

1. Assume that u satisfies a general homogeneous linear partial differential equation of second order

$$a u_{xx} + b u_{xy} + c u_{yy} + d u_x + e u_y + f u = 0 \quad (1)$$

with constant coefficients a, b, c, d, e , and f . Show that the functions u_x, u_y, u_{xx}, u_{xy} , and u_{yy} are also solutions of equation (1).

2. Verify that a standing wave of the form

$$u(x, t) = A \sin(kx) \cos(\omega t) \quad (2)$$

with constant amplitude A , wavenumber k , and angular frequency ω satisfies the 1-D wave equation

$$u_{xx} - \frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt} = 0 \quad (3)$$

provided that a certain condition holds for k, ω , and the phase velocity c .

(a) Determine that condition.

(b) Write the function (2) in the form of the general d'Alembert solution of the wave equation considered in exercise 2(b) of week 46, i.e. find functions f and b of one variable, such that

$$u(x, t) = f(kx - \omega t) + b(kx + \omega t). \quad (4)$$

3. Show that the function

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-x^2/(4kt)} \quad (5)$$

satisfies the 1-D heat equation $u_t = k u_{xx}$ for positive times $t > 0$. For $k = 1$, graph the solution u qualitatively at times $t = 1$ and $t = 4$.

4. Consider the Cauchy problem for the partial differential equation

$$u_{xx} - 4 u_{xy} + y u_{yy} + u_x + y u_y = 0 \quad (6)$$

with Cauchy data $u(0, y) = y^3$ and $u_x(0, y) = 4y$ given on the y -axis.

Use the Cauchy data and the PDE to compute the first four terms of the Taylor expansion of the solution of the Cauchy problem around the y -axis. You should find the expression

$$u(x, y) = y^3 + 4y x + \frac{1}{2}(16 - 4y - 6y^2 - 3y^3)x^2 + \frac{1}{6}(-32 - 48y - 30y^2 + 3y^3)x^3 \pm \dots \quad (7)$$

5. Consider the Cauchy problem for the partial differential equation

$$u_{xx} - 6 u_{yy} - 2 u_x = 0 \quad (8)$$

with Cauchy data on the line Γ given by $y = 5x$:

$$u(x, 5x) = \sin(x), \quad (\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla) u|_{(x, 5x)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}}(5 u_x(x, 5x) - u_y(x, 5x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} x^2. \quad (9)$$

Here $\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is a normal vector perpendicular to Γ .

Use the Cauchy data and the PDE to compute a Taylor approximation of the solution around the origin up to second order, i.e. fill in the coefficients in the expansion

$$u(x, y) = u(0, 0) + u_x(0, 0) x + u_y(0, 0) y + \frac{1}{2} (u_{xx}(0, 0) x^2 + 2 u_{xy}(0, 0) xy + u_{yy}(0, 0) y^2) \pm \dots \quad (10)$$

Good luck !