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1 Question One

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Proof. Left hand side:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k-1}{k}\right)^n = 1 + \frac{k-1}{k} + \frac{(k-1)^2}{k^2} + ... \tag{1.1}$$

$$a = 1, \ r = \frac{k-1}{k} \tag{1.2}$$

$\frac{k-1}{k}$ is always less than 1 for $k > 1$. Hence:

$$S_{\infty,LHS} = \frac{a}{1-r} \tag{1.3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{k-1}{k}} \tag{1.4}$$

$$= \frac{k}{k - k + 1} \tag{1.5}$$

$$S_{\infty,LHS} = k \tag{1.6}$$

Right hand side:

$$(k-1)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^n = (k-1)\left[1 + \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k^2} + ...\right] \tag{1.7}$$

$$a = 1, \ r = \frac{1}{k} \tag{1.8}$$

$\frac{1}{k}$ is always less than 1 for $k > 1$. Hence:

$$S_{\infty,RHS} = \frac{k-1}{1 - \frac{1}{k}} \tag{1.9}$$

$$= \frac{k\,(k-1)}{k-1} \tag{1.10}$$

$$S_{\infty,RHS} = k \tag{1.11}$$

$$\tag{1.12}$$

LHS = RHS (for $k > 1$). $\qquad\square$

b

We are given:

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x}} \tag{1.13}$$

$$f(x) = x\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tag{1.14}$$

Differentiating three times yields:

$$f'(x) = \left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x}{2}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \tag{1.15}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{1}{2}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{3x}{4}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \tag{1.16}$$

$$= \left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{3x}{4}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \tag{1.17}$$

$$f'''(x) = \frac{3}{2}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{3}{4}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{15x}{8}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{7}{2}} \tag{1.18}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{15x}{8}\left(1-x\right)^{-\frac{7}{2}} \tag{1.19}$$

Inputting $x = 0$:

$$f(0) = 0 \cdot \left(1-0\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tag{1.20}$$

$$= 0 \tag{1.21}$$

$$f'(0) = \left(1-0\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{0}{2}\left(1-0\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \tag{1.22}$$

$$= 1 \tag{1.23}$$

$$f''(0) = \left(1-0\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{3 \cdot 0}{4}\left(1-0\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} \tag{1.24}$$

$$= 1 \tag{1.25}$$

$$f'''(0) = \frac{9}{4}\left(1-0\right)^{-\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{15 \cdot 0}{8}\left(1-0\right)^{-\frac{7}{2}} \tag{1.26}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \tag{1.27}$$

General form of Maclaurin series:

$$f(x) \approx f(0) + \frac{x}{1!}f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!}f'''(0) + \dots \tag{1.28}$$

Inputting the above variables into Eq.1.28:

$$f(x) \approx x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{3x^3}{8} \tag{1.29}$$

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We are given:

$$E = \frac{kq}{x^2} \tag{1.30}$$

Sum of electric fields due to both charged particles is:

$$E = \frac{ke}{(x-r)^2} - \frac{ke}{(x+r)^2} \tag{1.31}$$

$$= ke \left[\frac{1}{x^2 \left(1 - \frac{r}{x}\right)^2} - \frac{1}{x^2 \left(1 + \frac{r}{x}\right)^2} \right] \tag{1.32}$$

$$E = \frac{ke}{x^2} \left[(1-y)^{-2} - (1+y)^{-2} \right] \tag{1.33}$$

Where $y = \frac{r}{x}$.

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Calculation of constants to be used in Maclaurin series expansion:

$$f(y) = (1-y)^{-2} \qquad\qquad f(0) = 1$$
$$f'(y) = 2(1-y)^{-3} \qquad\qquad f'(0) = 2$$
$$f''(y) = 6(1-y)^{-4} \qquad\qquad f''(0) = 6$$
$$f'''(y) = 24(1-y)^{-5} \qquad\qquad f'''(0) = 24$$

$$g(y) = (1+y)^{-2} \qquad\qquad g(0) = 1$$
$$g'(y) = -2(1+y)^{-3} \qquad\qquad g'(0) = -2$$
$$g''(y) = 6(1+y)^{-4} \qquad\qquad g''(0) = 6$$
$$g'''(y) = -24(1+y)^{-5} \qquad\qquad g'''(0) = -24$$

Inputting the above variables into Eq.1.28:

$$f(y) \approx 1 + \frac{2y}{1!} + \frac{6y^2}{2!} + \frac{24y^3}{3!} + \dots \tag{1.34}$$

$$f(y) \approx 1 + 2y + 3y^2 + 4y^3 \tag{1.35}$$

$$g(y) \approx 1 - \frac{2y}{1!} + \frac{6y^2}{2!} - \frac{24y^3}{3!} + \dots \tag{1.36}$$

$$g(y) \approx 1 - 2y + 3y^2 - 4y^2 \tag{1.37}$$

Substitution:

$$E \approx \frac{ke}{x^2} \left[f(y) - g(y) \right] \tag{1.38}$$

$$\approx \frac{ke}{x^2} \left[1 + 2y + 3y^2 + 4y^3 - 1 + 2y - 3y^2 + 4y^3 \right] \tag{1.39}$$

$$\approx \frac{ke}{x^2} \left[4y + 8y^3 \right] \tag{1.40}$$

$$E \approx \frac{4ke}{x^2} \left[y + 2y^3 \right] \tag{1.41}$$

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$y = 0.01$. Exact:

$$E_E = \frac{ke}{x^2} \left[(1 - 0.01)^{-2} - (1 + 0.01)^{-2}\right] \tag{1.42}$$

$$E_E = \frac{ke}{x^2} [0.0400080012] \tag{1.43}$$

$$\tag{1.44}$$

Approximation:

$$E_A = \frac{ke}{x^2} \left[0.01 + 2 (0.01)^3\right] \tag{1.45}$$

$$E_A = \frac{ke}{x^2} [0.010002] \tag{1.46}$$

Percentage error:

$$\frac{E_A}{E_E} \cdot 100 = \frac{0.010002}{0.0400080012} \cdot 100 = 25\% \text{ error (2sf)} \tag{1.47}$$

d

We are given:

$$y'' - 2y' + y = te^t \tag{1.48}$$

$$y(0) = 0, \; y'(0) = 1 \tag{1.49}$$

Laplace transformation (from tables):

$$\mathcal{L}\{y''\} - 2\mathcal{L}\{y'\} + \mathcal{L}\{y\} = \mathcal{L}\{te^t\} \tag{1.50}$$

$$s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) - 2 \left(sY(s) - y(0)\right) + Y(s) = \frac{1!}{(s-1)^2} \tag{1.51}$$

$$s^2 Y(s) - 1 - 2(sY(s) - 1) + Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \tag{1.52}$$

$$Y(s) \left[s^2 - 2s + 1\right] = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2} \tag{1.53}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2 \left(s^2 - 2s + 1\right)} \tag{1.54}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(s-1)^2 (s-1)^2} \tag{1.55}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s-1)^4} \tag{1.56}$$

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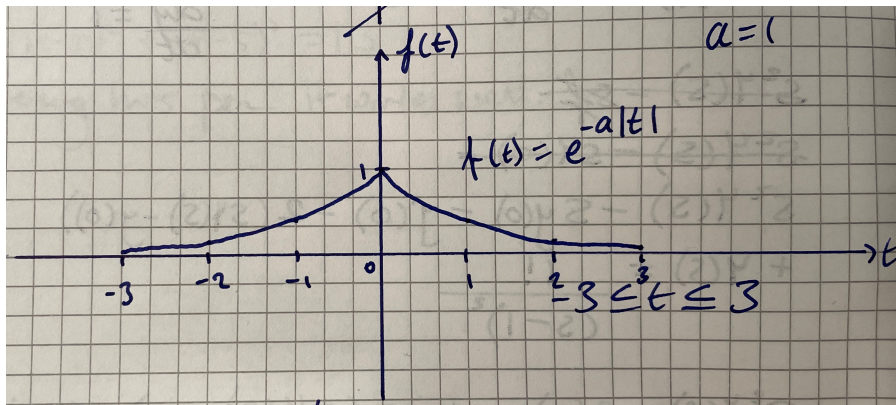
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$a = 1 \therefore -3 \le t \le 3$. Sketch:

Figure 1:

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$$F(u) = \int_{t=-\infty}^{0} e^{at} e^{-j2\pi ut} \ dt + \int_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-at} e^{-j2\pi ut} \ dt \tag{1.57}$$

$$= \int_{t=-\infty}^{0} e^{t(a-j2\pi u)} \ dt + \int_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-t(a+j2\pi u)} \ dt \tag{1.58}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(a-j2\pi u)} e^{-t(a-j2\pi u)} \Big|_{t=-\infty}^{0} + \frac{1}{-(a+j2\pi u)} e^{-t(a+j2\pi u)} \Big|_{t=0}^{\infty} \tag{1.59}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a-j2\pi u} + \frac{1}{a+j2\pi u} \tag{1.60}$$

$$= \frac{a+j2\pi u + a - j2\pi u}{a^2 + 4\pi^2 u^2} \tag{1.61}$$

$$F(u) = \frac{2a}{a^2 + 4\pi^2 u^2} \tag{1.62}$$

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Substituting $\omega = 2\pi u$, $\omega^2 = 4\pi^2 u^2$:
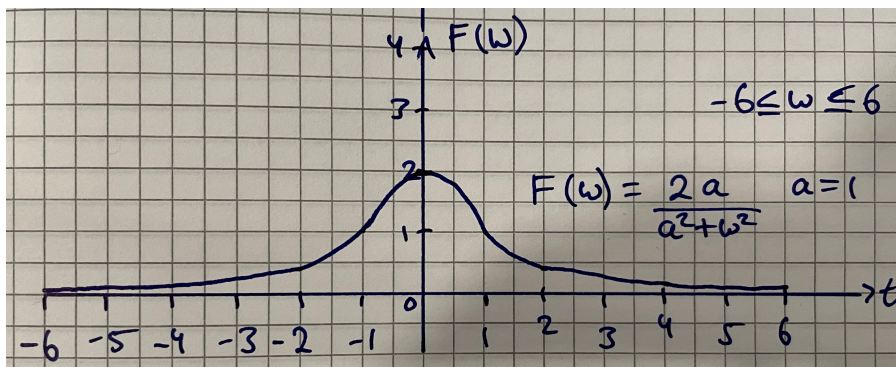
$$F(\omega) = \frac{2a}{a^2 + \omega^2} \tag{1.63}$$

Figure 2:

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2 Question Two

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \tag{2.1}$$

We know that $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$. Substituting:

$$\frac{\partial XT}{\partial t} = k\frac{\partial^2 XT}{\partial x^2} \tag{2.2}$$

$$X\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = kT\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} \tag{2.3}$$

Divide by XTk:

$$\frac{1}{kT}\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{X}\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = -\mu \tag{2.4}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + k\mu T = 0 \tag{2.5}$$

$$T'(t) = -\mu k T(t) \tag{2.6}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + \mu X = 0 \tag{2.7}$$

$$-X''(x) = \mu X(x) \tag{2.8}$$

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$$X''(x) + \mu X(x) = 0 \tag{2.9}$$

$$\text{Let } X(x) = e^{mx} \tag{2.10}$$

$$X'(x) = me^{mx} \tag{2.11}$$

$$X''(x) = m^2 e^{mx} \tag{2.12}$$

$$m^2 + \mu = 0 \tag{2.13}$$

$$m = \pm j\sqrt{\mu} \tag{2.14}$$

$$\tag{2.15}$$

General solution:

$$X(x) = A\cos\left(\sqrt{\mu}x\right) + B\sin\left(\sqrt{\mu}x\right) \tag{2.16}$$

Boundary conditions:

$$u(0,t) = 0 \tag{2.17}$$

$$X(0)T(t) = 0 \tag{2.18}$$

$$\tag{2.19}$$

We require that $X(0) = 0$. Hence:

$$X(0) = A\cos(0) + B\sin(0) \tag{2.20}$$

$$\therefore A = 0 \tag{2.21}$$

$$X(x) = B\sin\left(\sqrt{\mu}x\right) \tag{2.22}$$

$$u(l,t) = 0 \tag{2.23}$$

$$X(l) = B\sin\left(\sqrt{\mu}l\right) = 0 \tag{2.24}$$

$$\sqrt{\mu}l = n\pi \text{ where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \tag{2.25}$$

$$\mu = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2} \tag{2.26}$$

Returning to Eq.2.6:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}T}{\mathrm{d}t} = -k\mu T \tag{2.27}$$

$$\int\left(\frac{1}{T}\frac{\mathrm{d}T}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)\mathrm{d}t = -k\mu\int\mathrm{d}t \tag{2.28}$$

$$\ln T = -k\mu t + \ln B \tag{2.29}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{T}{B}\right) = -k\mu t \tag{2.30}$$

$$\frac{T}{B} = e^{--k\mu t} \tag{2.31}$$

$$T = Be^{-k\mu t}, \ \mu = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2} \tag{2.32}$$

$$\therefore T = Be^{-k\frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2}t} \tag{2.33}$$

$u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$. Hence, by utilising principle of superposition:

$$u_n(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}x\right) e^{-k\frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2}t} \tag{2.34}$$

We are given that $u(x,0) = f(x)$. Hence, $f(x)$ is:

$$u(x,0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}x\right) \tag{2.35}$$

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Using Fourier series:

$$c_n = \frac{2}{l}\int_0^l \left(f(x)\sin(n\pi x)\right)\mathrm{d}x \tag{2.36}$$

We are given:

$$u(x,0) = f(x) = x^2, \ 0 \le x \le l \tag{2.37}$$

$$u(0,t) = u(l,t) = 0, \ t > 0 \tag{2.38}$$

$$\tag{2.39}$$

Let $a = \frac{n\pi}{l}$. Substituting the above into Fourier:

$$c_n = \frac{2}{l}\int_0^l \left(x^2\sin(ax)\right)\mathrm{d}x \tag{2.40}$$

$$\tag{2.41}$$

Integration by parts once. $u = x^2$, $u' = 2x$, $v = -\frac{\cos(ax)}{n\pi}$ and $v' = \sin(ax)$.

$$c_n = \frac{2}{l}\left[-\frac{x^2\cos(ax)}{a} + \frac{2}{a}\int_0^l \left(x\cos(ax)\right)\,\mathrm{d}x\right]_0^l \tag{2.42}$$

Integration by parts twice. $u = x$, $u = 1$, $v = \frac{\sin(ax)}{a}$ and $v' = \cos(ax)$.

$$c_n = \frac{2}{l}\left[-\frac{x^2\cos(ax)}{a} + \frac{2}{a}\left[\frac{x\sin(ax)}{a} - \frac{1}{a}\int_0^l \left(\sin(ax)\right)\,\mathrm{d}x\right]_0^l\right]_0^l \tag{2.43}$$

$$= 2\left[-\frac{x^2\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{2}{n\pi}\left[\frac{x\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} - \frac{1}{n\pi}\left[-\frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi}\right]\right]_0^l\right]_0^l \tag{2.44}$$

$$= \frac{2}{l}\left[-\frac{x^2\cos(ax)}{n\pi} + \frac{2x\sin(ax)}{a^2} + \frac{2\cos(ax)}{a^3}\right]_0^l \tag{2.45}$$

$$= \frac{2}{l}\left[-\frac{l^3\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{2l^3\sin(n\pi x)}{n^2\pi^2} + \frac{2l^3\cos(n\pi x)}{n^3\pi^3}\right]_0^l \tag{2.46}$$

$$= \frac{2l^2}{n\pi}\left[-\cos(n\pi x) + \frac{2\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{2\cos(n\pi x)}{n^2\pi^2}\right]_0^l \tag{2.47}$$

$$c_n = \frac{2l^2}{n\pi}\left[-\cos(n\pi) + \frac{2\sin(n\pi)}{n\pi} + \frac{2\left(\cos(n\pi) - 1\right)}{n^2\pi^2}\right] \tag{2.48}$$

Substituting:

$$\therefore u_n(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{2l^2}{n\pi}\left[-\cos(n\pi) + \frac{2\sin(n\pi)}{n\pi} + \frac{2\left(\cos(n\pi) - 1\right)}{n^2\pi^2}\right]\cdot\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right)\cdot e^{\frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2}kt}\right) \tag{2.49}$$

When n is even:

$$u_n(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(-\frac{2l^2}{n\pi}\cdot\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right)\cdot e^{\frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2}kt}\right) \tag{2.50}$$

When n is odd:

$$u_n(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(-\frac{2l^2}{n\pi}\left[1 - \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2}\right]\cdot\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right)\cdot e^{\frac{n^2\pi^2}{l^2}kt}\right) \tag{2.51}$$

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3 EXTRA STUFF

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Where μ is the eigenvalue. Returning to our PDE in Eq.2.1, if u_1 and u_2 are solutions to the PDE, so are C_1u_1 and C_2u_2:

$$\frac{\partial C_1u_1}{\partial t} = k\frac{\partial^2 C_1u_1}{\partial x^2} \tag{3.1}$$

$$\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} = k\frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} \tag{3.2}$$

Similarly $C_1u_1 + C_2u_2$ will satisfy the PDE:

$$U = C_1u_1 + C_2u_2 + ... + C_nu_n \tag{3.3}$$

We can also form the following equation:

$$A\underline{X} = \mu\underline{X} \tag{3.4}$$

Where $A = n \times n$ matrix, $\underline{X} = n \times 1$ column vector and μ is a scalar.

$$A\underline{X} - \mu\underline{X} = 0 \tag{3.5}$$

$$(A - \mu I)\underline{X} = 0 \tag{3.6}$$

We have:

$$\det(A - \mu I)\underline{X} = 0 \tag{3.7}$$

$$|A - \mu I| = 0 \tag{3.8}$$

Where $\underline{X}$ is the eigenvector.