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FACULTY OF SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Examination 2021 ...

Course Code: MTH 422
Course Title: PDE
Credit Unit: 3
Time Allowed: 3 Hours
Total: 70 Marks
Instruction: Answer Question Number one and any Other Four Questions

1. (a). Classify the following according to type
 - i. $u_{xx} + 2yu_{xy} + xu_{yy} - u_x + u = 0$
 - ii. $2xyu_{xy} + xu_y + yu_x = 0$
 - iii. $u_{xx} + u_{xy} + 5u_{yx} + u_{yy} + 2u_{yz} + u_{zz} = 0$ **(2 marks each)**
 - iv. $2u_{xx} - 4u_{xy} - 6u_{yy} + u_x = 0$
 - v. $4u_{xx} + 12u_{xy} + 9u_{yy} - 2u_x + u = 0$
- (b). Solve the following PDE for $u(x, t)$ using the methods of characteristics

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 5 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t > 0$$
 and $u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2}$ **(4 marks)**
- (c). Suppose that $u = u(x, t)$ and $v = v(x, t)$ have partial derivatives related in the following way:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$
 Show that u and v are solution of the wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$ with $c = 1$ **(4 marks)**
- (d). Use the change of variables $\alpha = x + ct, \beta = x - ct$ to transform the wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$ into $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} = 0$. (you should assume that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha}$.) **(4 marks)**
2. (a). Using the following solution $u(x, t) = F(x + ct) + G(x - ct)$ solve the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$
 for the data $u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0, -\infty < x < \infty$. **(6 marks)**
- (b). Solve $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, u(0, t) = 0, \text{ for } t \geq 0 \text{ and } u(L, t) = 0, \text{ for } t \geq 0$ and initial conditions, $u(x, 0) = f(x), \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq L$



and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = g(x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq L$ for the data:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{L} + \frac{2}{5} \sin \frac{7\pi x}{L}, \quad g(x) = 0 \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

3. (a). Using the following solution $u(x, t) = F(x + ct) + G(x - ct)$ solve the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

for the data $u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0, -\infty < x < \infty. \quad (6 \text{ marks})$

- (b). Solve $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad u(0, t) = 0, \text{ for } t \geq 0 \text{ and } u(L, t) = 0, \text{ for } t \geq 0$ and initial conditions, $u(x, 0) = f(x), \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq L$

and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = g(x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq L$ for the data:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{L} + \frac{2}{5} \sin \frac{7\pi x}{L}, \quad g(x) = 0 \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

4. a. Using the solution $u(x, t) = F(x + ct) + G(x - ct)$ of the wave equation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$

where F and G are arbitrary differentiable functions of one variable, solve the wave equation with initial data $u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad (6 \text{ marks})$

- b. Solve the wave equation with initial data

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = -2xe^{-x^2} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

5. (a). Find the dimension and order of the following PDEs. Which are linear, and which are homogeneous ?

i. Heat equation: $u_t = Du_{xx} + f(x) \quad (2 \text{ marks})$

ii. Wave equation: $u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 \quad (2 \text{ marks})$

iii. Laplace's equation: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \quad (2 \text{ marks})$

iv. Kdv equation: $u_t + uu_{xx} + u_{xxx} = 1 \quad (2 \text{ marks})$

- (b). Solve the following PDE for $u(x, t)$ using the method of characteristics

$$L = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + 5 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0, \quad u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2} \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

6. (a). Suppose that u_1 and u_2 are solutions of $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$, show that $c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2$ is also a solution, where c_1 and c_2 are constants. (2 marks)

- (b). Solve the normalized wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(\pi, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sin x, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, 0) = \sin x \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$