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1. (a) Solve the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u'' + \lambda u &= 0 & 0 < x < 1 \\ \frac{12}{10}u'(0) + u(0) &= 0, u(1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- case  $\lambda = 0$ ,

$U(x) = Ax + B$  with boundary condition let's find A and B

$$\begin{cases} \frac{12}{10}u'(0) + u(0) = 0 \\ U'(1) = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \frac{12}{10}B + A = 0 \\ A + B = 0 \end{cases}$$

after solving this equation we have  $A = B = 0$  the only solution is  $U = 0$

- case  $\lambda = -\alpha^2 < 0$ ,  $U(x) = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{-\alpha x}$

by applying boundary conditions we have:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{12}{10}u'(0) + u(0) = 0 \\ U'(1) = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \frac{12}{10}(\alpha A - B\alpha) + A + B = 0 \\ Ae^\alpha + Be^{-\alpha} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{12}{10}(\alpha A - B\alpha) + A + B = 0 \\ A = -Be^{-2\alpha} \end{cases}$$

after substitute  $A = -Be^{-2\alpha}$  in  $\frac{12}{10}(\alpha A - B\alpha) + A + B = 0$  we have

$$B \left[ \frac{12}{10}\alpha e^{-2\alpha} - \frac{12}{10}\alpha - e^{-2\alpha} + 1 \right] = 0$$

Since  $B \neq 0$  the value of alpha can only be determined numerically

- case  $\lambda = \alpha^2 > 0$

The solution of the equation is given by:  $u(x) = Acos(\alpha x) + Bsin(\alpha x)$ ,  
 $u'(x) = -A\alpha sin(\alpha x) + B\alpha cos(\alpha x)$

by applying the boundary condition:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{12}{10}u'(0) + u(0) = 0 \\ U'(1) = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \frac{12}{10}(B\alpha) + A = 0 \\ Acos(\alpha) + Bsin(\alpha) = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} A = -\frac{12}{10}B\alpha \\ tan(\alpha) = -\frac{B}{A} \end{cases}$$

$$\implies \tan(\alpha) = \frac{10}{12\alpha} = \frac{5}{6\alpha}$$

the equation of  $U(x)$  can be written with  $\cosh$  and  $\sinh()$

$$U(x) = C\cosh(\alpha x) + D\sinh(\alpha x)$$

where  $\cosh(\alpha x) = \frac{e^{-\alpha x} + e^{\alpha x}}{2}$  and  $\sinh(x) = \frac{e^{\alpha x} - e^{-\alpha x}}{2}$  and  $C = A + B$  and  $D = A - B$

- (b) Estimate  $\lambda_n$  for large  $n$  (remember the eigenvalues are ordered  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots$ ).

when  $n$  is larger the  $\tan(\alpha) = \frac{10}{12\alpha}$  can be approximate by  $\alpha_n = n\pi$

$$\text{Hence } \lambda = \alpha_n^2 = (n\pi)^2$$

2. Consider the advection-diffusion equation  $\begin{cases} \partial_t U - 2\partial_x U = \partial_{xx} U \\ \frac{22}{10}U(0, t) + U_x(0, t) = 0, \quad U(1, t) = 0 \\ U(x, 0) = e^{-x} \end{cases}$

- (a) Show that the above PDE can be brought into the form

$$\partial_x w = \partial_{xx} w$$

$$\text{using the transformation } u(x, t) = e^{-x-t}w(x, t)$$

$$w(x, t) = e^{x+t}u(x, t)$$

$$\partial_x w(x, t) = e^{x+t}u(x, t) + e^{x+t}\partial_x u(x, t)$$

$$\partial_{xx} w(x, t) = e^{x+t}u(x, t) + e^{x+t}\partial_x u(x, t) + e^{x+t}\partial_x u(x, t) + e^{x+t}\partial_{xx} u(x, t) = e^{x+y}u(x, t) + 2e^{x+t}\partial_x u(x, t)$$

$$\partial_t w(x, t) = e^{x+t}u(x, t) + e^{x+t}\partial_t u(x, t)$$

$$\partial_t W = \partial_{xx} W$$

$$e^{x+t}u(x, t) + e^{x+t}\partial_t u(x, t) = e^{x+y}u(x, t) + 2e^{x+t}\partial_x u(x, t) + e^{x+t}\partial_{xx} u(x, t)$$

$$\partial_t e^{x+t}u(x, t) - 2e^{x+t}\partial_x u(x, t) = e^{x+t}\partial_{xx} u(x, t)$$

$$\partial_t u(x, t) - 2\partial_x u(x, t) = \partial_{xx} u(x, t)$$

- (b) Determine the boundary conditions on  $w(0, t)$ ,  $w(1, t)$  and the initial data  $w(x, 0)$ .

using the boundary condition on  $U$  we have

$$\frac{22}{10}u(0, t) + U_x(0, t) = 0 \quad U(1, t) = 0$$

$$\frac{22}{10}e^{-t}w(0, t) + [-e^{-t}w(0, t) + e^{-t}W_x(0, t)] = 0 \quad e^{-1-t}w(1, t) = 0$$

$$\frac{12}{10}e^{-t}w(0, t) + e^{-t}w_x(0, t) = 0 \quad e^{-1-t}w(1, t) = 0$$

$$e^{-t}[w(0, t) + w_x(0, t)] = 0 \quad e^{-1-t}w(1, t) = 0$$

$$[w(0, t) + w_x(0, t)] = 0 \quad w(1, t) = 0$$

and by using other boundary conditions,

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) &= e^{-x} \\ e^{-x}w(x, 0) &= e^{-x} \\ w(x, 0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The boundary condition is:  $\begin{cases} w(0, t) + w_x(0, t) = 0, & w(1, t) = 0 \\ w(x, 0) = 1 \end{cases}$

- (c) Use the separation of variables ansatz  $w(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  to derive the equations

$$\begin{aligned} w_t &= X(x)T'(t) \\ w_{xx} &= X''(x)T(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_t &= lW_{xx} \\ X(x)T'(t) &= X''(x)T(t) \\ \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} &= \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda \end{aligned}$$

we can rewrite this equation as :

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

let's now determine the boundary condition on  $X(x)$   
using the boundary condition on  $W$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} X(0)T(t) + X'(0)T(t) &= 0 & X(1)T(t) &= 0 \\ X(x)T(0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\implies$

$$X(0) + X'(0) = 0, \quad X(1) = 0$$

- (d) Find the general solution for  $w(x, t)$ . You do not need to determine the exact expression for the coefficients.

In the equation  $X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0$

- case  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $X(x) = Ax + B$  with boundary conditions we have

$$\begin{cases} X'(0) + X(0) = 0 \\ X(1) = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} A + B = 0 \\ A + B = 0 \end{cases} \implies A = -B$$

Hence  $X(x) = Ax - A = A(x - 1)$

- case  $\lambda = -\alpha^2 < 0$

In the equation  $X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0$  the solution of this equation is :  $X(x) = Ae^{\alpha x} + Be^{-\alpha x}$  and  $X'(x) = A\alpha e^{\alpha x} - B\alpha e^{-\alpha x}$

with the initial condition we have,

$$\begin{cases} X'(0) + X(0) = 0 \\ X(1) = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} A + B + A\alpha - B\alpha = 0 \\ Ae^{\alpha} + Be^{-\alpha} = 0 \end{cases} \text{ we have } A = -Be^{-2\alpha}$$

and  $-Be^{-2\alpha} + B - B\alpha e^{-2\alpha} - B\alpha = 0 \implies$

$$B(-e^{-2\alpha} + 1 - e^{-2\alpha} - \alpha) = 0$$

Since  $B \neq 0$  we have  $-2\alpha + 1 - e^{-2\alpha} - \alpha = 0$  this solution can only be determined numerically

- $\lambda = \alpha^2 > 0$

In this case, the solution of X can be written as  $X(x) = Acos(\alpha x) + Bsin(\alpha x)$   
 $X'(x) = -A\alpha sin(\alpha x) + B\alpha cos(\alpha x)$

using the boundary condition we have

$$\begin{cases} X'(0) + X(0) = 0 \\ X(1) = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} A + B\alpha = 0 \\ Acos(\alpha) + Bsin(\alpha) = 0 \end{cases}$$

So  $\tan(\alpha) = -\frac{B}{A} = -\frac{B}{-B\alpha} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$

$\lambda_n$  is the eigenvalue of and  $\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2$

Hence the solution of the question is :

$T'(x) + \lambda T(x) = 0$  and the solution of the equation is  $T_n(t) = A_n e^{-\lambda_n t}$

$$\begin{aligned} w(x, t) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} T_n(t) X_n(x) \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 1} A_n e^{-\lambda_n t} X_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

- (e) Use your previous answer to write down an expression for the solution  $u(x, t)$ . For a fixed finite value of  $x$ , comment on the behavior of  $u(x, t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= e^{-x-t} w(x, t) \\ &= e^{-x-t} \sum_{n \geq 1} A_n e^{-\lambda_n t} X_n(x) \\ &= e^{-x} \sum_{n \geq 1} A_n e^{-(\lambda_n+1)t} X_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

Using the previous equation we can see that when  $x$  is fixed and  $t$  goes to infinity  $u(x, t) \rightarrow 0$  that means the solution decays exponentially with the time

- (f) (a) Check that  $U(x, t) = 1 - x^2 - 2t$  is a solution to the heat equation  $u_t = u_{xx}$ .

let's compute the both side :  $u_t = -2$  and  $u_x = -2x$  and  $u_{xx} = -2$

we have  $u_t = u_{xx} = -2$  which means  $u(x, t) = 1 - x^2 - 2t$  is the solution of the heat equation.

- (g) (b) Denote the space-time rectangle

$$\bar{R} = 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad x \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

Use the weak maximum principle to determine  $\max_{\bar{R}} U(x, t)$  and  $\min_{\bar{R}} U(x, t)$  using the maximum principle we have :

$$\max(u(x, t))_R = \max(\max(f(t)), \max(g(t)), \max(h(t)))$$

So  $f(t) = u(x, 0) = 1 - x^2$  and  $\max(f(t)) = 1$  in  $[0, 1]$  and  $g(t) = u(0, t) = 1 - t$

$\max(g(t)) = 1$  over  $[0, 1]$

Hence  $\max(u(x, t))_R = 1$

$$\min(u(x, t))_R = \min(\min(f(t)), \min(g(t)), \min(h(t)))$$

Hence  $\min(u(x, t)) = -1$

- (h) Plot the function  $U(x, t)$  in  $\bar{R}$  and interpret the position of the hottest point compared to the coldest point.

- (i) Let  $T > 0$  and consider instead the rectangle

$$\bar{R}_T = \{0 \leq x \leq 1\} \times \{0 \leq t \leq T\}$$

Define  $f(T) = \min(\hat{R}_T)U(x, t)$ . Is  $f(T)$  decreasing or increasing as a function of  $T$ ?