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HW 19

Let  $X$  and  $T$  be physical variables for distance and time. Consider the following general diffusion problem for  $u(X, T)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{PDE} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + F(X, T) \quad 0 < X < L, \quad 0 < T < +\infty \\
 \text{BC} & \alpha_1 L \frac{\partial u}{\partial X}(0, T) + \beta_1 u(0, t) = G_1(T) \quad 0 < T < +\infty \\
 & \alpha_2 L \frac{\partial u}{\partial X}(L, T) + \beta_2 u(L, t) = G_2(T) \\
 \text{IC} & u(X, 0) = \phi(X) \quad 0 < X < L
 \end{array}$$

Note:

$$\alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 \neq 0 \quad \alpha_2^2 + \beta_2^2 \neq 0$$

- (a) If the units for  $X$  and  $T$  are [cm] and [sec] respectively (and  $u$  is taken as temperature with units [deg]), what are the units for  $L, \alpha^2, F, \phi$ , and for  $\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2$ ?

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \frac{\text{deg}}{\text{sec}} = \alpha^2 \frac{\text{deg}}{\text{cm}^2} + F & \alpha \cdot \text{cm} \frac{\text{deg}}{\text{cm}} + \beta \cdot \text{deg} = \text{deg} \\
 F = \frac{\text{deg}}{\text{sec}} & \alpha \cdot \text{deg} = \beta \cdot \text{deg} = \text{deg} \\
 \alpha^2 = \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{sec}} & \alpha_{1,2} = \beta_{1,2} = 1 = \text{dimensionless} \\
 L = \text{cm} & \phi(X) = \text{deg}
 \end{array}$$

Define dimensionless variables  $x, t$  by  $x = X/L$  and  $t = \frac{\alpha^2}{L^2} T$ . Define  $w(x, t) = u(X, T)$

- (b) Find  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial X}, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial X^2}$  in terms of  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial T}(w(x, t)) & \frac{\partial u}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial}{\partial X}(w(x, t)) \\
 T = \frac{L^2}{\alpha^2} t & X = xL \\
 = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \left(\frac{L^2}{\alpha^2} t\right)} & = \frac{\partial}{\partial (xL)}(w(x, t)) \\
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial T} = \frac{\alpha^2}{L^2} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} &
 \end{array}$$

- (c) Show that the PDE can be written as

$$\text{PDE} \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + f(x, t) \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t < +\infty$$

What is  $f(x, t)$  in terms of  $F(X, T)$ ?

(d) Show that the BC can be written as

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{BC} & \alpha_1 \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}(0, t) + \beta_1 w(0, t) = g_1(t) & 0 < t < +\infty \\ & \alpha_2 \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}(1, t) + \beta_2 w(1, t) = g_2(t) & 0 < t < +\infty \end{array}$$

What are  $g_1(t)$  and  $g_2(t)$  in terms of  $G_1(T)$  and  $G_2(T)$ ?

(e) Show that the IC can be written as

$$\text{IC} \qquad w(x, 0) = \phi(x) \qquad 0 < x < 1$$

What is  $\phi(x)$  in terms of  $\phi(X)$ ?