



PDE and Boundary-Value Problems (Winter Term 2016/2017)
Assignment H5 - Homework

Problem 5.1 (Duhamel's Principle - 4 Points)

Using Duhamel's principle, what is the solution of the IBVP

$$\text{PDE: } u_t = \alpha^2 u_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$\text{BCs: } \begin{cases} u(0, t) = 0 \\ u(1, t) = \sin(t) \end{cases}, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$\text{IC: } u(x, 0) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Problem 5.2 (Convection Problem - 5 Points)

Solve the following convection problem:

$$\text{PDE: } u_t = 2u_x, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

$$\text{IC: } u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2}, \quad -\infty \leq x \leq \infty$$

Check your answer.

Problem 5.3 (Transmission-Line Equation - 6 Points)

Derive the transmission-line equation

$$\nu_{xx} = CL\nu_{tt} + (CR + GL)\nu_t + GR\nu$$

for ν from the system of two first-order equations

$$\begin{aligned} i_x + C\nu_t + G\nu &= 0 \\ \nu_x + Li_t + Ri &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here C , L , R and G are given constants.

Problem 5.4 (Wave Equation - 5 Points)

How many solutions of $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ can you find by looking for solutions of the form

$$u(x, t) = e^{ax+bt}$$

Is the sum of two solutions a solution?

Deadline for submission: Wednesday, January 11, 10:15 am