

# BENG 221 Mathematical Methods in Bioengineering

Fall 2017

Midterm

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- Open book, open notes.
- 80 minutes limit (end of class).
- No communication other than with instructor and TAs.
- No computers or internet, except for access to posted class materials.

**Table 1: Laplace and Fourier Transforms**

$u(t)$	$U(s)$	$u(t)$	$U(j\omega)$
$\delta(t)$	1	$\delta(t)$	1
1	$\frac{1}{s}$	1	$\frac{1}{j\omega}$
$e^{-at}$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$	$e^{-at}$ for $t \geq 0$ ; 0 otherwise	$\frac{1}{j\omega+a}$
$u(t-t_0); t_0 \geq 0$	$e^{-st_0} U(s)$	$u(t-t_0)$	$e^{-j\omega t_0} U(j\omega)$
$\frac{du}{dt}$	$sU(s) - u(0)$	$\frac{du}{dt}$	$j\omega U(j\omega)$
$\int_0^t u(t_0) dt_0$	$\frac{1}{s} U(s)$	$\int_{-\infty}^t u(t_0) dt_0$	$\frac{1}{j\omega} U(j\omega)$
$\int_0^t f(t_0) h(t-t_0) dt_0$	$H(s) \cdot F(s)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t_0) h(t-t_0) dt_0$	$H(j\omega) \cdot F(j\omega)$

**Table 2: Green's Functions for Diffusion in 1-D**

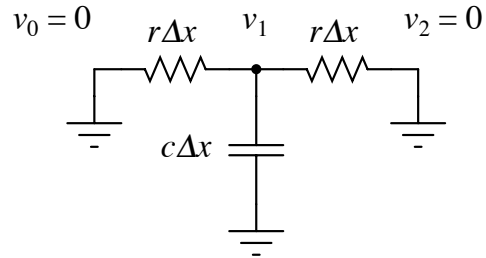
B.C.		$G(x, t; x_0, t_0)$ $t > t_0$
$x = 0$	$x = L$	
—	—	$\mathcal{N}(x_0, \sqrt{2D(t-t_0)}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D(t-t_0)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{4D(t-t_0)}\right)$
$u(0, t) = 0$	—	$\mathcal{N}(x_0, \sqrt{2D(t-t_0)}) - \mathcal{N}(-x_0, \sqrt{2D(t-t_0)})$
$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0$	—	$\mathcal{N}(x_0, \sqrt{2D(t-t_0)}) + \mathcal{N}(-x_0, \sqrt{2D(t-t_0)})$
$u(0, t) = 0$	$u(L, t) = 0$	$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}x_0\right) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}x\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}\right)^2 D(t-t_0)\right)$
$u(0, t) = 0$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$	$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{L} \sin\left(\frac{(k+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{L}x_0\right) \sin\left(\frac{(k+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{L}x\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{(k+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{L}\right)^2 D(t-t_0)\right)$
$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0$	$u(L, t) = 0$	$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{L} \cos\left(\frac{(k+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{L}x_0\right) \cos\left(\frac{(k+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{L}x\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{(k+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{L}\right)^2 D(t-t_0)\right)$
$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0$	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$	$\frac{1}{L} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{L} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}x_0\right) \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}x\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}\right)^2 D(t-t_0)\right)$

**Problem 1** (20 points): Short answer problems. Provide brief explanations (no lengthy derivations!) for each problem.

1. (5 points): Among all the eigenvalue-eigenvector pairs obtained by singular value decomposition of a matrix containing multi-dimensional data samples, which one explains most of the variance in the data?
2. (5 points): Give an example that demonstrates why diffusion over a bounded interval is not space-invariant.
3. (5 points): To arrive at the diffusion transfer function  $H(k, s)$ , does it matter in which order the Fourier and Laplace transforms are applied to the diffusion equation, and why?
4. (5 points): Solve the following integral:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(x - x_0) \exp(-jkx) dx =$$

**Problem 2** (30 points): Consider a two-segment lumped model of diffusion along a passive cable of length  $L$ , with line resistivity  $r$  and line capacitance  $c$ , and with zero-voltage boundary conditions on both ends, as shown below. The length of each of the two segments is  $\Delta x = L/2$ .



1. (10 points): Write the ordinary differential equation governing the dynamics of the voltage  $v_1(t)$  at the center of the cable. Is this ODE homogeneous or inhomogeneous?

2. (10 points): Show that the solution to this ODE is given by a decaying exponential over time,  $v_1(t) = A \exp(-t/\tau)$ . Identify the amplitude constant  $A$  and the time constant  $\tau$  in terms of the initial condition  $v_1(0)$ , cable length  $L$ , and diffusivity  $D$ .
3. (10 points): Compare the time constant  $\tau$  that you obtained in part 2 for this two-segment lumped approximation of the passive cable, with the time constant  $\tau_\infty$  for the infinite-segment continuum limit, corresponding to the dominant (first) term in the eigenmode series of the homogeneous solution for the cable with same diffusivity  $D$ , same total length  $L$ , and same zero-voltage boundary conditions on both ends.



3. (5 points): Write the homogeneous problem, with homogeneous partial differential equation and boundary conditions.

4. (10 points): Find the eigenmode decomposition for the general solution of the homogeneous problem.

5. (15 points): Solve for the estrogen concentration in the tissue over time  $u(x, t)$  from the given initial conditions.

*Hint:* KISS (Keep It Simple & Stupid). Don't get alarmed if your answer appears too simple. But do get alarmed if you're wielding through pages of integrals...