

## AMATH 569 - Homework 2

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### Problem 1

Let  $w(t) = \exp\left(\int_a^t v(t) dt\right)$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned}w'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \exp\left(\int_a^t v(t) dt\right) \\&= \exp\left(\int_a^t v(t) dt\right) \left(\frac{d}{dt} \int_a^t v(t) dt\right) \\&= w(t)v(t)\end{aligned}$$

As  $w(t) > 0$  for all  $t \in I$ , we see we can write  $v(t) = w'(t)/w(t)$ . Now suppose  $u'(t) \leq v(t)u(t)$  for all  $t \in I$ , then:

$$u'(t) \leq \frac{w'(t)}{w(t)}u(t)$$

$$u'(t)w(t) \leq w'(t)u(t) \implies w(t)u'(t) - u(t)w'(t) \leq 0 \implies \frac{w(t)u'(t) - u(t)w'(t)}{w(t)^2} \leq 0$$

$$\left(\frac{u(t)}{w(t)}\right)' \leq 0 \quad (\text{Quotient Rule})$$

$$\int_a^t \left(\frac{u(t)}{w(t)}\right)' dt \leq \int_a^t 0 dt$$

$$\frac{u(t)}{w(t)} - \frac{u(a)}{w(a)} \leq 0$$

$$u(t) \leq \frac{u(a)w(t)}{w(a)}$$

However,  $w(a) = \exp(0) = 1$ , so we get the desired result:

$$u(t) \leq u(a) \exp\left(\int_a^t v(t) dt\right)$$

## Problem 2 (a)

For notational convenience, let  $x_1 = x_1(t)$ ,  $x_2 = x_2(t)$ ,  $\nabla f_1 = \nabla f(x_1)$ , and  $\nabla f_2 = \nabla f(x_2)$ . Now let  $u(t) = |x_1 - x_2|^2$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} u'(t) &= 2(x'_1 - x'_2)^T(x_1 - x_2) \\ &= 2(-\nabla f_1^T + \nabla f_2^T)(x_1 - x_2) \\ &= 2(\nabla f_1^T - \nabla f_2^T)(x_2 - x_1) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is  $\alpha$ -strongly convex, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{cases} f(x_1) \geq f(x_2) - \nabla f_1^T(x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\alpha}{2} |x_1 - x_2|^2 \\ f(x_2) \geq f(x_1) + \nabla f_2^T(x_2 - x_1) + \frac{\alpha}{2} |x_1 - x_2|^2 \end{cases} \\ \implies &f(x_1) + f(x_2) \geq f(x_2) + f(x_1) + (\nabla f_2^T - \nabla f_1^T)(x_2 - x_1) + \alpha |x_1 - x_2|^2 \\ &0 \geq (\nabla f_2^T - \nabla f_1^T)(x_2 - x_1) + \alpha |x_1 - x_2|^2 \\ &(\nabla f_1^T - \nabla f_2^T)(x_2 - x_1) \leq -\alpha |x_1 - x_2|^2 \\ \implies &u'(t) \leq -2\alpha |x_1 - x_2|^2 = (-2\alpha)u(t) \end{aligned}$$

So take  $v(t) = -2\alpha$ , so that  $\int_0^t -2\alpha \, dt = -2\alpha t$ . Gronwall's inequality then gives:

$$u(t) = |x_1(t) - x_2(t)|^2 \leq u(0) \exp\left(\int_0^t v(t) \, dt\right) = |x_1(0) - x_2(0)|^2 \exp(-2\alpha t)$$

Which is the desired result.

## Problem 2 (b)

Let  $x^*$  be the unique minimizer of the  $\alpha$ -strongly convex function  $f$ . Then, by definition,  $\nabla f(x^*) = 0$ . Define  $x_1(t) = x(t)$  and  $x_2(t) = x^*$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Since  $x^*$  is constant, its derivative with respect to  $t$  is 0, ie:

$$x_2'(t) = 0 = -\nabla f(x^*)$$

So  $x_2(t)$  satisfies the gradient flow equation. Applying the result from part (a), we have:

$$|x_1 - x_2|^2 \leq |x_1(0) - x_2(0)|^2 \exp(-2\alpha t)$$

$$|x - x^*|^2 \leq |x(0) - x^*|^2 \exp(-2\alpha t)$$

As desired.

### Problem 3

For the sake of contradiction, and without loss of generality, suppose there exists some  $x^* \in \Omega$  such that  $u(x^*) > 0$ . Since  $u$  is continuous, there exists  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$  such that for all  $x$  in the open ball  $B(x^*, \delta)$  (centered at  $x^*$  of radius  $\delta$ ), we have  $u(x) > \epsilon$  and  $B(x^*, \delta) \subset \Omega$ . In simpler terms, there exists an open ball around  $x^*$  in  $\Omega$  such that  $u$  is strictly positive inside the ball. Define the function:

$$v(x) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\delta^2 - |x - x^*|^2}\right) & \text{for } |x - x^*| < \delta \\ 0 & \text{for } |x - x^*| \geq \delta \end{cases}$$

We will argue that  $v$  is smooth. The exponential function is famously smooth whenever its argument is defined, so  $v$  is smooth inside the ball. The function 0 is trivially smooth everywhere, so  $v$  is smooth outside the ball. All we must show now is that  $v$  and all of its derivatives are smooth on the boundary of the ball. To do so, for every  $k \geq 0$  we can show that  $D^\alpha v(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|x - x^*| \rightarrow \delta$  where  $|\alpha| = k$  so that  $v$  and all of its derivatives are continuous on the boundary of the ball. Firstly:

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{|x - x^*| \rightarrow \delta^+} v(x) = \lim_{|x - x^*| \rightarrow \delta^+} 0 = 0 \\ \lim_{|x - x^*| \rightarrow \delta^-} v(x) = \lim_{|x - x^*| \rightarrow \delta^-} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\delta^2 - |x - x^*|^2}\right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

So  $v(x)$  is continuous on the boundary of the ball (and on all of  $\Omega$ ).

Continuing by means of the chain rule, let  $r(x) = \delta^2 - |x - x^*|^2$ , then  $D^\alpha v(x)$  will take the form:

$$D^\alpha v(x) = \begin{cases} R_\alpha(x) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\delta^2 - |x - x^*|^2}\right) & \text{for } |x - x^*| < \delta \\ 0 & \text{for } |x - x^*| \geq \delta \end{cases}$$

Where,  $R_\alpha(x) \sim \frac{1}{r(x)^{m_\alpha}}$  for some integer  $m_\alpha \geq 1$ . So for some  $C > 0$ :

$$|D^\alpha v(x)| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{C}{r(x)^{m_\alpha}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{r(x)}\right) & \text{for } |x - x^*| < \delta \\ 0 & \text{for } |x - x^*| \geq \delta \end{cases}$$

The exponential dominates the rational function for every  $\alpha$ , so as  $|x - x^*| \rightarrow \delta^-$  we have  $D^\alpha v(x) \rightarrow 0$ , and again as  $|x - x^*| \rightarrow \delta^+$  we have  $D^\alpha v(x) \rightarrow 0$ . Hence,  $v$  and all of its derivatives exist and are continuous on the boundary of the ball, meaning  $v$  is smooth on the boundary. Since  $v$  is smooth on the ball, on the boundary of the ball, and outside the ball,  $v$  is smooth on  $\Omega$ , and by definition will be 0 on  $\partial\Omega$  implying that  $v$  is a valid test function. Therefore by assumption:

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \int_{\Omega} u(x)v(x) \, dx \\
&= \int_{B(x^*, \delta)} u(x) \exp\left(-\frac{1}{r(x)}\right) \, dx \quad (\text{v is 0 outside of } B(x^*, \delta)) \\
&> \epsilon \int_{B(x^*, \delta)} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{r(x)}\right) \, dx \quad (\text{continuity of u}) \\
&> 0 \quad (\text{the exponential is strictly positive in } B(x^*, \delta))
\end{aligned}$$

We have shown that  $0 > 0$ , which is a contradiction. If we had assumed  $u(x^*) < 0$ , we could follow the exact same argument, except that we would define  $B(x^*, \delta)$  to be the open ball around  $x^*$  where  $u$  is strictly negative, and would derive a similar contradiction. Thus  $u(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \Omega$ .

### Problem 4 (a)

The coefficients  $a_n$  for the sine series of  $f(x) = x^2 - x$  on  $[0, 1]$  are given by (with  $L = 1$ ):

$$a_n = 2 \int_0^1 (x^2 - x) \sin(n\pi x) dx := 2I_1$$

We proceed by integration by parts on  $I_1$  with:

$$\begin{cases} u = (x^2 - x) \rightarrow du = (2x - 1) dx \\ dv = \sin(n\pi x) dx \rightarrow v = -\frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I_1 &= -\frac{1}{n\pi} (x^2 - x) \cos(n\pi x) \Big|_0^1 + \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_0^1 (2x - 1) \cos(n\pi x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_0^1 (2x - 1) \cos(n\pi x) dx := \frac{1}{n\pi} I_2 \end{aligned}$$

We now proceed by integration by parts on  $I_2$  with:

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{cases} u = (2x - 1) \rightarrow du = 2 dx \\ dv = \cos(n\pi x) dx \rightarrow v = \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow I_2 &= \frac{1}{n\pi} (2x - 1) (\sin(n\pi x)) \Big|_0^1 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} \cos(n\pi x) \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} ((-1)^n - 1) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ -\frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So that finally:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a_n &= 2I_1 = 2 \left( \frac{2}{n\pi} \right) I_2 \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ -\frac{16}{(n\pi)^3} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

### Problem 4 (b)

The coefficients  $a_n$  for the sine series of  $f(x) = \cos(\pi x/4)$  on  $[0, 1]$  are given by (with  $L = 1$ ):

$$a_n = 2 \int_0^1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \sin(n\pi x) \, dx := 2I_1$$

We proceed by integration by parts on  $I_1$  with:

$$\begin{cases} u = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \rightarrow du = -\frac{\pi}{4} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \, dx \\ dv = \sin(n\pi x) \, dx \rightarrow v = -\frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I_1 &= -\frac{1}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \cos(n\pi x) \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{4n} \int_0^1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \cos(n\pi x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n\pi} \left(1 - (-1)^n (\sqrt{2})^{-1}\right) - \frac{1}{4n} \int_0^1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \cos(n\pi x) \, dx \\ &:= \frac{1}{n\pi} \left(1 - (-1)^n (\sqrt{2})^{-1}\right) - \frac{1}{4n} I_2 \end{aligned}$$

We now proceed by integration by parts on  $I_2$  with:

$$\begin{cases} u = \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \rightarrow du = \frac{\pi}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \, dx \\ dv = \cos(n\pi x) \, dx \rightarrow v = \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I_2 &= \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \sin(n\pi x) \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{4n} \int_0^1 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{4}\right) \sin(n\pi x) \, dx \\ &= 0 - \frac{1}{4n} I_1 \end{aligned}$$

So we see:

$$\begin{aligned} 2I_1 &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} \left(1 - (-1)^n (\sqrt{2})^{-1}\right) - \frac{1}{4n} I_2 \right) \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} \left(1 - (-1)^n (\sqrt{2})^{-1}\right) + \frac{I_1}{16n^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2 - 2(-1)^n(\sqrt{2})^{-1}}{n\pi} + \frac{I_1}{8n^2} \\
\Rightarrow I_1 &= \frac{\frac{2-2(-1)^n(\sqrt{2})^{-1}}{n\pi}}{2 - \frac{1}{8n^2}} = \frac{\frac{1-(-1)^n(\sqrt{2})^{-1}}{n\pi}}{1 - \frac{1}{16n^2}} \\
&= \frac{16n}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1 - (-1)^n(\sqrt{2})^{-1}}{16n^2 - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$a_n = 2I_1 = \frac{32n}{\pi(16n^2 - 1)} \left( 1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$



## Problem 5

We aim to verify that Laplace's equation in polar coordinates is given by:

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} = 0$$

To do so, we start with:

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

Expressing  $u$  as a function of  $r$  and  $\theta$ , we use the chain rule to relate derivatives in Cartesian coordinates to those in polar coordinates (with  $x = r \cos(\theta)$ ,  $y = r \sin(\theta)$ ,  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ). The necessary derivatives are:

$$\begin{cases} r_x = \cos \theta \\ r_y = \sin \theta \\ \theta_x = -\sin(\theta)/r \\ \theta_y = \cos(\theta)/r \end{cases}$$

Using the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= u_r r_x + u_\theta \theta_x = u_r \cos \theta - \frac{u_\theta \sin \theta}{r} \\ u_y &= u_r r_y + u_\theta \theta_y = u_r \sin \theta + \frac{u_\theta \cos \theta}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating again:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u_x) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( u_r \cos \theta - \frac{u_\theta \sin \theta}{r} \right) \\ &= u_{rr} \cos^2 \theta - 2 \frac{u_{r\theta} \sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{u_{\theta\theta} \sin^2 \theta}{r^2} + \frac{u_r \sin^2 \theta}{r} + \frac{u_\theta \sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{yy} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(u_y) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( u_r \sin \theta + \frac{u_\theta \cos \theta}{r} \right) \\ &= u_{rr} \sin^2 \theta + 2 \frac{u_{r\theta} \sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{u_{\theta\theta} \cos^2 \theta}{r^2} + \frac{u_r \cos^2 \theta}{r} - \frac{u_\theta \sin \theta \cos \theta}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = u_{xx} + u_{yy} &= u_{rr}(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) + \frac{u_{\theta\theta}}{r^2}(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{u_r}{r}(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, as desired:

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} = 0$$

We now solve the above equation using separation of variables. Assume a solution of the following form:

$$u(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$$

Substituting into Laplace's equation:

$$R''\Theta + \frac{1}{r}R'\Theta + \frac{1}{r^2}R\Theta'' = 0$$

Dividing both sides by  $R\Theta$  (when  $u \neq 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} &= 0 \\ \implies r^2\frac{R''}{R} + r\frac{R'}{R} + \frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Rewriting:

$$\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = -\left(r^2\frac{R''}{R} + r\frac{R'}{R}\right) = -\lambda$$

Where  $-\lambda$  is a constant as the LHS only depends on  $\theta$  and the RHS only depends on  $r$ . This yields two ordinary differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} \Theta'' + \lambda\Theta = 0, \\ r^2R'' + rR' - \lambda R = 0. \end{cases}$$

The first equation has solutions:

$$\begin{cases} \Theta(\theta) = A \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}\theta) + B \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\theta), & \lambda > 0, \\ \Theta(\theta) = A + B\theta, & \lambda = 0, \\ \Theta(\theta) = Ae^{\sqrt{-\lambda}\theta} + Be^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}\theta}, & \lambda < 0. \end{cases}$$

The second equation is an Euler equation. So assume the ansatz  $R(r) = Cr^n$ , then:

$$Cn(n-1)r^n + Cnr^n - \lambda Cr^n = 0$$

$$R(r)(n^2 - \lambda) = 0$$

So either  $R(r) = 0 \implies u(r, \theta) = 0$  or  $n = \pm\sqrt{\lambda}$ , so that  $R(r) = Cr^{\sqrt{\lambda}} + Dr^{-\sqrt{\lambda}} = Cr^n + Dr^{-n}$ , and  $\lambda = n^2 > 0$ . Therefore for each  $n \geq 0$ , there is a solution:

$$u_n(r, \theta) = (A_n \cos(n\theta) + B_n \sin(n\theta))(C_n r^n + D_n r^{-n})$$

Finally the general solution would take the form:

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n \geq 0} u_n(r, \theta)$$

## Problem 6

Let  $u(x, t) = \int_0^t w(x, t, \tau) d\tau$ . We will show that  $u$  satisfies the nonhomogeneous heat equation and its boundary conditions. From the well-posedness of the heat-equation, this  $u$  will be the unique solution. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= w(x, t, t) + \int_0^t w_t(x, t, \tau) d\tau \quad (\text{Leibniz rule}) \\ &= f(x, t) + \int_0^t w_{xx}(x, t, \tau) d\tau = f(x, t) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \int_0^t w(x, t, \tau) d\tau \\ &= f(x, t) + u_{xx} \\ \implies u_t - u_{xx} &= f(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

So the PDE (first condition) is satisfied. Next:

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) &= \int_0^0 w(x, t, \tau) d\tau = 0 \\ u(0, t) &= \int_0^t w(0, t, \tau) d\tau = \int_0^t 0 dt = 0 \\ u(1, t) &= \int_0^t w(1, t, \tau) d\tau = \int_0^t 0 dt = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, all of the boundary conditions are also satisfied. Therefore,  $u(x, t) = \int_0^t w(x, t, \tau) d\tau$  as desired.

## Problem 7 (a)

Firstly, a strong solution to the wave equation satisfies  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ . Now consider the weak solution integral:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u (\phi_{tt} - \phi_{xx}) \, dx dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u \phi_{tt} \, dt dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u \phi_{xx} \, dx dt \\ &:= I_1 - I_2 \end{aligned}$$

Where in the second line we split the integral, and then changed the order of integration for the integral on the left. Integration by parts on  $I_1$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( u \phi_t \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_t \phi_t \, dt \right) dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_t \phi_t \, dt dx \end{aligned}$$

Where we have used that  $\phi_t \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$  since  $\phi \in C_0^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Applying integration by parts again, we see:

$$\begin{aligned} &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( u_t \phi \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_{tt} \phi \, dt \right) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_{tt} \phi \, dt dx \end{aligned}$$

Where we have again used that  $\phi \in C_0^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  to say  $\phi \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . By a symmetric argument that is almost identically the same as the one above, we can see:

$$I_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_{xx} \phi \, dx dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_{xx} \phi \, dt dx \quad (\text{switching the order})$$

Therefore:

$$I = I_1 - I_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u_{tt} - u_{xx}) \phi \, dt dx = 0$$

Where we have used  $u_{xx} = u_{tt}$  to conclude the above. Thus, as  $I = 0$ , the strong solution to the wave equation is also a weak solution.

## Problem 7 (b)

Firstly:

$$H(x - t) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < t \\ 1, & x \geq t \end{cases}$$

So the weak solution integral is:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x - t)(\phi_{tt} - \phi_{xx}) dt dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x - t) \phi_{tt} dt dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x - t) \phi_{xx} dx dt \\ &\quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^x \phi_{tt} dt dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_t^{\infty} \phi_{xx} dx dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_t|_{-\infty}^x dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x|_t^{\infty} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_t(x, x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x(t, t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Where in the second to last line above, we used that  $\phi \in C_0^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  to assert that the derivatives of  $\phi$  vanish at  $\pm\infty$ . For some variable  $v$ , we can combine the integrals above:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_t(v, v) + \phi_x(v, v) dv \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \phi(v, v) dv \\ &= \phi(v, v)|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $H(x - t)$  is a weak solution. Now for  $H(x + t)$  we have:

$$H(x + t) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < -t \\ 1, & x \geq -t \end{cases}$$

So the weak solution integral is:

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x+t)(\phi_{tt} - \phi_{xx}) dt dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x+t) \phi_{tt} dt dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x+t) \phi_{xx} dx dt \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-x}^{\infty} \phi_{tt} dt dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-t}^{\infty} \phi_{xx} dx dt \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_t|_{-x}^{\infty} dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x|_{-t}^{\infty} dt \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -\phi_t(x, -x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x(-t, t) dt \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_t(-x, x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x(-t, t) dt \quad (x \rightarrow -x) \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_t(-v, v) + \phi_x(-v, v) dv \\
&:= I_1 + I_2
\end{aligned}$$

Now define  $F(v) = \phi(-v, v)$  so that by the chain rule:

$$F'(v) = -\phi_x(-v, v) + \phi_t(-v, v) \implies \phi_t(-v, v) + \phi_x(-v, v) = F'(v) + 2\phi_x(-v, v) \quad (1)$$

Then the above:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F'(v) + 2\phi_x(-v, v) dv \\
&= (F(v) = \phi(v, -v))|_{x \rightarrow \infty}^{x \rightarrow -\infty} + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x(v, -v) dv \\
&= 0 + 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x(v, -v) dv \quad (\text{as } \phi \in C_0^2(\mathbb{R}^2)) \\
&= 2I_2
\end{aligned}$$

So we get the equation:

$$I = 2I_2 \implies I_1 = I_2$$

By making the substitution  $u = -v$ , we see:

$$I_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x(-v, v) \, dv = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_x(u, -u) \, du = -I_2 \quad (\text{from symmetry})$$

$$\implies I_2 = 0 \implies I_1 = 0 \implies I = 0$$

Thus  $H(x + t)$  is a weak solution.