

HW 4

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Section 3.2 #1

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#2 $u_t = k u_{xx}$

$u(x, 0) = 0$

$u(0, t) = 1, \quad 0 < x < \infty$

Let $v(x, t) = u(x, t) - 1$. If u solves $u_t = k u_{xx}$

Then $v_t = u_t$ and $v_t = k v_{xx}$

$v_{xx} = u_{xx}$

$v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - 1 = 0 - 1 = -1$

$v(0, t) = u(0, t) - 1 = 0$

By the method of reflection we solve using the formula (6) in the book with $\varphi(y) = -1$.

Then $v(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_0^{\infty} \left[e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4kt}} - e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4kt}} \right] dy$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4kt}} dy - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4kt}} dy$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{\frac{x}{\sqrt{4kt}}}^{\infty} e^{-q^2} dq - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{x}{\sqrt{4kt}}} e^{-p^2} dp = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{4kt}}\right) - \left[\frac{1}{2} + \operatorname{Erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{4kt}}\right) \right]$

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Thus $v(x, t) = -\operatorname{Erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{4kt}}\right)$ and

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) + 1 = 1 - \operatorname{Erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{4kt}}\right)$$

#3 Solve $w_t - kw_{xx} = 0$

$$w_x(0, t) = 0 \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

$$w(x, 0) = \varphi(x)$$

Define $\varphi_{\text{even}}(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi(x) & x \geq 0 \\ \varphi(-x) & x < 0 \end{cases}$

and solve $u_t = ku_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty$
 $u(x, 0) = \varphi_{\text{even}}$

We know that $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4k\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} \varphi_{\text{even}}(y) dy$ and that

$u(x, t)$ is even since $\varphi_{\text{even}}(y)$ is even (Prove it as an exercise)

Thus $u_x(0, t) = 0$.

Now set $w(x, t) = u(x, t)$ for $x > 0$. Then

$$w(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4k\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} \varphi_{\text{even}}(y) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4k\pi t}} \int_0^{\infty} \varphi(y) e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} dy + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4k\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} \varphi(-y) dy$$

$$y \rightarrow -y \quad = \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{4k\pi t}} \int_0^{\infty} \left[e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4kt}} + e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4kt}} \right] p(y) dy \quad (3)$$

is the solution to the half-line Neumann Problem.

#1 Solve $w_{tt} - c^2 w_{xx} = 0 \quad 0 < x < \infty$

$$w(x, 0) = p(x), \quad w_t(x, 0) = \phi(x)$$

$$w_x(0, t) = 0$$

Define $\varphi_{\text{even}}(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi(x) & x \geq 0 \\ \varphi(-x) & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$

$$\psi_{\text{even}}(x) = \begin{cases} \psi(x) & x \geq 0 \\ \psi(-x) & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Solve $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$
 $u(x, 0) = \varphi_{\text{even}}(x) \quad -\infty < x < \infty$ Then set $w(x, t) = u(x, t)$
 $u_t(x, 0) = \psi_{\text{even}}(x)$ for $x > 0$.

Thus $w(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi_{\text{even}}(x+ct) + \varphi_{\text{even}}(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi_{\text{even}}(y) dy$

Case 1 let $x > c|t|$. Then $x+ct > 0$ and $x-ct > 0$ and

$$w(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi(x+ct) + \varphi(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(y) dy$$

Case 2 let $0 < x < c|t|$. Two subcases

a) $t > 0$. Thus $x+ct > 0$, $x-ct < 0$

and

$$w(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi(x+ct) + \varphi(ct-x)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^0 \psi_{\text{even}}(y) dy + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x+ct} \psi_{\text{even}}(y) dy$$

$$\left(= \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^0 \psi(-y) dy + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x+ct} \psi(y) dy \stackrel{y \rightarrow -y}{=} \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{ct-x} \psi(y) dy + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x+ct} \psi(y) dy \right)$$

$$\text{Thus } w(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi(x+ct) + \varphi(ct-x)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{ct-x} \psi(y) dy + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x+ct} \psi(y) dy$$

b) Let $t < 0$. Then $x-ct > 0$, $x+ct < 0$

$$\text{and } w(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi(x-ct) + \varphi(-x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi_{\text{even}}(y) dy$$

$$\text{But } \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi_{\text{even}}(y) dy = -\frac{1}{2c} \int_{x+ct}^{x-ct} \psi_{\text{even}}(y) dy$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2c} \int_{x+ct}^0 \psi_{\text{even}}(y) dy - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x-ct} \psi_{\text{even}}(y) dy = -\frac{1}{2c} \int_{x+ct}^0 \psi(-y) dy - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x-ct} \psi(y) dy$$

$$\stackrel{y \rightarrow -y}{=} -\frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{-x-ct} \psi(y) dy - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x-ct} \psi(y) dy$$

$$\text{Thus } w(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi(x-ct) + \varphi(-x-ct)] - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{-x-ct} \psi(y) dy - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x-ct} \psi(y) dy$$

#1 Solve $u_t - k u_{xx} = f(x, t)$

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$$u(x, 0) = \varphi(x)$$

$$0 < x < \infty$$

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

$$0 < t < \infty$$

The solution of $u_t - k u_{xx} = f(x, t)$ $-\infty < x < \infty$
 $u(x, 0) = \varphi(x)$ $0 < t$

$$\text{is } u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y, t) \varphi(y) dy + \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y, t-s) f(y, s) dy ds$$

Notice that if $\varphi(x)$ is odd and $f(x, t)$ is odd then $u(x, t)$ is odd.

Thus we define $\varphi_{\text{odd}}(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi(x), & x > 0 \\ -\varphi(-x), & x < 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ $f_{\text{odd}}(x, t) = \begin{cases} f(x, t), & x > 0 \\ -f(-x, t), & x < 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

We then know that the solution to the original problem is

for $x > 0$

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y, t) \varphi_{\text{odd}}(y) dy + \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y, t-s) f_{\text{odd}}(y, s) dy ds$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} S(x-y, t) \varphi(y) dy + \int_{-\infty}^0 S(x-y, t) (-\varphi(-y)) dy + \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^0 S(x-y, t-s) (-f(-y, s)) dy ds$$

$$+ \int_0^t \int_0^{\infty} S(x-y, t-s) f(y, s) dy ds \quad \begin{matrix} y \mapsto -y \\ = \end{matrix}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} [S(x-y, t) + S(x+y, t)] \varphi(y) dy + \int_0^t \int_0^{\infty} [S(x-y, t-s) - S(x+y, t-s)] f(y, s) dy ds$$
