

**MATH 6341, Fall 2023**  
**Midterm, November 3, 2023**

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**Guideline:** Please read the following carefully.

Print your name first. Remember to show all your work; including all intermediate steps and also explain in words how you are solving a problem. Partial credits are available for most problems. **Correct answers without major steps will only receive minor portion of the credits of the whole problem.** Work by your own, no discussion with others is permitted.

**Problem 1** (30 pts) Identify the types of the following equation

$$x^2 u_{xx} + 2xy u_{xy} + y^2 u_{yy} = 0,$$

and then transfer it into standard form.

(Additional page for Problem 1)

**Problem 2** (30 pts) Consider the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t + uu_x = -2u, & x \in \mathbf{R}, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \in C^1(\mathbf{R}). \end{cases}$$

Here,  $u_0(x)$  has bounded  $C^1$ -norm.

a) (20 pts) Determine the sufficient and necessary conditions on the initial data  $u_0(x)$  for this problem to have a unique global smooth solution.

b) (10 pts) If  $u_0(x)$  satisfies the conditions found in part a), prove that the global solution  $u(x, t)$  satisfies that  $\|u(x, t)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R})}$  converges to zero as  $t$  goes to infinity.

**Problem 3** (20 pt) Let  $B(0, 1)$  be the unit ball in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  centered at the origin. Find a bounded solution to the following Dirichlet problem outside  $B(0, 1)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\Delta u(x) = 0, \quad |x| > 1, \\ u(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{7 + 4\sqrt{3}x_3}}, \quad \text{for } |x| = 1. \end{array} \right.$$

**Problem 4** (20 pt) Let  $D(0, r)$  be the disk on  $\mathbf{R}^2$  centered at the origin with radius  $r$  with boundary  $C$ . Find the function  $u(\rho, \theta)$  in polar coordinates so that it is harmonic on  $D(0, r)$  and  $u(r, \theta) = 1 + \cos^2(\theta)$  on  $C$ .

**Hint:**  $\cos^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2\theta))$ .