

學期中考試試題

時間: 10:00-12:00

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- 總分:
- 請詳述計算過程, 無計算過程的答案不予計分

1. (10 points) The well-known *Tricomi* equation takes the form

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2. \quad (1)$$

If  $y > 0$ , find the characteristic equations and the associated characteristic curves for (1).

2. (15 points) Consider the initial value problem of the wave equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = g(x), & \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $c$  is a positive real constant. The d'Alembert's solution of this problem takes the form

$$u(x, t) = \phi(x + ct) + \psi(x - ct), \quad (3)$$

for some function  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ . Use (3) to derive the explicit expression of the functions  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  for (2).

3. (45 points) Consider the initial-boundary value problem of the damped wave equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + 2k \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & \text{for } 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq L, \\ u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where  $k$  and  $c$  are positive real constants.

- (15 points) Use the method of separation of variables to find the *formal* solution of the problem.
- (10 points) Verify that, when  $k = 0$ , the *formal* solution you obtained in (a) can be written in the d'Alembert form (3) for the ordinary wave equation.

(c) (10 points) For this problem, define the total energy  $E$  as

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L \left[ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \left( c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] dx,$$

show that the energy is decreasing, i.e.,  $dE/dt \leq 0$ . Use this fact to prove the uniqueness of the solution for (4).

(d) (10 points) Assume that  $f(x)$  is continuous,  $f(0) = f(L) = 0$ , and  $\int_0^L (f'(x))^2 dx$  finite. Show that the *formal* solution you obtained in (a) for  $u(x, t)$  converges uniformly for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , for any  $T$ .

4. (30 points) Consider the initial-boundary value problem of the heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & \text{for } 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = 0, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq L, \\ u(0, t) = A(t), \quad u(L, t) = B(t), & \text{for } t > 0, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a positive real constant.

- (a) (5 points) Reformulate (5) as a new problem with homogeneous boundary conditions, but with appropriate initial condition and nonhomogeneous source term.
- (b) (15 points) Use the method of eigenfunction expansion to find the *formal* solution of the reformulated problem as obtained in (a).
- (c) (10 points) State the maximum principle and use it to show the uniqueness of the solution for (5).