

Partial Differential Equation Notes

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Introduction

This book will include notes and exercises as well as mock exams from the Partial Differential Equations course at Aalborg University.

1 Course Exercises

1.1 Exercise 1.4

Linear PDE, rewrite to normal form

$$\nabla u(x) \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} - u(x) = 0$$

thus

$$A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b(x) = -1, \quad f(x) = 0.$$

We then solve $\partial_t \Phi(t, x) = A(\Phi(t, x))$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1'(t) &= -\varphi_2(t), & \varphi_1(0) &= x_1 \\ \varphi_2'(t) &= \varphi_1(t), & \varphi_2(0) &= x_2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\Phi(t, x) = e^{t \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \cos(t) - x_2 \sin(t) \\ x_1 \sin(t) + x_2 \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$. Parameterizing the hypersurface gives $\gamma(q) = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. By Lemma 1.8

$$X(t, q) = \Phi(t, \gamma(q)) = \begin{bmatrix} q \sin(t) \\ q \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Inverting the function gives

$$x_1 = q \cos(t) \Leftrightarrow \frac{x_1}{q} = \cos(t) \Leftrightarrow t = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x_1}{q} \right).$$

Now we have found t which we can use to find q as

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= q \sin(t) \\ &= q \sin \left(\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x_1}{q} \right) \right) \\ &= q \sqrt{1 - \frac{x_1^2}{q^2}} \\ x_2^2 &= q^2 - x_1^2 \\ q^2 &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 \\ q &= \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \\ &= \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 1.9

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\psi) &= g(\|x\|) e^{-\int_0^{\cos^{-1}(x_1/\|x\|)} -1 \, ds} \\ &= g(\|x\|) e^{\cos^{-1}(x_1/\|x\|)}. \end{aligned}$$

Not quite the answer but this is as close as i can get.

1.2 Exercise 1.8

The exercise is to solve the following Cauchy-problem

$$u(x)\partial_1 u(x) + \partial_2 u(x) = 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad u(q, q) = 0, \quad q \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1)$$

with

$$\Sigma = \{(q, q) \mid q \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad (2)$$

1.2.1 Transform to normal form

The normal form is given by

$$u'(x)A(x) + b(x)u(x) = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega \quad (3)$$

where $u'(x)$ is given by

$$u'(x) = [\partial_1 u(x) \ \dots \ \partial_d u(x)] \quad (4)$$

We can write our equation as

$$[\partial_1 u(x) \ \partial_2 u(x)] \begin{bmatrix} u(x) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \quad (5)$$

i.e. our $A(x)$ and $b(x)$ becomes

$$A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} u(x) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b(x) = 1 \quad (6)$$

which in turn gives us that (3) becomes

$$\nabla u(x)A(x, z) = 1 \quad (7)$$

1.2.2 Parameterizing the hypersurface

The initial hypersurface Σ by the following

$$\gamma(q) := \begin{bmatrix} q \\ q \end{bmatrix}, \quad q \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Taking the derivative of the parameterization yields

$$\gamma'(q) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The tangent space of Σ becomes

$$T_{\gamma(q)}\Sigma = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s \\ s \end{bmatrix} \mid s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

The condition that $A(\gamma(q), \phi(\gamma(q))) \in T_{\gamma(q)}\Sigma$ is always satisfied as $A(\gamma(q), \phi(\gamma(q)))$ is given by the following

$$A(\gamma(q), \phi(\gamma(q))) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The Cauchy problem is non-characteristic in every point contained in Σ .

1.2.3 System of equations

We get the following system of equations

$$\partial_t x_1(t, q) = Z(t, q) \quad , \quad x_1(0, q) = q \quad (8)$$

$$\partial_t x_2(t, q) = 1 \quad , \quad x_2(0, q) = q \quad (9)$$

$$\partial_t Z(t, q) = 1 \quad , \quad Z(0, q) = 0 \quad (10)$$

From (10) we quickly see that

$$Z(t, q) = t. \quad (11)$$

From (9) we conclude that

$$x_2(t, q) = q + t.$$

Considering (8) and (11) we see that

$$x_1(t, q) = q + \int_0^t s \, ds \quad (12)$$

$$= q + \frac{1}{2}t^2. \quad (13)$$

1.2.4 Finding t and q

We will start by finding t , we have the following expressions

$$x_1 = q + \frac{1}{2}t^2, \quad x_2 = q + t.$$

We can start by isolating q in the second equation

$$q = x_2 - t,$$

inserting this in the first equation gives the following

$$x_1 = q + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \quad (14)$$

$$= x_2 - t + \frac{1}{2}t^2 \quad (15)$$

Rewriting (15) gives

$$x_1 - x_2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(t^2 - 2t + 1)}_{(t-1)^2} \quad (16)$$

Multiplying both sides of (16) by 2 gives

$$(t-1)^2 = 2x_1 - 2x_2 + 1 \quad (17)$$

$$t-1 = \pm \sqrt{2x_1 - 2x_2 + 1} \quad (18)$$

$$t = 1 \pm \sqrt{2x_1 - 2x_2 + 1} \quad (19)$$

1.3 Exercise 1.10

Find a solution for the Cauchy-problem

$$\partial_1 u(x) + \partial_2 u(x) = u(x)^2$$

$$u(x_1, 0) = g(x_1)$$

Solution: This is a quasilinear PDE, we will start by bringing it to normal form

$$A(x, u(x)) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b(x, u(x)) = u(x)^2.$$

From Lemma 1.15

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t X_1(t, q) &= 1, & X_1(0, q) &= q \\ \partial_t X_2(t, q) &= 1, & X_2(0, q) &= 0 \\ \partial_t Z(t, q) &= Z(t, q)^2, & Z(0, q) &= g(q). \end{aligned}$$

We solve the system

$$\begin{aligned} Z(t, q) &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{g(q)} - t} \\ X_1(t, q) &= q + t \\ X_2(t, q) &= t. \end{aligned}$$

We can now invert t and q

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= q + t, & x_2 &= t \\ t = x_2, & & x_1 = q + x_2 &\Leftrightarrow q = x_1 - x_2. \end{aligned}$$

From theorem 1.16

$$u(x) = Z(\psi(x)) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{g(x_1 - x_2)} - x_2}.$$

2 Exam Exercises

2.1 Mock exam 1

2.1.1 Exercise 1

Let

$$\Omega := (0, \infty)^2.$$

Calculate the solution to the following Cauchy-Problem,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 \partial_1 u(x) + x_2 \partial_2 u(x) + x_1 x_2 u(x) &= 0, \quad x \in \Omega; \\ u(q, q^2) &= 5, \quad q > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Solution: As the exercise does not ask if the problem is non-characteristic, we suppose that it is. The first step is to bring the problem to normal form. The normal form is given by

$$\nabla u(x) A(x) + u(x) b(x) = f(x).$$

In our case

$$A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b(x) = x_1 x_2 \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = 0.$$

Next we want to parameterize the hypersurface, which becomes

$$\gamma(q) := \begin{bmatrix} q \\ q^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

When then seek

$$\Phi(t, x),$$

which we find as the solution to

$$\partial\Phi(t, x) = A(\Phi(t, x)).$$

As we in our case have $d = 2$ the ODE can be written as the following system

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1'(t) &= A(\Phi(t))_1, & \varphi_1(0) &= x_1 \\ \varphi_2'(t) &= A(\Phi(t))_2, & \varphi_2(0) &= x_2,\end{aligned}$$

by the definiton of $A(x)$ the system becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1'(t) &= \varphi(t)_1, & \varphi_1(0) &= x_1 \\ \varphi_2'(t) &= \varphi(t)_2, & \varphi_2(0) &= x_2.\end{aligned}$$

By solving the system we get the following $\Phi(t, x)$

$$\Phi(t, x) = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(t, x) \\ \varphi_2(t, x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 e^t \\ x_2 e^t \end{bmatrix}.$$

By Lemma 1.8 we have $X(t, q) = \Phi(t, \gamma(q))$, thus

$$X(t, q) = \Phi(t, \gamma(q)) = \begin{bmatrix} q e^t \\ q^2 e^t \end{bmatrix}.$$

As we seek values for t and q we can now invert the functions

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= q e^t \\ x_2 &= q^2 e^t\end{aligned}$$

Isolating q in the first equation gives

$$x_1 = q e^t \Leftrightarrow e^{-t} x_1 = q,$$

Inserting this in the second equation yields

$$x_2 = (e^{-t} x_1)^2 e^t = e^{-2t} x_1^2 e^t = e^{-t} x_1^2 = \frac{1}{e^t} x_1^2,$$

this in turn gives

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= \frac{1}{e^t} x_1^2 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad e^t = \frac{x_1^2}{x_2} \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad \log(e^t) &= \log\left(\frac{x_1^2}{x_2}\right) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad t = \log(x_1^2) - \log(x_2).\end{aligned}$$

The expression we have now found for t can be inserted into the expression for x_1 to get q

$$q = x_1 e^{-(\log(x_1^2) - \log(x_2))} = x_1 e^{\log(x_2) - \log(x_1^2)} = x_1 \frac{x_2}{x_1^2} = \frac{x_2}{x_1}.$$

To sum up we have now found both t and q as

$$t = \log(x_1^2) - \log(x_2), \quad q = \frac{x_2}{x_1}.$$

We can now insert in Theorem 1.9 what we have found. The theorem states that

$$Z(t, q) = \phi(\gamma(q)) e^{-\int_0^t b(X(s, q)) ds} + \int_0^t e^{-\int_s^t b(X(r, q)) dr} f(X(s, q)) ds,$$

with $\phi(\gamma(q))$ being $Z(0, q)$ i.e. the given initial value. Inserting what we now, especially that $f(x) = 0$, yields

$$\begin{aligned}
Z(\log(x_1^2) - \log(x_2), \frac{x_2}{x_1}) &= 5e^{-q^3 \int_0^{\log(x_1^2) - \log(x_2)} e^{2s} ds} \\
&= 5e^{-q^3 [\frac{1}{2}e^{2s}]_0^{\log(x_1^2) - \log(x_2)}} \\
&= 5e^{-q^3 \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{2(\log(x_1^2) - \log(x_2))} - e^0 \right)} \\
&= 5e^{-q^3 \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{2 \log\left(\frac{x_1^2}{x_2}\right)} - e^0 \right)} \\
&= 5e^{-q^3 \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{\log\left(\frac{x_1^4}{x_2^2}\right)} - e^0 \right)} \\
&= 5e^{-q^3 \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_1^4}{x_2^2} - 1 \right)} \\
&= 5e^{-\frac{x_2^3}{x_1^3} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_1^4}{x_2^2} - 1 \right)} \\
&= 5e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_1^4 x_2^3}{x_1^3 x_2^2} - \frac{x_2^3}{x_1^3} \right)} \\
&= 5e^{-(x_1 x_2 - x_2^3/x_1^3)/2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Which in turns implies that

$$u(x) = 5e^{-(x_1 x_2 - x_2^3/x_1^3)/2}, \quad x \in \Omega.$$

2.1.2 Exercise 2

Let

$$\Omega := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x_1 - x_2| < \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$$

Calculate the solution for the Cauchy problem given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{2}{1+u(x)^2} \partial_1 u(x) + \frac{1}{1+u(x)^2} \partial_2 u(x) &= 1, \quad x \in \Omega \\
u(q, q) &= 0, \quad q \in \mathbb{R}.
\end{aligned}$$

Solution We start by rewriting to normal form

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{2}{1+u(x)^2} \partial_1 u(x) + \frac{1}{1+u(x)^2} \partial_2 u(x) &= 1 \\
u'(x) A(x, u(x)) &= b(x, u(x))
\end{aligned}$$

for

$$u'(x) = [\partial_1 u(x) \quad \partial_2 u(x)], \quad A(x, u(x)) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{1+u(x)^2} \\ \frac{1}{1+u(x)^2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad b(x, u(x)) = 1.$$

From Lemma 1.15 we need to solve the following system, notice that the initial condition originate from $u(q, q) = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t X_1(t, q) &= A(X(t, q), Z(t, q))_1, & X_1(0, q) &= q \\
\partial_t X_2(t, q) &= A(X(t, q), Z(t, q))_2, & X_2(0, q) &= q \\
\partial_t Z(t, q) &= b(X(t, q), Z(t, q)), & Z(0, q) &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Inserting what we have found so far yields the following system

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t X_1(t, q) &= \frac{2}{1 + Z(t, q)^2}, & X_1(0, q) &= q \\ \partial_t X_2(t, q) &= \frac{1}{1 + Z(t, q)^2}, & X_2(0, q) &= q \\ \partial_t Z(t, q) &= 1, & Z(0, q) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

As $Z(t, q)$ is present in the first to equation, we will start by solving this, then we will insert this in the other two equations and then solve these

$$\begin{aligned}Z(t, q) &= t \\ X_1(t, q) &= 2 \tan^{-1}(t) + q \\ X_2(t, q) &= \tan^{-1}(t) + q.\end{aligned}$$

We now need to isolate t and q in the to last equations, i.e. 2 equations with 2 unknowns.

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= \tan^{-1}(t) + q \Leftrightarrow x_2 - q = \tan^{-1}(1) \Leftrightarrow \tan(x_2 - q) = t. \\ x_1 &= 2 \tan^{-1}(t) + q \Leftrightarrow x_1 = 2(x_2 - q) + q \Leftrightarrow x_1 = 2x_2 - q \Leftrightarrow q = 2x_2 - x_1. \\ t &= \tan(x_2 - q) = \tan(x_2 - (2x_2 - x_1)) = \tan(x_1 - x_2).\end{aligned}$$

As suggested by Theorem 1.16 we have

$$u(x) = Z(\Psi(x)) = \tan(x_1 - x_2).$$

2.1.3 Exercise 3

Solve the following initial-value-problem

$$\begin{aligned}(\partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2)u(t, x) &= 0, \quad t, x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u(0, x) &= \cos(x), \quad \partial_t u(0, x) = \cos^3(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

Hint: $\cos^3(y) = \cos(y) - \sin^2(y) \cos(y)$

Solution: Because we have $d = 1$ we can use d'Alemberts formula, recognizing that problem is in fact a wave equation.

Remember that $u(0, x) = g(x)$ and that $\partial_t u(0, x) = h(x)$, i.e.

$$g(x) = \cos(x), \quad h(x) = \cos^3(x).$$

D'Alemberts formula is given by

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \{g(x+t) - g(x-t)\} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} h(y) dy.$$

We insert what we know and calculate

$$\begin{aligned}u(t, x) &= \frac{1}{2} \{\cos(x+t) - \cos(x-t)\} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \cos^3(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{\cos(x+t) - \cos(x-t)\} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \cos(y) - \sin^2(y) \cos(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{\cos(x+t) - \cos(x-t)\} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \cos(y) dy - \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \sin^2(y) \cos(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{\cos(x+t) - \cos(x-t)\} + \frac{1}{2} [\sin(y)]_{x-t}^{x+t} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \sin^2(y) \cos(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{\cos(x+t) - \cos(x-t) + \sin(x+t) - \sin(x-t)\} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \sin^2(y) \cos(y) dy,\end{aligned}$$

what remains is to calculate the last antiderivative, which we will do below using substitution

$$u = \sin(x), \quad \frac{du}{dy} = \cos(y) \Leftrightarrow du = \cos(y)dy.$$

We can now insert this into the antiderivative remembering that we also need to substitute the bounds, i.e. applying the function u on them

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \sin^2(y) \cos(y) dy &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \sin^2(y) \cos(y) dy \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_{\sin(x-t)}^{\sin(x+t)} u^2 du \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} [u^3]_{\sin(x-t)}^{\sin(x+t)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6} (\sin^3(x+t) - \sin^3(x-t)). \end{aligned}$$

Inserting what we just found, we have expressed the solution explicitly as

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

2.1.4 Exercise 4

Solve the following initial-value/border-value-problem,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\partial_t - \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 \right) u(t, x) &= 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in (0, \pi); \\ u(0, x) &= 4 \sin(3x) \cos(3x), \quad x \in (0, \pi); \\ u(t, 0) &= u(t, \pi) = 0, \quad t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hint: $\sin(2y) = 2 \sin(y) \cos(y)$, $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution: As the problem is on the form of a heat equation with homogenous Dirichlet bound-conditions, the solution according to theorem 4.10 given by

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-tn^2\pi^2/2\ell^2} B_n \sin(n\pi x/\ell).$$

We define B_n as

$$B_n := \frac{2}{\ell} \int_0^{\ell} g(x) \sin(n\pi x/\ell) dx, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

in our case $\ell = \pi$ and $g(x) = 4 \sin(3x) \sin(3x)$, we see that according to the hint

$$\sin(2y) = 2 \sin(y) \cos(y) \Leftrightarrow 2 \sin(6y) = 4 \sin(3y) \cos(3y).$$

We can see that $g(x) = 2 \sin(6x)$, we insert what we know into the definition of B_n to get

$$B_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 2 \sin(6x) \sin(nx) dx, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

According to theorem 4.10 the solution to the problem is given by

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-tn^2/2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 2 \sin(6x) \sin(nx) dx \sin(nx).$$

Furthermore, according to remark C.3 there is only one n for which the term in the sum is not equal to zero, namely $n = 6$, as $n = m$. Thus the solution can be simplified to the following

$$u(t, x) = 2e^{-t6^2/2} \sin(6x) = 2e^{-18t} \sin(6x).$$

2.2 Mock exam 2

2.2.1 Exercise 1

Let $\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_2 > x_1\}$, find the solution to the following Cauchy-problem

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_1 u(x) + \partial_2 u(x) + x_1 u(x) &= e^{-x_2^2/2}, \quad x \in \Omega \\ u(0, q) &= 1, \quad q > 0.\end{aligned}$$

Solution: The first step is to bring the problem to normal form i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}u'(x)A(x) + u(x)b(x) &= f(x) \\ [\partial_1 u(x) \quad \partial_2 u(x)] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + u(x)x_1 &= e^{-x_2^2/2}\end{aligned}$$

this implies that

$$A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b(x) = x_1, \quad f(x) = e^{-x_2^2/2}$$

Parameterizing the hypersurface gives $\gamma(q) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ q \end{bmatrix}$. We then seek $\Phi(t, x)$ which we find as the solution to $\partial_t \Phi(t, x) = A(\Phi(t, x))$. As we in our case have $d = 2$, the ODE becomes a system of differential equations given as

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1'(t) &= A(\Phi(t))_1, \quad \varphi_1(0) = x_1 \\ \varphi_2'(t) &= A(\Phi(t))_2, \quad \varphi_2(0) = x_2.\end{aligned}$$

The system in our case becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1'(t) &= 1, \quad \varphi_1(0) = x_1 \\ \varphi_2'(t) &= 1, \quad \varphi_2(0) = x_2,\end{aligned}$$

by solving the system we get

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + t \\ x_2 + t \end{bmatrix},$$

and by Lemma 1.8 we have

$$X(t, q) = \Phi(t, \gamma(q)) = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ q + t \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus seeking values for t and q we invert the function

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= t \\ x_2 &= q + t.\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}t &= x_1 \\ q &= x_2 - X_1.\end{aligned}$$

We can now insert this into the formula from theorem 1.9

$$\begin{aligned}Z(t, q) &= \phi(\gamma(q))e^{\int_0^t b(X(s, q))ds} + \int_0^t e^{-\int_s^t b(X(r, q))dr} f(X(s, q))ds \\ &= e^{-\int_0^{x_1} s \, ds} + \int_0^{x_1} e^{-\int_s^{x_1} r \, dr} e^{-(q+s)^2/2} ds \\ &= e^{-\int_0^{x_1} s \, ds} + \int_0^{x_1} e^{-\int_s^{x_1} r \, dr} e^{-((x_2-x_1)+s)^2/2} ds\end{aligned}$$

We can start by solving the following integrals

$$\begin{aligned} - \int_0^{x_1} s \, ds &= - \left[\frac{1}{2} s^2 \right]_0^{x_1} = -\frac{1}{2} x_1^2 \\ - \int_s^{x_1} r \, dr &= - \left[\frac{1}{2} r^2 \right]_s^{x_1} = -\frac{1}{2} (x_1^2 - s^2). \end{aligned}$$

Inserting these gives

$$\begin{aligned} Z(t, q) &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + \int_0^{x_1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 - s^2) - ((x_2 - x_1)^2 + s^2 + 2(x_2 - x_1)s)/2} ds \\ &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + \int_0^{x_1} e^{-(x_1^2 - s^2)/2 - ((x_2 - x_1)^2 + s^2 + 2(x_2 - x_1)s)/2} ds \\ &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + \int_0^{x_1} e^{(-x_1^2 + s^2 - (x_2 - x_1)^2 - s^2 - 2(x_2 - x_1)s)/2} ds \\ &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + e^{(-x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_1^2 + 2x_2x_1)/2} \int_0^{x_1} e^{-(x_2 - x_1)s} ds \\ &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + e^{-x_1^2 + x_2x_1 - x_2^2/2} \left[-\frac{1}{x_2 - x_1} e^{-(x_2 - x_1)s} \right]_0^{x_1} \\ &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + e^{-x_1^2 + x_2x_1 - x_2^2/2} \left(-\frac{e^{-(x_2 - x_1)x_1}}{x_2 - x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) \\ &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + e^{-x_1^2 + x_2x_1 - x_2^2/2} \left(-\frac{e^{-(x_2 - x_1)x_1}}{x_2 - x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) \\ &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + \frac{e^{-x_1^2 + x_2x_1 - x_2^2/2} - e^{-x_1^2 + x_2x_1 - x_2^2/2 - x_2x_1 + x_1^2}}{x_2 - x_1} \\ &= e^{-x_1^2/2} + \frac{e^{-x_1^2 + x_2x_1 - x_2^2/2} - e^{-x_2^2/2}}{x_2 - x_1}. \end{aligned}$$

2.2.2 Exercise 2

Let $q_0 > 1$. Calculate the solution of the following Cauchy-problem in a small neighbourhood of $(1, q_0)$,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 \partial_2 u(x) - x_2 \partial_1 u(x) &= 0 \\ u(1, q) &= \cos(q), \quad q \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Hint: If we use the definition from the notes, then the length of the vector $X(t, q)$ not of t .

Solution: This is a linear PDE, so the first thing is to bring it to normal form

$$\nabla u(x) \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} + u(x) \cdot 0 = 0,$$

thus

$$A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b(x) = 0, \quad f(x) = 0.$$

Next we find $\Phi(t, x)$ as $\partial_t \Phi(t, x) = A(\Phi(t, x))$ yields the following system

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1'(t) &= -\varphi_2(t), & \varphi_1(0) &= x_1 \\ \varphi_2'(t) &= \varphi_1(t), & \varphi_2(0) &= x_2. \end{aligned}$$

This is a system of differential equations, which can be expressed in matrix notation as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1'(t) \\ \varphi_2'(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(t) \\ \varphi_2(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

By Putzer's algorithm the solution is

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1(t) \\ \varphi_2(t) \end{bmatrix} &= e^t \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \cos(t) - x_2 \sin(t) \\ x_1 \sin(t) + x_2 \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

By lemma 1.8

$$X(t, q) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & -\sin(t) \\ \sin(t) & \cos(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ q \end{bmatrix}$$

and as the hint suggest the length of the length of this vector does not depend on t , so

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} &= \sqrt{1 + q^2} \\ x_1^2 + x_2^2 &= 1 + q^2 \\ q &= \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus as $Z(t, q) = \cos(q)$ and $u(x) = Z(\psi(x))$ it implies that

$$u(x) = \cos\left(\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 1}\right).$$

2.2.3 Exercise 3

solve the following initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}(\partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2) u(t, x) &= \sin(x - t), \quad t, x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u(0, x) &= \cos(x), \quad \partial_t u(0, x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

Solution: We are dealing with an initial value problem for a wave equation as defined in definition 2.3. To solve the problem we look to Lemma 2.4.

We need to first solve

$$\begin{aligned}(\partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2) v(t, x) &= 0, \quad t, x \in \mathbb{R} \\ v(0, x) &= \cos(x), \quad \partial_t v(0, x) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},\end{aligned}$$

this is done using (2.28), also known as d'Alemberts formula

$$\begin{aligned}v(t, x) &= \frac{1}{2} \{\cos(x + t) + \cos(x - t)\} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} 0 \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{\cos(x + t) + \cos(x - t)\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then we need to solve

$$\begin{aligned}(\partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2) w(t, x) &= \sin(x - t), \quad t, x \in \mathbb{R} \\ w(0, x) &= \partial_t w(0, x) = 0,\end{aligned}$$

according to remark 2.26 the solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
w(t, x) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^t \int_{x-(t-s)}^{x+t-s} \sin(y-s) \, dy \, ds \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^t [-\cos(s-y)]_{x-(t-s)}^{x+t-s} \, ds \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^t \cos(s-x+t-s) - \cos(s-x-t+s) \, ds \right)
\end{aligned}$$

we split the integral and solve the right most by substitution as follows

$$u = 2s - x - t, \quad \frac{du}{ds} = 2 \Leftrightarrow du = 2 \, ds \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = ds,$$

this gives

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^t \cos(x+t) \, ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-x-t}^{t-x} \cos(u) \, du \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left([\cos(x+t)s]_0^t - \frac{1}{2} [\sin(u)]_{-x-t}^{t-x} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos(x+t)t - \frac{1}{2} (\sin(t-x) - \sin(-x-t)) \right) \\
&= \frac{t}{2} \cos(x+t) - \frac{1}{4} (\sin(t-x) - \sin(-x-t)) \\
&= \frac{t}{2} \cos(x+t) + \frac{1}{4} (\sin(t-x) - \sin(x+t)).
\end{aligned}$$

Now that we have found both solution we to add these to together to achive the solution for the original problem, i.e. $u = v + w$

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(x+t) + \cos(x-t) \} + \frac{t}{2} \cos(x+t) + \frac{1}{4} (\sin(t-x) - \sin(x+t)).$$

2.2.4 Exercise 4

Solve the following mixed initial-value/boundary-value-problem

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\partial_t - \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 \right) u(t, x) &= 0, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in (0, \pi) \\
u(0, x) &= \cos^2(7x), \quad x \in (0, \pi) \\
\partial_x u(t, 0) &= \partial_x u(t, \pi) = 0, \quad t > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Hint: $\cos^2(y) = (1 + \cos(2y))/2$, $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution: Heat equation on an interval with homogenous Neumann conditions. we remember the defintion of A_n

$$A_n := \frac{2}{\ell} \int_0^\ell g(x) \cos(n\pi x/\ell) \, dx, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_\times.$$

Theorem 4.11 states that the solution is given by

$$u(t, x) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-tn^2\pi^2/2\ell^2} A_n \cos(n\pi x/\ell).$$

In our case $\ell = \pi$ and $g(x) = \cos^2(7x)$, we start by calculating A_0

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos^2(7x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (1 + \cos(14x)/2)/2 \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} \, dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\pi \cos(14x) \, dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

we substitute in the right most integral using

$$u = 14x, \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 14 \Leftrightarrow du = 14 \, dx \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{14} du = dx,$$

giving us

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\left[\frac{1}{2}x \right]_0^\pi + \frac{1}{4} [\sin(u)]_0^{14\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\pi}{2} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting in the solution

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, x) &= \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{tn^2/2} \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\int_0^\pi (1 + \cos(14x)/2)/2 \cos(nx) \, dx \right) \cos(nx) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{tn^2/2} \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} \, dx + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\pi \cos(14x) \cos(nx) \, dx \right) \cos(nx) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{tn^2/2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} \, dx + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(14x) \cos(nx) \, dx \cos(nx) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{tn^2/2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} \, dx + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^\pi \cos(14x) \cos(nx) \, dx \cos(nx) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + e^{-t14^2/2} \cos(14x)/4 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} e^{-98t} \cos(14x). \end{aligned}$$

The disappearance of the sum follows from remark C.4 on page 167.

2.2.5 Exercise 5

Find a solution of the following initial-value-problem

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\partial_t - \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 \right) u(t, x) &= t, \quad t > 0, \, x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u(0, x) &= 2 + 3x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Solution: As it is an initial-value-problem of the form of a wave equation (inhomogenous). From corollary

3.13 the solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
u(t, x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-(y-x)^2/2t} (2 + 3y) \, dy + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-s)}} e^{-(y-x)^2/2(t-s)} s \, dy \, ds \\
&= 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{density} \, dy + 3 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{density} \, y \, dy + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \text{density}_2 \, s \, dy \, ds \\
&= 2 + 3x + \int_0^t s \, ds \\
&= 2 + 3x + [s^2/2]_0^t \\
&= 2 + 3x + t^2/2.
\end{aligned}$$

The calculations follows as the integral of a density over \mathbb{R} is equal to 1.

2.2.6 Exercise 6

Let $u : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by

$$u(x) := (x_1^2 - x_2^2) x_3 + 4x_1 x_3 - x_2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Determine the mean value of u over a ball in \mathbb{R}^3 with radius 23876517 and center $(1, 2, 3)$.

Solution: As $u(x)$ is continuous it satisfies the mean value characteristic and therefore takes its mean value independet of the radius, by definition 5.4.

$$\begin{aligned}
u(1, 2, 3) &= (1^2 - 2^2)3 + 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 - 2 \\
&= (1 - 4)3 + 12 - 2 \\
&= 3 - 12 + 12 - 2 \\
&= 1.
\end{aligned}$$