

Differential Equations II for Engineering Students

Homework sheet 4

Exercise 1: Given a differential equation

$$2u_{xx} + 4u_{xy} + 2u_{yy} + \sqrt{2}(u_x + u_y) = 0.$$

- Determine the type of the equation.
- Transform the equation to its normal form.
- Determine the general solution of the transformed differential equation and perform the backwards transformation.

Exercise 2:

Given the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} + u_{xt} - 2u_{xx} &= 0 \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \\u(x, 0) &= \cos(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, \\u_t(x, 0) &= -4 \sin(x). \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

Solve the problem using the substitution $\alpha = x + t, \mu = x - 2t$.

Note: The procedure is analogous to the derivation of the solution to the Cauchy problem for the wave equation from the lecture. Alternatively: convert the derivatives in terms of x, t into derivatives in terms of α, μ .

Exercise 3:

- For which real values of α and for which real-valued functions $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are the following functions harmonic in \mathbb{R}^2 ?
 - $\tilde{u}(x, y) = \cos(\alpha x) \cdot e^{3y}$,
 - $\hat{u}(x, y) = \sin(\alpha x) \cdot \cosh(3y)$
 - $u(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (x^3 + g(x) \cdot y^2)$.

- Let $\Omega := \{(x, y)^T \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 16\}$ and u be the solution of boundary value problem

$$\Delta u(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u(x, y) = \frac{2y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

Determine the value of u in the origin.

$$\text{Note: } \sin^2(\varphi) = \frac{1 - \cos(2\varphi)}{2}.$$

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