

Differential Equations II for Engineering Students

Homework sheet 6

Exercise 1: (Exam, Prof. Behrens 2022, 7 Points)

a) Given the initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - 5u_{xx} &= \frac{\pi x}{4} \sin(\pi t) && \text{for } x \in (0, 4), t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= 2 \sin(\pi x) + 3 \sin(2\pi x) && \text{for } x \in [0, 4], \\ u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(4, t) = 1 - \cos(\pi t) && \text{for } t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Transform the problem into an initial boundary value problem with homogeneous boundary data using a suitable homogenization of the boundary conditions.

b) Solve the following initial boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} v_t - 5v_{xx} &= 0 && \text{for } x \in (0, 4), t > 0, \\ v(x, 0) &= 2 \sin(\pi x) + 3 \sin(2\pi x) && \text{for } x \in [0, 4], \\ v(0, t) &= 0, \quad v(4, t) = 0 && \text{for } t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

c) Provide the solution to the initial boundary value problem from part a).

Solution:

a) Homogenization:

$$v(x, t) = u(x, t) - 0 - \frac{x}{4}(1 - \cos(\pi t) - 0) = u(x, t) - \frac{x}{4}(1 - \cos(\pi t))$$

or

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) + \frac{x}{4}(1 - \cos(\pi t)). \quad \text{(1 point)}$$

Then it holds:

$$u_t = v_t + \frac{\pi x}{4} \sin(\pi t), \quad v_{xx} = u_{xx}$$

$$\text{New differential equation:} \quad v_t + \frac{\pi x}{4} \sin(\pi t) - 5v_{xx} = \frac{\pi x}{4} \sin(\pi t) \iff$$

$$\boxed{v_t - 5v_{xx} = 0} \quad \text{(1 point)}$$

Initial data:

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, 0) &= u(x, 0) - \frac{x}{4}(1 - \cos(0)) \\ &= 2 \sin(\pi x) + 3 \sin(2\pi x) - 0 \iff \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{v(x, 0) = 2 \sin(\pi x) + 3 \sin(2\pi x)}$$

$$\text{Boundary data:} \quad \boxed{v(0, t) = v(4, t) = 0} \quad \text{(1 point)}$$

b) With $\omega = \frac{\pi}{4}$ and $c = 5$ it holds:

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{-c\omega^2 k^2 t} \sin(k\omega x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{-\frac{5k^2\pi^2}{16}t} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{4}x\right) \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

Inserting the initial values gives:

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, 0) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{4}x\right) \stackrel{!}{=} 2 \sin(\pi x) + 3 \sin(2\pi x) \\ \implies a_4 &= 2, a_8 = 3, a_k = 0 \quad \forall k \notin \{4, 8\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$v(x, t) = 2 e^{-\frac{5 \cdot 4^2 \pi^2}{16}t} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{4}x\right) + 3 e^{-\frac{5 \cdot 8^2 \pi^2}{16}t} \sin\left(\frac{8\pi}{4}x\right) \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

c) For the solution of a) we thus get

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= v(x, t) + \frac{x}{4} (1 - \cos(\pi t)) \\ &= 2 e^{-5\pi^2 t} \sin(\pi x) + 3 e^{-20\pi^2 t} \sin(2\pi x) + \frac{x}{4} (1 - \cos(\pi t)). \quad (1 \text{ point}) \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2:

- a) Using a product ansatz, derive the series representation given in lecture 10 (page 18) for the solution of the following Neumann problem.

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx}, & 0 < x < 1, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= g(x), & 0 < x < 1, \\ u_x(0, t) &= u_x(1, t) = 0 & t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

- b) Solve the initial boundary value problem a) with $g(x) = 2\pi x - \sin(2\pi x)$.

Hint: $2 \sin(\alpha) \cdot \cos(\beta) = \sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)$.

Solution:

- a) Short version: From the lecture we know that the ansatz $u_k(x, t) = v_k(x) \cdot w_k(t)$ with $L = 1$ leads to

$$v_k(x) = \cos(k\pi x), \quad \text{and} \quad w_k(t) = e^{-k^2\pi^2 t}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

Very long version: The ansatz $u(x, t) = v(x) \cdot w(t)$ yields:

$$v'' = -\lambda v, \quad \dot{w} = -\lambda w, \quad v'(0) = v'(1) = 0.$$

Case distinction under the condition that the solution does not vanish:

$$\lambda = 0 \implies v(x) = a_0 + b_0 x, \quad v' = b_0 = 0$$

$$\implies v_0(x) = a_0.$$

$$\lambda < 0 \implies v(x) = a e^{\sqrt{-\lambda}x} + b e^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}x}$$

$$v'(0) = 0 \iff a = b$$

$$v'(1) = 0 \iff a\sqrt{-\lambda}(e^{\sqrt{-\lambda}} - e^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}}) = 0$$

$$\iff (u \equiv 0) \vee (e^{\sqrt{\lambda}} = e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}} \iff \lambda = 0) \quad \text{Contradiction!}$$

$$\lambda > 0 \implies v(x) = a \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + b \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$v'(x) = (\sqrt{\lambda})(-a \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + b \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x))$$

$$v'(0) = 0 \iff b = 0$$

$$v'(1) = 0 \iff (u \equiv 0) \vee (\sin(\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0 \iff \lambda_k = k^2\pi^2).$$

So overall we get

$$v_k(x) = \cos(k\pi x), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

One can easily calculate for the time component

$$w_k(t) = e^{-k^2\pi^2 t}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

So as a series representation for the solution one has

$$u(x, t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{-k^2\pi^2 t} \cos(k\pi x).$$

To fulfill:

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos(k\pi x).$$

To determine the coefficients, g is continued evenly and 2-periodically and the Fourier coefficients are determined

$$a_k = 2 \int_0^1 g(x) \cos(k\pi x) dx.$$

b) For $k \notin \{0, 2\}$ one computes for $g(x) = 2\pi x - \sin(2\pi x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= 2 \int_0^1 (2\pi x - \sin(2\pi x)) \cos(k\pi x) dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 2\pi x \cos(k\pi x) dx - 2 \int_0^1 \sin(2\pi x) \cos(k\pi x) dx \\ &= 4\pi x \frac{\sin(k\pi x)}{k\pi} \Big|_0^1 - 4\pi \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(k\pi x)}{k\pi} dx - \int_0^1 \sin(2\pi x + k\pi x) + \sin(2\pi x - k\pi x) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{k^2\pi} \cos(k\pi x) \Big|_0^1 + \frac{\cos((k+2)\pi x)}{(k+2)\pi} \Big|_0^1 + \frac{\cos((-k+2)\pi x)}{(-k+2)\pi} \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{4}{k^2\pi} (\cos(k\pi) - 1) + \frac{1}{(k+2)\pi} (\cos((k+2)\pi) - 1) - \left(\frac{1}{(k-2)\pi} \cos((-k+2)\pi) - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{k^2\pi} \left((-1)^k - 1 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{(k-2)\pi} - \frac{1}{(k+2)\pi} \right) (\cos(k\pi) - 1) \\ &= \left(\frac{4}{k^2\pi} - \frac{4}{(k^2-4)\pi} \right) \cdot \left((-1)^k - 1 \right) = \left(\frac{16 \cdot (1 - (-1)^k)}{k^2 \cdot (k^2 - 4)\pi} \right) \end{aligned}$$

For $k = 0$ we have

$$a_0 = 2 \int_0^1 2\pi x - \sin(2\pi x) dx = 2\pi$$

and for $k = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= 2 \int_0^1 2\pi x \cos(2\pi x) - \sin(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi x) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{2^2\pi} \left((-1)^2 - 1 \right) - \int_0^1 \sin(4\pi x) dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$