

Differential Equations II for Engineering Students

Work sheet 6

Exercise:

Given the following initial boundary value problem for $u = u(x, t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - u_{xx} &= e^{-t} \sin(2x) + 1 & x \in (0, \pi), t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\ u(x, 0) &= \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) & x \in (0, \pi), \\ u(0, t) &= u(\pi, t) = t & t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{aligned}$$

- a) Perform the homogenization of the boundary values.
 What initial boundary value problem does one obtain after homogenizing the boundary values?

- b) Solve for following the initial and boundary data:

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} v_t^* - v_{xx}^* &= 0 & x \in (0, \pi), t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\ v^*(x, 0) &= \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) & x \in (0, \pi), \\ v^*(0, t) &= v^*(\pi, t) = 0 & t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} v_t^{**} - v_{xx}^{**} &= e^{-t} \sin(2x) & x \in (0, \pi), t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\ v^{**}(x, 0) &= 0 & x \in (0, \pi), \\ v^{**}(0, t) &= v^{**}(\pi, t) = 0 & t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution:

- a) With $v(x, t) = u(x, t) - t - \frac{x-0}{\pi-0}(t-t) = u(x, t) - t$

or $u(x, t) = v(x, t) + t$ we obtain

$$u_t = v_t + 1, \quad u_{xx} = v_{xx}. \quad \text{New differential equation:}$$

$$v_t + 1 - v_{xx} = e^{-t} \sin(2x) + 1 \iff \boxed{v_t - v_{xx} = e^{-t} \sin(2x)}.$$

$$\text{Initial values: } v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - 0 \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) \quad x \in (0, \pi).$$

$$\text{Boundary values : } v(0, t) = v(\pi, t) = t - t = 0.$$

- b) (i) For the homogeneous differential equation with homogeneous boundary data, $\omega = 1$, $c = 1$ and given initial values

$$v^*(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x), \quad x \in (0, \pi),$$

one obtains
$$v^*(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{-c\omega^2 k^2 t} \sin(k\omega x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{-k^2 t} \sin(kx)$$

From the initial data we have

$$v^*(x, 0) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \sin(kx) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x).$$

The a_k are the Fourier coefficients of $\frac{1}{2} \sin(2x)$.

$$a_k = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) \sin(kx) dx. \quad (1)$$

Here you can omit the integration and do the coefficient comparison instead:

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad a_k = 0 \text{ else. So}$$

$$v^*(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-4t} \sin(2x) .$$

Of course, one gets the same result if one computes the Fourier coefficients via (1) by means of integration.

- (ii) Inhomogeneous differential equation with homogeneous initial and boundary data

$$\begin{aligned} v_t^{**} - v_{xx}^{**} &= e^{-t} \sin(2x) & x \in (0, \pi), t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\ v^{**}(x, 0) &= 0 & x \in (0, \pi), \\ v^{**}(0, t) &= v^{**}(\pi, t) = 0 & t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \end{aligned}$$

Ansatz:

$$v^{**} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k(t) \sin(kx), \quad a_k(0) = 0$$

Plugging it into the differential equation results in

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [\dot{a}_k(t) + k^2 a_k(t)] \sin(kx) = e^{-t} \sin(2x)$$

Hence we obtain $a_k(t) \equiv 0$ for $k \neq 2$ and the ordinary differential equation

$$\dot{a}_2(t) + 4a_2(t) = e^{-t}$$

for a_2 . The solution to the associated homogeneous equation is

$$a_{2,h}(t) = C e^{-4t}$$

The ansatz $a_2(t) = C(t)e^{-4t}$ gives

$$\dot{C}(t) e^{-4t} = e^{-t} \iff C(t) = c + \frac{1}{3} e^{3t} \text{ z.B. } a_{2,p}(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-t}$$

$$a_2(t) = c e^{-4t} + \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} \quad \text{and with } a_2(0) = 0 \text{ it follows } c = -1/3$$

$$a_2(t) = \frac{1}{3} (e^{-t} - e^{-4t})$$

$$v^{**}(x, t) = \frac{1}{3} (e^{-t} - e^{-4t}) \sin(2x)$$

c) With the notation from a) and b) it holds

$$v(x, t) = v^*(x, t) + v^{**}(x, t) = \frac{1}{6} (2e^{-t} + e^{-4t}) \sin(2x) \cdot$$

and

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) + t = \frac{1}{6} (2e^{-t} + e^{-4t}) \sin(2x) + t.$$

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