

Homework Assignment #3

Due:

1. $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0$

$$u(0, t) = 0.5, \quad u(1, t) = 2$$

a) What is the steady state solution $u(x, t) = U(x)$?

b) If we let $u(x, 0) = U(x) + \sin 2\pi x$, what is the solution $u(x, t)$ to the diffusion problem?

2.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} & 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) & 0 < x < 1 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0 = u(1, t) & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

Solve for $u(x, t)$
and give the
Fourier coefficients for
 $f(x)$

3. Here is a problem with an "oblique" boundary condition
(motivated by a problem that arose in neurobiology):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(1, t) + a \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(1, t) = 0 \quad t > 0 \quad a \neq 0, \quad a \text{ is a constant.}$$

a) What is the eigenvalue problem?

b) given $a = 1$, calculate the first three eigenvalues

4. Do problem # 6 in textbook, p 87