

Differential Equations II for Engineering Students

Homework sheet 6

Exercise 1:

a) Solve the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= u_{xx}, & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2, \\u(x, 0) &= 2 \sin(4\pi x) & x \in \mathbb{R}, \\u_t(x, 0) &= \cos(\pi x) & x \in \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

b) Given the problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= 9u_{xx}, & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0, \\u(x, 0) &= f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & -1 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\u_t(x, 0) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Sketch the obtained solution using d'Alembert's formula for

$$t = 0, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1.$$

Exercise 2:

The following problem is given for $u(x, y, t)$.

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx} + u_{yy}, & x, y \in (0, \pi), t > 0, \\u(0, y, t) &= u(\pi, y, t) = 0, & \text{for } y \in (0, \pi), t > 0, \\u(x, 0, t) &= u(x, \pi, t) = 0, & \text{for } x \in (0, \pi), t > 0, \\u(x, y, 0) &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin(2x) + \sin(x)) \sin(y) & \text{for } x, y \in (0, \pi).\end{aligned}$$

a) Using the ansatz $u(x, y, t) = T(t) \cdot X(x) \cdot Y(y)$ for the solution of the differential equation, derive three decoupled ordinary differential equations for X , Y and T .

b) Derive first from the boundary values

$$\begin{aligned}u(0, y, t) &= u(\pi, y, t) = 0, & \text{for } y \in [0, \pi], t > 0, \\u(x, 0, t) &= u(x, \pi, t) = 0, & \text{for } x \in [0, \pi], t > 0,\end{aligned}$$

the boundary conditions for the solutions of the differential equations for X and Y , and solve the obtained ordinary boundary value problems for X and Y .

Then determine the appropriate functions $T(t)$.

- c) Determine a series representation of the solution u to the original problem and fit it to the initial values

$$u(x, y, 0) = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(2x) + \sin(x)) \sin(y) \quad \text{for } x, y \in [0, \pi].$$

How does the solution behave for $t \rightarrow \infty$?