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MAK 501 ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS



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HOMEWORK 3

1. Solve below problems using separation of variables. Take the separation constant to be  $-\lambda^2$ . Express your result by superposing X and T. If the PDE cannot be separated, state that. (If the last digit of your ID number is odd, solve a and c; if even, solve b and d)
  - a.  $u_{xx} = u_t + 3u$
  - b.  $u_{xx} + 2u_x = u_t$  HINT: In this case you should find that the value of K that needs to be distinguished [as we distinguished the case  $K=0$  in (9) and (10)] is  $K=1$ , not  $K=0$ .
  - c.  $u_{xx} + 2u_{xt} = u_t$
  - d.  $u_{xx} + 2u_{xt} = u_{tt}$

2. Can we use superposition to conclude from

$$X = A\cos\lambda X + B\sin\lambda X + D + Ex$$

and

$$T = F\exp(-\lambda^2\alpha^2 t) + G$$

that

$$u(x, t) = [A\cos\lambda X + B\sin(\lambda x) + D + Ex][F \exp(-\lambda^2\alpha^2 t) + G]$$

Explain.

3. The temperature distribution  $u(x,t)$  in a 2-m long brass rod is governed by the problem

$$\alpha^2 u_{xx} = u_t, (0 < x < 2, 0 < t < \infty)$$

$$u(0, t) = u(2, t) = 0, (t > 0)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 50x, & (0 < x < 1) \\ 100 - 5x, & (1 < x < 2) \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha^2 = 2.9 * 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$

- a. Determine the solution for  $u(x, t)$
- b. Compute the temperature at the midpoint of the rod at the end of 1 hour.
- c. Compute the time it will take for the temperature at that point to diminish to  $5^\circ\text{C}$ .

- d. Compute the time it will take for the temperature at that point to diminish to 1°C.
4. Constant forcing function, the governing PDE is

$$c^2 y_{xx} = y_{tt} + g \quad (1)$$

Solve PDE subject to conditions

$$y(0, t) = 0, y(L, t) = 0,$$

$$y(x, 0) = f(x), y_t(x, 0) = 0,$$

leaving expansion coefficients in integral form. HINT: The form  $y(x,t)=X(x)T(t)$  gives

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{T''}{T} + \frac{g}{c^2 X T} \quad (2)$$

Because of the last term in above equation, which contains both  $x$  and  $t$  dependence, we are unable to successfully complete the separation process (i.e., we are unable to get all of the  $x$  dependence on one side of the equation and all of the  $t$  dependence on the other).

Thus, we suggest seeking  $y$  in the form

$$y(x, t) = y_p(x) + X(x)T(t) \quad (3)$$

instead. Putting Eq. 3 into Eq. 1, obtain

$$c^2 y_p'' + c^2 X'' T = X T'' + g \quad (4)$$

Thus, we can remove the unwelcome  $g$  term by setting  $c^2 y_p'' = g$ . Then we can complete the separation of variable in Eq. 4 as usual. Mathematically,  $y_p(x)$  is a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous equation Eq. 1 since it satisfies the full equation (7.1), and  $X T$  is a solution of the associated homogeneous equation  $c^2 y_{xx} = y_{tt}$ . But in physical terms you will find that it is simply the “static sag” of the string due to gravity, satisfying the problem

$$c^2 y_p''(x) = g, y_p(0) = 0, y_p(L) = 0$$

Due date is **Friday 21<sup>th</sup> of October**. For each day delay **15 points** will be reduced.

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