

## Differential Equations II for Engineering Students

### Work sheet 6

#### Exercise 1:

From Lecture 9 we know d'Alembert's formula

$$\hat{u}(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} (f(x + ct) + f(x - ct)) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(\alpha) d\alpha$$

for solving the initial value problem for the (homogeneous) wave equation

$$\hat{u}_{tt} - c^2 \hat{u}_{xx} = 0, \quad \hat{u}(x, 0) = f(x), \quad \hat{u}_t(x, 0) = g(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad c > 0.$$

The function

$$\tilde{u}(x, t) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t \int_{x+c(\tau-t)}^{x-c(\tau-t)} h(\omega, \tau) d\omega d\tau \quad (1)$$

solves the following initial value problem

$$\tilde{u}_{tt} - c^2 \tilde{u}_{xx} = h(x, t) \quad \tilde{u}(x, 0) = \tilde{u}_t(x, 0) = 0. \quad (2)$$

(Proof: Leibniz formula for the derivation of parameter-dependent integrals)

The initial value problem is to be solved

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} - 4u_{xx} &= 6x \sin t, & x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, & u_t(x, 0) = \sin(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

a) Compute the solution  $\hat{u}$  to the IVP

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_{tt} - 4\hat{u}_{xx} &= 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0 \\ \hat{u}(x, 0) &= x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, & \hat{u}_t(x, 0) = \sin(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

b) Compute the solution  $\tilde{u}$  to the IVP

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_{tt} - 4\tilde{u}_{xx} &= 6x \sin t, & x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0 \\ \tilde{u}(x, 0) &= 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, & \tilde{u}_t(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

- c) By inserting  $u$  into the differential equation and checking the initial values, show that  $u = \tilde{u} + \hat{u}$  solves the initial value problem (2).

**Solution:**

- a) Solution of the homogeneous differential equation with the non-homogeneous initial values following d'Alembert formula

$$\hat{u}(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} (x + 2t + x - 2t) + \frac{1}{4} \int_{x-2t}^{x+2t} \sin(\eta) d\eta = x + \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) \sin(2t)$$

- b) The solution of the original problem consists of the two partial solutions  
c) solution of the non-homogeneous differential equation with homogeneous initial values

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}(x, t) &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t \int_{x+2(\tau-t)}^{x-2(\tau-t)} 6\omega \sin(\tau) d\omega d\tau = \frac{3}{4} \int_0^t \sin(\tau) [\omega^2]_{x+2(\tau-t)}^{x-2(\tau-t)} d\tau \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \int_0^t \sin(\tau) (-8x(\tau-t)) d\tau = 6x \int_0^t t \sin(\tau) - \tau \sin(\tau) d\tau \\ &= 6xt(1 - \cos(t)) + 6x [\tau \cos(\tau)]_0^t - 6x \int_0^t \cos(\tau) d\tau = 6x(t - \sin t). \end{aligned}$$

together with:

$$u(x, t) = 6x(t - \sin t) + x + \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) \sin(2t)$$

**Test:**

$$u(x, 0) = 6x(0 - \sin(0)) + x + \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) \sin(0) = x,$$

$$u_t(x, t) = 6x(1 - \cos(t)) + 0 + \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) 2 \cos(2t) = 6x(1 - \cos(t)) + \sin(x) \cos(2t)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = 6x(1 - \cos(0)) + \sin(x) \cos(0) = \sin(x)$$

$u_{xx} = 0 + 0 - \frac{1}{2} \sin(x) \sin(2t)$  (since the first two summands of  $u$  are linear in  $x$ , one only has to derive the sine term twice).

$$u_{tt} = 6x \sin t - 2 \sin(x) \sin(2t)$$

$$u_{tt} - 4u_{xx} = 6x \sin t - 2 \sin(x) \sin(2t) - 4 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sin(x) \sin(2t)\right) = 6x \sin t.$$

**Exercise 2:**

- a) Using a product ansatz, derive the series representation given in lecture 10 (page 18) for the solution of the following Neumann problem.

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx}, & 0 < x < 1, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= g(x), & 0 < x < 1, \\ u_x(0, t) &= u_x(1, t) = 0 & t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

- b) Solve the initial boundary value problem a) with  $g(x) = 2\pi x - \sin(2\pi x)$ .

Hint:  $2 \sin(\alpha) \cdot \cos(\beta) = \sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)$ .

**Solution:**

- a) Short version: From the lecture we know that the ansatz  $u_k(x, t) = v_k(x) \cdot w_k(t)$  with  $L = 1$  leads to

$$v_k(x) = \cos(k\pi x), \quad \text{and} \quad w_k(t) = e^{-k^2\pi^2 t}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

*Very long version: The ansatz  $u(x, t) = v(x) \cdot w(t)$  yields:*

$$v'' = -\lambda v, \quad \dot{w} = -\lambda w, \quad v'(0) = v'(1) = 0.$$

*Case distinction under the condition that the solution does not vanish:*

$$\lambda = 0 \implies v(x) = a_0 + b_0 x, \quad v' = b_0 = 0$$

$$\implies v_0(x) = a_0.$$

$$\lambda < 0 \implies v(x) = ae^{\sqrt{-\lambda}x} + be^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}x}$$

$$v'(0) = 0 \iff a = b$$

$$v'(1) = 0 \iff a\sqrt{-\lambda}(e^{\sqrt{-\lambda}} - e^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}}) = 0$$

$$\iff (u \equiv 0) \vee (e^{\sqrt{\lambda}} = e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}} \iff \lambda = 0) \quad \text{Contradiction!}$$

$$\lambda > 0 \implies v(x) = a \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + b \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$v'(x) = (\sqrt{\lambda})(-a \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + b \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x))$$

$$v'(0) = 0 \iff b = 0$$

$$v'(1) = 0 \iff (u \equiv 0) \vee (\sin(\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0 \iff \lambda_k = k^2\pi^2).$$

*So overall we get*

$$v_k(x) = \cos(k\pi x), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

*One can easily calculate for the time component*

$$w_k(t) = e^{-k^2\pi^2 t}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

So as a series representation for the solution one has

$$u(x, t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{-k^2\pi^2 t} \cos(k\pi x).$$

To fulfill:

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos(k\pi x).$$

To determine the coefficients,  $g$  is continued evenly and 2-periodically and the Fourier coefficients are determined

$$a_k = 2 \int_0^1 g(x) \cos(k\pi x) dx.$$

b) For  $k \notin \{0, 2\}$  one computes for  $g(x) = 2\pi x - \sin(2\pi x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= 2 \int_0^1 (2\pi x - \sin(2\pi x)) \cos(k\pi x) dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 2\pi x \cos(k\pi x) dx - 2 \int_0^1 \sin(2\pi x) \cos(k\pi x) dx \\ &= 4\pi x \frac{\sin(k\pi x)}{k\pi} \Big|_0^1 - 4\pi \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(k\pi x)}{k\pi} dx - \int_0^1 \sin(2\pi x + k\pi x) + \sin(2\pi x - k\pi x) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{k^2\pi} \cos(k\pi x) \Big|_0^1 + \frac{\cos((k+2)\pi x)}{(k+2)\pi} \Big|_0^1 + \frac{\cos((-k+2)\pi x)}{(-k+2)\pi} \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{4}{k^2\pi} (\cos(k\pi) - 1) + \frac{1}{(k+2)\pi} (\cos((k+2)\pi) - 1) - \left( \frac{1}{(k-2)\pi} \cos((-k+2)\pi) - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{k^2\pi} ((-1)^k - 1) - \left( \frac{1}{(k-2)\pi} - \frac{1}{(k+2)\pi} \right) (\cos(k\pi) - 1) \\ &= \left( \frac{4}{k^2\pi} - \frac{4}{(k^2-4)\pi} \right) \cdot ((-1)^k - 1) = \left( \frac{16 \cdot (1 - (-1)^k)}{k^2 \cdot (k^2 - 4)\pi} \right) \end{aligned}$$

For  $k = 0$  we have

$$a_0 = 2 \int_0^1 2\pi x - \sin(2\pi x) dx = 2\pi$$

and for  $k = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= 2 \int_0^1 2\pi x \cos(2\pi x) - \sin(2\pi x) \cos(2\pi x) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{2^2\pi} ((-1)^2 - 1) - \int_0^1 \sin(4\pi x) dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$