

18.152 PROBLEM SET 5

due April 29th 10:00 am.

You can collaborate with other students when working on problems. However, you should write the solutions using your own words and thought.

Problem 1. Find a solution to the following problem.

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= u_{xx} & 0 < x < 1, t > 0 \\u(x, 0) &= g(x), u_t(x, 0) = 0 & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\u(0, t) &= 0, u_x(1, t) = 0 & t \geq 0,\end{aligned}$$

where g is smooth and $g''(0) = 0$.

Hint: Reflect $u(x, t)$ and $g(x)$ to be defined on the entire real line.

Problem 2. Let Ω be an open bounded smooth domain in \mathbb{R}^n . Show that a smooth solution to the following Cauchy-Dirichlet problem is unique.

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= \Delta u & x \in \Omega, t > 0 \\u(x, 0) &= g(x), u_t(x, 0) = h(x) & x \in \overline{\Omega}, \\u(x, t) &= f(x) & x \in \partial\Omega, t \geq 0,\end{aligned}$$

where f, g, h are smooth functions.

Hint: Use the energy.

Problem 3. Given smooth functions g, h , solve the following problem.

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} - u_{tx} - 2u_{xx} &= 0 & x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0 \\u(x, 0) &= g(x) & x \in \mathbb{R}, \\u_t(x, 0) &= h(x) & x \in \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

Hint: Use the factorization $(\partial_t - 2\partial_x)(\partial_t + \partial_x)$ and modify the d'Alembert formula.

Problem 4. (a) Let $u : \mathbb{R} \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a solution to the global Cauchy problem

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= u_{xx} & x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0 \\u(x, 0) &= g(x), u_t(x, 0) = h(x) & x \in \mathbb{R},\end{aligned}$$

where g, h are smooth. Suppose that there exists some large constant R such that $g(x) = h(x) = 0$ for $|x| \geq R$. Show that there exists some large constant T depending on R such that

$$(*) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u_t(x, t)|^2 dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u_x(x, t)|^2 dx,$$

holds for $t \geq T$.

(b) Give an example of a solution to the wave equation on the bounded domain $(x, t) \in [0, L] \times [0, +\infty)$ such that it has constant Dirichlet data and does not satisfy (*).

Hint: Use the d'Alembert formula.