

MATH 480: HOMEWORK 1  
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**NOTE:** For each homework assignment observe the following guidelines:

- Include a cover page and an assignment sheet.
- Always clearly label all plots (title,  $x$ -label,  $y$ -label, and legend).
- Use the `subplot` command from MATLAB when comparing 2 or more plots to make comparisons easier and to save paper.

Read sections 1.1-1.5, Appendix to 1.5, sections 2.1-2.3, Appendix to 2.3, section 2.4.

1. Solve each of the following ODEs for  $y(x)$ :

- (a)  $y'' + 16y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .  
 (b)  $y'' + 6y' + 9y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ .  
 (c)  $y''' - y'' + y' - y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = y''(0) = 0$ .

2. Integration by parts allows us to transfer the derivative from one part of the integrand to another:

$$\int_a^b f(x) g'(x) dx = \left[ f(x) g(x) \right]_a^b - \int_a^b f'(x) g(x) dx.$$

Prove that the above statement is true. (**HINT:** think product rule!)

3. A linear PDE can be written in differential operator notation  $\mathcal{L}(u) = f$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the linear differential operator,  $u$  is the unknown function, and  $f$  is the right-hand side function. For each of the following PDEs, determine the linear operator and the right-hand side function, the order of the PDE, and whether the PDE is homogeneous or nonhomogeneous:

- (a)  $u_{xxx} + u_{yyy} - u = 0$   
 (b)  $u_{tt} - u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz} = xyz$   
 (c)  $x^2 u_{xx} - y^2 u_y = \cos(x) - \sin(y)$   
 (d)  $y^2 u_{xx} - x^2 u_y = \cos(y) - \sin(x)$   
 (e)  $u_t - \cos(xt) u_{xxx} - t^5 = t^2 u$

4. The following convection-diffusion-decay equation appears in many physical applications:

$$u_t = D u_{xx} - c u_x - \lambda u.$$

Show that this equation can be transformed into a heat equation for  $w(x, t)$  by applying the transformation

$$u(x, t) = w(x, t) e^{\alpha x - \beta t}.$$

**HINT:** You will only obtain a heat equation for  $w(x, t)$  with an appropriate choice for the constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in terms of the constants  $D$ ,  $c$ , and  $\lambda$ . Determine the choice for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  that produces a heat equation for  $w(x, t)$ .

5. Consider the heat equation:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= (K_0(x) u_x)_x \\ u(0, t) &= 0 \\ u(1, t) &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_0(x) = e^x / \cos(x)$ .

- (a) Determine the steady-state solution.
- (b) Plot the steady-state solution in MATLAB. Always clearly label all plots. Include your code.

6. Consider the heat equation:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= (K_0(x) u_x)_x + Q(t) \\ u(1, t) &= 0 \\ u(2, t) &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_0(x) = x^2$ .

- (a) Under what condition on the heat source  $Q(t)$  does a steady-state solution exist for this problem? Clearly explain your answer.
- (b) Under this condition, determine the steady-state solution.

7. Consider the function:

$$u(x, t) = \sin(4\pi x) e^{-\pi t}.$$

- (a) Plot this function in MATLAB over the domain  $(x, t) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  using the `mesh` command. Always clearly label all plots. (**HINT:** see page 4 of the “Introduction to Plotting with MATLAB” guide available on the course webpage at: [https://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~barannyk/Teaching/tutorial\\_plotting\\_Matlab.pdf](https://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~barannyk/Teaching/tutorial_plotting_Matlab.pdf).)
- (b) Explain what you observe.

8. If  $\mathcal{L}$  is a linear operator, prove that  $\mathcal{L}\left(\sum_{n=1}^M c_n u_n\right) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^M c_n \mathcal{L}u_n\right)$ .

(*Hint:* use induction to prove this result. See Lecture 5 for an example of mathematical induction.)

9. Evaluate

$$\int_0^L \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{L} dx$$

where  $n, m$  are both integers with  $n \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 0$ . Use the trigonometric identity

$$\cos a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(a + b) + \cos(a - b)].$$

(Be careful if  $a - b = 0$  or  $a + b = 0$ .)

10. **Separation of Variables.** By using  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  or  $u(x, y, t) = X(x)Y(y)T(t)$ , separate the following PDEs into two or three ODEs for  $X$  and  $T$  or  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $T$ . The parameters  $c$  and  $k$  are constants. You do not need to solve the equations. *Note:* one of the equations cannot be separated. Indicate this when you discover that equation.

- (a)  $u_{tt} = (xu_x)_x$
- (b)  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$
- (c)  $u_t = k(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$
- (d)  $u_t = k(yu_x + u_y)$
- (e)  $u_t + cu_x = ku_{xx}$
- (f)  $u_t = k(yu_x + xu_y)$

11. Consider the following boundary value problem (if necessary, see Section 2.4.1 of the textbook):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad u(x, 0) = f(x).$$

- (a) Give a one-sentence physical interpretation of this problem.
- (b) Solve by the method of separation of variables. First show that there are no separated solutions which exponentially grow in time. [*Hint:* The answer is

$$u(x, t) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n e^{-\lambda_n kt} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \Big].$$

What are  $\lambda_n$ ,  $A_n$ ?

12. Consider the polar coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta.$$

- (a) Since  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ , show that  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \cos \theta$ ,  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \sin \theta$ ,  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$ , and  $\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = -\frac{\sin \theta}{r}$ .
- (b) Show that  $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{j}}$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = -\sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{j}}$ .
- (c) Using the chain rule, show that  $\nabla = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$  and hence  $\nabla u = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$ .
- (d) If  $\vec{A} = A_1 \hat{\mathbf{r}} + A_2 \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ , show that  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rA_1) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(A_2)$ , since  $\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \theta} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  and  $\frac{\partial \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{\partial \theta} = -\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  follows from part (b).
- (e) Show that  $\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}$ .

13. **Heat Equation with Circular Symmetry.** Assume that the temperature is circularly symmetric:  $u = u(r, t)$ , where  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ . Consider any circular annulus  $a \leq r \leq b$ .

(a) Show that the total heat energy is  $2\pi \int_a^b c\rho ur \, dr$ .

(b) Show that the flow of heat energy per unit time out of the annulus at  $r = b$  is

$$\phi = -2\pi b K_0 \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right|_{r=b}.$$

A similar results holds at  $r = a$ .

(c) Assuming the thermal properties are spatially homogeneous, use parts (a) and (b) to derive the circularly symmetric heat equation without sources:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\kappa}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right).$$

(d) Find the equilibrium temperature distribution inside the circular annulus  $a \leq r \leq b$  if the outer radius is insulated and the inner radius is at temperature  $T$ .