

Note: These problems are for practice and revision purposes. This sheet is not to be turned in.

1. Consider the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

subject to $u(x, 0) = u(x, a) = 0$. Solve via separation of variables.

2. Solve Laplace's Equation, with boundary conditions as shown:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in (0, \pi), \quad y \in (0, \pi),$$

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(\pi, y) = 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, \pi) = \sin^3 x.$$

3. Solve the Heat Equation, with boundary conditions as shown:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{for } x \in (0, \pi), \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sin^3 x, \quad u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0 \quad \forall t > 0,$$

$$u \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

4. Recall: the Fourier transform of u is defined by

$$\hat{u}(t, k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{-ikx} dx, \quad (1)$$

and u may be recovered from \hat{u} by using the *inversion formula*

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}(t, k) e^{ikx} dx. \quad (2)$$

Consider the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad (3)$$

subject to $u \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ and $u = u_0(x)$ when $t = 0$. Solve by taking a Fourier transform in x .

5. Consider the boundary value problem

$$Ly(x) = f(x) \quad \text{on } 0 < x < 1, \quad y'(0) + y(0) = \alpha, \quad y(1) = \beta, \quad (4)$$

with L is the differential operator given by

$$Ly \equiv y''(x) + 4y(x), \quad (5)$$

Derive a problem for the Green's function $g(x, \xi)$ in terms of the delta function $\delta(x)$ and give the form of the solution in terms of g .