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(a) A few preliminaries: I will frequently refer back to the results in section (a) as the work will be repeated throughout. I will also be using the ansatz solutions for ODEs from section 1 of the notes. Also please note that I will often use the fact that $\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$.

Assuming a solution of the form $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ we have the following, with K being an arbitrary constant.

$$\frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = K \tag{1}$$

If we suppose $K = 0$ we quickly get a trivial solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X''(x) &= 0 \\
 X(x) &= Ax + B \\
 X(0) &= A(0) + B = 0 \\
 B &= 0 \\
 X(\pi) &= A(\pi) = 0 \\
 A &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Similarly, if $K > 0$ we have solutions of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(x) &= Ae^{\sqrt{x}} + Be^{-\sqrt{x}} \\
 X(0) &= A + B = 0 \\
 B &= -A \\
 X(\pi) &= Ae^{\sqrt{\pi}} - Ae^{-\sqrt{\pi}} = 0 \\
 A &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

These trivial solutions have been covered quite a bit, but I include them here for later reference. We now proceed with $-\lambda^2 = K < 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(x) &= A\sin(\lambda x) + B\cos(\lambda x) \\
 X(0) &= B = 0 \\
 X(\pi) &= A\sin(\lambda\pi) \\
 \lambda\pi &= \pi n \\
 \lambda &= n \\
 X_n(x) &= A_n\sin(nx)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

We combine this with the T equation to get a general solution, consolidating

the arbitrary constant from the X equation, and then applying the ICs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_n(t) &= A_n \sin(nt) + B_n \cos(nt) \\
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \sin(nt) + B_n \cos(nt)] \sin(nx) \\
 u(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) = 1 \\
 B_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\frac{-\cos(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} \\
 B_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{-\cos(n\pi) + 1}{n} \right) \\
 B_n &= \frac{2 - 2(-1)^n}{\pi n}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

To apply the other IC we need the time derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_t(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n n \cos(nt) - B_n n \sin(nt)] \sin(nx) \\
 u_t(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(nx) = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

It has been asserted in class and office hours without proof that for a series of this form to be equal to zero, the coefficient must be zero, thus we have $A_n = 0$.

Combining these we have the complete solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(x, t) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n} \cos(nt) (\sin(nx)) \\
 \text{Or perhaps more efficiently, let } j &= 2n + 1: \\
 u(x, t) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1 - (-1)^j}{j} \cos(jt) (\sin(jx))
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

(b) We can observe from sections **(2)** and **(3)** above that the addition of the coefficient of 2 in this problem will not change the triviality of solutions with

$K = 0$ and $K > 0$, therefore we move directly to solutions with $K < 0$. Given the formula,

$$\frac{T''(t)}{2T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda^2 \quad (8)$$

we can see that the $X(x)$ equation will be identical to (4). We therefore move on to the $T(t)$ equation, again using the ansatz from the notes and the fact that $\lambda = n$:

$$T_n(t) = A_n \sin(\sqrt{2}nt) + B_n \cos(\sqrt{2}nt) \quad (9)$$

The resulting general solution before applying ICs is thus:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n \sin(\sqrt{2}nt) + B_n \cos(\sqrt{2}nt) \right] \sin(nx) \quad (10)$$

Now applying the first IC:

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) = 0 \quad (11)$$

For the reasons given near (6) above $B_n = 0$, we now take the time derivative and apply the other IC:

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(\sqrt{2}nt) \sin(nx) \\ u_t(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n\sqrt{2}A_n \cos(\sqrt{2}nt) \sin(nx) \\ u_t(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n\sqrt{2}A_n \sin(nx) = 1 \\ n\sqrt{2}A_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx) dx \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

We can recover the result of this integral from (5) above, giving:

$$\begin{aligned} n\sqrt{2}A_n &= \frac{2 - 2(-1)^n}{\pi n} \\ A_n &= \frac{2 - 2(-1)^n}{\sqrt{2}\pi n^2} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Thus we have the full solution:

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{2}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n^2} \sin(\sqrt{2}nt) \right] \sin(nx) \\ \text{Or perhaps more efficiently let } j &= 2n + 1: \\ u(x, t) &= \frac{2}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1 - (-1)^j}{j^2} \sin(\sqrt{2}jt) \right] \sin(jx) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

(c) For the same reasons stated above in (8) and (9) we can move directly to the general solution, simply substituting $\sqrt{3}$ in place of $\sqrt{2}$:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n \sin(\sqrt{3}nt) + B_n \cos(\sqrt{3}nt) \right] \sin(nx) \quad (15)$$

We will first take the time derivative in order to apply an IC that is likely to eliminate a coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[n\sqrt{3}A_n \cos(\sqrt{3}nt) - n\sqrt{3}B_n \sin(\sqrt{3}nt) \right] \sin(nx) \\ u_t(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n\sqrt{3}A_n \sin(nx) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Again, for the reasons state in **(6)** $A_n = 0$. Making this substitution, we then apply the other IC:

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \cos(\sqrt{3}nt) \sin(nx) \\ u(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) = \sin^3(x) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Rather than using an integral to determine B_n here, we can simply observe that the objective is to obtain a sine series for $\sin^3(x)$. By the triple-angle formula we can see that $\sin^3 x = \frac{3}{4} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3x)$. It is immediately clear that this is a sine series with only two terms at $n = 1$ and $n = 3$ with corresponding coefficients $B_1 = \frac{3}{4}$ and $B_3 = -\frac{1}{4}$. Since all other terms are zero, the resulting function is quite simple, since the only values remaining from the sum are $n=1$ and $n=3$.

$$u(x, t) = \frac{3}{4} \cos(\sqrt{3}t) \sin(x) - \frac{1}{4} \cos(3\sqrt{3}t) \sin(3x) \quad (18)$$

(d) As in **(15)** above, we can move directly to the following, substituting $\sqrt{4} = 2$ for $\sqrt{3}$:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n \sin(2nt) + B_n \cos(2nt) \right] \sin(nx) \quad (19)$$

Applying the first IC we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) = x \\
B_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(x) dx \\
u &= x, \quad du = 1 \\
dv &= \sin(nx) \\
v &= \frac{-1}{n} \cos(nx) \\
uv - \int v du &= \frac{-x \cos(nx)}{n} + \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} \\
\left[\frac{-x \cos(nx)}{n} + \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2} \right] \Big|_0^{\pi} &= \left(\frac{-\pi \cos(n\pi)}{n} \right) \\
B_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{-\pi(-1)^n}{n} \right) = \frac{-2(-1)^n}{n}
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

To apply the other IC we take the time derivative (note I will retain the arbitrary coefficients for brevity):

$$\begin{aligned}
u_t(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[2nA_n \cos(2nt) - 2nB_n \sin(2nt) \right] \sin(nx) \\
u_t(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2nA_n \sin(nx) = -x
\end{aligned}$$

Recovering the integral above: (21)

$$\begin{aligned}
-2nA_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin(x) dx \\
-2nA_n &= \frac{-2(-1)^n}{n} \\
A_n &= \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting our coefficients, we arrive at the full solution:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} \sin(2nt) - \frac{2(-1)^n}{n} \cos(2nt) \right] \sin(nx) \tag{22}$$

(e) The TA asserted in Recitation on Friday 4/12 that with mixed BCs one still need only check $K < 0$. However, it is easy to see in (2) above that if $K = 0$ we would be applying a BC to get $X'(\pi) = C = 0$, and then similarly for $X(0) = D = 0$. $K > 0$ similarly still leads to a situation in which two exponentials with different powers were equal, once again requiring the trivial solution.

$$\begin{aligned} X(0) &= A + B = 0 \\ B &= -AX'(x) = \frac{Ae^{\sqrt{x}}}{2\sqrt{x}} + \frac{Ae^{-\sqrt{x}}}{2\sqrt{x}} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

We can immediately see that $X'(0)$ is not even defined, and so obviously cannot match any boundary conditions. We thus move forward with $K = -\lambda^2 < 0$. By ansatz, we then take the derivative and apply the BCs:

$$\begin{aligned} X(x) &= A\sin(\lambda x) + B\cos(\lambda x) \\ X(0) &= B_n = 0 \\ X'(x) &= \lambda A\cos(\lambda x) \\ X'(\pi) &= \lambda A\cos(\lambda\pi) = 0 \\ \lambda\pi &= (n + \frac{1}{2})\pi \\ \lambda &= (n + \frac{1}{2}) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Combining with the general solution for $T(t)$ that has been used repeatedly above we have:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n \sin((n + \frac{1}{2})t) + B_n \cos((n + \frac{1}{2})t) \right] \sin((n + \frac{1}{2})x) \quad (25)$$

First I'll take the time derivative in order to eliminate a coefficient:

$$u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) A_n \cos\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)t\right) - \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) B_n \sin\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)t\right) \right] \sin\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x\right)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) A_n \sin\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x\right) = 0$$
(26)

As in (6) above, $A_n = 0$. We now apply the other IC:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[B_n \cos\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)t\right) \right] \sin\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x\right)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x\right)$$
(27)

This gives modes that we are not used to, so in accordance with what we learned in Recitation, I'll extend the domain to $0 < x < 2\pi$ and take the even extension of the initial condition, $f(x) = 1$, which is easy since it's the same function with the expanded domain. We then let $n + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{j}{2}$ with $J = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$ and calculate the coefficient as follows:

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} C_j \sin\left(\frac{jx}{2}\right)$$

$$C_j = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{jx}{2}\right) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-2\cos\frac{jx}{2}}{j} \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$C_j = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{-2\cos\pi j + 2}{j} \right]$$
(28)

If J were even, C_j would be equal to zero, but we've defined it as odd only. So if j is only odd and we substitute n back in by observing that $j = 2n + 1$ we have:

$$C_j = \frac{4}{\pi j}$$

$$B_n = \frac{4}{\pi(2n + 1)}$$
(29)

Substituting this back into the general solution we have the final solution satisfying the PDE and IC/BCs:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos((n + \frac{1}{2})t) \sin((n + \frac{1}{2})x)}{(2n + 1)\pi} \quad (30)$$

(f) Because this problem has entirely different BCs from the previous ones, namely Neumann Boundary Conditions, I started by checking $K = 0$. Recovering the equation from **(2)** above we have:

$$\begin{aligned} X''(x) &= 0 \\ X'(x) &= C \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

We here we can apply either BC, and we should have:

$$\begin{aligned} X'(0) &= X'(2\pi) = C = 0 \\ C &= 0 \\ X'(x) &= 0 \\ X(x) &= D \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Thus $X(x)$ is an arbitrary constant. Let $D = 1$ and we'll move on to the $T(t)$ equation. From **(1)** we have the following equation, to which we'll apply the

ICs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{T''(t)}{2T(t)} &= 0 \\
 T''(t) &= 0 \\
 T'(t) &= C \\
 T'(0) = C &= 1 \\
 C &= 1 \\
 T(t) &= t + D \\
 T(0) = 0 + D &= -1 \\
 D &= -1
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Thus we have already have a solution that satisfies the PDE and the Initial and Boundary Conditions. This worked out so easily with $K = 0$ because the ICs were simple linear functions. ****Please Note** at the Thursday 4/18 Office Hours, Alex said that if we find a satisfactory solution with $K = 0$, there is no need to continue on to check the other conditions for K . I would speculate that the others would either give trivial solutions, or the same solution? (I would check but I'm really busy...)

$$u(x, t) = t - 1 \tag{34}$$

(g) Again to be thorough, I started by checking the conditions for K , starting with $K = 0$. Recovering the results of **(31)** and **(32)** we have $X(x) = 1$ and:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(t) &= C \\
 T(0) = C &= x(x - 1) \\
 C &\neq x(x - 1)
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

So clearly $K = 0$ will not let us satisfy the ICs. If $K > 0$ we have the same situation as **(23)** and the function is not defined at the boundary conditions.

Thus we move on again to $K = -\lambda^2 < 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X(x) &= A\sin(\lambda x) + B\cos(\lambda x) \\
 X'(x) &= \lambda A\cos(\lambda x) - B\lambda\sin(\lambda x) \\
 X'(0) &= \lambda A = 0 \\
 \lambda = 0 &\text{ is trivial, thus:} \\
 A &= 0 \\
 X'(1) &= -B\lambda\sin(\lambda) = 0 \\
 \lambda &= n\pi \\
 X_n(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n\cos(n\pi x)
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Consolidating arbitrary constants we have the general solution:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[A_n\sin(n\pi t) + B_n\cos(n\pi t) \right] \sin(n\pi x) \tag{37}$$

First I'll take the derivative to use one of the ICs to eliminate a coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_t(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\pi n A_n \cos(n\pi t) - \pi n B_n \sin(n\pi t) \right] \sin(n\pi x) \\
 u_t(x, 0) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \pi n A_n \cos(n\pi x) = 0 \\
 A_n &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Thus we have:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \cos(n\pi t) \cos(n\pi x) \tag{39}$$

Here we have something different, a cosine series! Using the derivation of the formula from the notes, which makes use of the orthogonality of the basis, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &= \int_0^1 x(1-x)dx = \int_0^1 xdx - \int_0^1 x^2dx \\ B_0 &= \left[\frac{x^2}{2}\right]_0^1 - \left[\frac{x^3}{3}\right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

And for B_n we have the following very long integral!

$$B_n = 2 \int_0^1 x(1-x)\cos(n\pi x)dx = \int_0^1 x\cos(n\pi x)dx - \int_0^1 x^2\cos(n\pi x)dx \quad (41)$$

Starting with the first integral:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x, \quad du = 1 \\ dv &= \cos(n\pi x) \\ v &= \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \\ \int x\cos(n\pi x)dx &= \frac{x\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} - \int \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi}dx \\ \int x\cos(n\pi x)dx &= \frac{x\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n^2\pi^2} \\ \left[\frac{x\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n^2\pi^2}\right]_0^1 &= \frac{\cos(n\pi) - 1}{n^2\pi^2} \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Moving on to the second integral we have:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2, \quad du = 2x \\ dv &= \cos(n\pi x) \\ v &= \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \\ \int x^2\cos(n\pi x)dx &= \frac{x^2\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int x\sin(n\pi x)dx \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

We now pause to solve this integral:

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= x, \quad du = 1 \\
dv &= \sin(n\pi x) \\
v &= -\frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \\
\int x \sin(n\pi x) dx &= -\frac{x \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \int \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \\
\int x \sin(n\pi x) dx &= -\frac{x \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n^2 \pi^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

Plugging this back into the ongoing integral we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^1 x^2 \cos(n\pi x) dx &= \left[\frac{x^2 \sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} - \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[\frac{-x \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} + \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n^2 \pi^2} \right] \right]_0^1 \\
\int_0^1 x^2 \cos(n\pi x) dx &= \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n^2 \pi^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Now combining this with the results from (42) we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
B_n &= 2 \left[\frac{\cos(n\pi) - 1}{n^2 \pi^2} - \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n^2 \pi^2} \right] \\
B_n &= \frac{-2 - 2\cos(n\pi)}{n^2 \pi^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

Putting all this together, at last we have:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{6} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 + \cos(n\pi)}{n^2 \pi^2} \cos(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi t) \tag{47}$$