

Homework #9 Solutions

1. Given,

$$ay'' + by' + cy = f(x) \quad (1)$$

a) Find all solutions to the homogeneous version of (1).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Assume: } y = e^{rx} \quad ar^2e^{rx} + bre^{rx} + ce^{rx} &= 0 \\ y' = re^{rx} \quad ar^2 + br + c &= 0 \\ y'' = r^2e^{rx} \quad r = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{D}}{2a}, \text{ where } D = b^2 - 4ac \end{aligned}$$

D	$y_c(x)$
> 0	$c_1 e^{\left(\frac{-b+\sqrt{D}}{2a}\right)x} + c_2 e^{\left(\frac{-b-\sqrt{D}}{2a}\right)x}$
$= 0$	$c_1 e^{\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)x} + c_2 e^{\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)x}$
< 0	$e^{\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)x} [c_1 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{D}}{2a}x\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{D}}{2a}x\right)]$

b) Fill in the following table with the choices you would make for the particular solution.

$f(x)$	$y_c(x)$
x^4	$Ax^4 + Bx^3 + Cx^2 + Dx + E$
$\cos(\beta x)$	$A\cos(\beta x) + B\sin(\beta x)$
$e^{\alpha x} + \sin(x) + x$	$Ae^{\alpha x} + B\cos(x) + C\sin(x) + Dx + E$
$e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$	$Ae^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x) + Be^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$
$x^2 e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x)$	$(Ax^2 + Bx + C)e^{\alpha x} \cos(\beta x) + (Dx^2 + Ex + F)e^{\alpha x} \sin(\beta x)$

c) Assume that $a=1$, $b=0$, $c=9$ and $f(x)=\cos(3x)$. Find the general solution to (1).

$$D = b^2 - 4ac = -36$$

From (a) we have that $y_c = c_1 \cos(3x) + c_2 \sin(3x)$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p &= Axcos(3x) + Bxsin(3x) \\ y'_p &= -3Axs sin(3x) + A cos(3x) + 3Bxcos(3x) + Bsin(3x) \\ y''_p &= -9Axcos(3x) - 3Asin(3x) - 3Asin(3x) - 9Bxcos(3x) + 3Bcos(3x) + 3Bcos(3x) \\ &= -9Axcos(3x) - 6Asin(3x) - 9Bxcos(3x) + 6Bcos(3x) \\ y''_p + 9y_p &= -9Axcos(3x) - 6Asin(3x) - 9Bxcos(3x) + 6Bcos(3x) + 9Axcos(3x) + 9Bxsin(3x) \\ &= cos(3x) \\ &\Rightarrow -6Asin(3x) + 6Bcos(3x) = cos(3x) \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} A &= 0 \\ B &= \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned} \\ y_p &= \frac{1}{6}xsin(3x) \\ y_c + y_p &= y = c_1 cos(3x) + c_2 sin(3x) + \frac{x}{6} sin(3x) \end{aligned}$$

2. Consider the boundary value problem

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$y'(0) = y'(1) = 0 \quad (3)$$

a) Assuming $\lambda \in R$, find the general solution to (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Assume: } y = e^{rx} \quad r^2 e^{rx} + \lambda e^{rx} &= 0 \\ y' = r e^{rx} \quad r^2 + \lambda &= 0 \\ y'' = r^2 e^{rx} \quad r &= \pm \sqrt{-\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

D	$y_c(x)$
> 0	$c_1 e^{\sqrt{-\lambda}x} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{-\lambda}x} = C_1 \cosh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) + C_2 \sinh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x)$
$= 0$	$c_1 + c_2 x$
< 0	$c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$

b) Apply the boundary conditions (3) and calculate the possible values of λ .

case 1: $\lambda < 0$

$$y'(x) = [c_1 \sinh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) + c_2 \cosh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x)]\sqrt{-\lambda}$$

$$y'(0) = 0 = c_2 \cosh(0) \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$y'(1) = c_1 \sinh(\sqrt{-\lambda})$$

because $\lambda \neq 0, c_1 = 0$ and $y(x) = 0$, the trivial solution

case 2: $\lambda = 0$

$$y'(x) = c_2$$

$$y'(0) = 0 = c_2$$

$$y'(1) = 0 = c_2$$

$c_2 = 0, c_1 \in R$ Therefore $y(x) = c_1$, a non-trivial solution and 0 is a possible value of λ .

case 3: $\lambda > 0$

$$y'(x) = -c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$y'(0) = 0 = c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \Rightarrow \text{because } \lambda \neq 0, c_2 = 0$$

$$y'(1) = c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda})$$

assume $c_1 \neq 0, \lambda = n^2 \pi^2, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, y(x) = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$

The possible values of λ are

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \lambda = n^2 \pi^2, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

And the general solution is

$$y(x) = c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \cos(n\pi x)$$

3. Consider the ordinary differential equation:

$$y'' - y = 0 \quad (4)$$

a) Show that $y(x) = b_1 \sinh(x) + b_2 \cosh(x)$ is a solution to (4).

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= b_1 \sinh(x) + b_2 \cosh(x) \\ y'(x) &= b_1 \cosh(x) + b_2 \sinh(x) \\ y''(x) &= b_1 \sinh(x) + b_2 \cosh(x) \\ y'' - y &= b_1 \sinh(x) + b_2 \cosh(x) - (b_1 \sinh(x) + b_2 \cosh(x)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

b) Show that if $c_1 = \frac{b_1+b_2}{2}$ and $c_2 = \frac{b_1-b_2}{2}$ then

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} = b_1 \cosh(x) + b_2 \sinh(x) \\ y(x) &= c_1 e^x + c_2 e^{-x} \\ &= \left(\frac{b_1 + b_2}{2} \right) e^x + \left(\frac{b_1 - b_2}{2} \right) e^{-x} \\ &= \frac{b_1(e^x + e^{-x})}{2} + \frac{b_2(e^x - e^{-x})}{2} \\ &= b_1 \cosh(x) + b_2 \sinh(x) \end{aligned}$$

The hyperbolic sine and cosine have the following Taylor series representations:

$$\cosh(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \quad \sinh(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \quad (5)$$

c) Assume that $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ and find the general solution of (4)

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad k = n \\ y'(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n) x^{n-1} \\ y''(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n)(n-1) x^{n-2} \quad k = n-2 \\ y'' - y &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (n)(n-1) x^{n-2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n &= 0 \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{k+2} (k+2)(k+1) x^k - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k &= 0 \\ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [a_{k+2} (k+2)(k+1) - a_k] x^k &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

since x^k can't be 0, we assume

$$a_{k+2}(k+2)(k+1) - a_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{k+2} = \frac{a_k}{(k+2)(k+1)}, k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$k = 0 \quad a_2 = \frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$k = 1 \quad a_3 = \frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$k = 2 \quad a_4 = \frac{a_2}{4 \cdot 3} = \frac{a_0}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$k = 3 \quad a_5 = \frac{a_3}{5 \cdot 4} = \frac{a_1}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$k = 4 \quad a_6 = \frac{a_4}{6 \cdot 5} = \frac{a_0}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$k = 5 \quad a_7 = \frac{a_5}{7 \cdot 6} = \frac{a_1}{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \text{for even } k: a_{2n} = \frac{a_0}{(2n)!}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$= \text{for odd } k: a_{2n+1} = \frac{a_1}{(2n+1)!} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$y(x) = a_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + a_1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$y(x) = a_0 \cosh(x) + a_1 \sinh(x)$$

4. a) Explain the physical interpretation of the maximum principle.

Temperature comes from either a source or from earlier in time, but is not created from nothing.

b) Explain the relationship between the heat equation and the diffusion equation.

The diffusion equation is a non-linear form of the heat equation that is derived from the continuity equation using Fick's first law.

c) Write down the linear wave equation and explain c and $c(u)$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u$$

Where c is the propagation speed of the wave. $c(u)$ is a wave speed dependent on the amplitude.

d) What physical phenomenon modeled by the linear wave equation? the non-linear wave equation?

Linear wave equation models waves and vibrations. The non-linear wave equation provides a more realistic model.

e) Define dispersion and give a physical example.

Dispersion is when the velocity of a wave is a function of frequency, such as sound waves traveling through water.

5. Show that the following functions are solutions to their corresponding PDE's.

a) $u(x,t)=f(x-ct)+g(x+ct)$, 1-D wave equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= -df' + cg \quad (\leftarrow \text{chain rule}) & \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= f' + g' \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= c^2 f'' + c^2 g'' & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= f'' + g'' \\ \text{1-D wave eqn} \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow c^2(f'' + g'') = c^2(f'' + g'')\end{aligned}$$

b) $u(x, t) = e^{-4w^2t} \sin(wx)$, 1-D heat eqn, $c=2$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= -4w^2 e^{-4w^2t} \sin(wx) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= w e^{-4w^2t} \cos(wx) & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= -w^2 e^{-4w^2t} \sin(wx) \\ \text{1-D heat eqn, } c=2 \rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial E} &= (4) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \\ \Rightarrow -4w^2 e^{-4w^2t} \sin(wx) &= -4w^2 e^{-4w^2t} \sin(wx)\end{aligned}$$

c) $u(x, t) = x^4 + y^4$, 2-D poisson eqn: $f(x, y) = 12(x^2 + y^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= 4x^3 & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= 4y^3 \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= 12x^2 & \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= 12y^2 \\ \text{2-D poisson eqn} \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= f(x, y) = 12(x^2 + y^2) \\ \Rightarrow 12(x^2 + y^2) &= 12(x^2 + y^2)\end{aligned}$$

d) $u(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$, 3-D laplace equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{-x}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{3x^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{-1}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{3y^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{-1}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} &= \frac{3z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{-1}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{3-D laplace eqn} \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow \frac{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} + \frac{-3}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow \frac{3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{5/2}} + \frac{-3}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow \frac{3}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{-3}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2}} &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow 0 &= 0
\end{aligned}$$