

## MAT 335 (PDE)

## Exam # 2

Fall 2004

60 minutes

no work  
1.

(35%)

a) Verify that  $u(x,t) = \phi(x-ct) + \Psi(x+ct)$  is a general solution of the 1-d wave equation  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$ ,  $-\infty < x < \infty$ ,  $0 < t < \infty$ .

b) Deduce the solution of the IVP:

$$\text{PDE: } u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$\text{IC}_1: u(x,0) = f(x) \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\text{IC}_2: u_t(x,0) = g(x) \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

c) Graph the solution  $u$  versus  $x$  for  $t = 2$  in the special case where  $c = 1$ ,

$$f(x) \equiv 0, \text{ and } g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

1-c  
2.

(30%)

a) Write down, without proof, the solution of 1-d vibrating string problem:

$$\text{PDE: } u_{tt} = \alpha^2 u_{xx} \quad 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$\text{BC}_s: u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0 \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$\text{IC}_1: u(x,0) = f(x) \quad 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$\text{IC}_2: u_t(x,0) = g(x) \quad 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

b) The ends of a stretched string of length  $L = 1$  are fixed at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ . The string is set to vibrate from rest by releasing it from an initial triangular shape

$$\text{modeled by the function } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{10}x & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{3}{20}(1-x) & \frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Determine the subsequent motion of the string, given that  $\alpha = \frac{1}{\pi}$ .

3. (35%) Consider the IVP

$$\text{PDE: } 3u_{xx} + 7u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} = 0 \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

$$\text{IC}_1: u(0,y) = f(y) \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

$$\text{IC}_2: u_x(0,y) = g(y) \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

a) Let  $\xi = y - 2x$ ,  $\eta = y - \frac{1}{3}x$ . Prove that the above PDE reduces to  $u_{\xi\eta} = 0$ .

b) Solve the given IVP.

Good Luck

# PDE EXAM II with Solution

1) (20%) Use D'Alembert's formula to solve the IVP:

PDE:  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty$

IC :  $u(x,0) = e^{-x^2} \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty$

IC :  $u_t(x,0) = 0 \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty$

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(\xi) d\xi$$

because  $g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)] \Rightarrow$

~~$u(x,0) = e^{-x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} [f(x) + f(x)] = e^{-x^2}$~~

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

the first part is a wave moving to the left, the second part is a wave moving to the right.

2) (30%) Use the method of characteristics to solve the IVP:

PDE:  $xu_x + yu_y = 1$  ,  $x > 0, y > 0$

IC :  $u = x^2 + y$   $0 < x = 1 - y < 1$

What do the characteristics look like?

Sketch, in particular, the characteristic that passes through the point  $A\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = x \Rightarrow x = C_1 e^s \quad \cancel{x_0} \quad x_0 = \cancel{x_0}$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = -y \Rightarrow y = C_2 e^{-s} \quad y(0) = 1 - x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = x_0 \quad C_2 = 1 - x_0$$

$$x = x_0 e^s$$

$$y = e^{-s} (1 - x_0)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{du}{ds} &= 1 \\ u &= x_0^2 + (1 - x_0) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$u = s + C \Rightarrow u = s + x_0^2 + (1 - x_0)$$

$$s = \ln\left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right)$$

$$-x_0 = \frac{y}{e^s} - 1 \Rightarrow x_0 = 1 - \frac{y}{e^s}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = x_0 e^s = \frac{y}{1 - x_0} \Rightarrow x(1 - x_0) = y$$

$$y = \frac{x}{x_0} (1 - x_0) \Rightarrow y x_0 + x x_0 = x \Rightarrow$$

$$x_0 = \frac{x}{y+x} \quad s = \ln(y+x) \Rightarrow u(x, y) = \ln(x+y) +$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{y+x}\right)^2 + \left(1 - \frac{x}{y+x}\right)$$

3) (30%) Solve the following "Burger" IVP:

PDE:  $u_t + u^2 u_x = 0 \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty$

IC :  $u(x,0) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ x & x > 0 \end{cases}$

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$\phi(g(u(x_0,0))) = u$

$g(u) = u^2$

$x = x_0 + g(u(x_0,0))t$

if  ~~$x > 0$~~   $x \leq 0 \Rightarrow x = x_0 + (0 \times t) \Rightarrow x = x_0$

$\Rightarrow u = 0$

$\downarrow$   
 $g(u(x_0,0))$

if  $x > 0 \Rightarrow x = x_0 + x_0^2 t \Rightarrow x_0(1 + x_0 t) = x$

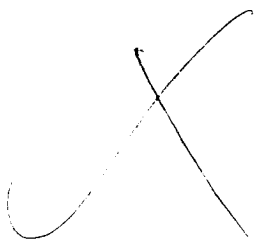
$u = x_0$

$\downarrow$   
 $g(u(x_0,0))$

same for  $x_0$

$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = 0 \quad \text{if } x \leq 0$   
 $= x_0 \quad \text{if } x > 0$

which is the solution of the Burger IVP.



4) (20%) Solve the following "Euler" IVP:

PDE:  $u_{xx} + 3u_{xy} = 0$       $0 < x < \infty, \quad -\infty < y < \infty$

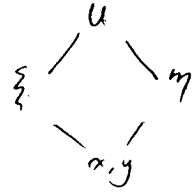
IC :  $u(0, y) = f(y)$       $0 < x < \infty, \quad -\infty < y < \infty$

IC :  $u_x(0, y) = g(y)$       $0 < x < \infty, \quad -\infty < y < \infty$

Hint: Use the change of variables  $\xi = y, \eta = y - 3x$ .

$\xi_x = 0$       $\eta_x = -3$

$\xi_y = 1$       $\eta_y = 1$



$x = u_{\xi} \xi_x + u_{\eta} \eta_x = -3u_{\eta}$

$xx = (u_x)_x = (-3u_{\eta})_x = -3(u_{\eta})_x = -3[u_{\eta\xi} \xi_x + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_x]$

$= -3[-3u_{\eta\eta}] = 9u_{\eta\eta}$

$xy = -3(u_{\eta})_y = -3[u_{\eta\xi} \xi_y + u_{\eta\eta} \eta_y] = -3u_{\eta\xi} - 3u_{\eta\eta}$

place in the PDE equation:  $9u_{\eta\eta} - 9u_{\eta\xi} - 9u_{\eta\eta} = 0 \Rightarrow u_{\eta\xi} = 0$

Integration with respect to  $\xi \Rightarrow u_{\eta} = \phi(\eta)$

Integration with respect to  $\eta \Rightarrow u(\xi, \eta) = \Phi(\eta) + \theta(\xi)$

$u(x, y) = \phi(y - 3x) + \theta(y)$

$u(0, y) = \phi(y) + \theta(y) = f(y)$

$u_x(x, y) = -3\phi'(y - 3x) \Rightarrow u_x(0, y) = -3\phi'(y) = g(y)$

$\phi'(y) = -\frac{1}{3}g(y) \Rightarrow \phi(y) = -\frac{1}{3} \int_0^y g(\eta) d\eta$

$\theta(y) = f(y) - \phi(y)$

$u(x, y) = f(y) - \frac{1}{3} \int_0^y g(\eta) d\eta + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{y-3x} g(\eta) d\eta$