MATH 54, FALL 2016, QUIZ 12

In each of the following problems, find a solution to the heat equation, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \beta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, with boundary values u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0 and initial conditions as given in each problem.

(1) Find a solution to the heat equation with initial condition u(x,0) = 3f(x) where $f: [0, L] \to \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function such that f(0) = f(L) = 0 and

$$\int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \, dx = \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

(2) Find a solution to the heat equation with initial condition

$$u(x,0) = -5\sin\left(\frac{32\pi x}{L}\right) + 13\sin\left(\frac{307\pi x}{L}\right).$$

Hint: $\int_0^L \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \frac{L}{2}.$

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