

Serie 15 - Ferienserie

1. Using the Laplace transform, find the solution $y = y(t)$ of the following initial value problem:

$$\begin{cases} y''' + y'' = \delta(t-6), & t \geq 0 \\ y(0) = y'(0) = 0, \\ y''(0) = 1. \end{cases}$$

2. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq |x| \leq 1 \\ -\text{sign}(x), & 1 < |x| < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- a) Sketch the graph of this function, in the interval $x \in [-3, 3]$.

- b) Let

$$F(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{(\sin(\omega) - 2\omega \cos(\omega) + \omega \cos(2\omega)) \sin(\omega x)}{\omega^2} d\omega.$$

Prove that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq \pm 1, \pm 2, \quad F(x) = f(x).$$

- c) What are the values of the integral in the remaining 4 points?

- (i) $F(-1) = ?$
- (ii) $F(1) = ?$
- (iii) $F(-2) = ?$
- (iv) $F(2) = ?$

3. Consider a string of length $L = \pi$, whose waves propagate with speed $c = 1$.

Let $u(x, t)$ be the height of the string at time $t \geq 0$ and point $x \in [0, \pi]$.

The string is initially motionless (zero initial speed), has initial shape given by

$$u(x, 0) = x(x - \pi)$$

and fixed endpoints at height zero.

- Formulate the problem whose solution is $u(x, t)$.
- Find the solution. You are allowed to use the formula from the script.

4. Let $c > 0$. Consider the following problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = e^{-x^2} \sin^2(x) + x, & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u_t(x, 0) = x e^{-x^2}. & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

- Find the solution $u(x, t)$. You may use D'Alembert formula.
[Simplify the expression as much as possible: no unsolved integrals].
- For a fixed $a \in \mathbb{R}$, determine the asymptotic limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(a, t).$$

5. a) We recall that for every $a > 0$ the Fourier transform of the Gaussian e^{-ax^2} is given by

$$\mathcal{F} [e^{-ax^2}] (\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4a}}. \quad (1)$$

Let $a > 0$ be fixed. From (1) deduce the integrals

- $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ax^2} dx$
- $\int_{\mathbb{R}} x e^{-ax^2} dx$
- $\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 e^{-ax^2} dx$.

[You can use the formula

$$\mathcal{F} [x^k f(x)] (\omega) = i^k \frac{d^k}{d\omega^k} \mathcal{F} [f(x)] (\omega)] \quad (2)$$

b) Recall that the solution $u = u(x, t)$ of the following problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx}, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

is given by

$$u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(y)K(x - y, t) dy, \quad (4)$$

where

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

is the so-called *Heat Kernel*.

Compute explicitly the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx}, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x^2. & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

6. Consider the following problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, & x \in [0, \pi], t \geq 0 \\ u(0, t) = 2, & t \geq 0 \\ u(\pi, t) = 3, & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & x \in [0, \pi] \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where

$$f(x) = \sin(x) - 3 \sin(3x) + \frac{x}{\pi} + 2.$$

The boundary conditions are not homogeneous, therefore one cannot directly apply the formulas known. You should argue as follows:

- a) Construct a function $w(x)$ with $w(0) = 2$, $w(\pi) = 3$ and $w'' = 0$.
- b) Let u be a solution of the above problem (7). State the corresponding problem solved by the function $v(x, t) := u(x, t) - w(x)$.
- c) Solve the problem for v using the method of separation of variables from scratch. Show all the steps of the method of separation of variables.
- d) Find the solution u of the original problem (7).

7. Let $D_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ be the centered disk of radius 1 and $u = u(x, y)$ the solution of the Dirichlet problem

$$\begin{cases} \nabla^2 u = 0, & \text{in } D_1 \\ u(x, y) = x^5. & \text{on } \partial D_1 \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the value in the center of the disk, $u(0, 0)$.
- b) Find the maximum of u on the whole disk,

$$\max_{(x, y) \in D_1} u(x, y).$$

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