

hw 1

**Question 1.** Classify each of the following second-order equations as elliptic, parabolic, or hyperbolic.

- 1)  $u_{xx} + 3u_{xy} + u_{yy} + 2u_x - u_y = 0$
- 2)  $u_{xx} + 3u_{xy} + 8u_{yy} + 2u_x - u_y = 0$
- 3)  $u_{xx} - 2u_{xy} + u_{yy} + 2u_x - u_y = 0$
- 4)  $u_{xx} + xu_{yy} = 0$

**Solution:** 1) hyperbolic, 2) elliptic, 3) parabolic, 4) elliptic if  $x > 0$  and hyperbolic if  $x < 0$ .

$$1) \Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 9 - 4 = 5 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{hyperbolic}$$

$$2) \Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 9 - 32 = -23 < 0 \Rightarrow \text{elliptic}$$

$$3) \Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 4 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{parabolic}$$

$$4) \Delta = b^2 - 4ac = -4x \Rightarrow \text{elliptic for } x > 0 \\ \text{and hyperbolic for } x < 0 \\ \text{and parabolic for } x = 0$$

**Question 2.** Prove the following claims.

- 1) Prove the formulas  $\sinh(x+y) = \sinh x \cosh y + \cosh x \sinh y$  and  $\cosh(x+y) = \cosh x \cosh y + \sinh x \sinh y$ .
- 2) Use Euler's formula to prove  $\sin(x+y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$  and  $\cos(x+y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$  similarly.
- 3) Use Euler's formula to prove that all the real functions in  $C_+ e^{ix} + C_- e^{-ix}$  is of the form  $A \cos x + B \sin x$ .

**Solution:** 1)  $\sinh x \cosh y + \cosh x \sinh y = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2} + \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2} = \sinh(x+y)$ .  $\cosh x \cosh y + \sinh x \sinh y = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2} + \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2} = \cosh(x+y)$ .  
2)  $\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2} + \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i} = \sin(x+y)$ .  $\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2} - \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i} = \cos(x+y)$ .  
3)  $\frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2} + \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i} = \cos(x+y)$ .

Def 1)  $\sinh x \cosh y + \cosh x \sinh y = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2} + \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2}$   
 $= \frac{e^{x+y} + e^{x-y} - e^{-x-y} - e^{-x+y}}{4} = \frac{e^{x+y} - e^{-x-y}}{2} = \sinh(x+y)$

$$\cosh x \cosh y + \sinh x \sinh y = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2} + \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{x+y} + e^{x-y} + e^{-x-y} - e^{-x+y}}{4} = \frac{e^{x+y} + e^{-x-y}}{2} = \cosh(x+y)$$

$$2) \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2} + \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i}$$

$$= \frac{e^{i(x+y)} + e^{i(x-y)} - e^{-i(x-y)} - e^{-i(x+y)}}{4i} = \frac{e^{i(x+y)} - e^{-i(x+y)}}{2i} = \sin(x+y)$$

$$\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2} - \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i}$$

$$= \frac{e^{i(x+y)} + e^{i(x-y)} + e^{-i(x-y)} - e^{-i(x+y)}}{4} = \frac{e^{i(x+y)} + e^{-i(x+y)}}{2} = \cos(x+y)$$

3) let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 sending  $\pi \mapsto C_+ e^{i\pi} + C_- e^{-i\pi}$  for some  $C_+, C_-$  be a real function  
 $\Rightarrow f(\pi) = C_+ (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi) + C_- (\cos(-\pi) + i \sin(-\pi))$   
 $= C_+ \cos \pi + C_+ i \sin \pi + C_- \cos \pi - C_- i \sin \pi$   
 $= (C_+ + C_-) \cos \pi + (i C_+ - i C_-) \sin \pi$

**Question 3.** Find the general solutions.

- 1)  $y' = ky(1-y)$ ,
- 2)  $xy' + 4y = x^2$ ,
- 3)  $y'' + 4y' + 4y = 0$ ,
- 4)  $y'' + 2y' - 15y = 0$ .

c 1)  $y(x) = 1/(1 + Ce^{-kx})$ , 2)  $y(x) = x^2/6 + C/x^4$ , 3)  $y(x) = C_1 e^{-2x} + C_2 x e^{-2x}$ , and 4)  $y(x) = C_1 e^{3x} + C_2 e^{-5x}$ .

1)  $\int \frac{dy}{y(1-y)} = \int k dx \Rightarrow \int (\frac{1}{1-y} - \frac{1}{1+y}) dy = \int k dx$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln|\frac{y}{1-y}| = kx + c \Rightarrow \frac{y}{1-y} = e^{kx+c} = C e^{kx}$   
 $\Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{1}{1 + C e^{-kx}}$  as general solution

2)  $y' + \frac{4}{x}y = x$   
 integrating factor:  $\mu(x) = e^{\int \frac{4}{x} dx} = e^{4 \ln x} = x^4$   
 $\Rightarrow x^4 y' + 4x^3 y = x^5 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx}(x^4 y) = x^5 \Rightarrow x^4 y = \frac{x^6}{6} + C$   
 $\Rightarrow y(x) = \frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{C}{x^4}$  as general solution

3) characteristic equation:  $\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -2$   
 $\Rightarrow y(x) = (C_1 + C_2 x) e^{-2x}$  as general solution.

4) characteristic equation:  $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 15 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -3, \lambda_2 = 5$   
 $\Rightarrow y(x) = C_1 e^{3x} + C_2 e^{-5x}$  as general solution

**Question 4.** Find the separated equations satisfied by  $X(x), Y(y)$  for the following PDEs.

- 1)  $u_{xx} - 2u_{yy} = 0$ ,
- 2)  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + 2u_x = 0$ ,
- 3)  $x^2 u_{xx} - 2y u_{yy} = 0$ ,
- 4)  $u_{xx} + u_x + u_y - u = 0$ .

**Solution:** 1)  $X'' - 2\lambda X = 0, Y'' - \lambda Y = 0$ , 2)  $X'' + 2X' + \lambda X = 0, Y'' - \lambda Y = 0$ , 3)  $x^2 X'' - \lambda X = 0, 2y Y' - \lambda Y = 0$ , 4)  $X'' + X' - \lambda X = 0, Y' + (\lambda - 1)Y = 0$ .

1) Assume  $u = X(x)Y(y)$   
 $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow Y X'' - 2 X Y'' = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda$   
 $\Rightarrow X'' - \lambda X = 0, Y'' - \lambda Y = 0$

2) Assume  $u = X(x)Y(y)$   
 $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow Y X'' + X Y'' + 2 X Y' = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow Y X'' + 2 X Y' = -X Y'' \Rightarrow \frac{X'' + 2X'}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda$   
 $\Rightarrow X'' + 2X' - \lambda X = 0, Y'' + \lambda Y = 0$

3) Assume  $u = X(x)Y(y)$   
 $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 Y X'' - 2y X Y'' = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 X''}{X} = \frac{2y Y''}{Y} = \lambda$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 X'' - \lambda X = 0, 2y Y'' - \lambda Y = 0$

4) Assume  $u = X(x)Y(y)$   
 $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - u = 0 \Rightarrow Y X'' + Y X' + X Y' - X Y = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{X'' + X'}{X} = \frac{Y'}{Y} - 1 = \lambda$   
 $\Rightarrow X'' + X' - \lambda X = 0, Y' - \lambda Y = 0$

**Question 5.** Find the separated solutions of  $u_{xx} + yu_y + u = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$u(x, y) = \begin{cases} (A_1 e^{x\sqrt{\lambda}} + A_2 e^{-x\sqrt{\lambda}}) (1/|y|^{1+\lambda}) & \text{for } \lambda > 0, \\ (A_1 + A_2 x) (1/|y|) & \text{for } \lambda = 0, \\ (A_1 \cos x\sqrt{-\lambda} + A_2 \sin x\sqrt{-\lambda}) (1/|y|^{1+\lambda}) & \text{for } \lambda < 0. \end{cases}$$

Sol  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + u = 0$

Suppose  $u = X(x)Y(y)$

The equation becomes  $YX'' + yXY' + XY = 0$

$$\Rightarrow YX'' = -yXY' - XY$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = -y \frac{Y'}{Y} - 1 = \lambda, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow X'' - \lambda X = 0, \quad \frac{Y'}{Y} = -(\lambda + 1) \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{characteristic equation: } t^2 - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \int \frac{1}{t} dt Y' = -(\lambda + 1) \int \frac{1}{y} dy$$

$$\text{for } \lambda > 0 \Rightarrow t_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\lambda} \quad \ln|Y| = -(\lambda + 1) \ln|y|$$

$$\text{for } \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow t_{1,2} = 0 \quad Y = |y|^{-(\lambda + 1)}$$

$$\text{for } \lambda < 0, t_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\lambda} i$$

Therefore the separated solutions are:

$$u(x, y) = \begin{cases} (A_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda}x} + A_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}x}) y^{-(\lambda + 1)}, & \lambda > 0 \\ (A_1 + A_2 x) \frac{1}{y}, & \lambda = 0 \\ (A_1 e^{i\sqrt{\lambda}x} + A_2 e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}x}) y^{-(\lambda + 1)}, & \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

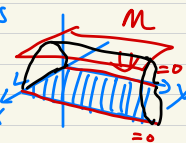
**Question 6.** Find the separated solutions  $u(x, y)$  of Laplace's equation  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  in the region  $0 < x < L, y > 0$ , that satisfy the boundary conditions  $u(0, y) = 0, u(L, y) = 0$  and the boundedness condition  $|u(x, y)| \leq M$  for  $y > 0$ , where  $M$  is a constant independent of  $(x, y)$ .

**Solution:**

$$u(x, y) = C \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-n\pi y/L} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

The separated solutions of Laplace's equation is

$$u(x, y) = \begin{cases} (A_1 x + A_2)(B_1 y + B_2) & \text{①} \\ (A_1 e^{ikx} + A_2 e^{-ikx})(B_1 e^{ky} + B_2 e^{-ky}), k > 0 & \text{②} \\ (A_1 e^{lx} + A_2 e^{-lx})(B_1 e^{ly} + B_2 e^{-ly}), l > 0 & \text{③} \end{cases}$$



In case ①, to satisfy  $(y, u(0, y)) = 0$  and  $u(L, y) = 0$

$$\text{We have } A_1 = B_1 = 0 \text{ and } A_2 B_2 = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$$

In case ②, by  $u(0, y) = 0$  and  $u(L, y) = 0$  implies  $X(0) = X(L) = 0$

We choose a different linearly independent solution form for

$$X \text{ s.t. } X = A_1 \cos(kx) + A_2 \sin(kx)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{n\pi}{L}, n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow X = A_2 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Since  $|u|$  is bounded and  $e^{ky} (k > 0)$  is unbounded for  $y > 0$

$$\Rightarrow B_1 = 0 \Rightarrow Y = B_2 e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{L}}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = C \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{L}}, C \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

In case ③, same as case ② we have  $X(0) = X(L) = 0$ ,

it only happens when  $A_1 = A_2 = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$

Hence overall, the separated solutions to the Laplace's equation for this boundary value problem is

$$u = C \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-\frac{n\pi y}{L}}, C \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Question 7.** Find the separated solutions  $u(x, t)$  of the heat equation  $u_t - u_{xx} = 0$  in the region  $0 < x < L, t > 0$ , that satisfy the boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = 0, u(L, t) = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} (A_1 e^{kx} + A_2 e^{-kx}) e^{k^2 t} & \text{for } \lambda = k^2, k > 0, \\ A_1 x + A_2 & \text{for } \lambda = 0, \\ (A_1 e^{ilx} + A_2 e^{-ilx}) e^{-l^2 t} & \text{for } \lambda = -l^2, l > 0. \end{cases}$$

The case  $\lambda < 0$  satisfies the boundary conditions. We obtain

$$u(x, t) = C \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-(n\pi/L)^2 t} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

Sol First we look for the general separated solution:

Suppose  $u = X(x)T(t)$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow XT' = TX'' \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{T} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow X'' - \lambda X = 0, \quad T' - \lambda T = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{characteristic equation: } x^2 - \lambda = 0 \quad \int \frac{1}{T} dT = \int \lambda dt$$

$$\ln|T| = \lambda t + C \quad T = C e^{\lambda t}$$

$$\text{for } \lambda > 0 \Rightarrow x_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$\text{for } \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow x_{1,2} = 0$$

$$\text{for } \lambda < 0 \Rightarrow x_{1,2} = \pm \sqrt{\lambda} i$$

So the general solutions are:

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} (A_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda}x} + A_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}x}) e^{\lambda t}, & \lambda > 0 \quad \text{①} \\ A_1 x + A_2, & \lambda = 0 \quad \text{②} \\ (A_1 e^{i\sqrt{\lambda}x} + A_2 e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}x}) e^{\lambda t}, & \lambda < 0 \quad \text{③} \end{cases}$$

In case ①,  $(\forall t, u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0)$  implies  $X(0) = X(L) = 0$ ,  
this can only be true when  $A_1 = A_2 = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$

In case ②,  $(\forall t, u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0)$  implies  $A_1 = A_2 = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$

In case ③,  $(\forall t, u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0)$  implies  $X(0) = X(L) = 0$

We choose a different linearly independent solution form for

$$X \text{ s.t. } X = A_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + A_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$X(0) = X(L) = 0 \Rightarrow A_1 = 0, \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi}{L}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Hence overall, the separated solutions to the heat equation for this boundary value problem is

$$u = C \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} e^{-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \quad \text{where } C \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$