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Math 241 - Section 002 - Midterm 1 - Practice exam
Thursday, February 20, 2020, @ 10:30 AM - 11:50 AM

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Problem	Points	Your score
1	20	
2	20	
3	20	
4	20	
5	20	
Total	100	

Problem 1 [25 points]

This problem deals with the diffusion of a chemical pollutant on a straight pipe of length L , with constant sectional area. Let $u(x, t)$ be the density or concentration of the chemical per unit volume.

Part a. [4 points] State in mathematical terms the conservation of mass of the pollutant in an arbitrary region between $x = a$ and $x = b$.

Part b. [4 points] Assuming that Fick's law of diffusion is satisfied,

$$\phi = -k \frac{\partial u}{\partial x},$$

show that the partial differential equation that models the evolution of $u(x, t)$ is

$$u_t = ku_{xx}.$$

Part c. [6 points] Assume that the initial condition is $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ and that the mass flux is specified at both ends $-ku_x(0, t) = \alpha$, $-ku_x(L, t) = 3$. Determine the total amount of chemical in the pipe as a function of time (write the solution in terms of the constant α):

$$M(t) = A \int_0^L u(x, t) dx.$$

Part d. [6 points] Under what conditions is there an equilibrium chemical concentration, and what is it?

Problem 2 [20 points]

Solve the heat equation $u_t = 4u_{xx}$ for $-2 < x < 2$, subject to the following boundary and initial conditions:

$$u(-2, t) = u(2, t), \quad u_x(-2, t) = u_x(2, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = 5 \sin(2\pi x) + \cos(\pi x).$$

Problem 3 [20 points]

Consider the 2D heat equation in a quarter of an annulus with inner radius $R_1 = 1$ and outer radius $R_2 = 2$, $\mathcal{A} = \{(r, \theta) : 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2, 1 \leq r \leq 2\}$. Together with the boundary and initial conditions, the problem is the following:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= \Delta u, & 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, & 1 < r < 2 \\u_r(1, \theta, t) &= C, & u_r(2, \theta, t) &= \cos(2\theta), \\u_\theta(r, \pi/2, t) &= 0, & u_\theta(r, 0, t) &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}.$$

Part a. [4 points] Define the total thermal energy by $E(t) = \iint_{\mathcal{A}} u \, dS$. Show that

$$E'(t) = \frac{\pi}{2} C.$$

Part b. [2 points] Briefly explain why the condition $C = 0$ is needed for an equilibrium solution to exist.

Part c. [8 points] For $C = 0$, find an equilibrium solution to the problem. Explain why the solution is not uniquely defined.

Part d. [6 points] Assuming that we are giving the additional information $E(0)$, determine the unique equilibrium solution.

Problem 4 [20 points]

Consider the function $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 1, \\ 1, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Part a. [10 points] Sketch its Fourier sine series. Mark clearly the values at the points of discontinuity. What is the value of the series at $x = 0$? And at $x = -1$?

Part b. [10 points] Write the Fourier sine series of $f(x)$ over $[0, 2]$, and compute the coefficients. Simplify the results.

Problem 5 [20 points]

Part a. [10 points] Let $f(x) = -4x$, and assume that the following expansion holds for $0 < x < 2$,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2^n} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right).$$

What are the values of a_0 and a_4 ?

Part b. [5 points] Suppose that $u(x, t)$ solves

$$u_t = u_{xx} + u + \cos t, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0,$$

with

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(0, t) = 0,$$

and $u(x, 0) = 0$. Suppose also that $v(x, t)$ solves

$$v_t = v_{xx} + v,$$

with

$$v(0, t) = f(t), \quad v_x(0, t) = 0,$$

and $v(x, 0) = \cos x$. Find the solution $w(x, t)$ to the following initial boundary value problem

$$w_t = w_{xx} + w + 2 \cos t, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0,$$

with

$$w(0, t) = 4f(t), \quad w_x(0, t) = 0,$$

and $w(x, 0) = 4 \cos x$. Write the solution in terms of u and v .

Part c. [5 points] Consider the following BVP posed for $0 < x < L$ and $t > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx} + 2u_x + u, \\u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(L, t) + u_x(L, t) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Apply the method of separation of variables to determine what ordinary differential equations are implied for the functions of x and t and what boundary conditions are necessary for each of those ODEs. You do not need to solve these ODEs.

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