

Differential Equations II for Engineering Students

Work sheet 5

Exercise 1:

Using a suitable product ansatz, solve the following Dirichlet boundary value problem for the Laplace equation on the circle $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$.

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 u_{rr} + r u_r + u_{\varphi\varphi} &= 0 & 0 \leq r < 3 \\ u(3, \varphi) &= \cos^2(\varphi) & \varphi \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Hints:

To solve Euler's equation

$$r^2 \cdot g''(r) + ar \cdot g'(r) + b \cdot g(r) = 0 \text{ use the ansatz } g(r) = r^k.$$

$$\text{It holds: } \cos^2(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos(2\varphi)).$$

Exercise 2:

Determine the solution to the initial boundary value problem (IBVP)

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - u_{xx} &= \sin(x) t & 0 < x < \pi, 0 < t, \\ u(x, 0) &= 4 \sin(3x) + \frac{x}{\pi} & 0 \leq x \leq \pi, \\ u(0, t) &= \phi_1(t) = 0 & 0 \leq t, \\ u(\pi, t) &= \phi_2(t) = 1 & 0 \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

Note: First homogenize the boundary conditions by using the function

$$v(x, t) = u(x, t) - \phi_1(t) - \frac{x-a}{b-a} (\phi_2(t) - \phi_1(t))$$

with $a = 0$ and $b = \pi$ and then replace the u -expressions with corresponding v -expressions. You get e.g.

$$u_t = v_t + \dot{\phi}_1 + \frac{x-a}{b-a} (\dot{\phi}_2 - \dot{\phi}_1).$$