pi x}{2}) + 1 \sin(\frac{2\pi x}{2}) + 0 \sin(\frac{3\pi x}{2}) + \dots$

The solution then reduces to a single term:

$u(x,t) = \sin(\pi x) e^{-k\pi^2 t}$

#6.  $u_t = k u_{xx}$ ,  $u(0,t) = 3$ ,  $u(5,t) = \sqrt{7}$ ,  $u(x,0) = x^2$

As this is the heat equation with the temperature held at non-zero values on both ends we first find the linear function that passes through  $(0, 3)$  and  $(5, \sqrt{7})$ , namely  $\psi(x) = 3 + \frac{\sqrt{7}-3}{5}x$ , and write  $u(x,t) = v(x,t) + \psi(x)$ .

Then  $u_t = v_t$  and  $u_{xx} = v_{xx} + \psi'' = v_{xx}$  (because  $\psi''(x) = 0$ ). Then

$u_t = k u_{xx} \Rightarrow v_t = k v_{xx}$   
 $u(0,t) = 3 \Rightarrow v(0,t) + \psi(0) = v(0,t) + 3 = 3 \Rightarrow v(0,t) = 0$   
 $u(5,t) = \sqrt{7} \Rightarrow v(5,t) + \psi(5) = v(5,t) + \sqrt{7} = \sqrt{7} \Rightarrow v(5,t) = 0$   
 $u(x,0) = x^2 \Rightarrow v(x,0) + \psi(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow v(x,0) = x^2 - \psi(x) = x^2 - (3 + \frac{\sqrt{7}-3}{5}x)$ .

So  $v$  satisfies a heat eqn. with ends held at temperature zero. As such,

$v(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{5}) e^{-k(\frac{n\pi}{5})^2 t}$

where the IC (for  $v$ ) requires:  $v(0,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{5}) = x^2 - (3 + \frac{\sqrt{7}-3}{5}x)$

This means the  $a_n$  must be Fourier sine coefficients of  $x^2 - (3 + \frac{\sqrt{7}-3}{5}x)$ :

$a_n = \frac{2}{5} \int_0^5 (x^2 - (3 + \frac{\sqrt{7}-3}{5}x)) \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{5}) dx = \dots = \frac{2}{n\pi} ((\sqrt{7}-25)(-1)^n - 3) - \frac{20}{n^3\pi^3} (1 - (-1)^n)$

Then  $u(x,t) = 3 + \frac{\sqrt{7}-3}{5}x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{5}) e^{-k(\frac{n\pi}{5})^2 t} = \begin{cases} \frac{2(\sqrt{7}-28)}{n\pi} & n \text{ even} \\ -\frac{2(\sqrt{7}-22)}{n\pi} - \frac{500}{n^3\pi^3} & n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$

#9.  $u_t = 5u_{xx}$ ,  $u(0,t) = 0$ ,  $u(4,t) = 12$ ,  $u(x,0) = x^2(4-x)$ .

This problem ~~also~~ has non-zero temperatures at one end, but the process is the same as if both ends are non-zero. Write  $u(x,t) = V(x,t) + 3x$

Linear fn. through (0,0) & (4,12).

and find  $V(x,t)$  that is the solution to:

$$V_t(x,t) = 5V_{xx}(x,t), \quad V(0,t) = V(4,t) = 0, \quad V(x,0) = x^2(4-x) - 3x$$

This is our basic heat equation with zero temperature at both ends, so

$$V(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) e^{-5\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right)^2 t}$$

To find the  $a_n$ , recall the I.C. (for  $V$ ):

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

$$\text{so } a_n = \frac{2}{4} \int_0^4 (-x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) dx = \dots = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{48(-1)^n}{n\pi} - \frac{512(2(-1)^n + 1)}{n^3 \pi^3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} \frac{48}{n\pi} - \frac{512}{n^3 \pi^3} & n \text{ even} \\ -\frac{48}{n\pi} + \frac{512}{n^3 \pi^3} & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } u(x,t) = 3x + V(x,t) = 3x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{4}\right) e^{-5\left(\frac{n\pi}{4}\right)^2 t}$$

#11.  $u_t = 4u_{xx} - 2u_x$ ,  $u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0$ ,  $u(x,0) = 1$ .

Because of the extra term, look for  $u(x,t) = e^{\alpha x + \beta t} v(x,t)$ .

$$\text{Then } u_t = \beta e^{\alpha x + \beta t} v + e^{\alpha x + \beta t} v_t = e^{\alpha x + \beta t} (\beta v + v_t)$$

$$u_x = e^{\alpha x + \beta t} (\alpha v + v_x) \quad \text{and } u_{xx} = e^{\alpha x + \beta t} (\alpha^2 v + 2\alpha v_x + v_{xx})$$

$$\text{Next, } u_t = 4u_{xx} - 2u_x \Rightarrow \beta v + v_t = 4(\alpha^2 v + 2\alpha v_x + v_{xx}) - 2(\alpha v + v_x)$$

$$v_t = 4v_{xx} + (4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha - \beta)v + (8\alpha - 2)v_x$$

simplifies to  $v_t = 4v_{xx}$  when  $8\alpha - 2 = 0$  and  $4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha - \beta = 0$ . These conditions are satisfied when  $\alpha = 1/4$  and  $\beta = -1/4$ . The new B.C. are:

$$u(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow e^{\alpha \cdot 0 + \beta t} v(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow v(0,t) = 0$$

$$u(L,t) = 0 \Rightarrow e^{\alpha L + \beta t} v(L,t) = 0 \Rightarrow v(L,t) = 0$$

The solution to the heat equation with end temperatures held at zero is:

$$v(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-4\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

$$\text{Almost done. Now } u(x,t) = e^{x/4 - t/4} v(x,t) = e^{x/4 - t/4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-4\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

To satisfy the I.C. (for  $u$ ):  $u(x,0) = e^{x/4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = 1$  where

The  $a_n$  must be the Fourier sine coefficients of  $1/e^{x/4} = e^{-x/4}$ .

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L e^{-x/4} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \dots = \frac{-16n\pi(e^{-L/4} - 1)}{16n^2\pi^2 + L^2} \rightarrow (-1)^n$$