

ANALYSIS III

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EXAM SOLUTIONS

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Laplace Transforms: ($F = \mathcal{L}(f)$)

	f(t)	F(s)		f(t)	F(s)		f(t)	F(s)
1)	1	$\frac{1}{s}$	5)	$t^a, a > 0$	$\frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{s^{a+1}}$	9)	$\cosh(at)$	$\frac{s}{s^2-a^2}$
2)	t	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	6)	e^{at}	$\frac{1}{s-a}$	t 10)	$\sinh(at)$	$\frac{a}{s^2-a^2}$
3)	t^2	$\frac{2}{s^3}$	7)	$\cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2+\omega^2}$	11)	$u(t-a)$	$\frac{1}{s}e^{-as}$
4)	$t^n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	8)	$\sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2+\omega^2}$	12)	$\delta(t-a)$	e^{-as}

(Γ = Gamma function, u = Heaviside function, δ = Delta function)

Indefinite Integrals (you may use): ($n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$)

1)	$\int x \cos(nx) dx = \frac{\cos(nx) + nx \sin(nx)}{n^2} \quad (+ \text{constant})$
2)	$\int x^2 \cos(nx) dx = \frac{(n^2 x^2 - 2) \sin(nx) + 2nx \cos(nx)}{n^3} \quad (+ \text{constant})$
3)	$\int x \sin(nx) dx = \frac{\sin(nx) - nx \cos(nx)}{n^2} \quad (+ \text{constant})$
4)	$\int x^2 \sin(nx) dx = \frac{(2 - n^2 x^2) \cos(nx) + 2nx \sin(nx)}{n^3} \quad (+ \text{constant})$
5)	$\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \arctan(x) \quad (+ \text{constant})$

1. Laplace Transform (8 Points)

Find, via Laplace transform, the solution of the following initial value problem:

$$y = y(t) \quad \begin{cases} y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-t} + \delta(t-3), & t \geq 0 \\ y(0) = 1, \\ y'(0) = -2. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

[Hint: Use the pfd (= partial fraction decomposition)]

$$\left[\frac{s}{(s+1)^2} = \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \right]$$

Solution:

We denote by $Y = Y(s)$ the Laplace transform of y . Recall the formula to transform a derivative

$$\mathcal{L}(y^{(n)}) = s^n Y - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} s^{n-j-1} y^{(j)}(0),$$

which in the cases of our interest ($n = 1, 2$) reads as:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}(y') = sY - y(0), \\ \mathcal{L}(y'') = s^2 Y - sy(0) - y'(0). \end{cases}$$

The left-hand side of the ODE transforms as

$$\mathcal{L}(y'' + 2y' + y) = \mathcal{L}(y'') + \mathcal{L}(y') + \mathcal{L}(y) = s^2 Y - sy(0) - y'(0) + 2(sY - y(0)) + Y = \dots$$

(substituting the initial conditions of the problem)

$$\dots = s^2 Y - s + 2 + 2(sY - 1) + Y = s^2 Y - s + 2 + 2sY - 2 + Y = (s^2 + 2s + 1)Y - s = (s+1)^2 Y - s.$$

The right-hand side instead becomes

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{-t} + \delta(t-3)) = \mathcal{L}(e^{-t}) + \mathcal{L}(\delta(t-3)) = \frac{1}{s+1} + e^{-3s},$$

and the transformed ODE becomes the algebraic equation

$$\begin{aligned} (s+1)^2 Y - s &= \frac{1}{s+1} + e^{-3s} \quad \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow Y &= \frac{s}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{e^{-3s}}{(s+1)^2} \stackrel{\text{pfd}}{=} \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^3} + \frac{e^{-3s}}{(s+1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the first three terms. These are known Laplace transforms, except they are shifted (evaluated in $s+1$ instead of s).

The s -shifting property tells us that for each real number $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and any function $g = g(t)$:

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{at}g)(s) = \mathcal{L}(g)(s-a).$$

Therefore, for each integer $k \geq 1$

$$\frac{1}{s^k} = \mathcal{L} \left(\frac{t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \right) \implies \frac{1}{(s+1)^k} = \mathcal{L} \left(e^{-t} \frac{t^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \right),$$

and the first three terms are

$$\frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(s+1)^3} = \mathcal{L} \left(e^{-t} \left(1 - t + \frac{t^2}{2} \right) \right).$$

The last term is a product of a Laplace transform with an exponential, and we can use then the t-shifting property to get

$$\frac{e^{-3s}}{(s+1)^2} = e^{-3s} \mathcal{L} (e^{-t}t) = \mathcal{L} \left(e^{-(t-3)}(t-3)u(t-3) \right).$$

Finally

$$y = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(\Upsilon) = e^{-t} \left(1 - t + \frac{t^2}{2} \right) + e^{-(t-3)}(t-3)u(t-3).$$

2. Wave Equation (10 Points)

a) (7 Points) Find, via d'Alembert's formula, the solution of the wave equation:

$$u = u(x, t) \quad \text{such that} \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, & t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2} + 4x + \arctan(x), & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u_t(x, 0) = -2cxe^{-x^2} + \frac{c}{1+x^2}. & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Simplify the expression as much as possible.
[In particular, no unsolved integrals.]

Solution:

D'Alembert formula for the wave equation with initial configuration $f(x)$ and initial speed $g(x)$ is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \overbrace{(f(x+ct) + f(x-ct))}^{(I)} + \frac{1}{2c} \overbrace{\int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds}^{(II)} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (I) + \frac{1}{2c} \cdot (II).$$

Let's evaluate (I) and (II) with our specific data.

$$(I) = e^{-(x+ct)^2} + 4(x+ct) + \arctan(x+ct) + e^{-(x-ct)^2} + 4(x-ct) + \arctan(x-ct) = \\ = e^{-(x+ct)^2} + e^{-(x-ct)^2} + 8x + \arctan(x+ct) + \arctan(x-ct).$$

$$(II) = \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \left(-2cse^{-s^2} + \frac{c}{1+s^2} \right) ds = c \cdot \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} (-2se^{-s^2}) ds + c \cdot \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \frac{1}{1+s^2} ds = \\ = c \cdot e^{-s^2} \Big|_{x-ct}^{x+ct} + c \cdot \arctan(s) \Big|_{x-ct}^{x+ct} = \\ = c \left(e^{-(x+ct)^2} - e^{-(x-ct)^2} + \arctan(x+ct) - \arctan(x-ct) \right).$$

Finally

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (I) + \frac{1}{2c} \cdot (II) = \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{-(x+ct)^2} + \cancel{e^{-(x-ct)^2}} + 8x + \arctan(x+ct) + \cancel{\arctan(x-ct)} \right) + \\ + \frac{1}{2c} \cdot c \left(e^{-(x+ct)^2} - \cancel{e^{-(x-ct)^2}} + \arctan(x+ct) - \cancel{\arctan(x-ct)} \right) = \\ = \boxed{e^{-(x+ct)^2} + 4x + \arctan(x+ct)}.$$

b) (3 Points) Find, for each fixed $a \in \mathbb{R}$, the asymptotic limit $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(a, t)$.

Solution:

For each fixed $a \in \mathbb{R}$, the asymptotic limit of the first addend vanishes because

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (a + ct)^2 = +\infty \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} e^{-(a+ct)^2} = 0.$$

The second addend is constantly equal to $4a$, while the third has limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \arctan(a + ct) = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \left(\text{because } \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (a + ct) = +\infty \right).$$

All three addends have limits, therefore the limit will be the sum of the three limits and it is

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(a, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left(e^{-(a+ct)^2} + 4a + \arctan(a + ct) \right) = \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} e^{-(a+ct)^2} + \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} 4a + \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \arctan(a + ct) = 0 + 4a + \frac{\pi}{2} = \\ &= \boxed{4a + \frac{\pi}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Only if you didn't find the solution:

You can find, in alternative, the asymptotic limit $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} v(a, t)$ of

bb)

$$v(x, t) = e^{-(x+ct)^2} \sin^2(x + ct) + \frac{(x + ct)^2}{1 + (x + ct)^2}.$$

Solution:

The first term is the same term as before, multiplied by a bounded function. Therefore its asymptotic limit vanishes

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} e^{-(a+ct)^2} \sin^2(a + ct) = 0.$$

The second term instead is a rational function with both numerator and denominator polynomials of degree 2 (in the variable t). The limit will be the ratio of the coefficients of maximum degree, which is

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(a + ct)^2}{1 + (a + ct)^2} = \frac{c^2}{c^2} = 1.$$

Why this is true?

When we have a quotient of polynomials of the same degree, we can extract the terms of highest degree from both and we get

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{a_n t^n + a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 t + a_0}{b_n t^n + b_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 t + b_0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{t^n}{t^n} \cdot \frac{a_n + \frac{a_{n-1}}{t} + \dots + \frac{a_1}{t^{n-1}} + \frac{a_0}{t^n}}{b_n + \frac{b_{n-1}}{t} + \dots + \frac{b_1}{t^{n-1}} + \frac{b_0}{t^n}} = \frac{a_n}{b_n}.$$

Anyway, at the end we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} v(a, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left(e^{-(a+ct)^2} \sin^2(a+ct) + \frac{(a+ct)^2}{1+(a+ct)^2} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} e^{-(a+ct)^2} \sin^2(a+ct) + \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(a+ct)^2}{1+(a+ct)^2} = 0 + 1 = \boxed{1}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Inhomogeneous Wave Equation (14 Points)

Find the solution of the following wave equation (with inhomogeneous boundary conditions) on the interval $[0, \pi]$:

$$u = u(x, t) \quad \text{such that} \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, & t \geq 0, x \in [0, \pi] \\ u(0, t) = 3, & t \geq 0 \\ u(\pi, t) = 5, & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}(2 - \pi^2)x + 3, & x \in [0, \pi] \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0. & x \in [0, \pi] \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

You must proceed as follows.

- a) (2 Points) Find the unique function $w = w(x)$ with $w'' = 0$, $w(0) = 3$, and $w(\pi) = 5$.

Solution:

The only functions with second derivative zero are the linear functions

$$w(x) = \alpha x + \beta, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Imposing the boundary conditions we find the right coefficients

$$\begin{cases} 3 = w(0) = \alpha \cdot 0 + \beta \\ 5 = w(\pi) = \alpha \cdot \pi + \beta \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = \frac{2}{\pi} \\ \beta = 3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{w(x) = \frac{2}{\pi}x + 3}.$$

- b) (4 Points) Define $v(x, t) := u(x, t) - w(x)$. Formulate the corresponding problem for v , equivalent to (3).

Solution:

The ODE doesn't change because w is independent of time and has second derivative zero. The boundary conditions become homogeneous (that's why we chose this w)

$$v(0, t) = u(0, t) - w(0) = 3 - 3 = 0 \quad \& \quad v(\pi, t) = u(\pi, t) - w(\pi) = 5 - 5 = 0.$$

The initial position of the wave changes in

$$v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - w(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}(2 - \pi^2)x + 3 - \frac{2}{\pi}x - 3 = x^2 + \frac{2}{\pi}x - \pi x - \frac{2}{\pi}x = x^2 - \pi x,$$

while the initial speed doesn't change (because, again, w is independent of time).

Finally

$$\boxed{\begin{cases} v_{tt} = c^2 v_{xx}, & t \geq 0, x \in [0, \pi] \\ v(0, t) = v(\pi, t) = 0, & t \geq 0 \\ v(x, 0) = x^2 - \pi x, & x \in [0, \pi] \\ v_t(x, 0) = 0. & x \in [0, \pi] \end{cases}}$$

c) (8 Points)

- (i) Find, using the formula from the script, the solution $v(x, t)$ of the problem you have just formulated.

Solution:

This is a standard homogeneous wave equation with homogeneous boundary conditions. The formula from the script is

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (B_n \cos(\lambda_n t) + B_n^* \sin(\lambda_n t)) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right), \quad \lambda_n = \frac{cn\pi}{L}$$

$$\stackrel{(L=\pi)}{=} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (B_n \cos(cnt) + B_n^* \sin(cnt)) \sin(nx).$$

The coefficients $B_n^* = 0$, because the initial speed is zero, while the coefficients B_n are the Fourier series coefficients of the odd, 2π -periodic extension of the initial datum $x^2 - \pi x$, that is:

$$B_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (x^2 - \pi x) \sin(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \sin(nx) dx - 2 \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(nx) dx = \dots$$

[we can continue the computation using the indefinite integrals given at the beginning of the text]

$$\dots = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{(2 - n^2 x^2) \cos(nx) + 2nx \sin(nx)}{n^3} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right) - 2 \left(\frac{\sin(nx) - nx \cos(nx)}{n^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{(2 - n^2 \pi^2) \cos(n\pi) - 2}{n^3} \right) - 2 \left(-\frac{n\pi \cos(n\pi)}{n^2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{4 \cos(n\pi) - 2n^2 \pi^2 \cos(n\pi) - 4 + 2n^2 \pi^2 \cos(n\pi)}{\pi n^3} =$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (\cos(n\pi) - 1) = \frac{4}{\pi n^3} ((-1)^n - 1) = -\frac{4}{\pi n^3} \cdot \begin{cases} 0 & n = 2j \\ 2 & n = 2j + 1 \end{cases}$$

Finally we get the following equivalent expressions

$$v(x, t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{((-1)^n - 1)}{n^3} \cos(cnt) \sin(nx) =$$

$$= -\frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(2j+1)^3} \cos(c(2j+1)t) \sin((2j+1)x).$$

(ii) Write down explicitly the solution $u(x, t)$ of the original problem (3).

Solution:

We get the following equivalent expressions

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) = v(x, t) + w(x) &= \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{((-1)^n - 1)}{n^3} \cos(cnt) \sin(nx) \right) + \frac{2}{\pi}x + 3 \\ &= -\frac{8}{\pi} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(2j+1)^3} \cos(c(2j+1)t) \sin((2j+1)x) \right) + \frac{2}{\pi}x + 3. \end{aligned}$$

4. Laplace Equation (8 Points)

Let $D_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ be the unit disk centred in the origin and $\partial D_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ its boundary.

Consider the Dirichlet problem (in polar coordinates):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(r, \theta) \\ \text{such that} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{cases} \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = 0, & \text{in } D_1 \\ \mathbf{u}(1, \theta) = f(\theta), & \theta \in [0, 2\pi] \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where

$$f(\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{\theta^2}, & \theta \in [0, \pi] \\ (2\pi - \theta)e^{\pi^2 + \pi - \theta}. & \theta \in [\pi, 2\pi] \end{cases}$$

Without explicitly finding the solution, answer the following questions.

- (i) What is the maximum of u on the whole disk?

Solution:

By the maximum principle the maximum is on the boundary

$$\max_{D_1} u = \max_{\theta \in [0, 2\pi]} f(\theta).$$

Therefore we just need to find the maximum of this function $f(\theta)$ on the interval $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.

A few observations are necessary.

- The function is defined by two different formulas in the two subintervals

$$f(\theta) = \begin{cases} f_1(\theta) = \theta e^{\theta^2}, & \theta \in [0, \pi] \\ f_2(\theta) = (2\pi - \theta)e^{\pi^2 + \pi - \theta}. & \theta \in [\pi, 2\pi] \end{cases}$$

so it's convenient to study these functions separately and then compare their maximums.

- The function $f_1(\theta)$ is strictly increasing, while the function $f_2(\theta)$ is strictly decreasing. This can be either observed directly¹, or computing the derivatives

$$\begin{cases} f_1'(\theta) = (1 + 2\theta^2)e^{\theta^2} > 0, & \theta \in [0, \pi] \\ f_2'(\theta) = (\theta - 2\pi - 1)e^{\pi^2 + \pi - \theta} < 0. & \theta \in [\pi, 2\pi] \end{cases}$$

It follows that the maximum of $f_1(\theta)$ is at $\theta = \pi$, and same for $f_2(\theta)$. Of course these values will coincide because $\theta = \pi$ is the conjunction point between the two subintervals,

$$f_1(\pi) = \pi e^{\pi^2} = f_2(\pi),$$

and this is the global maximum:

$$\boxed{\max_{D_1} u = \pi e^{\pi^2} .}$$

¹ f_1 is a product of nonnegative, increasing functions while f_2 is a product of nonnegative, decreasing functions.

(i) Same question for the minimum.

Solution:

As for the maximum principle, there is also a minimum principle, because

$$\min_{D_1} u = -\max_{D_1}(-u) \stackrel{(\star)}{=} -\max_{\partial D_1}(-u) = \min_{\partial D_1} u,$$

where (\star) is true because also $-u$ is harmonic.

So, we need to find the minimum of the function $f(\theta)$.

For the same observations we made before it's clear that this is reached in $\theta = 0$ (if we look it from the first subinterval) or $\theta = 2\pi$ (if we look it from the second subinterval), with value

$$f_1(0) = 0 = f_2(2\pi).$$

Therefore the answer is

$$\boxed{\min_{D_1} u = 0.}$$

5. Heat Equation (20 Points)

- a) (10 Points) Find, via separation of variables, the general solution of the heat equation (with homogeneous boundary conditions) on the interval $[0, \pi]$ - with initial condition on the derivative:

$$u = u(x, t) \quad \text{such that} \quad \begin{cases} u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, & t \geq 0, x \in [0, \pi] \\ u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0, & t \geq 0 \\ u_x(x, 0) = h(x), & x \in [0, \pi] \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where $h(x)$ is a function with $\int_0^\pi h(x) dx = 0$.

Show all the steps of the method of separation of variables.

[Remark: The solution will be a series. The coefficients must be written in terms of the initial datum $h(x)$.]

Solution:

We separate variables $u(x, t) = F(x)G(t)$ and the ODE becomes

$$F\dot{G} = c^2 F''G \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\dot{G}}{c^2 G} = \frac{F''}{F} = k,$$

for some real constant $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

The homogeneous boundary conditions ($u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$) force F to be zero on the boundary, otherwise G should be identically zero for each time, and therefore also u would be. In other words we need to find

$$F = F(x) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} F'' = kF, \\ F(0) = F(\pi) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let's distinguish the possible cases for k .

If $k > 0$ then the general solution of the ODE is

$$F(x) = \lambda_1 e^{\sqrt{k}x} + \lambda_2 e^{-\sqrt{k}x}, \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R},$$

and the boundary conditions become

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 e^{\sqrt{k}\pi} + \lambda_2 e^{-\sqrt{k}\pi} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \lambda_2 = -\lambda_1 \\ \lambda_1 (e^{\sqrt{k}\pi} - e^{-\sqrt{k}\pi}) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0,$$

so the solution is trivial.

If $k = 0$ the general solution is

$$F(x) = \lambda_1 x + \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R},$$

and again the boundary conditions force the solution to be zero

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_2 = 0 \\ \lambda_1 \pi = 0 \end{cases} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0.$$

If $k < 0$ it's convenient to write it in the form $k = -p^2$ (for a unique $p > 0$) and the ODE $F'' = -p^2 F$ has general solution

$$F(x) = A \cos(px) + C \sin(px).$$

The first boundary condition forces $A = 0$ while the second boundary condition is actually a condition on the parameter p , in fact

$$0 = F(\pi) = C \sin(p\pi) \Leftrightarrow p\pi = n\pi, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1} \Leftrightarrow p = n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}.$$

So, for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ we have a solution $F_n(x) = C_n \sin(nx)$. The ODE for the time-dependent function becomes

$$\dot{G} = kc^2 G = -p^2 c^2 G = -n^2 c^2 G = -\lambda_n^2 G, \quad (\lambda_n := cn)$$

which has unique solution $G_n(t) = D_n e^{-\lambda_n^2 t}$. Putting together the constants in a unique constant $B_n = C_n D_n$ we have solutions

$$u_n(x, t) = F_n(x) G_n(t) = B_n \sin(nx) e^{-\lambda_n^2 t},$$

and general solution, by the superposition principle,

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} B_n \sin(nx) e^{-\lambda_n^2 t}.$$

Now we have to find the coefficients B_n by imposing the initial condition. First we derive term by term the series, and we get

$$u_x(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} B_n n \cos(nx) e^{-\lambda_n^2 t}.$$

Then we impose at time zero

$$h(x) = u_x(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} B_n n \cos(nx) e^{-\lambda_n^2 t} \Big|_{t=0} = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} B_n n \cos(nx).$$

The Fourier series of the even, 2π -periodic extension, $h_{\text{even}}(x)$, is made only of cosines

$$h_{\text{even}}(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n \cos(nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n \cos(nx).$$

(We observed that the constant term vanishes because $a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi h(x) dx = 0$). Therefore, comparing the two expressions above

$$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} B_n n \cos(nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n \cos(nx),$$

we get

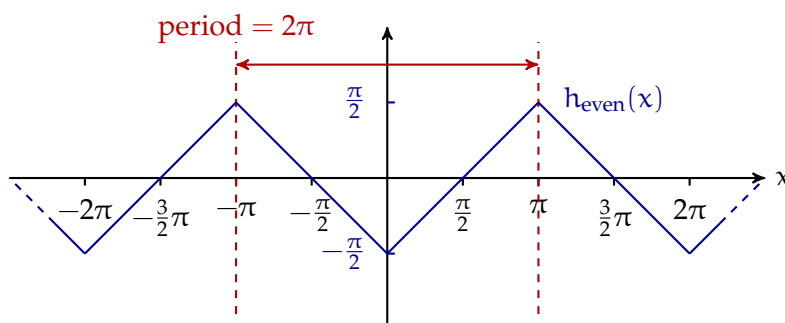
$$B_n n = a_n = \text{coefficients of the even, } 2\pi\text{-periodic extension, } h_{\text{even}}(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} h(x) \cos(nx) dx,$$

or

$$B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} h(x) \cos(nx) dx.$$

- b) (8 Points)** Consider the function $h(x) = x - \frac{\pi}{2}$, on the interval $x \in [0, \pi]$, and let $h_{\text{even}}(x)$ be its even, 2π -periodic extension. Sketch the graph of $h_{\text{even}}(x)$ and find its Fourier series. [To get full points sketch the graph at least in the interval $x \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$.]

Solution:



The even extension will have Fourier series of the form

$$a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n \cos(nx), \quad \begin{cases} a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} g(x) dx \\ a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} g(x) dx \quad (n \geq 1) \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} g(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{\pi}{2}x\right) \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{2}\right) = 0,$$

(as one could also observe by the graph of $g(x)$). For the other coefficients we can use the primitive we have at the beginning of the text

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} g(x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cos(nx) dx = \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\cos(nx) + nx \sin(nx)}{n^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \cdot (\cos(n\pi) - 1) = \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi n^2} ((-1)^n - 1) = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 2j \\ -\frac{4}{\pi n^2}, & n = 2j + 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The Fourier series is then given by the two equivalent expressions

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

- c) (2 Points) Write down explicitly the solution $u(x, t)$ of the problem (5) with the function $h(x)$ of subtask 5.b).

Solution:

With the same notations as before

$$B_n = \frac{1}{n} a_n = \frac{2}{\pi n^3} ((-1)^n - 1) = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 2j \\ -\frac{4}{\pi n^3}, & n = 2j + 1 \end{cases}$$

Finally we get the two equivalent expressions

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{((-1)^n - 1)}{n^3} \sin(nx) e^{-c^2 n^2 t} = \\ &= -\frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(2j+1)^3} \sin((2j+1)x) e^{-c^2 (2j+1)^2 t}. \end{aligned}$$