

**Problem 1.5.10:** Determine the equilibrium temperature distribution inside a circle ( $r \leq r_0$ ) if the boundary is fixed at a temperature  $T_0$ .

Since the circle is axially symmetric so  $u(r, \theta, z, t) = u(r, t)$ . Moreover, since we're at equilibrium, our PDE is

$$0 = \frac{k}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right). \quad (1)$$

Since we're working over a division ring, we can multiply both sides by  $r$  without worry. So our PDE is

$$0 = k \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right). \quad (2)$$

Integrating, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{c_1}{r} \quad (3)$$

and

$$u(r) = c_1 \ln(r) + c_2. \quad (4)$$

In order for  $u$  to be less than infinity as  $r \rightarrow 0$ , we need  $c_1 = 0$ . Then

$$u(r) = c_2. \quad (5)$$

But

$$u(r_0) = T_0 = c_2 \quad (6)$$

so

$$\boxed{u(r) = T_0} \quad (7)$$

is our final temperature distribution.

**Problem 1.5.11:** Consider

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right), \quad a < r < b,$$

subject to  $u(r, 0) = f(r)$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(a, t) = \beta$ , and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(b, t) = 1$ . For what value(s) of  $\beta$  does an equilibrium temperature distribution exist?

Since we are at equilibrium,

$$0 = k \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right). \quad (8)$$

Integrating, we get

$$c_1 = r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}. \quad (9)$$

Using our BCs, we find that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(a, t) = \beta = \frac{c_1}{r} \quad (10)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = r\beta. \quad (11)$$

Plugging that in to (9), we find

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \beta \quad (12)$$

But

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(b, t) = 1 = \beta \quad (13)$$

so there only exists an equilibrium distribution for  $\beta = 1$ .

**Problem 2.2.1:** Show that any linear combination of linear operators is a linear operator.

Let  $\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{V}$  be arbitrary linear operators. Then let  $u, v$  be arbitrary elements in their respective vector space domains and  $c$  be a scalar in the field which the vector space is defined on. Then

- $\mathbb{L}(u + v) = \mathbb{L}(u) + \mathbb{L}(v)$
- $\mathbb{L}(cu) = c\mathbb{L}(u)$
- $\mathbb{V}(u + v) = \mathbb{V}(u) + \mathbb{V}(v)$
- $\mathbb{V}(cu) = c\mathbb{V}(u)$ .

Let  $\mathbb{W}(x) = \mathbb{L}(x) + \mathbb{V}(x)$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{W}(x + y) = \mathbb{L}(x + y) + \mathbb{V}(x + y) \tag{14}$$

$$= \mathbb{L}(x) + \mathbb{L}(y) + \mathbb{V}(x) + \mathbb{V}(y) \tag{15}$$

$$= \mathbb{L}(x) + \mathbb{V}(x) + \mathbb{L}(y) + \mathbb{V}(y) \tag{16}$$

$$= \mathbb{W}(x) + \mathbb{W}(y) \tag{17}$$

as desired. Similarly,

$$\mathbb{W}(cx) = \mathbb{L}(cx) + \mathbb{V}(cx) \tag{18}$$

$$= c\mathbb{L}(x) + c\mathbb{V}(x) \tag{19}$$

$$= c\mathbb{W}(x) \tag{20}$$

as desired.

□

**Problem 2.2.2:** Show that

(a)  $L(u) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}]$  is a linear operator

Starting with the basics,

$$\mathbb{L}(u + v) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x) \frac{\partial(u + v)}{\partial x}] \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x) [\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}]] \quad (22)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + K_0(x) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}] \quad (23)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}] \quad (24)$$

$$= \mathbb{L}(u) + \mathbb{L}(v) \quad (25)$$

and

$$\mathbb{L}(cu) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x) \frac{\partial cu}{\partial x}] \quad (26)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [cK_0(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}] \quad (27)$$

$$= c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}] \quad (28)$$

$$= c\mathbb{L}(u) \quad (29)$$

as desired.

□

(b) and usually  $L(u) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K_0(x, u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}]$  is not a linear operator.

$$\mathbb{L}(u + v) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ K_0(x, u + v) \frac{\partial(u + v)}{\partial x} \right] \quad (30)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ K_0(x, u + v) \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] \right] \quad (31)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ K_0(x, u + v) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + K_0(x, u + v) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] \quad (32)$$

$$= \frac{\partial K_0(x, u + v)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + K_0(x, u + v) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial K_0(x, u + v)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + K_0(x, u + v) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \quad (33)$$

$$= K_0(x, u + v) \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \right] + \frac{\partial K_0(x, u + v)}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] \quad (34)$$

which is not  $\mathbb{L}(u) + \mathbb{L}(v)$ .

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**Problem 2.2.3:** Show that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + Q(u, x, t)$  is linear if  $Q = \alpha(x, t)u + \beta(x, t)$  and, in addition, homogeneous if  $\beta(x, t) = 0$ .

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \alpha(x, t)u + \beta(x, t) \quad (35)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \alpha(x, t)u = \beta(x, t) \quad (36)$$

$$(37)$$

is linear. If  $\beta = 0$ , it's homogeneous, both by definition.

**Problem 2.2.4:** In this exercise we derive superposition principles for non homogeneous problems.

(a) Consider  $L(u) = f$ . If  $u_p$  is a particular solution,  $L(u_p) = f$ , and if  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are homogeneous solutions,  $L(u_i) = 0$ , show that  $u = u_p + c_1u_1 + c_2u_2$  is another particular solution.

$$L(u_p + c_1u_1 + c_2u_2) = L(u_p) + c_1L(u_1) + c_2L(u_2) \quad (38)$$

$$= f + 0 + 0 \quad (39)$$

$$= f \quad (40)$$

as desired.

□

(b) If  $L(u) = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $u_{pi}$  is a particular solution corresponding to  $f_i$ , what is a particular solution for  $f_1 + f_2$ ?

$c_1u_1 + c_2u_2$  is such a particular solution since

$$L(c_1u_1 + c_2u_2) = c_1L(u_1) + c_2L(u_2) \tag{41}$$

$$= c_1f_1 + c_2f_2. \tag{42}$$



**Problem 2.3.1 b,d:** For the following partial differential equations, what ordinary differential equations are implied by the method of separation of variables?

(b)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - v_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

Let

$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t). \quad (43)$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = X(x)T'(t) \quad (44)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = X'(x)T(t) \quad (45)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''(x)T(t) \quad (46)$$

$$. \quad (47)$$

Plugging these equations in,

$$X(x)T'(t) = kX''(x)T(t) - v_0X'(x)T(t) \quad (48)$$

$$X(x)T'(t) = kT(t)[X''(x) - v_0X'(x)] \quad (49)$$

$$\frac{T'(t)}{kT(t)} = \lambda = \frac{X''(x) - v_0X'(x)}{X(x)} \quad (50)$$

we find that we get the system of equations,

$$T'(t) - \lambda kT(t) = 0 \quad (51)$$

$$X''(x) - v_0X'(x) - \lambda X(x) = 0. \quad (52)$$

(d)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)$  Let

$$u(r, t) = R(r)T(t). \quad (53)$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = R(r)T'(t) \quad (54)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = R'(r)T(t) \quad (55)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = R''(r)T(t). \quad (56)$$

Plugging these in,

$$R(r)T'(t) = \frac{k}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 R'(r)T(t)) \quad (57)$$

$$R(r)T'(t) = \frac{kT(t)}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 R'(r)) \quad (58)$$

$$\frac{T'(t)}{kT(t)} = \lambda = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 R'(r))}{r^2 R(r)} \quad (59)$$

which gives us the system of equations,

$$T'(t) - \lambda kT(t) = 0 \quad (60)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 R'(r)) - \lambda r^2 R(r) = 0. \quad (61)$$

**Problem 2.3.2 a,e:** Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + \lambda\phi = 0,$$

where  $\phi$  is a function of  $x$  only. Determine the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  (and corresponding eigenfunctions) if  $\phi$  satisfies the following boundary conditions. Analyze three cases ( $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$ , and  $\lambda < 0$ ). You may assume that the eigenvalues are real.

(a)  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(\pi) = 0$

Let

$$\phi(x) = e^{rx}. \quad (62)$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^2} = r^2 e^{rx} \quad (63)$$

implies

$$r^2 e^{rx} + \lambda e^{rx} = 0 \quad (64)$$

which gives the characteristic equation

$$r^2 + \lambda = 0. \quad (65)$$

So our eigenvalues are  $r = \pm\sqrt{-\lambda}$ .

**Case:**  $\lambda < 0$

If  $\lambda < 0$ , then  $r = \pm\sqrt{|\lambda|}$  which gives us the solution

$$\phi(x) = Ae^{\sqrt{|\lambda|x}} + Be^{-\sqrt{|\lambda|x}}. \quad (66)$$

To solve for A and B, we use our BCs,

$$\phi(0) = A + B = 0 \Rightarrow A = -B \quad (67)$$

which implies

$$\phi(\pi) = 0 = A(e^{\sqrt{|\lambda|\pi}} - e^{-\sqrt{|\lambda|\pi}}). \quad (68)$$

Since  $e^{\sqrt{|\lambda|\pi}} - e^{-\sqrt{|\lambda|\pi}}$  can't equal zero, then  $A = 0 = B$ . So

$$\phi(x) = 0 \iff \lambda < 0. \quad (69)$$

**Case:**  $\lambda = 0$

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $r = 0$  and

$$\frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad (70)$$

implies that

$$\phi(x) = Ax + B. \quad (71)$$

Since

$$\phi(0) = 0 = B \quad (72)$$

and

$$\phi(\pi) = 0 = A\pi, \quad (73)$$

then  $A = 0 = B$  and

$$\phi(x) = 0 \iff \lambda = 0. \quad (74)$$

**Case:**  $\lambda > 0$

If  $\lambda > 0$ , then  $r = \pm i\sqrt{|\lambda|}$  which gives us the solution

$$\phi(x) = A\cos(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}) + B\sin(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}). \quad (75)$$

Since

$$\phi(0) = 0 = A \quad (76)$$

and

$$\phi(\pi) = 0 = B\sin(\sqrt{|\lambda|\pi}), \quad (77)$$

to get a non-trivial solution, then

$$\sqrt{|\lambda|}\pi = n\pi; n \in 1, 2, \dots \quad (78)$$

so,  $\lambda = n^2$  where  $n \in 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus,

$$\phi(x) = B\sin(n\pi); n \in 1, 2, \dots \iff \lambda > 0. \quad (79)$$

(e)  $\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(L) = 0$

Again guessing our solution and arriving at equation (65), we find that  $r = \pm\sqrt{-\lambda}$ .

**Case:**  $\lambda < 0$

If  $\lambda < 0$ , then  $r = \pm\sqrt{|\lambda|}$ . Accordingly,

$$\phi(x) = A\cosh(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}) + B\sinh(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}) \quad (80)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} = A\sqrt{|\lambda|}\sinh(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}) + B\sqrt{|\lambda|}\cosh(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}). \quad (81)$$

Then, since

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}(0) = 0 = B\sqrt{|\lambda|} \Rightarrow B = 0 \quad (82)$$

and

$$\phi(L) = 0 = A\sqrt{|\lambda|}\cosh(\sqrt{|\lambda|}L) \Rightarrow A = 0 \quad (83)$$

we get the trivial solution,

$$\phi(x) = 0 \iff \lambda < 0. \quad (84)$$

**Case:**  $\lambda = 0$

If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $r = 0$ , which implies that

$$\phi(x) = Ax + B \quad (85)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} = A. \quad (86)$$

Plugging in our BCs,

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}(0) = 0 = A \quad (87)$$

and

$$\phi(L) = 0 = B \quad (88)$$

gives us the trivial solution,

$$\phi(x) = 0 \iff \lambda = 0. \quad (89)$$

**Case:**  $\lambda > 0$

If  $\lambda > 0$  then  $r = \pm i\sqrt{|\lambda|}$ . Accordingly, our general solution is

$$\phi(x) = A\cos(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}) + B\sin(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}) \quad (90)$$

with

$$\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} = -A\sqrt{|\lambda|}\sin(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}) + B\sqrt{|\lambda|}\cos(\sqrt{|\lambda|x}). \quad (91)$$

Plugging in our BCs,

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}(0) = B\sqrt{|\lambda|} = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0 \quad (92)$$

and

$$\phi(L) = 0 = A\cos(\sqrt{|\lambda|}L). \quad (93)$$

In order to have a non-trivial solution,

$$\sqrt{|\lambda|}L = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi; n \in 1, 2, \dots \quad (94)$$

implies

$$\lambda = \left( \frac{\pi(2n+1)}{2L} \right)^2. \quad (95)$$

So,

$$\phi(x) = A\cos\left(\frac{\pi(2n+1)}{2L}x\right) \iff \lambda > 0 \quad (96)$$

is our solution.

**Problem 2.3.3 a,c,d:** Consider the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2},$$

subject to the boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = 0$  and  $u(L, t) = 0$ . Solve the initial value problem if the temperature is initially

(a)  $u(x, 0) = 6 \sin\left(\frac{9\pi x}{L}\right)$

From stuff we did in class, we know that

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-kt(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (97)$$

is the Fourier series for our solution given our BCs. Then

$$u(x, 0) = 6 \sin\left(\frac{9\pi x}{L}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right). \quad (98)$$

By orthogonality of sines,

$$6 \sin\left(\frac{9\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (99)$$

implies

$$\int_0^L 6 \sin\left(\frac{9\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_0^L \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (100)$$

which becomes

$$\int_0^L 6 \sin\left(\frac{9\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx. \quad (101)$$

Since the terms of the infinite series on the right are zero iff  $m \neq n$ , then

$$\int_0^L 6 \sin\left(\frac{9\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0 + 0 + \cdots + a_m \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx. \quad (102)$$

Using some trig identities, namely,

$$\sin(a) \sin(b) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(a - b) - \cos(a + b)) \quad (103)$$

and

$$\sin^2(x) = \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{2}, \quad (104)$$

we get that (102) becomes

$$6 \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} (\cos(\frac{9\pi x}{L} - \frac{m\pi x}{L}) - \cos(\frac{9\pi x}{L} + \frac{m\pi x}{L})) dx = a_m \int_0^L \frac{1 - \cos(2\frac{m\pi x}{L})}{2} dx \quad (105)$$

$$3 \int_0^L \cos(\frac{\pi x(9 - m)}{L}) - \cos(\frac{\pi x(9 + m)}{L}) dx = a_m \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\cos(2\frac{m\pi x}{L})}{2} dx \quad (106)$$

$$3 \left[ \frac{L}{\pi(9-m)} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x(9-m)}{L}\right) - \frac{L}{\pi(9+m)} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x(9+m)}{L}\right) \right] \Big|_0^L = a_m \left[ \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} \frac{L}{2m\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2m\pi x}{L}\right) \right] \Big|_0^L \quad (107)$$

$$3 \left[ \frac{L}{\pi(9-m)} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x(9-m)}{L}\right) - \frac{L}{\pi(9+m)} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x(9+m)}{L}\right) \right] \Big|_0^L = a_m \frac{L}{2} \quad (108)$$

Notably, the LHS of (108) is zero unless  $m = 9$ . In this case, we revert back to (106), subbing in  $m = 9$ .

$$3 \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{\pi x(0)}{L}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi x(18)}{L}\right) dx = a_m \frac{L}{2} \quad (109)$$

$$3 \int_0^L 1 - \cos\left(\frac{18\pi x}{L}\right) dx = a_m \frac{L}{2} \quad (110)$$

$$3 \left[ x - \frac{L}{18\pi} \sin\left(\frac{18\pi x}{L}\right) \right] \Big|_0^L = a_m \frac{L}{2} \quad (111)$$

$$3L = a_m \frac{L}{2} \quad (112)$$

$$6L = a_m L \quad (113)$$

$$a_m = 6. \quad (114)$$

Therefore,

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 6 & \text{if } n = 9 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (115)$$

So,

$$u(x, t) = 6e^{-kt\left(\frac{9\pi}{L}\right)^2} \sin\left(\frac{9\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (116)$$



(c)  $u(x, 0) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right)$

We know that

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-kt\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (117)$$

is the Fourier series for our solution given our BCs. Then

$$u(x, 0) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right). \quad (118)$$

By orthogonality of sines, we know that

$$2 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (119)$$

implies

$$\int_0^L 2 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_0^L \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (120)$$

which becomes

$$\int_0^L 2 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx. \quad (121)$$

Since the terms of the infinite series on the right are zero iff  $m \neq n$ , let  $m = n$ . Then

$$\int_0^L 2 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0 + 0 + \cdots + a_m \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx. \quad (122)$$

Invoking some trig identities, namely

$$\sin(a + b) = \sin(a)\cos(b) + \cos(a)\sin(b) \quad (123)$$

$$\sin(a - b) = \sin(a)\cos(b) - \cos(a)\sin(b) \quad (124)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\sin(a + b) + \sin(a - b)) = \sin(a)\cos(b) \quad (125)$$

we get

$$2 \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} [\sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L} + \frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L} - \frac{3\pi x}{L}\right)] dx = a_m \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx. \quad (126)$$

Since  $\sin^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2\theta))$ ,

$$\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{(m+3)\pi x}{L}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{(m-3)\pi x}{L}\right) dx = a_m \int_0^L \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos\left(\frac{2m\pi x}{L}\right)) dx. \quad (127)$$

Integrating, we find that

$$\left[ -\frac{L}{(m+3)\pi} \cos\left(\frac{(m+3)\pi x}{L}\right) - \frac{L}{(m-3)\pi} \cos\left(\frac{(m-3)\pi x}{L}\right) \right] \Big|_0^L = \frac{a_m}{2} \left[ x - \frac{L}{(m-3)\pi} \sin\left(\frac{(m-3)\pi x}{L}\right) \right] \Big|_0^L \quad (128)$$

$$\left[ -\frac{L}{(m+3)\pi} \cos((m+3)\pi) - \left(-\frac{L}{(m+3)\pi} \cos(0)\right) \right] + \left[ -\frac{L}{(m-3)\pi} \cos((m-3)\pi) - \left(-\frac{L}{(m-3)\pi} \cos(0)\right) \right] = \frac{La_m}{2} \quad (129)$$

$$-\frac{L}{(m+3)\pi} \cos((m+3)\pi) + \frac{L}{(m+3)\pi} - \frac{L}{(m-3)\pi} \cos((m-3)\pi) + \frac{L}{(m-3)\pi} = \frac{La_m}{2} \quad (130)$$

$$\frac{-L}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{m+3} (\cos((m+3)\pi) - 1) + \frac{1}{m-3} (\cos((m+3)\pi) - 1) \right] = \frac{La_m}{2} \quad (131)$$

$$\frac{-2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{m+3} (\cos((m+3)\pi) - 1) + \frac{1}{m-3} (\cos((m+3)\pi) - 1) \right] = a_m. \quad (132)$$

From this, we can find the piecewise function,

$$a_m = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{m+3} + \frac{1}{m-3} \right]; & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad (133)$$

which describes the coefficients of the Fourier series solution for the IVP.

$$(d) u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x \leq L/2 \\ 2 & L/2 < x < L \end{cases}$$

Starting off, we know that

$$\int_0^L u(x, 0) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (134)$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L 2 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx. \quad (135)$$

Invoking orthogonality of sines,

$$\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx + \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L 2 \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = a_m \int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (136)$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx + 2 \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{1}{2} a_m \int_0^L 1 - \cos\left(\frac{2m\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (137)$$

$$2 \int_0^{\frac{L}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx + 4 \int_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = a_m \int_0^L 1 - \cos\left(\frac{2m\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (138)$$

$$2 \left[ -\frac{L}{m\pi} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^{\frac{L}{2}} - 2 \frac{L}{m\pi} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \right] = a_m \frac{L}{2} \quad (139)$$

$$-\frac{4}{L} \left[ \frac{L}{m\pi} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^{\frac{L}{2}} + 2 \frac{L}{m\pi} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_{\frac{L}{2}}^L \right] = a_m \quad (140)$$

Evaluating this,

$$-\frac{4}{L} \left[ \frac{L}{m\pi} [0 - 1] + 2 \frac{L}{m\pi} [\cos(m\pi) - 0] \right] = a_m \quad (141)$$

$$a_m = \frac{4}{m\pi} + \frac{8}{m\pi} \cos(m\pi); m \in 1, 2, \dots \quad (142)$$

we find that our final Fourier series solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-kt(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (143)$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{4}{n\pi} + \frac{8}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi); n \in 1, 2, \dots \quad (144)$$

**Problem 2.3.4 a-b:** Consider

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2},$$

subject to the boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u(L, t) = 0$  and  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

(a) What is the total heat energy in the rod as a function of time?

Since total heat energy is defined by

$$\int_0^L c \rho u dx = c \rho \int_0^L \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-kt(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2} \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L}) dx \quad (145)$$

we can expand this out to

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -c \rho a_n e^{-kt(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2} \left[ \left( \frac{L}{n\pi} \cos(\frac{n\pi x}{L}) \right) \right] \Big|_0^L \quad (146)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -c \rho a_n e^{-kt(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2} \left[ \frac{L}{n\pi} ((-1)^n - 1) \right] \quad (147)$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin(\frac{n\pi x}{L}) dx. \quad (148)$$

(b) What is the flow of heat energy out to the rod at  $x = 0$ ? at  $x = L$ ?

Given part a,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-kt(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2} \frac{n\pi}{L} \cos(\frac{n\pi x}{L}). \quad (149)$$

Accordingly,

$$\phi(0, t) = -K_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = -K_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-kt(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right) \quad (150)$$

$$\text{and} \quad (151)$$

$$\phi(L, t) = -K_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = -K_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{-kt(\frac{n\pi}{L})^2} \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right) (-1)^n \quad (152)$$

as desired.