

1. Consider the differential equation

$$Ly = 8x^2y'' + 2xy' + (1 + 2x)y = 0 \tag{1}$$

(a) Classify the points  $0 \leq x < \infty$  as ordinary points, regular singular points, or irregular singular points.

(b) Find two values of  $r$  such that there are solutions of the form  $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r}$ .

(c) Use the series expansion in (b) to determine two independent solutions of (1). You only need to calculate the first three non-zero terms in each case.

[20 marks]

(a)  $0 < x < \infty$  ARE ALL ORDINARY POINTS &  $x=0$  IS A SINGULAR POINT.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \frac{(2x)}{8x^2} = \frac{1}{4} = p_0 < \infty \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \frac{(1+2x)}{8x^2} = \frac{1}{8} = q_0 < \infty \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ IS A REGULAR S.P.}$$

(b) CONSIDER  $L_0 y = x^2 y'' + p_0 x y' + q_0 y = x^2 y'' + \frac{1}{4} x y' + \frac{1}{8} y = 0$

NOW LET  $y = x^r \Rightarrow 8r(r-1) + 2r + 1 = 8r^2 - 6r + 1 = (2r-1)(4r-1) = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$ .

(c)  $Ly = 8x^2 y'' + 2xy' + y = 0$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 8a_n (n+r)(n+r-1) x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2a_n (n+r) x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} = 0$$

CHANGE INDICES  $m=n$   $m=n$   $m=n$   $m=n+1$   $n=0 \Rightarrow m=1$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \{8(m+r)(m+r-1) + 2(m+r) + 1\} a_m x^{m+r} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2a_{m-1} x^{m+r} = 0$$

$$= \{8r(r-1) + 2r + 1\} a_0 x^r + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \{8(m+r)(m+r-1) + 2(m+r) + 1\} a_m + 2a_{m-1} x^{m+r} = 0$$

EQUATE COEFFICIENTS TO 0:

$x^r$   $8r(r-1) + 2r + 1 = 8r^2 - 6r + 1 = (2r-1)(4r-1) = 0 \quad r = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$  (AS WE FOUND ABOVE)

$x^{m+r} \quad m \geq 1$   $\{8(m+r-1) + 2\} (m+r) + 1 a_m + 2a_{m-1} = 0$

OR  $a_m = \frac{-2a_{m-1}}{\{8(m+r) - 6\}(m+r) + 1}$  THE RECURSION FOR  $\{a_m\}$

$r = \frac{1}{2}$ :  $a_m = \frac{-2a_{m-1}}{(8m+4-6)(m+\frac{1}{2}) + 1} = \frac{-2a_{m-1}}{(4m-1)(2m+1) - 1} = \frac{-2a_{m-1}}{8m^2 + 2m - 1 + 1} = \frac{-a_{m-1}}{m(4m+1)}$

$a_1 = \frac{-a_0}{1.5} \quad a_2 = \frac{-a_1}{2.9} = \frac{+a_0}{9.0}, \dots$

$r = \frac{1}{4}$ :  $a_m = \frac{-2a_{m-1}}{(8m+2-6)(m+\frac{1}{4}) + 1} = \frac{-2a_{m-1}}{(2m-1)(4m+1) + 1} = \frac{-2a_{m-1}}{8m^2 - 2m - 1 + 1} = \frac{-a_{m-1}}{m(4m-1)}$

$a_1 = \frac{-a_0}{1.3} \quad a_2 = \frac{-a_1}{2.7} = \frac{+a_0}{4.2}$

THUS

$$y(x) = a_0^{(1)} x^{1/2} \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{5} + \frac{x^2}{90} - \dots \right] + a_0^{(2)} x^{1/4} \left[ 1 - \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{42} - \dots \right]$$

2. Consider the following initial boundary value problem for the heat equation:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} - u, & 0 < x < 1, & \quad t > 0 \\ u_x(0, t) &= 0, & u_x(1, t) &= 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= x \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

(a) Determine the solution to the boundary value problem (2) by separation of variables.

[14 marks]

(b) Briefly describe how you would use the method of finite differences to obtain an approximate solution this boundary value problem that is accurate to  $O(\Delta x^2, \Delta t)$  terms. Use the notation  $u_n^k \approx u(x_n, t_k)$  to represent the nodal values on the finite difference mesh. Explain how you propose to approximate the boundary condition  $u_x(0, t) = 1$  with  $O(\Delta x^2)$  accuracy.

Hint: Taylor's expansion may prove useful:  $f(x + \Delta x) = f(x) + \frac{f'(x)}{1!} \Delta x + \frac{f''(x)}{2!} \Delta x^2 + O(\Delta x^3)$ .

[6 marks]

[total 20 marks]

(a) LET  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t) \Rightarrow XT' = X''T - XT \Rightarrow \frac{T'}{T} + 1 = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda^2$

$T' = -(1+\lambda^2)T \Rightarrow T(t) = Ce^{-(1+\lambda^2)t}$

$\lambda \neq 0: \begin{cases} X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0 \\ X'(0) = 0 = X'(1) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} X = A \cos \lambda x + B \sin \lambda x \\ X' = -A \lambda \sin \lambda x + B \lambda \cos \lambda x \end{cases}$

$X'(0) = B \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0 \quad X'(1) = -A \lambda \sin \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_n = n\pi \quad n=1, 2, \dots$

$\lambda = 0: X'' = 0 \quad X = Ax + B \quad X'(0) = A = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0 \Rightarrow X_0 = \cos(n\pi x)$   
 $X_0 = 1$

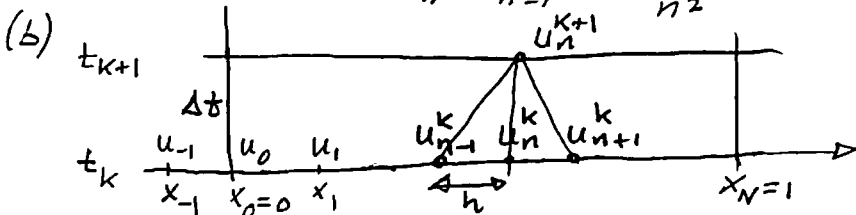
$u(x, t) = A_0 e^{-t} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n e^{-(1+\lambda_n^2)t} \cos(\lambda_n x)$

$x = u(x, 0) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\pi x)$

$\therefore A_0 = \frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$

$A_n = a_n = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 x \cos(n\pi x) dx = \frac{2x \sin(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{2}{(n\pi)} \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} [\cos(n\pi) - 1]$

$\therefore u(x, t) = e^{-t}/2 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[\cos(n\pi) - 1]}{n^2} e^{-(1+(n\pi)^2)t} \cos(n\pi x)$



$u_{n\pm 1}^k = u(x_n \pm h, t_k) = u_n^k \pm h u_n^{k(1)} + \frac{h^2}{2} u_n^{k(2)} \pm \frac{h^3}{6} u_n^{k(3)} + \frac{h^4}{24} u_n^{k(4)} + \dots \tag{*}$

$\therefore u_{n+1}^k + u_{n-1}^k = 2u_n^k + h^2 u_n^{k(2)} + \frac{h^4}{12} u_n^{k(4)} \Rightarrow (u_{n+1}^k - 2u_n^k + u_{n-1}^k)/h^2 = \frac{\partial^2 u_n^k}{\partial x^2} + O(h^2)$

At  $x=0$  introduce a ghost point  $x_{-1}$  from (\*) with  $n=0$  it follows that  $\frac{\partial u_0^k}{\partial x} = \frac{u_1 - u_{-1}}{2h} + O(h^2)$

$u_n^{k+1} = u_n^k + \Delta t \dot{u}_n^k + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \ddot{u}_n^k + \dots \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t} = \frac{u_n^{k+1} - u_n^k}{\Delta t} + O(\Delta t)$

$\therefore u_n^{k+1} = u_n^k + (\Delta t/h^2) (u_{n+1}^k - 2u_n^k + u_{n-1}^k) + O(\Delta t, h^2)$

3. The motion of a string subject to a gravitational load satisfies the following initial-boundary value problem:

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} - g, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0 \tag{3}$$

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \tag{4}$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0.$$

Here  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity, which you may assume is constant.

(a) Determine the static deflection of the string, which is determined by solving (3) in which it is assumed that  $u_{tt} = 0$  subject to the boundary conditions (4). [8 marks]

(b) Use the solution obtained in (a) to reduce the initial-boundary value problem to solving a homogeneous wave equation subject to homogeneous boundary conditions. Now use separation of variables to determine the solution to this boundary value problem and hence the complete solution of the complete initial-boundary value problem. [12 marks]

HINT: The following integral may be useful:

$$\int_0^1 (x^2 - x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = 2 \frac{\cos n\pi - 1}{n^3 \pi^3}$$

[total 20 marks]

(a)  $0 = c^2 u_{xx}^s - g \Rightarrow u_{xx}^s = \frac{g}{c^2}$       $u_x^s = \frac{g}{c^2} x + A, \quad u^s = \frac{g}{2c^2} x^2 + Ax + B$   
 $0 = u^s(0) = B; \quad u^s(1) = \frac{g}{2c^2} + A = 0 \quad A = -g/2c^2$

$\therefore u^s(x) = \frac{g}{2c^2} (x^2 - x)$

(b) LET  $u(x, t) = u^s(x) + v(x, t)$

$\therefore u_{tt} = v_{tt} = c^2(u_{xx}^s + v_{xx}) - g = c^2 v_{xx} + [c^2 u_{xx}^s - g] \Rightarrow v_{tt} = c^2 v_{xx}$

BC  $\begin{cases} 0 = u^s(0) + v(0, t) = 0 + v(0, t) \\ 0 = u^s(1) + v(1, t) = 0 + v(1, t) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} v(0, t) = 0 \\ v(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$

IC:  $\begin{cases} \sin \pi x = u(x, 0) = u^s(x) + v(x, 0) \\ 0 = u_t(x, 0) = v_t(x, 0) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} v(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x) - \frac{g}{2c^2}(x^2 - x) \\ v_t(x, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$

LET  $v(x, t) = X(x) T(t) \Rightarrow \frac{T''}{T} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda^2$

$\overline{X} \begin{cases} X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0 \\ X(0) = 0 = X(1) \end{cases} \quad \lambda_n = \frac{n\pi}{1} \quad n=1, 2, \dots \quad X_n = \sin(n\pi x)$

$\overline{T} \quad T'' + \lambda^2 c^2 T = 0 \quad T = e^{r t} \Rightarrow T = A \cos \lambda c t + B \sin \lambda c t$

$\therefore v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos \lambda_n c t + B_n \sin \lambda_n c t] \sin \lambda_n x$

$v_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [-A_n \lambda_n c \sin \lambda_n c t + B_n \lambda_n c \cos \lambda_n c t] \sin \lambda_n x$

$\sin(\pi x) - \frac{g}{2c^2}(x^2 - x) = v(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \lambda_n x \Rightarrow A_n = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 \left\{ \sin(\pi x) - \frac{g}{2c^2}(x^2 - x) \right\} \sin \lambda_n x dx$

$\therefore A_n = \delta_{n1} - \frac{g}{c^2} \int_0^1 (x^2 - x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = \delta_{n1} - \frac{2g}{c^2} \left[ \frac{\cos n\pi - 1}{n^3 \pi^3} \right]$

$0 = v_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \lambda_n c) \sin \lambda_n x \Rightarrow B_n = 0$

$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{g}{2c^2} (x^2 - x) + \frac{2g}{c^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1 - \cos(n\pi)}{n^3 \pi^3} \right] \cos(n\pi c t) \sin(n\pi x) + \cos(\pi c t) \sin(\pi x)$

4. (a) Consider the eigenvalue problem

$$r^2 R'' + rR' + \lambda R = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$R(1) = 0 = R'(e^2) \tag{2}$$

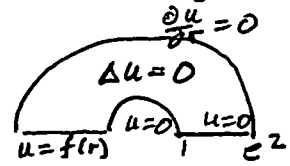
Reduce this problem to the form of a Sturm-Liouville eigenvalue problem. Determine the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions. [8 marks]

(b) Use the eigenfunctions in (a) to solve the following mixed boundary value problem for the annular region:

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} = 0, \quad 1 < r < e^2, \quad 0 < \theta < \pi$$

$$u(r, 0) = 0 \text{ and } u(r, \pi) = f(r)$$

$$u(1, \theta) = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial}{\partial r}u(e^2, \theta) = 0$$



(a)  $-\frac{1}{r} \cdot (1) \Rightarrow -(rR'' + R') = -(rR')' = \lambda \frac{1}{r} R$   $R(1) = 0 = R'(e^2)$  [12 marks]  
 WHICH IS A S-L PROBLEM WITH  $p=r$   $q=0$  &  $w=1/r$  [total 20 marks]

LET  $\lambda = \mu^2$  & LET  $R = r^\gamma \Rightarrow \gamma(\gamma-1) + \gamma + \mu^2 = \gamma^2 + \mu^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma = \pm i\mu \quad R = r^{\pm i\mu} = e^{\pm i\mu \ln r}$

$\therefore R = A \cos \mu \ln r + B \sin \mu \ln r$

$R' = -A \sin \mu \ln r \cdot \frac{\mu}{r} + B \cos \mu \ln r \cdot \frac{\mu}{r}$

$0 = R(1) = A \cos \mu \ln(1) + B \sin \mu \ln(1) = A \Rightarrow A = 0$

$0 = R'(e^2) = B \cos \mu \ln(e^2) \cdot \mu/e^2 = \frac{B\mu}{e^2} \cos 2\mu = 0$

NOW  $\mu \neq 0$  OR WE HAVE THE TRIVIAL SOLN SO THAT  $\cos 2\mu = 0$

THUS  $\mu_n = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4}, n=0, 1, \dots \quad R_n = \sin \mu_n \ln r$

(b) LET  $u(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta) \Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R'' + rR'}{R} = -\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -\mu^2$  (N/AIT AN EIGEN VALUE PROBLEM IN  $R(r)$ )

$\left. \begin{aligned} r^2 R'' + r^2 R' + \mu^2 R &= 0 \\ R(1) = 0 \quad R'(e^2) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \mu_n = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4} \quad R_n = \sin \mu_n \ln r$

$\left. \begin{aligned} \Theta'' - \mu^2 \Theta &= 0 \\ \Theta(0) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \Theta(\theta) = A \cosh \mu \theta + B \sinh \mu \theta \Rightarrow \Theta_n(\theta) = \sinh(\mu_n \theta)$   
 $\Theta(0) = A = 0$

$\therefore u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sinh(\mu_n \theta) \sin(\mu_n \ln r)$

$f(r) = u(r, \pi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sinh(\mu_n \pi) \sin(\mu_n \ln r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^f \sin(\mu_n \ln r)$

$\therefore A_n \sinh(\mu_n \pi) = a_n^f = \frac{\int_1^{e^2} \frac{1}{r} f(r) \sin(\mu_n \ln r) dr}{\int_1^{e^2} \frac{1}{r} \sin^2(\mu_n \ln r) dr}$

NOW  $\int_1^{e^2} \frac{1}{r} \sin^2(\mu_n \ln r) dr = \int_0^2 \sin^2(\mu_n x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 (1 - \cos(2\mu_n x)) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 2 - \frac{\sin(2\mu_n x)}{2} \right]_0^2 = 1$

$\therefore A_n = \frac{1}{\sinh(\mu_n \pi)} \int_1^{e^2} \frac{1}{r} f(r) \sin(\mu_n \ln r) dr$

AND  $u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sinh(\mu_n \theta) \sin(\mu_n \ln r)$

5. Solve the inhomogeneous heat conduction problem:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx} + xt, \quad 0 < x < 1, t > 0 \\u_x(0, t) &= \frac{t^2}{2}, \text{ and } u(1, t) = 0 \\u(x, 0) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

[20 marks]

LOOK FOR A FUNCTION  $\omega(x, t) = A(t)x + B(t)$  THAT SATISFIES THE BC:  $\omega_x = A(t) \Rightarrow \omega_x(0) = A(t) = \frac{t^2}{2}$

$$\omega(1, t) = \frac{t^2}{2} \cdot 1 + B = 0 \Rightarrow B = -\frac{t^2}{2}$$

$\therefore \omega(x, t) = \frac{t^2}{2}(x-1)$  SATISFIES THE BC.

NOW LET  $u(x, t) = \omega(x, t) + v(x, t)$

$$\therefore u_t = \omega_t + v_t = t(x-1) + v_t = \cancel{\omega_{xx}} + v_{xx} + x \downarrow t \Rightarrow v_t = v_{xx} + t$$

$$\text{BC: } \frac{t^2}{2} = u_x(0, t) = \omega_x(0, t) + v_x(0, t) = \frac{t^2}{2} + v_x(0, t) \Rightarrow v_x(0, t) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$0 = u(1, t) = \omega(1, t) + v(1, t) = 0 + v(1, t) \Rightarrow v(1, t) = 0$$

$$\text{IC: } 0 = u(x, 0) = 0 \cdot (x-1) + v(x, 0) \Rightarrow v(x, 0) = 0$$

NOW USE AN EIGENFUNCTION EXPANSION TO SOLVE THE BVP (2). THE EIGENFUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BVP ARE THE SOLUTION TO  $X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0$ ,  $X'(0) = 0 = X(1)$

NAMELY  $\lambda_n = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}$   $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$   $X_n = \cos \lambda_n x$ .

EXPAND THE SOURCE TERM IN TERMS OF THESE EIGENFUNCTIONS:

$$t \cdot 1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{S}_n(t) \cos \lambda_n x \Rightarrow \hat{S}_n(t) = 2t \int_0^1 1 \cdot \cos \lambda_n x dx = 2t \frac{\sin \lambda_n x}{\lambda_n} \Big|_0^1 = 2t \frac{\sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n}$$

$$\text{NOW ASSUME } v(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{V}_n(t) \cos \lambda_n x \Rightarrow v_t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d\hat{V}_n}{dt} \cos \lambda_n x, \quad v_{xx} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{V}_n (-\lambda_n^2) \cos \lambda_n x$$

$$\therefore v_t - v_{xx} - t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{d\hat{V}_n}{dt} + \lambda_n^2 \hat{V}_n - 2t \frac{\sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n} \right] \cos \lambda_n x = 0$$

SINCE THE  $\cos \lambda_n x$  ARE LINEARLY INDEPENDENT FUNCTIONS IT FOLLOWS THAT  $\{ \} = 0 \quad \forall n$

$$\therefore \frac{d\hat{V}_n}{dt} + \lambda_n^2 \hat{V}_n = 2t \frac{\sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n} \Rightarrow d \left\{ e^{\lambda_n^2 t} \hat{V}_n \right\} = \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n} t e^{\lambda_n^2 t} dt$$

$$\therefore e^{\lambda_n^2 t} \hat{V}_n = \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n} \int_0^t s e^{\lambda_n^2 s} ds + C_n = \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n} \left[ s \frac{e^{\lambda_n^2 s}}{\lambda_n^2} \Big|_0^t - \int_0^t \frac{e^{\lambda_n^2 s}}{\lambda_n^2} ds \right] + C_n$$

$$\therefore e^{\lambda_n^2 t} \hat{V}_n = \left[ \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n^3} t e^{\lambda_n^2 t} - \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n^5} e^{\lambda_n^2 t} \right] + C_n$$

$$\therefore \hat{V}_n = \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n^3} t - \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n^5} + \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n^5} e^{-\lambda_n^2 t} + C_n$$

$$\therefore v(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n^3} \left[ t - \frac{(1 - e^{-\lambda_n^2 t})}{\lambda_n^2} \right] + C_n \right] \cos \lambda_n x$$

$$0 = v(x, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \cos \lambda_n x \Rightarrow C_n = 0$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{t^2}{2}(x-1) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2 \sin \lambda_n}{\lambda_n^3} \left[ t - \frac{(1 - e^{-\lambda_n^2 t})}{\lambda_n^2} \right] \cos \lambda_n x.$$