

AMATH 569: Problem Set 5

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1. (a)

$$Au + g = 0$$

We have to find ϕ_n and λ_n such that

$$A\phi_n = \lambda_n\phi_n$$

Since $A = \partial_x^2$ and $f(0)=0$ and $f(L)=0$,

$$\phi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(\lambda_n x)$$

and

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

Since $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\lambda_0 = 0$$

For this λ ,

$$\phi_0 = 0$$

So, λ_0 is not actually a solution and our equation has a unique solution.

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sum_{n=-\infty, n \neq 0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle \phi_n, -g \rangle}{\lambda_n} \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(\lambda_n x) \\ &= - \sum_{n=-\infty, n \neq 0}^{\infty} \frac{L}{n\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(\lambda_n x) \int_0^L g \sin(\lambda_n x) dx \\ &= - \sum_{n=-\infty, n \neq 0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(\lambda_n x) \int_0^L g \sin(\lambda_n x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Another way of looking at this is that if we take the second case of the Fredholm Alternative (infinitely many solutions). Then, we would have

$$u = - \sum_{n=-\infty, n \neq 0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(\lambda_n x) \int_0^L g \sin(\lambda_n x) dx + c\phi_0$$

But, $\phi_0 = 0$ and we get back our unique solution.

(b)

$$Au + g = 0$$

We have to find ϕ_n and λ_n such that

$$A\phi_n = \lambda_n\phi_n$$

Since $A = \partial_x^2$ and $f'(0)=0$ and $f'(L)=0$,

$$\phi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \cos(\lambda_n x)$$

and

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

Since $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\lambda_0 = 0$$

For this λ ,

$$\phi_0 = 1$$

We cannot ignore the eigenfunction here and our equation does not have a unique solution.

$$\langle \phi_0, g \rangle = \int_0^L 1^* g dx = \int_0^L g dx = 0$$

Thus, by the Fredholm Alternative, the solution blows up at $\lambda_0 = 0$ and there is no solution.

(c)

$$Au + g = 0$$

We have to find ϕ_n and λ_n such that

$$A\phi_n = \lambda_n\phi_n$$

Since $A = \partial_x^2$ and $f'(0)=0$ and $f'(L)=0$,

$$\phi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \cos(\lambda_n x)$$

and

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

Since $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\lambda_0 = 0$$

For this λ ,

$$\phi_0 = 1$$

We cannot ignore the eigenfunction here and our equation does not have a unique solution.

$$\langle \phi_0, g \rangle = \int_0^L 1^* g dx = \int_0^L g dx \neq 0$$

Thus, by the Fredholm Alternative, the solution has infinitely many solutions of the following form.

$$u = - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \cos(\lambda_n x) \int_0^L g \cos(\lambda_n x) dx + c\phi_0$$

2.

$$(-\partial_t^2 + A)u = 0$$

$$A = \partial_x^2$$

$$u(0, x) = f(x), u_t(0, x) = g(x)$$

For A,

$$\phi_w = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{iwx}$$

$$\lambda_w = -w^2$$

Treating A as a constant and solving the equation as an ode, we get

$$u = \cosh(t\sqrt{A})f + \frac{\sinh(t\sqrt{A})g}{\sqrt{A}}$$

Treating cosh and sinh like the η operator,

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \int_R \cosh(t\sqrt{\lambda_w}) \langle \phi_w, f \rangle \phi_w dw + \int_R \frac{\sinh(t\sqrt{\lambda_w})}{\sqrt{\lambda_w}} \langle \phi_w, g \rangle \phi_w dw \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_R \cosh(iwt) \langle \phi_w, f \rangle e^{iwx} dw + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_R \frac{\sinh(iwt)}{iw} \langle \phi_w, g \rangle e^{iwx} dw \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_R \cosh(iwt) \langle \phi_w, f \rangle e^{iwx} dw + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_R \frac{\sinh(iwt)}{iw} \langle \phi_w, g \rangle e^{iwx} dw \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_R \frac{e^{iwt} + e^{-iwt}}{2} \langle \phi_w, f \rangle e^{iwx} dw + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_R \frac{\sinh(iwt)}{iw} \langle \phi_w, g \rangle e^{iwx} dw \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x+t)} + e^{iw(x-t)}}{2} \langle e^{iwx}, f \rangle dw + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{\sinh(iwt)}{iw} \langle e^{iwx}, g \rangle e^{iwx} dw \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x+t)} + e^{iw(x-t)}}{2} \int_R e^{-iwx} f dx dw + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x+t)} + e^{iw(x-t)}}{2iw} \int_R e^{-iwx} g dx dw \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x+t)} + e^{iw(x-t)}}{2} \hat{f} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x+t)} - e^{iw(x-t)}}{2iw} \hat{g} dw \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x+t)} \hat{f} + e^{iw(x-t)} \hat{f}}{2} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x+t)} - e^{iw(x-t)}}{2iw} \hat{g} dw \\ &= \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x+t)} \hat{g}}{2iw} dw - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R \frac{e^{iw(x-t)} \hat{g}}{2iw} dw \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} + \int_{-\infty}^{x+t} \frac{g(z)}{2} dz - \int_{-\infty}^{x-t} \frac{g(z)}{2} dz \\
&= \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} + \int_{-\infty}^{x+t} \frac{g(z)}{2} dz + \int_{x-t}^{-\infty} \frac{g(z)}{2} dz \\
&= \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} + \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \frac{g(z)}{2} dz
\end{aligned}$$

Inverse fourier transform tables were used in this problem.