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# Heat Equation Examples

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## ▼ Example 1

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= u_t \\ u(0,t) &= 10 \\ u(1,t) &= 100 \\ u(x,0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The time independent solution to PDE and BC is

$$> v1 := x \rightarrow 10 + 90*x; \quad v1 := x \rightarrow 10 + 90x \quad (1.1)$$

So the initial conditions for the problem with homogeneous boundary conditions are

$$> g1 := x \rightarrow 0 - v1(x); \quad g1 := x \rightarrow -v1(x) \quad (1.2)$$

and these initial conditions have Fourier sine coefficients are

$$\begin{aligned} > a1 := n \rightarrow 2 * \text{int}((-10 - 90*x) * \sin(n * \pi * x), \\ &\quad x = 0 .. 1); \quad a1 := n \rightarrow 2 \int_0^1 (-10 - 90x) \sin(n \pi x) dx \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

$$> a1(n); \quad \frac{20(-n\pi + 10 \cos(n\pi))}{n^2 \pi^2} \quad (1.4)$$

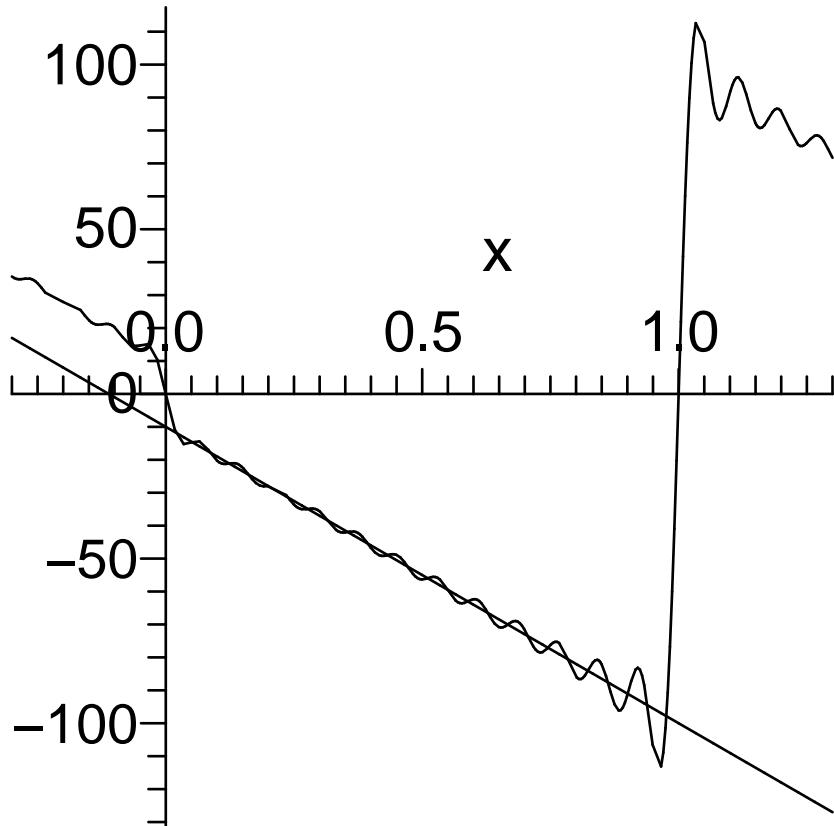
and the partial sums of the solution to the related problem with homogeneous BC are

$$\begin{aligned} > w1N := (x, t, N) \rightarrow \text{add}(a1(n) * \sin(n * \pi * x) * \\ &\quad \exp(-n^2 \pi^2 t), n=1..N); \quad w1N := (x, t, N) \rightarrow \text{add}\left(a1(n) \sin(n \pi x) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}, n = 1 .. N\right) \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

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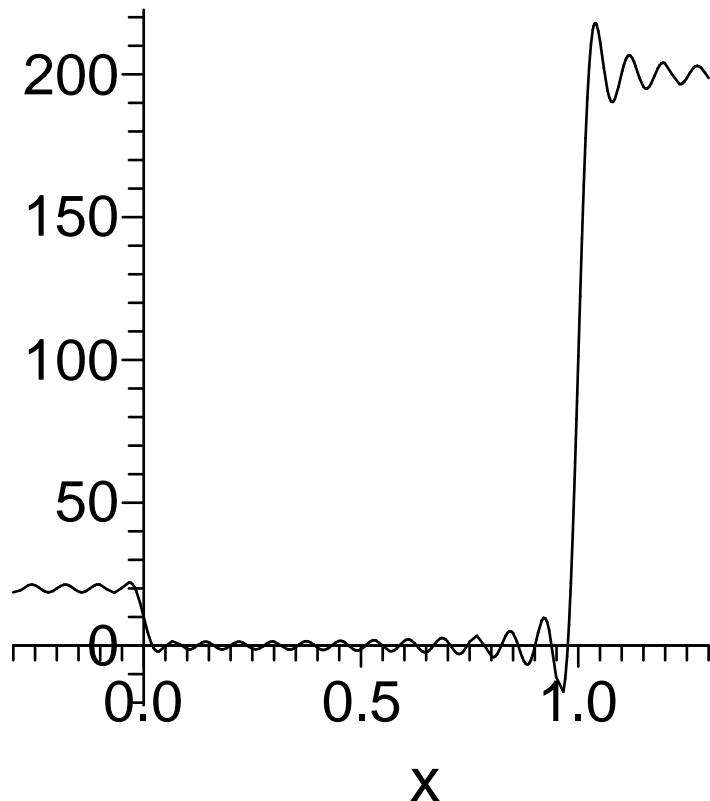
Here is a picture of one of these partial sums at  $t = 0$  and the function  $v1(x) = -10 - 90x$  for which it is an approximation.

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> plot([-v1(x), w1N(x, 0, 25)], x = -0.3..1.3, color = black);
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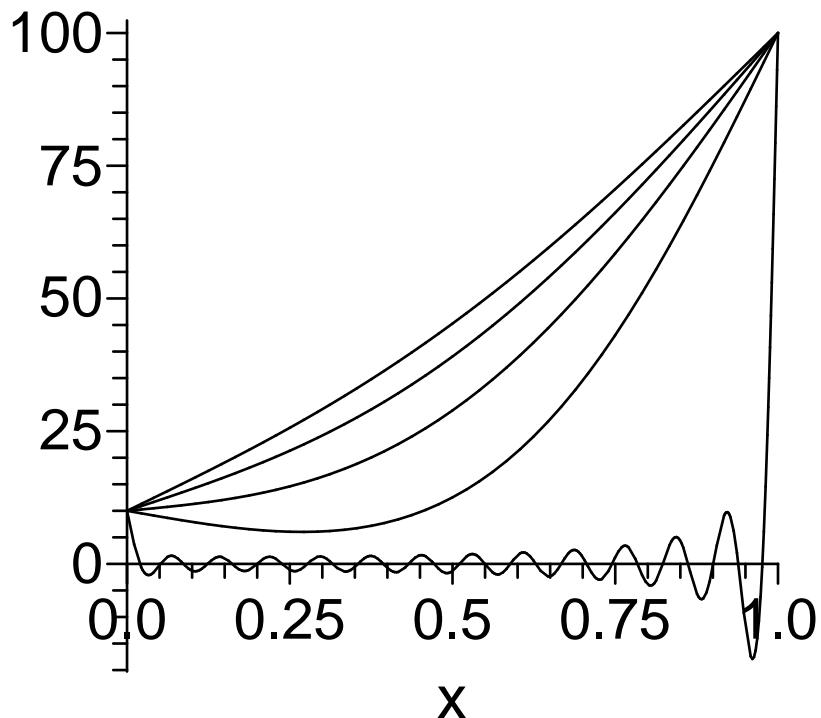
And another interesting plot

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> plot([-v1(x) + v1(x), w1N(x, 0, 25) + v1(x)], x = -0.3..1.3,
       color = black);
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Finally, a partial sum to the solution of the original problem is

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> u1 := (x,t,N) -> w1N(x,t,N) + v1(x);
      u1 := (x, t, N) → w1N(x, t, N) + v1(x)
(1.6)
> plot([seq(u1(x,.05*k,25),k=0..4)],
      x=0..1,color = black);
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## ▼ Example 2

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uxx = ut
u(0,t) = 10
u(1,t) = 100
u(x,0) = 10 if 0 < x < .5, 100 if .5 < x < 1

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The time independent solution is again

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> v2 := x -> 10 + 90*x;
v2:=x->10+90 x
(2.1)

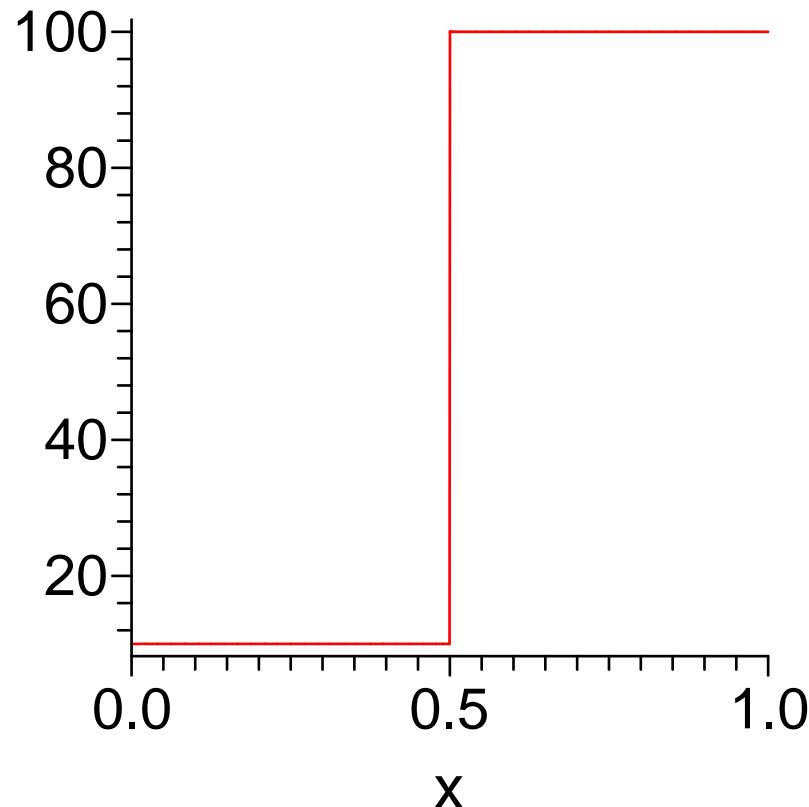
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The original initial conditions are

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> f2 := x -> piecewise(x<.5,10,100);
f2:=x->piecewise(x < 0.5, 10, 100)
(2.2)
> plot(f2(x),x=0..1);

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So the initial conditions for the problem with homogeneous boundary conditions are

$$> g2 := x \rightarrow f2(x) - v2(x); \quad g2 := x \rightarrow f2(x) - v2(x) \quad (2.3)$$

And the Fourier sine coefficients for these initial conditions are

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> a2 := n -> 2*int(g2(x)*sin(n*Pi*x),
    x = 0..1);
a2:= n->2 int_0^1 g2(x) sin(n π x) dx
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$$\begin{aligned} > \mathbf{a2(n);} \\ (9.118906528 (-2 \cdot \sin(1.570796327 n) \\ + 3.141592654 \cos(1.570796327 n) n))/n^2 + \frac{1}{n^2} (9.118906528 ( \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

$$2 \cdot \sin(1.570796327 n) + 3.141592654 \cos(1.570796327 n) n - 2 \cdot \sin(3.141592654 n)))$$

and the partial sums of the solution to the related problem with homogeneous BC are

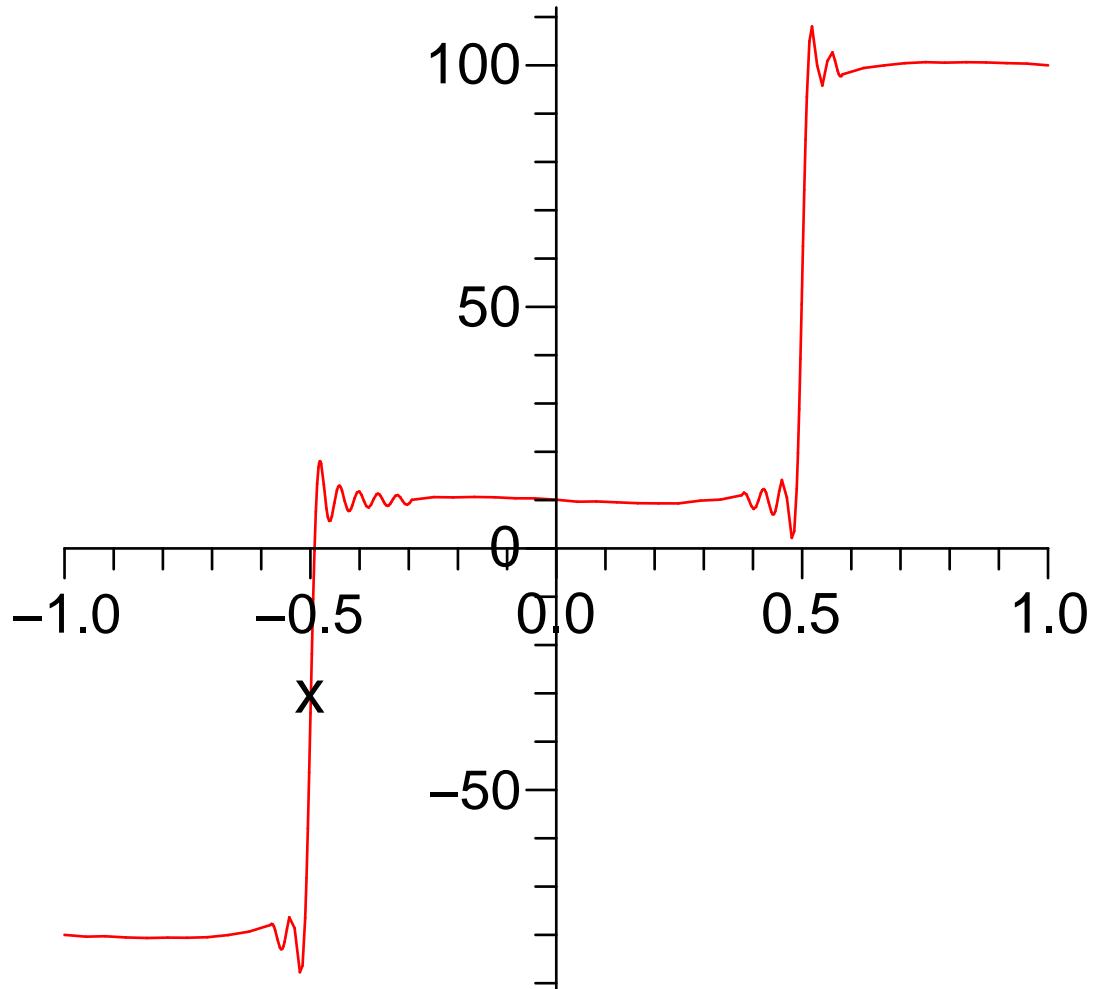
$$> w2N := (x, t, N) \rightarrow \text{add}(a2(n) \sin(n\pi x) * \exp(-n^2\pi^2 t), n=1..N); \\ w2N := (x, t, N) \rightarrow \text{add}\left(a2(n) \sin(n\pi x) e^{-n^2\pi^2 t}, n = 1 .. N\right) \quad (2.6)$$

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Finally, a partial sum to the solution of the original problem is

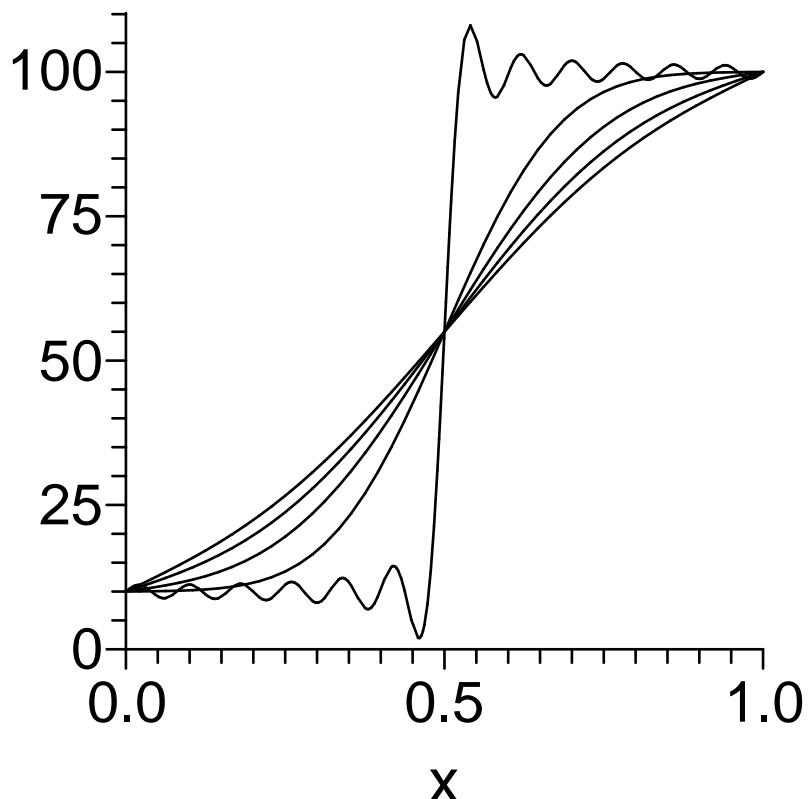
$$> u2 := (x, t, N) \rightarrow w2N(x, t, N) + v2(x); \\ u2 := (x, t, N) \rightarrow w2N(x, t, N) + v2(x) \quad (2.7)$$

> plot(u2(x, 0, 50), x=-1..1);



> plot([seq(u2(x, .01\*k, 25), k=0..4)],

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x=0..1,color = black);
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### ▼ Example 3

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uxx = ut
ux(0,t) = 0
u(1,t) = 100
u(x,0) = 100 x
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The time independent solution to the PDE and BC is

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> v3 := x → 100;
v3:=x→100
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(3.1)

The original initial conditions are

>  $f3 := x \rightarrow 100 \cdot x;$   
 $f3 := x \rightarrow 100x$  (3.2)

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So the initial conditions for the problem with homogeneous boundary conditions are

>  $g3 := x \rightarrow f3(x) - v3(x);$   
 $g3 := x \rightarrow f3(x) - v3(x)$  (3.3)

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We will have a Fourier series involving cosine of odd multiples of  $(x \pi)/2$

>  $a3 := n \rightarrow 2 \cdot \text{int}\left(g3(x) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{(2 \cdot n - 1)}{2} \cdot \pi \cdot x\right), x = 0..1\right);$   
 $a3 := n \rightarrow 2 \int_0^1 g3(x) \cos\left(\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi x\right) dx$  (3.4)

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and the partial sums of the related problem with homogeneous boundary conditions are

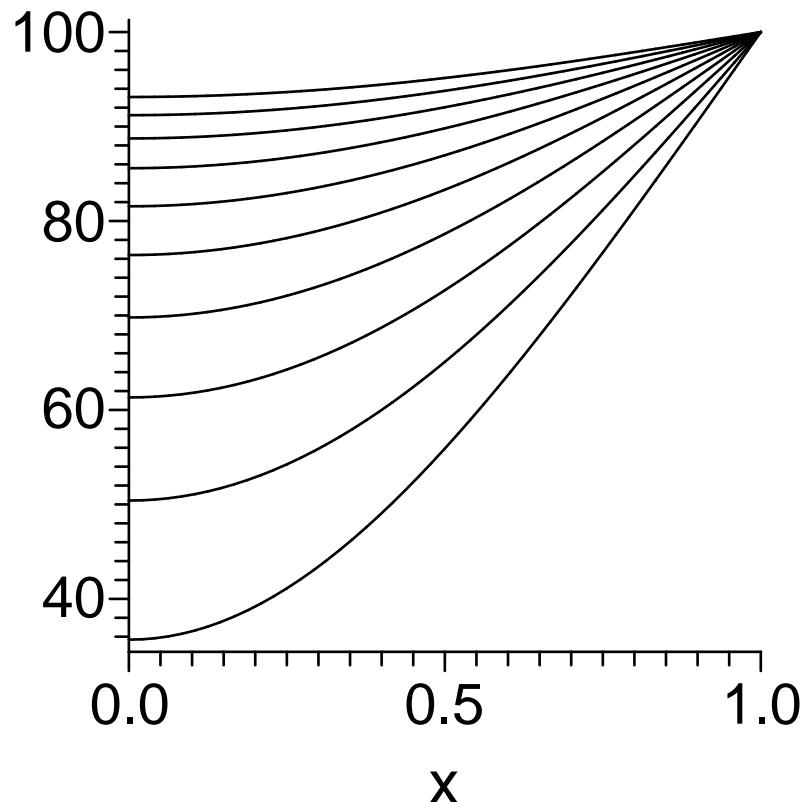
>  $w3N := (x, t, N) \rightarrow \text{add}\left(a3(n) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{(2 \cdot n - 1)}{2} \cdot \pi \cdot x\right) \cdot \exp\left(-\left(\frac{(2 \cdot n - 1)}{2} \cdot \pi\right)^2 \cdot t\right), n = 1..N\right);$   
 $w3N := (x, t, N) \rightarrow \text{add}\left(a3(n) \cos\left(\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi x\right) e^{-\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \pi^2 t}, n = 1..N\right)$  (3.5)

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and a partial sum for the original problem is

>  $u3 := (x, t, N) \rightarrow w3N(x, t, N) + v3(x);$   
 $u3 := (x, t, N) \rightarrow w3N(x, t, N) + v3(x)$  (3.6)

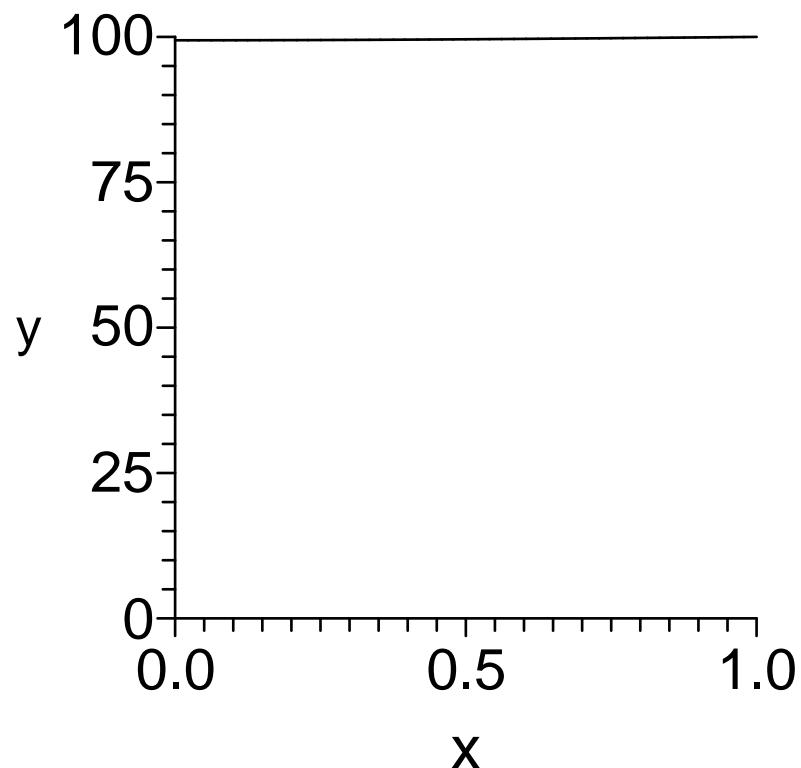
>  $\text{plot}([\text{seq}(u3(x, 0.1 \cdot k, 25), k = 1..10)], x = 0..1, \text{color} = \text{black});$



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Here's a closer look for a large value of t.

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> plot(u3(x, 2, 25), x = 0..1, y = 0..100, color = black);
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## ▼ Example 4

This time we insulate both ends, and the boundary conditions are homogeneous to begin with. There is no need to subtract a steady state solution to achieve homogeneous boundary conditions, and indeed, there is not a unique time independent solution anyway.

The problem is

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= ut, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t \\ u_x(0,t) &= u_x(1,t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$u(x,0)$  a "roof" function  $2x$  for  $0 < x < .5$  and  $2 - 2x$  for  $.5 < x < 1$ .

As seen in class the solution will involve  $\cos(n\pi x)$   $n = 1\dots$  and a constant term  $a_0$ .

The constant term is the average value of the initial conditions, which is  $1/2$ , and the other coefficients are

$$\begin{aligned} > \quad a4 := n \rightarrow 2 \cdot \left( \int \left( 2 \cdot x \cdot \cos(n \cdot \pi \cdot x), x = 0 .. \frac{1}{2} \right) + \right. \\ & \quad \left. \int \left( (2 - 2 \cdot x) \cdot \cos(n \cdot \pi \cdot x), x = \frac{1}{2} .. 1 \right) \right); \\ & a4 := n \rightarrow 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 2x \cos(n\pi x) dx + 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (2 - 2x) \cos(n\pi x) dx \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

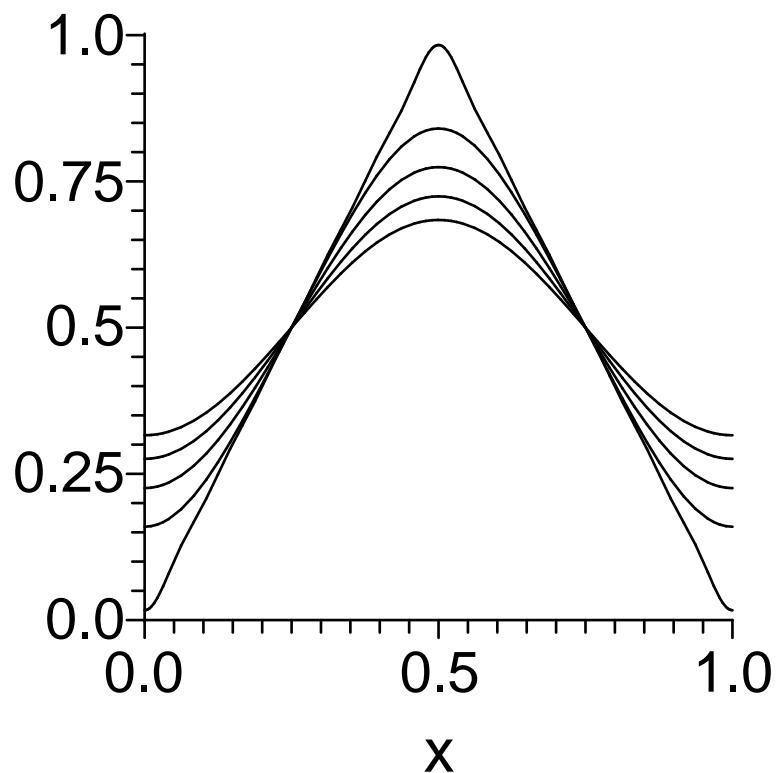
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and our solution has partial sum

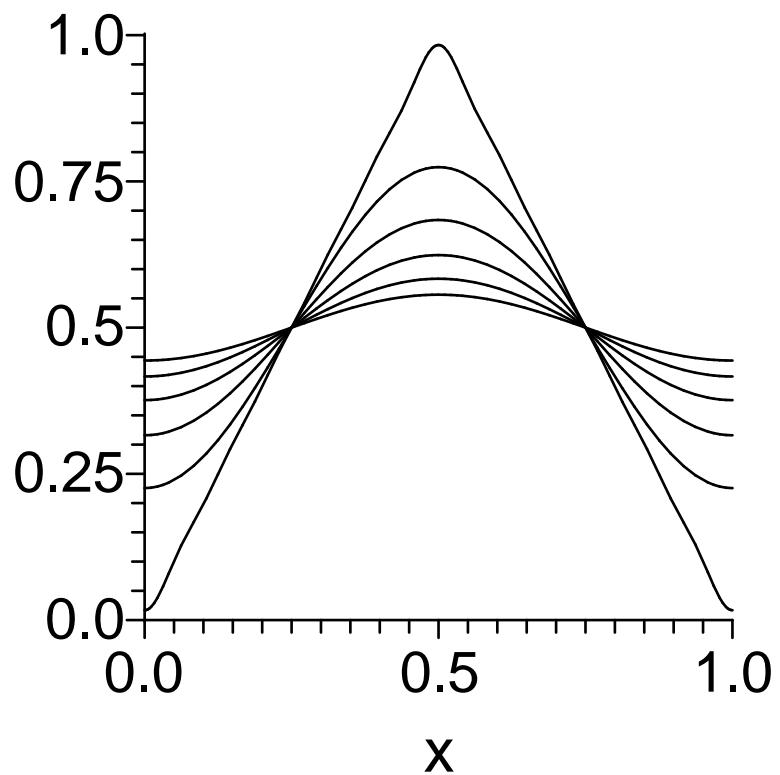
$$\begin{aligned} > \quad u4N := (x, t, N) \rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) + add(a4(n) \cdot \cos(n \cdot \pi \cdot x) \cdot \exp(-n^2 \cdot \pi^2 \cdot t), \\ & \quad n = 1 .. N); \\ & u4N := (x, t, N) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + add(a4(n) \cos(n\pi x) e^{-n^2\pi^2 t}, n = 1 .. N) \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Here are three pictures.

> `plot([seq(u4N(x, 0.005*k, 25), k = 0..4)], x = 0..1, color = black);`



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> plot( [seq(u4N(x, 0.01· k, 25), k = 0..5)], x = 0..1, color = black)
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> plot(u4N(x, 1, 25), x = 0 .. 1, color = black);
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