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# Exam 1

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**DIRECTIONS** This exam has three parts, Part A, short answer, has 1 problem (12 points). Part B has 5 shorter problems (7 points each, so 35 points). Part C has 3 traditional problems (15 points each so 45 points). Total is 92 points.

Closed book, no calculators or computers– but you may use one  $3'' \times 5''$  card with notes on both sides.

**Part A: Short Answer** (1 problems, 12 points).

1. Let  $S$  and  $T$  be linear spaces and  $A : S \rightarrow T$  be a linear map. Say  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  are particular solutions of the equations  $A\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{Y}_1$  and  $A\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{Y}_2$ , respectively, while  $\mathbf{Z} \neq 0$  is a solution of the homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{Z} = 0$ .

Answer the following in terms of  $\mathbf{V}$ ,  $\mathbf{W}$ , and  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

- a) Find some solution of  $A\mathbf{X} = 3\mathbf{Y}_1$ .
- b) Find some solution of  $A\mathbf{X} = -5\mathbf{Y}_2$ .
- c) Find some solution of  $A\mathbf{X} = 3\mathbf{Y}_1 - 5\mathbf{Y}_2$ .
- d) Find another solution (other than  $\mathbf{Z}$  and  $0$ ) of the homogeneous equation  $A\mathbf{X} = 0$ .
- e) Find *two* solutions of  $A\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}_1$ .
- f) Find another solution of  $A\mathbf{X} = 3\mathbf{Y}_1 - 5\mathbf{Y}_2$ .

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**Part B: Short Problems** (5 problems, 7 points each so 35 points)

B-1.  $\mathbf{U} = (1, 1, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{V} = (-1, 2, 1, -1)$  are orthogonal vectors in  $R^4$ .

Write the vector  $\mathbf{X} = (1, 1, 1, 2)$  in the form  $\mathbf{X} = a\mathbf{U} + b\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W}$ , where  $a, b$  are scalars and  $\mathbf{W}$  is a vector perpendicular to  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ .

B-2. Find  $u(x, t)$  that satisfies  $u_x - 2u_t = 1$  with  $u(x, 0) = 0$ .

B-3. Let  $u(x, t)$  be a solution of the wave equation

$$u_{tt} = 4u_{xx}, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0,$$

with the (continuous) initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = g(x).$$

Find the largest interval  $J = \{a \leq x \leq b\}$  where changing  $f(x)$  or  $g(x)$  at any point of  $J$  can change (“influence”) the value of  $u(0, 3)$ . In other words, in the  $(x, t)$  plane, find all the points on the  $x$ -axis that are in the domain of dependence of  $(0, 3)$ .

B-4. Find the general solution  $u(x, y)$  of  $u_{xy} = 4y$ .

B-5. Let  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  be solutions of the Laplace equation  $\Delta u = 0$ ,  $\Delta v = 0$  in a bounded region  $\Omega$  in the plane. If  $u > v$  on the boundary of  $\Omega$ , what, if anything, can you conclude about the relationship between  $u$  and  $v$  inside  $\Omega$ ? Justify your assertion.

**Part C: Traditional Problems** (3 problems, 15 points each so 45 points)C-1. Find the motion  $u(x, t)$  of a clamped string  $\{0 \leq x \leq \pi\}$ 

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx},$$

with initial and boundary conditions:

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 15 \sin 5x, \quad \text{and} \quad u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0.$$

C-2. Let  $u(x, y)$  satisfy  $\Delta u - u = 0$  in a bounded region  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $u(x, y) = 0$  on the boundary of  $\Omega$ . Use Green's identity to show that  $u(x, y) = 0$  throughout  $\Omega$ .

C-3. Let  $u(x, t)$  be the temperature of a rod of length  $L$  that satisfies

$$u_t = u_{xx} - ru \quad \text{for } 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0,$$

where  $r > 0$  is a constant [this is related to the heat equation but assumes that heat radiates out into the air along the rod]. Assume  $u$  satisfies the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

Define the total heat energy by  $E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L u^2(x, t) dx$ .

a) If  $u$  also satisfies the Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0$$

(the ends of the rod are held at temperature 0), show that  $E(t)$  is a decreasing function of  $t$ .

b) Show that even if  $u$  satisfies Neumann boundary conditions

$$u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(L, t) = 0$$

(the ends of the rod are insulated),  $E(t)$  is still a decreasing function of  $t$ .

c) [Extra credit!] Show that in either of the above cases  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E(t) = 0$ .