

## Exam Solutions

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1. a) 2. order, non-linear

b) 2. order, linear, inhomogeneous, hyperbolic

$$AC - B^2 = (4xy^3)(xy) - (2x\sqrt{y})^2 = 4x^2y(y^3 - 1) < 0 \text{ for } \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > 0, 0 < y < 1\}$$

c) 3. order, linear, inhomogeneous

2. We Laplace transform both sides of the integral equation

$$\mathcal{F} \left[ y(t) + 2 \int_0^t y(\tau) e^{(t-\tau)} d\tau \right] = Y(s) + 2Y(s) \frac{1}{s-1} = Y(s) \frac{s+1}{s-1},$$

$$\mathcal{F} [te^t] = \frac{1}{(s-1)^2},$$

where we have used the convolution property on the left side and the s-shift on the right hand side. Solving for  $Y(s)$  leads to

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s-1)} = \frac{1}{(s^2-1)}.$$

We transform back and get

$$y(t) = \sinh(t).$$

3. a) D'Alembert's formula for the solution of the wave equation is given by

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} (f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(y) dy.$$

With the given initial conditions we get

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{-(x+ct)^2} \sin^2(x+ct) + e^{-(x-ct)^2} \sin^2(x-ct) + (x+ct) + (x-ct) \right) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} ye^{-y^2} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{-(x+ct)^2} \sin^2(x+ct) + e^{-(x-ct)^2} \sin^2(x-ct) + 2x \right) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dy} e^{-y^2} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{-(x+ct)^2} \sin^2(x+ct) + e^{-(x-ct)^2} \sin^2(x-ct) + 2x \right) - \frac{1}{4c} \left( e^{-(x+ct)^2} - e^{-(x-ct)^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(a, t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{-(a+ct)^2} \sin^2(a+ct) + e^{-(a-ct)^2} \sin^2(a-ct) + 2a \right) - \frac{1}{4c} \left( e^{-(a+ct)^2} - e^{-(a-ct)^2} \right) = a$$

4. a) (i)

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ax^2} dx = \sqrt{2\pi} \mathcal{F} \left[ e^{-ax^2} \right] (0) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$$

(ii)

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} x e^{-ax^2} dx = \sqrt{2\pi} i \frac{d}{d\omega} \mathcal{F} \left[ e^{-ax^2} \right] (0) = i \frac{d}{d\omega} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4a}} \Big|_{\omega=0} = 0$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 e^{-ax^2} dx &= \sqrt{2\pi} i^2 \frac{d^2}{d\omega^2} \mathcal{F} \left[ e^{-ax^2} \right] (0) \\ &= -\frac{d^2}{d\omega^2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4a}} \Big|_{\omega=0} \\ &= \left( \frac{d}{d\omega} \frac{\omega}{2a} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4a}} \Big|_{\omega=0} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4a^3}} \end{aligned}$$

b) With  $f(x) = x^2$  and a transformation of variables  $y_{new} = x - y$  we get

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^2 K(x-y, t) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-y)^2 K(y, t) dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x^2 - 2xy + y^2) e^{-\frac{y^2}{4t}} dy.$$

Now we use the results from the first part with  $a = \frac{1}{4t}$  to calculate the integral:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \left( x^2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} + 0 + \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4a^3}} \right) \Big|_{a=\frac{1}{4t}} = x^2 + 2t.$$

5. a) We determine the Fourier integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \sin(nx) dx &= x^2 \frac{-1}{n} \cos(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} 2x \frac{-1}{n} \cos(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{-\pi^2}{n} (-1)^n + 2 \int_0^{\pi} \frac{-1}{n^2} \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{-\pi^2}{n} (-1)^n + 2 \frac{1}{n^3} \cos(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\ &= \frac{-\pi^2}{n} (-1)^n + 2 \frac{1}{n^3} ((-1)^n - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\pi x \sin(nx) dx &= x \frac{-1}{n} \cos(nx) \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi \frac{-1}{n} \cos(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{-1\pi}{n} (-1)^n.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the real Fourier series of  $f$  is given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx),$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x(\pi - x) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= 2 \frac{-1\pi}{n} (-1)^n - \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \frac{-\pi^2}{n} (-1)^n + 2 \frac{1}{n^3} ((-1)^n - 1) \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{n^3 \pi} (1 - (-1)^n).\end{aligned}$$

b) Using separation of variables we set  $u(x, y) = F(x)G(y)$  and obtain

$$u_{xx} = F''(x)G(y) \quad \text{and} \quad u_{yy} = F(x)G''(y),$$

which plugged into the PDE gives

$$F''(x)G(y) + F(x)G''(y) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (-1) \cdot \frac{G''(y)}{G(y)} = \frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = k, \quad (1)$$

where  $k$  is a constant. The boundary conditions  $u(0, y) = 0$  and  $u(\pi, y) = 0$  (we are considering  $G(y) \not\equiv 0$  as otherwise  $u$  would be trivial) translate into

$$F(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F(\pi) = 0.$$

Consequently we first need to solve the following initial value problem:

$$\begin{cases} F''(x) = kF(x), \\ F(0) = F(\pi) = 0. \end{cases}$$

One has to distinguish the following cases, depending on the sign of  $k$ :

$k = 0$ : In this case the general solution is given by  $F_0(x) = Ax + B$ . Plugging in the boundary conditions gives the trivial solution  $A = 0 = B$ , i.e.  $F_0(x) = Ax + B = 0$ .

$k > 0$ : In this case the general solution is given by  $F(x) = Ae^{\sqrt{k}x} + Be^{-\sqrt{k}x}$ . Plugging in the boundary conditions, gives again the trivial solution  $A = 0 = B$ .

$k < 0$ : In this case the general solution is given by  $F(x) = A \cos(\sqrt{-k}x) + B \sin(\sqrt{-k}x)$ .  
From the first boundary condition we obtain the requirement that

$$F(x) = B \sin(px),$$

and from the second  $\sqrt{-k} = n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e. all the solutions are of the form

$$F_n(x) = A_n \sin(nx).$$

Now we solve the second ODE coming from Equation (1), i.e we solve

$$\begin{cases} G_n(y) = n^2 G(y) \\ G_n(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

For  $n = 0$ , the general solution is given by

$$G_0(y) = Cy + D,$$

and the boundary condition gives  $B = 0$ , thus

$$G_0(y) = Cy.$$

For  $n \geq 1$ , the solutions are of the form

$$G_n(y) = B_n \sinh(ny).$$

Consequently for  $n = 0$  we obtain the solution

$$u_0(x, y) = F_0(x)G_0(y) = 0$$

and for any  $n \geq 1$ , we obtain the solution

$$u_n(x, y) = F_n(x) \cdot G_n(y) = A_n \sin(nx) \cdot B_n \sinh(ny) =: C_n \sin(nx) \sinh(ny).$$

In order to fulfil the inhomogeneous boundary condition we use the superposition principle and get the following ansatz for a general solution

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(nx) \sinh(ny).$$

We are left with the inhomogeneous boundary condition

$$u(x, \pi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin(nx) \sinh(n\pi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) = f(x).$$

Comparing the coefficients leads to

$$C_n = \frac{1}{\sinh(n\pi)} b_n.$$

Hence we get the solution

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{\sinh(n\pi)} \sin(nx) \sinh(ny).$$