

PDEs 10422884 – Homework 7

This homework must be handed in prior to the tutorial on June 15th, 2017.

1. Consider waves in a resistant medium satisfying the problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx} - r u_t, \quad 0 < x < l \\u &= 0 \text{ at } x = 0, x = l \\u(x, 0) &= \phi(x) \\u_t(x, 0) &= \psi(x)\end{aligned}$$

for $0 < r < 2\pi c/l$ a constant. Use separation of variables to write down the series expansion of the solution. *Optional:* Repeat this for the case $2\pi c/l < r < 4\pi c/l$.

- *2. Use separation of variables to solve the Schrödinger equation $u_t = i u_{xx}$ on the interval $(0, l)$ with Dirichlet conditions on both ends.
3. Solve the diffusion problem $u_t = k u_{xx}$ in $0 < x < l$ with mixed boundary conditions $u(0, t) = u_x(l, t) = 0$.
4. (a) Consider the SLP

$$(x^2 v')' + \lambda v = 0, \quad 1 < x < b, \quad v(1) = v(b) = 0, \quad (b > 1).$$

Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the problem. *Hint:* show that

$$v(x) = x^{-1/2} \sin(\alpha \ln x)$$

is a solution of the ODE and satisfies the boundary condition $v(1) = 0$. Alternatively: recall how to solve Euler ODE's.

- (b) Write down a solution to the following problem using separation of variables

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= (x^2 u_x)_x \text{ for } 1 < x < b, t > 0 \\u(1, t) &= u(b, t) = 0, t \geq 0 \\u(x, 0) &= f(x), 1 \leq x \leq b\end{aligned}$$