

Consider the following initial-boundary value problem modeling heat flow in a wire.

$$\text{(PDE)} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0$$

$$\text{(BC)} \quad u(0, t) = 0, u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$

$$\text{(IC)} \quad u(x, 0) = \sin^2(x), \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi$$

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

with coefficients $b_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(x) \sin(nx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos(2x)) \sin(nx) dx$.

For the even coefficients, $\{b_2, b_4, b_6, \dots\}$, the integrand will have *ODD* symmetry about $x = \pi/2$ implying $b_n = 0$.

Determine b_n when n is odd. ¹ Evaluate the first three coefficients, $\{b_1, b_3, b_5\}$, and write out the final solution, $u(x, t)$, through the first three non-zero terms in its series representation.