

PDE and Boundary-Value Problems (Winter Term 2016/2017)
Assignment H4 - Homework

Problem 4.1 (Fourier Transform and Maple - 3x4=12 Points)

Using Maple solve the problem

$$\text{PDE: } u_t = u_{xx}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$\text{IC: } u(x, 0) = \varphi(x), \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

by means of the Fourier transform. Compare the solutions for the following values of the initial data:

$$(a) \quad \varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases},$$

$$(b) \quad \varphi(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(x), & |x| < \pi/2 \\ 0, & |x| > \pi/2 \end{cases},$$

$$(c) \quad \varphi(x) = xe^{-2|x|}.$$

Problem 4.2 (Laplace Transform and Maple - 8 Points)

We seek the temperature distribution $u(x, t)$ in a thin rod over the interval $0 < x < \infty$ whose lateral surface is insulated. The left end of the rod is constrained at a varying temperature $q(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$, and the rod has an initial temperature distribution $u(x, 0) = 0$. There is no heat source in the system and the thermal diffusivity of the rod is $k = 1/50$.

Using Maple solve the problem by means of the Laplace transform (transform t). Show the animation of the spatial-time temperature distribution $u(x, t)$ in the rod for $0 \leq t \leq 5$.

(*Hinweis:* use the Maple commands **laplace** and **invlaplace** for the Laplace transform and the inverse Laplace transform, respectively.)

Problem 4.3 (Solving IBVP - 6 Points)

Suppose we have a metal rod (laterally insulated) and we supply an *initial impulse of heat* at the right-hand side (the left-hand side is fixed at zero). Suppose the initial temperature of the rod is zero (some reference temperature) and the temperature at the midpoint $x = 0.5$ is measured at various values of time, so that we have the following table:

Values of Time	Midpoint Temperature
t_1	w_1
$t_2 = 2t_1$	w_2
$t_3 = 3t_1$	w_3
\vdots	\vdots
$t_n = nt_1$	w_n

Using this data, how could we approximate the temperature response at the points $u(0.5, t_n)$ due to the BCs

- (a) $u(1, t) = \sin(t)$
- (b) $u(x, t) = f(t)$ (arbitrary $f(t)$)?

Deadline for submission: Wednesday, December 14, 10:15 am