

MA 401 Test 1 Review 1.1-1.3, 1.5, 1.7-1.9

1.1 PDE Models

Determine if a PDE is linear/nonlinear, homogeneous/nonhomogeneous

Verify that u is a solution to a PDE

Ex. p. 9-10 #2,3,4,5,7,8 (I wouldn't give you the hint!),9,10

1.2 Conservation Laws

Apply the [Method of Characteristics](#)

Solve [Separable d.e.](#)

Solve [1st Order Linear d.e.](#)

Graph relatively simple Characteristic Curves in the xt -plane, time snapshots in the ux -plane

Know what it means to be a Cauchy problem

Remember and be able to apply [Calc 3 Chain Rule](#)

Ex. p.25-26 #2,5,6,8

1.3 Diffusion

Compare Advection to Diffusion to Advection-Diffusion graphically

Types of Boundary Conditions (i.e., Dirichlet vs Neumann vs Robin, homogeneous/nonhomogeneous)

Steady state solutions (time independent solutions)

Ex. p. 36-37 #4,5,6

1.4 Vibrations and Acoustics

For the most part, we just derived the wave equation in this section

Ex. p. 55 #4

1.7 Heat Conduction in Higher Dimensions

We mostly derived Poisson's equation and Laplace's equation in this section

Know what the Laplacian of u is in 2D and 3D

Ex. p. 64 #1

1.8 Laplace's Equation

Know the Maximum Principle

Find a radially symmetric solution for Laplace's equation in polar coordinates

Ex. p. 71-72 #1,6

1.9 Classifications of PDEs

[Classify a PDE](#) as hyperbolic, parabolic, or elliptic

Change variables & solve the PDE

Ex. p. 76-77 #1,2,3,5,6,7