

1.(33 pts.) (a) Verify that  $u(x, y) = e^{2x+y}$  is a particular solution (i.e. one involving no arbitrary functions) of the nonhomogeneous partial differential equation  $xyu_x + (1-y^2)u_y = (1+2xy-y^2)e^{2x+y}$ .

(b) Find the general solution of the homogeneous partial differential equation  $xyu_x + (1-y^2)u_y = 0$ .

(c) Find the solution of  $xyu_x + (1-y^2)u_y = (1+2xy-y^2)e^{2x+y}$  that satisfies the auxiliary condition  $u(x, 0) = e^{2x} + e^{-x^2}$  for all real  $x$ .

(d) What is the largest region of the  $xy$ -plane in which the solution in part (c) is uniquely determined?

+ pts. (a) If  $u(x, y) = e^{2x+y}$  then  $u_x = 2e^{2x+y}$  and  $u_y = e^{2x+y}$  so  
 $xyu_x + (1-y^2)u_y = 2xye^{2x+y} + (1-y^2)e^{2x+y} = (1+2xy-y^2)e^{2x+y}$ .

13 pts. (b) Along a characteristic curve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{b(x, y)}{a(x, y)}$ , solutions to  $a(x, y)u_x + b(x, y)u_y = 0$  are constant. For the pde in (b) the characteristic curves are given by  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-y^2}{xy}$ . Separating variables yields  $\frac{y dy}{1-y^2} = \frac{dx}{x}$ . Integrating both sides produces  $-\frac{1}{2} \ln|1-y^2| = \ln|x| + c_1$  and simplifying gives  $x^2(1-y^2) = C$  where  $C$  is an arbitrary positive constant ( $C = e^{-2c_1}$ ). Along such a characteristic curve, a solution  $u$  is constant:  $u(x, y) = u(\pm\sqrt{\frac{C}{1-y^2}}, y) = u(\pm\sqrt{C}, 0) = f(C)$  where  $f$  is an arbitrary  $C^1$ -function of a single real variable. Thus the pde in (b) has general solution  $u(x, y) = f(x^2(1-y^2))$ .

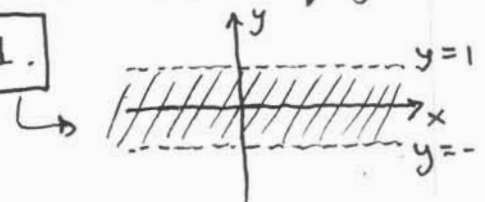
13 pts. (c) The general solution to the nonhomogeneous (linear) pde in (c) has the form  $u(x, y) = u_p(x, y) + u_c(x, y)$  where  $u_p$  is a particular solution of the nonhomogeneous equation and  $u_c$  is the general solution of the associated homogeneous equation  $xyu_x + (1-y^2)u_y = 0$ . By parts (a) and (b),  $u(x, y) = e^{2x+y} + f(x^2(1-y^2))$ . We apply the auxiliary condition to find  $f$ :

$$e^{2x} + e^{-x^2} = u(x, 0) = e^{2x+0} + f(x^2(1-0^2)) = e^{2x} + f(x^2) \text{ for all } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Consequently  $f(z) = e^{-z}$  for all  $z \geq 0$  and hence  $u(x, y) = e^{2x+y} + e^{-x^2(1-y^2)}$

solves (c).

3 pts. (d) Note that the function  $f$  in part (c) is uniquely determined only for nonnegative arguments; i.e.  $f(z) = e^{-z}$  for  $z \geq 0$ . Therefore the solution in (c) is uniquely determined if  $x^2(1-y^2) \geq 0$ , or equivalently  $-1 \leq y \leq 1$ .



2.(33 pts.) (a) Classify the second order linear partial differential equation  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$  as elliptic, parabolic, or hyperbolic.

(b) Find the general solution of  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$  in the  $xt$ -plane.

(c) Find the solution of  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0$  in the  $xt$ -plane satisfying  $u(x,0) = \varphi(x)$  and  $u_t(x,0) = \psi(x)$  for all real  $x$ . (Here  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are given  $C^2$  and  $C^1$  functions, respectively, of a single real variable.)

4 pts.

(a)  $B^2 - 4AC = 0^2 - 4(-c^2)(1) > 0$ . The pde is hyperbolic.

14 pts.

(b) The pde is equivalent to  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial}{\partial x})(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial}{\partial x})u = 0$ . Let

$\xi = ct + x$ ,  $\eta = ct - x$ . Then  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$  and

$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} = c \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + c \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$  so the pde is transformed into the equivalent pde

$$0 = \left[ c \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right) - c \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right) \right] \left[ c \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right) + c \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right) \right] u = 4c^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} \right).$$

Integration yields  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} = h(\xi)$  and another integration gives  $u = \int h(\xi) d\xi + c(\eta)$ .

That is,  $u = f(\xi) + \tilde{g}(\eta)$  where  $f$  and  $\tilde{g}$  are  $C^2$  functions of a single real variable. In

terms of the original variables  $x$  and  $t$ , the general solution is  $u(x,t) = f(x+ct) + g(x-ct)$

10 pts.

(c) The initial condition  $u(x,0) = \varphi(x)$  leads to  $f(x) + g(x) \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} \varphi(x)$  for all  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

Note that  $u_t(x,t) = cf'(x+ct) - cg'(x-ct)$  so the initial condition  $u_t(x,0) = \psi(x)$

leads to  $cf'(x) - cg'(x) \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} \psi(x)$  for all  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Differentiating  $\textcircled{1}$  produces

$f'(x) + g'(x) \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} \varphi'(x)$  for all  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Multiplying  $\textcircled{3}$  by  $c$  and adding to  $\textcircled{2}$  yields

$2cf'(x) = c\varphi'(x) + \psi(x)$ . Dividing by  $2c$  and integrating, we have

$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\varphi(x) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^x \psi(s) ds + c_1$  where  $c_1$  is an arbitrary constant. From this

and  $\textcircled{1}$  it follows that  $g(x) = \varphi(x) - f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\varphi(x) - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^x \psi(s) ds - c_1$ . Therefore

$u(x,t) = f(x+ct) + g(x-ct) = \frac{1}{2}\varphi(x+ct) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x+ct} \psi(s) ds + \frac{1}{2}\varphi(x-ct) - \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x-ct} \psi(s) ds$ .

Simplifying yields d'Alembert's formula:

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \varphi(x+ct) + \varphi(x-ct) \right] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(s) ds.$$

3. (33 pts.) In linearized gas dynamics, the velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  of the disturbance and the density  $\rho$  of the air satisfy  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \frac{c_0^2}{\rho_0} \text{grad}(\rho) = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho_0 \text{div}(\mathbf{v}) = 0$ , where  $\rho_0$  is the density of still air and  $c_0$  is the speed of sound in still air. Suppose that  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$  at time  $t = 0$ .

(a) Show that  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$  at all later times.

(b) Show that  $\rho$  and the components of  $\mathbf{v}$  satisfy the three-dimensional wave equation.

Recall the definitions of the curl and divergence of a vector field  $\vec{v}$ :

$$\text{curl}(\vec{v}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{(3)}{=} \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{j} \left( \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\text{and } \text{div}(\vec{v}) = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial z}.$$

15 pts. (a) Fix a point  $(x, y, z)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $t > 0$ . The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus and equation (1) imply

$$\vec{v}(x, y, z, t) - \vec{v}(x, y, z, 0) = \int_0^t \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial \tau}(x, y, z, \tau) d\tau = -\frac{c_0^2}{\rho_0} \int_0^t \text{grad}(\rho(x, y, z, \tau)) d\tau.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{curl}(\vec{v}(x, y, z, t)) &= \text{curl}\left(\vec{v}(x, y, z, 0) - \frac{c_0^2}{\rho_0} \int_0^t \text{grad}(\rho(x, y, z, \tau)) d\tau\right) \\ &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \text{curl}(\vec{v}(x, y, z, 0)) - \frac{c_0^2}{\rho_0} \int_0^t \text{curl}(\text{grad}(\rho(x, y, z, \tau))) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\text{curl}(\text{grad}(\rho)) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial z \partial y} \right) + \hat{j} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x \partial z} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial y \partial x} \right) = \vec{0}$$

and  $\text{curl}(\vec{v}(x, y, z, 0)) = \vec{0}$  so substituting in (4) yields  $\text{curl}(\vec{v}(x, y, z, t)) = \vec{0}$  for  $t > 0$ .

12 pts. (b) Using equations (2) and (1) yields

(cont.)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial t^2} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (-\rho_0 \operatorname{div}(\vec{v})) = -\rho_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\operatorname{div}(\vec{v})) = -\rho_0 \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} -\rho_0 \operatorname{div} \left( -\frac{c_0^2}{\rho_0} \operatorname{grad}(\rho) \right)$$

$$= c_0^2 \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{grad}(\rho)) = c_0^2 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right) \right). \text{ That is,}$$

$$\rho_{tt} - c_0^2 \nabla^2 \rho = 0 \text{ so } \rho \text{ satisfies the 3-D wave equation.}$$

Similarly equations (1) and (2) imply

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{v}}{\partial t^2} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( -\frac{c_0^2}{\rho_0} \operatorname{grad}(\rho) \right) = -\frac{c_0^2}{\rho_0} \operatorname{grad} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \right) \stackrel{(2)}{=} -\frac{c_0^2}{\rho_0} \operatorname{grad}(-\rho_0 \operatorname{div}(\vec{v})) = c_0^2 \operatorname{grad}(\operatorname{div}(\vec{v})).$$

Writing out the first component of the previous vector pde yields

$$\frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial t^2} \stackrel{(4)}{=} c_0^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial z} \right) = c_0^2 \left[ \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 v_3}{\partial x \partial z} \right].$$

But  $\operatorname{curl}(\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$  for all  $t \geq 0$  by part (a), so it follows from (3) that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial x} \right) = 0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} \right).$$

Rearranging yields

$$\frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial z^2} \stackrel{(5)}{=} \frac{\partial^2 v_2}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 v_3}{\partial z \partial x}.$$

Substituting from (5) into (4) leads to

$$\frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial t^2} = c_0^2 \left[ \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial z^2} \right],$$

or in other words,  $v_1$  satisfies the 3-D wave equation  $v_{1tt} - c_0^2 \nabla^2 v_1 = 0$ .

The arguments showing that  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  satisfy the 3-D wave equation are completely analogous.

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