

1.(33 pts.) Classify the following second order linear partial differential equations as elliptic, parabolic, or hyperbolic and find the general solution whenever possible.

$$(a) u_{xx} - 4u_{xy} + 5u_{yy} - 3u_y = 0 \quad (b) u_{xx} + u_{yy} - 2u_{xy} + u_x - u_y = 0$$

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is completely insulated and its initial temperature at position  $(x, y, z)$  in  $C$  is  $50/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

(a) Write, without proof or derivation, the partial differential equation and initial/boundary conditions that completely govern the temperature  $u(x, y, z, t)$  at position  $(x, y, z)$  in  $C$  and time  $t \geq 0$ .

(b) Use the divergence theorem to help show that the heat

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of the material in  $C$  at time  $t$  is a constant function of time. Here  $c$  and  $\rho$  denote the specific heat and mass density, respectively, of the material in  $C$ .

(c) Compute the steady-state temperature that the material in  $C$  reaches after a long time.

3.(33 pts.) (a) Under appropriate hypotheses on a function  $g = g(x)$  defined on  $-\infty < x < \infty$ , show that

$$\mathfrak{F}(g(x-a))(\xi) = \hat{g}(\xi) e^{-i\xi a} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^x g(s) ds\right)(\xi) = \frac{\hat{g}(\xi)}{i\xi}.$$

(b) Use Fourier transform methods to derive a formula for the solution to the nonhomogeneous wave equation

$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = f(x, t)$  in  $-\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < t < \infty$ , subject to  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$  and  $u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x)$  if  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

You may find it useful to recall the identities  $\cos(\theta) = (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})/2$  and  $\sin(\theta) = (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})/2i$ .

4.(33 pts.) Solve the beam equation  $u_{tt} + u_{xxxx} = 0$  if  $0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty$ , subject to the boundary conditions

$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = u_{xx}(0, t) = u_{xx}(1, t) = 0$  if  $t \geq 0$ , and the initial conditions  $u(x, 0) = 2 \sin(\pi x) - 3 \sin(5\pi x)$

and  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$  if  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . You may find useful the fact that the general solution to  $y^{(4)} - \beta^4 y = 0$  is

$$y(x) = c_1 \cosh(\beta x) + c_2 \sinh(\beta x) + c_3 \cos(\beta x) + c_4 \sin(\beta x).$$

5.(34 pts.) (a) Find a solution to the heat equation  $u_t - u_{xx} = 0$  on  $0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty$ , subject to

$u_x(0, t) = 0 = u(1, t)$  if  $t \geq 0$  and  $u(x, 0) = 1 - x^2$  if  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Be sure to show convergence of any Fourier series that you use to represent a function when solving this problem.

(b) Is the solution to the problem in part (a) unique? Justify your answer.

6.(34 pts.) (a) Find a solution to  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in the cube  $C : 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1, 0 < z < 1$ , subject to the

nonhomogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition  $u(x, y, 1) = \sin(\pi x) \sin^3(\pi y)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$  and

homogeneous Dirichlet conditions on the other five faces of  $C$ . You may find the identity

$$\sin^3(A) = (3 \sin(A) - \sin(3A))/4$$
 useful.

(b) State the maximum/minimum principle for harmonic functions and use it to show that the problem in part (a) has only one solution.

## A Brief Table of Fourier Transforms

$f(x)$	$\hat{f}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ix\xi} dx$
A. $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -b < x < b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin(b\xi)}{\xi}$
B. $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } c < x < d, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$	$\frac{e^{-ic\xi} - e^{-id\xi}}{i\xi\sqrt{2\pi}}$
C. $\frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} \quad (a > 0)$	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{e^{-a \xi }}{a}$
D. $\begin{cases} x & \text{if } 0 < x \leq b, \\ 2b - x & \text{if } b < x < 2b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$	$\frac{-1 + 2e^{-ib\xi} - e^{-2ib\xi}}{\xi^2\sqrt{2\pi}}$
E. $\begin{cases} e^{-ax} & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$	$\frac{1}{(a+i\xi)\sqrt{2\pi}}$
F. $\begin{cases} e^{ax} & \text{if } b < x < c, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$	$\frac{e^{(a-i\xi)c} - e^{(a-i\xi)b}}{(a-i\xi)\sqrt{2\pi}}$
G. $\begin{cases} e^{iax} & \text{if } -b < x < b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin(b(\xi-a))}{\xi-a}$
H. $\begin{cases} e^{iax} & \text{if } c < x < d, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$	$\frac{e^{ic(a-\xi)} - e^{id(a-\xi)}}{i(\xi-a)\sqrt{2\pi}}$
I. $e^{-ax^2} \quad (a > 0)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} e^{-\xi^2/(4a)}$
J. $\frac{\sin(ax)}{x} \quad (a > 0)$	$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if }  \xi  \geq a, \\ \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} & \text{if }  \xi  < a. \end{cases}$

## Convergence Theorems

Consider the eigenvalue problem

$$(1) \quad X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0 \text{ in } a < x < b \text{ with boundary conditions that make } T = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \text{ symmetric}$$

and let  $\Phi = \{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots\}$  be a complete orthogonal set of eigenfunctions for (1). Let  $f$  be any absolutely integrable function defined on  $a \leq x \leq b$ . Consider the Fourier series for  $f$  with respect to  $\Phi$ :

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n X_n(x)$$

where

$$A_n = \frac{\langle f, X_n \rangle}{\langle X_n, X_n \rangle} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

**Theorem 2.** (Uniform Convergence) If

- (i)  $f(x), f'(x)$ , and  $f''(x)$  exist and are continuous for  $a \leq x \leq b$  and
  - (ii)  $f$  satisfies the given symmetric boundary conditions,
- then the Fourier series of  $f$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem 3.** ( $L^2$  – Convergence) If

$$\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$$

then the Fourier series of  $f$  converges to  $f$  in the mean-square sense in  $(a, b)$ .

**Theorem 4.** (Pointwise Convergence of Classical Fourier Series)

- (i) If  $f$  is a continuous function on  $a \leq x \leq b$  and  $f'$  is piecewise continuous on  $a \leq x \leq b$ , then the classical Fourier series (full, sine, or cosine) at  $x$  converges pointwise to  $f(x)$  in the open interval  $a < x < b$ .
- (ii) If  $f$  is a piecewise continuous function on  $a \leq x \leq b$  and  $f'$  is piecewise continuous on  $a \leq x \leq b$ , then the classical Fourier series (full, sine, or cosine) converges pointwise at every point  $x$  in  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . The sum of the Fourier series is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n X_n(x) = \frac{f(x^+) + f(x^-)}{2}$$

for all  $x$  in the open interval  $(a, b)$ .

**Theorem 4 $\infty$ .** If  $f$  is a function of period  $2l$  on the real line for which  $f$  and  $f'$  are piecewise continuous, then the classical full Fourier series converges to  $\frac{f(x^+) + f(x^-)}{2}$  for every real  $x$ .

#1. (a)  $B^2 - 4AC = (-4)^2 - 4(1)(5) = -4 < 0$  elliptic (general solution impossible) 3

6 pts. (b)  $B^2 - 4AC = (-2)^2 - 4(1)(1) = 0$  parabolic 3

27 pts. We find the general solution of (b) by first rewriting the equation as

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - 2\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\right)u + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)u = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)^2 u + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)u = 0. \quad \textcircled{3}$$

This suggests the change-of-coordinates:

$$\xi = -(\beta x - \alpha y) = -(-x - y) = x + y \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$\eta = \alpha x + \beta y = x - y = x - y. \quad \textcircled{3}$$

The chain rule gives  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$ . Hence  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}\right) = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$ , so the p.d.e.

in (d) can be written as  $4 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} 0$ . Writing  $v = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta}$  this becomes

$$4 \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} + 2v = 0 \iff \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} + \frac{1}{2}v \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} 0. \quad \text{An integrating factor is } \mu = e^{\int \frac{1}{2} d\eta} = e^{\frac{1}{2}\eta^2} = e^{\eta^2/2 + g^0}. \quad \text{Then } e^{\frac{1}{2}\eta^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} + \frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{1}{2}\eta^2}v = 0 \text{ or } \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( e^{\frac{1}{2}\eta^2}v \right) \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} 0$$

so  $e^{\frac{1}{2}\eta^2}v \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} c_1(\xi)$ . But then  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = v = c_1(\xi)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\eta^2}$  so integrating with respect to  $\eta$  holding  $\xi$  fixed gives  $u = \int c_1(\xi)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\eta^2} d\eta = -2c_1(\xi)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\eta^2} + c_2(\xi)$ .

In other words  $u \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} f(\xi)e^{-\frac{1}{2}\eta^2} + g(\xi)$  where  $f$  and  $g$  are any  $C^2$ -functions of a single real variable. Thus

$$u(x, y) \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} f(x+y)e^{\frac{1}{2}(y-x)} + g(x+y)$$

is the general solution of (b).

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15 pts. (a) ①  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_t - k \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) = 0 \quad \text{if } (x, y, z) \text{ is in the interior of } C \text{ and } t > 0, \\ ② (\nabla u \cdot \vec{n} =) \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{if } (x, y, z) \text{ belongs to the boundary of } C \text{ and } t \geq 0, \\ ③ u(x, y, z, 0) = \frac{50}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \quad \text{if } (x, y, z) \text{ is in } C. \end{array} \right.$

(The first equation says  $u$  obeys the heat equation, the second expresses the fact that the body is completely insulated, and the third gives the initial temperature distribution in the body.)

9 pts. (b)  $\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \iiint_C c\rho u(x, y, z, t) dV = \iiint_C c\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, y, z, t) dV \stackrel{\text{Divergence Theorem}}{=} \iiint_C c\rho k \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) dV$   
 $= c\rho k \iiint_C \nabla \cdot (\nabla u) dV \stackrel{\text{②}}{=} c\rho k \iint_{\partial C} \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} dS \stackrel{\text{②}}{=} c\rho k \iint_{\partial C} 0 dS = 0.$  Therefore

the heat energy of the material in  $C$  is a constant function of  $t$ .

9 pts. (c) Let  $U = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y, z, t)$  be the steady-state temperature of the material in  $C$ . Since  $H(t)$  is constant,

$$H(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} H(t) = \iiint_C c\rho \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y, z, t) dV = \iiint_C c\rho U dV = c\rho U \text{vol}(C) = c\rho U b\pi.$$

$$\text{But } H(0) = \iiint_C c\rho u(x, y, z, 0) dV = \iiint_{0 \leq r \leq 2} c\rho \frac{50}{r} r dr d\theta dz = c\rho 50 \cdot 4\pi.$$

$$\text{Consequently, } U = \frac{c\rho 50 \cdot 4\pi}{c\rho b\pi} = \boxed{\frac{100}{3}}. \quad \text{①}$$

#3. (a)  $\mathcal{F}(g(\cdot - a))(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x-a) e^{-ix\xi} dx$ . Let  $z = x-a$ . Then  $dz = dx$  so

$$\textcircled{(2)} \quad \mathcal{F}(g(\cdot - a))(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(z) e^{-iz(\xi+a)} dz = \frac{e^{-i\xi a}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(z) e^{-iz\xi} dz = e^{-i\xi a} \mathcal{F}(g)(\xi).$$

(This formula holds for all absolutely integrable functions  $g$  on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .)

Let  $f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(s) ds$  and  $f'(x) = g(x)$  be absolutely integrable on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

Since  $f$  and  $f'$  are absolutely integrable on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , an identity proved in lecture shows that  $\mathcal{F}(f')(\xi) = i\xi \hat{f}(\xi)$  for all real  $\xi$ . That is,

$$\textcircled{(2)} \quad \frac{\hat{g}(\xi)}{i\xi} = \frac{\mathcal{F}(f')(\xi)}{i\xi} = \hat{f}(\xi) = \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^x g(s) ds\right)(\xi) \quad \text{for all real } \xi \neq 0.$$

29 pts (b)  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = f(x, t)$ ,  $u(x, 0) = \varphi(x)$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x)$  ( $-\infty < x < \infty$ ).

$$\mathcal{F}(u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx})(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(f(x, t))(\xi)$$

$$\textcircled{(3)} \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) + c^2 \xi^2 \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi, t) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{2nd-order ODE int} \\ \text{with parameter } \xi. \\ (u = \begin{vmatrix} u(t) & \sin(c\xi t) \\ -c\varphi(x) & c\psi(x) \end{vmatrix} = c\xi) \end{matrix}$$

$$\textcircled{(3)} \quad \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) = c_1(\xi) \cos(c\xi t) + c_2(\xi) \sin(c\xi t) + u_1(t) \cos(c\xi t) + u_2(t) \sin(c\xi t)$$

$$\textcircled{(3)} \quad \text{where } u_1(t) = \int_0^t -\frac{\hat{f}(\xi, \tau) \sin(c\xi \tau)}{c\xi} d\tau \quad \text{and} \quad u_2(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\hat{f}(\xi, \tau) \cos(c\xi \tau)}{c\xi} d\tau$$

$$\textcircled{(3)} \quad \mathcal{F}(\varphi)(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) \Big|_{t=0} = c_1(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}(\psi)(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(u_2)(\xi) \Big|_{t=0} = c_2(\xi).$$

$$\textcircled{(3)} \quad \therefore \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(\varphi)(\xi) \cos(c\xi t) + \frac{1}{c\xi} \mathcal{F}(\psi)(\xi) \sin(c\xi t) + \int_0^t \frac{\hat{f}(\xi, \tau)}{c\xi} \sin(c\xi(t-\tau)) d\tau$$

Using the identities  $\cos(c\xi t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{ic\xi t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-ic\xi t}$  and  $\sin(c\xi t) = \frac{1}{2i}e^{ic\xi t} - \frac{1}{2i}e^{-ic\xi t}$

and the transform facts  $\mathcal{F}(g(x-a))(\xi) = \hat{g}(\xi) e^{-isa}$  and  $\mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^x g(s) ds\right) = \frac{1}{i\xi} \hat{g}(\xi)$  yields

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here.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3) \quad & \mathcal{F}(u)(s) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(\varphi)(s) e^{ics} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(\varphi)(s) e^{-ics} + \frac{1}{2c} \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^x \psi(s) ds\right)(s) e^{ics} - \frac{1}{2c} \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^x \psi(s) ds\right)(s) e^{-ics} \\
 & + \int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{2c} \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^x f(s, \tau) ds\right)(s) e^{i\omega(t-\tau)} - \frac{1}{2c} \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^x f(s, \tau) ds\right)(s) e^{-i\omega(t-\tau)} \right] d\tau \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(\varphi(x+ct))(s) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(\varphi(x-ct))(s) + \frac{1}{2c} \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{x+ct} \psi(s) ds\right)(s) - \frac{1}{2c} \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{x-ct} \psi(s) ds\right)(s) \\
 & + \int_0^t \left[ \frac{1}{2c} \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{x+c(t-\tau)} f(s, \tau) ds\right)(s) - \frac{1}{2c} \mathcal{F}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{x-c(t-\tau)} f(s, \tau) ds\right)(s) \right] d\tau
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad & \mathcal{F}(u)(s) = \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{1}{2}[\varphi(x+ct) + \varphi(x-ct)]\right)(s) + \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(s) ds\right)(s) \\
 & + \int_0^t \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-c(t-\tau)}^{x+c(t-\tau)} f(s, \tau) ds\right)(s) d\tau
 \end{aligned}$$

Interchanging the order of integration in the last term and using linearity of the Fourier transform gives

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{F}(u)(s) = \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{1}{2}[\varphi(x+ct) + \varphi(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(s) ds + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t \int_{x-c(t-\tau)}^{x+c(t-\tau)} f(s, \tau) ds d\tau\right)(s)$$

Applying the inversion formula leads to

$$u(x, t) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}[\varphi(x+ct) + \varphi(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(s) ds + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t \int_{x-c(t-\tau)}^{x+c(t-\tau)} f(s, \tau) ds d\tau}$$

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subject to the boundary conditions

$$\stackrel{(2)}{u}(0,t) = u(1,t) = u_{xx}(0,t) = u_{xx}(1,t) = 0 \quad \text{if } t \geq 0,$$

and the initial conditions

$$u(x,0) \stackrel{(6)}{=} 2\sin(\pi x) - 3\sin(5\pi x) \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x,0) \stackrel{(7)}{=} 0 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

You may find useful the fact that the general solution to  $y^{(4)} - \beta^4 y = 0$  is

$$y(x) = c_1 \cosh(\beta x) + c_2 \sinh(\beta x) + c_3 \cos(\beta x) + c_4 \sin(\beta x).$$

We use the method of separation of variables. We seek nontrivial solutions to the homogeneous portion of the problem,  $\stackrel{(1)}{u} - \stackrel{(2)}{u} - \stackrel{(3)}{u} - \stackrel{(4)}{u} - \stackrel{(5)}{u} - \stackrel{(7)}{u}$ , of the form  $u(x,t) = \Xi(x)T(t)$ . Substituting in  $\stackrel{(1)}{u}$  gives

$$\Xi(x)T''(t) + \Xi^{(4)}(x)T(t) \stackrel{(4)}{=} 0 \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{\Xi^{(4)}(x)}{\Xi(x)} = \text{constant} = \lambda. \quad (2)$$

Substituting in  $\stackrel{(2)}{u}$  gives  $\Xi(0)T(t) = 0$  if  $t \geq 0$  and since  $u(x,t) = \Xi(x)T(t)$  is not identically zero on  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq t < \infty$ , it follows that  $\Xi(0) = 0$ . Similar arguments using  $\stackrel{(3)}{u} - \stackrel{(4)}{u} - \stackrel{(5)}{u} - \stackrel{(7)}{u}$  leads to a coupled system of ODEs and BCs:

$$\begin{cases} \Xi^{(4)}(x) - \lambda \Xi(x) \stackrel{(8)}{=} 0, & \Xi(0) \stackrel{(9)}{=} 0 \stackrel{(10)}{=} \Xi(1), \quad \Xi''(0) \stackrel{(11)}{=} 0 \stackrel{(12)}{=} \Xi''(1), \\ T''(t) + \lambda T(t) \stackrel{(13)}{=} 0, & T'(0) \stackrel{(14)}{=} 0. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

We will assume that the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of the eigenvalue problem  $\stackrel{(8)}{u} - \stackrel{(9)}{u} - \stackrel{(10)}{u} - \stackrel{(11)}{u} - \stackrel{(12)}{u}$  are real. (See Chapter 5 for the justification of this assumption.) We first claim that the eigenvalues  $\lambda$  are nonnegative. To see this, suppose that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue with corresponding eigenfunction  $\Xi = \Xi(x)$ . Then integrating by parts twice shows

that

$$\lambda \int_0^1 \Xi^2(x) dx = \int_0^1 \Xi(x)(\lambda \Xi(x)) dx = \int_0^1 \Xi(x) \stackrel{(4)}{\Xi}(x) dx = (\Xi(x) \stackrel{(3)}{\Xi}(x) - \Xi'(x) \Xi''(x)) \Big|_0^1 + \int_0^1 (\Xi''(x))^2 dx.$$

Now  $\stackrel{(1)}{u} - \stackrel{(10)}{u} - \stackrel{(11)}{u} - \stackrel{(12)}{u}$  imply that  $(\Xi(x) \stackrel{(3)}{\Xi}(x) - \Xi'(x) \Xi''(x)) \Big|_0^1 = 0$  so

$$\lambda \int_0^1 \Xi^2(x) dx = \int_0^1 (\Xi''(x))^2 dx \geq 0.$$

But  $\int_0^1 \Xi^2(x) dx > 0$  since  $\Xi = \Xi(x)$  is not identically zero, and hence  $\lambda \geq 0$  as claimed. (3)

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Case  $\lambda > 0$ , say  $\lambda = \beta^4$  where  $\beta > 0$ .

Then ⑧ becomes  $\Sigma^{(4)}(x) - \beta^4 \Sigma(x) = 0$  and this has general solution

$\Sigma(x) = c_1 \cosh(\beta x) + c_2 \sinh(\beta x) + c_3 \cos(\beta x) + c_4 \sin(\beta x)$  with  $\Sigma''(x) = \beta^2 c_1 \cosh(\beta x) + \beta^2 c_2 \sinh(\beta x) - \beta^2 c_3 \cos(\beta x) - \beta^2 c_4 \sin(\beta x)$ . ⑨ and ⑪ yield  $0 = \Sigma(0) = c_1 + c_3$  and  $0 = \Sigma''(0) = \beta^2 c_1 - \beta^2 c_3$  from which  $c_1 = 0 = c_3$  follows. Applying ⑩ and ⑫ leads to  $0 = \Sigma(1) = c_2 \sinh(\beta) + c_4 \sin(\beta)$  and  $0 = \Sigma''(1) = \beta^2 c_2 \sinh(\beta) - \beta^2 c_4 \sin(\beta)$ . Summing the equations gives  $2c_2 \sinh(\beta) = 0$  and hence  $c_2 = 0$  since  $\sinh(\beta) > 0$  for  $\beta > 0$ . Substituting then gives  $c_4 \sin(\beta) = 0$ . The eigenvalue condition - i.e. the condition for the existence of a nontrivial solution - is  $\sin(\beta) = 0$ . Consequently the positive eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions are

④ ⑯  $\lambda_n = \beta_n^4 = (n\pi)^4$  and  $\Sigma_n(x) = \sin(n\pi x) = \sin(n\pi x) \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$ .

Case  $\lambda = 0$ . Then ⑧ becomes  $\Sigma^{(4)}(x) = 0$  with general solution  $\Sigma(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + c_3 x^3$  and  $\Sigma''(x) = 2c_2 + 6c_3 x$ . Applying ⑨ and ⑪ yield  $0 = \Sigma(0) = c_0$  and  $0 = \Sigma''(0) = 2c_2$ . Applying ⑫ and ⑩ then give  $0 = \Sigma''(1) = 2c_2 + 6c_3$  (so  $c_3 = 0$ ) and  $0 = \Sigma(1) = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + c_4$  (so  $c_1 = 0$ ). Hence there are no nontrivial solutions in this case; i.e. zero is not an eigenvalue.

Substituting from ⑯ into ⑬-⑭ and solving easily gives  $T_n(t) = \cos(n\pi^2 t)$ , up to a constant factor. The superposition principle yields that

④  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \Sigma_n(x) T_n(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \sin(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi^2 t)$

satisfies ①-②-③-④-⑤-⑦ for any integer  $N \geq 1$  and any constants  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N$ . We need to choose  $N$  and the  $c_n$ 's so that ⑥ is satisfied:

②  $2\sin(\pi x) - 3\sin(5\pi x) = u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \sin(n\pi x) \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq x \leq 1.$

② By inspection, we may take  $N = 5$ ,  $c_1 = 2$ ,  $c_5 = -3$ , and all other  $c_n = 0$ . That is,

② 
$$u(x, t) = 2\sin(\pi x)\cos(\pi^2 t) - 3\sin(5\pi x)\cos(25\pi^2 t)$$

is a solution of ①-②-③-④-⑤-⑥-⑦. (Note: Energy techniques can be used to show that this is the unique solution of the problem.)

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#5. (a) We use separation of variables. We seek nontrivial solutions to the homogeneous portion of the problem

$$u_t - u_{xx} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 0 \quad \text{on } 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty,$$

$$u_x(0, t) \stackrel{(2)}{=} 0 \stackrel{(3)}{=} u(1, t) \quad \text{if } t \geq 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) \stackrel{(4)}{=} 1 - x^2 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

① of the form  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ . Substituting in ① gives  $X'(x)T'(t) - X''(x)T(t) = 0$   
 so  $-\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} = \text{constant} = \lambda$ . Substituting in ② yields  $X'(0)T(t) = 0$  if  
 $t \geq 0$ , and nontriviality of  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  implies  $X'(0) = 0$ . A similar argument with  
 ③ leads to  $X(1) = 0$ . Thus we have the coupled system of ODEs and B.C.s:

$$\begin{cases} X''(x) + \lambda X(x) \stackrel{(5)}{=} 0, & X'(0) \stackrel{(6)}{=} 0 = X(1), \\ T'(t) + \lambda T(t) \stackrel{(8)}{=} 0. \end{cases}$$

④ Note that ⑤-⑥-⑦ is the eigenvalue problem for the symmetric operator  $T = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  on  
 $V = \{\varphi \in C^2[0, 1] : \varphi'(0) = 0 = \varphi(1)\}$ . It follows from problem 1 on Exam III that  
 the eigenvalues are real and nonnegative.

① Case  $\lambda=0$ : The general solution of ⑤ in this case,  $X''(x) = 0$ , is  $X(x) = c_1 x + c_2$ .  
 Then  $0 = X'(0) = c_1$ , and  $0 = X(1) = c_1 + c_2$  so  $c_1 = 0 = c_2$ . Thus  $\lambda=0$  is not  
 an eigenvalue.

② Case  $\lambda > 0$ , say  $\lambda = \alpha^2$  where  $\alpha > 0$ . The general solution of ⑤ in this case,  
 $X''(x) + \alpha^2 X(x) = 0$ , is  $X(x) = c_1 \cos(\alpha x) + c_2 \sin(\alpha x)$ . Then  $X'(x) = -\alpha c_1 \sin(\alpha x) + \alpha c_2 \cos(\alpha x)$   
 so  $0 = X'(0) = \alpha c_2$  implies  $c_2 = 0$ . Also  $0 = X(1) = c_1 \cos(\alpha) + c_2 \sin(\alpha) = c_1 \cos(\alpha)$   
 so  $\cos(\alpha) = 0$  is the condition for a nontrivial solution. Hence  $\alpha_n = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}$   
 for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Consequently the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of ⑤-⑥-⑦ are

$$\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2 = \frac{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad X_n(x) = \cos(\alpha_n x) = \cos\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2}\right) \quad (n=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

③ Substituting  $\lambda = \lambda_n = (2n+1)^2 \pi^2 / 4$  in ⑧ gives  $T_n'(t) + \frac{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2}{4} T_n(t) = 0$

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which has general solution  $T_n(t) = c_n e^{-\frac{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2 t}{4}}$ . Then  $u_n(x,t) = \sum_n (x) T_n(t)$   
 $= c_n \cos\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2}\right) e^{-\frac{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2 t}{4}}$  ( $n=0,1,2,\dots$ ) are solutions to ①-②-③. The

superposition principle then implies that

$$u(x,t) \stackrel{⑨}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cos\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2}\right) e^{-\frac{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2 t}{4}}$$

is a formal solution of ①-②-③ for any constants  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots$ . To solve ④ as well, we need

$$1-x^2 = u(x,0) \stackrel{⑩}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \cos\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2}\right) \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Thus the constants  $c_n$  ( $n=0,1,2,\dots$ ) should be the Fourier coefficients of  $f(x) = 1-x^2$  with respect to the orthogonal set  $\Phi = \left\{ \cos\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2}\right) : n=0,1,\dots \right\}$  on  $[0,1]$ . We compute

$$c_n = \frac{\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle}{\langle \varphi_n, \varphi_n \rangle} \stackrel{⑪}{=} \frac{\int_0^1 f(x) \cos((2n+1)\pi x/2) dx}{\int_0^1 \cos^2((2n+1)\pi x/2) dx} = \frac{32(-1)^n}{(2n+1)^3 \pi^3} \quad (n=0,1,2,\dots)$$

and the Fourier series of  $f$  with respect to  $\Phi$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $[0,1]$ . (See problem 2 of Exam III for details.) That is, ⑩ holds when  $c_n$  is given by ⑪ for  $n=0,1,2,\dots$ . Hence, substituting in ⑨ yields the following solution to ①-②-③-④:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{32(-1)^n \cos((2n+1)\pi x/2) e^{-\frac{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2 t}{4}}}{(2n+1)^3 \pi^3}.$$

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① (b) The solution to part(a) is unique. To see this we use energy considerations.

Let  $v=v(x,t)$  be another solution to the problem in part (a) and consider

①  $w(x,t) = u(x,t) - v(x,t)$  where  $u=u(x,t)$  is the solution above. Then  $w$

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solves

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} w_t - w_{xx} \stackrel{(12)}{=} 0 \quad \text{on } 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty, \\ w_x(0, t) \stackrel{(13)}{=} 0 \stackrel{(14)}{=} w(1, t) \text{ if } t \geq 0 \\ w(x, 0) \stackrel{(15)}{=} 0 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1. \end{array} \right.$$

The energy function of  $w$  is given by

$$(1) \quad E(t) = \int_0^1 w^2(x, t) dx$$

for  $t \geq 0$ . Then

$$(1) \quad \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 w^2(x, t) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (w^2(x, t)) dx = 2 \int_0^1 w(x, t) w_t(x, t) dx.$$

Applying (12) we find, after an integration by parts, that

$$(1) \quad \frac{dE}{dt} = 2 \int_0^1 \overbrace{w(x, t)}^u \overbrace{w_{xx}(x, t)}^{dv} dx = 2 w(x, t) w_x(x, t) \Big|_0^1 - 2 \int_0^1 w_x^2(x, t) dx.$$

Since  $w(1, t) \stackrel{(13)}{=} 0 \stackrel{(14)}{=} w_x(0, t)$  for all  $t \geq 0$ , the boundary terms vanish, giving

$$(1) \quad \frac{dE}{dt} = -2 \int_0^1 w_x^2(x, t) dx \leq 0 \quad \text{if } t \geq 0.$$

That is,  $0 \leq E(t) \leq E(0) = \int_0^1 w^2(x, 0) dx \stackrel{\text{by (5)}}{=} \int_0^1 0 dx = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ .

(1) Thus,  $E(t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . The vanishing theorem then implies  $w^2(x, t) = 0$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and each  $t \geq 0$ . Therefore

$$(1) \quad 0 = w(x, t) = u(x, t) - v(x, t)$$

for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and all  $t \geq 0$ ; i.e. the solution  $u = u(x, t)$  to (1)-(2)-(3)-(4) is unique.

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6. (34 pts.) (a) Find a solution to  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in the cube  $C: 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$ , subject to the boundary conditions  $u(x, y, 1) = \sin(\pi x)\sin^3(\pi y)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$  and  $u = 0$  on the other five faces of  $C$ .

(b) State the maximum/minimum principle for harmonic functions and use it to show that the problem in part (a) has only one solution.

We must solve  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz} = 0$  in  $C$  subject to  $u(0, y, z) = 0 = u(1, y, z)$  for  $0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$ ,  $u(x, 0, z) = 0 = u(x, 1, z)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$ ,  $u(x, y, 0) = 0$  and  $u(x, y, 1) = \sin(\pi x)\sin^3(\pi y)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$ . We seek nontrivial solutions of the homogeneous portion of this problem, (1)-(6), of the form  $u(x, y, z) = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$ . Substituting in (1) yields  $X''(x)Y(y)Z(z) + X(x)Y''(y)Z(z) + X(x)Y(y)Z''(z) = 0$  in  $C$ . Dividing through by  $X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$  and rearranging gives

$$\frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} + \frac{Z''(z)}{Z(z)} = -\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \text{constant} \stackrel{(8)}{=} \lambda$$

and then  $\frac{Z''(z)}{Z(z)} - \lambda = -\frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = \text{constant} \stackrel{(9)}{=} \mu$ .

Substituting  $u = XYZ$  in (2) and (3) give  $X''(x)Y(y)Z(z) = 0 = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$  for all  $0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 1$ . In order that the solution  $u$  be nontrivial we must have  $X(0) = 0 = X(1)$ . Similar arguments lead to  $Y(0) = 0 = Y(1)$  and  $Z(0) = 0$  (using (4), (5) and (6), respectively). Thus we are led to the coupled system of ODEs and BCs using (8), (9), (10), (11), (12):

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, & X(0) = 0 = X(1), \\ Y''(y) + \mu Y(y) = 0, & Y(0) = 0 = Y(1), \\ Z''(z) - (\lambda + \mu) Z(z) = 0, & Z(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

The first two lines of (\*) are eigenvalue problems for the operators  $-\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  and  $-\frac{d^2}{dy^2}$ , respectively, with Dirichlet boundary conditions. The eigenvalues and eigenfunctions are then well-known:

$$\lambda_l = (l\pi)^2, \quad X_l(x) = \sin(l\pi x) \quad (l=1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

$$\mu_m = (m\pi)^2, \quad Y_m(y) = \sin(m\pi y) \quad (m=1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

Substituting  $\lambda = \lambda_l$  and  $\mu = \mu_m$  in the last line of (\*) we find the general solution of the ODE is  $Z_{l,m}(z) = c_1 \cosh(\pi\sqrt{l^2+m^2} z) + c_2 \sinh(\pi\sqrt{l^2+m^2} z)$ . Applying the BC  $Z_{l,m}(0) = 0$  means that  $c_1 = 0$  so  $Z_{l,m}(z) = \sinh(\pi z\sqrt{l^2+m^2})$ , up to a constant multiple.

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{Therefore } u_{\ell,m}(x,y,z) = \sum_{\ell}^{\infty} (x) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (y) \frac{z}{\ell, m} (z) = \sin(\ell\pi x) \sin(m\pi y) \sinh(\pi z \sqrt{\ell^2 + m^2})$$

( $\ell=1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $m=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) solves  $\textcircled{1}-\textcircled{6}$ . By the superposition principle, a formal solution of  $\textcircled{1}-\textcircled{6}$  is

$$\textcircled{2} \quad u(x,y,z) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{\ell,m} \sin(\ell\pi x) \sin(m\pi y) \sinh(\pi z \sqrt{\ell^2 + m^2})$$

for arbitrary constants  $a_{\ell,m}$  ( $\ell=1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $m=1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). We need to choose the constants so that  $\textcircled{7}$  is satisfied:

$$\sin(\pi x) \sin^3(\pi y) = u(x,y,1) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{\ell,m} \sin(\ell\pi x) \sin(m\pi y) \sinh(\pi \sqrt{\ell^2 + m^2})$$

for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ . Using the identity  $\sin^3(A) = \frac{3}{4} \sin(A) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3A)$   
 this can be rewritten as

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{3}{4} \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3\pi x) \sin(3\pi y) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{\ell,m} \sin(\ell\pi x) \sin(m\pi y) \sinh(\pi \sqrt{\ell^2 + m^2}).$$

$\textcircled{4}$  By inspection,  $\frac{3}{4} = a_{1,1} \sinh(\pi \sqrt{2})$ ,  $-\frac{1}{4} = a_{1,3} \sinh(\pi \sqrt{10})$ , and all other  $a_{\ell,m} = 0$ .

Therefore

$$\boxed{\textcircled{5} \quad u(x,y,z) = \frac{3 \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) \sinh(\pi z \sqrt{2})}{4 \sinh(\pi \sqrt{2})} - \frac{\sin(3\pi x) \sin(3\pi y) \sinh(\pi z \sqrt{10})}{4 \sinh(\pi \sqrt{10})}}$$

29 pts. to here. is a continuous solution of the problem  $\textcircled{1}-\textcircled{7}$ .

$\textcircled{6}$  (b) Maximum/Minimum Principle: Let  $u = u(x,y,z)$  be a solution to Laplace's equation  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in a bounded, open set  $R$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $u$  be continuous on the closure  $\bar{R} = R \cup \partial R$  of  $R$ . Then

$$\max \{u(x,y,z) : (x,y,z) \in \bar{R}\} = \max \{u(x,y,z) : (x,y,z) \in \partial R\} \text{ and}$$

$$\min \{u(x,y,z) : (x,y,z) \in \bar{R}\} = \min \{u(x,y,z) : (x,y,z) \in \partial R\}.$$

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Let  $u=u(x,y,z)$  denote the (continuous) solution to the problem

(i)-(7) obtained in part (a), and let  $v=v(x,y,z)$  be another solution to (i)-(7) that is continuous on  $\bar{C} = C \cup \partial C$ :  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq z \leq 1$ .

(i) Define  $w$  on  $\bar{C}$  by setting  $w(x,y,z) = u(x,y,z) - v(x,y,z)$ . Then  $w$  is a continuous function on  $\bar{C}$  such that  $\nabla^2 w = 0$  in  $C$  and  $w = 0$  on  $\partial C$ .

(ii) By the maximum/minimum principle for harmonic functions,  $w = 0$  on  $\bar{C}$ . That is,  $u(x,y,z) = v(x,y,z)$  for all  $(x,y,z)$  in  $\bar{C}$ . Thus the solution to the problem in part (a) is unique.

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