

**1a.** Consider the following IVP:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} &= -u_{xxxx}, & x \in \mathbb{R}, & \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= \phi(x), & u_t(x, 0) &= 0, & \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Find the solution  $\hat{u}(\xi, t)$  of the IVP in the transform domain.

*Solution.* Before we begin, we make the following observation. Even though we are told to find  $\hat{u}(\xi, t)$  which suggests we are to take the Fourier transform of the PDE, we observe that the taking a Fourier transform is appropriate because the PDE is for  $x$  on the whole real line and we have a fourth derivative of  $u$  with respect to  $x$ . Fourier transform will reduce the fourth derivative with respect to  $x$  to an ODE with respect to  $t$ .

First, we take the Fourier transform of both sides of the PDE, (we notice since  $\mathcal{F}[u] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u e^{i\xi t} dx$  then we can pull out a constant times  $u$   $\mathcal{F}[-u] = -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u e^{i\xi t} dx = -\mathcal{F}[u]$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[u_{tt}] &= -\mathcal{F}[u_{xxxx}] \\ \hat{u}_{tt} &= -(i\xi)^4 \hat{u} && \text{by page 118, } \mathcal{F}[u^k] = (-i\xi)^k \hat{u}(\xi) \\ \hat{u}_{tt} &= -(i^2 i^2 \xi^4) \hat{u} \\ \hat{u}_{tt} &= -\xi^4 \hat{u} && \text{where } \hat{u} = \hat{u}(\xi, t) \end{aligned}$$

We now have an ODE of  $\hat{u}(\xi, t)$  of the form

$$\hat{u}_{tt} + \xi^4 \hat{u} = 0$$

To solve this, we solve the corresponding characteristic equation  $r^2 + \xi^4 = 0$ . We find that  $r = \pm(0 + \xi^2 i)$ . From elementary differential equations, we know the solution of  $\hat{u}$  has the form

$$\hat{u}(\xi, t) = a(\xi) \sin(\xi^2 t) + b(\xi) \cos(\xi^2 t)$$

Next, we take the Fourier transform of the initial condition of  $u$  to try to solve for  $a(\xi)$  and  $b(\xi)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{F}[u(x, 0)] = \mathcal{F}[\phi(x)] \Rightarrow \hat{u}(\xi, 0) = \hat{\phi}(\xi)$ . Plugging this result into the expanded form of  $\hat{u}$  we find,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}(\xi, 0) &= \hat{\phi}(\xi) = a(\xi) \sin(\xi^2 \cdot 0) + b(\xi) \cos(\xi^2 \cdot 0) \\ &= a(\xi) \cdot 0 + b(\xi) \cdot 1 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}(\xi) &= b(\xi). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have found the solution of  $\hat{u}(\xi, t)$  in the transform domain,

$$\hat{u}(\xi, t) = \hat{\phi}(\xi) \cos(\xi^2 t).$$

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**1b.** Find the solution  $u(x, t)$ .

*Solution.* To find the solution  $u(x, t)$ , we will use both the convolution theorem as applied to Fourier transforms and the specific inverse Fourier transform given in the problem,  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\cos(\gamma \xi^2)) = \frac{\cos(\frac{x^2}{4\gamma}) + \sin(\frac{x^2}{4\gamma})}{\sqrt{8\pi\gamma}}$ . First, the convolution theorem states that  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{u}(\xi) \hat{v}(\xi)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x-y)v(y)dy$ . In words, this says that if we have a product of two Fourier transforms in the transform domain, then the inverse Fourier transform of this product is the convolution integral as shown above. Thus, we see that our solution  $\hat{u} = \hat{\phi}(x) \cos(\xi^2 t) = \mathcal{F}[\phi(x)] \cdot \mathcal{F}[\frac{\cos(\frac{x^2}{4t}) + \sin(\frac{x^2}{4t})}{\sqrt{8\pi t}}]$ . So  $\hat{u}$  is a product of two Fourier transform and by the convolution theorem,

$$u(x, t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{u}(\xi, t)] = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{\phi}(\xi) \cos(\xi^2 t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x-y) \cdot \frac{\cos(\frac{x^2}{4t}) + \sin(\frac{x^2}{4t})}{\sqrt{8\pi t}} dy.$$

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**2a.** Consider the IVP for the heat equation with dissipation ( $b > 0$ ) and a heat source ( $\frac{1}{te^{bt}(x^2+1)}$ )

$$u_t - ku_{xx} + bu = \frac{1}{te^{bt}(x^2+1)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \quad (1)$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

Let  $u(x, t) = e^{-bt}v(x, t)$  and derive the new IVP for  $v(x, t)$ :

$$v_t - kv_{xx} = \frac{1}{t(x^2+1)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0 \quad (3)$$

$$v(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (4)$$

*Solution.* Let  $u(x, t) = e^{-bt}v(x, t)$ . Next, we solve for the various derivatives of  $u$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}[e^{-bt}v(x, t)] \\ &= -be^{-bt}v + e^{-bt}v_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}[e^{-bt}v(x, t)] \\ &= e^{-bt}v_x \end{aligned}$$

$$bu = be^{-bt}v$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}[e^{-bt}v_x] \\ &= e^{-bt}v_{xx} \end{aligned}$$

We now observe that with our transformation from  $u$  to  $v$  transforms the equation  $u_t - ku_{xx} + bu = \frac{1}{te^{bt}(x^2+1)}$ , to

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-bt}v_t - be^{-bt}v - ke^{-bt}v_{xx} + be^{-bt}v &= \frac{e^{-bt}}{t(x^2+1)} \\ e^{bt}[e^{-bt}v_t - be^{-bt}v - ke^{-bt}v_{xx} + be^{-bt}v] &= e^{bt} \frac{e^{-bt}}{t(x^2+1)} && \text{multiply by } e^{bt} \\ v_t - \cancel{be^{-bt}v} - kv_{xx} + \cancel{be^{-bt}v} &= \frac{1}{t(x^2+1)} && \text{simplify} \\ v_t - kv_{xx} &= \frac{1}{t(x^2+1)} \end{aligned}$$

We also see that since  $u(x, 0) = 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $u(x, 0) = 0 = e^0v(x, 0) = v(x, 0)$ . Now, we have a initial value problem for  $v$ .

$$\begin{aligned} v_t - kv_{xx} &= \frac{1}{t(x^2+1)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0 \\ v(x, 0) &= 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

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**2b.** Solve the IVP (3)-(4) from part (a.) to find the solution  $v(x, t)$ .

*Solution.* We see that the PDE of  $v$  is a diffusion equation with a source on an infinite spatial domain and with zero-valued initial condition. Thus we proceed by using the methods from section 2.5 and 2.1.

Let  $w(x, t; \tau)$  be a solution to the following:

$$\begin{aligned} w_t - kw_{xx} &= 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}, & t > 0 \\ w(x, 0; \tau) &= \frac{1}{\tau(x^2 + 1)}, & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

By section 2.1, since we now have a pure heat equation with no source, and an initial condition  $w(x, 0; \tau) = f(x; \tau)$ , then we know by the methods derived in section 2.1, that  $w$  has the form,

$$w(x, t; \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x - y, t) \frac{1}{\tau(y^2 + 1)} dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} \frac{1}{\tau(y^2 + 1)} dy.$$

Now, by Duhamel's principal, since our function  $v$  and  $w$  have the all the required criteria outlined in section 2.5, we know that  $v(x, t)$  has the form,

$$v(x, t) = \int_0^t w(x, t - \tau; \tau) d\tau = \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi k(t - \tau)}} e^{-(x-y)^2/4k(t-\tau)} \frac{1}{\tau(y^2 + 1)} dy d\tau.$$

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**2c.** Find the solution  $u(x, t)$  to the original IVP (1)-(2).

*Solution.* Since we set  $u(x, t) = e^{-bt}v(x, t)$  then it follows that

$$u(x, t) = e^{-bt} \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi k(t - \tau)}} e^{-(x-y)^2/4k(t-\tau)} \frac{1}{\tau(y^2 + 1)} dy d\tau.$$

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**3a.** Consider the following IBVP,

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad x > 0, \quad t > 0 \quad (5)$$

$$u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad t > 0 \quad (6)$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = g(x), \quad x > 0. \quad (7)$$

Find the solution  $u(x, t)$ .

*Solution.* We first notice that this is the wave equation on a semi infinite domain with a Neumann boundary condition and initial conditions for both  $u$  and  $u_t$ . Since we are on a semi-infinite domain, we will solve a similar PDE for  $v(x, t)$  on an infinite domain and use the method of reflection to solve for  $u$ . Since we have a Neumann boundary condition, we will use *even* functions  $F$  and  $G$  to substitute for  $f$  and  $g$ . Let  $v(x, t)$  be a solution for the following,

$$v_{tt} = c^2 v_{xx}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0 \quad (8)$$

$$v_x(0, t) = 0, \quad t > 0 \quad (9)$$

$$v(x, 0) = F(x), \quad v_t(x, 0) = G(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (10)$$

where

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{for } x > 0 \\ f(-x) & \text{for } x < 0, \end{cases} \quad G(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) & \text{for } x > 0 \\ g(-x) & \text{for } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Now we see that  $v(x, t)$  is a Cauchy problem for the wave equation with boundary condition  $v_x(0, t) = 0$  and functions for both initial conditions. Thus we know by our derivations in section 2.2 that  $v$  has the form,

$$v(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[F(x - ct) + F(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} G(s) ds$$

We now make the following substitutions to change from  $F$  and  $G$  back to  $f$  and  $g$ . First, we observe that since  $u$  is only defined for  $x \in (0, \infty)$ , then we are only concerned about this region also. Thus we need to consider the cases when  $x > ct$  and when  $0 < x < ct$ .

*Case 1.* ( $x > ct$ ) When  $x > ct$  then  $x - ct > 0$  and  $x + ct > 0$ . Thus  $F(x) = f(x)$  and  $G(x) = g(x)$  when  $x > ct$ .

*Case 2.* ( $0 < x < ct$ ) When  $0 < x < ct$  then  $x - ct < 0$  but  $x + ct > 0$ . So  $F(x - ct) = f(ct - x)$ ,  $G(x - ct) = g(ct - x)$ ,  $F(x + ct) = f(x + ct)$ , and  $G(x + ct) = g(x + ct)$ .

Solving for  $f$  and  $g$  within the function  $v$ , we find for  $x > ct$

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2}[F(x - ct) + F(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} G(s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[f(x - ct) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

And for the region ( $0 < x < ct$ ), we have

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2}[F(x - ct) + F(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} G(s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[f(ct - x) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \left[ \int_{x-ct}^0 G(\hat{s}) d\hat{s} + \int_0^{x+ct} G(s) ds \right] && \text{since } x - ct < 0 \text{ and } x + ct > 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[f(ct - x) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \left[ \int_{x-ct}^0 g(-\hat{s}) d\hat{s} + \int_0^{x+ct} g(s) ds \right] && \text{since } x - ct < 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[f(ct - x) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \left[ \int_{ct-x}^0 -g(s) ds + \int_0^{x+ct} g(s) ds \right] && \text{make substitution } s = -\hat{s} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[f(ct - x) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \left[ \int_0^{ct-x} g(s) ds + \int_0^{x+ct} g(s) ds \right] && \text{use } -1 \text{ to flip limits of integration} \end{aligned}$$

And thus, we have found the solution for  $v(x, t)$ ,

$$v(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}[f(x - ct) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds & \text{for } x > ct \\ \frac{1}{2}[f(ct - x) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} [\int_0^{ct-x} g(s) ds + \int_0^{x+ct} g(s) ds] & \text{for } 0 < x < ct. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, when we restrict the spatial region to  $x > 0$ , then we have found the solution for  $u(x, t)$ ,

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}[f(x - ct) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds & \text{for } x > ct \\ \frac{1}{2}[f(ct - x) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} [\int_0^{ct-x} g(s) ds + \int_0^{x+ct} g(s) ds] & \text{for } 0 < x < ct. \end{cases}$$

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**3b.** Now consider the specific case with  $c = 3$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1+x^2}$ , and  $g(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$ . Write the solution  $u(x, t)$  in a form without integrals.

*Solution.* Since  $u$  is a piecewise function, we solve for each region separately. Let  $c = 3$ . For  $x > ct$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(x - 3t)^2}{1 + (x - 3t)^2} + \frac{(x + 3t)^2}{1 + (x + 3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} \left[ \int_{x-3t}^{x+3t} 1 - e^{-s} ds \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(x - 3t)^2}{1 + (x - 3t)^2} + \frac{(x + 3t)^2}{1 + (x + 3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} \left[ s + e^{-s} \Big|_{x-3t}^{x+3t} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(x - 3t)^2}{1 + (x - 3t)^2} + \frac{(x + 3t)^2}{1 + (x + 3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} [x + 3t + e^{-x-3t} - x + 3t - e^{3t-x}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(x - 3t)^2}{1 + (x - 3t)^2} + \frac{(x + 3t)^2}{1 + (x + 3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} [6t + e^{-x-3t} - e^{3t-x}] \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 < x < ct$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(3t - x)^2}{1 + (3t - x)^2} + \frac{(x + 3t)^2}{1 + (x + 3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} \left[ \int_0^{3t-x} 1 - e^{-s} ds + \int_0^{x+3t} 1 - e^{-s} ds \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(3t - x)^2}{1 + (3t - x)^2} + \frac{(x + 3t)^2}{1 + (x + 3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} \left[ s + e^{-s} \Big|_0^{3t-x} + s + e^{-s} \Big|_0^{x+3t} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(3t - x)^2}{1 + (3t - x)^2} + \frac{(x + 3t)^2}{1 + (x + 3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} [(3t - x + e^{x-3t} - 1) + (x + 3t + e^{-x-3t} - 1)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(3t - x)^2}{1 + (3t - x)^2} + \frac{(x + 3t)^2}{1 + (x + 3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} [e^{x-3t} + e^{-x-3t} + 6t - 2] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the solution of  $u(x, t)$  for the given functions  $f$  and  $g$  is

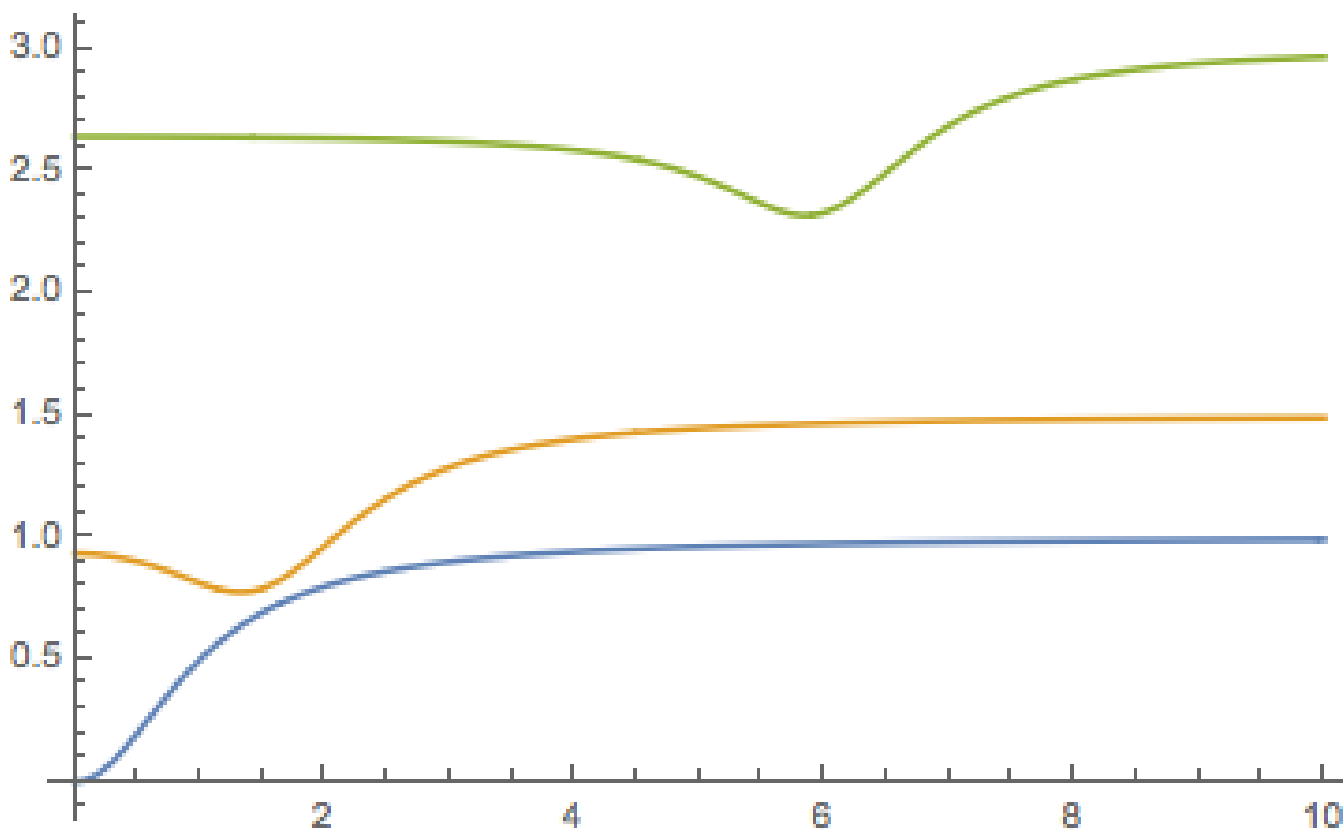
$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(x-3t)^2}{1+(x-3t)^2} + \frac{(x+3t)^2}{1+(x+3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} [6t + e^{-x-3t} - e^{3t-x}] & \text{for } x > ct, \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(3t-x)^2}{1+(3t-x)^2} + \frac{(x+3t)^2}{1+(x+3t)^2} \right] + \frac{1}{6} [e^{x-3t} + e^{-x-3t} + 6t - 2] & \text{for } 0 < x < ct. \end{cases}$$

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Note: We verified this result by referring to the text by Andrei D. Polyanin [1].

**3c.** Use technology to plot time snapshots at  $t = 0, .5$ , and  $2$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 10$ .

*Solution.* We enter the piecewise function obtained in part 3b. in mathematica to make the following plot.



Legend:

$t = 0$

$t = .5$

$t = 2$

**4a.** Consider the Cauchy problem for the heat equation

$$u_t = ku_{xx}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \quad (11)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (12)$$

with  $k > 0$  constant. You will be guided through the steps to show that if  $\phi(x)$  is odd, then for all  $t > 0$ ,  $u(x, t)$  is also an odd function of  $x$ . Given that the solution to the Cauchy problem is  $u(x, t)$ , show that

$$u(-x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{-(x+y)^2/4kt} dy.$$

*Solution.* Let  $u$  be a solution to (11)-(12). By section 2.1, we know  $u$  is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} dy.$$

We then observe the following result for  $u(x, t)$  for  $-x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} u(-x, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{-(-x-y)^2/4kt} dy, \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{-((-1)(x+y))^2/4kt} dy, \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{-((-1)^2(x+y)^2)/4kt} dy, \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{-(x+y)^2/4kt} dy. \end{aligned}$$

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**4b.** Assume  $\phi(x)$  is an odd function. Show that  $u(x, t) = -u(-x, t)$ , and conclude that  $u(x, t)$  is an odd function of  $x$ .

*Solution.* Suppose  $\phi(x)$  is an odd function. Then  $\phi(x) = -\phi(-x)$ . Now we will use the result from (4a.) to show that  $u(x, t) = -u(-x, t)$ . Notice,

$$\begin{aligned} -u(-x, t) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(\hat{y}) e^{-(x+\hat{y})^2/4kt} d\hat{y} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} -\phi(-y) e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} dy && \text{Let } y = -\hat{y} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} \phi(y) e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} dy && \text{since } \phi(x) = -\phi(-x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y) e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} dy && \text{flip limits of integration} \\ &= u(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, since have shown that  $-u(-x, t) = u(x, t)$ , we have shown that  $u$  is an odd function of  $x$ .

**4c.** Explain how this fact is useful when solving the PDE on the semi-infinite domain:

$$u_t = ku_{xx}, \quad x > 0, \quad t > 0, \quad (13)$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad (14)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x), \quad x > 0 \quad (15)$$

*Solution.* First, we will note that we know how to find the solution for Cauchy heat equation,

$$u_t = ku_{xx}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

We will also take note of the results of 4b, that if  $\phi(x)$  is an odd function, then  $-u(-x, t) = u(x, t)$ , where  $u(x, t)$  is the solution to the Cauchy heat equation,  $u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(y)G(x - y, t)dy$

Now consider the PDE we get if we create a similar PDE

$$v_t = kv_{xx}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \quad (16)$$

$$v(x, 0) = \psi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (17)$$

where

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} \phi(x) & \text{for } x > 0, \\ -\phi(-x) & \text{for } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Since the equations (16)-(17) are the Cauchy problem for the heat equation, then we know that the solution  $v(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x - y, t)\psi(y)dy$ . Then we show,

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x - y, t)\psi(y)dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 G(x - y, t)\psi(y)dy + \int_0^{\infty} G(x - y, t)\psi(y)dy && \text{split up integral} \\ &= -\int_{-\infty}^0 G(x - \hat{y}, t)\phi(-\hat{y})d\hat{y} + \int_0^{\infty} G(x - y, t)\phi(y)dy && \text{since } \phi \text{ is odd} \\ &= -\int_0^{\infty} G(x + y, t)\phi(y)dy + \int_0^{\infty} G(x - y, t)\phi(y)dy && \text{let } y = -\hat{y} \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} (G(x - y, t) - G(x + y, t))\phi(y)dy \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have re-derived the solution to the heat equation on a semi-infinite domain. We now have one subtlety to consider: Since  $\psi(x)$  is an odd function, then we have shown that  $v(x, t)$  must be an odd function of  $x$ ,  $-v(-x, t) = v(x, t)$ . And since we are solving partial differential equations, then we have required  $v$  to be a differentiable function. Thus  $v$  should not have any jump discontinuities at  $x = 0$ . And thus,  $-v(-x, t) = v(x, t) \iff v(0, t) = 0$ . Thus, the initial condition has fallen out of our new Cauchy problem precisely due to our requirements that  $\phi$  is odd and thus  $v$  is an odd function of  $x$ . So rewriting all we have derived about  $v$ , we have,

$$v_t = kv_{xx}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \quad (18)$$

$$v(0, t) = 0 \quad t > 0 \quad (19)$$

$$v(x, 0) = \psi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (20)$$

And we have shown the solution to  $v$ . And now since both PDEs  $v$  and  $u$  are identical except for domain, we can just restrict the solution to  $x > 0$ ,

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^{\infty} (G(x - y, t) - G(x + y, t))\phi(y)dy$$



## References

- [1] Polyanin, Andrei D., *Handbook of Linear Partial Differential Equations for Scientists and Engineers*. Washington D.C. Chapman & Hall, 2002. [Print](#) / [PDF](#).