

For all the following multiple-choice questions, circle your answers clearly. No partial credit will be awarded; any scratch work will be ignored.

1. Which of the following is an appropriate “guess” for the solution  $u(x, t)$  that one uses in the first step of the method of separation of variables?

- (a)  $u(x, t) = T(t)$
- (b)  $u(x, t) = 0$
- (c)  $u(x, t) = \phi(x)T(t)$
- (d)  $u(x, t) = G(x)$

2. We have seen an integral condition of the form

$$\int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0, & m \neq n \\ L/2, & m = n \end{cases}$$

What is the mathematical name given to a relation of this form?

- (a) Separation of variables
- (b) An orthogonality condition
- (c) The equilibrium or steady-state solution
- (d) An ordinary differential equation

3. Consider the ordinary differential equation (ODE) for  $\phi(x)$  for  $0 < x < L$ :

$$\phi''(x) + \lambda\phi(x) = 0, \quad \phi(0) = 0, \quad \phi(L) = 0,$$

where  $\lambda$  is a scalar. Suppose we find a particular  $\lambda$  that is an *eigenvalue* and a corresponding  $\phi$  that is an *eigenfunction*. What does this mean?

- (a)  $\phi(x)$  is the unique solution to the ODE
- (b)  $\phi(x) \neq 0$  is a solution to the ODE for the given  $\lambda$
- (c)  $\phi(x) = 0$  is a solution to the ODE with  $\lambda \neq 0$ .
- (d)  $\lambda = 0$
- (e)  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\phi(x) = 0$