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Problem 0.1 Consider the vector field in \mathbb{R}^3

$$F = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2(X\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z})$$

Is it conserved? What can you say about conserved vector fields? Calculate the curve integral

$$\int_C F \cdot d\vec{r}$$

where C is a curve starting from $(1, 0, 0)$ and ending at $(2, 2, 1)$.

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Problem 0.2 We have a heavy string with fixed ends which performs transversal oscillations around the x -axis. At $t = 0$, the string is at rest on the x -axis. We assume that the gravitational force is directed in the negative y direction. Write down, and motivate, the partial differential equation, boundary conditions and initial conditions that allow you to determine the motion of the string for $t \geq 0$.

Hint Your derivation should be 1/2-1 page, including figures, and your motivations are what we are really interested in here. Cf. F2 and Haberman ch. 4.

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Problem 0.3 A rectangular, homogeneous and flexible membrane occupies the square $x \in [0, 2]$, $y \in [0, 3]$ in the x, y plane. Assume that all boundaries are held fixed, and determine the profile $u(t, x, y)$ of the membrane for $t > 0$ given the initial conditions

$$u(0, x, y) = 0, \quad u_t(0, x, y) = x(2 - x).$$

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Problem 0.4 Solve Laplace's (Poisson) equation inside a cylinder of radius R , and height H , with the following boundary conditions:

$$u|_{r=R} = 0, \quad u|_{z=0} = 0, \quad u|_{z=H} = f(r) \cos(3\phi).$$

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Problem 0.5 Solve the heat equation

$$u_t = k \nabla^2 u$$

inside a disk of radius a , subject to the initial condition

$$u|_{t=0} = f(r, \theta),$$

and assuming that the boundary of the disk is kept at constant temperature 0. Give a physical interpretation of the problem and discuss symmetries.

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Problem 0.6 Solve the heat equation

$$u_t = k\nabla^2 u$$

inside a sphere of radius a , subject to the initial condition

$$u|_{t=0} = r(R - r) \sin \theta \cos \phi,$$

and assuming that the boundary of the sphere is kept at constant temperature 0.

Hint: The angular part of the IC can be recognised to be $Y_{1,\pm 1}$.

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Problem 0.7 Solve the heat equation

$$u_t = k\nabla^2 u$$

inside a sphere of radius a , but with an inhomogeneous BC

$$u|_{r=R} = \sin \theta \cos \phi,$$

and assuming that the boundary of the sphere is kept at constant temperature 0. Write down the solution, you may ignore the IC.

Hint: The angular part of the BC can be recognised to be $Y_{1,\pm 1}$. You may homogenise the BC by finding a time-independent solution.

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Problem 0.8 Solve exercise 61 in FMM-2020!