

Q:1 (20 points) Use separation of variables method to solve the problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0,$$

subject to the boundary and initial conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{x}{2}, \quad 0 < x < \pi.$$

Sol.: Let  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t) \Rightarrow X''T = XT' \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda$

$$u(0, t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(0)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(0) = 0.$$

$$u(\pi, t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(\pi)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow X(\pi) = 0.$$

$$(i) \quad \frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda \Rightarrow T' + \lambda T = 0 \Rightarrow T(t) = C_1 e^{-\lambda t}.$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda \Rightarrow X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = 0 \text{ and } X(\pi) = 0$$

$$(a) \quad \lambda = 0 : \quad X'' = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = C_1 + C_2 x \\ X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = C_2 x$$

$$X(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 \pi = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = 0, \text{ trivial solution}$$

$$(b) \quad \lambda = \alpha^2 (\alpha \neq 0); \quad X'' + \alpha^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = C_1 \cos \alpha x + C_2 \sin \alpha x$$

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = C_2 \sin \alpha x$$

$$X(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 \sin \alpha \pi = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = 0 \text{ trivial solution}$$

$$(c) \quad \lambda = \alpha^2 (\alpha \neq 0) : \quad X'' + \alpha^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = C_1 \cos \alpha x + C_2 \sin \alpha x$$

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = C_2 \sin \alpha x$$

$$X(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 \sin \alpha \pi = 0 \Rightarrow \text{we take } C_2 \neq 0 \text{ and } \sin \alpha \pi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \pi = n\pi \Rightarrow \alpha = n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$X_n(x) = C_2 \sin nx \quad \text{and } T_n(t) = C_1 e^{-n^2 t}$$

Product Solutions are

$$u_n(x, t) = (C_2 \sin nx)(C_1 e^{-n^2 t}) = A_n e^{-n^2 t} \sin nx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

By superposition principle, the general solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n e^{-n^2 t} \sin nx$$

$$\text{Using } u(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin nx \quad (\text{sine series})$$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{x}{2} \sin nx dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{x}{n} \cos nx \right]_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx \\ = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi}{n} \cos n\pi + 0 + 0 \right] = -\frac{1}{n} (-1)^n$$

Hence

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{n} \right) (-1)^n e^{-n^2 t} \sin nx.$$

Q:2 (22 points) Use separation of variables method to solve the problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < a, \quad 0 < y < b,$$

subject to the boundary and initial conditions

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = 0, \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=a} = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, b) = x.$$

Sol: Let  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$ . Then  $\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = -\lambda$

$$\Rightarrow X'' + \lambda X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Y'' - \lambda Y = 0$$

$$X'|_{x=0} = 0 \Rightarrow X'(0) = 0$$

$$Y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow Y'(0) = 0.$$

$$X'|_{x=a} = 0 \Rightarrow X'(a) = 0.$$

(i)  $\lambda = 0$ :  $X = C_1 + C_2 x$   
 $X'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$ .  $X(x) = C_1$  is a solution for  $\lambda = 0$ .

(ii)  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$  ( $\alpha \neq 0$ ):  $X'' - \alpha^2 X = 0 \Rightarrow X = C_3 \cosh \alpha x + C_4 \sinh \alpha x$   
 $X' = \alpha C_3 \sinh \alpha x + \alpha C_4 \cosh \alpha x$

$$X'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_4 = 0$$

$$X'(a) = 0 \Rightarrow C_3 = 0.$$

$X(x) = 0$  trivial solution.

(iii)  $\lambda = \alpha^2$  ( $\alpha \neq 0$ ):  $X = C_5 \cos \alpha x + C_6 \sin \alpha x$   
 $X' = -\alpha C_5 \sin \alpha x + \alpha C_6 \cos \alpha x$

$$X'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_6 = 0 \quad ; \quad X'(a) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \alpha a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha a = n\pi, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{n\pi}{a}$$

Solutions are  $X(x) = C_1$  and  $X_n(x) = C_5 \cos \frac{n\pi}{a} x$ ,  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

Now:  $Y'' - \lambda Y = 0$

(a)  $\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow Y'' = 0 \Rightarrow Y = C_2 + C_3 y$   
 $Y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow Y = C_3 y$

(b)  $\lambda = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{a^2} \Rightarrow Y'' - \frac{n^2\pi^2}{a^2} Y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow Y = C_4 \cosh \frac{n\pi}{a} y + C_5 \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} y$$

$$Y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y = C_5 \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} y$$

Product solutions are

$$A_0 y, \quad A_n \sinh \frac{n\pi}{a} y \cos \frac{n\pi}{a} x, \quad \text{where } A_0 = C_1 C_3 \\ A_n = C_5 C_6$$

The superposition principle yields

$$u(x, y) = A_0 y + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sinh \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} y \right) \cos \left( \frac{n\pi}{a} x \right).$$

Using  $u(x, b) = x$ , we get

$$x = A_0 b + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi}{a} x. \quad (\text{Cosine series})$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A_0 b = \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a x dx = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{a^2}{2} = a$$

$$\Rightarrow A_0 = \frac{a}{2b}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi b}{a} &= \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a x \cos \frac{n\pi}{a} x dx \\ &= \frac{2}{a} \left[ x \cdot \frac{a}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x \right]_0^a - \int_0^a \frac{a}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi}{a} x dx \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} \cdot \frac{a}{n\pi} \left[ \cos \frac{n\pi}{a} x \right]_0^a \\ &= \frac{2a}{n^2\pi^2} [(-1)^n - 1] \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$u(x, y) = \frac{a^2}{2b} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2a}{n^2\pi^2} [(-1)^n - 1] \sin \frac{n\pi y}{a} \cos \frac{n\pi}{a} x \frac{1}{\sin \frac{n\pi b}{a}}$$

**Q:3** (16 points) Expand  $f(x) = 1$ ,  $0 < x < 4$ , in a Fourier-Bessel series using Bessel functions of order ~~zero~~ that satisfy the boundary condition  $3J_0(4\alpha) + 4\alpha J'_0(4\alpha) = 0$ .

$$\text{Solution: } C_i = \frac{2\alpha_i^2}{(\alpha_i^2 b^2 - n^2 + h^2) J_n^2(\alpha_i b)} \int_0^b x J_n(\alpha_i x) f(x) dx ; h J_n(\alpha b) + \alpha b J'_n(\alpha b) = 0$$

Here  $n=0$ ,  $h=3$ ,  $b=4$

$$C_i = \frac{2\alpha_i^2}{(16\alpha_i^2 + 9) J_0^2(4\alpha_i)} \int_0^4 x J_0(\alpha_i x) \cdot 1 dx$$

Let  $t = \alpha_i x$ , Then  $dx = \frac{dt}{\alpha_i}$

$$C_i = \frac{2\alpha_i^2}{(16\alpha_i^2 + 9) J_0^2(4\alpha_i)} \int_0^{4\alpha_i} \frac{t}{\alpha_i} J_0(t) \cdot \frac{dt}{\alpha_i}$$

$$= \frac{2}{(16\alpha_i^2 + 9) J_0^2(4\alpha_i)} \int_0^{4\alpha_i} \frac{d}{dt} [t J_1(t)] dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{(16\alpha_i^2 + 9) J_0^2(4\alpha_i)} [t J_1(t)]_0^{4\alpha_i} \quad (\text{by recurrence relation})$$

$$= \frac{8\alpha_i J_1(4\alpha_i)}{(16\alpha_i^2 + 9) J_0^2(4\alpha_i)}$$

Thus

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{8\alpha_i J_1(4\alpha_i)}{(16\alpha_i^2 + 9) J_0^2(4\alpha_i)} J_0(\alpha_i x)$$

Q:4 (20 points) Use separation of variables to solve the problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0, \quad 0 < r < 3, \quad 0 < z < 4,$$

subject to the boundary conditions

$$u(3, z) = 0, \quad 0 < z < 4,$$

$$u(r, 0) = 0, \quad 0 < r < 3,$$

$$u(r, 4) = 2, \quad 0 < r < 3.$$

Solution  $u(r, z)$  is bounded at  $r=0$ .

Sol: Let  $u(r, z) = R(r)Z(z)$ . We find  $R''Z + \frac{1}{r}R'Z + RZ'' = 0$ .

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{R'' + \frac{1}{r}R'}{R} = -\frac{Z''}{Z} = -\lambda \Leftrightarrow R'' + \frac{1}{r}R' + \lambda R = 0, \quad Z'' - \lambda Z = 0.$$

$$u(3, z) = 0 \Rightarrow R(3) = 0$$

$$u(r, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow Z(0) = 0. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$\text{Let } \lambda = \alpha_i^2. \text{ Then } rR'' + R' + \alpha_i^2 rR = 0 \\ \Rightarrow R(r) = C J_0(\alpha_i r).$$

$$\text{and } R(3) = 0 \Rightarrow J_0(3\alpha_i) = 0.$$

$\alpha_i$  are the non-zero values such that  $J_0(3\alpha_i) = 0 \Rightarrow R = J_0(\alpha_i r)$ .

$$\alpha_i \text{ are the non-zero values such that } J_0(3\alpha_i) = 0 \Rightarrow Z = c_1 \cosh \alpha_i z + c_2 \sinh \alpha_i z$$

$$\lambda = \alpha_i^2 : \quad Z'' - \alpha_i^2 Z = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 \cosh \alpha_i z + c_2 \sinh \alpha_i z \\ \cdot Z(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \text{ and } Z = c_2 \sinh \alpha_i z$$

$$\text{Thus } u(r, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \sinh \alpha_i z J_0(\alpha_i r)$$

$$u(r, 4) = 2 \Rightarrow 2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \sinh 4\alpha_i J_0(\alpha_i r)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_i \sinh 4\alpha_i = \frac{2}{9 J_1^2(3\alpha_i)} \int_0^3 2r J_0(\alpha_i r) dr$$

$$= \frac{2}{9 J_1^2(3\alpha_i)} \cdot \frac{2}{\alpha_i^2} \int_0^{3\alpha_i} t J_0(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{4}{9 \alpha_i^2 J_1^2(3\alpha_i)} \left[ t J_1(t) \right]_0^{3\alpha_i}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cdot 3\alpha_i}{9 \alpha_i^2 J_1^2(3\alpha_i)} J_1(3\alpha_i)$$

$$A_i = \frac{4}{3 \sinh 4\alpha_i} \frac{J_1(3\alpha_i) \cdot \alpha_i}{J_1(3\alpha_i)}$$

Hence

$$u(r, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{4 \sinh \alpha_i z}{3 \alpha_i \sinh 4\alpha_i J_1(3\alpha_i)}, J_0(\alpha_i r).$$

Q:5 (20 points) Use Laplace transform to solve the problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 3 + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \quad x > 0, \quad t > 0,$$

subject to the boundary and initial conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = e^{-x}, \quad x > 0.$$

Sol:

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{s} + s^2 U - s u(x, 0) - u_t(x, 0)$$

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} - s^2 U = \frac{3}{s} - e^{-x}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{u(0, t)\} = U(0, s) = 0; \quad \mathcal{L}\left\{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right\} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{dU}{dx} = 0.$$

$$U_c(x, s) = c_1 e^{-sx} + c_2 e^{sx}. \quad \text{Let } U_p = A + \frac{B}{s-1} \text{ then } A = -\frac{3}{s^3} \quad B = \frac{1}{s^2-1}$$

$$U = U_c + U_p$$

$$= c_1 e^{-sx} + c_2 e^{sx} - \frac{3}{s^3} + \frac{1}{s^2-1} e^{-x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{dU}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0.$$

$$U(0, s) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{3}{s^3} - \frac{1}{s^2-1}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } U(x, s) = \frac{3}{s^3} e^{-sx} - \frac{1}{s^2-1} e^{-xs} - \frac{3}{s^3} - \frac{1}{s^2-1} e^{-x}$$

$$\text{Inverting, } u(x, t) = \frac{3}{2}(t-x)^2 u(t-x) - 3 \sinh(t-x) u(t-x) - \frac{3}{2} t^2 - 8 \sinh t e^{-x}$$

**Q:6** (20 points) Solve the problem using the Fourier cosine transform

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad y > 0,$$

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad y > 0, \quad u(1, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & y > 1, \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = 0, \quad 0 < x < 1.$$

Sol: Using Fourier cosine transform with respect to the variable  $y$

$$\mathcal{F}_c \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right\} + \mathcal{F}_c \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right\} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} + (-\alpha^2 U(x, \alpha) - u_y(x, 0)) = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} - \alpha^2 U = 0$$

$$U(x, \alpha) = C_1 \cosh \alpha x + C_2 \sinh \alpha x$$

$$U(0, \alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$\text{and } U(1, \alpha) = C_2 \sinh \alpha x$$

$$\text{Now, } \mathcal{F}_c \{u(1, y)\} = U(1, \alpha) = \int_0^\infty f(y) \cos \alpha y \, dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^1 f(y) \cos \alpha y \, dy \\ &= \left. \frac{\sin \alpha y}{\alpha} \right|_0^1 = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$U(1, \alpha) = C_2 \sinh \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} \Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha \sinh \alpha}$$

$$\text{Hence } U(x, \alpha) = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha \sinh \alpha} \cdot \sinh \alpha x$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, y) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha \sinh \alpha} \sinh \alpha x \cos \alpha y \, d\alpha.$$

**Q:6** (22 points) Find the steady-state temperature  $u(r, \theta)$  in a sphere of unit radius by solving the problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\cot \theta}{r^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 0, \quad 0 < r < 1, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi,$$

$$u(1, \theta) = 2 - \frac{4}{3} \cos(\theta).$$

$$\text{Let } u = R(r) \Theta(\theta). \text{ Then } R'' \Theta + \frac{2}{r} R' \Theta + \frac{1}{r^2} R \Theta' + \frac{\cot \theta}{r^2} R \Theta' = 0.$$

$$\frac{R'' + \frac{2}{r} R'}{R} = - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\Theta'' + \cot \theta \Theta'}{\Theta}$$

$$\frac{r^2 R'' + 2r R'}{R} = - \frac{\Theta'' + \cot \theta \Theta'}{\Theta} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta'' + \cot \theta \Theta' + \lambda \Theta = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad r^2 R'' + 2r R' - \lambda R = 0.$$

Let  $x = \cos \theta$ . Then

$$(1-x^2) \Theta''(x) - 2x \Theta'(x) + \lambda \Theta(x) = 0; \quad \lambda = n(n+1), \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Theta_n(x) = P_n(x), \quad \Theta_n(0) = P_n(\cos 0).$$

$\Theta_n(x) = P_n(x)$ , Cauchy-Euler equation.

$$r^2 R'' + 2r R' - \lambda R = 0, \quad \lambda_n = n(n+1)$$

$$m^2 + m - n(n+1) = 0; \quad m = n, -(n+1)$$

$$R = c_1 r^n + c_2 r^{-(n+1)}; \quad u(r, \theta) \text{ is bounded} \Rightarrow c_2 = 0.$$

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n r^n P_n(\cos \theta)$$

$$u(1, \theta) = 2 - \frac{4}{3} \cos \theta \Rightarrow 2 - \frac{4}{3} \cos \theta = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n P_n(\cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow A_n = \frac{2n+1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \left( 2 - \frac{4}{3} \cos \theta \right) P_n(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta.$$

$$= \frac{2n+1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} 2 P_n(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta - \frac{2n+1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{4}{3} \cos \theta P_n(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

By orthogonality  $A_n = 0$  for  $n \neq 0, 1$

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \int_0^{\pi} P_0(\cos \theta) P_0(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 P_0(x) P_0(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 dx = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= -\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{\pi} P_1(\cos \theta) P_1(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta \\ &= -2 \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta = 2 \left[ \frac{\cos^3 \theta}{3} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= 2 \left[ -\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \right] = -\frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$u(r, \theta) = A_0 P_0(\cos \theta) + A_1 r P_1(\cos \theta)$$

$$= 2 - \frac{4}{3} r \cos \theta$$