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 This exam has 7 questions for a total of 40 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	5	6	7	Total
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Points Out Of	6	3	6	6	6	5	5	35 + 5 bonus 40

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 - not included in indiv. test  
 - bonus on group test.

6 1. Consider the PDE problem below:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \beta \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) &= U_1, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = U_2, & t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x), & 0 < x < L. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are constants. Derive and solve the steady state problem that arises from the PDE problem above.

$u(x, t) = v(x) + w(x, t)$  where  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w(x, t) = 0$

Then, for large  $t$  the PDE becomes

$$\beta v'' = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = Ax + B$$

Also, for large  $t$  the BCs become

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (v(0) + w(0, t)) = v(0) = U_1 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (v'(L) + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}(L, t)) = v'(L) = U_2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} B = U_1 \\ A = U_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{v(x) = U_2 x + U_1}$$

3 2. Given that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= 25 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0, \\ u_t(x, 0) &= 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x), & -\infty < x < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

what is the d'Alembert solution? Write it out algebraically, and then show what this solution means on the axis below by sketching the solution at  $t=2$ .

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} (f(x+5t) + f(x-5t))$$

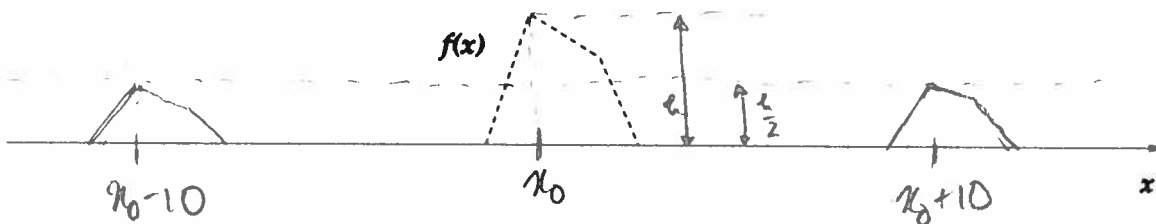


Figure 1: Plot of  $f(x)$  for question 2.

6 3. Consider the BVP below:

$$F''(x) + \mu^2 F(x) = 0, \quad F'(0) = 0, \quad F(1) + F'(1) = 0.$$

Show that this BVP has multiple solutions (assume  $\mu > 0$ ).

The general solution is

$$F(x) = c_1 \cos(\mu x) + c_2 \sin(\mu x)$$

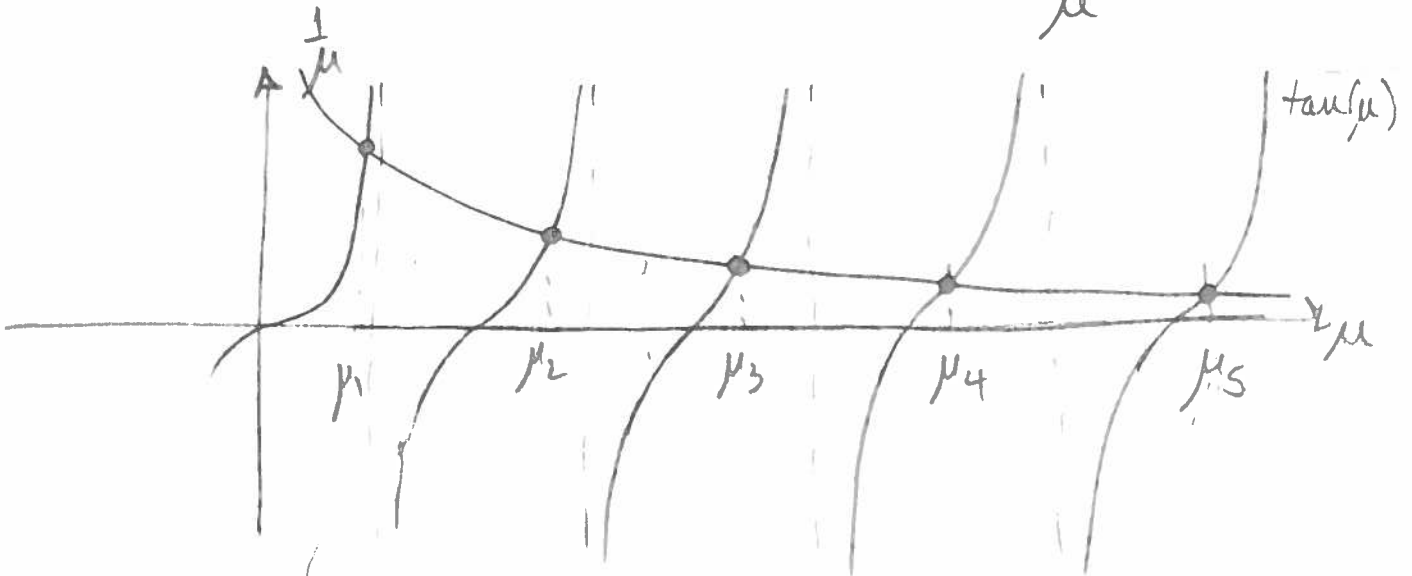
Apply the BCs

$$F'(0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow -\mu c_1 \sin(\mu \cdot 0) + \mu c_2 \cos(\mu \cdot 0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$F(1) + F'(1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow c_1 \cos(\mu) - \mu c_1 \sin(\mu) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos(\mu) = \mu \sin(\mu) \quad c_1 \neq 0$$

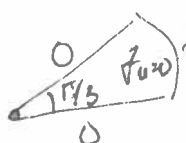
$$\Leftrightarrow \tan(\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu} \quad \dots \quad (1)$$



We see that there are multiple values  $\mu_n$  that satisfy (1),  $\therefore$  multiple solutions

$$F_n(x) = \cos(\mu_n x), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

4. Laplace's equation on a wedge:



$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0, \quad 0 < r < 1, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{3}, \quad (1)$$

$$u(r, 0) = u\left(r, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 0, \quad u(1, \theta) = f(\theta), \quad 0 < r < 1, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{3}. \quad (2)$$

By assuming  $u(r, \theta) = F(r)G(\theta)$ , we reduce the PDE problem above to a pair of ODE problems. Solving, we find that the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the  $\theta$  problem are

$$\lambda_n = (3n)^2, \quad G_n(\theta) = \sin(3n\theta), \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (3)$$

The corresponding problem in  $r$  is

$$r^2 F'' + rF' - \lambda F = 0. \quad (4)$$

6 (a) Solve for  $F(r)$ .

Solutions are of the form  $F(r) = r^\alpha$ . Plugging this into (4) we have

$$r^2 \alpha(\alpha-1)r^{\alpha-2} + r \alpha r^{\alpha-1} - \lambda r^\alpha = 0 \Leftrightarrow \uparrow$$

$$\uparrow \Leftrightarrow \alpha(\alpha-1)r^\alpha + \alpha r^\alpha - \lambda r^\alpha = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha^2 - \alpha + \alpha - \lambda = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha^2 - \lambda = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha = \pm\sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha = \pm\sqrt{\lambda} = \pm 3n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\therefore F_n(r) = a_n r^{3n} + b_n r^{-3n}$$

On the wedge,  $r$  takes on the value zero, so we need to set  $b_n = 0$  so that  $F_n(0)$  is finite. Thus

$$F_n(r) = a_n r^{3n}$$

3 (b) Write the formal solution for  $u(r, \theta)$  and include the formula for the unknown Fourier coefficients.

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n r^{3n} \sin(3n\theta)$$

$$\text{where } a_n = \frac{6}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/3} f(\theta) \sin(3n\theta) d\theta$$

6 5. Consider the functions

$$\left\{ \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \quad (5)$$

Show that these functions form an orthogonal set on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq L$  with respect to the weight function  $w(x) = 1$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^L \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{(n+m)\pi x}{L}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{(n-m)\pi x}{L}\right) \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{L}{(n+m)\pi} \sin\left(\frac{(n+m)\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{L}{(n-m)\pi} \sin\left(\frac{(n-m)\pi x}{L}\right) \right]_0^L \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} II &= \int_0^L \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) \right) dx \\ &= \frac{L}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{L}{2n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^L \\ &= \frac{L}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore I = 0$  and  $II \neq 0$ , we conclude that the given set of functions is orthogonal.

5 6. Given

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\alpha\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}, \text{ on } 0 < x < L, \quad (6)$$

where

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \frac{5}{3} \sin\left(\frac{6\pi x}{L}\right) + 3, \quad (7)$$

find the Fourier coefficients  $c_n$  and write out the full solution for  $u(x, t)$ .

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = \underbrace{\frac{5}{3} \sin\left(\frac{6\pi x}{L}\right)}_{f_1(x)} + \underbrace{3}_{f_2(x)}$$

We can write

$$f_1(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad \text{where } a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{5}{3} & \text{if } n=6 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$f_2(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad \text{where } b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L 3 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{6}{L} \left( -\frac{L}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \Big|_0^L$$

$$= -\frac{6}{n\pi} [(1)^n - 1]$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{5}{3} \sin\left(\frac{6\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\alpha\left(\frac{6\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{6}{n\pi} ((-1)^n - 1) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-\alpha\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 t}$$

- 5 7. (Note: This problem is a BONUS on the GROUP test. If you have extra time, you can get started on it here.)

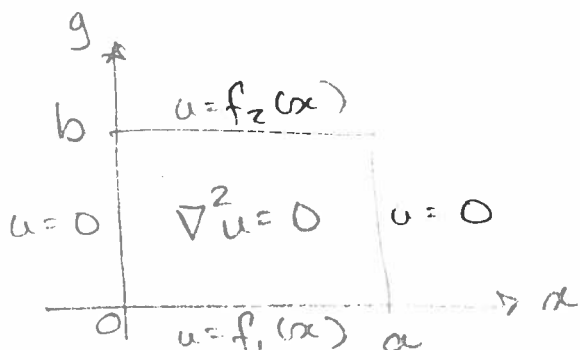
Consider the following Dirichlet Laplace problem on a rectangular domain:

$$\nabla^2 u = 0, \quad 0 < x < a, \quad 0 < y < b, \quad (8)$$

$$u(0, y) = u(a, y) = 0, \quad 0 < y < b, \quad (9)$$

$$u(x, 0) = f_1(x), \quad u(x, b) = f_2(y), \quad 0 < x < a. \quad (10)$$

Find the formal solution for  $u(x, y)$  (don't solve for the Fourier coefficients).



Assume  
 $u(x, y) = F(x)G(y) \dots (10a)$   
 and plug into (8). We obtain:

$$F''G + G''F = 0 \text{ so } \underbrace{\frac{F''}{F}}_{x\text{-dep}} = - \underbrace{\frac{G''}{G}}_{y\text{-dep}} = - \underbrace{\lambda}_{\text{constant}} \dots (10b)$$

Plugging (10a) into the homogeneous BCs (9):

$$\begin{cases} F(0)G(y) = 0 \\ F(a)G(y) = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} F(0) = 0 \\ F(a) = 0 \end{cases} \text{ (for nontrivial (10c) solutions)}$$

(10b) with (10c) gives us

$$\textcircled{A} \begin{cases} F'' + \lambda F = 0 \\ F(0) = F(a) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \textcircled{B} \quad G'' - \lambda G = 0$$

We know that nontrivial solutions to  $\textcircled{A}$  only occur for  $\lambda = \mu^2 > 0$ .

(Question 7 continued.)

$$\therefore F(x) = c_1 \cos(\mu x) + c_2 \sin(\mu x)$$

Apply the BCs:

$$F(0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$F(a) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sin(\mu a) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mu a = n\pi \Leftrightarrow \mu = \frac{n\pi}{a}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\therefore F_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

Now solve (B):

$$G_n'' - \lambda_n G_n = 0 \Leftrightarrow G_n'' - \left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2 G_n = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow G_n = a_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) + b_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi(y-b)}{a}\right)$$

$$\therefore u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi y}{a}\right) + b_n \cosh\left(\frac{n\pi(y-b)}{a}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \quad \dots (10d)$$

Apply the nonhomogeneous BCs:

$$i) u(x, 0) = f_1(x) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cosh\left(-\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$\therefore b_n = \frac{-1}{\cosh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f_1(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx \quad \dots (10e)$$



$$\text{ii) } u(x, b) = f_2(x) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) = f_2(x)$$

$$\therefore a_n = \frac{1}{\sinh\left(\frac{n\pi b}{a}\right)} \frac{2}{a} \int_0^a f_2(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) dx \quad \dots (10f)$$

Together, (10d), (10e), and (10f) form the formal solution for  $u(x, y)$ .