

ORD & PRTL DIFF EQUATIONS-MATH 353-SPRING 2014-EXAM 2

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No Calculators. No cellphones.

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You may use the back of the pages.

Students' "no assistance" pledge

**DO FIVE OF THE SIX PROBLEMS**  
**CROSS OUT THE GRADE BOX OF THE PROBLEM NOT DONE**

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**PLACE YOUR FINAL ANSWERS IN A BOX**

1. Find all the nonzero solutions of the following ODE boundary value problem and the corresponding values of the parameter  $a \geq 0$ .

$$y_{xx} + a^2 y = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi,$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y_x(\pi) = 0$$

Case 1  $a = 0$

$$y'' = 0$$

$$y = c_1 x + c_2$$

$$y(0) = 0$$

$$c_2 = 0$$

$$y_x(\pi) = 0$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

No nonzero solution

Case 2  $a \neq 0$

$$y = c_1 \cos(ax) + c_2 \sin(ax)$$

$$y(0) = 0 : c_1 = 0 \text{ so } y(x) = c_2 \sin(ax) \quad c_2 \neq 0$$

$$y_x(\pi) = 0 : \cos(a\pi) = 0 \quad a\pi = n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$a_n = (n - \frac{1}{2}), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

(all other integers  $n$  do not produce new solutions  $y_n(x)$ ).

Ans.  $a_n = n - \frac{1}{2} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$y_n(x) = c_n \sin\left[\left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)x\right], \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

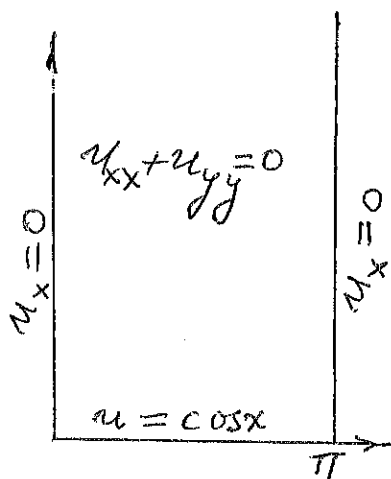
2. Find the solution to the Laplace equation

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0; \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad y > 0.$$

You are given the following conditions :

- (a)  $u_x = 0$  along the vertical half-line  $x = 0, y > 0$  and along the vertical half-line  $x = \pi, y > 0$ .
- (b)  $u = \cos x$  on  $x$  axis ( $0 < x < \pi$ ).
- (c)  $u$  remains bounded as  $y$  tends to infinity.

Hint: Can be done with little calculation. Begin by sketching the region of validity of the PDE.



We have zero Neumann bound. conditions. The eigenfunctions ~~are~~ that form a basis are

$$1, \cos x, \cos 2x, \cos 3x, \dots$$

Only  $\cos x$  appears in the input to the problem,

that is in the initial condition, thus the solution is  $u = b(y) \cos x$ . Insert into PDE:

$$\begin{cases} b_{yy} - b = 0 \\ b(0) = 1 \end{cases}, \quad b(y) = c_1 e^y + c_2 e^{-y}$$

$$c_1 = 0 \quad (\text{requirement (c)})$$

$$b(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c_2 = 1$$

Answer:  $u(x, y) = e^{-y} \cos x$

3. Given two arbitrary functions  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$ ,

(a) verify that the function,

$$u(x, t) = F(x - t) + G(x + t)$$

satisfies (is a solution of) the wave equation

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0.$$

$$u_{tt} = F''(x-t) + G''(x+t)$$

$$u_{xx} = F''(x-t) + G''(x+t)$$

subtract  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$

(b) determine the functions  $F$  and  $G$ , if you know in addition that

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = F(x) + G(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$$

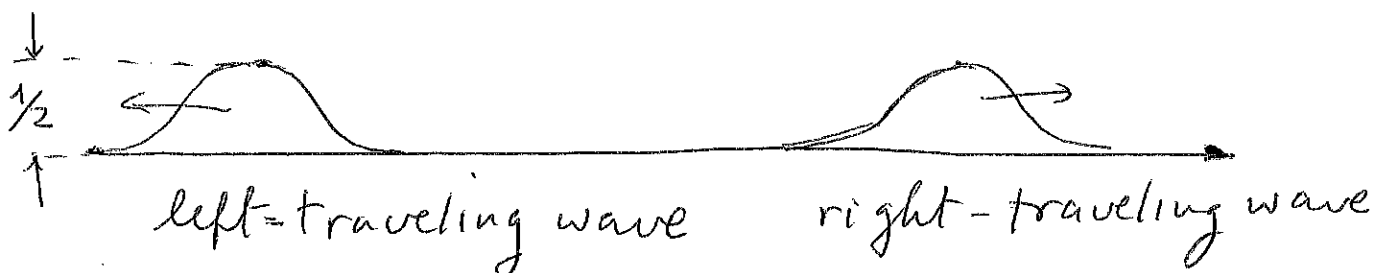
$$u_t(x, 0) = -F'(x) + G'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow G = F + \text{const}$$

with trivial algebra:  $F(x) = \frac{1}{2(x^2+1)} - \frac{c}{2}$

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{2(x^2+1)} + \frac{c}{2}$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(x-t)^2+1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(x+t)^2+1}$$

(c) Graph  $u(x)$  at  $t = 5$ . Describe in words how the wave evolves.



4. (a) Let  $\mathbb{L}$  be a second order linear differential operator over an interval  $(a, b)$  with homogeneous boundary conditions. What does it mean to say that the operator  $\mathbb{L}$  is selfadjoint?

For any two square-integrable, twice differentiable functions  $f$  and  $g$  on  $(a, b)$

$$(\mathbb{L}f, g) = (f, \mathbb{L}g)$$

- (b) Give an example of a second order linear differential operator over  $(a, b)$  with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions, that is not selfadjoint. Explain why it is not selfadjoint.

$\mathbb{L} = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{d}{dx}$  with zero Dirichlet conditions.

Selfadjointness of  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  is ruined by  $\frac{d}{dx}$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}f, g\right) = -\left(f, \frac{d}{dx}g\right)$$

- (c) True or False? (circle correct, penalty for wrong answer)

In the following initial boundary value problem for the heat equation,

- $u_t = a^2 u_{xx}$  over the interval  $0 < x < L$  and for  $t > 0$ ,
- $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$ ,

necessarily,  $u(x, t)$  tends to zero as  $t$  tends to infinity.

Give a mathematics and a physics justification of your answer.

Math. explanation:  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue. The coefficients  $b_n(t)$  of all  $\psi_n(x)$  decay exponentially as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

Phys. explanation: Temperature eventually equalizes at the zero boundary value. Heat is lost at the endpoints

- (d) If in the previous problem the boundary condition at both endpoints is of Neumann type ( $u_x = 0$ ), what will be the limit of  $u(x, t)$  as  $t$  tends to infinity? Assume the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = 2.5 + \cos(153x)$ .

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t) = 2.5$$

5. (a) A given function  $f(x)$  is defined on the interval  $0 < x < L$  and belongs to the space  $L^2$  of this interval. The function is represented as a series

$$f(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L}.$$

Give a step-by-step derivation of a formula for the coefficients with appropriate justifications.

multiply by  $\sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$  on both sides  
and integrate from 0 to  $L$ .

$$\int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_m \int_0^L \sin \frac{m\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

equals  $\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \frac{L}{2} & \text{if } n = m. \end{cases}$

$$c_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

- (b) Write down a linear PDE that is satisfied by the function  $\sin x \cos(2y)$ .

$$4u_{xx} - u_{yy} = 0$$

- (c) Find the solution of the following boundary value problem WITHOUT DOING ANY CALCULATION.

- $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  inside a rectangle in the  $(x, y)$  plane,
- At every point of the boundary the derivative of  $u$  in the direction perpendicular to the boundary equals zero.

$$u(x, y) = \text{constant}$$

6. Find the solution to the following initial-boundary value problem

$$u_t = u_{xx} + f(x), \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0$$

$$u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(\pi, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_n b_n(t) \psi_n(x) \quad \text{basis to be determined}$$

Since  $u(x, 0) = 0$ , we have  $b_n(0) = 0$  for all  $n$

$$f(x) = \sum_n c_n \psi_n(x)$$

Insert series for  $u(x, t)$  and  $f(x)$  into PDE

$$(*) \quad \sum_n \dot{b}_n \psi_n = \sum_n b_n \psi_{n,xx} + \sum_n c_n \psi_n$$

Choose basis by the property

$$(1) \quad -\psi_{xx} = \lambda \psi \quad (\text{Makes all series in } (*) \text{ be series of } \psi_n)$$

$$(2) \quad \text{BC } \psi_x(0) = 0, \quad \psi_x(\pi) = 0 \quad (\text{Neumann BC})$$

Solve this e-value problem to find:

$$\psi_n(x) = \cos(nx) \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\lambda_n = n^2$$

notice  $\psi_0 = 1$

$$\psi_{n,xx} = -\lambda_n \psi_n$$

Insert into (\*) and collect

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \dot{b}_n \psi_n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-\lambda_n b_n + c_n) \psi_n$$

Balance coefficients

$$\begin{cases} \dot{b}_n = -\lambda_n b_n + c_n & n=0, 1, 2, \dots \\ b_n(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$b_0(t) = c_0 t$$

$$b_n(t) = \frac{c_n}{n^2} (1 - e^{-n^2 t}) \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Find  $c_n$ :

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) dx \quad c_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

Form of answer:  $u(x, t) = \sum b_n(t) \psi_n(x)$

Range of index:  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Basis functions  $\psi_n$ :  $\cos(nx)$

Eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$ :  $n^2$

Coefficient initial values  $b_n(0)$ : All 0

$$\text{Coefficients } b_n(t): \begin{cases} \frac{c_n}{n^2} (1 - e^{-n^2 t}) & n=1, 2, \dots \\ c_0 t, & n=0 \end{cases}$$

note  $\psi_0(x) = 1$   
 $\lambda_0 = 0$