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Partial Differential Equations Spring 2012

Assignment 8.1 Due March 6

Exercise 1. Consider the heat conduction problem

$$\begin{split} u_t &= u_{xx} & 0 < x < 2, \ 0 < t, \\ u(0,t) &= 0 & 0 < t, \\ u_x(2,t) &= -\frac{1}{3}u(2,t) & 0 < t, \\ u(x,0) &= x & 0 < x < 2. \end{split}$$

- **a.** Solve this problem. Express your answer explicitly in terms of μ_n (as in class). Be sure to state the equation satisfied by μ_n . [Suggestion: You may feel free to use a computer to evaluate the integrals appearing in the formulas for the generalized Fourier coefficients.]
- **b.** Use Maple to compute the first 10 values of μ_n , λ_n and c_n .
- c. Use Maple to plot (via the animate command or otherwise) the solution at various times (at least 10) throughout the interval $0 \le t \le 3$.
- **d.** Submit a single Maple file containing the integral computations of part \mathbf{a} and the results of parts \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} through TLEARN.

Exercise 2. Repeat the preceding exercise, replacing the initial temperature profile with

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 100 & \text{if } 0 < x \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } 1 < x < 2. \end{cases}$$

Submit a separate Maple file for this problem.