

Differential Equations II for Engineering Students

Work sheet 5

Exercise: (See lecture pages 85-90)

We are looking for the solution to the initial boundary value problem (IBVP)

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

a) Homogenize the boundary conditions by using the function

$$v(x, t) = u(x, t) - \left[f(t) + \frac{x}{L} (g(t) - f(t)) \right]$$

with $L = \pi$ and replacing the u -expressions with corresponding v -expressions.

b) Solve the following initial boundary value problem analogously to the procedure in the lecture

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

c) Solve the initial boundary value problem

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

using the ansatz

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

d) Give the solution to the initial boundary value problem for u .

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