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PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS I
HOMEWORK SHEET 12

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Exercise 1 (Energy methods for the wave equation; 5 Points). Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, bounded, with $\partial\Omega \in C^1$ and let $u_0 \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ and $u_1 \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$. Let $u \in C^2([0, \infty) \times \overline{\Omega})$ be a solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + u^3 = 0 & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \Omega, \\ u = 1 & \text{on } [0, \infty) \times \partial\Omega, \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0, \quad u_t(0, \cdot) = u_1 & \text{on } \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Show that $\|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^4(\Omega)} \leq C$ for all $t \geq 0$ and a suitable constant $C > 0$.

Hint: Consider, for a suitable $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, the function $e(t) := \int_{\Omega} (u_t^2 + |\nabla u|^2 + \alpha u^4)(t, x) \, dx$.

Exercise 2 (A generalized Duhamel's principle; 5 Points). Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $L = L(\partial_t, \partial_x)$ be a differential operator of second order with $n + 1$ variables t, x_1, \dots, x_n and constant coefficients $a_{\alpha, k} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$L(\partial_t, \partial_x) := \sum_{k=0}^1 \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n, \\ |\alpha| + k \leq 2}} a_{k, \alpha} \partial_x^\alpha \partial_t^k.$$

For any $f \in C^1([0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ consider the inhomogeneous partial differential equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt}(t, x) + L(\partial_t, \partial_x)u(t, x) = f(t, x) & \text{for } (t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0, x) = 0, \quad u_t(0, x) = 0 & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Suppose that for all $0 \leq \sigma$ there exists a solution $\omega(\cdot, \sigma) \in C^2([0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ to the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \omega_{tt}(t, x, \sigma) + L(\partial_t, \partial_x)\omega(t, x, \sigma) = 0 & \text{for } (t, x) \in (\sigma, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \omega(t, x, \sigma) = 0 & \text{for } (t, x) \in \{\sigma\} \times \mathbb{R}^n, \\ \omega_t(t, x, \sigma) = f(\sigma, x) & \text{for } (t, x) \in \{\sigma\} \times \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

Further suppose that $\omega(t, x, \cdot), \omega_t(t, x, \cdot) \in C((0, \infty))$.

Prove that

$$u(t, x) := \int_0^t \omega(t, x, \sigma) \, d\sigma$$

is a solution of (1).

Exercise 3 (Fourier transformation of the wave equation; 5 Points). For $u \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ let $\hat{u} := \mathcal{F}[u]$ denote the Fourier transform of u . Let $g, h \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Let u be a solution of

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt}(t, x) - \Delta u(t, x) = 0 & \text{for } (t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0, x) = g(x), u_t(0, x) = h(x) & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Prove that

$$u(t, x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[\hat{g}(\cdot) \cos(t|\cdot|) + \frac{\hat{h}(\cdot)}{|\cdot|} \sin(t|\cdot|) \right].$$

Hint: You may use the results of Homework Sheet 8 Exercise 1.

Exercise 4 (asymptotic equipartition of energy; 5 Points).

(i) Let $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sin(t|x|) f(x) dx &= 0, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \cos(t|x|) f(x) dx &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Consider the initial value problem (2) with $\hat{g}, \hat{h} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Prove that asymptotically the total energy splits equally into its potential and kinetic part, i.e.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} k(t) = \frac{1}{2}e(0).$$

You can drop your homework solutions until **Monday, January 23** at **16 o'clock** into the appropriate letterbox on the first floor near the library.