

TYPOS IN LOGAN'S *Applied Partial Differential Equations, 3rd ed.* SOLUTIONS

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1 Chapter 1

1.2 Chapter 1, Section 2

Exercise 7. Solve the initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + cu_x &= \lambda u, \quad x, t > 0 \\u(x, 0) &= 0, \quad x > 0, \quad u(0, t) = g(t), \quad t > 0.\end{aligned}$$

Solution. We should find that $\phi(t) = e^{-\lambda t/c} g(-t/c)$ (notice the negative in the exponent). This follows from the fact that if $\lambda(-ct)e^{\lambda t} = g(t)$, then substituting $t = -t/c$ gives us the negative in the exponent. This gives us $u(x, t) = g(t - x/c)e^{-\lambda x/c}$, in $0 \leq x < ct$, which matches the solutions. ■

Exercise 12. Find a formula that implicitly defines the solution $u = u(x, t)$ of the initial value problem for the reaction-advection equation

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + cu_x &= -\frac{\alpha u}{\beta + u}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0, \\u(x, 0) &= f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

Here, v, α, β are positive constants. Show from the implicit formula that you can always solve for u in terms of x and t .

Solution. $f(x)$ should be $f(x - ct)$, as we need to change back to $x - t$ coordinates. ■

1.3 Chapter 1, Section 3

Exercise 2. Let $u = u(x, t)$ satisfy the heat flow model

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= ku_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < l, \quad t > 0 \\u(0, t) &= u(l, t) = 0, \quad t > 0, \\u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq l.\end{aligned}$$

Show that

$$\int_0^l u(x, t)^2 dx \leq \int_0^l u_0(x)^2 dx, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Hint: Let $E(t) = \int_0^l u(x, t)^2 dx$ and show that $E'(t) \leq 0$. What can be said about $u(x, t)$ if $u_0(x) = 0$?

Solution. We have that $E(t) \leq E(0) = \int_0^l u_0(x)^2 dx$. This does not affect the solution, though, as if $u_0 \equiv 0$, then $E(0) = 0$ still. ■

Exercise 6. Heat flow in a metal rod with a unit internal heat source is governed by the problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= ku_{xx} + 1, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0, \\u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(1, t) = 1, \quad t > 0.\end{aligned}$$

What will be the steady-state temperature in the bar after a long time? Does it matter that no initial condition is given?

Solution. The answer should be

$$u(x) = -\frac{1}{2k}x^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{2k}\right)x.$$

Originally, there is a $=$ sign rather than a $+$. ■

1.5 Chapter 1, Section 5

Exercise 5. The total energy of the string governed by equation (1.37) with boundary conditions (1.40) is defined by

$$E(t) = \int_0^\ell \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho_0 u_t^2 + \frac{1}{2} \tau_0 u_x^2 \right) dx.$$

Show that the total energy is constant for all $t \geq 0$. Hint: Multiply (1.37) by u_t and note that $(u_t^2)_t = 2u_t u_{tt}$ and $(u_t u_x)_x = u_t u_{xx} + u_{tx} u_x$. Then show that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\ell \rho_0 u_t^2 dx = [2\tau_0 u_t u_x]_0^\ell - \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\ell \tau_0 u_x^2 dx.$$

Solution. The hint should include an extra factor of 2 (colored in red). ■

Exercise 8. At the end ($x = 0$) of a long tube ($x \geq 0$) the density of air changes according to the formula $\tilde{\rho}(0, t) = 1 - \cos 2t$ for $t \geq 0$, and $\tilde{\rho}(0, t) = 0$ for $t < 0$. Find a solution to the wave equation in the domain $x > 0, -\infty < t < \infty$, in the form of a right-traveling wave that satisfies the given boundary condition. Take $c = 1$ and plot the solution surface.

Solution. We should have that

$$\tilde{\rho}(0, t) = F(-ct) = 1 - \cos(2t).$$

This tells us that

$$F(t) = 1 - \cos(2(t - x/c)).$$

Notice that the factors of 2 are inside the cos term rather than outside (as a coefficient). ■

2 Chapter 2

A Completed Problems

The following list consists of problems I have done. The list is non-exhaustive, but contains problems that I did not find typos in.

A.1 Chapter 1

- Section 1.1: 1-11.
- Section 1.2: 1-11.
- Section 1.3: 2, 3, 4, 6, 9
- Section 1.5: 3, 4, 5, 8, 9
- Section 1.7: 6