

Math 241 Homework#1

due 9/5 Thursday in class

Heat equation

Read Applied PDE by Haberman (5th edition) Chapter 1.1-1.3.

1. Applied PDE by Haberman, chapter 1.2, exercise 1.2.1
2. Applied PDE by Haberman, chapter 1.3, exercise 1.3.1
3. Derive the heat equation for a one-dimensional rod assuming that the cross-sectional area $A(x)$ is a non-constant function of x , where $0 < x < L$. Assume all other thermal properties are constant, and there is no heat source.
4. Let $u(x, t)$ be the temperature in a one-dimensional rod, and satisfy the following heat equation with insulated boundary conditions.

$$u_t = 3u_{xx}, \quad t \geq 0, 0 \leq x \leq 5.$$

Denote the total energy by

$$E(t) = \int_{x=0}^{x=5} u(x, t) dx.$$

Prove that $E(t)$ is a constant by computing $E'(t)$. Explain this from the equation.

5. Let $u(x, t)$ be the temperature in a one-dimensional rod, and satisfy the following heat equation with insulated boundary conditions.

$$u_t = 3u_{xx} + 2, \quad t \geq 0, 0 \leq x \leq 5.$$

Denote the total energy by

$$E(t) = \int_{x=0}^{x=5} u(x, t) dx.$$

Assume $E(0) = 4$. Compute $E(t)$.

Calculus

1. Let f, g be functions in $3D$ space and X be a vector field in $3D$.
 - (a) Prove the product rule

$$\operatorname{div}(fX) = \langle \nabla f, X \rangle + f \operatorname{div} X.$$

(Remark: $2D$ version is the same.)

- (b) Let Ω be a bounded region in 3D space and n be the outward unit vector on $\partial\Omega$. Use product rule and divergence theorem to show

$$\int_{\Omega} f \Delta g = \int_{\partial\Omega} f \frac{\partial g}{\partial n} - \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla f, \nabla g \rangle$$

Here $\frac{\partial g}{\partial n}$ is the directional derivative of g in direction n .

2. Show that if $u(x, t)$ is a solution to the transport equation $u_t = u_x$, then it is also a solution of wave equation $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$. Verify that $u(x, t) = f(x + t)$ is always a solution to the transport equation $u_t = u_x$.
3. Show that the general solutions to the transport equation $u_t = u_x$ has the form $u(x, t) = f(x + t)$. (Hint: use change of variables $X = x + t$, $T = x - t$ and multivariable chain rule.)
4. Find general solutions to the PDEs
 - (a) $u_t = 2u_x$
 - (b) $u_t = 2u_x + x$

Linear algebra

1. Find the general solutions to ODEs

$$\begin{array}{lll} y' + 5y = 0 & y' - 5y = 0 & xy' + 3x^3y = 0 \\ y'' + 4y = 0 & y'' - 4y = 0 & y'' - 4y' + 4y = 0 \end{array}$$

2. Let V be a vector space equipped with an inner (“dot”) product \langle, \rangle and a basis $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. (When $n = 3$, you can think of V as \mathbb{R}^3 with the usual dot product. Higher dimensional case is similar.) The basis vectors are *orthogonal* if $\langle v_i, v_j \rangle = 0$ for any $i \neq j$. Let $w \in V$ have the expansion $w = c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$. In general, solving for the c_i requires row reduction.

- (a) If the basis vectors are *orthogonal*, there is an explicit formula for the c_i . Prove that

$$c_i = \frac{\langle w, v_i \rangle}{\langle v_i, v_i \rangle}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- (b) In the case where $V = \mathbb{R}^3$, $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\} = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1), (0, 1, -1)\}$, use this to find the coefficients c_1, c_2, c_3 , where $w = (3, 4, 5)$.

3. The following table gives the inner (“dot”) product of vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} .

	\mathbf{u}	\mathbf{v}	\mathbf{w}
\mathbf{u}	9	0	6
\mathbf{v}	0	1	3
\mathbf{w}	6	3	38

For example, $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 3$.

- (a) Find a unit vector in the same direction as \mathbf{u} .
- (b) Compute $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$
- (c) Compute the length $\|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}\|$
- (d) Find the orthogonal projection of \mathbf{w} into the plane E spanned by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} . (Express your solution as linear combinations of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .)
- (e) Find a unit vector orthogonal to the plane E . (Express your solution as linear combinations of \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} .)
- (f) Find an orthonormal basis of the three dimensional spanned by \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} . Here *orthonormal basis* means the basis vectors are orthogonal unit vectors. (Express your solution as linear combinations of \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} .)