

**Review Test 1**  
**Math 5339**

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Read each question carefully. Avoid simple mistakes. (Use the back of the page if necessary). **You must show your work in order to get credits or partial credits.**

1. [10pts] For each of the following equations, state the order and whether it is nonlinear, linear inhomogeneous, or linear homogeneous; provide reasons.
  - (a)  $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} + u^3 = 0$
  - (b)  $u_t - k u_{xx} + 6 u_{xt} = 0$
  - (c)  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} + 2xy u_{xy} = 0$
  - (d)  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = \sin u$
  - (e)  $u_t - u_{xxx} + 6uu_x = 0$
  - (f)  $\frac{du}{dt} = G(u)$
2. [15pts] Solve the first order  $2u_t + 3u_x = 0$  with auxiliary condition  $u = \sin x$  when  $t = 0$ . (Hint: Express the solution as, according to characteristic curve method,  $u(t, x) = f(bt - ax)$ )
3. [15pts] Solve  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$ ,  $u(x, 0) = e^x$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = \sin x$ .
4. [10pts] Find the solution of the Laplace equation  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  for  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ . Use separation of variables.
5. [10pts] Solve the wave equation  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0$  for  $x \in [0, \ell]$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
6. [10pts] Use change of variables  $t' = at + bx$ ,  $x' = bt - ax$  to solve

$$au_t + bu_x = f(x, t), (t, x) \in R \times \mathbb{R} \quad (1)$$

7. [20pts] The solution to  $u_t - k u_{xx} = 0$ ,  $u(0, x) = f(x)$  is given by

$$u(t, x) = e^{-kt\Delta} f(x) = \frac{1}{(4k\pi t)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4kt}} f(y) dy := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p_t(x, y) f(y) dy,$$

where  $p_t(x, y)$  denote the fundamental solution or heat kernel. Show that

$$a) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-|x|^2} dx = \pi^{n/2}$$

$$b) \int p_t(x, y) dx = 1 \quad \forall t > 0$$

$$c) \text{ Given any } \delta > 0, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x-y| \geq \delta} p_t(x, y) dy = 0$$

$$d) \text{ If } f \in L^p, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, \text{ then } u(t, x) \rightarrow f(x) \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

8. [20pts] a) Consider the Schrödinger equation

$$i\partial_t u + \Delta u + \varepsilon|u|^p u = 0$$

Show that the conserved quantities (constants of motion) are

$$Q(t) = \int |u|^2 dx$$

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int (|\nabla_x u|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p+1} |u|^{p+1}) dx$$

(Hint: Use integration by parts to prove  $dE(t)/dt = 0$ , thus  $E(t)$  must be a constant)

- b) How about wave equation

$$\partial_{tt} u - u_{xx} + \varepsilon|u|^p u = 0$$

Is  $E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (u_t^2 + |\nabla u|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{p+1} |u|^{p+1}) dx$  conserved in time?

9. [15pts] Solve the heat equation with convection

$$u_t - k u_{xx} + V u_x = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$$

where  $V$  is a constant. (Hint: Sub  $y = x - Vt$ )

10. [10pts] Solve  $u_{tt} = 9u_{xx}$  in  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ,  $u(x, 0) = \cos x$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u(\frac{\pi}{2}, t) = 0$ .

11. [Bonus 10pts] Solve the inhomogeneous diffusion equation on the half-line with Dirichlet boundary condition

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - ku_{xx} &= f(x, t) & 0 < x, t < \infty \\ u(x, 0) &= \phi(x), u(0, t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

using the method of reflection.

**Solutions 2.** The general solution for the transport equation is given by  $u(x, t) = f(bt - ax)$ ; see Lecture notes or Section 1.2 in Strauss. Sub the initial condition with  $t = 0$  into this, we get  $f(-ax) = \sin x$ . Therefore  $f(x) = -\sin(x/a)$ .

3. The general solution for the wave equation on the line  $(-\infty, \infty)$  is given by  $u(x, t) = f(x + ct) + g(x - ct)$ . Substituting the initial conditions into this expression yields

$$\begin{cases} f(x) + g(x) = e^x \\ cf'(x) - cg'(x) = \sin x \end{cases}$$

Now taking derivative on the first equation we obtain  $f'(x) + g'(x) = e^x$ ; this, together with the second equation will lead to a solution of  $f'$  and  $g'$ . From there antiderivative will recover  $f$  and  $g$ .

4. Write  $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$  and sub into  $\Delta u = 0$ . We then have

$$\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\frac{Y''(y)}{Y(y)} = -\lambda$$

where  $\lambda \geq 0$  is a constant (or eigenvalue of  $d^2/dx^2$ ).

5. Write  $u(x, y) = T(t)X(x), \dots$

6. This is a transport equation with inhomogeneous term  $f$ . A detailed solution was given in the handout Monday Feb 22.

7. a)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-|x|^2} dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x_1^2} \dots e^{-x_n^2} dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x_1^2} dx_1 \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x_n^2} dx_n \end{aligned}$$

There are a few ways to evaluate  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$ . For instance using polar coordinate  $(r, \theta)$  in 2 dimensions for  $x = (x_1, x_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-|x|^2} dx_1 dx_2 &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r dr \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r dr = -\pi \int_0^{\infty} d(e^{-r^2}) = \pi \end{aligned}$$

Meanwhile,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-|x|^2} dx_1 dx_2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-x_1^2} e^{-x_2^2} dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x_1^2} dx_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x_2^2} dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

which shows  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$

b)  $\int p_t(x, y) dx = 1$  follows from a) by scaling or change of variables.

c) For fixed  $\delta > 0$ , a change of variables  $u = (y - x)/\sqrt{4kt}$  gives

$$\int_{|x-y| \geq \delta} \frac{1}{(4k\pi t)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4kt}} dy = \int_{|u| \geq \delta/\sqrt{4kt}} e^{-|u|^2} du \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0$$

d) Let  $f \in L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . We may assume  $f \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , that is,  $f$  is bounded continuous function. Then

$$u(t, x) - f(x) =$$

$$\int_{|x-y| < \delta} p_t(x, y) [f(y) - f(x)] dy + \int_{|x-y| \geq \delta} p_t(x, y) [f(y) - f(x)] dy := I_1 + I_2.$$

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(y) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $|y - x| < \delta$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \varepsilon \int_{|x-y| < \delta} p_t(x, y) dy \leq \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} p_t(x, y) dy = \varepsilon \\ \text{and } |I_2| &\leq 2C \int_{|x-y| \geq \delta} p_t(x, y) dy \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

we see immediately that  $u(t, x) - f(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

8. a) Show  $Q'(t) = 0$  using the Schrödinger equation and integration by parts.

b) Similar method.

9. Sub  $y = x - Vt$  and we have  $u(x, t) = u(y + Vt, t) := \tilde{u}(y, t)$ , where  $x = x(y, t) = y + Vt$ . By chain rule,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\tilde{u}(y, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}[u(y + Vt, t)] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}u(x, t) \cdot V + \frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x, t) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\tilde{u}(y, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}[u(y + Vt, t)] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}u(x, t) \cdot 1.\end{aligned}$$

Sub the above into the  $u_t - ku_{xx} + Vu_x = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = \phi(x)$ . We find that  $\tilde{u}_t - k\tilde{u}_{yy} = 0$ ,  $\tilde{u}(y, 0) = \phi(y)$ . Thus  $\tilde{u}(y, t) = \int p_t(y, z)\phi(z)dz$  which gives that

$$\begin{aligned}u(x, t) &= \int p_t(x - Vt, z)\phi(z)dz \\ &= \frac{1}{(4k\pi t)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\frac{|x - Vt - z|^2}{4kt}} \phi(z)dz.\end{aligned}$$

10. By reflection method as described in Section 3.3, extend  $u(x, t)$  as odd function on  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , and then periodically on  $\mathbb{R}$ , which we call  $v(x, t)$ . Also do the same for  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ . Then  $v$  satisfies the wave equation on  $\mathbb{R}$  with initial condition  $v(x, 0) = \tilde{\phi}$ ,  $v_t(x, 0) = \tilde{\psi}$ , with a little abuse of notation we will continue to call them  $\phi, \psi$ . Thus the solution is given by

$$v(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(\phi(x + ct) + \phi(x - ct)) + \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(s)ds$$

Note that the boundary condition is automatically satisfied because of the odd symmetries on **both**  $x = 0, x = \pi/2$ . As in the text, the strip  $(0, \pi/2) \times \mathbb{R}$  divided into diamond regions. Inside each of these diamond, the wave propagates through a chain of reflections against the boundaries,  $\phi(x \pm ct)$  has different sign depending on the number of reflections, similarly for  $\pm\psi$ . After some simple calculations, the express of  $v(x, t)$  has a domain of dependence resulting from those reflections.

11. The inhomogeneous problem on the line has the solution

$$\begin{aligned}v(x, t) &= e^{t\Delta}\phi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)\Delta}f(x, s)ds \\ &= \int p_t(x, y)\phi(y)dy + \int_0^t ds \int p_{t-s}(x, y)f(y, s)dy\end{aligned}$$

Make odd extension of  $u$  to  $v$  with  $\phi(-x) = -\phi(x)$ , then restrict  $u = v|_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+}$  to obtain the solution.