

Math 473 PDE Solutions for A5

Section 4.3

3. If $f(-x) = f(x)$, then using the chain rule $f'(-x)(-1) = f'(x)$ (i.e., $f'(x)$ is odd), etc..

9. (a) Since $f(x)$ is even about $x = \frac{1}{2}$, we have $b_n = 0$ for n even, and

$$\begin{aligned} b_{2m+1} &= 4 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x \sin((2m+1)\pi x) dx \\ &= 4 \left(-x \frac{\cos((2m+1)\pi x)}{(2m+1)\pi} \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\cos((2m+1)\pi x)}{(2m+1)\pi} dx \right) \\ &= 4 \frac{\sin((2m+1)\pi x)}{((2m+1)\pi)^2} \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4(-1)^m}{[(2m+1)\pi]^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,
$$u(x, t) = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m+1)^2} e^{-(2m+1)^2 \pi^2 t} \sin((2m+1)\pi x).$$

(b) The initial heat energy outflux through the endpoints of $[\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon, \frac{1}{2}+\epsilon]$ is proportional to $u_x(\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon, 0) - u_x(\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon, 0) = 1 - (-1) = 2 = -\left(\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon}^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} u(x, t) dx\right)_{t=0^+} \approx -\left(\frac{d}{dt} 2\epsilon u(\frac{1}{2}, t)\right)_{t=0^+} = -2\epsilon u_t(\frac{1}{2}, 0^+)$ for small ϵ , if we were to assume that $u_t(\frac{1}{2}, 0^+)$ exists. Thus, $-2\epsilon u_t(\frac{1}{2}, 0^+) \approx 2$ regardless of the size of ϵ , which is impossible. Thus, $u_t(\frac{1}{2}, 0^+)$ cannot exist.

10. (a) The B.C. dictate that $f(x)$ needs to be represented by a series of the form $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \sin[(n + \frac{1}{2})x]$. Thus, by Theorem 3,

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})x\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})x\right) dx = -\frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\cos\left((n + \frac{1}{2})x\right)}{n + \frac{1}{2}} \Bigg|_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{2 \cos\left((n + \frac{1}{2})\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\pi \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the formal solution is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos\left((n + \frac{1}{2})\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{n + \frac{1}{2}} e^{-(n + \frac{1}{2})^2 kt} \sin\left((n + \frac{1}{2})x\right).$$

(b) Note that $u(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0) = \frac{1}{2}[f(\frac{\pi}{2}^+) + f(\frac{\pi}{2}^-)] = \frac{1}{2} \neq 1 = f(\frac{\pi}{2})$. Moreover, for any N , we can find $\epsilon > 0$ such that $u_n(\frac{\pi}{2} + \epsilon, 0) < \frac{2}{3}$ while $f(\frac{\pi}{2} + \epsilon) = 1$. Thus, $|u_n(\frac{\pi}{2} + \epsilon, 0) - f(\frac{\pi}{2} + \epsilon)| > \frac{1}{3}$.

Section 4.4

7. (a) $\exp\left(\int \frac{x-2x}{x^2} dx\right) = \exp\left(\int -\frac{1}{x} dx\right) = \frac{1}{x}$, $(xy')' + \frac{x^2-m^2}{x}y = 0$.

(b) $\exp\left(\int \frac{-2x+2x}{1-x^2} dx\right) = 1$, $((1-x^2)y')' + m(m+1)y = 0$.

(c) $\exp\left(\int \frac{-x+2x}{1-x^2} dx\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{-2x}{1-x^2} dx\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$, $(\sqrt{1-x^2}y')' + \frac{m^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}y = 0$.

(d) $\exp\left(\int -2x dx\right) = e^{-x^2}$, $(e^{-x^2}y')' + 2me^{-x^2}y = 0$.

(e) $\exp\left(\int \frac{(1-x)-1}{x} dx\right) = \exp\left(\int -1 dx\right) = e^{-x}$, $(xe^{-x}y')' + my = 0$.

10. This is a direct consequence of Theorem 5. Alternatively,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (m(m+1) - n(n+1)) \int_{-1}^1 y_n(x) y_m(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 y_n(x) m(m+1) y_m(x) dx - \int_{-1}^1 n(n+1) y_n(x) y_m(x) dx \\
 &= - \int_{-1}^1 y_n(x) ((1-x^2) y_m'(x))' dx + \int_{-1}^1 ((1-x^2) y_n'(x))' y_m(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 y_n'(x) (1-x^2) y_m'(x) dx - \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2) y_n'(x) y_m'(x) dx = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

13. Let $y(x)$ be an eigenfunction. Then

$$-\lambda \int_0^1 y(x)^2 dx = \int_0^1 y''(x) y(x) dx = y'(x) y(x) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 y'(x)^2 dx = -y(1)^2 - \int_0^1 [y'(x)]^2 dx < 0,$$

since $y(x)$ is not constant (otherwise $y(x) \equiv 0$ by the first B.C.). Thus, $\lambda \int_0^1 y(x)^2 dx > 0$, and so $\lambda > 0$.