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Question 1:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - x \partial_x u = x^2 \partial_{xx} u & 1 < x < e \quad t > 0 \\ u(t, x=1) = u(t, x=e) = 0 & t > 0 \\ u(t=0, x) = 1 & 1 < x < e \end{cases}$$

Looking at the PDE, this is

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u &= x^2 \partial_{xx} u + x \partial_x u \\ &= x(x \partial_x u)_x \end{aligned}$$

Check: $x(x \partial_x u)_x = x \partial_x u + x^2 \partial_{xx} u$
Therefore this holds!

Using separation of variables, $u(x, t) = T(t)X(x)$
and so the problem is

$$\partial_t T X = x(x \partial_x T X)_x$$

$$\Rightarrow T_t X = x(x T X_x)_x$$

Dividing both sides by $T(t)X(x)$ gives

$$\frac{T_t}{T} = \frac{x(x X_x)_x}{X}$$

And we want to find a λ such that

$$\frac{T_t}{T} = \lambda = \frac{x(x X_x)_x}{X}$$

Beginning with the right side,

$$\frac{x(x X)_x}{X} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x X)_x = \lambda X$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 X_{xx} + x X_x = \lambda X$$

Guess a solution $X = x^\alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda x^\alpha &= x(x^\alpha)_x + x^2(x^\alpha)_{xx} \\ &= x^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} + x^2 \alpha (x^{\alpha-1})_x \\ &= x^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} + x^2 \alpha (\alpha-1) x^{\alpha-2} \\ &= \alpha x^\alpha + \alpha(\alpha-1) x^\alpha \\ &\text{(since } x^{\alpha-1} = x^\alpha/x \Rightarrow x x^{\alpha-1} = x^\alpha, \text{ etc)} \\ &\lambda x^\alpha = x^\alpha (\alpha + \alpha(\alpha-1)) \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by x^α gives

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \alpha + \alpha^2 - \alpha \\ &= \alpha^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \pm \sqrt{\lambda}$$

And so there are two solutions:

$$X(x) = A x^{\sqrt{\lambda}} + B x^{-\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$\text{But } e^{alnx} = x^\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow X(x) = A e^{\ln x \sqrt{\lambda}} + B e^{-\ln x \sqrt{\lambda}}$$

$$\text{but } e^{\alpha \ln x} = x^\alpha \\ \Rightarrow X(x) = A e^{\ln x \sqrt{\lambda}} + B e^{-\ln x \sqrt{\lambda}}$$

which has general solution:

$$X(x) = A \sinh(\ln x \sqrt{\lambda}) + B \cosh(\ln x \sqrt{\lambda})$$

By the boundaryconds, when $x=1$,

$$u(t, x=1) = 0 = X(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = A \sinh(0) + B \cosh(0)$$

$$= 0 + B \Rightarrow B = 0$$

and when $x=e$, $X(e) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = A \sinh(\ln e \sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$= A \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda}) \Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} < 0 \Rightarrow \lambda < 0$$

so either $A=0$, or $\sinh(\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0$

$$\text{but } \sinh(x) = -i \sin(ix)$$

$$0 = -i A \sin(i \sqrt{\lambda}) \Rightarrow \frac{0}{i} = A \sin(i \sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = A \sin(i \sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$= A \sin(\sqrt{-\lambda})$$

which is zero when $\sqrt{-\lambda} = n\pi$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_n = -n^2 \pi^2$$

substituting this into $X_n = A \sinh(\ln x \sqrt{\lambda})$
gives

$$X_n(x) = A_n \sin(n\pi \ln x)$$

Now, looking at $\frac{T_t}{T} = \lambda_n$:

$$T_t = T \lambda_n \\ = -n^2 \pi^2 T$$

Which has solution $T_n(t) = e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}$

$$\text{Check: } \partial_t e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} = -n^2 \pi^2 e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}$$

So this holds.

The general solution of the PDE is then:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n(x) T_n(t) \\ = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi \ln x) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}$$

And by the initial condition, $u(x, t=0) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi \ln x)$$

Integrating this against $\sin(m\pi \ln x)$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$
with respect to x :

$$\int_1^e 1 \cdot \sin(m\pi \ln x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \int_1^e \sin(n\pi \ln x) \sin(m\pi \ln x) dx$$

$$\text{Since } \int_a^b \sin(n\pi x) \sin(m\pi x) =$$

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this. My answer is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\pi \ln x) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}$$

Question 2:

$$a. \quad -2u_{xx} + u_{xy} + yu_x = 0$$

This is a linear 2nd order equation
with $A = -2$, $B = 1$, $D = y$, and $C(x, y) = 0$
Classifying this:

$$\Delta = B^2 - 4AC$$

$$= 1^2 - 4 \cdot -2 \cdot 0 \\ = 1^2$$

And so the PDE is hyperbolic, with characteristics:

$$y'(x) = \frac{B \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2A} = \frac{1^2 \pm 1}{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1(x) = \frac{1+1}{-4}x + \xi \Rightarrow \xi = y + \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$y_2(x) = \frac{1-1}{-4}x + \eta \Rightarrow \eta = y$$

With partial derivatives:

$$\xi_x = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \xi_y = 1, \quad \xi_{xx} = \xi_{xy} = \xi_{yy} = 0$$

$$\eta_x = 0, \quad \eta_y = 1, \quad \eta_{xx} = \eta_{xy} = \eta_{yy} = 0$$

Hyperbolic equations have $w_{\xi\xi} = w_{\eta\eta} = 0$, and so
the canonical transform is

$$0 = w_{\xi\eta} (2A\xi_x\eta_x + 2C\eta_y\xi_y + B(\eta_y\xi_x + \xi_y\eta_x))$$

$$+ w_\xi(D\xi_x) + w_\eta(D\eta_x)$$

Substituting values in gives

$$0 = w_{\xi\eta} (-4 \cdot 0 + 0 + (\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0))$$

$$+ w_\xi(y \cdot 1) + w_\eta(y \cdot 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}w_{\xi\eta} + yw_\xi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}w_{\xi\eta} + \eta w_\xi$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}w_\eta + \eta w \right)_\xi$$

$$\text{Check: } \left(\frac{1}{2}w_\eta + \eta w \right)_\xi = \frac{1}{2}w_{\xi\eta} + \eta_{\xi}w + \eta w_\xi$$

and since $\eta_\xi = 0$, this holds

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \left(\frac{1}{2}w_\eta + \eta w \right)_\xi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}w_\eta + \eta w = A(\eta) \Rightarrow w_\eta + 2\eta w = 2A(\eta) = A(\eta)$$

Multiply both sides by e^{η^2} :

$$e^{\eta^2}w_\eta + \eta e^{\eta^2}w = e^{\eta^2}A(\eta)$$

$$\text{where } (e^{\eta^2}w)_\eta = 2\eta e^{\eta^2}w + e^{\eta^2}w_\eta$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^{\eta^2}w)_\eta = B(\eta) \quad \text{where } B(\eta) = e^{\eta^2}A(\eta)$$

$$e^{\eta^2}w = A(\eta) + F(\xi) \quad (A(\eta) = \int B(\eta) d\eta)$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^{\eta} w)_{\eta} = \delta(\eta) \quad \text{where } \delta(\eta) = e^{\eta} A(\eta)$$

$$e^{\eta^2} w = A(\eta) + F(\xi) \quad (A(\eta) = \int \delta(\eta) d\eta)$$

$$\Rightarrow w = A(\eta) + e^{-\eta^2} F(\xi)$$

Given that $u(x, y) = w(\xi(x, y), \eta(x, y))$
and $\xi = y + \frac{1}{2}x$ and $\eta = y$,

$$u(x, y) = A(y) + e^{-y^2} F(y + \frac{1}{2}x)$$

for some functions A and F .

b. From part a, we had that $0 = (w_{\eta} + 2\eta w)_{\xi}$
But now,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (w_{\eta} + 2\eta w)_{\xi} \\ \text{and since } y &= \eta, \\ \eta &= (w_{\eta} + 2\eta w)_{\xi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow w_{\eta} + 2\eta w = \eta \xi + A(\eta)$$

As before, multiplying both sides by e^{η^2} :

$$(e^{\eta^2} w)_{\eta} = \delta(\eta) \xi + C(\eta)$$

where $\delta(\eta) = \eta e^{\eta^2}$ and $C(\eta) = e^{\eta^2} A(\eta)$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\eta^2} w = D(\eta) \xi + E(\eta) + F(\xi)$$

where $D(\eta) = \int \delta(\eta) d\eta$ and $E(\eta) = \int C(\eta) d\eta$

$$\Rightarrow w = A(\eta) \xi + H(\eta) + e^{-\eta^2} F(\xi)$$

where $A(\eta) = e^{-\eta^2} D(\eta)$ and $H(\eta) = e^{-\eta^2} E(\eta)$

As before, $u(x, y) = w(\xi(x, y), \eta(x, y))$
and $\xi = y + \frac{1}{2}x$, $\eta = y$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, y) = (y + \frac{1}{2}x) A(y) + H(y) + e^{-y^2} F(y + \frac{1}{2}x)$$

which is the general solution.

Question 3:

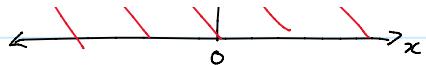
$$\begin{cases} u_x + (2-x)u_y + u = 0 \\ u(x, y=0) = e^x \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{on } \{y>0, x \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ \text{for } x < x_0 \end{array}$$

This has $\vec{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2-x \end{pmatrix}$

$$\tau(r) = \begin{pmatrix} r \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Solutions have constant initial conditions and pass through the origin.



Looking for change of coordinates such that
 $(s, r) \mapsto (x(s, r), y(s, r))$

Take

$$\begin{cases} x_s = 1 \\ x(s=0, r) = r \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(s, r) = s + A(r) \\ x(0, r) = r = A(r) \end{cases} \Rightarrow x(s, r) = s + r$$

and

$$\begin{cases} y_s = (2-x) \\ y(s=0, r) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y(s, r) = s^2 + rs + B(r) \\ y(0, r) = 0 = B(r) \end{cases} \Rightarrow y(s, r) = s^2 + rs$$

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Question 4:

We have $\begin{cases} u_t - u_{xx} = -au & x \in \mathbb{R}^+ \\ u(x, 0) = \delta(x-6) \\ u_x(0, t) = 0 \end{cases}$

Define $v(x, t) = e^{at} u(x, t)$

$$\Rightarrow v_t = ae^{at} u(x, t) + e^{at} u_t(x, t)$$

$$v_{xx} = e^{at} u_{xx}(x, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{xx} = e^{-at} v_{xx}$$

$$e^{-at} v_t = au + u_t$$

$$\Rightarrow u_t - u_{xx} + au = 0 = e^{-at} v_t - e^{-at} v_{xx}$$

$$= v_t - v_{xx}$$

Therefore, $v(x, t)$ solves the heat equation.

Now, take the even extension of $\delta(x-6) = f(x)$ defined by

$$f_0(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) = \delta(x-6) & x \geq 0 \\ f(-x) = \delta(-x-6) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Also note that the derivative of the even extension is odd, with $f_{0,x}(x) = 0 = u_x(0, t)$ (as shown in lectures)

Then, the system is

$$\begin{cases} v_t - v_{xx} = 0 & x \in \mathbb{R}^+ \\ v(x, 0) = f_0(x) \end{cases}$$

We know that $v_{xx}(x, t) = 0$ ~~at~~ since the solution to the initial value problem with even data is itself even.

Therefore the solution is:

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, t) &= \int_0^\infty \Phi(x-y, t) f_0(y) dy + \int_{-\infty}^0 \Phi(x-y, t) f_0(-y) dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \Phi(x-y, t) \delta(y-6) dy + \int_0^\infty \Phi(x+y, t) \delta(y-6) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$v(x,t) = \int_0^\infty \Phi(x-y,t) f_0(y) dy + \int_{-\infty}^0 \Phi(x-y,t) f_0(-y) dy$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \Phi(x-y,t) \delta(y-b) dy + \int_0^\infty \Phi(x+y,t) \delta(y-b) dy$$

And, since $\int_0^\infty \Phi(x-y,t) \delta(y-b) dy = \Phi(x-b,t)$

$$v(x,t) = \Phi(x-b,t) + \Phi(x+b,t)$$

and, since $v(x,t) = e^{at} u(x,t)$,

$$u(x,t) = e^{-at} (\Phi(x-b,t) + \Phi(x+b,t))$$

Question 5:

We have

$$\begin{cases} -u_{xx} = f(x) \\ u(0) = u(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

choose a Green's Function, $u(x)$, such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u(x) = \delta(x-x_0) & \text{in } D=[0,L] \\ u(x) = 0 = g(x) & \text{on } \partial D \end{cases}$$

$$\text{with } u(x,x_0) = \Phi(x) - \varphi^x(x_0)$$

With representation formula:

$$u(x_0) = - \int_{\partial D} g(y) \frac{\partial u(y,x_0)}{\partial n} dy + \int_D f(y) u(y,x_0) dy$$

but boundary conditions necessitate $g(y) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u(x_0) &= \int_D f(y) u(y,x_0) dy \\ &= \int_0^L f(y) u(y,x_0) dy \\ &= \int_0^L f(y) (\Phi(y-x_0) - \varphi^x(y)) dy \end{aligned}$$

Question 6:

a. Consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = f & \text{in } U \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial U \end{cases}$$

and assume that there are two solutions, u_1 and u_2 , such that

$$u_1 - u_2 = w$$

solves the Dirichlet problem:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta w = 0 & \text{in } U \\ w = 0 & \text{on } \partial U \end{cases}$$

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Lewin's First identity (Divergence Theorem) says

$$\iint_{\partial U} w \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} dS = \iiint_U \nabla w \cdot \nabla w dx + \iiint_U w \Delta w dx$$

but $w = 0$ on ∂U (Dirichlet BC), and $\Delta w = 0$ in U . Therefore,

$$\iiint_U \nabla w^2 dx = 0$$

and since ∇w^2 is negative nowhere

$$\iiint_U \nabla w^2 dx = 0 \Rightarrow w = 0 \text{ in } U$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 - u_2 = 0 \Rightarrow u_1 = u_2$$

and so there is only one unique solution to the system

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = f & \text{in } U \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial U \end{cases}$$

b. Since u_{xx} and u_{yy} are equally weighted, this corresponds to radial symmetry about the center of the disk, with $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

and so it has solution (by lecture 10)

$$(r u_r)_r = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow r u_r = 5r + C_1$$

$$u_r = 5 + \frac{C_1}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(r) = 5r + C_1 \ln(r) + C_2$$

with boundary condition $u(a) = 0$:

$$u(a) = 0 = 5a + C_1 \ln(a) + C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 = -5a - C_1 \ln(a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u(r) &= 5(r-a) + C_1 (\ln(r) - \ln(a)) \\ &= 5(r-a) + C_1 \ln\left(\frac{r}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

but since $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$,

$$u(x, y) = 5(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - a) + C_1 \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{a}\right)$$

How was this meant to take 2 hours?

I found many of the questions took 2
hours each.
Also the fact that many of these problems
were harder than assignment questions
confuses me greatly.