

Nonhomogeneous Problems (Sects. 3.4 and 8.2, 8.3).

Consider the following problems of Sect. 3.4

# 3.4.9.

$$\begin{cases} U_t = K U_{xx} + g(x,t) \\ U(0,t) = 0, \quad U(L,t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

# 3.4.11

$$\begin{cases} U_t = K U_{xx} + g(x) \\ U(0,t) = 0, \quad U(L,t) = 0 \\ U(x,0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

# 3.4.12

$$\begin{cases} U_t = K U_{xx} + e^{-t} + e^{-2t} \cos \frac{3\pi}{L} x \\ U_x(0,t) = 0, \quad U_x(L,t) = 0 \\ U(x,0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

# 3.4.13

$$\begin{cases} U_t = K U_{xx} \\ U(0,t) = A(t), \quad U(L,t) = 0 \\ U(x,0) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

# 8.3.7

Solve the IBVP

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx}, & 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 & (1) \\ u(0, t) = 0 & & (2) \\ u(L, t) = t & & (3) \\ u(x, 0) = 0 & & (4) \end{cases}$$

Because B.C. depends on time there is not an equilibrium solution.

But, we still can introduce a change of dependent variables that will transform our original homogeneous equation into a nonhomogeneous one, but the B.C. will be homogeneous. In fact, defining

$$\boxed{r(x, t) \equiv A(t) + \frac{(B(t) - A(t))x}{L} = \frac{t}{L}x}$$

and  $\boxed{v(x, t) \equiv u(x, t) - r(x, t)}$   $\Rightarrow u(x, t) = v(x, t) + r(x, t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= u_t - u_{xx} = v_t + r_t - v_{xx} - r_{xx} = \\ &= v_t + \frac{x}{L} - v_{xx} - 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_t = v_{xx} - \left(\frac{x}{L}\right) = Q(x)}$$

The B.C's transform into homogeneous B.C's for  $v(x,t)$ .

$$v(0,t) = u(0,t) - r(0,t) = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$v(L,t) = u(L,t) - r(L,t) = t - t = 0$$

and the I.C. transform into

$$v(x,0) = u(x,0) + r(x,0) = 0 + 0 = 0.$$

Summarizing, the new IBVP for the new dependent variable  $v(x,t)$  is given by

$$\begin{cases} v_t = v_{xx} - \frac{x}{L} & (5) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v(0,t) = 0, \quad v(L,t) = 0 & (6) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v(x,0) = 0 & (7) \end{cases}$$

This new problem admits an equilibrium solution  $v_E(x)$

In fact,

$$\begin{cases} v_E''(x) = \frac{x}{L} \\ v_E(0) = 0, \quad v_E(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_E'(x) = \frac{x^2}{2L} + C_1 \Rightarrow v_E(x) = \frac{x^3}{6L} + C_1 x + C_2$$

Using the B.C's.  $0 = v_E(0) = C_2 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0$

and  $0 = v_E(L) = \frac{L^3}{6L} + C_1 L \Rightarrow C_1 = -\frac{L}{6}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_E(x) = \frac{x^3}{6L} - \frac{L}{6} x}$$

Therefore, if we define

$$\boxed{\hat{v}(x,t) = v(x,t) - v_E(x)}, \text{ or } v(x,t) = \hat{v}(x,t) + v_E(x)$$

The new dependent variable  $\hat{v}(x,t)$  will satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= v_t - v_{xx} + \frac{x}{L} = \hat{v}_t + 0 - \hat{v}_{xx} - v_E''(x) + \frac{x}{L} \\ &= \hat{v}_t - \hat{v}_{xx} - \frac{x}{L} + \frac{x}{L} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \hat{v}_t = \hat{v}_{xx} \\ \hat{v}(0,t) = v(0,t) - v_E(0) = 0 \\ \hat{v}(L,t) = v(L,t) - v_E(L) = 0 - 0 = 0 \\ \hat{v}(x,0) = v(x,0) - v_E(x) = -v_E(x) = \frac{L}{6}x - \frac{x^3}{6L} \end{cases}$$

whose solution is given (after sep of variables) by

$$\hat{v}(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{a}_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \quad \text{where } \hat{a}_n \equiv \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \left[ \frac{L}{6}x - \frac{x^3}{6L} \right] \sin \frac{n\pi}{L}x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v(x,t) = \hat{v}(x,t) + v_E(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{a}_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} + \frac{x^3}{6L} - \frac{L}{6}x}$$

and finally

$$\boxed{u(x,t) = v(x,t) + r(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{a}_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} + \frac{x^3}{6L} - \frac{L}{6}x + \frac{t}{L}x}$$