



Quiz 1: MATH 212 (Introductory PDEs)

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1	8 /10
2	18 /18
3	15 /15
4	20 /20
5	35 /37
Total	96 /100

[10 points=7+3] Problem 1. Consider the following boundary value problem

$$u_t + 3u_x - u = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 3 \quad (1)$$

$$u(t, 0) = e^{2t}, \quad (2)$$

$$u(t, 3) = e^{2t-1}. \quad (3)$$

(a) Find all the separable eigensolutions of the damped uniform transport equation (1).

Let $u(t, x) = w(t) v(x)$

$$u_t = w'v \quad \& \quad u_x = wv'$$

subs in the (1): $w'v + 3wv' - wv = 0$

$$w'v = -3wv' + wv$$

$$w'v = w(-3v' + v)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w'}{w} = \frac{-3v' + v}{v} = \lambda$$

So, $\begin{cases} w' - \lambda w = 0 \dots (4) \end{cases}$

$$\begin{cases} -3v' + v = \lambda v \Rightarrow -3v' + (1 - \lambda)v = 0 \dots (5) \end{cases}$$

(4) yields $w(t) = e^{\lambda t}$

~~(5) yields $\lambda = 0$~~ (5) yields $v' + \frac{\lambda-1}{3}v = 0$

the same $\lambda!$

~~$3v' + (1-\lambda)v = 0$~~

$$\Rightarrow v(x) = e^{-\frac{\lambda-1}{3}x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } u(t, x) &= e^{\lambda t} e^{-\frac{\lambda-1}{3}x} \\ &= e^{\lambda t - \frac{\lambda-1}{3}x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \\ \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) Find the separable eigensolutions that satisfy the boundary conditions (2), and (3).

$$u(t, 0) = e^{\lambda t} = e^{2t}$$

$$\& \quad u(t, 3) = e^{\lambda t - \frac{\lambda-1}{3} \cdot 3} = e^{\lambda t - \lambda + 1} = e^{2t-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda t = 2t \Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \\ \lambda t - \lambda + 1 = 2t - 1 \Rightarrow \lambda' = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So, } u(t, x) = e^{2t - \frac{x}{3}}$$



[18 points] Problem 2. Solve the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_x + \frac{4x^2}{t} u_t = 0, & t > 0, x > 0 \\ u(0, x) = \frac{1}{1+x^3}. \end{cases}$$

~~$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{4x^2}{t}$$~~

~~$$\frac{dx}{4x^2} = \frac{dt}{t}$$~~

~~$$-\frac{1}{4x} = \ln|t| + c$$~~

~~$$\Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{4x} - \ln|t| = -\frac{1}{4x} - \ln t \quad (\text{since } t > 0)$$~~

~~$$\Rightarrow u(t, x) = f\left(-\frac{1}{4x} - \ln t\right)$$~~

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

the PDE can be written as $u_t + \frac{t}{4x^2} u_x = 0$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{t}{4x^2}$$

$$\int 4x^2 dx = \int t dt$$

$$\frac{4}{3} x^3 = \frac{t^2}{2} + c$$

$$c = \frac{4}{3} x^3 - \frac{t^2}{2} \quad (\text{characteristic curves})$$

$$\Rightarrow u(t, x) = f\left(\frac{4}{3} x^3 - \frac{t^2}{2}\right) \quad (u \text{ is constant along the curves})$$

$$u(0, x) = f\left(\frac{4}{3} x^3\right) = \frac{1}{1+x^3}$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{4}z}$$

$$\text{So, } u(t, x) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{4}{3}x^3 - \frac{t^2}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{1 + x^3 - \frac{3t^2}{8}}$$

[15 points] Problem 3. Solve the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = 9u_{xx}, t > 0 & \dots c=3 \\ u(0, x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } 3 < x < 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ u_t(0, x) = 0. \end{cases}$$

d'Alembert's: $u(t, x) = \frac{f(x+3t) + f(x-3t)}{2} + \frac{1}{2(3)} \int_{x-3t}^{x+3t} g(z) dz$

where $f(x) = u(0, x)$ & $g(x) = u_t(0, x)$

in this case, $g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow u(t, x) = \frac{f(x+3t) + f(x-3t)}{2}$

$$f(x+3t) = \begin{cases} 2, & 3 < x+3t < 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\& f(x-3t) = \begin{cases} 2, & 3 < x-3t < 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x+3t) = \begin{cases} 2, & 3-3t < x < 4-3t \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\& f(x-3t) = \begin{cases} 2, & 3+3t < x < 4+3t \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

in ①: $f(x+3t) = f(x-3t) = 0$

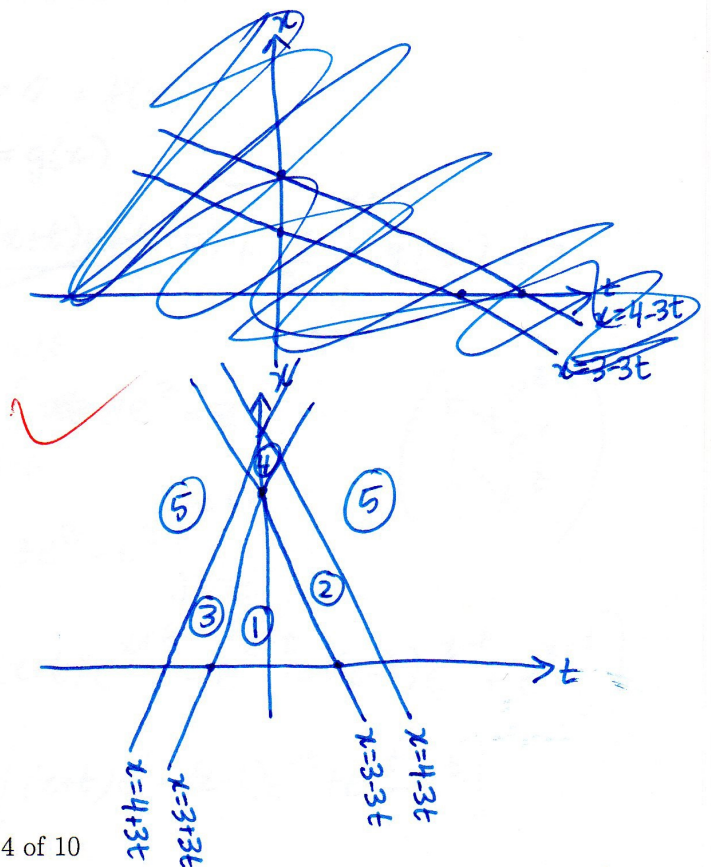
in ②: $f(x+3t) = 2$ & $f(x-3t) = 0$

in ③: $f(x+3t) = 0$ & $f(x-3t) = 2$

in ④: $f(x+3t) = f(x-3t) = 2$

in ⑤: $f(x+3t) = f(x-3t) = 0$

So, $u(t, x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } \textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{5} \\ 1, & \text{for } \textcircled{2} \& \textcircled{3} \\ 2, & \text{for } \textcircled{4} \end{cases}$



[20 points=10+7+3] Problem 4. The goal of this problem is to solve the following initial value problem.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u + 2u_x + u_{xx} & t > 0 \\ u(0, x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u_t(0, x) = x \end{cases}$$

(a) Let $v(t, x) = e^x u(t, x)$. Show that $v(t, x)$ satisfies a wave equation, to be determined.

$$u = e^{-x} v$$

$$u_x = -e^{-x} v + e^{-x} v_x$$

$$u_{xx} = e^{-x} v - e^{-x} v_x - e^{-x} v_x + e^{-x} v_{xx} = e^{-x} v - 2e^{-x} v_x + e^{-x} v_{xx}$$

$$u_t = e^{-x} v_t$$

$$u_{tt} = e^{-x} v_{tt}$$

subs in the PDE: $e^{-x} v_{tt} = e^{-x} v - 2e^{-x} v_x + 2e^{-x} v_x + e^{-x} v_{xx}$

$$e^{-x} v_{tt} = e^{-x} v_{xx}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{tt} = v_{xx}$$

So, $v(t, x)$ satisfies $v_{tt} = v_{xx}$. ($c=1$)

(b) Find $v(t, x)$ that solves the wave equation found in (a), along with suitable initial conditions.

$$v(0, x) = e^x u(0, x) = e^x(0) = 0 = f(x)$$

$$v_t(0, x) = e^x u_t(0, x) = x e^x = g(x)$$

D'Alembert's: $v(t, x) = \frac{f(x+t) + f(x-t)}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} g(z) dz$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} z e^z dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [z e^z - e^z]_{x-t}^{x+t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(x+t)e^{x+t} - e^{x+t} - (x-t)e^{x-t} + e^{x-t}]$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{2} [(x+t)e^t - (x-t)e^{-t} + e^t - e^{-t}]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} z & e^z \\ 1 & e^z \\ 0 & e^z \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Deduce $u(t, x)$.

$$u(t, x) = e^{-x} v(t, x)$$

$$= e^{-x} \cdot \frac{e^x}{2} [(x+t)e^t - (x-t)e^{-t} + e^t - e^{-t}]$$

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



[37 points=5+7+10+15] Problem 5. The goal of this problem is to solve the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - u_{tx} - 6u_{xx} = \sin(x+t), & t > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u(0, x) = x^2, \\ u_t(0, x) = e^{2x} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

- (a) Find a particular solution to the inhomogeneous pde $u_{tt} - u_{tx} - 6u_{xx} = \sin(x+t)$ of the form $u_p(t, x) = c_1 \sin(x+t) + c_2 \cos(x+t)$, where $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$u_p = c_1 \sin(x+t) + c_2 \cos(x+t)$$

$$u_{p,t} = c_1 \cos(x+t) - c_2 \sin(x+t)$$

$$u_{p,tt} = -c_1 \sin(x+t) - c_2 \cos(x+t)$$

$$u_{p,tx} = -c_1 \sin(x+t) - c_2 \cos(x+t)$$

$$u_{p,x} = c_1 \cos(x+t) - c_2 \sin(x+t)$$

$$u_{p,xx} = -c_1 \sin(x+t) - c_2 \cos(x+t)$$

Subs in the pde:

$$-c_1 \sin(x+t) - c_2 \cos(x+t) + c_1 \sin(x+t) + c_2 \cos(x+t) + 6c_1 \sin(x+t) + 6c_2 \cos(x+t) = \sin(x+t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 6c_1 = 1 \\ 6c_2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = \frac{1}{6} \\ c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

So, $u_p(t, x) = \frac{1}{6} \sin(x+t)$ ✓



(b) Find a solution to the homogeneous pde $u_{tt} - u_{tx} - 6u_{xx} = 0$ by factorizing the corresponding differential operator.

(b) in page 9.

the pde is similar to the equation $a^2 - ab + b^2 = 0$

$$(a+2b)(a-3b) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + 2\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - 3\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) u = 0$ \Rightarrow So, the solution to the homogeneous pde is $u(t,x) = f(x-2t) + g(x+3t)$.

(c) Let $\varphi = x-2t$ & $\eta = x+3t$
 $v(\varphi, \eta) = u(t,x)$

$$\text{So, } u_t = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = -2v_\varphi + 3v_\eta$$

$$u_{tt} = -2 \frac{\partial v_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} - 2 \frac{\partial v_\varphi}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + 3 \frac{\partial v_\eta}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} + 3 \frac{\partial v_\eta}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t}$$

$$= 4v_{\varphi\varphi} - 6v_{\varphi\eta} + 9v_{\eta\eta} - 6v_{\eta\varphi} \quad (v_{\varphi\eta} = v_{\eta\varphi})$$

$$= 4v_{\varphi\varphi} + 9v_{\eta\eta} - 12v_{\varphi\eta}$$

$$u_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = v_\varphi + v_\eta$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial v_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_\varphi}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_\eta}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_\eta}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

$$= v_{\varphi\varphi} + 2v_{\varphi\eta} + v_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{tx} = -2 \frac{\partial v_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} - 2 \frac{\partial v_\varphi}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial v_\eta}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial v_\eta}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

$$= -2v_{\varphi\varphi} + v_{\varphi\eta} + 3v_{\eta\eta}$$

subs in the pde:

$$4v_{\varphi\varphi} + 9v_{\eta\eta} - 12v_{\varphi\eta} + 2v_{\varphi\varphi} - v_{\varphi\eta} - 3v_{\eta\eta} - 6v_{\varphi\varphi} - 12v_{\varphi\eta} - 6v_{\eta\eta} = 0$$

$$-25v_{\varphi\eta} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{\varphi\eta} = 0$$

insight
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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} \right) = 0$$

$\frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} = B(\eta)$ which ~~is~~ is some function of η .

$$\Rightarrow v(\eta, \eta) = f(\eta) + g(\eta)$$

where $f(\eta)$ & $g(\eta)$ are random functions
($g(\eta) = B(\eta)$)

$$\text{So, } u(x, t) = f(x - 2t) + g(x + 3t)$$



- (c) Show that all the solutions to the homogeneous pde $u_{tt} - u_{tx} - 6u_{xx} = 0$ have the same form as the solution found in part (b). (Hint: apply the change of variable from (t, x) to (μ, ξ) , where $u(t, x) = v(\mu, \xi)$.)

part (c) is done previously in part (b)

(with μ denoted as ψ
& ξ denoted as η)

insight

(b) the pde is similar to $a^2 - ab - 6b^2 = 0$
 $(a+2b)(a-3b) = 0$ $l \quad u \quad b$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + 2\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - 3\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) u = 0$$

$$L_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + 2\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \quad \& \quad L_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - 3\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

Both operators give each solution to the pde.

\Rightarrow the solution to this pde is

$$u(t, x) = f(x-2t) + g(x+3t)$$

which is the summation of both solutions from both pdes $L_1[u] = 0$ & $L_2[u] = 0$.

(We took the summation due to linearity!)

(d) Solve the initial value problem (4).

$$u(t,x) = f(x-2t) + g(x+3t)$$

$$u(0,x) = f(x) + g(x) = x^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$u_t(t,x) = -2f'(x-2t) + 3g'(x+3t)$$

$$u_t(0,x) = -2f'(x) + 3g'(x) = e^{2x} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{deriving (1) wrt } x: f'(x) + g'(x) = 2x \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{(2) + 2x(3) yields } 3g'(x) + 2g'(x) = e^{2x} + 4x$$

$$5g'(x) = e^{2x} + 4x$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{5} + \frac{4}{5}x$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{2e^{2x}}{5} + \frac{2}{5}x^2 + K \quad (K \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$\text{from (1): } f(x) = x^2 - g(x)$$

$$= x^2 - \frac{2}{5}e^{2x} - \frac{2}{5}x^2 - K$$

$$= -\frac{2}{5}e^{2x} + \frac{3}{5}x^2 - K$$

$$\text{So, } u(t,x) = -\frac{2}{5}e^{2(x-2t)} + \frac{3}{5}(x-2t)^2 + \frac{2}{5}e^{2(x+3t)} + \frac{2}{5}(x+3t)^2 + K$$

$$= -\frac{2}{5}e^{2(x-2t)} + \frac{2}{5}e^{2(x+3t)} + \frac{3}{5}(x-2t)^2 + \frac{2}{5}(x+3t)^2$$

This is the solution of the homogeneous PDE.

~~The general solution is:~~

The solution of the IVP:

$$u(t,x) = -\frac{2}{5}e^{2(x-2t)} + \frac{2}{5}e^{2(x+3t)} + \frac{3}{5}(x-2t)^2 + \frac{2}{5}(x+3t)^2 + \frac{1}{6}\sin(x+t)$$