

1.(a)(10%) Let  $B = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n | x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 < 1\}$  and  $S_{\pm} = \{(0, 0, \dots, 0, \pm 1)\}$ . Argue the solvability of the boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } B, \\ u = 0 \quad \forall x \in \partial B \setminus S_{\pm}, \quad u = 1 & \text{at } x = S_{\pm}. \end{cases}$$

(b)(15%) Let  $u(x)$  be a complex-valued harmonic function in an open domain  $\Omega$ . Assume  $x_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $\sup_{\Omega} |u| = |u(x_0)|$ . Show that  $u$  is a constant.

(c)(15%) Now let  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{B}$  and  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega})$  satisfy  $\Delta u = 0$  in  $\Omega$ . Furthermore, assume

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} u(x) = 0.$$

Show that

$$\sup_{\Omega} |u| = \max_{\partial \Omega} |u|.$$

2. Consider the scalar hyperbolic equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = a \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \text{in } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where  $a$  is a positive constant. Let  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  and assume that  $f(x) \in C^1$  in  $[0, 1]$ .

(a)(10%) Let  $g(t) \in C^1$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , be any given function. Please impose the boundary value  $u(x, t) = g(t)$  on *suitable* boundary such that  $u(x, t)$  is solvable for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

(b)(20%) Find the compatibility conditions on  $g(t)$  and  $f(x)$  such that  $u \in C^1$  in  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

3.(10%) Let  $\Omega$  be an open bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 \in \Omega$ . Show that  $f(x) = |x|^{-\alpha}$  belongs to  $W^{k,2}(\Omega)$  whenever  $k + \alpha < \frac{n}{2}$ , where  $k$  is a nonnegative integer.

4.(20%) Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain with Lipschitz boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Define

$$u_{\Omega} = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} u(x) dx.$$

Let  $1 \leq p < n$ . For any  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , derive the Sobolev-Poincaré inequality

$$\|u - u_{\Omega}\|_{L^{np/(n-p)}(\Omega)} \leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)},$$

where  $C$  is independent of  $u$ . (Hint: use the contradiction argument based on the compact embedding theorem to derive the Poincaré inequality and then by the continuous embedding  $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \subset L^{np/(n-p)}(\Omega)$  to conclude the result.)