

21-372 PDE: Final.

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- This is a closed book test. No calculators or computational aids are allowed.
- You have 3 hours. The exam has a total of 7 questions and 70 points.
- You may use any result from class or homework **PROVIDED** it was proved independently of the problem you want to use the result in. (You must also **CLEARLY** state the result you are using.)
- About half the questions are adapted from your homework. So that you don't inadvertently quote the same result from the homework (and get zero credit, by the previous rule) I have explicitly stated which homework the question was taken from.
- Difficulty wise: The first question is slightly easier than the rest. The last question is impossible.

- 10 1. Find the general solution of the PDE $(\partial_x - \partial_y)^2 u = 0$. [HINT: Recall with operator notation $(\partial_x - \partial_y)^2 u = \partial_x^2 u - 2\partial_x \partial_y u + \partial_y^2 u$. This is a problem from homework #3 with the numbers changed.]
- 10 2. Suppose u satisfies the PDE $\partial_t u + 6u\partial_x u + \partial_x^3 u = 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t > 0$. Suppose further that the function u and all its derivatives (including higher order derivatives) decay to 0 as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$. Given $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ define

$$F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [u(x, t)^3 - \alpha(\partial_x u)^2] dx.$$

Find α so that $\frac{dF}{dt} = 0$. [This was essentially problem 5 on homework #3.]

- 10 3. Suppose u satisfies

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{the PDE} & \partial_t^2 u - \partial_x^2 u = \sin(\pi x) & \text{for } x \in (0, 1), t > 0, \\ \text{with boundary conditions} & u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 & \text{for } t > 0, \\ \text{and initial data} & u(x, 0) = 3\sin(\pi x) + 7\sin(2\pi x) \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_t u(x, 0) = 0. \end{array}$$

Find u . [If you can't do this, I will award half credit if you instead assume $\partial_t^2 u - \partial_x^2 u = 0$.]

4. Let f, g be two functions defined on the interval $(0, \pi)$, such that $\|f\|, \|g\| < \infty$. Let B_n be the n^{th} Fourier sine coefficient of f , and C_n be the n^{th} Fourier sine coefficient of g .

- 5 (a) Compute

$$\int_0^\pi f(x)g(x) dx$$

in terms of the B_n 's and C_n 's. (No justification is required. Just guess the final answer.)

- 5 (b) Rigorously prove your answer in the previous part. [If your answer involves interchanging an infinite sum and an integral, odds are it's not rigorous and will get **ZERO CREDIT**. Hint – We've proved Parseval's identity in class, which you may freely use.]

- 10 5. Let $R > 0$ and $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid |x| > R\}$. Find the Greens function of D . [This is Q7.4.12 from the book, and was assigned on homework #14. Recall that the Newton potential in 3D is $N(x) = -1/(4\pi|x|)$.]

- 10 6. Let $R > 0$ and $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid |x| < R\}$. Suppose u is a function such that $\Delta u = 0$ in B . Define

$$a = \int_B u = \iint_B u(x, y) dx dy.$$

Find a formula expressing $u(0, 0)$ in terms of a and R .

- 10 7. (WARNING: This is short, but TRICKY.) Suppose $\Delta u = 0$ in all of $\mathbb{R}^2$, and u is bounded, then show that u must be constant. [This is called the Liouville Theorem. Hint – cleverly use the previous question.]