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HW 17

Find the inverse transform  $u(x,t)$ . Hint use mathematica.

$$\begin{aligned}U(t) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\sin(\omega)}{\omega} e^{-(\omega\alpha)^2 t} \\ \mathcal{F}_c^{-1}[U] &= u(x,t) \\ &= \int_0^\infty U(t) \cos(\omega x) d\omega \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(\omega) \cos(\omega x)}{\omega e^{(\omega\alpha)^2 t}} d\omega \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\omega} e^{-\omega^2 \alpha^2 t} \sin(\omega) \cos(\omega x) d\omega\end{aligned}$$

Punching the above integral into Mathematica we get the following:

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x+1}{2\sqrt{\alpha^2 t}} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x-1}{2\sqrt{\alpha^2 t}} \right) \right]$$