

Exercise 2.4.2

Solve

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{with} \quad & \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0 \\ & u(L, t) = 0 \\ & u(x, 0) = f(x). \end{aligned}$$

For this problem you may assume that no solutions of the heat equation exponentially grow in time. You may also guess appropriate orthogonality conditions for the eigenfunctions.