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[20] 1. Consider the equation

\[ 2x^2y'' - xy' + (1 + x)y = 0 \]

(a) Find two values of \( r \) such that there are solutions of the form \( y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} \).

(b) Find the recurrence relation for \( a_n \) in terms of \( a_{n-1} \) for both values of \( r \). (You may do both at the same time by not substituting values for \( r \) in the recurrence relation).

(c) For the larger of the two values of \( r \) and for \( a_0 = 1 \) find \( a_1, a_2, a_3 \).
[15] 2. Solve the heat equation

\[ u_t(x, t) = u_{xx}(x, t) \]

for \( 0 \leq x \leq 1 \) and \( t \geq 0 \) with non-homogeneous boundary conditions

\[ u(0, t) = 1, \quad u(1, t) = 0, \quad \forall t > 0 \]

and initial condition

\[ u(x, 0) = 1 + x. \]
[15] 3. Consider the wave equation \( u_{tt} = u_{xx} \) for \( x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0 \), with the initial conditions \( u(x, 0) = f(x), u_t(x, 0) = g(x) \), where

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\begin{align*}
  f(x) &= \begin{cases} 
    0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\
    x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\
    1 & \text{if } x \geq 1 
  \end{cases} \\
  g(x) &= \begin{cases} 
    0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\
    1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\
    0 & \text{if } x > 1. 
  \end{cases}
\end{align*}
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(a) Solve the solution \( u(x, t) \) using d’Alembert’s formula. Simplify it as much as possible. Hint: draw the graph of \( f'(x) \), where it exists.

(b) Plot \( u(x, 0), u(x, 1) \) and \( u(x, 2) \) for \( |x| \leq 4 \).
4. Solve the equation

\[
\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) u(x, y) = 0
\]

for \(0 \leq x \leq \pi\) and \(0 \leq y \leq 1\) with boundary conditions

\[
u(0, y) = \sin(\pi y), \quad u(\pi, y) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = \sin^3 x, \quad u(x, 1) = 0.
\]

Hint: \(\sin^3 x = \frac{3}{4} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(3x)\).
5. Consider the boundary value problem
\[ x^2 y'' + xy' + \lambda y = 0, \quad y'(1) = 0, \quad y'(e) = 0. \]

(a) Find all values of \( \lambda \) such that this problem has a non-zero solution \( y(x) \). For each value of \( \lambda \) you find give a non-zero solution \( y(x) \).

(b) Let \( y_j(x), y_k(x) \) be non-zero solutions corresponding to different values of \( \lambda \) in part (a). Is there an orthogonality relation satisfied by \( y_j(x) \) and \( y_k(x) \), and if so what is it? (This can be answered without answering part (a)).
6. Consider the problem
\[ \Delta u + u = 0 \] on the disc \( 0 < r < 1, \ 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \ u(1, \theta) = f(\theta) \) on the boundary.

(a) Use the separation of variables method to find all solutions of the form \( u(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta) \), which are finite at the origin. Show your work.

(b) Find the solution if \( f(\theta) = \sin 6\theta \).