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# MTH 424 - PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

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## Assignment 6

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1. Consider the diffusion equation  $u_t = u_{xx}$  in  $\{0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty\}$  with  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$  and  $u(x, 0) = 4x(1 - x)$ .
  - (a) Show that  $0 < u(x, t) < 1$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $0 < x < 1$ .
  - (b) Show that  $u(x, t) = u(1 - x, t)$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .
  - (c) Use the energy method to show that  $\int_0^1 u^2(x, t) dx$  is a strictly decreasing function of  $t$ .
2. Prove the *comparison principle* for the heat equation: If  $u$  and  $v$  are two solutions, and if  $u(x, 0) \leq v(x, 0)$ ,  $u(0, t) \leq v(0, t)$  and  $u(\ell, t) \leq v(\ell, t)$ , then  $u \leq v$  for  $0 \leq t < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq \ell$ .
3. Let  $f$  be a bounded continuous function. Show that if  $v(x, t)$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} v_t = kv_{xx} + f(x, t), & \text{in } \mathbb{R} \times (0, T) \\ v(x, 0) = 0 & \text{on } \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

then  $v(x, t) \leq T \max_{\mathbb{R} \times (0, T)} f(x, t)$ .

4. Given  $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $h \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ , derive the d'Alembert's formula for wave equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty) \\ u(0, x) = g, u_t(0, x) = h & \text{on } \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

by factorizing the equation in terms of 1st order PDEs and solving by method of Characteristic.

5. Assume  $g$  and  $h$  are odd functions and  $g \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $h \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ . show that the solution  $u(x, t)$  of the wave equation (1) is also odd in  $x$  for all  $t$ .
6. Let  $u$  be the solution of (1) and  $g, h$  be compactly supported. Define  $k(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} u_t^2(t, x) dx$  and  $p(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} u_x^2(t, x) dx$ . Show
- (a)  $k(t) + p(t)$  is constant in  $t$ .
  - (b)  $k(t) = p(t)$  for all large enough time  $t$ .
7. Find the formula of the solution of 2 dimensional Klein-Gordon equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + m^2 u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2 \times (0, \infty) \\ u(0, x) = g, u_t(0, x) = h & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2. \end{cases}$$

explicit form?

Hint: take  $v(t, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \cos(mx_3) \cdot u(t, x_1, x_2)$

8. For  $n = 3$  assume  $g, h \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$  be the initial data of the wave equation. Let  $u$  be the solution given by Kirchoff's formula. Show that there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|u(t, x)| \leq \frac{C}{t}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $t > 0$ .

9. Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded domain. Assume  $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a solution of the wave equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, \infty), \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(t, x) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, \infty), \end{cases}$$

where  $\nu$  is the exterior outward unit normal vector. Define

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (u_t^2 + |\nabla u|^2) dx,$$

show that  $E(t)$  is constant.

10. Find the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \times (0, \infty), \\ u(0, x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2, \quad u_t(0, x, y, z) = 0 & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^3. \end{cases}$$

explicit form?