

Written Examination for Mathematical Methods of Physics  
2012.11.10 at 09:00-14:00

Allowed help: "Arfken and Weber" (or "Weber and Arfken"), "Physics Handbook", "Beta: Mathematics Handbook"

In order to get full credit:

- 1) Used formalisms should be clearly defined
- 2) All steps in your derivations that are based on references in the above books should be clearly given through reference to the relevant equations or tables.

*Note that problems 8 and 9 are on the back.*

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2. Use the Cauchy integral formula to construct a function  $f(z)$  satisfying the properties:  
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(b)  $|f(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $|zf(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow 0$ .  
Be careful with the specification of contours used and express the function in terms of  $R$ ,  $a$ , and  $g(x)$ . (3p)
3. Use the Frobenius method to find the two independent solutions to the equation (one sums to a simple function, the other may be given through the first four terms in the series):  
$$3x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (3x+1) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$$
 (4p)
4. Find the Fourier transform of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ e^{-ax}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$  where  $a$  is real and  $a > 0$  (3p)
5. Use Laplace transforms to solve  $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dy}{dt} + 13y = 20e^{-t}$ ,  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 3$ . (4p)
6. Starting from the recursion relation  $(2l+1)xP_l = lP_{l-1} + (l+1)P_{l+1}$  for the Legendre polynomials derive the recursion relation for the associated Legendre polynomials:  
 $(l+1-m)P_{l+1}^m = (2l+1)xP_l^m - (l+m)P_{l-1}^m$  (2p)
7. Solve  $(1+x^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 6xy = 2x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (3p)

8. Use the Laplace transform technique and the defining equation of the Green's function to

find the Green's function for the equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + y = f(t)$ , where

$$y(0) = y'(0) = 0 \text{ and } y(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0. \quad (4p)$$

9. A sphere initially at  $0^\circ$  has its surface kept at  $100^\circ$  from  $t=0$  on (for example a frozen pea in boiling water). Find the time-dependent temperature distribution. (Hint: Subtract  $100^\circ$  from all temperatures and solve the problem; then add the  $100^\circ$  to the answer). (5p)

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1. The integral  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} \equiv I$

Solution 1: On the negative real axis the function  $f(-x) = i f(x)$  is in one of its two branches and  $\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} = i \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2}$

Thus,  $I = \frac{1}{1+i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} = \frac{1}{1+i} \oint \frac{\sqrt{z} dz}{1+z^2} = \frac{2\pi i}{1+i} \sum \{ \text{residues} \}$

where we close in the upper half plane. The semicircle does not contribute since  $\left| \frac{z \sqrt{z}}{1+z^2} \right| \sim \frac{1}{|z|^{3/2}} \rightarrow 0$

The residue at  $z=i$  is enclosed  $\left. \frac{(z+i)\sqrt{z}}{(z+i)(z-i)} \right|_{z=i} = \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{2i} = \frac{\cos \pi/4 + i \sin \pi/4}{2i} = \frac{1+i}{2\sqrt{2}i}$

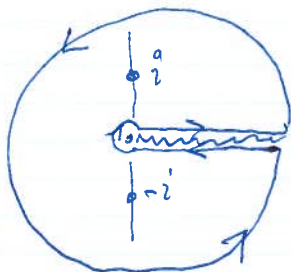
$\Rightarrow I = \frac{2\pi i}{1+i} \cdot \frac{1+i}{2\sqrt{2}i} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$

Solution 2:

~~$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2}$~~   $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} = \text{Re} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} =$

(same contour as above)  $= \text{Re} \{ 2\pi i \sum \text{residues} \} = \text{Re} \left\{ \frac{2\pi i}{2i} e^{i\pi/4} \right\} = \pi \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$

Solution 3: Introduce a branch cut  $(0, \infty)$



The large circle gives zero contribution since

$\left| \frac{z \sqrt{z}}{1+z^2} \right| \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|z|}} \rightarrow 0$

The small circle gives zero contribution since

$\left| \frac{z \sqrt{z}}{1+z^2} \right| \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow 0} 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow 0$

1, continued. We have above the branch cut  $(0, \infty)$   $\frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2}$

$$\text{and below } (\infty, 0) \frac{\sqrt{x} e^{2\pi i} e^{2\pi i} dx}{1+(x e^{2\pi i})^2} = \frac{e^{i\pi} \sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} = -\frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} + \int_{\infty}^0 \left( -\frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} \right) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} = 2\pi i \sum \{ \text{enclosed residues} \}$$

Simple poles at  $z = \pm i$  with residues

$$z = i: \left. \frac{(z-i)\sqrt{z}}{(z-i)(z+i)} \right|_{z=i} = \frac{\sqrt{i}}{2i} = \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{2i}$$

$$z = -i: \left. \frac{(z+i)\sqrt{z}}{(z-i)(z+i)} \right|_{z=-i} = \frac{\sqrt{-i}}{-2i} = -\frac{e^{i3\pi/4}}{2i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{1+x^2} &= \pi \cdot i \left\{ \frac{e^{i\pi/4} - e^{i3\pi/4}}{2i} \right\} = -\pi i e^{i\pi/2} \left\{ \frac{e^{i\pi/4} - e^{-i\pi/4}}{2i} \right\} \\ &= \pi \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

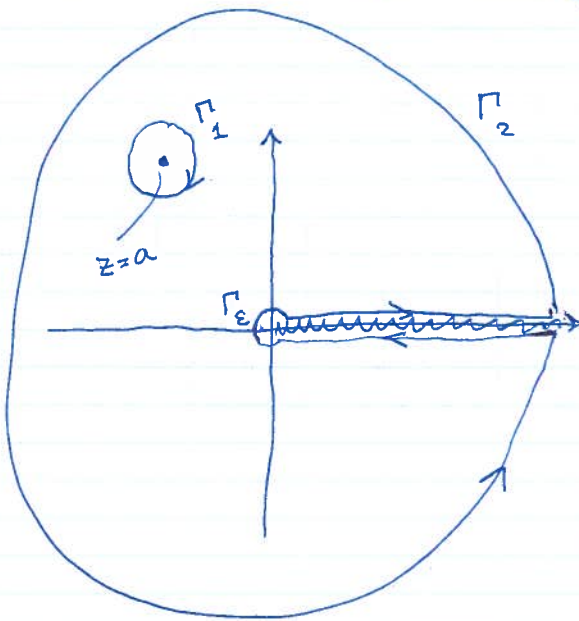
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(b)  $|f(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $|zf(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow 0$ .

Be careful with the specification of contours used and express the function in terms of  $R$ ,  $a$ , and  $g(x)$ . (3p)

3. Use the Cauchy integral formula with contour given as



$$\text{We have } f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \frac{f(z') dz'}{z' - z} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x'+i\varepsilon) - f(x'-i\varepsilon)}{x' - z} dx'$$

The integrals over the large circle  $\Gamma_2$  and the small circle  $\Gamma_\varepsilon$  do not contribute due to properties (b).

The integral over  $\Gamma_1$  (going clockwise)

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} \frac{f(z')}{z' - z} dz' = -\frac{R}{a - z} = \frac{R}{z - a}$$

From (a) we have  $f(x'+i\varepsilon) - f(x'-i\varepsilon) = 2\pi i g(x')$

$$\text{Thus, } f(z) = \frac{R}{z - a} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{g(x') dx'}{x' - z}$$

3. Use the Frobenius method to find the two independent solutions to the equation (one sums to a simple function, the other may be given through the first four terms in the series):

$$3x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (3x+1) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0 \quad (4p)$$

$$3. \quad 3xy'' + (3x+1)y' + y = 0$$

$$\text{Frobenius ansatz: } y = x^\lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k+\lambda}, \quad a_0 \neq 0$$

$$y' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (k+\lambda) x^{k+\lambda-1} \quad ; \quad y'' = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (k+\lambda)(k+\lambda-1) x^{k+\lambda-2}$$

Equation

$$3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (k+\lambda)(k+\lambda-1) x^{k+\lambda-1} + 3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (k+\lambda) x^{k+\lambda} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (k+\lambda) x^{k+\lambda-1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k+\lambda} = 0$$

$$\text{Lowest order } x^{\lambda-1}: \{3a_0 \lambda(\lambda-1) + a_0 \lambda\} x^{\lambda-1} = 0$$

$$3\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow 3\lambda^2 - 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda(\lambda - \frac{2}{3}) = 0, \quad \lambda = \begin{cases} 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

Put together ( $k \rightarrow k+1$  in the first and third sums)

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ a_{k+1} [3(k+1+\lambda)(k+\lambda) + (k+1+\lambda)] + a_k [(k+\lambda)3 + 1] \right\} x^{k+\lambda} = 0$$

Each coefficient must be zero:

$$a_{k+1} = - \frac{3(k+\lambda)+1}{(k+\lambda+1)(3(k+\lambda)+1)} a_k = - \frac{a_k}{k+\lambda+1}$$

$$\lambda = 0: \quad a_{k+1} = - \frac{a_k}{k+1}, \quad a_1 = -a_0, \quad a_2 = -\frac{1}{2} a_1 = \frac{1}{2!} a_0$$

$$a_3 = -\frac{1}{3} a_2 = \frac{-1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} a_0$$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} a_0$$

$$\text{and } y(x) = a_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} x^k = a_0 e^{-x}$$

$$\text{Check: } y'(x) = -a_0 e^{-x} = -y, \quad y''(x) = a_0 e^{-x} = y \Rightarrow 3xy - 3xy - y + y = 0$$

OK

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$$\lambda = \frac{2}{3} \quad ; \quad a_{k+1} = - \frac{a_k}{k + \frac{5}{3}} \quad \text{or} \quad a_{k+1} = - \frac{3}{3k+5} a_k$$

$$a_1 = - \frac{3}{5} a_0 \quad , \quad a_2 = - \frac{3}{8} a_1 = \frac{3^2}{8 \cdot 5} a_0$$

$$a_3 = - \frac{3}{11} a_2 = - \frac{3^3}{11 \cdot 8 \cdot 5} a_0 \quad , \quad a_4 = - \frac{3}{14} a_3 = \frac{3^4}{14 \cdot 11 \cdot 8 \cdot 5} a_0$$

$$y_2(x) = a_0 x^{2/3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{5} x + \frac{3^2}{5 \cdot 8} x^2 - \frac{3^3}{5 \cdot 8 \cdot 11} x^3 + \frac{3^4}{5 \cdot 8 \cdot 11 \cdot 14} x^4 - \dots \right\}$$

4. Find the Fourier transform of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ e^{-ax}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$  where  $a$  is real and  $a > 0$  (3p)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{i\omega x} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x(a-i\omega)} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ -\frac{e^{-x(a-i\omega)}}{a-i\omega} \right]_0^{\infty} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{a-i\omega} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{a+i\omega}{a^2+\omega^2} \end{aligned}$$

(Note: I had intended to replace this with a slightly more complicated transform, but forgot ...)



5. Use Laplace transforms to solve  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 13y = 20e^{-t}$ ,  $y(0)=1, y'(0)=3$ . (4p)

5. Use Laplace transforms to solve

$$y'' + 4y' + 13y = 20e^{-t} \quad y(0)=1, y'(0)=3$$

A&W 15.9  $\mathcal{L}\{F^{(2)}(t)\} = s^2\tilde{f} - sF(0) - F'(0)$

$$\mathcal{L}\{F'(t)\} = s\tilde{f} - F(0)$$

The transformed equation becomes

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{kt}\} = \frac{1}{s-k}, \quad s > k$$

(A&W 15.103)

$$s^2\tilde{y} - s - 3 + 4s\tilde{y} - 4 + 13\tilde{y} = \frac{20}{s+1}$$

$$\tilde{y}(s^2 + 4s + 13) = \frac{20}{s+1} + s + 7$$

$$\tilde{y} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 4s + 13} \left\{ \frac{20}{s+1} + s + 7 \right\} = \frac{20 + (s+7)(s+1)}{(s+1)(s^2 + 4s + 13)} = \frac{s^2 + 8s + 27}{(s+1)(s^2 + 4s + 13)}$$

Partial fractions  $\frac{s^2 + 8s + 27}{(s+1)(s^2 + 4s + 13)} = \frac{a}{s+1} + \frac{bs+c}{s^2 + 4s + 13} = \frac{as^2 + 4as + 13a + bs^2 + bs + cs + c}{(s+1)(s^2 + 4s + 13)}$

$$s^2: a+b=1 \quad \rightarrow b=1-a$$

$$s: 4a+b+c=8 \quad \rightarrow 4a+1-a+c=8 \quad \rightarrow 3a+c=7$$

$$s^0: 13a+c=27 \quad \rightarrow c=27-13a$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow 3a+27-13a=7 \\ &\downarrow -10a=20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a=2, b=-1, c=1$$

$$\tilde{y} = \frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{1-s}{(s+2)^2 + 3^2} = \frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{1}{(s+2)^2 + 3^2} - \frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2 + (3)^2}$$

From tables and shift by substitution

$$y(t) = 2e^{-t} + e^{-2t} \sin 3t - e^{-2t} \cos 3t$$

Bromwich Integrals on next page

using Bromwich integrals:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2}{s+1} \right\} = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{-i\infty+\gamma}^{i\infty+\gamma} \frac{e^{st}}{s+1} ds = \frac{1}{\pi i} \oint \frac{e^{zt}}{z+1} dz = 2 \{ \text{res } z=-1 \} = 2e^{-t}$$

closing in left half-plane (LHP)

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{(s+2)^2+3^2} \right\} = \frac{3}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty+\gamma}^{i\infty+\gamma} \frac{e^{st}}{(s+2)^2+3^2} ds = \frac{3}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{e^{zt}}{(z+2)^2+3^2} dz = 3 \sum \{ \text{residues} \}$$

LHP

$$(z+2)^2+3^2=0 \Rightarrow z = -2 \pm 3i$$

$$\text{Res } z = -2+3i: \left. \frac{(z+2-3i)e^{zt}}{(z+2-3i)(z+2+3i)} \right|_{z=-2+3i} = \frac{e^{-2t} e^{i3t}}{6i}$$

$$\text{Res } z = -2-3i: \left. \frac{(z+2+3i)e^{zt}}{(z+2-3i)(z+2+3i)} \right|_{z=-2-3i} = \frac{e^{-2t} e^{-i3t}}{-6i}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{(s+2)^2+3^2} \right\} = 3e^{-2t} \left\{ \frac{e^{i3t} - e^{-i3t}}{6i} \right\} = e^{-2t} \sin 3t$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ -\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+3^2} \right\} = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{(z+2)e^{zt}}{(z+2)^2+3^2} dz = -\sum \text{residues}$$

$$\text{Res } z = -2+3i: \left. \frac{(z+2-3i)(z+2)e^{zt}}{(z+2-3i)(z+2+3i)} \right|_{z=-2+3i} = \frac{3ie^{-2t} e^{i3t}}{6i}$$

$$\text{Res } z = -2-3i: \left. \frac{(z+2+3i)(z+2)e^{zt}}{(z+2-3i)(z+2+3i)} \right|_{z=-2-3i} = \frac{-3ie^{-2t} e^{-i3t}}{-6i}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ -\frac{s+2}{(s+2)^2+3^2} \right\} = -e^{-2t} \left\{ \frac{e^{i3t} + e^{-i3t}}{2} \right\} = -e^{-2t} \cos 3t$$

$$\therefore y(t) = 2e^{-t} + e^{-2t} \sin 3t - e^{-2t} \cos 3t$$

6. Starting from the recursion relation  $(2l+1)xP_l = lP_{l-1} + (l+1)P_{l+1}$  for the Legendre polynomials derive the recursion relation for the associated Legendre polynomials:  
 $(l+1-m)P_{l+1}^m = (2l+1)xP_l^m - (l+m)P_{l-1}^m$  (2p)

Use  $(2l+1)xP_l = lP_{l-1} + (l+1)P_{l+1}$  (1)

$$(2l+1)P_l = P'_{l+1} - P'_{l-1} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } P_l^m = (1-x^2)^{m/2} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} P_l$$

Take with derivative of (1) where  $\frac{d^m}{dx^m}(xP_l) = x\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_l + m\frac{d^{m-1}}{dx^{m-1}}P_l$

$$\Rightarrow (2l+1)x\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_l + (2l+1)m\frac{d^{m-1}}{dx^{m-1}}P_l = l\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_{l-1} + (l+1)\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_{l+1}$$

$$(2l+1)\frac{d^{m-1}}{dx^{m-1}}P_l = \frac{d^{m-1}}{dx^{m-1}}\{P'_{l+1} - P'_{l-1}\} = \frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_{l+1} - \frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_{l-1}$$

$$\therefore (2l+1)x\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_l + m\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_{l+1} - m\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_{l-1} = l\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_{l-1} + (l+1)\frac{d^m}{dx^m}P_{l+1}$$

scale by  $(1-x^2)^{m/2}$

$$(l+1-m)P_{l+1}^m = (2l+1)xP_l^m - (l+m)P_{l-1}^m$$

7. Solve  $(1+x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} + 6xy = 2x, x \in \mathbb{R}$

(3p)

7. Use variation of the constant to find the solution

Put equation on regular form

$$y' + \frac{6x}{1+x^2} y = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

First solve the homogeneous equation

$$\frac{y_0'}{y_0} = -\frac{6x}{1+x^2} \Rightarrow \ln y_0 = -3 \int \frac{2x' dx'}{1+x'^2} + \ln C$$

$$\ln y_0(x) = -3 \ln(1+x^2) + \ln C$$

$$\Rightarrow y_0(x) = \frac{C}{(1+x^2)^3}$$

Particular Solution:  $C \rightarrow C(x)$

$$y' = -\frac{6x C}{(1+x^2)^4} + \frac{C'(x)}{(1+x^2)^3} = -\frac{6x}{1+x^2} y + \frac{C'(x)}{(1+x^2)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{C'(x)}{(1+x^2)^3} = \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

$$C'(x) = 2x(1+x^2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow C(x) = \frac{1}{3}(1+x^2)^3$$

$$y_p(x) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{(1+x^2)^3}{(1+x^2)^3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{C}{(1+x^2)^3} + \frac{1}{3}$$

Test solution:  $y'(x) = -\frac{6xC}{(1+x^2)^4}$

$$(1+x^2)y' + 6xy = -\frac{6xC}{(1+x^2)^3} + \frac{6xC}{(1+x^2)^3} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 6x = 2x \quad \text{OK}$$

8. Use the Laplace transform technique and the defining equation of the Green's function to

find the Green's function for the equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + y = f(t)$ , where

$$y(0) = y'(0) = 0 \text{ and } y(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0.$$

(4p)

$$\S. \quad y'' + 2y' + y = f(t) \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0 \quad y(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0$$

Green's function:  $G'' + 2G' + G = \delta(t-t')$  satisfies the same boundary

$$\mathcal{L}\{G'\} = s\tilde{g} - G(0) = s\tilde{g}$$

conditions

$$\mathcal{L}\{G''\} = s^2\tilde{g} - sG(0) - G'(0) = s^2\tilde{g}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-t')\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} \delta(t-t') dt = e^{-st'}$$

The equation becomes  $(s^2 + 2s + 1)\tilde{g} = e^{-st'}$

$$\tilde{g}(s) = \frac{e^{-st'}}{s^2 + 2s + 1} = \frac{e^{-st'}}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$\text{Bromwich integral } G(t, t') = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty+\gamma}^{i\infty+\gamma} \frac{e^{-st'} \cdot e^{st}}{(s+1)^2} ds =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty+\gamma}^{i\infty+\gamma} \frac{e^{s(t-t')}}{(s+1)^2} ds$$

For  $t > t'$  we can close in the left half-plane and apply Jordan's

lemma  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty+\gamma}^{i\infty+\gamma} \frac{e^{s(t-t')}}{(s+1)^2} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{e^{z(t-t')}}{(z+1)^2} dz = \sum \text{residues}$

The double pole at  $z = -1$  is included

$$\text{Res}\{z = -1\} = \left. \frac{d}{dz} \frac{e^{z(t-t')}}{(z+1)^2} \right|_{z=-1} = (t-t') e^{z(t-t')} \Big|_{z=-1}$$

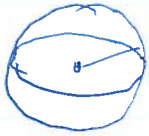
$$= (t-t') e^{-(t-t')}$$

For  $t < t'$  no poles are included  $\rightarrow G(t, t') = 0$

$$\therefore G(t, t') = \begin{cases} 0, & t < t' \\ (t-t') e^{-(t-t')}, & t > t' \end{cases}$$

9. A sphere initially at  $0^\circ$  has its surface kept at  $100^\circ$  from  $t=0$  on (for example a frozen pea in boiling water). Find the time-dependent temperature distribution. (Hint: Subtract  $100^\circ$  from all temperatures and solve the problem; then add the  $100^\circ$  to the answer). (5p)

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Assume radius  $r_0$ ; initial temperature  $T_0 = 0^\circ$

From time  $t=0$  the surface is kept at  $100^\circ$

To have homogeneous boundary conditions we take

$u(r, \vartheta, \varphi, t) = 100 + y(r, \vartheta, \varphi, t)$  such that

$y(r_0, \vartheta, \varphi, t) = 0^\circ$  as boundary cond. which makes

$u(r, \vartheta, \varphi, t)$  satisfy the real boundary condition.

Spherical polar coordinates. The heat equation separates into spatial and temporal parts through  $y(r, \vartheta, \varphi, t) = R(r) \Theta(\vartheta) \Phi(\varphi) T(t)$

$$\frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\nabla^2 [R \Theta \Phi]}{R \Theta \Phi} = -k^2$$

Time-dependence;  $\frac{dT}{dt} + k^2 T = 0 \rightarrow T(t) = e^{-k^2 t}$

The spatial dependence separates into (A&W section 9.3)

$$\frac{d^2 \Phi}{d\varphi^2} + m^2 \Phi = 0 \quad \text{No } \varphi\text{-dependence} \rightarrow m = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \vartheta} \frac{d}{d\vartheta} \left( \sin \vartheta \frac{d\Theta}{d\vartheta} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \vartheta} \Theta + Q \Theta = 0 \quad \text{No } \vartheta\text{-dependence}$$

$\rightarrow Q = 0$   
(i.e.  $Y_0^0(\vartheta, \varphi)$ )

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + k^2 R - \frac{QR}{r^2} = 0$$

Radial equation  $\frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + k^2 r^2 R = 0$  spherical Bessel eq. for  $j_0(kr)$  \*

The boundary condition at  $r_0$  implies  $kr_0 = \alpha_{0v}$  a zero of  $j_0$   
i.e.  $k = \frac{\alpha_{0v}}{r_0}$  and  $y(r, \vartheta, \varphi, t) = y(r, t) = j_0\left(\alpha_{0v} \frac{r}{r_0}\right) e^{-\left(\frac{\alpha_{0v}}{r_0}\right)^2 t}$

\* spherical Neumann functions excluded since origin is included

$$j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x} \Rightarrow \alpha_{0v} = n\pi$$



Q, cont'd

$$\text{and } y_n(r, t) = \frac{1}{r} \sin(n\pi \frac{r}{r_0}) e^{-\lambda(\frac{n\pi}{r_0})^2 t}$$

Initial steady state  $y(r, t \leq 0) = -100$

$$-100 = \sum a_n j_0(n\pi \frac{r}{r_0})$$

Project

$$-100 \int_0^{r_0} j_0(m\pi \frac{r}{r_0}) r^2 dr = \sum_n a_n \int_0^{r_0} j_0(m\pi \frac{r}{r_0}) j_0(n\pi \frac{r}{r_0}) r^2 dr$$

$$\int_0^{r_0} j_0(m\pi \frac{r}{r_0}) r^2 dr = \left[ \begin{array}{l} x = m\pi \frac{r}{r_0} \\ r = \frac{x r_0}{m\pi} \\ dr = \frac{r_0}{m\pi} dx \\ r = r_0 \rightarrow x = m\pi \end{array} \right] = \frac{r_0^3}{2} [j_1(m\pi)]^2 \delta_{mm} = \left(\frac{r_0}{m\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^{m\pi} j_0(x) x^2 dx = \left(\frac{r_0}{m\pi}\right)^3 \int_0^{m\pi} \frac{d}{dx} [x^2 j_1(x)] dx$$

$$= \left(\frac{r_0}{m\pi}\right)^3 [x^2 j_1(x)]_0^{m\pi} = \frac{r_0^3}{m\pi} j_1^e(m\pi) = -\frac{r_0^3}{m\pi} \frac{\cos(m\pi)}{m\pi} =$$

$$= \frac{r_0^3}{(m\pi)^2} (-1)^{m+1}$$

$$j_1(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}$$

$$\therefore -100 \cdot \frac{r_0^3}{(m\pi)^2} (-1)^{m+1} = \frac{a_m r_0^3}{2} [j_1(m\pi)]^2 =$$

$$= \frac{a_m r_0^3}{2} \left[ -\frac{\cos m\pi}{m\pi} \right]^2 = \frac{a_m r_0^3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(m\pi)^2}$$

$$\therefore a_m = 200 (-1)^m$$

Thus  $y(r, t) = 100 + 200 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n j_0(n\pi \frac{r}{r_0}) e^{-\lambda(\frac{n\pi}{r_0})^2 t}$