

Problem 1:

Let $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $g(0) = 0$, and let $u(x, t)$ solve

$$\begin{cases} u_t - u_{xx} = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times (0, \infty) \\ u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \{t = 0\} \\ u = g & \text{on } \{x = 0\} \times [0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

Let $v(x, t) = u(x, t) - g(t)$, and extend v to $\{x < 0\}$ by odd reflection (just call the resulting extension v). Then v solves

$$\begin{cases} v_t - v_{xx} = -g' & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times (0, \infty) \\ v = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}_+ \times \{t = 0\} \\ v = 0 & \text{on } \{x = 0\} \times [0, \infty) \end{cases}$$

So $v(x, t) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi(t-s)}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} -g'(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy ds$ by formula 17 in the book.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
v(x, t) &= \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi(t-s)}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} -g'(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \\
&= - \left[\int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi(t-s)}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g'(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \right] \\
&= - \left[- \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x-y)g(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \right] \quad (\text{integrate by parts}) \\
&= \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x-y)g(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \\
&= \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \left[x \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}} yg(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy \right] ds \\
&= \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \left[x \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy \right] ds - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} yg(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \\
&= \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_0^t \frac{1}{2(t-s)^{3/2}} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}} g(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy \right] ds - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} yg(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \\
&= \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_0^t \frac{1}{2(t-s)^{3/2}} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}} g(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy \right] ds - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} yg(y) e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \\
&= \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_0^t \frac{1}{2(t-s)^{3/2}} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}} g(y) e^{\frac{-(x^2-2xy+y^2)}{4(t-s)}} dy \right] ds - \int_0^t \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} yg(y) e^{\frac{-(x^2-2xy+y^2)}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \\
&= \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_0^t \frac{e^{\frac{-x^2}{4(t-s)}}}{2(t-s)^{3/2}} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}} g(y) e^{\frac{-(-2xy+y^2)}{4(t-s)}} dy \right] ds - \int_0^t \frac{e^{\frac{-x^2}{4(t-s)}}}{2\sqrt{4\pi}(t-s)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} yg(y) e^{\frac{-(-2xy+y^2)}{4(t-s)}} dy ds \\
&= \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_0^t \frac{e^{\frac{-x^2}{4(t-s)}}}{(t-s)^{3/2}} g(s) ds - g(t)
\end{aligned}$$

I must admit that I'm not sure how the last line is supposed to go, but that's the idea.

Thus, by adding $g(t)$ to $v(x, t)$, we get that $u(x, t) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \int_0^t \frac{e^{\frac{-x^2}{4(t-s)}}}{(t-s)^{3/2}} g(s) ds$ as desired.

Problem 2:

Let $g \in C(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $|g| < M$ for some M . Let u be the bounded solution to

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u - u_t = 0 & \text{for } t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases}$$

Part a:

Then $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4t}} g(y) dy$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. There is an $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$

with compact support such that $|g| \geq |h|$, $\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g - h \right| < \epsilon/2$ and $|g - h| < \epsilon/(2A)$ where A is the volume of a ball, call it B , that h vanishes outside of.

So for all $\epsilon > 0$ there's an N such that for all $t > N$, $|u(x, t)| < \epsilon$. That is, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |u(x, t)| = 0$, which is the desired result.

Part b:

Consider $v(x, t) = u(x, t) - g(x)$. Then $v(x, t)$ solves

$$\begin{cases} \Delta v - v_t = -\Delta g(x) & \text{for } t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ v(x, 0) = 0 & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases}$$

Thus, $v(x, t) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x - y, t - s) \Delta g(y) dy ds$.

So $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v(x, t) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x - y, t - s) \Delta g(y) dy ds dx$

Switching the order of integration, we get $\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x - y, t - s) \Delta g(y) dx dy ds$.

Yet, this is $\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Delta g(y) dy ds$, because $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x - y, t - s) dx = 1$.

The integral vanishes, by Green's Theorem; $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Delta g(y) dy = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\partial B(0,r)} \frac{\partial g(y)}{\partial \nu} dS$, which must vanish as g is in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$.
 So, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v(x, t) dx = 0$; $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(x, t) - g(x) dx = 0$, which yields the desired result of $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(x, t) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g(x) dx$.

Problem 3:

Part a:

Fix $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, $\beta \geq 0$.

Note first that $z^\beta e^{-z} = e^{\beta \ln(z) - z}$. So, the desired result is

$$e^{\beta \ln(z) - z} \leq M e^{-\alpha z}$$

for some M , which is equivalent to

$$\beta \ln(z) - z \leq \ln(M) - \alpha z$$

for some M . Now, this is equivalent to

$$-\ln(M) \leq (1 - \alpha)z - \beta \ln(z)$$

for some M . By applying basic calculus, the right hand side takes a minimum at $z = \beta/(1 - \alpha)$, so taking $M = (1 - \alpha)(\beta/(1 - \alpha)) - \beta \ln(\beta/(1 - \alpha))$ suffices so that $-\ln(M) \leq (1 - \alpha)z - \beta \ln(z)$ and, equivalently, $z^\beta e^{-z} \leq M e^{-\alpha z}$ for all $z \geq 0$, as desired.

Part b:

Part c: