



MMP I

Solution Sheet 5

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Exercise 1 [Heat Conduction in a Ball (6 points)]

$$K = \{\vec{x} = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \vec{x}^2 \leq 1\}$$
$$\partial K = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \vec{x}^2 = 1\}$$

Temperature distribution: $u(t, \vec{x})$ with $t > 0, x \in K$

$u(t, \vec{x})$ satisfies the **heat conduction differential equation**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u = \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) u \quad (1)$$

with the boundary conditions

1. $u(t, \vec{x}) = 0$ for $\vec{x} \in \partial K$
2. at $t = 0$: $u(0, \vec{x}) \equiv u(0, r) = T(r) \in C^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$, $r = |\vec{x}|$.

We have only positive temperatures and the temperature distribution $T(1) = 0$

Since the initial temperature distribution $T(r)$ is spherically symmetric and also the driving forces arising from 1 do not favour any particular direction, the problem can be solved with the spherically symmetric ansatz

$$u(t, \vec{x}) = u(t, r) \text{ with } r = \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}.$$

a) Goal: write Δ in terms of spherical coordinates

$$\text{coordinate dependence: } u(t, r) = u(t, \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2})$$

”Jacobian”: $\left[\frac{\partial r}{\partial x^i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \frac{(2x^i)}{2\sqrt{(x^2+y^2+z^2)}} = \frac{x^i}{r} \right]$

”Hessian”: $\left[\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial (x^i)^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(\frac{x^i}{r} \right) = \frac{r - x^i \frac{\partial r}{\partial x^i}}{r^3} = \frac{r^2 - (x^i)^2}{r^3} = \frac{(x^j)^2 + (x^k)^2}{r^3}, j, k \neq i \right]$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^i} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial (x^i)^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial (x^i)^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial r}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial r}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial (x^i)^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial (x^i)^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x^i} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta u &= \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right] = \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial z^2} \right] \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \left[\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right] \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = \\ &= \left[\frac{(y^2 + z^2) + (x^2 + z^2) + (x^2 + y^2)}{r^3} \right] \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \left[\frac{x^2}{r^2} + \frac{y^2}{r^2} + \frac{z^2}{r^2} \right] \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}. \end{aligned}$$

b) Ansatz: $u(t, r) = f(t) \cdot g(r)$, $g(r) = \frac{h(r)}{r}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow g(r) \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} &= f(t) \Delta g \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\dot{f}(t)}{f(t)} &= \frac{\Delta g(r)}{g(r)} = \text{const} =: -C \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

The equation is valid because the two terms are equal $\forall r, t$. We choose the constant $-C$ to simplify the notation.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta g &= \Delta \frac{h}{r} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \frac{h}{r} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{h}{r} = \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[\frac{h'r - h}{r^2} \right] + \frac{2}{r} \left[\frac{h'r - h}{r^2} \right] = \\ &= \frac{(h''r + h' - h')r^2 - (h'r - h)2r}{r^4} + \frac{2h'r - 2h}{r^3} = \\ &= \frac{h''r^2 - 2h'r + 2h + 2h'r - 2h}{r^3} = \frac{h''}{r} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{h''/r}{h/r} &= \frac{h''}{h} = -C \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow h'' + hC = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ansatz: } h(r) = A \cos(kr) + B \sin(kr)$$

$$\Rightarrow h''(r) = -k^2 h(r) \Rightarrow k = \pm \sqrt{C}$$

$$\text{Behaviour at } r = 0: \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} g(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{A \cos(kr) + B \sin(kr)}{r} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} A \frac{1}{r} + B \frac{kr}{r}$$

\Rightarrow The cosine term is not a physical solution!

$$\Rightarrow g(r) = B \frac{\sin(kr)}{r} = B \frac{\sin(\sqrt{C}r)}{r}$$

$$\frac{\dot{f}}{f} = C \Rightarrow f(t) = K e^{-Ct}$$

$$f(0) = K \Rightarrow f(t) = f(0) e^{-Ct}$$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, 1) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow f(t)g(1) = f(t)B \frac{\sin(k)}{1} = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sin k = 0 \Leftrightarrow k = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z} (\Leftrightarrow C = n^2 \pi^2) \\ &\Rightarrow u(t, r) = f(t) \cdot B \cdot \frac{\sin(n\pi r)}{r} \\ &\rightarrow f(t) = f(0) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} \end{aligned}$$

d) **Superposition** (of already found solutions)

Since we are dealing with a linear differential equation, the superposition principle can be applied:

$$u(t, r) = \sum_n b_n f_n(t) g_n(r) = \frac{f(0)}{r} \sum_n b_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} \sin(n\pi r)$$

e) **Fourier coefficients:** $u(0, r) = T(r) = \frac{f(0)}{r} \sum_n b_n \sin(n\pi r)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{r \cdot T(r)}{f(0)} &= \sum b_n \sin(n\pi r) \\ \Rightarrow_{x=\pi r} \frac{x T(\frac{x}{\pi})}{\pi f(0)} &= \sum b_n \sin(nx) \quad \text{Fourier Series!} \\ \Rightarrow b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{x T(\frac{x}{\pi})}{\pi f(0)} \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{r T(r)}{f(0)} \sin(n\pi r) \pi dr \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{r T(r)}{f(0)} \sin(n\pi r) dr \end{aligned}$$

If $T(r)$ is odd, this integral vanishes! \rightarrow not good $\rightarrow T(r) = T(-r)$ even $\rightarrow T(r) = T(|r|)$

Exercise 2 [Growth of Bacteria (4 points)]

a)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN}{dt} = \alpha\sqrt{N} &\Rightarrow \frac{dN}{\sqrt{N}} = \alpha dt \\ &\Rightarrow \int_{N_0}^N \frac{d\tilde{N}}{\sqrt{\tilde{N}}} = \int_0^t \alpha d\tilde{t} \\ &\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{N} - 2\sqrt{N_0} = \alpha t \Rightarrow \sqrt{N} = \frac{\alpha t}{2} + \sqrt{N_0} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{N(t) = \left(\frac{\alpha t}{2} + \sqrt{N_0}\right)^2}\end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN}{dt} = \alpha N &\Rightarrow \frac{dN}{N} = \alpha dt \\ &\Rightarrow \int_{N_0}^N \frac{d\tilde{N}}{\tilde{N}} = \int_0^t \alpha d\tilde{t} \\ &\Rightarrow \ln(N) - \ln(N_0) = \ln\left(\frac{N}{N_0}\right) = \alpha t \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{N}{N_0} = e^{\alpha t} \Rightarrow \underline{N(t) = N_0 e^{\alpha t}}\end{aligned}$$

c) Removal rate: \dot{k} with $k = \text{const}$ (between t_1 and t_2 , $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \dot{k} dt$ bacteria are removed)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN}{dt} = \alpha N - \dot{k} &\Rightarrow \frac{dN}{\alpha N - \dot{k}} = dt \Rightarrow \int_{N_0}^N \frac{d\tilde{N}}{\alpha\tilde{N} - \dot{k}} = \int_0^t dt \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln\left(\frac{\alpha N - \dot{k}}{\alpha N_0 - \dot{k}}\right) = t \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha N - \dot{k} = (\alpha N_0 - \dot{k})e^{\alpha t} \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{N(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left((\alpha N_0 - \dot{k})e^{\alpha t} + \dot{k}\right)}\end{aligned}$$

d)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN}{dt} = \alpha \left(1 - \frac{N}{\beta}\right) N &\Rightarrow \frac{dN}{N(1 - \frac{N}{\beta})} = \frac{\beta dN}{N(\beta - N)} = \frac{dN}{N} + \frac{dN}{\beta - N} = \alpha dt \\ &\Rightarrow \int \frac{dN}{N} + \int \frac{dN}{\beta - N} = \alpha \int dt \\ &\Rightarrow \ln|N| - \ln|\beta - N| = -\alpha t + c \\ &\Rightarrow \ln\left|\frac{\beta - N}{N}\right| = -\alpha t - c\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{\beta - N}{N} \right| &= e^{-\alpha t - c} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\beta - N}{N} &= C e^{-\alpha t} \quad (C = \pm e^{-c}) \end{aligned}$$

Solving for N and determining C using $N(0) = N_0$ we find

$$N(t) = \frac{\beta N_0}{N_0 + (\beta - N_0)e^{-\alpha t}}$$

Solutions for $N_0 = 0$:

a) $N(t) = \frac{\alpha^2}{2} t^2$

b) $N(t) = 0 \quad \forall t$

c) $N(t) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(-\dot{k}e^{\alpha t} + \dot{k} \right) = \frac{\dot{k}}{\alpha} (1 - e^{\alpha t})$

d) $N(t) = 0 \quad \forall t$

We see that **b)** and **d)** provide reasonable solutions for $N_0 = 0$. The solutions for **a)** and **c)** are mathematically correct, but have a problem because they demand that bacteria come out of nothing since $N(t > 0) > 0$ but $N_0 = 0$.