

Exam Differential Equations II
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Exercise 1: [5 Points]

Given the following initial value problem

$$u_t + \frac{1}{t+1} \cdot u_x = u \quad \text{for} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = e^{-x} \quad \text{for} \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

- a) state the characteristic equations for this problem and determine their solutions,
- b) solve the initial value problem.

Solution:

- a) With the characteristic method, we compute:

$$\gamma(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ t \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \dot{\gamma}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } \nu(t) := u(\gamma(t))$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{t+1} \implies x(t) = \ln(t+1) + C_1.$$

From $x(0) = \ln(1) + C_1 = C_1$ it follows that

$$x(t) = \ln(t+1) + x(0).$$

$$\frac{d\nu}{dt} = \nu(t) \implies \nu(t) = C_2 e^t.$$

From $\nu(0) = C_2 e^0 = C_2$ we obtain

$$\nu(t) = \nu(0) e^t. \quad \text{[3 Points]}$$

- b) From $x = \ln(t+1) + x(0)$ it follows that

$$x(0) = x(t) - \ln(t+1)$$

and with

$$\nu_0 = \nu(0) = u(x_0, 0) = e^{-x_0}$$

we obtain

$$u(x, t) = e^{-(x - \ln(t+1))} \cdot e^t = (t+1)e^{t-x}.$$

[2 Points]

Exercise 2: [4+1 Points]

Given the following initial value problem for $u(x, t)$

$$u_t + u \cdot u_x = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } x \leq -1, \\ 0 & \text{for } -1 < x \leq 0, \\ 1 & \text{for } 0 < x, \end{cases}$$

a) determine the physically reasonable solution of the initial value problem for $0 < t < 1$.

b) Why does the solution formula from a) only hold for $t < 1$?

Solution:

a) The solution is composed of the solutions of two Riemann problems. We denote the flow of the Burgers' equation by $F(u) = \frac{u^2}{2}$ and since $2 > 0$, we first obtain a shock wave $s(t)$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{s}(t) &= \frac{F(2) - F(0)}{2 - 0} = \frac{1}{2}(2 + 0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad s(0) = -1 \\ \Rightarrow \quad s(t) &= -1 + t. \quad \text{[2 Points]} \end{aligned}$$

Because of $0 < 1$, we obtain a rarefaction wave with boundaries

$$F'(0)t = 0, \quad F'(1)t = t. \quad \text{[1 Point]}$$

Inside the rarefaction wave u has the form

$$u(x, t) = (F')^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) = \frac{x}{t}.$$

Thus together we have

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } x \leq -1 + t, \\ 0 & \text{for } -1 + t < x < 0, \\ \frac{x}{t} & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq t, \\ 1 & \text{for } t < x. \end{cases} \quad \text{[1 Point]}$$

b) At time point $t = 1$ the shock wave meets the rarefaction wave such that the solution formula from a) no longer holds. [1 Point]

Exercise 3: [1+2,5+2,5 Points]

Determine the bounded solution of the following boundary value problems for the Laplace equations: You can give the solutions in cartesian or polar coordinates.

$$\text{a) } \begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{on } \Omega_1 := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2, x^2 + y^2 < 25 \right\}, \\ u(x, y) = 4 & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 = 25. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{b) } \begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{on } \Omega_1 := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2, x^2 + y^2 < 25 \right\}, \\ u(x, y) = u(r \cos(\phi), r \sin(\phi)) = 3 \sin(2\phi) & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 = 25. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{c) } \begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \text{on } \Omega_2 := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2, 1 < x^2 + y^2 < 25 \right\} \\ u(x, y) = 4 & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 = 1, \\ u(x, y) = 2 & \text{for } x^2 + y^2 = 25. \end{cases}$$

Solution: [1+2,5+2,5 Points]

- a) The constant function $u(x, y) = 4$ solves the Laplace equation and is therefore the unique solution.
- b) With $x = r \cos(\phi)$, $y = r \sin(\phi)$ and $v(r, \phi) = u(r \cos(\phi), r \sin(\phi))$ the representation of the solution is

$$v(r, \phi) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_k \cos(k\phi) + d_k \sin(k\phi)) r^k.$$

The boundary values give the condition

$$\begin{aligned} v(5, \phi) &= a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_k \cos(k\phi) + d_k \sin(k\phi)) 5^k \\ &= 3 \sin(2\phi). \end{aligned}$$

Comparison of coefficients gives $25d_2 \stackrel{!}{=} 3$ and that every other coefficient is 0.

Thus, we obtain the solution

$$v(r, \phi) = \frac{3r^2}{25} \sin(2\phi).$$

A representation with respect to the cartesian coordinates is not required. If someone is doing it anyway, they should obtain

$$u(x, y) = \frac{6(x^2 + y^2)}{25} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \cdot \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = \frac{6xy}{25}.$$

- c) Since $(0, 0)^T \notin \Omega_2$, it holds with the fundamental solution

$$\Phi(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(|(x, y)|) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) \text{ that}$$

$$u(x, y) = a\Phi(x, y) + b.$$

From the boundary values we obtain

$$\frac{a}{2\pi} \ln(1) + b \stackrel{!}{=} 4$$

$$\frac{a}{2\pi} \ln(5) + 4 \stackrel{!}{=} 2 \Rightarrow a = \frac{-4\pi}{\ln(5)},$$

$$\text{thus, } u(x, y) = 4 - \frac{4\pi}{\ln(5)} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) = 4 - \frac{2}{\ln(5)} \ln(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}).$$

Exercise 4: [3+1 Points]

Given the following initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - 16u_{xx} &= 4 \cos(t) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2\pi}\right) && \text{for } x \in (0, 2\pi), t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= \frac{x}{2\pi} && \text{for } x \in [0, 2\pi], \\ u(0, t) &= 4 \sin(t), \quad u(2\pi, t) = 1 && \text{for } t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

- a) transfer this problem into an initial boundary value problem with homogeneous boundary data for a function $v(x, t)$ via a suitable homogenization.

Write down the new initial boundary value problem (differential equation, initial values, boundary values).

- b) Write down a solution v for the initial boundary value problem with homogeneous boundary data from part a) without any computations. What is the corresponding solution u of the original problem?

Solution:

- a) Homogenization:

$$v(x, t) = u(x, t) - \left[4 \sin(t) + \frac{x}{2\pi}(1 - 4 \sin(t))\right] = u(x, t) - \frac{x}{2\pi} + 4 \sin(t)\left(\frac{x}{2\pi} - 1\right).$$

or

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) + \frac{x}{2\pi} - 4 \sin(t)\left(\frac{x}{2\pi} - 1\right). \quad [1 \text{ Point}]$$

Then it holds:

$$u_t = v_t - 4 \cos(t)\left(\frac{x}{2\pi} - 1\right),$$

New differential equation:

$$v_t + 4 \cos(t)\left(1 - \frac{x}{2\pi}\right) - 16v_{xx} = 4 \cos(t)\left(1 - \frac{x}{2\pi}\right) \iff \boxed{v_t - 16v_{xx} = 0.}$$

Initial values:

$$v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - \frac{x}{2\pi} + 4 \sin(0)\left(\frac{x}{2\pi} - 1\right) = \frac{x}{2\pi} - \frac{x}{2\pi} = 0. \quad [2 \text{ Points}]$$

Boundary values:

$$v(0, t) = u(0, t) - \left[4 \sin(t) + \frac{0}{2\pi}(1 - 4 \sin(t))\right] = 4 \sin(t) - 4 \sin(t) = 0.$$

$$v(2\pi, t) = u(2\pi, t) - \left[4 \sin(t) + \frac{2\pi}{2\pi}(1 - 4 \sin(t))\right] = 1 - [4 \sin(t) + 1 - 4 \sin(t)] = 0.$$

- b) Since the differential equation is homogeneous with vanishing initial and boundary data, $v \equiv 0$ is the solution. Hence,

$$u(x, t) = 0 + \frac{x}{2\pi} - 4 \sin(t)\left(\frac{x}{2\pi} - 1\right). \quad [1 \text{ Point}]$$