

# Math 6B Practice Problems II

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## Answers

This page contains answers only. Detailed solutions are on the following pages.

- $R = \infty, I = (-\infty, \infty)$
  - $R = 4, I = (-4, 4]$
  - $R = 0, I = \{\frac{1}{2}\}$
- $f(x) = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{7n}$
  - $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{n+3}}{2^{n+1}}$
- $-\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{n+1}} (x+3)^n$
- $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)n!} x^{2n+1} + C$
  - $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{6n+2}}{(6n+2)(2n)!} + C$
- $\frac{1}{3}$
- $e^{x^4}$
  - $-1 + e^3$
- $f(x) = \frac{3}{2} - \sin x + 3 \cos 2x - \frac{1}{2} \cos 6x$
  - $f(x) = \frac{p^2}{3} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4p^2}{(n\pi)^2} (-1)^n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{p}x\right)$
  - $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n}{(2n+1)^2(2n-1)^2} \sin(2nx)$
- Cosine series:  $\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{-4}{(2k+1)^2\pi^2} \cos(2k+1)x$   
Sine series:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(n\pi x)$
- $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8}{(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sin(n\pi x) \cos(4n\pi t)$
- $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{2n\pi}{(n\pi)^2 + 1} \left(\frac{(-1)^n}{e} + 1\right) e^{-(n\pi)^2 t} \sin(n\pi x).$

## Detailed Solutions

1. Find the radius and interval convergence of the series:

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

*Solution.* This is a power series about  $a = 0$ . Using the Ratio Test with  $a_n = \frac{x^n}{n!}$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0 < 1$$

Since our limit is always less than 1, the radius of convergence is  $R = \infty$  and the interval of convergence is  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$ .  $\square$

$$(b) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{4^n \ln n}$$

*Solution.* This is a power series about  $a = 0$ . Using the Ratio test with  $a_n = (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{4^n \ln n}$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{4^{n+1} \ln(n+1)} \cdot \frac{4^n \ln n}{(-1)^n x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{4} \frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{4} \frac{n+1}{n} = \frac{|x|}{4} < 1$$

“L'H” denotes where we used L'Hôpital's Rule to evaluate the limit. We have  $|x| < 4$ , hence the radius of convergence is  $R = 4$ . We need to test the endpoints at  $x = -4, x = 4$ .

When  $x = -4$ :

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(-4)^n}{4^n \ln n} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln n}.$$

Since  $n > \ln n$  (graph it), then  $\frac{1}{\ln n} > \frac{1}{n}$ . The sum  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  diverges, therefore by the Comparison Test,  $\sum \frac{1}{\ln n}$  must also diverge. We do not include  $x = -4$  in the interval of convergence.

When  $x = 4$ :

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(-4)^n}{4^n \ln n} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\ln n}.$$

The sequence  $b_n = \frac{1}{\ln n}$  is decreasing and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ . Thus by the Alternating Series test, the series  $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{\ln n}$  converges. We include  $x = 4$  in the interval of convergence.

Therefore the interval of convergence is  $(-4, 4]$ .  $\square$

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n!(2x-1)^n$$

*Solution.* This is a power series about  $a = \frac{1}{2}$  since  $(2x-1)^n = [2(x-\frac{1}{2})]^n$ . Using the ratio test with  $a_n = n!(2x-1)^n$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)!(2x-1)^{n+1}}{n!(2x-1)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)|2x-1| = \infty.$$

The limit is never less than 1, so the radius of convergence is  $R = 0$ . Therefore the interval of convergence is just the point  $\{\frac{1}{2}\}$ .  $\square$

2. Use the power series  $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$  to find the power series of the following functions:

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^7 - 1}$

*Solution.*

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{1-x^7} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^7)^n = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^{7n}.$$

□

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{x+2}$

*Solution.*

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\frac{x}{2}} = \frac{x^3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-(-\frac{x}{2})} = \frac{x^3}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-x}{2}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{n+3}}{2^{n+1}}.$$

□

3. Find the Taylor series for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  centered at  $a = -3$ .

*Solution.* The Taylor series of  $f(x)$  about  $a = -3$  is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x-a)^n.$$

Find a pattern for the  $n$ th derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^{-1} \\ f'(x) &= (-1)x^{-2} \\ f''(x) &= (-1)(-2)x^{-3} \\ f'''(x) &= (-1)(-2)(-3)x^{-4} \\ &\vdots \\ f^{(n)}(x) &= (-1)(-2)\cdots(-n)x^{-(n+1)} = (-1)^n n! x^{-(n+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate the  $n$ th derivative at  $a = -3$ :

$$f^{(n)}(-3) = (-1)^n n! (-3)^{-(n+1)} = \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(-1)^{n+1} 3^{n+1}} = \frac{(-1)n!}{3^{n+1}}.$$

Therefore the Taylor series about  $a = -3$  is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(-3)}{n!} (x+3)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)n!}{3^{n+1}n!} (x+3)^n = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{n+1}} (x+3)^n.$$

□

4. Evaluate the indefinite integral as an infinite series:

(a)  $\int e^{x^2} dx$

*Solution.* Since  $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ ,

$$e^{x^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x^2)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{n!}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{x^2} dx &= \int \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{n!} dx = \int \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{1!} + \frac{x^4}{2!} + \frac{x^6}{3!} + \dots \right) dx = x + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 1!} + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 2!} + \frac{x^7}{7 \cdot 3!} + \dots + C \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)n!} x^{2n+1} + C \end{aligned}$$

□

(b)  $\int x \cos(x^3) dx$

*Solution.* Since  $\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$ ,

$$\cos(x^3) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(x^3)^{2n}}{(2n)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{6n}}{(2n)!}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \cos(x^3) dx &= \int x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{6n}}{(2n)!} dx = \int x \left( 1 - \frac{x^6}{2!} + \frac{x^{12}}{4!} - \frac{x^{18}}{6!} + \dots \right) dx \\ &= \int \left( x - \frac{x^7}{2!} + \frac{x^{13}}{4!} - \frac{x^{19}}{6!} + \dots \right) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^8}{8 \cdot 2!} + \frac{x^{14}}{14 \cdot 4!} - \frac{x^{20}}{20 \cdot 6!} + \dots + C \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{6n+2}}{(6n+2)(2n)!} + C \end{aligned}$$

□

5. Use series to evaluate the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \tan^{-1} x}{x^3}$ .

*Solution.* Since  $\tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \tan^{-1} x}{x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \right)}{x^3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x^2}{5!} + \frac{x^4}{7!} + \dots = \frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

□

6. Find the sum of the series:

$$(a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{4n}}{n!}$$

*Solution.* Rewrite the series as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^4)^n}{n!} = e^{-x^4}.$$

□

$$(b) 3 + \frac{9}{2!} + \frac{27}{3!} + \frac{81}{4!} + \dots$$

*Solution.* We can write the sum as the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!} = -\frac{3^0}{0!} + \frac{3^0}{0!} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!} = -1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!} = -1 + e^3.$$

□

7. Find the Fourier series of the function:

$$(a) f(x) = 1 - \sin x + 3 \cos 2x + \sin^2(3x), \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi$$

*Solution.* A Fourier series is a sum of cosine and sine terms. We already have cosine and sine terms here, we just need to rewrite  $\sin^2(3x)$  and we are done:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 1 - \sin x + 3 \cos 2x + \sin^2(3x) = 1 - \sin x + 3 \cos 2x + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 6x) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \sin x + 3 \cos 2x - \frac{1}{2} \cos 6x \end{aligned}$$

□

$$(b) f(x) = x^2, \quad -p \leq x \leq p$$

*Solution.*  $f$  is even so it only has cosine terms in its Fourier series:

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right).$$

Since we are on the interval  $-p \leq x \leq p$ ,  $L = p$ . Find  $a_0$  and  $a_n$  (use integration by parts for  $a_n$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p f(x) dx = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3p} \Big|_0^p = \frac{p^2}{3} \\ a_n &= \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{p}x\right) dx = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p x^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{p}x\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{p} \left[ x^2 \frac{p}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{p}x\right) + 2x \left(\frac{p}{n\pi}\right)^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{p}x\right) - 2 \left(\frac{p}{n\pi}\right)^3 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{p}x\right) \right] \Big|_0^p \\ &= \frac{4p^2}{(n\pi)^2} \cos n\pi = \frac{4p^2}{(n\pi)^2} (-1)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$f(x) = \frac{p^2}{3} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4p^2}{(n\pi)^2} (-1)^n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{p}x\right).$$

□

(c)  $f(x) = x \cos x$  if  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

*Hint:* This is a tough one. Use the fact that the function is odd. Also use the formula  $\cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$ .

*Solution.*  $f$  is odd, so it only has sine terms in its Fourier series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right).$$

Since we are on the interval  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $L = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Find  $b_n$ :

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\pi/2} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2}}x\right) dx = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \cos x \sin(2nx) dx$$

Use the given formula on  $\cos x \sin(2nx)$ , then evaluate using integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \cos x \sin(2nx) dx = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} x \cdot \frac{1}{2} (\sin(2n+1)x + \sin(2n-1)x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ x \left( -\frac{\cos(2n+1)x}{2n+1} - \frac{\cos(2n-1)x}{2n-1} \right) + \frac{\sin(2n+1)x}{(2n+1)^2} + \frac{\sin(2n-1)x}{(2n-1)^2} \right] \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}}{(2n+1)^2} + \frac{\sin(2n-1)\frac{\pi}{2}}{(2n-1)^2} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)^2} + \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} (-1)^n \left( \frac{-1}{(2n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \right) = \frac{2}{\pi} (-1)^n \left( \frac{(2n+1)^2 - (2n-1)^2}{(2n+1)^2(2n-1)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{16}{\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n}{(2n+1)^2(2n-1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n}{(2n+1)^2(2n-1)^2} \sin(2nx).$$

□

8. Find the cosine and sine series of the function  $f(x) = x$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ .

*Solution.* We are only given half of our periodic function.

For the cosine series, we need to find the even expansion of  $f(x) = x$  which is  $f(x) = |x|$  for  $-1 < x < 1$ . In this case,  $L = 1$ . The cosine series is

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\pi x)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx = \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}. \\ a_n &= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos(n\pi x) dx = 2 \int_0^1 x \cos(n\pi x) dx = 2 \left[ \frac{x}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) + \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} \cos(n\pi x) \right] \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} (\cos(n\pi) - 1). \end{aligned}$$

When  $n$  is even,  $\cos(n\pi) = 1$  which implies that  $a_n = 0$ . When  $n$  is odd,  $\cos(n\pi) = -1$ , which implies that

$$a_n = \frac{-4}{(n\pi)^2}.$$

Thus the cosine series is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{-4}{(n\pi)^2} \cos(n\pi x) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{-4}{(2k+1)^2 \pi^2} \cos(2k+1)x.$$

For the sine series, we need to find the odd expansion of  $f(x)$  which is  $f(x) = x$  for  $-1 < x < 1$ . In this case,  $L = 1$ . The sine series is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = 2 \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx = 2 \left[ \frac{-x}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) + \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} \sin(n\pi x) \right] \Big|_0^1 \\ &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi) = -\frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^n = \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the sine series is

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \sin(n\pi x).$$

□

9. Solve the system  $u_{tt} = 16u_{xx}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ;  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ ;  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$  where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 2(1-x), & \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

*Solution.* This is a wave equation system. We are given  $c = 4$ ,  $L = 1$ ,  $g(x) = 0$ , and  $f(x)$  as described above. The general solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi x) (b_n \cos \lambda_n t + b_n^* \sin \lambda_n t)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ b_n^* &= \frac{2}{4n\pi} \int_0^1 g(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ \lambda_n &= 4n\pi. \end{aligned}$$

$b_n^* = 0$  since  $g(x) = 0$ . Find  $b_n$  (use integration by parts):

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 2 \left[ \int_0^{1/2} 2x \sin(n\pi x) dx + \int_{1/2}^1 2(1-x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \right] \\ &= 2 \left[ \left( -\frac{2x}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) + \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} \sin(n\pi x) \right) \Big|_0^{1/2} + \left( -\frac{2(1-x)}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) - \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} \sin(n\pi x) \right) \Big|_{1/2}^1 \right] \\ &= \frac{8}{(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8}{(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sin(n\pi x) \cos(4n\pi t).$$

You could clean this up more if you want to. When  $n$  is even  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ , so only the odd terms contribute. When  $n = 4k + 1$ ,  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 1$ . When  $n = 4k + 3$ ,  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = -1$ . □

10. Solve the system  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ;  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ ;  $u(x, 0) = e^{-x}$ .

*Solution.* This is a heat equation system. We are given  $c = 1$ ,  $L = 1$ ,  $f(x) = e^{-x}$ . The general solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-\lambda_n^2 t} \sin(n\pi x)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n &= n\pi \\ b_n &= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = 2 \int_0^1 e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

The integral in  $b_n$  is a repetitive integral, meaning we need to use integration by parts a couple of times to evaluate it. Choose  $u = e^{-x}$ ,  $dv = \sin(n\pi x) dx$ :

$$\int e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) dx = -\frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \cos(n\pi x) - \int \frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

Do integration by parts again with  $u = e^{-x}$ ,  $dv = \cos(n\pi x) dx$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) dx &= -\frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \cos(n\pi x) - \frac{1}{n\pi} \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) + \int \frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \cos(n\pi x) - \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) - \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Notice the integral on the right hand side is the same as the left hand side. Add it to the left hand side:

$$\left( 1 + \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} \right) \int e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) dx = -\frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \cos(n\pi x) - \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x)$$

Solve for the integral:

$$\int e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2}} \left( -\frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \cos(n\pi x) - \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) \right)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 2 \int_0^1 e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{2}{1 + \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2}} \left( -\frac{1}{n\pi} e^{-x} \cos(n\pi x) - \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} e^{-x} \sin(n\pi x) \right) \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2(n\pi)^2}{(n\pi)^2 + 1} \left( -\frac{1}{n\pi} \right) (e^{-1} \cos(n\pi) + 1) = -\frac{2n\pi}{(n\pi)^2 + 1} \left( \frac{(-1)^n}{e} + 1 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{2n\pi}{(n\pi)^2 + 1} \left( \frac{(-1)^n}{e} + 1 \right) e^{-(n\pi)^2 t} \sin(n\pi x).$$

□