

Problem Set 12.4

No. 1

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$u(x, t) = \phi(x + ct) + \psi(x - ct)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c \phi'(x + ct) - c \psi'(x - ct)$$

No. 2

$$u(0, t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(ct) + f(-ct)] = 0, f(-ct) = -f(ct), \text{ so that } f \text{ is odd. Also}$$

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

hence

$$f(ct + L) = -f(-ct + L) = f(ct - L).$$

This proves the periodicity.

No. 3

$$c^2 = \frac{T}{\rho} = \frac{300}{\left(\frac{0.9}{2.98}\right)} = (80.83)^2 \text{ [m}^2/\text{sec}^2\text{]}$$

No. 4

$$f = \frac{\lambda_m}{2\pi} = \frac{cn}{2L} = \frac{(80.83) \cdot n}{2 \cdot 2} = 20.2 n.$$

No. 5

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$c=1, L=1, u_t(x,0)=0, u(x,0)=f(x)$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} [k \sin \pi(x+t) + k \sin \pi(x-t)]$$

$$= \frac{k}{2} [2 \sin \pi x \cos \pi t]$$

$$= k \cos \pi t \sin \pi x$$

No. 6

$$f(x) = k(1 - \cos \pi x)$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ k[1 - \cos \pi(x+t)] + k[1 - \cos \pi(x-t)] \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [2k - k(2 \cos \pi x \cos \pi t)]$$

$$= k - k \cos \pi x \cos \pi t$$

No. 7

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= k \sin 2\pi x \\
 u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2} [f(x+t) + f(x-t)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [k \sin 2\pi(x+t) + k \sin 2\pi(x-t)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [2k \sin 2\pi x \cos 2\pi t] \\
 &= k \cos 2\pi t \sin 2\pi x
 \end{aligned}$$

No. 8

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= kx(1-x) \\
 u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2} [f(x+t) + f(x-t)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [k(x+t)(1-x-t) + k(x-t)(1-x+t)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [2k(x+t)(1-x)] \\
 &= k(x-t)(1-x)
 \end{aligned}$$

No. 9

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_{xx} + 4u_{yy} &= 0 \\
 4 - 1 - 0 &= 4 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Elliptic} \\
 \text{Let } v &= y + 2ix, \quad w = y - 2ix \\
 u_x &= 2i u_v - 2i u_w \\
 u_{xx} &= -4u_{vv} - 4u_{ww} \\
 u_y &= u_v + u_w \\
 u_{yy} &= u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww} \\
 (-4u_{vv} - 4u_{ww}) + 4(u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}) &= 0 \\
 u_{vw} &= 0 \\
 u &= f_1(v) + f_2(w) \\
 u(y, x) &= [f_1(y + 2ix) + f_2(y - 2ix)]
 \end{aligned}$$

No.10

Hyperbolic, wave equation. Characteristic equation

$$y'^2 - 16 = (y' + 4)(y' - 4) = 0.$$

New variables are

$$v = \phi = y + 4x, \quad w = \Psi = y - 4x.$$

By the chain rule,

$$u_x = 4u_v - 4u_w$$

$$u_{xx} = 16u_{vv} - 16u_{vw} - 16u_{wv} + 16u_{ww}$$

and

$$-16u_{yy} = -16u_{vv} - 16u_{vw} - 16u_{wv} - 16u_{ww}.$$

Assuming $u_{vw} = u_{wv}$, as usual, we have

$$u_{vw} = 0,$$

solvable by two integrations, as shown in the text.

No.11

$$u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + u_{yy} = 0$$

$$1 - \left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$1 - 1 - 1^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Parabolic}$$

$$\text{Let } v = x, \quad w = x - y$$

$$u_x = u_v v_x + u_w w_x = u_v + u_w$$

$$u_{xx} = (u_v + u_w)_x = (u_v + u_w)_v v_x + (u_v + u_w)_w w_x = u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}$$

$$u_{xy} = (u_v + u_w)_y = -u_{vw} - u_{wv}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{ww}$$

$$(u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}) + 2(-u_{vw} - u_{wv}) + u_{ww} = 0$$

$$u_{vv} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= v f_1(w) + f_2(w) \\ &= x f_1(x-y) + f_2(x-y) \end{aligned}$$

No.12

Parabolic. Characteristic equation

$$y'^2 + 2y' + 1 = (y' + 1)^2 = 0.$$

New variables $v = \Phi = x$, $w = \Psi = x + y$. By the chain rule,

$$u_x = u_v + u_w$$

$$u_{xx} = u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}$$

$$u_{xy} = u_{vw} + u_{ww}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{ww}.$$

Substitution of this into the PDE gives the expected normal form

$$u_{vv} = 0.$$

No.13

$$u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + 4u_{yy} = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 4 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = -\frac{9}{4} < 0 \quad ; \quad \text{Hyperbolic}$$

$$\text{Let } v = y - 4x, \quad w = y - x.$$

$$u_x = -4u_v - u_w$$

$$u_{xx} = 16u_{vv} + 5u_{vw} + u_{ww}$$

$$u_{xy} = -4u_{vw} - 2u_{ww} - u_{ww}$$

$$u_y = u_v + u_w$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}$$

$$(16u_{vv} + 5u_{vw} + u_{ww}) + 5(-4u_{vw} - 2u_{ww} - u_{ww}) + 4(u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}) = 0$$

$$u_{vw} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= f_1(v) + f_2(w) \\ &= f_1(y - 4x) + f_2(y - x) \end{aligned}$$

No.14

Hyperbolic. New variables $x = v$ and $xy = w$. The latter is obtained from

$$-xy' - y = 0, \quad \frac{y'}{y} = -\frac{1}{x}, \quad \ln |y| = -\ln |x| + c.$$

By the chain rule we obtain, in these new variables from the given PDE by cancellation of $-yu_{yy}$ against a term in xu_{xy} and division of the remaining PDE by x , the PDE

$$u_{ww} + xu_{vw} = 0.$$

(The normal form is $u_{vw} = -u_{ww}/x = -u_{ww}/v$.) We set $u_w = z$ and obtain

$$z_v = -\frac{1}{v}z, \quad z = \frac{c(w)}{v}.$$

By integration with respect to w we obtain the solution

$$u = \frac{1}{v}f_1(w) + f_2(v) = \frac{1}{x}f_1(xy) + f_2(x).$$

Note that the solution of the next problem (Problem 15) is obtained by interchanging x and y in the present problem.

No.15

$$xu_{xx} - yu_{xy} = 0$$

$$0 \cdot x - \left(-\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = -\frac{y^2}{4} < 0 \quad ; \text{ Hyperbolic}$$

$$\text{Let } v = y, \quad xy = w$$

$$u = \frac{1}{y} f_1(w) + f_2(\cancel{w})$$

$$= \frac{1}{y} f_1(xy) + f_2(v).$$

No.16

Elliptic. The characteristic equation is

$$y'^2 - 2y' + 10 = [y' - (1 - 3i)][y' - (1 + 3i)] = 0.$$

Complex solutions are

$$\Phi = y - (1 - 3i)x = \text{const}, \quad \Psi = y - (1 + 3i)x = \text{const}.$$

This gives the solutions of the PDE:

$$u = f_1(y - (1 - 3i)x) + f_2(y - (1 + 3i)x).$$

Since the PDE is linear and homogeneous, real solutions are the real and the imaginary parts of u .

No.17

$$u_{xx} - 4u_{xy} + 5u_{yy} = 0$$

$$1 \cdot 5 - (-2)^2 = 1 > 0 \quad ; \text{ Elliptic}$$

$$\text{Let } v = y - (2-i)x \quad w = y - (2+i)x$$

$$u_x = -(2-i)u_v - (2+i)u_w$$

$$u_{xx} = (2-i)^2 u_{vv} + 10u_{vw} + (2+i)^2 u_{ww}$$

$$u_{xy} = -(2-i)u_{vv} - 4u_{vw} - (2+i)u_{ww}$$

$$u_y = u_v + u_w$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}$$

$$[(2-i)^2 u_{vv} + 10u_{vw} + (2+i)^2 u_{ww}] - 4[-(2-i)u_{vv} - 4u_{vw} - (2+i)u_{ww}] + 5[u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}] = 0$$

$$u_{vw} = 0$$

$$u = f_1(v) + f_2(w)$$

$$= f_1(y - (2-i)x) + f_2(y - (2+i)x)$$

No.18

Parabolic. Characteristic equation

$$y'^2 + 6y' + 9 = (y' + 3)^2.$$

New variables $v = \Phi = x$, $w = \Psi = y + 3x$. By the chain rule,

$$u_x = u_v + 3u_w$$

$$u_{xx} = u_{vv} + 6u_{vw} + 9u_{ww}$$

$$u_{xy} = u_{vw} + 3u_{ww}$$

$$u_{yy} = u_{ww}.$$

Substitution into the PDE gives the expected normal form

$$\begin{aligned} u_{vv} + 6u_{vw} + 9u_{ww} \\ - 6u_{vw} - 18u_{ww} \\ + 9u_{ww} = u_{vv} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Solution

$$u = f_1(v) + f_2(w) = f_1(x) + f_2(y + 3x)$$

where f_1 and f_2 are any twice differentiable functions of the respective variables.

No.19

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(L, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } u(x, t) = f(x)G(t)$$

$$\frac{f''}{f} = \frac{\ddot{G}}{c^2 G} = -p^2$$

$$f'' + p^2 f = 0$$

$$f(x) = A \cos p x + B \sin p x$$

$$f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$f'(L) = 0 \Rightarrow B p \cos p L = 0, \quad B \neq 0, \quad p L = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2} \quad (n=0, 1, \dots)$$

$$p_n = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2L}$$

$$\text{Let } B=1$$

$$f(x) = f_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2L}x\right) = \sin p_n x \quad (n=0, 1, \dots)$$

$$\ddot{G} + c^2 p_n^2 G = 0$$

$$G_n(t) = A_n \cos c p_n t + A_n^* \sin c p_n t$$

$$G_n'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A_n^* = 0$$

$$\therefore u_n(x, t) = f_n(x)G_n(t) = A_n \sin p_n x \cos c p_n t \quad (n=0, 1, \dots)$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin p_n x \cos c p_n t$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin p_n x$$

$$\therefore A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin p_n x dx$$

No.20

The Tricomi equation is elliptic in the upper half-plane and hyperbolic in the lower, because of the coefficient y .

$u = F(x)G(y)$ gives

$$yF''G = -FG'', \quad \frac{F''}{F} = -\frac{G''}{yG} = -k$$

and $k = 1$ gives Airy's equation.