

1. (25 pts.) Solve the eigenvalue problem  $X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0$  for  $0 < x < \pi$ , subject to the Neumann boundary condition  $X'(0) = 0$  at the left endpoint and the Dirichlet condition  $X(\pi) = 0$  at the right endpoint. (Note: If you want full credit, you will need to show the details of all steps in your solution.)

$\lambda > 0$  (say  $\lambda = \alpha^2 > 0$  where  $\alpha > 0$ ):

$\delta'' + \alpha^2 \delta = 0 \Rightarrow \delta(x) = c_1 \cos(\alpha x) + c_2 \sin(\alpha x)$  so  $\delta'(x) = -\alpha c_1 \sin(\alpha x) + \alpha c_2 \cos(\alpha x)$ .

$0 = \delta'(0) = \alpha c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$  so  $\delta(x) = c_1 \cos(\alpha x)$ .  $0 = \delta(\pi) = c_1 \cos(\alpha \pi) \Rightarrow \cos(\alpha \pi) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \alpha \pi = (2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{2k+1}{2}$ .

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<p>Eigenvalues: <math>\lambda_k = \left(\frac{2k+1}{2}\right)^2</math></p> <p>Eigenfunctions: <math>\delta_k(x) = \cos\left(\frac{2k+1}{2}x\right)</math></p>	<p>11 pts. to here.</p> <p>15 pts. to here.</p> <p><math>k = 0, 1, 2, \dots</math></p> <p>11 pts. to here.</p>
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$\lambda = 0$ :  $\delta'' = 0 \Rightarrow \delta(x) = c_1 x + c_2$  so  $\delta'(x) = c_1$

$0 = \delta'(0) = c_1$  so  $\delta(x) = c_2$ .  $0 = \delta(\pi) = c_2$

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$\therefore$  zero is not an eigenvalue.

$\lambda < 0$  (say  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$  where  $\alpha > 0$ ):

$\delta'' - \alpha^2 \delta = 0 \Rightarrow \delta(x) = c_1 \cosh(\alpha x) + c_2 \sinh(\alpha x)$  so  $\delta'(x) = \alpha c_1 \sinh(\alpha x) + \alpha c_2 \cosh(\alpha x)$ .

$0 = \delta'(0) = \alpha c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$  so  $\delta(x) = c_1 \cosh(\alpha x)$ .  $0 = \delta(\pi) = c_1 \cosh(\alpha \pi) \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$ .

$\therefore$  there are no negative eigenvalues.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you recognize the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions for any boundary value problem on the remainder of this exam, you do NOT need to supply all the details of the calculations. Merely state the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions and proceed with the rest of the solution.

2. (25 pts.) Find a solution to  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$  for  $0 < x < \pi$ ,  $0 < t < \infty$ , subject to the boundary conditions  $u_x(0, t) = 0 = u_x(\pi, t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ , and the initial conditions  $u(x, 0) = 3 + 2 \cos(x) - 5 \cos(3x)$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  in ①-②-③-④ leads to  $X''(x)T(t) - X(x)T''(t) = 0 \Rightarrow$

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 $\frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \text{constant} = -\lambda$  so

$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \quad X'(0) = 0 \text{ and } X'(\pi) = 0$	by ② by ③ (2+1)
$T''(t) + \lambda T(t) = 0, \quad T'(0) = 0$	by ④ 9 pts. to here (2+1)

11 pts. to here. The eigenvalues of the boxed BVP are  $\lambda_n = n^2$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) and the corresponding  
 13 pts. to here. eigenfunctions are  $X_n(x) = \cos(nx)$ .

The solution of the corresponding equation in  $t$ ,  $T_n''(t) + n^2 T_n(t) = 0$ , is  $T_n(t) = c_1 \cos(nt) + c_2 \sin(nt)$  and the condition  $T_n'(0) = 0$  implies  $c_2 = 0$ , at least when  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  If  $n = 0$  then

15 pts. to here.  $T_0(t) = c_2 t + c_1$  and  $T_0'(0) = 0$  implies  $c_2 = 0$ . Therefore  $T_n(t) = \cos(nt)$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ),

17 pts. to here up to a constant factor. Hence  $u_n(x, t) = X_n(x)T_n(t) = \cos(nx)\cos(nt)$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ).

By the superposition principle, for each  $N \geq 1$  and each choice of constants  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_N$ ,

19 pts. to here. (\*)  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^N c_n \cos(nx)\cos(nt)$

solves ①-②-③-④. We want to choose  $N$  and  $c_0, \dots, c_N$  such that (\*) satisfies the nonhomogeneous condition ⑤. I.e.

$$3 + 2\cos(x) - 5\cos(3x) = u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^N c_n \cos(nx) \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq x \leq \pi.$$

23 pts. to here By inspection we may take  $N = 3$  and  $c_0 = 3, c_1 = 2, c_2 = 0, c_3 = -5$ . Therefore

$$u(x, t) = 3 + 2\cos(x)\cos(t) - 5\cos(3x)\cos(3t)$$

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is a solution of ①-②-③-④-⑤.

3.(25 pts.) (a) Show that  $\Phi = \{\sin(n\pi x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an orthogonal set of functions on the interval (0,1).

(Hint: You may find useful the identity  $\sin(A)\sin(B) = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)]$ .)

(b) Consider the function  $f(x) = x(1-x)$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Show that the Fourier sine series of  $f$  on the interval (0,1) is  $f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8 \sin((2k+1)\pi x)}{\pi^3 (2k+1)^3}$ .

(c) Assuming that  $f(x) = x(1-x)$  is equal to its Fourier sine series at each point of the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , show that  $\frac{\pi^3}{32} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^3}$ .

5 pts. (a) If  $m \neq n$  then  $\langle \varphi_m, \varphi_n \rangle = \int_0^1 \varphi_m(x) \overline{\varphi_n(x)} dx = \int_0^1 \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx =$   
 $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} [\cos((m-n)\pi x) - \cos((m+n)\pi x)] dx = \left[ \frac{\sin((m-n)\pi x)}{2(m-n)\pi} - \frac{\sin((m+n)\pi x)}{2(m+n)\pi} \right]_0^1 = 0.$

10 pts. (b)  $b_n = \frac{\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle}{\langle \varphi_n, \varphi_n \rangle} = 2 \int_0^1 x(1-x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = -2x(1-x) \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \Big|_0^1 + 2 \int_0^1 (1-2x) \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} dx$   
 $= \frac{2(1-2x) \sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} (-2 dx) = \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \left( \frac{-\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{4(1-(-1)^n)}{(n\pi)^3}$

8 pts. to here.  $\therefore b_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 2k \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{8}{[(2k+1)\pi]^3} & \text{if } n = 2k+1 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Thus, the Fourier sine series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x)$

of  $f$  is  $f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8 \sin((2k+1)\pi x)}{\pi^3 (2k+1)^3}$ . 10 pts. to here

10 pts. (c) Assume  $x(1-x) = f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8 \sin((2k+1)\pi x)}{\pi^3 (2k+1)^3}$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Taking

$x = 1/2$  in this identity gives

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$$\frac{1}{4} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8 \sin((2k+1)\pi/2)}{\pi^3 (2k+1)^3} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\pi^3}{32} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^3}$$

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4. (25 pts.) Find a solution to  $u_t - 2u_{xx} = 0$  for  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $0 < t < \infty$ , subject to the boundary conditions  $u(0,t) = 0 = u(1,t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ , and the initial condition  $u(x,0) = x(1-x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . (Note: You may find useful the result of problem # 3(b).)

The seek nontrivial solutions of ①-②-③ of the form  $u(x,t) = \Sigma(x)T(t)$ . Then ① implies  $\Sigma(x)T'(t) - 2\Sigma''(x)T(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{T'(t)}{2T(t)} = \frac{\Sigma''(x)}{\Sigma(x)} = \text{constant} = -\lambda$ . ② implies  $\Sigma(0)T(t) = 0$

and ③ implies  $\Sigma(1)T(t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . therefore  $\Sigma''(x) - \lambda\Sigma(x) = 0$ ,  $\Sigma(0) = 0 = \Sigma(1)$ . 6 pts

The eigenvalues for this B.V.P. are  $\lambda_n = (n\pi)^2$  for  $n=1,2,3,\dots$  and the corresponding eigenfunctions are  $\Sigma_n(x) = \sin(n\pi x)$ . The  $t$ -equation,  $T_n'(t) + 2\lambda_n T_n(t) = 0$ , has solution

$T_n(t) = e^{-2\lambda_n t} = e^{-2n^2\pi^2 t}$  (up to a constant factor). Therefore, the superposition principle yields the formal solution  $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x) e^{-2n^2\pi^2 t}$  to the homogeneous problem ①-②-③ where  $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots$  are arbitrary constants. Applying ④ we have

$$x(1-x) = u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x) \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

By #3(b) and assuming that  $x(1-x)$  is equal to its Fourier sine series at each point of the interval  $[0,1]$ ,  $b_n = 0$  if  $n$  is even and  $b_n = \frac{8}{\pi^3 n^3}$  if  $n$  is odd.

That is,

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8 \sin((2k+1)\pi x) e^{-2(2k+1)^2 \pi^2 t}}{\pi^3 (2k+1)^3}$$

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Bonus (25pts.): (a) Show that the solution to the problem in # 2 is unique.

(b) Show that the solution to the problem in # 4 is unique.

(a) Let  $v=v(x,t)$  be another solution to the problem in #2, and let

$w(x,t) = u(x,t) - v(x,t)$  where  $u(x,t) = 3 + 2\cos(x)\cos(t) - 5\cos(3x)\cos(3t)$  is the solution obtained in #2. Then  $w=w(x,t)$  solves  $w_{tt} - w_{xx} = 0$  in  $0 < x < \pi, 0 < t < \infty$ , and satisfies  $w_x(0,t) = 0 = w_x(\pi,t)$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $w(x,0) = 0 = w_t(x,0)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

Consider the energy function  $E(t) = \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{1}{2} w_t^2(x,t) + \frac{1}{2} w_x^2(x,t) \right] dx$  of the solution

$$w=w(x,t). \text{ Then } \frac{dE}{dt} = \int_0^\pi \left[ w_t(x,t) w_{tt}(x,t) + w_x(x,t) w_{xt}(x,t) \right] dx$$
$$= \int_0^\pi \left[ w_t(x,t) w_{xx}(x,t) + w_x(x,t) w_{xt}(x,t) \right] dx = \int_0^\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (w_t w_x) dx = w_t(x,t) w_x(x,t) \Big|_{x=0}^{\pi}$$

$$= w_t(\pi,t) w_x(\pi,t) - w_t(0,t) w_x(0,t) = 0 \text{ so } E(t) = E(0) \text{ for all } t \geq 0.$$

But  $E(0) = \int_0^\pi \left[ \frac{1}{2} w_t^2(x,0) + \frac{1}{2} w_x^2(x,0) \right] dx = 0$  so the vanishing theorem implies

$0 = w_t^2(x,t) = w_x^2(x,t)$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  and each  $t \geq 0$ . Hence  $w(x,t) = \text{constant}$

in  $0 \leq x \leq \pi, 0 \leq t < \infty$ . But  $w(x,0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  so  $w(x,t) = 0$  for all

$0 \leq x \leq \pi, 0 \leq t < \infty$ . That is,  $u(x,t) = v(x,t)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi, 0 \leq t < \infty$  so the solution

is unique to the problem in #2.

(b) Let  $w(x,t) = u(x,t) - v(x,t)$  where  $u = u(x,t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8 \sin(2k+1)\pi x e^{-2(2k+1)^2 t}}{\pi^3 (2k+1)^3}$

is the solution obtained in problem #4 and  $v=v(x,t)$  is any other solution to

the problem in #4. Then  $w=w(x,t)$  solves  $w_t - 2w_{xx} = 0$  in  $0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty$ ,

and satisfies  $w(0,t) = 0 = w(1,t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ , and  $w(x,0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . (OVER)

Since  $w=0$  on the side walls  $x=0$  and  $x=1$  and  $w=0$  on the initial wall  $t=0$ , the maximum/minimum principle <sup>for solutions of the diffusion equation</sup> shows that

$w(x,t)=0$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , where  $T > 0$  is arbitrary. It follows that  $u(x,t)=v(x,t)$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq t < \infty$ ; i.e. the solution to the problem in #4 is unique.

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60 - 72	C	B	2
50 - 59	C	C	2
0 - 49	F	D	4