Spring 2017 Math 531

## Computer Problem

1. a. Consider a one-dimensional rod that is insulated along its edges. Assume that it has a length of 10 cm. The rod is initially placed so that one end is 0°C and the other end is 100°C. It is allowed to come to a steady-state temperature distribution. Find this temperature distribution,  $u_e(x)$ .

b. At time t=0, the one-dimensional rod from Part a is insulated on both ends. This implies that the rod satisfies the PDE:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} & = & \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2}, & t>0, \quad 0< x<10, \\ \\ \text{Boundary Conditions:} & & \frac{\partial u(0,t)}{\partial x} = 0, & \frac{\partial u(L,t)}{\partial x} = 0, \quad t>0, \\ \\ \text{Initial Conditions:} & & u(x,0) = u_e(x), & 0< x$$

where  $u_e(x)$  is the steady state temperature distribution from Part a. Find the solution to this problem, including the Fourier coefficients. Create a graphic simulation showing the 3D plot of temperature as a function of t and x, using 5 and 50 terms (Fourier coefficients) to approximate the solution with  $t \in [0, 20]$ .