

Section 1.1

Problem 2

Let c be a positive constant. Show that

$u(x, t) = f(x + ct) + g(x - ct)$ is a solution of

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$$

for any twice – differentiable functions f and g of one variable.

Solution

$$u(x, t) = f(x + ct) + g(x - ct)$$

$$u_t = cf'(x + ct) - cg'(x - ct)$$

$$u_{tt} = c^2 f''(x + ct) + c^2 g''(x - ct) \dots \dots \dots 1$$

$$u_x = f'(x + ct) + g'(x - ct)$$

$$u_{xx} = f''(x + ct) + g''(x - ct) \dots \dots \dots 2$$

Multiply equation 2 by c^2 we have:

$$c^2 u_{xx} = c^2 f''(x + ct) + c^2 g''(x - ct) \dots \dots \dots 3$$

Compare equation 1 with equation 3 we have:

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$$

proved

Problem 4

Show that if p is a continuously differentiable function of one variable,

the first – order partial differential equation $u_t = p(u)u_x$

has a solution implicitly defined by $u(x, t) = \varphi(x + p(u)t)$,

in which φ is any continuously differentiable function of one variable.

Use this idea to determine(perhaps implicitly)a solution of each of the

following equations.

$$(a) u_t = k u_x$$

$$(b) u_t = u u_x$$

$$(c) u_t = \cos(u) u_x$$

$$(d) u_t = e^u u_x$$

$$(e) u_t = u \sin(u) u_x$$

Solution

$$u(x, t) = \varphi(x + p(u)t)$$

$$u_t = \varphi'(x + p(u)t)\{p'(u)u_t t + p(u)\} \dots \dots \dots 4$$

$$u_x = \varphi'(x + p(u)t)\{1 + p'(u)u_x t\} \dots \dots \dots 5$$

Multiply equation 5 by $p(u)$ we have:

$$p(u)u_x = \varphi'(x + p(u)t)\{p(u) + p(u)p'(u)u_x t\} \dots \dots \dots 6$$

$$u_t - p(u)u_x = \varphi'(x + p(u)t)\{p'(u)u_t t + p(u)\} - \varphi'(x + p(u)t)\{p(u) + p(u)p'(u)u_x t\}$$

$$u_t - p(u)u_x = \varphi'(x + p(u)t)[\{p'(u)u_t t + p(u)\} - \{p(u) + p(u)p'(u)u_x t\}]$$

$$u_t - p(u)u_x = \varphi'(x + p(u)t)[p'(u)u_t t + p(u) - p(u) - p(u)p'(u)u_x t]$$

$$u_t - p(u)u_x = \varphi'(x + p(u)t)[p'(u)u_t t - p(u)p'(u)u_x t]$$

$$u_t - p(u)u_x = \varphi'(x + p(u)t)[u_t - p(u)u_x t]p'(u)t$$

$$u_t - p(u)u_x - \varphi'(x + p(u)t)[u_t - p(u)u_x t]p'(u)t = 0$$

$$\{u_t - p(u)u_x\}\{1 - \varphi'(x + p(u)t)p'(u)t\} = 0$$

Since $\{1 - \varphi'(x + p(u)t)p'(u)t\} \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow u_t - p(u)u_x = 0$$

Hence $u_t = p(u)u_x$

$$(a) u_t = k u_x \text{ here } p(u) = k$$

$$\text{Hence } u(x, t) = \varphi(x + kt)$$

$$(b) u_t = u u_x, \text{ here } p(u) = u$$

$$\text{Hence } u(x, t) = \varphi(x + ut)$$

$$(c) u_t = \cos(u) u_x, \text{ here } p(u) = \cos(u)$$

$$\text{Hence } u(x, t) = \varphi(x + \cos(u)t)$$

$$(d) u_t = e^u u_x, \text{ here } p(u) = e^u$$

$$\text{Hence } u(x, t) = \varphi(x + e^u t)$$

$$(e) u_t = \sin(u) u_x, \text{ here } p(u) = \sin(u)$$

$$\text{Hence } u(x, t) = \varphi(x + \sin(u)t)$$

Problem 7

In each of the following, classify the equation as linear, quasi-linear and not linear, or not quasi linear.

$$(a) u^2 u_{xx} + u_y = \cos(u)$$

$$(b) x^2 u_x + y^2 u_y + u_{xy} = 2xy$$

$$(c) (x - y) u_x^2 + u_{xy} = 1$$

$$(d) (x - y) u_x^2 + 2u_y = 4y$$

$$(e) x^2 u_{yy} - y u_{xx} = \tan(u)$$

$$(f) u_x + u_y^2 - u_{xx} = 4$$

$$(g) u_x - u_x u_y - u_y = 0$$

$$(h) u u_x + u_{xy} = u^2$$

$$(i) u_{xy} - u_x^2 + u_y^2 - \sin(u_x) = 0$$

$$(j) \frac{u_y}{u_x} = x^2$$

SOLUTION

(a) $u^2 u_{xx} + uy = \cos(u)$

It is not linear because of $\cos(u)$

It is quasi-linear because it is linear in the highest order derivative u_{xx}

(b) $x^2 u_x + y^2 u_y + u_{xy} = 2xy$

It is linear.

(c) $(x - y)u_x^2 + u_{xy} = 1$

It is not linear because of u_x^2 . It is quasi-linear because it is linear in the highest order derivative u_{xy} .

(d) $(x - y)u_x^2 + 2u_y = 4y$

It is not linear because of u_x^2 . It is also not quasi-linear because it is not linear in the highest order derivative u_x^2

(e) $x^2 u_{yy} - yu_{xx} = \tan(u)$

It is not linear because of $\tan(u)$. It is quasi-linear because it is linear in the highest order derivatives u_{yy} and u_{xx} .

(f) $u_x + u_y^2 - u_{xx} = 4$

It is not linear because of u_y^2 .

It is quasi-linear because it is linear in the highest order derivative u_{xx} .

(g) $u_x - u_x u_y - u_y = 0$

It is not linear because of $u_x u_y$.

It is also not quasi-linear because it is not linear in the highest order derivative $u_x u_y$.

$$(h) uu_x + u_{xy} = u^2$$

It is not linear because of u^2 .

It is quasi – linear because it is linear in the highest order derivative u_{xy} .

$$(i) u_{xy} - u_x^2 + u_y^2 - \sin(u_x) = 0$$

It is not linear because of $\sin(u_x), u_x^2, u_y^2$

It is quasi – linear because it is linear in the highest order derivative u_{xy} .

$$(j) \frac{u_y}{u_x} = x^2$$

It is not linear because of $\frac{u_y}{u_x}$. It is also not quasi linear.

Problem 8

Let k be a positive constant. Let

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi \text{ in which } f \text{ is continuous on the real line.}$$

Show that $u_t = ku_{xx}$ for $-\infty < x < \infty, t > 0$.

Also determine $u(x, t)$ when $f(x) = 1$ for all real x .

Solution

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi$$

$$\text{Let } 2\sqrt{\pi k} = \omega$$

$$\text{Hence the equation becomes } u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\omega\sqrt{t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi$$

$$u_t = -\frac{1}{2\omega\sqrt{t^3}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi + \frac{1}{\omega\sqrt{t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt^2} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi$$

$$u_t = -\frac{1}{2\omega\sqrt{t^3}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi + \frac{1}{\omega\sqrt{t}} \frac{1}{4kt^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\xi)^2 e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi$$

$$u_t = -\frac{1}{2\omega\sqrt{t^3}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi + \frac{1}{4k\omega\sqrt{t^5}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\xi)^2 e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi \dots 7$$

$$u_x = \frac{1}{\omega\sqrt{t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x-\xi}{2kt}\right) e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi$$

$$u_x = \frac{-1}{2k\omega\sqrt{t^3}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\xi) e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{-1}{2k\omega\sqrt{t^3}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi + \frac{1}{4k^2\omega\sqrt{t^5}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\xi)^2 e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi \dots 8$$

Multiply equation 8 by k we have:

$$ku_{xx} = \frac{-1}{2\omega\sqrt{t^3}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi + \frac{1}{4k\omega\sqrt{t^5}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\xi)^2 e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} f(\xi) d\xi \dots 9$$

Compare equation 7 with equation 9 we have:

$$u_t = ku_{xx}$$

When $f(x) = 1$ for all real x , we have:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\xi)^2}{4kt}} d\xi$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{x-\xi}{2\sqrt{kt}} = w$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dw}{d\xi} = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{kt}}$$

$$\text{Hence } d\xi = -2\sqrt{kt} dw$$

also the limit of the integral becomes:

∞ changes to $-\infty$

$-\infty$ changes to ∞

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{-2\sqrt{kt}}{2\sqrt{\pi kt}} \int_{+\infty}^{-\infty} e^{-w^2} dw$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-w^2} dw$$

Using the standard result that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-w^2} dw = \sqrt{\pi},$$

we have $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\pi}$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = 1$$