

1.(33 pts.) Consider a function of the form

$$u(x, y) = Ax^3 + Bxy^2 + Cxy^2 + Dy^3$$

where A , B , C , and D are constants.

(a) Find the most general function of the above form that solves $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ in the xy -plane.

(b) Find a solution of $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ in the xy -plane that satisfies $u(x, 0) = 2x^3$ and $u_y(x, 0) = 3x^2$ for all $-\infty < x < \infty$.

10 pts. (a) $u_x = 3Ax^2 + 2Byx + Cy^2$ and $u_y = Bx^2 + 2Cxy + 3Dy^2$.

12 $\therefore 0 = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 6Ax + 2By + 2Cx + 6Dy = (6A+2C)x + (2B+6D)y$

8 $\therefore 6A+2C=0$ and $2B+6D=0$ so $C=-3A$ and $B=-3D$.

3 $\therefore u(x, y) = A(x^3 - 3xy^2) + D(y^3 - 3yx^2)$ or $Ax^3 - 3Dyx^2 - 3Axy^2 + Dy^3$

10 pts. (b) Assume a solution of the form in part (a). Then $u_y = -6Axy + D(3y^2 - 3x^2)$

4 $2x^3 = u(x, 0) = Ax^3 \Rightarrow A=2$

4 $3x^2 = u_y(x, 0) = -3Dx^2 \Rightarrow D=-1$

2 $\therefore u(x, y) = 2(x^3 - 3xy^2) - (y^3 - 3yx^2) = 2x^3 + 3x^2y - 6xy^2 - y^3$

2.(33 pts.) Consider the partial differential equation

$$(*) \quad u_{xx} + u_{yy} - 2u_{xy} + u_x - u_y = 0.$$

(a) Classify the order and type (linear, nonlinear, homogeneous, inhomogeneous, elliptic, parabolic, hyperbolic) of (*).

(b) Find, if possible, the general solution of (*) in the xy -plane.

5 pts.

(a) 2nd order, linear, homogeneous, parabolic

$$B^2 - 4AC = (-2)^2 - 4(1)(1) = 0$$

26 pts.

(b) (b)
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)^2 u + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)u = 0$$

Let $\xi = x+y$ and $\eta = x-y$. Then the chain rule implies

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}. \quad \text{Then (*)}$$

$$\text{becomes} \quad 4\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} + 2\frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} + \frac{1}{2}v = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad v = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta}.$$

$$\therefore v = c_1(\xi)e^{-\eta/2} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = c_1(\xi)e^{-\eta/2} \Rightarrow u = c_2(\xi)e^{-\eta/2} + c_3(\xi).$$

That is, $u(x,y) = f(x+y)e^{\frac{y-x}{2}} + g(x+y)$ where f and g are arbitrary C^2 -functions of a single real variable.

16 pts.
3.(33 pts.) (a) Use Fourier transform methods to derive the formula

$$u(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4kt}} \phi(y) dy}{\sqrt{4k\pi t}}$$

for the solution to

$$u_t - ku_{xx} = 0 \text{ in } -\infty < x < \infty \text{ and } 0 < t < \infty$$

which satisfies the initial condition

$$u(x,0) = \phi(x) \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

17 pts. (b) Solve $u_t - u_{xx} = 0$ in $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $0 < t < \infty$, given that $u(x,0) = e^{-x^2}$ for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

(a) $\mathcal{F}(u_t - ku_{xx})(s) = \mathcal{F}(\phi)(s)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{F}(u)(s) + k s^2 \mathcal{F}(u)(s) = 0$$

$$\mu = e^{-k s^2 t}$$

$$e^{k s^2 t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{F}(u)(s) + k s^2 e^{k s^2 t} \mathcal{F}(u)(s) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(e^{k s^2 t} \mathcal{F}(u)(s) \right) = 0$$

$$e^{k s^2 t} \mathcal{F}(u)(s) = c_1(s)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(u)(s) = c_1(s) e^{-k s^2 t}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\phi)(s) = \mathcal{F}(u)(s) \Big|_{t=0} = c_1(s)$$

By table entry I with $\frac{1}{4a} = kt$,

$$\left(\text{i.e. } a = \frac{1}{4kt} \right) \mathcal{F} \left(\sqrt{2a} e^{-\frac{(\cdot)^2}{4a}} \right)(s) = e^{-\frac{s^2}{4a}} = e^{-s^2 kt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2kt}} e^{-\frac{(\cdot)^2}{4kt}} \right)(s) = e^{-s^2 kt}$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{F}(u)(s) = \mathcal{F}(\phi)(s) \mathcal{F} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2kt}} e^{-\frac{(\cdot)^2}{4kt}} \right)(s)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathcal{F} \left(\frac{\phi * e^{-\frac{(\cdot)^2}{4kt}}}{\sqrt{2kt}} \right)(s)$$

$$\mathcal{F} \left(\phi * e^{-\frac{(\cdot)^2}{4kt}} \right)$$

$$\therefore u(x,t) = \frac{\phi * e^{-\frac{(\cdot)^2}{4kt}}}{\sqrt{4k\pi t}}(x)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4kt}} \phi(y) dy}{\sqrt{4k\pi t}}$$

(b) $u(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} e^{-y} dy}{\sqrt{4\pi t}}$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2 + 4ty}{4t}}}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} dy$$

We complete the square

on y in the exponent:

$$-\left[\frac{(x-y)^2 + 4ty}{4t} \right] = -\left[\frac{x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 4ty}{4t} \right]$$

$$= -\left[\frac{y^2 + 2y(2t-x) + (2t-x)^2 - (2t-x)^2}{4t} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{(y+2t-x)^2 + 4t^2 - 4tx}{4t}$$

$$= -\frac{(y+2t-x)^2}{4t} + t-x$$

Thus

$$u(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{(y+2t-x)^2}{4t}} e^{t-x} dy}{\sqrt{4\pi t}}$$

Let $p = \frac{y+2t-x}{\sqrt{4t}}$. Then $dp = \frac{dy}{\sqrt{4t}}$ so

$$u(x,t) = \frac{e^{t-x}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-p^2} dp = \boxed{e^{t-x}}$$

4.(33 pts.) Solve $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$ for $0 < x < \pi$ and $0 < t < \infty$, with the boundary conditions $u(0,t) = 0$ and $u(\pi,t) = 0$ for $t \geq 0$, and the initial conditions $u(x,0) = x(\pi-x)$ and $u_t(x,0) = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq \pi$.

We seek nontrivial solutions to ①-②-③-④ of the form $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$.

① $\Rightarrow T''(t)X(x) - X''(x)T(t) = 0$ so $\frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda$ (constant).

② $\Rightarrow X(0)T(t) = 0$, ③ $\Rightarrow X(\pi)T(t) = 0$, and ④ $\Rightarrow X(x)T'(0) = 0$. Thus

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \quad X(0) = 0 = X(\pi) \\ T''(t) + \lambda T(t) = 0, \quad T'(0) = 0 \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Eigenvalues: } \lambda_n = n^2 \\ \text{Eigenfunctions: } X_n(x) = \sin(nx) \end{array} \right\}_{n=1,2,3,\dots}$$

$\therefore T_n(t) = A \cos(nt) + B \sin(nt)$ with $0 = T_n'(0) = -nA \sin(0) + nB \cos(0) = nB \Rightarrow B = 0$.

$\therefore T_n(t) = \cos(nt)$ (up to a constant factor). Thus, a formal solution of ①-②-③-④ is

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) \cos(nt).$$

We need to choose the constants b_1, b_2, \dots so ⑤

is satisfied: $x(\pi-x) = u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$ for all $0 \leq x \leq \pi$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{\langle x(\pi-x), \sin(nx) \rangle}{\langle \sin(nx), \sin(nx) \rangle} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \underbrace{x(\pi-x)}_u \underbrace{\sin(nx)}_{dv} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\cancel{x(\pi-x)} \left(-\frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right) \right]_0^{\pi} - \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\pi-2x) \left(-\frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right) dx = \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \underbrace{(\pi-2x)}_u \underbrace{\cos(nx)}_{dv} dx = \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[\cancel{(\pi-2x)} \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} dx \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi n^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{\cos(\pi x)}{n} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{4(1-(-1)^n)}{\pi n^3} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=2k \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{8}{\pi(2k+1)^3} & \text{if } n=2k+1 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore u(x,t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8 \sin((2k+1)x) \cos((2k+1)t)}{\pi (2k+1)^3}$$

5.(33 pts.) Solve the problem of heat conduction on a square:

$$u_t - u_{xx} - u_{yy} = 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < \pi, 0 < y < \pi, 0 < t < \infty,$$

given that for all times $t \geq 0$ the temperature $u = u(x, y, t)$ satisfies homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions on the four edges of the square:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ for } x=0, x=\pi, y=0, \text{ and } y=\pi,$$

and satisfies the initial condition

$$u(x, y, 0) = \cos^2(x)\cos^2(y) \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi, 0 \leq y \leq \pi.$$

The homogeneous Neumann boundary conditions are explicitly:

$$u_x(0, y, t) = 0 \text{ and } u_x(\pi, y, t) = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq y \leq \pi \text{ and } t \geq 0,$$

$$u_y(x, 0, t) = 0 \text{ and } u_y(x, \pi, t) = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \text{ and } t \geq 0.$$

We seek nontrivial solutions of ①-②-③-④-⑤ of the form $u(x, y, t) = X(x)Y(y)T(t)$.

$$\text{①} \Rightarrow X(x)Y(y)T'(t) - X''(x)Y(y)T(t) - X(x)Y''(y)T(t) = 0 \text{ so}$$

$$\frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} - \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} - \frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} - \frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = -\lambda.$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} + \lambda = -\mu.$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} X'' + \lambda X = 0, & X'(0) = 0 = X'(\pi) \\ Y'' + \mu Y = 0, & Y'(0) = 0 = Y'(\pi) \\ T' + (\mu + \lambda)T = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{②-③} \Rightarrow X'(0)Y(y)T(t) = 0 = X'(\pi)Y(y)T(t),$$

$$\text{④-⑤} \Rightarrow Y'(0)X(x)T(t) = 0 = Y'(\pi)X(x)T(t).$$

$$\text{Eigenvalues: } \lambda_l = l^2 \text{ and } \mu_m = m^2 \quad (l, m = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\text{Also, } T_{l,m}(t) = e^{-(l^2+m^2)t}$$

$$\text{Eigenfunctions: } X_l(x) = \cos(lx) \text{ and } Y_m(y) = \cos(my)$$

$$\text{Therefore, a formal solution of ①-②-③-④-⑤ is } u(x, y, t) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_{l,m} \cos(lx)\cos(my)e^{-(l^2+m^2)t}$$

We need to determine the coefficients so ⑥ is satisfied:

$$\cos^2(x)\cos^2(y) = u(x, y, 0) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_{l,m} \cos(lx)\cos(my) \text{ for all } 0 \leq x \leq \pi, 0 \leq y \leq \pi.$$

Using the identity $\cos^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\cos(2\theta)$ twice on the LHS and expanding gives

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\cos(2x) + \frac{1}{4}\cos(2y) + \frac{1}{4}\cos(2x)\cos(2y) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} A_{l,m} \cos(lx)\cos(my).$$

By inspection, we may take $A_{0,0} = \frac{1}{4}$, $A_{2,0} = \frac{1}{4}$, $A_{0,2} = \frac{1}{4}$, $A_{2,2} = \frac{1}{4}$, and all other $A_{l,m} = 0$.

$$\therefore u(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\cos(2x)e^{-4t} + \frac{1}{4}\cos(2y)e^{-4t} + \frac{1}{4}\cos(2x)\cos(2y)e^{-8t}$$

6.(33 pts.) Solve the Poisson equation $\nabla^2 u = 1$ in the spherical shell $1 < r < 3$, given that $u = 0$ on $r = 1$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = 0$ on $r = 3$.

Note: You may find useful the fact that the three-dimensional Laplacian in spherical polar coordinates is

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin(\phi)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\sin(\phi) \frac{\partial u}{\partial \phi} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2(\phi)} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}.$$

By rotational invariance of the p.d.e., boundary conditions, and the domain on which we solve the problem, we may assume that the solution u is a function of r only and is independent of ϕ and θ . Therefore the p.d.e. reduces to $\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) = r^2$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{r^3}{3} + c_1 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{r}{3} + \frac{c_1}{r^2} \Rightarrow u = \frac{r^2}{6} - \frac{c_1}{r} + c_2$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=3} = \frac{3}{3} + \frac{c_1}{9} \Rightarrow c_1 = -9. \quad 0 = u \Big|_{r=1} = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{9}{1} + c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{-55}{6}$$

$$\therefore u(r, \phi, \theta) = \frac{r^2}{6} + \frac{9}{r} - \frac{55}{6} = \frac{r^2 - 1}{6} + 9 \left(\frac{1}{r} - 1 \right).$$

17 pts.
 Bonus(33 pts.): (a) Use Fourier transform methods to show that, under appropriate hypotheses on the function f , a solution to the inhomogeneous wave equation

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = f(x, t) \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty \text{ and } -\infty < t < \infty$$

satisfying

$$u(x, 0) = 0 = u_t(x, 0) \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

is given by

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t \left(\int_{x-c(t-\tau)}^{x+c(t-\tau)} f(y, \tau) dy \right) d\tau.$$

16 pts. (b) Use the formula in part (a) to find a solution to

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} = \delta(x) \delta(t) \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty \text{ and } -\infty < t < \infty$$

which satisfies $u(x, 0) = 0 = u_t(x, 0)$ for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

$$2 \quad (a) \quad \mathcal{F}(u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx})(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(f(\cdot, t))(\xi) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi)}{\partial t^2} + c^2 \xi^2 \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) = F(\xi, t)$$

Recall that the solution of $y'' + \lambda^2 y = r(t)$ is $y = y_h + y_p$ where $y_h = c_1 \cos(\lambda t) + c_2 \sin(\lambda t)$

and $y_p = v_1(t) \cos(\lambda t) + v_2(t) \sin(\lambda t)$

$$v_1(t) = \int_0^t \frac{-\sin(\lambda \tau) r(\tau)}{\lambda} d\tau, \quad v_2(t) = \int_0^t \frac{\cos(\lambda \tau) r(\tau)}{\lambda} d\tau$$

$$\text{Thus } y_p = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^t [-\sin(\lambda \tau) \cos(\lambda t) + \cos(\lambda \tau) \sin(\lambda t)] r(\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^t \sin(\lambda(t-\tau)) r(\tau) d\tau.$$

Applying this to the D.E. above yields

$$6 \quad \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) = c_1(\xi) \cos(c\xi t) + c_2(\xi) \sin(c\xi t) + \int_0^t \frac{\sin(c\xi(t-\tau)) F(\xi, \tau)}{c\xi} d\tau.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow 0 = \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) \Big|_{t=0} = c_1(\xi).$$

$$\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow 0 = \mathcal{F}(u_t)(\xi) \Big|_{t=0} = c_2(\xi) c\xi \quad \text{so } c_2(\xi) = 0.$$

$$2 \quad \therefore \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) = \frac{1}{c} \int_0^t \frac{\sin(c\xi(t-\tau))}{\xi} F(\xi, \tau) d\tau. \quad \text{By entry (A) in the table of}$$

1 Fourier transforms (with $b = c(t-\tau)$) yields $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \chi_{(-c(t-\tau), c(t-\tau))}(\xi) = \frac{\sin(c\xi(t-\tau))}{\xi}$

$$1 \quad \therefore \mathcal{F}(u)(\xi) = \frac{1}{c} \int_0^t \mathcal{F}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \chi_{(-c(t-\tau), c(t-\tau))}\right)(\xi) \mathcal{F}(f(\cdot, \tau))(\xi) d\tau$$

$$2 \quad = \frac{1}{c} \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathcal{F}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \chi_{(-c(t-\tau), c(t-\tau))} * f(\cdot, \tau)\right)(\xi) d\tau$$

Final Exam

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu = 142.4 \quad 150.1 \\ \sigma = 40.8 \quad 29.0 \end{array} \right\} \text{without the 35 score.}$$

Distribution of Scores

194 A

193 A

190 A

178 A

159 B

152 B

148 B

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142 B

139 B

137 B

129 B

123 B

123 B

101 C

35 D

Distribution of Grades

A 4

B 9

C 1

D 1

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