

# Math 478 HW 4

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## 1 Problem 2.7.12

### 1.1 Part a.

We want to solve  $u_t = \frac{1}{4}u_{xx}$  on  $(0, 1)$  with the boundary conditions  $u_x(t, 0) = 0, u(t, 1) = 0$ . Expressing  $u = X(x)T(t)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}T'(t)X(x) &= \frac{1}{4}T(t)X''(x) \\ \frac{4T'(t)}{T(t)} &= \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \mu \\ X''(x) - \mu X(x) &= 0 \\ T'(t) &= \frac{\mu}{4}T(t)\end{aligned}$$

Solving the Sturm-Liouville problem  $X''(x) - \mu X(x) = 0$  with  $X'(0) = X(1) = 0$ , we get  $\mu = -\frac{(2\ell-1)^2\pi^2}{4}$  and  $X(x) = \alpha \cos\left(\frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{2}x\right)$  for  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Solving the second problem  $T'(t) = \frac{\mu}{4}T(t)$  now that we know  $\mu$  is

$$T(t) = \beta e^{-\frac{(2\ell-1)^2\pi^2}{16}t}, \text{ for } \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ and } \ell \in \mathbb{N}$$

From this, for  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ , a solution to the PDE is  $u_\ell(t, x) = \gamma_\ell e^{-\frac{(2\ell-1)^2\pi^2}{16}t} \cos\left(\frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{2}x\right)$  for some  $\gamma_\ell \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, the general solution is

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \gamma_\ell e^{-\frac{(2\ell-1)^2\pi^2}{16}t} \cos\left(\frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{2}x\right)$$

### 1.2 Part b.

Given the initial condition  $u(0, x) = 7 \cos(5\pi x/2)$ , we want to find the solution to  $u_t = \frac{1}{4}u_{xx}$ . Using the general solution from part a, all we need to find are the coefficients  $\gamma_\ell$ . We

know

$$u(0, x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{\ell} e^{-\frac{(2\ell-1)^2 \pi^2}{16} 0} \cos\left(\frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{2} x\right) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{\ell} \cos\left(\frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{2} x\right)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{\ell} &= \frac{\langle 7 \cos(5\pi x/2), \cos\left(\frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{2} x\right) \rangle}{\langle \cos\left(\frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{2} x\right), \cos\left(\frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{2} x\right) \rangle} \\ \gamma_3 &= \frac{\langle 7 \cos(5\pi x/2), \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2} x\right) \rangle}{\langle \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2} x\right), \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2} x\right) \rangle} = 7 \\ \gamma_{\ell} &= 0, \text{ if } \ell \neq 3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the solution to the PDE given our initial conditions is

$$u(t, x) = 7e^{-\frac{25\pi^2}{16} t} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2} x\right)$$

## 2 Problem 2.7.14

We want to solve the PDE  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  on  $\Omega = [0, a] \times [0, a]$  with the boundary conditions  $u(x, 0) = u(x, a) = u(a, y) = 0$  on  $x \in [0, a]$  and  $y \in [0, a]$  and  $u(0, y) = f(y)$  on  $y \in [0, a]$ . By expressing  $u = X(x)Y(y)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} Y(y)X''(x) + Y''(y)X(x) &= 0 \\ \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} &= -\frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = \mu \\ Y'' + \mu Y &= 0 \\ X'' - \mu X &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solving the first Sturm-Liouville Problem  $Y'' + \mu Y = 0$  with  $Y(0) = Y(a) = 0$ , we get  $\mu = \frac{\ell^2 \pi^2}{a^2}$  and  $Y(y) = \alpha \sin\left(\frac{\ell \pi}{a} y\right)$  for  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . The next problem now becomes  $X'' - \frac{\ell^2 \pi^2}{a^2} X = 0$  with  $X(a) = 0$ . The solution is then  $X(x) = \beta \left(e^{-\frac{\ell \pi}{a} x} - e^{\frac{\ell \pi}{a} x - 2\ell \pi}\right)$ . Since  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$ , we get a solution

$$u_{\ell}(x, y) = \gamma_{\ell} \sin\left(\frac{\ell \pi}{a} y\right) \left(e^{-\frac{\ell \pi}{a} x} - e^{\frac{\ell \pi}{a} x - 2\ell \pi}\right)$$

The general solution is then

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \gamma_{\ell} \sin\left(\frac{\ell \pi}{a} y\right) \left(e^{-\frac{\ell \pi}{a} x} - e^{\frac{\ell \pi}{a} x - 2\ell \pi}\right)$$

. We want to find a solution for  $a = 1$  and  $u(0, y) = 4y(1 - y)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_\ell (1 - e^{-2\ell\pi}) &= \frac{\langle 4y(1 - y), \sin(\frac{\ell\pi}{a}y) \rangle}{\langle \sin(\frac{\ell\pi}{a}y), \sin(\frac{\ell\pi}{a}y) \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^1 4y(1 - y) \sin(\frac{\ell\pi}{a}y) dy}{\int_0^1 \sin^2(\frac{\ell\pi}{a}y) dy} = \frac{\frac{8-8(-1)^\ell}{\ell^3\pi^3}}{1/2} \\ &= \frac{16 - 16(-1)^\ell}{\ell^3\pi^3} \\ \gamma_\ell &= \frac{16 - 16(-1)^\ell}{(1 - e^{-2\ell\pi}) \ell^3\pi^3}\end{aligned}$$

So the final solution is

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{16 - 16(-1)^\ell}{(1 - e^{-2\ell\pi}) \ell^3\pi^3} \sin(\ell\pi y) (e^{-\ell\pi x} - e^{\ell\pi x - 2\ell\pi})$$

### 3 Problem 2.7.15

We want to solve  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_y - u = 0$  on  $(0, 1) \times (0, 1)$  with  $u(0, y) = u(1, y) = u(x, 0) = 0$  and  $u(x, 1) = x^2 - x^3$ . By substituting  $u = X(x)Y(y)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}X''Y + Y''X + XY' - XY &= 0 \\ \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} + \frac{Y'}{Y} - 1 &= 0 \\ \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{-Y'' - Y' + Y}{Y} &= \mu \\ X'' - \mu X &= 0 \\ Y'' + Y' + (\mu - 1)Y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solving the first Sturm-Liouville problem  $X'' - \mu X = 0$  with  $X(0) = X(1) = 0$ . We get  $\mu = -\ell^2\pi^2$  and  $X(x) = \alpha \sin(\ell\pi x)$  for  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . The next problem  $Y'' + Y' + (\mu - 1)Y = 0$  with  $Y(0) = 0$ . Since we know  $\mu = -\ell^2\pi^2$ , the solution to this Sturm-Liouville problem will be  $Y(y) = \beta(e^{r_1 y} - e^{r_2 y})$  where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r_1 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5 + 4\ell^2\pi^2}}{2}$ , and  $r_2 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5 + 4\ell^2\pi^2}}{2}$ . Thus,

$$u_\ell = \gamma_\ell \sin(\ell\pi x) (e^{r_1 y} - e^{r_2 y})$$

and

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \gamma_\ell \sin(\ell\pi x) (e^{r_1 y} - e^{r_2 y}).$$

Given  $u(x, 1) = x^2 - x^3$  we can use this to calculate  $\gamma_\ell$ . First,  $u(x, 1) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \gamma_\ell \sin(\ell\pi x) (e^{r_1} - e^{r_2})$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_\ell &= \frac{1}{(e^{r_1} - e^{r_2})} \frac{\langle \sin(\ell\pi x), x^2 - x^3 \rangle}{\langle \sin(\ell\pi x), \sin(\ell\pi x) \rangle} = \frac{1}{(e^{r_1} - e^{r_2})} \frac{\int_0^1 \sin(\ell\pi x) (x^2 - x^3) dx}{\int_0^1 \sin^2(\ell\pi x) dx} \\ &= \frac{1}{(e^{r_1} - e^{r_2})} \frac{-4\ell\pi - 8\ell\pi(-1)^\ell}{\ell^4\pi^4} \\ &= \frac{1}{(e^{r_1} - e^{r_2})} \frac{-4 - 8(-1)^\ell}{\ell^3\pi^3}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the solution is

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{-4 - 8(-1)^\ell}{\ell^3\pi^3 (e^{r_1} - e^{r_2})} \sin(\ell\pi x) (e^{r_1 y} - e^{r_2 y})$$

where  $r_1 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5 + 4\ell^2\pi^2}}{2}$  and  $r_2 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5 + 4\ell^2\pi^2}}{2}$ .

## 4 Problem 2.7.18

We want to solve  $u_{tt} + u_t = u_{xx}$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$  with homogenous Dirichlet boundary conditions and  $u(0, x) = \sin(2\pi x)$  and  $u_t(0, x) = \sin(\pi x) + 5\sin(3\pi x)$ . Using  $u = T(t)X(x)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}T''(t)X(x) + T'(t)X(x) &= T(t)X''(x) \\ \frac{T''(t) + T'(t)}{T(t)} &= \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \mu \\ X'' - \mu X &= 0 \\ T'' + T' - \mu T &= 0\end{aligned}$$

With homogenous Dirichlet boundary conditions, the solution to the first Sturm-Liouville problem,  $X'' - \mu X = 0$ , is  $\mu = -\ell^2\pi^2$  and  $X = \alpha \sin(\ell\pi x)$  for  $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$  and real number  $\alpha$ . The next problem becomes  $T'' + T' + \ell^2\pi^2 T = 0$ , and the solution to this becomes

$$T(t) = e^{-t/2} \left( c_1 \cos \left( \frac{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}}{2} t \right) + c_2 \sin \left( \frac{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}}{2} t \right) \right)$$

and the general solution becomes

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sin(\ell\pi x) e^{-t/2} \left( \alpha_\ell \cos \left( \frac{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}}{2} t \right) + \beta_\ell \sin \left( \frac{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}}{2} t \right) \right)$$

with

$$u_t(t, x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{-\alpha_{\ell}}{2} \sin(\ell\pi x) e^{-t/2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}}{2}t\right) + \sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}}{2}t\right) \right) \\ + \frac{\beta_{\ell}}{2} \sin(\ell\pi x) e^{-t/2} \left( \sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}}{2}t\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}}{2}t\right) \right)$$

Thus,

$$u(0, x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{\ell} \sin(\ell\pi x) = \sin(2\pi x) \\ u_t(0, x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \frac{-\alpha_{\ell}}{2} \sin(\ell\pi x) + \frac{\beta_{\ell}}{2} \sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1} \sin(\ell\pi x) = \sin(\pi x) + 5 \sin(3\pi x) \\ \alpha_2 = \frac{\langle \sin(2\pi x), \sin(2\pi x) \rangle}{\langle \sin(2\pi x), \sin(2\pi x) \rangle} = 1 \\ \alpha_{\ell} = 0, \text{ otherwise} \\ \beta_2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{16\pi^2 - 1}} \frac{\langle \sin(2\pi x), \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi x) + \sin(\pi x) + 5 \sin(3\pi x) \rangle}{\langle \sin(2\pi x), \sin(2\pi x) \rangle} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{16\pi^2 - 1}} \\ \beta_{\ell} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4\ell^2\pi^2 - 1}} \frac{\langle \sin(\ell\pi x), \sin(\pi x) + 5 \sin(3\pi x) \rangle}{\langle \sin(\ell\pi x), \sin(\ell\pi x) \rangle}, \text{ otherwise} \\ \beta_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4\pi^2 - 1}} \\ \beta_3 = \frac{10}{\sqrt{36\pi^2 - 1}} \\ \beta_{\ell} = 0, \text{ otherwise}$$

Our solution is now

$$u(t, x) = \sin(\pi x) e^{-t/2} \frac{2}{\sqrt{4\pi^2 - 1}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{4\pi^2 - 1}}{2}t\right) \\ + \sin(2\pi x) e^{-t/2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{16\pi^2 - 1}}{2}t\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{16\pi^2 - 1}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{16\pi^2 - 1}}{2}t\right) \right) \\ + \sin(3\pi x) e^{-t/2} \frac{10}{\sqrt{36\pi^2 - 1}} \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{36\pi^2 - 1}}{2}t\right)$$

which satisfies the initial conditions, the PDE, and boundary conditions.