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Question 1: Let $\nabla \times$ be the curl operator acting on vector fields: i.e., let $A = (A_1, A_2, A_3) : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a three-dimensional vector field over \mathbb{R}^3 , then $\nabla \times A = (\partial_2 A_3 - \partial_3 A_2, \partial_3 A_1 - \partial_1 A_3, \partial_1 A_2 - \partial_2 A_1)$. Accept as a fact that $\nabla \cdot (A \times B) = B \cdot \nabla \times A - A \cdot \nabla \times B$ for all smooth vector fields A and B . Let Ω be a subset of \mathbb{R}^3 with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$. Find an integration by parts formula for $\int_{\Omega} B \cdot \nabla \times A dx$.

Using the divergence Theorem we infer that

$$\int_{\Omega} (B \cdot \nabla \times A - A \cdot \nabla \times B) dx = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (A \times B) = \int_{\partial\Omega} (A \times B) \cdot nds.$$

which implies that

$$\int_{\Omega} B \cdot \nabla \times A dx = \int_{\Omega} A \cdot \nabla \times B dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} (A \times B) \cdot nds.$$

Question 2: Let $u, f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions of class C^1 . (a) Compute $\partial_x f(u(x))$.

Using the chain rule we obtain

$$\partial_x f(u(x)) = f'(u(x)) \partial_x u.$$

where f' denotes the derive of f .

(b) Let $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be functions of class C^1 . Let $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $F(v) = \int_0^v f'(t) \psi'(t) dt$. Use (a) to compute $\partial_x (F(u(x)) - \partial_x (f(u(x))) \psi'(u(x)))$.

Using the chain rule we obtain

$$\partial_x (F(u(x)) - \partial_x (f(u(x))) \psi'(u(x))) = F'(u(x)) \partial_x u(x) - f'(u(x)) \psi'(u(x)) \partial_x u(x) = \partial_x (f(u(x))) \psi'(u(x)).$$

This means that $\partial_x (F(u(x)) - \partial_x (f(u(x))) \psi'(u(x))) = 0$.

(c) Using the notation of (a) and (b), assume that $u(\pm\infty) = 0$ and compute $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \partial_x (f(u(x))) \psi'(u(x)) dx$.

Using (b) and $u(\pm\infty) = 0$ we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \partial_x (f(u(x))) \psi'(u(x)) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \partial_x (F(u(x))) dx = F(u(x)) \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty} = F(0) - F(0) = 0.$$

Question 3: Let ϕ be a smooth scalar field in \mathbb{R}^d , (d is the space dimension). (a) Prove that $\nabla\phi \cdot \partial_i(\nabla\phi) = \|\nabla\phi\| \partial_i \|\nabla\phi\|$. Give all the details.

Using the product rule, we have

$$\nabla\phi \cdot \partial_i(\nabla\phi) = \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_j \phi \partial_i(\partial_j \phi) = \partial_i \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^d (\partial_j \phi)^2 \right) = \partial_i \left(\frac{1}{2} \|\nabla\phi\|^2 \right) = \|\nabla\phi\| \partial_i \|\nabla\phi\|.$$

(b) Let $\epsilon > 0$. Show that $\nabla \cdot (\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon} e_i) = \frac{\nabla\phi}{\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot \partial_i(\nabla\phi)$ where e_i is the unit vector in the direction i .

Using the chain rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot (\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon} e_i) &= \partial_i (\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon}} \partial_i (\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon) \\ &= \frac{\|\nabla\phi\|}{\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon}} \partial_i \|\nabla\phi\|. \end{aligned}$$

Then using (a) we infer that

$$\nabla \cdot (\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon} e_i) = \frac{\nabla\phi}{\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot \partial_i(\nabla\phi).$$

(c) Assume that $\phi(x) = 0$ for all $\|x\| \geq R$ where R is a positive real number. Compute $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\nabla\phi}{\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot \partial_i(\nabla\phi) dx$, for all $i = 1, \dots, d$. Give all the details.

Using (b) we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\nabla\phi}{\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot \partial_i(\nabla\phi) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \nabla \cdot (\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon} e_i) dx,$$

where e_i is the unit vector in the direction i . The divergence theorem together with the assumption that $\phi(x) = 0$ for all $\|x\| \geq R$ implies that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\nabla\phi}{\sqrt{\|\nabla\phi\|^2 + \epsilon}} \cdot \partial_i(\nabla\phi) dx = 0.$$

Question 4: Consider the vibrating beam equation $\partial_{tt}u(x, t) + \partial_{xx}\left(\frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2}\partial_{xx}u(x, t)\right) = 0$, $u(x, 0) = f(x)$, $\partial_t u(x, 0) = g(x)$, $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$, $t > 0$ with $u(\pm\infty, t) = 0$, $\partial_x u(\pm\infty, t) = 0$, $\partial_{xx}u(\pm\infty, t) = 0$. Use the energy method to compute $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} ([\partial_t u(x, t)]^2 + \frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2} [\partial_{xx}u(x, t)]^2) dx$ in terms of f and g . Give all the details. (Hint: test the equation with $\partial_t u(x, t)$).

Using the hint we have

$$0 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (\partial_{tt}u(x, t)\partial_t u(x, t) + \partial_{xx}\left(\frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2}\partial_{xx}u(x, t)\right)\partial_t u(x, t)) dx$$

Using the product rule, $a\partial_t a = \frac{1}{2}\partial_t a^2$ where $a = \partial_t u(x, t)$, and integrating by parts two times (i.e., applying the fundamental theorem of calculus) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\partial_t(\partial_t u(x, t))^2 - \partial_x\left(\frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2}\partial_{xx}u(x, t)\right)\partial_t \partial_x u(x, t)\right) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\partial_t \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t u(x, t))^2 + \left(\frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2}\right)\partial_{xx}u(x, t)\partial_t \partial_{xx}u(x, t)\right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

We apply again the product rule $a\partial_t a = \frac{1}{2}\partial_t a^2$ where $a = \partial_{xx}u(x, t)$,

$$0 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(\partial_t \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t u(x, t))^2 + \frac{1}{2}\frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2}\partial_t(\partial_{xx}u(x, t))^2\right) dx.$$

Switching the derivative with respect to t and the integration with respect to x , this finally gives

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}\partial_t \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left([\partial_t u(x, t)]^2 + \frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2}[\partial_{xx}u(x, t)]^2\right) dx.$$

In other words,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left([\partial_t u(x, t)]^2 + \frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2}[\partial_{xx}u(x, t)]^2\right) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left(g(x)^2 + \frac{x^2 + \cos(x)}{1 + x^2}[\partial_x f(x)]^2\right) dx.$$

Question 5: Let $k, f : [-1, +1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $k(x) = 3$, $f(x) = -6$ if $x \in [-1, 0]$ and $k(x) = 1$, $f(x) = 2$ if $x \in (0, 1]$. Consider the boundary value problem $-\partial_x(k(x)\partial_x T(x)) = f(x)$ with $T(-1) = 1$ and $\partial_x T(1) = 1$.

(a) What should be the interface conditions at $x = 0$ for this problem to make sense?

The function T and the flux $k(x)\partial_x T(x)$ must be continuous at $x = 0$. Let T^- denote the solution on $[-1, 0]$ and T^+ the solution on $[0, +1]$. One should have $T^-(0) = T^+(0)$ and $k^-(0)\partial_x T^-(0) = k^+(0)\partial_x T^+(0)$, where $k^-(0) = 3$ and $k^+(0) = 1$.

(b) Solve the problem, i.e., find $T(x)$, $x \in [-1, +1]$. Give all the details.

On $[-1, 0]$ we have $k^-(x) = 3$ and $f^-(x) = -6$ which implies $-3\partial_{xx}T^-(x) = -6$. This in turn implies $T^-(x) = x^2 + ax + b$. The Dirichlet condition at $x = -1$ implies that $T^-(-1) = 1 = 1 - a + b$. This gives $a = b$ and $T^-(x) = x^2 + bx + b$.

We proceed similarly on $[0, +1]$ and we obtain $-\partial_{xx}T^-(x) = 2$, which implies that $T^+(x) = -x^2 + cx + d$. The Neumann condition at $x = 1$ implies $T^+(1) = 1 = -2 + c$. This gives $c = 3$ and $T^+(x) = -x^2 + 3x + d$.

The interface conditions $T^-(0) = T^+(0)$ and $k^-(0)\partial_x T^-(0) = k^+(0)\partial_x T^+(0)$ give $b = d$ and $3b = 3$, respectively. In conclusion $b = 1$, $d = 1$ and

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + x + 1 & \text{if } x \in [-1, 0], \\ -x^2 + 3x + 1 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

Question 6: (a) Compute the coefficients of the sine series of $f(x) = x$ for $x \in [0, +\pi]$. (Recall that by definition $SS(f)(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} b_m \sin(mx)$ with $b_m = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f(x) \sin(mx) dx$.)

The definition of $SS(f)(x)$ implies that

$$\begin{aligned} b_m &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \sin(mx) dx = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi -\frac{1}{m} \cos(mx) dx + \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-x \frac{1}{m} \cos(mx) \right]_0^\pi \\ &= \frac{2}{m} (-1)^{m+1}. \end{aligned}$$

As a result $SS(f)(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \frac{2}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \sin(mx)$.

(b) For which values of x in $[0, +\pi]$ does the sine series coincide with $f(x)$? (Explain).

The sine series coincides with the function $f(x)$ over the entire interval $[0, +\pi]$ since $f(0) = 0$ and f is smooth over $[0, +\pi]$. The series does not coincide with $f(+\pi)$ since $f(+\pi) \neq 0$.

(c) The sine series of x^2 over $[0, +\pi]$ is $SS(x^2)(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{4}{m^3\pi} ((-1)^m - 1) + \frac{2\pi}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \right) \sin(mx)$. Compute the sine series of $h(x) = x(\pi - x)$. (Hint: use (a))

Let $h(x) = x(\pi - x)$. Note that by linearity of the sine series we have

$$SS(h)(x) = SS(\pi x)(x) - SS(x^2)(x),$$

as a result $b_m(h) = \pi b_m(x) - b_m(x^2)$, i.e.,

$$b_m(h) = \pi \frac{2}{m} (-1)^{m+1} - \left(\frac{4}{m^3\pi} ((-1)^m - 1) + \frac{2\pi}{m} (-1)^{m+1} \right) = \frac{4}{m^3\pi} (1 + (-1)^{m+1}).$$

In conclusion

$$SS(h)(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{m^3\pi} (1 + (-1)^{m+1}) \sin(mx).$$

(d) Compute the cosine series of the function $g(x) := \pi - 2x$ defined over $[0, +\pi]$. (Hint: $\partial_x(x(\pi - x)) = \pi - 2x$.)

Observe that $h(0) = h(\pi) = 0$; as a result the sine series of h is continuous at 0 and $+\pi$. This in turn implies that it is legitimate to differentiate the sine series of h term by term to obtain the cosine series of $h'(x) = g(x)$. In other words,

$$CS(g)(x) = \partial_x SS(h)(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{m^2\pi} (1 + (-1)^{m+1}) \cos(mx).$$

(e) Compute the sine series of $h(x) = \sin(x)$ for $x \in [0, +\pi]$.

Obviously

$$SS(h)(x) = \sin(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Question 7: Using cylindrical coordinates and the method of separation of variables, solve the equation, $\frac{1}{r}\partial_r(r\partial_r u) + \frac{1}{r^2}\partial_{\theta\theta}u = 0$, inside the domain $D = \{\theta \in [0, \frac{3}{2}\pi], r \in [0, 3]\}$, subject to the boundary conditions $\partial_\theta u(r, 0) = 0$, $u(r, \frac{3}{2}\pi) = 0$, $u(3, \theta) = 9 \cos(\theta)$. (Give all the details of all the steps.)

(1) We set $u(r, \theta) = \phi(\theta)g(r)$. This means $\phi'' = -\lambda\phi$, with $\phi'(0) = 0$ and $\phi(\frac{3}{2}\pi) = 0$, and $r\frac{d}{dr}(r\frac{d}{dr}g(r)) = \lambda g(r)$.

(2) The usual energy argument applied to the two-point boundary value problem

$$\phi'' = -\lambda\phi, \quad \phi'(0) = 0, \quad \phi(\frac{3}{2}\pi) = 0,$$

implies that λ is non-negative. If $\lambda = 0$, then $\phi(\theta) = c_1 + c_2\theta$ and the boundary conditions imply $c_1 = c_2 = 0$, i.e., $\phi = 0$, which in turns gives $u = 0$ and this solution is incompatible with the boundary condition $u(3, \theta) = 9 \sin(2\theta)$. Hence $\lambda > 0$ and

$$\phi(\theta) = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}\theta) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\theta).$$

(3) The boundary condition $\phi'(0) = 0$ implies $c_2 = 0$. The boundary condition $\phi(\frac{3}{2}\pi) = 0$ implies that $\cos(\sqrt{\lambda}\frac{3}{2}\pi) = 0$, i.e., $\sqrt{\lambda}\frac{3}{2}\pi = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}$. This means $\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{1}{3}(2n+1)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(4) From class we know that $g(r)$ is of the form r^α , $\alpha \geq 0$. The equality $r\frac{d}{dr}(r\frac{d}{dr}r^\alpha) = \lambda r^\alpha$ gives $\alpha^2 = \lambda$. The condition $\alpha \geq 0$ implies $\frac{1}{3}(2n+1) = \alpha = \sqrt{\lambda}$. The boundary condition at $r = 3$ gives $9 \cos(\theta) = c_1 3^{\frac{1}{3}(2n+1)} \cos(\frac{1}{3}(2n+1)\theta)$ for all $\theta \in [0, \frac{3}{2}\pi]$. This implies $n = 1$ and $c_1 = 3$.

(5) Finally, the solution to the problem is

$$u(r, \theta) = 3r \cos(\theta).$$

Question 8: Let $p, q : [-1, +1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be smooth functions. Assume that $p(x) \geq 0$ and $q(x) \geq q_0$ for all $x \in [-1, +1]$, where $q_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. Consider the eigenvalue problem $-\partial_x(p(x)\partial_x\phi(x)) + q(x)\phi(x) = \lambda\phi(x)$, supplemented with the boundary conditions $\partial_x\phi(-1) = 0$ and $-\partial_x\phi(1) = 2\phi(1)$.

(a) Prove that it is necessary that $\lambda \geq q_0$ for a non-zero (smooth) solution, ϕ , to exist. (Hint: $q_0 \int_{-1}^{+1} \phi^2(x) dx \leq \int_{-1}^{+1} q(x)\phi^2(x) dx$.)

As usual we use the energy method. Let (ϕ, λ) be an eigenpair, then

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} (-\partial_x(p(x)\partial_x\phi(x))\phi(x) + q(x)\phi^2(x)) dx = \lambda \int_{-1}^{+1} \phi^2(x) dx.$$

After integration by parts and using the boundary conditions, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \int_{-1}^{+1} \phi^2(x) dx &= \int_{-1}^{+1} (p(x)\partial_x\phi(x)\partial_x\phi(x) + q(x)\phi^2(x)) dx - 2p(x)\partial_x\phi(x)\phi(x)|_{-1}^{+1} \\ &= \int_{-1}^{+1} (p(x)\partial_x\phi(x)\partial_x\phi(x) + q(x)\phi^2(x)) dx + 2p(1)\phi(1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

which, using the hint, can also be re-written

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} (p(x)\partial_x\phi(x)\partial_x\phi(x) + q_0\phi^2(x)) dx + 2p(1)\phi(1)^2 \leq \lambda \int_{-1}^{+1} \phi^2(x) dx.$$

Then

$$2p(1)\phi(1)^2 + \int_{-1}^{+1} p(x)(\partial_x\phi(x))^2 dx \leq (\lambda - q_0) \int_{-1}^{+1} \phi^2(x) dx.$$

Assume that ϕ is non-zero, then

$$\lambda - q_0 \geq \frac{\int_{-1}^{+1} p(x)(\partial_x\phi(x))^2 dx + 2p(1)\phi(1)^2}{\int_{-1}^{+1} \phi^2(x) dx} \geq 0,$$

which proves that it is necessary that $\lambda \geq q_0$ for a non-zero (smooth) solution to exist.

(b) Assume that $p(x) \geq p_0 > 0$ for all $x \in [-1, +1]$ where $p_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Show that $\lambda = q_0$ cannot be an eigenvalue, i.e., prove that $\phi = 0$ if $\lambda = q_0$. (Hint: $p_0 \int_{-1}^{+1} \psi^2(x) dx \leq \int_{-1}^{+1} p(x)\psi^2(x) dx$.)

Assume that $\lambda = q_0$ is an eigenvalue. Then the above computation shows that

$$p_0 \int_{-1}^{+1} (\partial_x\phi(x))^2 dx \leq \int_{-1}^{+1} p(x)(\partial_x\phi(x))^2 dx = 0,$$

which means that $\int_{-1}^{+1} (\partial_x\phi(x))^2 dx = 0$ since $p_0 > 0$. As a result $\partial_x\phi = 0$, i.e., $\phi(x) = c$ where c is a constant. The boundary condition $-\partial_x\phi(1) = 2\phi(1)$ implies that $c = 0$. In conclusion $\phi = 0$ if $\lambda = q_0$, thereby proving that (ϕ, q_0) is not an eigenpair.

Question 9: Use the Fourier transform technique to solve $\partial_t u(x, t) - \partial_{xx} u(x, t) + \cos(t) \partial_x u(x, t) + (1+2t)u(x, t) = 0$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $t > 0$, with $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$. (Hint: use the definition $\mathcal{F}(f)(\omega) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) e^{i\omega x} dx$, the result $\mathcal{F}(e^{-\alpha x^2})(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\alpha}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4\alpha}}$, the convolution theorem and the shift lemma: $\mathcal{F}(f(x - \beta))(\omega) = \mathcal{F}(f)(\omega) e^{i\omega\beta}$. Go slowly and give all the details.)

Applying the Fourier transform to the equation gives

$$\partial_t \mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t) + \omega^2 \mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t) + \cos(t)(-i\omega) \mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t) + (1 + 2t) \mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t) = 0$$

This can also be re-written as follows:

$$\frac{\partial_t \mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t)}{\mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t)} = -\omega^2 + i\omega \cos(t) - (1 + 2t).$$

Then applying the fundamental theorem of calculus between 0 and t , we obtain

$$\log(\mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t)) - \log(\mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, 0)) = -\omega^2 t + i\omega \sin(t) - (t + t^2).$$

This implies

$$\mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t) = \mathcal{F}(u_0)(\omega) e^{-\omega^2 t} e^{i\omega \sin(t)} e^{-(t+t^2)}.$$

Using the result $\mathcal{F}(e^{-\alpha x^2})(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\alpha}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4\alpha}}$ where $\alpha = \frac{1}{4t}$, this implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t) &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} \mathcal{F}(u_0)(\omega) \mathcal{F}(e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}})(\omega) e^{i\omega \sin(t)} e^{-(t+t^2)} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} \mathcal{F}(u_0 * e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}})(\omega) e^{i\omega \sin(t)} e^{-(t+t^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then setting $g = u_0 * e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}}$ the convolution theorem followed by the shift lemma gives

$$\mathcal{F}(u)(\omega, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} \mathcal{F}(g(x - \sin(t)))(\omega) e^{-(t+t^2)}.$$

This finally gives

$$u(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi t}} g(x - \sin(t)) e^{-(t+t^2)} = e^{-(t+t^2)} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u_0(y) e^{-\frac{(x - \sin(t) - y)^2}{4t}} dy.$$