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Solve the one dimensional heat equation below with a time-dependent heat source and non-homogeneous boundary conditions:

$$u_t = u_{xx} + Q(x, t)$$

Boundary Conditions:  $u(0, t) = 1 = A(t)$  and  $u(\pi, t) = 0 = B(t)$

Initial Conditions:  $u(x, 0) = x(2\pi - x)$

We need to make the boundary conditions homogeneous first, we will introduce the following new function,

$$r(x, t) = A(t) + \frac{x}{\pi}(B(t) - A(t))$$

$$r(x, t) = 1 + \frac{x}{\pi}(0 - 1)$$

$$r(x, t) = 1 - \frac{x}{\pi}$$

And we will use this in our displacement function  $v(x, t)$ :

$$v(x, t) = u(x, t) - r(x, t) = u(x, t) - \left(1 - \frac{x}{\pi}\right)$$

Notice,

$$v(0, t) = u(0, t) - (1 - 0) = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$v(\pi, t) = u(\pi, t) - \left(1 - \frac{\pi}{\pi}\right) = 0 - (1 - 1) = 0$$

$$v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - \left(1 - \frac{x}{\pi}\right) = x(2\pi - x) - \left(1 - \frac{x}{\pi}\right)$$

So we have achieved our new homogeneous boundary conditions and a new initial condition for  $v(x, t)$  satisfying,

$$v_t = v_{xx} + Q(x, t)$$

The expansion of  $v(x, t)$  for the homogeneous differential equation:  $v_t = v_{xx}$  is,

$$v_h(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin nx$$

For the non-homogeneous problem we will utilize variation of parameters to get a similar eigenfunction expansion,

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) \sin nx$$

Let us now use this in our displaced differential equation for  $v(x,t)$ :

$$v_t = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{dA_n}{dt} \sin nx$$

$$v_{xx} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) n^2 \sin nx$$

Substitute these above two lines into the differential equation we get,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{dA_n}{dt} \sin nx = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) n^2 \sin nx + Q(x, t)$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{dA_n}{dt} \sin nx + A_n(t) n^2 \sin nx &= Q(x, t) \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{dA_n}{dt} + A_n(t) n^2 \right) \sin nx &= Q(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

**Part a) Let us consider the case when  $Q(x, t) = e^{-t} \sin 3x - e^{-2t} \sin 4x$ ,**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{dA_n}{dt} + A_n(t) n^2 \right) \sin nx = e^{-t} \sin 3x - e^{-2t} \sin 4x$$

Notice that we are ‘filtering’ out only two terms from the series on the left when  $n = 3$  and  $n = 4$ , thus;

$$\left( \frac{dA_3}{dt} + A_3(t) 3^2 \right) \sin 3x - \left( \frac{dA_4}{dt} + A_4(t) 4^2 \right) \sin 4x = e^{-t} \sin 3x - e^{-2t} \sin 4x$$

Or in a more general format,

$$\frac{dA_n}{dt} + A_n(t) n^2 = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq 3, n \neq 4 \\ e^{-t} & n = 3 \\ -e^{-2t} & n = 4 \end{cases}$$

We have three differential equations implied and for each we will need to solve the homogeneous problem and non-homogeneous problem

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| $A'_n + A_n n^2 = 0$      | $A_n(t) = A_n(0)e^{-n^2 t}$   |
| $A'_3 + 9A_3 = e^{-t}$    | $A_3(t) = A_{3h}(t) + A_p(t) = \frac{1}{8}e^{-t} + A_3(0)e^{-9t}$     |
| $A'_4 + 16A_4 = -e^{-2t}$ | $A_4(t) = A_{4h}(t) + A_p(t) = -\frac{1}{14}e^{-2t} + A_4(0)e^{-16t}$ |

The coefficients can be found,

$$A_n(0) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ x(2\pi - x) - \left(1 - \frac{x}{\pi}\right) \right] \sin nx \, dx = \frac{-2(-2 + n^2 + (-1)^n(2 + n^2\pi^2))}{n^3\pi}$$

$$A_3(0) = \frac{2(9\pi^2 - 5)}{27\pi}$$

$$A_4(0) = \frac{-1 + \pi^2}{2\pi}$$

Thus,

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) \sin nx$$

Where,

$$A_n(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{-2(-2 + n^2 + (-1)^n(2 + n^2\pi^2))}{n^3\pi} e^{-n^2t} & n \neq 3, n \neq 4 \\ \frac{1}{8}e^{-t} + \frac{2(9\pi^2 - 5)}{27\pi} e^{-9t} & n = 3 \\ -\frac{1}{14}e^{-2t} + \frac{-1 + \pi^2}{2\pi} e^{-16t} & n = 4 \end{cases}$$

Our solution to the original differential equation will be,

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) + r(x, t)$$

$$u(x, t) = 1 - \frac{x}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) \sin nx$$

**Part b)** Let us consider the case when  $Q(x, t) = e^{-3t} \sin 5x$ ,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{dA_n}{dt} + A_n(t)n^2 \right) \sin nx = e^{-3t} \sin 5x$$

Again, we are ‘filtering’ out our solution when  $n = 5$ , hence,

$$\frac{dA_n}{dt} + A_n(t)n^2 = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq 5 \\ e^{-3t} & n = 5 \end{cases}$$

Thus we have two differential equations,

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|--------------------------|--|
| $A'_n + A_n n^2 = 0$     | $A_n(t) = A_n(0)e^{-n^2 t}$  |
| $A'_5 + 25A_5 = e^{-3t}$ | $A_5(t) = A_{5h}(t) + A_p(t) = \frac{1}{22}e^{-3t} + A_5(0)e^{-25t}$ |

Where,

$$A_n(0) = \frac{-2(-2 + n^2 + (-1)^n(2 + n^2\pi^2))}{n^3\pi}$$

Thus,

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) \sin nx$$

Where,

$$A_n(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{-2(-2 + n^2 + (-1)^n(2 + n^2\pi^2))}{n^3\pi} e^{-n^2 t} & n \neq 5 \\ \frac{1}{22}e^{-3t} + \left(-\frac{42}{125\pi} + \frac{2\pi}{5}\right) e^{-25t} & n = 5 \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$u(x, t) = 1 - \frac{x}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n(t) \sin nx$$