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This exam has 4 questions for a total of 20 points.

NAME: Solutions

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Show and explain all of your work unless the question directs otherwise. Simplify all answers.
- The use of a calculator is permitted.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets. If you run out of room for an answer, continue on the back of the page.

This is a two-stage exam. You have 45 minutes to complete the exam individually, then you will hand in the tests and join your group to redo the test as a group in the remaining 35 minutes.

Problem Number	1	2	3	4	<b>Total</b>
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Points Out Of	5	5	6	4	20

- 5 1. Use the method of characteristics to transform the PDE below into an ODE. Sketch the characteristic lines. *Note: Do not solve the ODE!!*

$$2u_x - 3u_y + x^2u = \frac{1}{y} \quad (1)$$

Let

$$\begin{cases} w = -3x - 2y \\ z = y \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 3x = -2y - w \\ y = z \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{3}(2z + w) \\ y = z \end{cases}$$

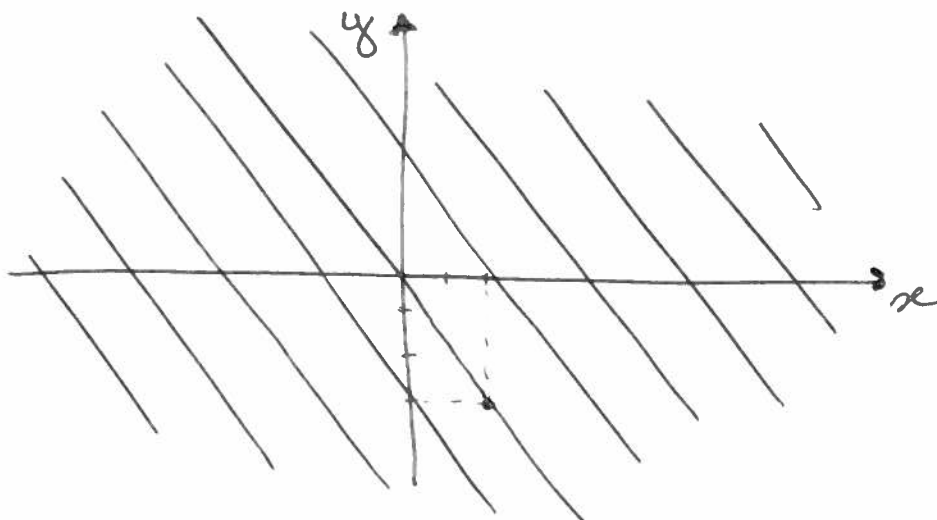
Then, if  $v(w, z) = u(x, y)$ ,

$$2u_x - 3u_y + x^2u = \frac{1}{y} \Leftrightarrow -3v_z + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 (2z+w)^2 v = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v_z - \frac{1}{27} (2z+w)^2 v = -\frac{1}{3z}$$

Characteristic lines: lines of constant  $w$ .

$$w = k \Leftrightarrow -3x - 2y = k \Leftrightarrow -2y = 3x + k \Leftrightarrow y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \tilde{k}$$



- 5 2. Use the technique of "separation of variables" to transform the PDE below into a pair of ODEs. At a critical point in the calculations, why can you set both sides equal to  $-\lambda$ ? (Note: Simply state the ODEs; do not solve them!)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - k \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \mu e^{ax} u \quad (2)$$

Note that  $k$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $a$  are constants.

Let  $u(x, t) = F(x)G(t)$ . Then (2) becomes

$$FG'' - kFG' = \alpha^2 F''G + \mu e^{ax} FG \quad \text{div } 1/$$

$$\text{div } 1/ \quad \frac{FG''}{\alpha^2 FG} - \frac{kFG'}{\alpha^2 FG} = \frac{\alpha^2 F''G}{\alpha^2 FG} + \frac{\mu e^{ax} FG}{\alpha^2 FG}$$

$$\text{div } \frac{G''}{\alpha^2 G} - \frac{kG'}{\alpha^2 G} = \frac{F''}{F} + \frac{\mu e^{ax}}{\alpha^2}$$

depends on  
 $t$  only

depends on  
 $x$  only

$\therefore$  ea side must be equal to a cst.

We write:

$$\frac{G''}{\alpha^2 G} - \frac{kG'}{\alpha^2 G} = \frac{F''}{F} + \frac{\mu e^{ax}}{\alpha^2} = -\lambda$$

which gives us two ODEs:

$$G'' - kG' + \lambda \alpha^2 G = 0$$

$$F'' + \left( \frac{\mu e^{ax}}{\alpha^2} + \lambda \right) F = 0$$

- 6 3. What are the eigenfunctions and eigenvalues of the BVP below? Assume  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\rho > 0$ .  
*Note: This assumption gives you just one case to consider.*

$$F''(x) + 2F'(x) + (1 + \rho^2)F(x) = 0, \quad 0 < x < 2\pi, \quad (3a)$$

$$F(0) = F(2\pi) = 0. \quad (3b)$$

Characteristic equation:

$$r^2 + 2r + (1 + \rho^2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow r = -1 \pm \sqrt{1 - (1 + \rho^2)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r = -1 \pm \sqrt{-\rho^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r = -1 \pm i\rho$$

$$\therefore F(x) = e^{-x} (c_1 \cos(\rho x) + c_2 \sin(\rho x))$$

Now apply the BCs:

$$\begin{cases} F(0) = 0 \\ F(2\pi) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 0 \\ e^{-2\pi} c_2 \sin(2\pi\rho) = 0 \end{cases}$$

For nontrivial solutions we require

$$2\pi\rho = n\pi \Leftrightarrow \rho = \frac{n}{2}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Thus, we have

$$\text{eigenvalues: } \rho = \frac{n}{2}$$

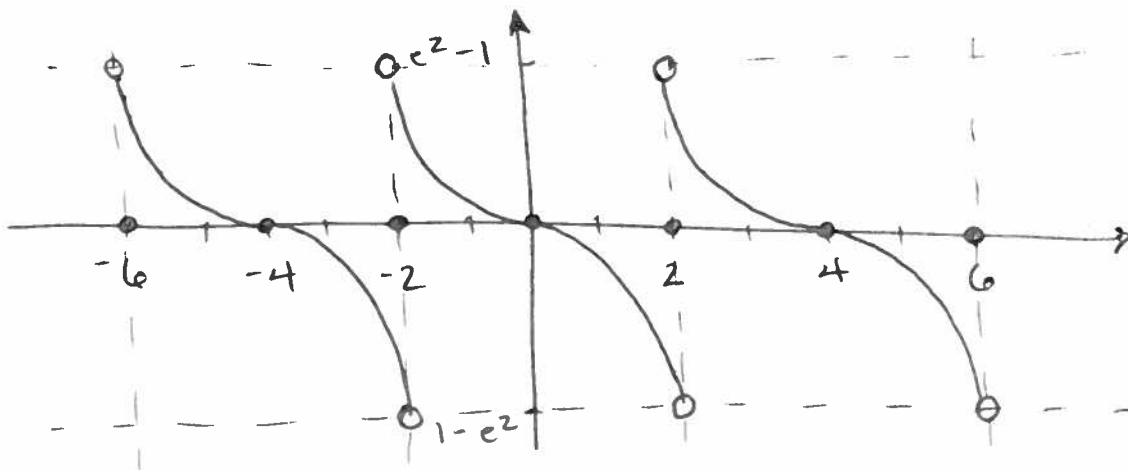
$$\text{eigenfunctions: } F_n(x) = B_n e^{-x} \sin\left(\frac{n x}{2}\right)$$

4. Consider the function

$$f(x) = 1 - e^x, \quad 0 < x < 2. \quad (4)$$

A sketch of the function is shown in Figure 1 (last page of the test).

- 2 (a) On the interval  $[-6, 6]$ , sketch the function to which the Fourier sine approximation of  $f(x)$  converges.



- 2 (b) The Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$  is written

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(\gamma x).$$

- (a) What is  $\gamma$ ?

$$\gamma = \frac{n\pi}{L} = \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

- (b) Write the formula for the coefficients  $b_n$ . *Note: Do not solve for the coefficients!*

$$b_n = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 (1 - e^x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

Solution to Bonus problem #4(b), Group Test

$$b_n = \int_0^2 (1 - e^x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx - \int_0^2 e^x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \Big|_0^2 - \left[ \frac{e^x}{\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)^2 + 1} \left( \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) - \frac{n\pi}{2} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \right) \right]_0^2$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \left[ \cos(n\pi) - \cos(0) \right] - \left[ \frac{e^2}{\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)^2 + 1} \left( \sin(n\pi) - \frac{n\pi}{2} \cos(n\pi) \right) \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)^2 + 1} \left( \sin(0) - \frac{n\pi}{2} \cos(0) \right)$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n\pi} (\cos(n\pi) - 1) + \frac{4e^2}{(n\pi)^2 + 4} \frac{n\pi}{2} \cos(n\pi) - \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2 + 4} \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n\pi} (\cos(n\pi) - 1) + \frac{2n\pi}{(n\pi)^2 + 4} (e^2 \cos(n\pi) - 1)$$

OR

$$= -\frac{2}{n\pi} ((-1)^n - 1) + \frac{2n\pi}{(n\pi)^2 + 4} (e^2 (-1)^n - 1)$$