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**Math 3150 Problems**  
**Weeks 4-10**  
**June 2009**

**Due date:** See the internet due date. Problems are collected twice a week. Records are locked when the stack is returned. Records are only corrected, never appended.

**Submitted work.** Please submit one stapled package per problem. Label each problem with its corresponding problem number, e.g., Prob3.1-4 or Xc1.2-4. Kindly label extra credit problems with label Extra Credit. You may attach this printed sheet to simplify your work.

**Labeling.** The label Probx.y-z means the problem is for chapter x, section y, problem z. When  $y = 0$ , then the problem does not have a textbook analog, it is a **background problem**. Otherwise, the problem number should match a corresponding problem in the textbook. The same labeling applies to extra credit problems, e.g., Xc1.0-4, Xc1.1-2.

## Week 4: 3.1 – Examples in Physics and Engineering

### Prob3.1-3. (Classification)

Classify  $u_{xx} - u_t = 2u$  as linear, nonlinear, homogeneous, non-homogeneous, and report the order of the equation.

### Prob3.1-7. (Laplace Equation)

Verify that  $u(x, y) = e^y \cos x + x + y$  is a solution of Laplace's partial differential equation.

## Week 5: 3.2-3.3 – One Dimensional Wave Equation

### Prob3.2-1. (Wave Equation)

Derive the equation  $u_{tt} = 10^5 u_{xx}$  for the vibrations of a stretched homogeneous string with linear density  $\rho = 0.001$  kg/m and tension  $\tau = 100$  N, with no forces other than the tension. State all assumptions used to obtain the model. Make the presentation brief, by referencing a textbook for derivation details and results.

### Prob3.3-9a. (Separation of Variables)

Solve  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = x(1 - x)$ ,  $u_t(x, 0) = \sin \pi x$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . The model is for a guitar string of unit length.

### Prob3.3-9b. (Snapshot Plots)

Plot partial sums of the answer to the previous problem,

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{\pi^3(2m+1)^3} \sin(2m\pi x + \pi x) \cos(2m\pi t + \pi t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi t),$$

at  $t = 0, 1, 2, 3$ . Choose the number of series terms for the four graphics by making the first graphic match  $x(1 - x)$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

### Prob3.3-9c. (Surface Plot)

Plot a specific partial sum of the answer

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{\pi^3(2m+1)^3} \sin(2m\pi x + \pi x) \cos(2m\pi t + \pi t) + \frac{1}{\pi} \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi t)$$

on the domain  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 4$ . Use all features possible of the 3D graphics program in order to produce the best plot with fine accuracy, view and colors.

### Prob3.3-13. (Damped Vibrations of a String)

Solve the problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt}(x, t) + u_t(x, t) &= u_{xx}(x, t), \\u(0, t) &= 0, \\u(\pi, t) &= 0, \\u(x, 0) &= \sin x, \\u_t(x, 0) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

## Week 6: 3.4 – d'Alembert's Method

### Prob3.4-15. (d'Alembert's Solution)

Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= u_{xx}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, t \geq 0, \\u(0, t) &= 0, \\u(1, t) &= 0, \\u(x, 0) &= f(x), \\u_t(x, 0) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Assume  $f(x) = 4x$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 0.25$ ,  $f(x) = 2 - 4x$  on  $0.25 < x \leq 0.5$ ,  $f(x) = 0$  on  $0.5 < x \leq 1$ .

(a) Find a solution formula for  $u(x, t)$  using d'Alembert's method.

(b) Plot snapshots of the string shape at times  $t = 0, 0.25, 0.5$ .

### Xc3.4-18. (Energy Conservation and d'Alembert's Solution)

Define

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L (u_t^2(x, t) + c^2 u_x^2(x, t)) dx.$$

Prove the energy conservation law, which says that the energy during free vibrations of a string is constant for all time.

**Hint:** Show  $dE/dt = 0$ .

## Week 7: 3.5-3.6 – One Dimensional Heat Equation

### Prob3.5-13. (Nonhomogeneous Heat Equation)

Consider the one-dimensional heat conduction problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi, t > 0, \\u(0, t) &= 100, \\u(\pi, t) &= 50, \\u(x, 0) &= f(x).\end{aligned}$$

Assume  $f(x) = 33x$  on  $0 < x \leq \pi/2$ ,  $f(x) = 33\pi - 33x$  on  $\pi/2 < x < \pi$ . Find a solution formula for the temperature  $u(x, t)$ . See the web site notebook computer link for sample maple code used to solve this problem.

### Prob3.6-3. (Heat Conduction in an Insulated Bar)

Consider the one-dimensional heat conduction problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, t > 0, \\u_x(0, t) &= 0, \\u_x(1, t) &= 0, \\u(x, 0) &= \cos \pi x\end{aligned}$$

Find a solution formula for the temperature  $u(x, t)$  at location  $x$  along the bar at time  $t$ . Hint: Don't integrate!

**Remark.** The book's problem 3.6-3 has a piecewise example, using  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ . See the maple advice for problem 3.5-13, to hand that case.

## Week 9: 3.7 – Two Dimensional Equations

### Prob3.7-5a. (Vibrations of a Membrane)

Consider the rectangular drumhead problem, in which we assume  $0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1, t > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt}(x, y, t) &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} (u_{xx}(x, y, t) + u_{yy}(x, y, t)), \\u(0, y, t) &= 0, \\u(1, y, t) &= 0, \\u(x, 0, t) &= 0, \\u(x, 1, t) &= 0, \\u(x, y, 0) &= 0, \\u_t(x, y, 0) &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Solve for the drumhead deflection  $u(x, y, t)$ .

### Prob3.7-5b. (Membrane Snapshots)

Consider the solution of the rectangular drumhead problem given by the series

$$u(x, y, t) = \frac{16}{\pi^2} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \sum_{m \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{nm\sqrt{n^2 + m^2}} \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi y) \sin\left(t\sqrt{m^2 + n^2}\right).$$

Illustrate the various shapes of the drumhead during vibration, by plotting suitable surface snapshots at times  $t = 1, 2, 3$ . The snapshot at  $t = 0$  should be the initial flat membrane shape  $u = 0$ . Choose suitable partial sums to reveal adequate detail in the plots.

### Prob3.7-12. (Heat Conduction in a Plate)

Consider the rectangular plate heat conduction problem in which we assume  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 < y < 1, t > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}u_t(x, y, t) &= u_{xx}(x, y, t) + u_{yy}(x, y, t), \\u(0, y, t) &= 0, \\u(1, y, t) &= 0, \\u(x, 0, t) &= 0, \\u(x, 1, t) &= 0, \\u(x, y, 0) &= x(1-x)y(1-y).\end{aligned}$$

Solve for the plate temperature  $u(x, y, t)$ .

### Xc3.7-12. (Heat Conduction in a Plate)

Find a series estimate for the solution  $u(x, y, t)$  of the rectangular plate heat conduction problem which shows that  $|u(x, y, t)| \leq Me^{-\alpha t}$  for some number  $M > 0$  and some constant  $\alpha > 0$ . Then conclude that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, y, t) = 0,$$

which implies the plate temperature  $u$  stabilizes to the edge temperature  $u = 0$  as  $t$  approaches infinity.

#### Problem notes.

The Cauchy-Schwartz inequality is used to find an upper estimate of  $|u|^2$  as a product of two positive series. One series is numeric, and Bessel's inequality can be used to determine an upper bound  $M_1$  for it. The other series in the product is a series of functions, each function an exponential function bounded above by  $e^{-\beta t}$ , where  $\beta > 0$  is a fixed constant. A clever analysis of the exponential factors, using the geometric series formula  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{1}{1-r}$ , shows that the second series is bounded by some constant  $M_2 > 0$  times  $e^{-\rho t}$ , where  $\rho = \beta/2$ . Taking square roots across  $|u|^2 \leq M_1 M_2 e^{-\rho t}$  implies that constants  $M = \sqrt{M_1 M_2} > 0$  and  $\alpha = \rho/2 > 0$  satisfy  $|u| \leq Me^{-\alpha t}$ .

## Week 10: 3.8-3.9 – Laplace’s and Poisson’s Equations

### Prob3.8-2. (Steady-State Temperature in a Plate)

Consider the rectangular plate steady-state heat conduction problem in which we assume the plate is given by  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}u_{xx}(x, y) + u_{yy}(x, y) &= 0, \\u(x, 0) &= 0, \\u(x, 1) &= 100, \\u(0, y) &= 0, \\u(1, y) &= 100.\end{aligned}$$

(a) Draw a figure for the Dirichlet problem, showing the edge temperatures on the plate. Break the problem into two subproblems, decomposing  $u = u_1 + u_2$ . Draw figures for each subproblem.

(b) Solve for the temperatures  $u_1(x, y)$  and  $u_2(x, y)$ .

(c) Report the solution to the original problem,  $u = u_1 + u_2$ .

**Notes.** In the general problem of Nakhle’s section 3.8,  $f_1(x) = g_1(y) = 0$  and  $f_2(x) = g_2(y) = 100$ . In the summary shaded display before the 3.8 exercises,  $A_n = C_n = 0$  and  $B_n, D_n$  are computed from equations (5), (6). Example 2 in Nakhle’s section 3.8 solves for  $B_n$ , therefore you have an easy answer check for half the problem.

### Prob3.9-3. (Poisson Problem)

Consider the rectangular plate steady-state Poisson heat conduction problem in which we assume the plate is given by  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}u_{xx}(x, y) + u_{yy}(x, y) &= \sin \pi x, \\u(x, 0) &= 0, \\u(x, 1) &= x, \\u(0, y) &= 0, \\u(1, y) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

(a) Draw a figure for the Poisson problem with zero boundary conditions [see (b)]. Draw a second figure for the corresponding Dirichlet problem with identical boundary conditions [see (c)].

(b) Solve for the temperature  $u_1(x, y)$  satisfying the Poisson problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{xx}(x, y) + u_{yy}(x, y) &= \sin \pi x, \\u(x, 0) &= 0, \\u(x, 1) &= 0, \\u(0, y) &= 0, \\u(1, y) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

(c) Solve for the temperature  $u_2(x, y)$  satisfying the Dirichlet problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{xx}(x, y) + u_{yy}(x, y) &= 0, \\u(x, 0) &= 0, \\u(x, 1) &= x, \\u(0, y) &= 0, \\u(1, y) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

(d) Report the solution to the original Poisson problem, which is  $u = u_1 + u_2$ .

**Notes.** Problem (c) is solved in section 3.8 of Nakhle’s textbook, with summary in the shaded display just before the exercises 3.8. In this display,  $A_n = C_n = D_n = 0$  and  $B_n$  must be computed from (5) using  $f_2(x) = x$ . Problem (b) is solved from Nakhle’s section 3.9 equations (2) and (4). A similar problem is solved in Example 1. The challenge is the double integration in (4) with  $f(x, y) = \sin \pi x$ . Luckily, this is an iterated double integral, evaluated by two successive one-variable integrations:

$$E_{mn} = \frac{-4}{\lambda_{mn}} \int_0^1 \sin \pi x \sin m\pi x dx \int_0^1 \sin n\pi y dy.$$