

## 9. Separation of variables method

1. Solve the Heat equation by separable of variables method

$$u_t = u_{xx}, \quad u := u(x, t), \quad 0 < x < \ell, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(\ell, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x).$$

When (i)  $f(x) = 6 \sin \frac{\pi x}{\ell}$ , (ii)  $f(x) = 12 \sin \frac{9\pi x}{\ell} - 7 \sin \frac{4\pi x}{\ell}$ .

2. Using the method of separation of variables, solve:

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad u := u(x, t), \quad x \in (0, 1), \quad t > 0, \quad c \in \mathbb{R},$$

with data

$$(i) \quad u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \text{ and } u(x, 0) = x(1 - x).$$

$$(ii) \quad u_x(0, t) = 0 = u_x(1, t) \text{ and } u(x, 0) = x(1 - x).$$

3. Using separation of variables, compute the solution of :

$$u_t - c^2 u_{xx} + a^2 u = 0, \quad 0 < x < \ell, \quad t > 0$$

with initial condition  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $0 < x < \ell$  and Dirichlet boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = u(\ell, t) = 0$ . Find  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$ .

4. Use separation of variables to obtain the solution of the following wave equation:  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$ ,  $0 < x < l$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $u := u(x, t)$ , with initial and boundary conditions:

$$(A) \text{ Boundary condition (Dirichlet): } u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(\ell, t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$

$$\text{Initial condition: } u(x, 0) = x(x - \ell), \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in (0, \ell).$$

$$(B) \text{ Boundary condition (Dirichlet): } u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(\ell, t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$

$$\text{Initial condition: } u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = \sin\left(\frac{7\pi x}{\ell}\right).$$

$$(C) \text{ Boundary condition (Neumann): } u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(\ell, t) = 0, \quad t > 0.$$

$$\text{Initial condition: } u(x, 0) = x, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0 \quad x \in (0, \ell).$$

$$(D) \text{ Boundary condition (Neumann): } u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(\ell, t) = 0, \quad t > 0.$$

$$\text{Initial condition: } u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 1, \quad x \in (0, \ell).$$

5. Using separation of variables, solve the Laplace equation:

$$\Delta u = \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} = 0 \text{ on } [0, a] \times [0, b], \quad u := u(x, y).$$

with the boundary conditions:

$$(A) \quad u(0, y) = y(y - b), \quad u(a, y) = 0 \text{ \& } u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, b) = 0.$$

$$(B) \quad u(x, 0) = x, \quad u(x, b) = 0 \text{ \& } u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(a, y) = 0.$$

$$(C) \quad u(0, y) = u(a, y) = 0, \quad u_y(x, 0) = x(x - a), \quad u_y(x, b) = g(x).$$

6. Consider the Neumann problem

$$\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{D}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} = g \text{ on } \partial \mathbb{D}.$$

Here  $u := u(x, y)$ ,  $\mathbb{D} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ ,  $\vec{n}$  is the outward normal unit vector to  $\partial \mathbb{D}$ , the boundary of  $\mathbb{D}$ .

Solve the above problem after reducing it to Polar co-ordinate, when

$$(A) \quad g(x, y) = \sin^3 \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} \right), \quad (B) \quad g(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2) \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} \right).$$