

### Question 1:

Solve the following IBVP:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = 25u_{xx} & \text{in } \Omega = (0, L) \times (0, \infty) \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0 & \text{for all } t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 6 + \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{L}x\right) - 9\cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{L}x\right) & \text{for all } x \in [0, L] \end{cases}$$

Suppose that the solution  $u(x, t)$  has the form:

$$u(x, t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{c_n t} \left( a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \right).$$

Decide if the following are true or false.

- $a_0 = 6$ ; **Yes**
- $a_7 = 1$ ; **Yes**
- $b_7 = 1$ ; **No, it is zero**
- $a_9 = 9$ ; **No, it is  $-9$**
- $c_9 = -25\left(\frac{9\pi}{L}\right)^2$ . **Yes**

**Solution:**

Since  $u(x, 0)$  is already developed as trigonometric sum, we get  $a_0 = 6$ ,  $a_7 = 1$  and  $a_9 = -9$ . Thus we apply the formula and get:

$$u(x, t) = 6 + e^{-25\left(\frac{7\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{L}x\right) - 9e^{-25\left(\frac{9\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{L}x\right).$$

### Question 2:

Solve the following:

$$y'' + y = 1 - u\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

assuming  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ .

Decide if the following are true or false.

- $y(0) = 0$ ; **Yes**
- $y(\pi) = 1$ ; **Yes**
- $y\left(\frac{3}{2}\pi\right) = 1$ ; **No, it is  $-1$**
- $y(x)$  contains a term of the form  $cx^3$ , for some non-zero coefficient  $c$ ; **No**
- If  $x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $y(x) \geq 0$ . **Yes**

**Solution:**

Taking the Laplace transform we obtain:

$$s^2Y(s) + sy(0) + y'(0) + Y(s) = \frac{1}{s} - \frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{2}s}}{s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s(s^2 + 1)} - \frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{2}s}}{s(s^2 + 1)}$$

Using the Laplace inverse we obtain:

$$y(x) = (1 - \cos(x)) - u\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \left(1 - \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$$

We have that  $y(0) = 0$  by hypothesis. Substituting  $x = \pi$  we obtain:

$$y(\pi) = (1 + 1) - 1 \cdot (1 - 0) = 1.$$

Substituting  $x = \frac{3}{2}\pi$  we obtain:

$$y\left(\frac{3}{2}\pi\right) = (1 - 0) - 1 \cdot (1 + 1) = -1.$$

Note that for  $x < \frac{\pi}{2}$  we have that  $u\left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ . Thus  $y(x) = 1 - \cos(x)$ . In particular  $y(x) \geq 0$ .

### Question 3:

Consider the following IVP for  $u(x, t)$ .

$$\text{PDE : } u_{tt}(x, t) = 4u_{xx}(x, t) \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty \text{ and } t > 0$$

$$\text{IC : } u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right) & \text{for } -\frac{3}{4}\pi \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4}\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = \begin{cases} \cos(x) & \text{for } -\frac{3}{4}\pi \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4}\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Decide if the following are true or false:

- $u(10, 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ ; **No, it is 0**
- $u\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$ ; **No, it is  $\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{8}$**
- $u\left(0, \frac{3}{8}\pi\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$ ; **Yes**
- For fixed  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$ . **Yes**

#### Solution:

Using d'Alembert's Formula, the general solution to the above PDE is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} (f(x-2t) + f(x+2t)) + \frac{1}{4} \int_{x-2t}^{x+2t} g(y) dy$$

$$\text{for } f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right) & \text{for } -\frac{3}{4}\pi \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4}\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ and } g(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(x) & \text{for } -\frac{3}{4}\pi \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4}\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

(i) Plugging in  $x = 10, t = 1$  we have

$$u(10, 1) = \frac{1}{2} (f(8) + f(12)) + \frac{1}{4} \int_8^{12} g(y) dy$$

Since  $8 > \frac{3}{4}\pi$ , we have that the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are constantly zero in the interval  $[8, 12]$ , yielding that  $u(10, 1) = 0$ .

(ii) Plugging in  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} u\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot 0\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot \pi\right) \right) + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} \cos(y) dy = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} [\sin(y)]_0^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Plugging in  $x = 0$  and  $t = \frac{3}{8}\pi$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} u\left(0, \frac{3}{8}\pi\right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4}\pi\right) + \cos\left(\frac{2}{3} \cdot -\frac{3}{4}\pi\right) \right) + \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\frac{3}{4}\pi}^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} \cos(y) dy = \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{4} [\sin(y)]_{-\frac{3}{4}\pi}^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(iv) For  $|x + 2t|$  and  $|x - 2t|$  large enough we have that  $f(x + 2t) = f(x - 2t) = 0$ . Moreover, for  $a < -\frac{3}{4}\pi$  and  $b > \frac{3}{4}\pi$  we have that  $\int_a^b g(y) dy = \int_{-\frac{3}{4}\pi}^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} g(y) dy$ . Thus we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} (f(x - 2t) + f(x + 2t)) + \frac{1}{4} \int_{x-2t}^{x+2t} g(y) dy \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\frac{3}{4}\pi}^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} g(y) dy = \frac{1}{4} [\sin(y)]_{-\frac{3}{4}\pi}^{\frac{3}{4}\pi} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 4:

Suppose that we have a water tower (beam column) of length  $\frac{9}{4}\pi$  (parametrized by  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{9}{4}\pi$ ) and load  $W = 5$  and  $EI = 5$ . Suppose that the wind applies a constant lateral force of intensity  $f(x) = 10$ . Let  $y(x)$  be the deflection curve.

*Hint: the fact that the water tower is a "vertical" beam does not effect the way the boundary conditions are determined.*

Decide if the following are true or false:

- $y'(0) = 0$ ; **Yes**
- $y''(0) = \sqrt{2}$ ; **No, it is  $2 - \sqrt{2}$**
- $y'''(0) = \sqrt{2} - 4\pi$ ; **No, it is  $\sqrt{2}$**
- $y(2\pi) = 2\sqrt{2}\pi + 4\pi^2$ ; **No, it is  $4\pi^2 - 2\sqrt{2}\pi$**
- $y(x)$  contains a term of the form  $cx^2$ , for some non-zero coefficient  $c$ . **Yes**

**Solution:**

The ODE that we want to solve is:

$$y''''(x) + \frac{5}{5}y''(x) = \frac{10}{5},$$

with boundary conditions  $y(0) = y'(0) = y''\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = y'''\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = 0$ .

Applying the Laplace transform to this ODE, we get

$$s^4Y(s) - s^3y(0) - s^2y'(0) - sy''(0) - y'''(0) + s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) = \frac{2}{s},$$

$$s^4Y(s) - sy''(0) - y'''(0) + s^2Y(s) = \frac{2}{s}.$$

Let  $A = y''(0)$  and  $B = y'''(0)$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} Y(s)(s^4 + s^2) &= As + B + \frac{2}{s}, \\ &= Y(s) = \frac{A}{s(s^2 + 1)} + \frac{B}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} + \frac{2}{s^3(s^2 + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the Laplace inverse transform we obtain:

$$y(x) = A(1 - \cos(x)) + B(x - \sin(x)) + 2\left(-1 + \frac{x^2}{2} + \cos(x)\right).$$

We use the boundary conditions  $y''\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = y'''\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = 0$  to get the values of  $A$  and  $B$ . We start by computing the derivatives of  $y(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y'(x) &= A \sin(x) + B(1 - \cos(x)) + 2(x - \sin(x)); \\ y''(x) &= A \cos(x) + B \sin(x) + 2(1 - \cos(x)); \\ y'''(x) &= -A \sin(x) + B \cos(x) + 2 \sin(x). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $x = \frac{9}{4}\pi$  we obtain:

$$\begin{cases} y''\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = A \cos\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) - 2 \cos\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) + 2 = 0 \\ y'''\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = -A \sin\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) + B \cos\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) + 2 \sin\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = 0 \\ y''\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = A \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + B \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 2 = 0 \\ y'''\left(\frac{9}{4}\pi\right) = -A \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + B \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + 2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Dividing the second equation by  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ , we obtain:

$$A = B + 2.$$

Substituting in the first equation, we have:

$$B\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \sqrt{2} + B\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \sqrt{2} + 2 = 0$$

and hence

$$B = -\sqrt{2}, \quad A = 2 - \sqrt{2}.$$

Thus we obtain:

$$y(x) = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos(x) + \sin(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x^2 - x - 1 \right).$$

Now we can compute  $y(2\pi)$  substituting in the expression above.

$$\begin{aligned} y(2\pi) &= \sqrt{2} \left( 1 + 0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}4\pi^2 - 2\pi - 1 \right) = \\ &= 4\pi^2 - 2\sqrt{2}\pi \end{aligned}$$

## Question 5:

Let  $f: [-2, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the following function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x+1)^2 & \text{if } x \in [-2, -1] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in [-1, 1] \\ (x-1)^2 & \text{if } x \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$$

Compute the Fourier series of  $f$ .

### Solution:

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \int_{-2}^2 f(x) dx \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \int_{-2}^{-1} (x+1)^2 dx + \int_1^2 (x-1)^2 dx \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \left[ \frac{(x+1)^3}{3} \right]_{-2}^{-1} + \left[ \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} \right]_1^2 \right) = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

Observe that  $f(x)$  is an even function. Thus,  $f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right)$  is an even function as well, and  $f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right)$  is odd. In particular, we have that  $b_n = 0$  for each  $n$  and that

$$\int_{-2}^2 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = 2 \int_0^2 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx.$$

Thus we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \int_0^2 f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = \int_1^2 (x-1)^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = \\
 &= \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[ (x-1)^2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \right]_1^2 - \frac{4}{n\pi} \int_1^2 (x-1) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = \\
 &= \frac{8}{n^2\pi^2} \left( \left[ (x-1) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \right]_1^2 - \int_1^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx \right) = \\
 &= \frac{8}{n^2\pi^2} \left( \cos(n\pi) - \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \right]_1^2 \right) = \\
 &= \frac{8}{n^2\pi^2} \left( \cos(n\pi) + \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 6:

Consider a circular wire of length  $2L$  (parametrized as  $[-L, L]$ ) with initial temperature described by a function  $\phi(x): [-L, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the average heat of the rod does not change with time.

*Hint! We recall that the solution  $u(x, t)$  associated to the above IBVP represents the heat of the point  $x$  at the time  $t$ .*

### Solution:

We know that the behavior of the rod is described by an IBVP of type (3). That is, the function  $u(x, t)$  that describes the temperature of the point  $x$  at the time  $t$  is the solution of the IBVP:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = \alpha^2 u_{xx} & \text{in } \Omega = (-L, L) \times (0, \infty) \\ u(-L, t) = u(L, t) & \text{for all } t > 0 \\ u_x(-L, t) = u_x(L, t) & \text{for all } t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \phi(x) & \text{for all } x \in (-L, L). \end{cases}$$

for some coefficient  $\alpha^2$ . The average temperature at the time  $t$  is given by:

$$\text{AT}(t) = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L u(x, t) dx$$

We show that the derivative of  $\text{AT}(t)$  is zero, that is that the function is constant

in  $t$ .

$$\frac{d}{dt}A\Gamma(t) = \frac{1}{2L} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-L}^L u(x, t) dx = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L u_t(x, t) dx$$

Using  $u_t = \alpha^2 u_{xx}$ , we obtain:

$$\frac{d}{dt}A\Gamma(t) = \frac{\alpha^2}{2L} \int_{-L}^L u_{xx}(x, t) dx = \frac{\alpha^2}{2L} u_x(x, t)|_{-L}^L = \frac{\alpha^2}{2L} (u_x(-L, t) - u_x(L, t))$$

However, since we are considering a circular wire, the two above quantities are equal, thus their difference is zero.