

Solution Math 301-101    Sec: 02 & 03    Quiz 6 (A)

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**Q:1** Solve the heat equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, & 0 < x < \pi, & \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(\pi, t) = 0, & & \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= 100, & 0 < x < \pi.\end{aligned}$$

**Sol:** Let  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , then

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \implies X''T = XT' \implies \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda \implies X'' + \lambda X = 0 \text{ and } T' + \lambda T = 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \implies X(0) = 0 \text{ and } u(\pi, t) = 0 \implies X(\pi) = 0$$

**1.** For  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$  has solution  $X(x) = c_1 + c_2 x$ .

Using  $X(0) = 0$  and  $X(\pi) = 0$  we get the trivial solution  $X(x) = 0$ .

**2.** For  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$ ,  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$  has solution  $X(x) = c_1 \cosh(\alpha x) + c_2 \sinh(\alpha x)x$ .

Using  $X(0) = 0$  we get  $c_1 = 0$  and using  $X(\pi) = 0$  we get  $c_2 \sinh(\alpha\pi) = 0$ . Since

$\sinh(\alpha\pi) = 0$  only if  $\alpha = 0$ . But  $\alpha \neq 0$ , therefore  $c_2 = 0$  and we get a trivial solution

$$X(x) = 0.$$

**3.** For  $\lambda = \alpha^2$ ,  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$  has solution  $X(x) = c_1 \cos(\alpha x) + c_2 \sin(\alpha x)x$ .

Using  $X(0) = 0$  we get  $c_1 = 0$  and using  $X(\pi) = 0$  we get  $c_2 \sin(\alpha\pi) = 0$ . For nontrivial

solution  $c_2 \neq 0$  and  $\sin(\alpha\pi) = 0 \implies \alpha\pi = n\pi$  or  $\alpha = n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . The solution is

$$X(x) = c_2 \sin(nx), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

For  $\lambda = \alpha^2 = n^2$ ,  $T' + n^2 T = 0$  has solution  $T(t) = c_3 e^{-n^2 t}$ .

The general solution is  $u(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(nx) e^{-n^2 t}$ .

$u(x, 0) = 100 \implies 100 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(nx)$  which is a half range Fourier sine series.

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 100 \sin(nx) dx = \frac{-200}{n\pi} ((-1)^n - 1) = \frac{200}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

$$\text{So } u(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{200}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^n) \sin(nx) e^{-n^2 t}$$

**Q:2** Solve the wave equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, & 0 < x < L, & \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0, & & \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= 0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = g(x), & & \quad 0 < x < L.\end{aligned}$$

**Sol:** Let  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , then

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \implies X''T = XT'' \implies \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{T} = -\lambda \implies X'' + \lambda X = 0 \text{ and } T'' + \lambda T = 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \implies X(0) = 0 \text{ and } u(L, t) = 0 \implies X(L) = 0$$

**1.** For  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$  has solution  $X(x) = c_1 + c_2x$ .

Using  $X(0) = 0$  and  $X(L) = 0$  we get the trivial solution  $X(x) = 0$ .

**2.** For  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$ ,  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$  has solution  $X(x) = c_1 \cosh(\alpha x) + c_2 \sinh(\alpha x)x$ .

Using  $X(0) = 0$  we get  $c_1 = 0$  and using  $X(L) = 0$  we get  $c_2 \sinh(\alpha L) = 0$ . Since

$\sinh(\alpha L) = 0$  only if  $\alpha = 0$ . But  $\alpha \neq 0$ , therefore  $c_2 = 0$  and we get a trivial solution

$$X(x) = 0.$$

**3.** For  $\lambda = \alpha^2$ ,  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$  has solution  $X(x) = c_1 \cos(\alpha x) + c_2 \sin(\alpha x)x$ .

Using  $X(0) = 0$  we get  $c_1 = 0$  and using  $X(L) = 0$  we get  $c_2 \sin(\alpha L) = 0$ . For nontrivial

solution  $c_2 \neq 0$  and  $\sin(\alpha L) = 0 \implies \alpha L = n\pi$  or  $\alpha = \frac{n\pi}{L}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . The solution is

$$X(x) = c_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

For  $\lambda = \alpha^2$ ,  $T'' + \alpha^2 T = 0$  has solution  $T(t) = c_3 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}t\right) + c_4 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}t\right)$ .

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \implies T(0) = 0 \implies c_3 = 0.$$

The general solution is  $u(x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}t\right)$ .

Now  $u_t(x, 0) = g(x) \implies g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_n \frac{n\pi}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$  which is a half range Fourier sine

series, where  $A_n \frac{n\pi}{L} = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$  or  $A_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$ .