

1. (Evans §2.5, #12) Suppose u is smooth and solves $u_t - \Delta u = 0$ in $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$.
- (a) Show that $u_\lambda(x, t) = u(\lambda x, \lambda^2 t)$ also solves the heat equation for each $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (b) Use (a) to show $v(x, t) = x \cdot Du(x, t) + 2tu_t(x, t)$ solves the heat equation as well.

Hint: Differentiate u_λ with respect to λ .

2. (Evans §2.5, #13) Assume $n = 1$ and $u(x, t) = v(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t}})$.

- (a) Show

$$u_t = u_{xx}$$

if and only if

$$(*) \quad v'' + \frac{z}{2}v' = 0.$$

Show that the general solution of $(*)$ is

$$v(z) = c \int_0^z e^{-s^2/4} ds + d.$$

- (b) Differentiate $u(x, t) = v(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t}})$ with respect to x and select the constant c properly, to obtain the fundamental solution Φ for $n = 1$. Explain why this procedure produces the fundamental solution.

Hint: What is the initial condition for u ?

3. (Evans §2.5, #14) Write down an explicit formula for a solution of

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u + cu = f & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) \\ u = g & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \{t = 0\}, \end{cases}$$

where $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hint: Try a solution of the form $u(x, t) = v(x, t)e^{-ct}$.