

MATH 443

PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS  
Final Exam

January 12, 2020, Friday 09:00-11:00, SA-Z19

**QUESTIONS:** Solve any three of the following four problems. *In each problem explain what you are doing. I don't want you to use any formula to find the solutions. If you use a formula you have to prove it.*

[35]1. An initial value problem is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} &= 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \\u(x, 0) &= f(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = g(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},\end{aligned}$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are given functions and  $c$  is the speed of the wave. Is this problem well-posed? (existence, uniqueness and stability analysis).

[35]2. Solve the following initial value problem:

$$\begin{aligned}(x + y) z_x + (x - y) z_y &= 2xz, \\z(x, 0) &= e^{x^2+x},\end{aligned}$$

[35]3. Find the general solution the following partial differential equation

$$(D + 2D' - 3)(D - 2D' + 1)(D + 2D')^2 z = 5e^x$$

where  $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and  $D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

[35]4. Let

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 u &\equiv u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad (x, y) \in R, \\u|_{\partial R} &= f,\end{aligned}$$

where  $R$  is a region in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\partial R$  is the boundary of  $R$  which is a simple curve (no self intersection and has tangent vector at all its points). Prove that the function  $u$  takes it's maximum and minimum vales only on the boundary of  $R$ .

# Solutions of the Final Exam problems: Jan. 12, 2020

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problem 1. An initial value problem is given as follows:

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0, \quad t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u(t, 0) &= f(x) \\ u_t(t, 0) &= g(x) \end{aligned} \right\} x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

where  $f$  and  $g$  are given functions and  $c$  is the speed of the wave. Is this problem well-posed? (Existence, uniqueness and stability analysis)

This problem is solved in class and also given in lecture notes on Wave equation (pages 68-70)

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problem 2. Solve the following initial value problem:

$$(x+y)z_x + (x-y)z_y = 2xz$$

$$z(x,0) = e^{x^2+x}$$

solution: Using the Lagrange Method we get

$$\frac{dx}{x+y} = \frac{dy}{x-y} = \frac{dz}{2xz}$$

$$i) \quad \frac{dx+dy}{2x} = \frac{dz}{2xz} \Rightarrow dx+dy = \frac{dz}{z}$$

$$\ln(z/z_0) = x+y \Rightarrow z = z_0 e^{x+y}$$

$$\text{or } u = z e^{-x-y} = c_1$$

$$ii) \quad \frac{dx}{x+y} = \frac{dy}{x-y} \Rightarrow (x-y)dx - (x+y)dy \Rightarrow$$

$$v = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2} - 2xy = c_2$$

Then the solution of the PDE is: given as follows: There exist a function  $F$  such that

$$F(u, v) = 0$$

or  $u = f(v) \Rightarrow$

$$z = e^{x+y} f\left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2} - 2xy\right) = e^{x+y} f(x^2 - y^2 - 2xy)$$

Initial condition

$$z(x, 0) = e^x f\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) = e^{x^2+x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = e^x$$

Hence

$$z = e^{x+y} e^{x^2 - y^2 - 2xy} = e^{x^2 - y^2 - 2xy + x + y}$$


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Problem 3 Solve the following general solution of the following partial differential equation.

$$(D - 2D' - 3)(D - 2D' + 1)(D + 2D')^2 z = 5e^x$$

where  $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ ,  $D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$

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Solution:  $z = z_h + z_p$ , where  $z_h$  is the solution of the homogeneous equation and  $z_p$  is any particular solution of the p.d.e.

$$z_h = z_1 + z_2 + z_3 \quad \text{where}$$

$$(D + 2D' - 3)z_1 = 0$$

$$(D - 2D' + 1)z_2 = 0$$

$$(D + 2D')^2 z_3 = 0$$

using the Lagrange Method we solve  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  as

$$z_1 = e^{3x} \phi_1(2x - y)$$

$$z_2 = e^{-x} \phi_2(2x + y)$$

where  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are arbitrary functions. We can solve the function  $z_3$  by using the Lagrange Method twice and get

$$z_3 = \cancel{\phi_3} \phi_3(2x - y) + \phi_4(2x - y)$$

where  $\phi_3$  and  $\phi_4$  are arbitrary functions

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We find a particular solution  $z_p$  by assuming it as a function of  $x$  alone, then

$$(D-3)(D+1)(D^2)z_p(x) = 5e^x$$

and let  $z_p = Ae^x \Rightarrow$

$$(D^2 - 2D - 3)D^2 z_p = (D^4 - 2D^3 - 3D^2)z_p$$

$$= -4Ae^x = 5e^x \Rightarrow A = -5/4.$$

Therefore the general solution of the given pde is

$$z(x,y) = e^{3x} \phi_1(2x-y) + e^{-x} \phi_2(2x+y) \\ + x \phi_3(2x-y) + \phi_4(2x-y) - \frac{5}{4} e^x$$

problem 4 : Let  $\nabla^2 u \equiv u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ ,  $(x,y) \in R$   
 and  $u|_{\partial R} = f$ , where  $R$  is a region  
 in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\partial R$  is the boundary of  $R$  which  
 is a simple curve (no self intersection and has  
 tangent vector all its points). Prove that  
 the function  $u$  takes its max and min values on  
 on the boundary of  $R$  :

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pages 44-45.

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