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[20 points]

By the change of coordinate

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x} = x + 2y \\ \tilde{y} = 2x - y \end{cases}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \frac{\partial \tilde{y}}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \frac{\partial \tilde{y}}{\partial y} \\ &= 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \end{aligned}$$

Now the equation becomes

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \right) u + 2 \left( 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \right) u + (2x - y)u = (x + 2y)(2x - y)$$

$$(1 + 4)u_{\tilde{x}} + (2 - 2)u_{\tilde{y}} + \tilde{y}u = \tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y}$$

$$5u_{\tilde{x}} + \tilde{y}u = \tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y}$$

Using integrating factor  $e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}}$

$$\text{we get } e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} u_{\tilde{x}} + \frac{\tilde{y}}{5} e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} u = \frac{e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} \cdot \tilde{x} \tilde{y}}{5}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{y}} \left[ e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} u \right] = \frac{1}{5} e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} \cdot \tilde{x} \cdot \tilde{y}$$

Integrating with respect to  $\tilde{x}$  gives

$$e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} u = \int \frac{1}{5} e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} \tilde{x} \tilde{y} d\tilde{x}$$

using integration by parts, we get

$$e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} u = e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} \cdot \tilde{x} - \int e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} d\tilde{x}$$

$$e^{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}} u = e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} \cdot \tilde{x} - \frac{5}{\tilde{y}} e^{\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}} + f(\tilde{y})$$

$$u(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = \tilde{x} - \frac{5}{\tilde{y}} + f(\tilde{y}) e^{-\frac{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}{5}}$$

changing the coordinate back, we get

$$u(x, y) = x + 2y - \frac{5}{2x-y} + f(2x-y) \cdot e^{\frac{-2x^2-3xy+2y^2}{5}}$$

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The characteristic curves are

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = -1$$

$$t+x = c$$

so the equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u - \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} u - u = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} u = u$$

$$\frac{du}{u} = 1$$

integrating both sides :  $\ln u = x + f(c)$

$$u = e^x \cdot \hat{f}(c)$$

$$u(x, t) = e^x \cdot \hat{f}(t+x)$$

Now when  $t = 0$ , we get

from the characteristic equation that

$$x = c$$

So  $2 = u(x, 0) = e^c \cdot \hat{f}(c)$

we get  $\hat{f}(c) = 2 \cdot e^{-c}$

The solution to the initial value problem is thus

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= e^x \cdot 2 \cdot e^{-c} \\ &= e^x \cdot 2 \cdot e^{-(x+t)} \\ &= 2e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

# Selected solutions to problem set 2.

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1. (i). We use the method of change of variables

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x} = x - 2t \\ \tilde{t} = -2x - t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{then } u_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{x}} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{t}} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial x} = u_{\tilde{x}} - 2u_{\tilde{t}}$$

$$u_t = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{x}} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{t}} \frac{\partial \tilde{t}}{\partial t} = -2u_{\tilde{x}} - u_{\tilde{t}}$$

The equation then becomes

$$(u_{\tilde{x}} - 2u_{\tilde{t}}) - 2(-2u_{\tilde{x}} - u_{\tilde{t}}) = 0$$

$$\text{Namely } 3u_{\tilde{x}} = 0$$

Integrate  ~~$u_{\tilde{x}} = 0$~~  and get

$$u = \cancel{f(\tilde{x})} f(\tilde{t}) = f(-2x - t)$$

2. (i). It's the same equation as in 1(i), we ~~use~~ use the method of characteristic here. the characteristic lines are,

$$\cancel{dx} \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{-2}{1}$$

so they are straight lines

$$t = -2x + C \quad \text{or} \quad 2x + t = C$$

The solution only depends on ~~the~~ which characteristic line it's on, so

$$u(x, t) = \hat{f}(C) = \hat{f}(2x + t) = f(-2x - t)$$

$$\text{where } \boxed{\hat{f}(s) = f(-s)}$$



Now we specify  $f$  by the ~~initial~~ boundary condition (2) when  $x=0$ ,  $t=C$ , and so.

$$\cos C = \cos t = u(0, t) = f(C-t) = f(C-c)$$

so  $f(C) = \cos(-C)$  and  $f(C-c) = \cos C$  and the ~~general~~ solution is

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{u(x, t)} &= f(-2x-t) = f(C-c) = \cos C \\ &= \underline{\cos(2x+t)} \end{aligned}$$

4. The change of variable we use is

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x} = ax + by \\ \bar{y} = bx - ay. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{cases} u_x = a u_{\bar{x}} + b u_{\bar{y}} \\ u_y = b u_{\bar{x}} - a u_{\bar{y}} \end{cases}$$

The left hand side of equation becomes,

$$\cancel{a u_x} + a(a u_{\bar{x}} + b u_{\bar{y}}) + b(b u_{\bar{x}} - a u_{\bar{y}}) + cu = 0$$

$$\text{Namely } (a^2 + b^2) u_{\bar{x}} + cu = 0$$

$$u_{\bar{x}} + \frac{c}{a^2 + b^2} u = 0.$$

Using integrating factor  $(e^{\frac{c}{a^2 + b^2} \bar{x}})$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{x}} (e^{\frac{c}{a^2 + b^2} \bar{x}} u) = 0$$

$$e^{\frac{c}{a^2 + b^2} \bar{x}} u = f(C \bar{y})$$

$$u = f(\tilde{y}) \cdot e^{-\frac{c}{a^2+b^2} \tilde{x}}$$

(3).

$$= f(bx - ay) \cdot e^{-\frac{c}{a^2+b^2}(ax+by)}$$

is the general solution

6. Do change of variable

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x} = x+y \\ \tilde{y} = x-y \end{cases}$$

we get  $\begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}) \\ y = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}) \end{cases}$

LHS of the equation becomes

$$u_x + u_y + u = \left( u_{\tilde{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial \tilde{x}}{\partial x} + u_{\tilde{y}} \frac{\partial \tilde{y}}{\partial x} \right) + \left( u_{\tilde{x}} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}}{\partial y} + u_{\tilde{y}} \frac{\partial \tilde{y}}{\partial y} \right) + u$$

$$= \cancel{u_x + u_y} + u_{\tilde{x}} + u_{\tilde{y}} + u_{\tilde{y}} - u_{\tilde{x}} + u$$

$$= 2u_{\tilde{y}} + u$$

RHS of the equation is

$$e^{x+2y} = e^{\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}) + (\tilde{x} - \tilde{y})} = e^{\frac{3\tilde{x}}{2} - \frac{\tilde{y}}{2}}$$

The equation becomes

$$2u_{\tilde{y}} + u = e^{\frac{3\tilde{x}}{2} - \frac{\tilde{y}}{2}}$$

Integrate ~~we get~~ using the integrating factor  $e^{\frac{x}{2}}$ , we get

(4)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{\frac{x}{2}} u) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y} \cdot e^{2x}$$

$$e^{\frac{x}{2}} u = \frac{1}{2} \int e^{2x} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}y} dx$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \cdot e^{-\frac{y}{2}} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + f(y) \right]$$

$$u(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} e^{\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{y}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y}{2}} \cdot f(y)$$

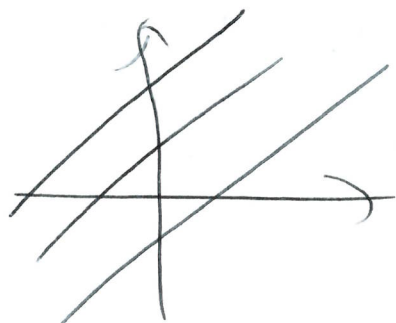
$$= \frac{1}{4} e^{x+y} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x+y}{2}} f(x-y)$$

8. The characteristic satisfy the ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1.$$

The characteristic curves are then

$$y = x + C$$



The equation becomes

$$u_x + u_y$$

$$= u_x + \frac{y}{x} u_y$$

$$= u_x + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} u_y$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} u$$

$$= 1$$

So  $u(x, y) = x + f(c)$

$$= x + f(y-x).$$

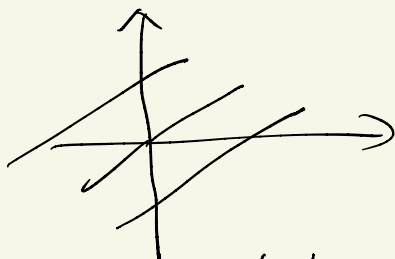
## Selected solutions to Problem Set 2 (continued)

2 (2) This is an initial value problem (IVP)

step 1. The characteristic lines are given by

$$bx - ay = c \quad \text{with } a=\pi, b=1$$

i.e.  $x - \pi y = c$  (characteristic line)



so the general solution is

$$u(x, y) = f(c) = f(x - \pi y), \quad \text{for any function } f. \\ \text{(general solution)}$$

step 2. Next we specify  $f$  using the initial value

$$f(c) = u(x, 0) = x^2 \quad \text{when } y=0$$

on the other hand,

when  $y=0$ , we get from the characteristic line equation

$$\text{that } x = c$$

So  $f(c) = u(x, 0) = x^2 = c^2$

plug into the expression of  $f$  to the general solution, we get

$$u(x, y) = (x - \pi y)^2$$

3. (1)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x + e^t) = 1$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(x + e^t) = e^t$$

and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x + e^t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(x + e^t) = 1 + e^t$

so it is a solution.

(2). Step 1: solve the general solution for the homogeneous equation

$$\tilde{u}_x + \tilde{u}_t = 0,$$

get  $\tilde{u}(x, t) = f(x - t)$ , for any  $f$

step 2: By the principle of superposition, and combining step 1, the general solution to the inhomogeneous equation is

$$u(x, t) = 1 + e^t + f(x - t), \text{ for any } f$$

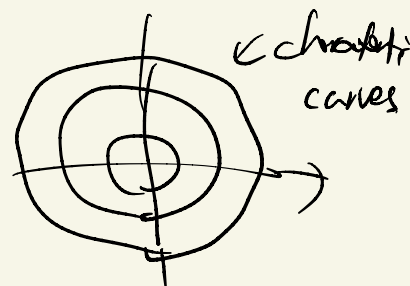
PS2 Q9:

The characteristics are  $\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{x}{-t}$

i.e.  $-t dt = x dx$

$$-\frac{t^2}{2} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$t^2 + x^2 = C$$



Along the characteristics, the PDE becomes an ODE

$$\frac{d}{dx} u(x, t(x)) = u_x - \frac{dt}{dx} u_t$$

$$= u_x - \frac{x}{-t} u_t$$

$$= \frac{t u_x - x u_t}{t}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{t} [x u_t - t u_x]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{t} \quad \uparrow \text{using the PDE}$$

using  $x^2 + t^2 = C$

we get  $t = \sqrt{C - x^2}$

So the ODE is

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{C - x^2}}$$

Solve it we get

$$u = -\arcsin \frac{x}{\sqrt{c}} + f(c)$$

using that  $c = t^2 + x^2$  from the characteristic equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,t) &= -\arcsin \frac{x}{\sqrt{t^2 + x^2}} + f(x^2 + t^2) \\ &= -\arctan\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) + f(x^2 + t^2) \end{aligned}$$

using the boundary conditions, we have

$$0 = u(0,t) = -\arctan 0 + f(t^2)$$

$$\text{we get } f(t^2) = 0$$

replacing  $t$  by  $\sqrt{t}$ , we get

$$f(t) \equiv 0$$

So the solution to the BVP is

$$u(x,t) = -\arctan\left(\frac{x}{t}\right).$$