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No calculators. You can bring your book and notes. Explain what you do. Do **exercises 1,2,3** (3 points each). Grade: total score plus 1.

1. Consider for $u = u(t, x)$ the first order partial differential equation (PDE)

$$u_t + c(x, u)u_x = h(x, u),$$

with initial condition at $t = 0$ given by

$$u(0, x) = f(x) > 0.$$

Here $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t \geq 0$. We assume that $(x, u) \rightarrow c(x, u)$ and $(x, u) \rightarrow h(x, u)$ define smooth functions on \mathbb{R}^2 , and that $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is also smooth.

- Let $x = X(t)$ be a smooth curve in the t, x -plane and assume that $u = u(t, x)$ is a smooth solution of the (PDE). Let $U(t) = u(t, X(t))$. Derive an equation of the form $\dot{X} = \dots$ in terms of X and U that leads to an equation of the form $\dot{U} = \dots$ in terms of X and U .
- Take $c(x, u) = c(x) = 1 - x^2$. The differential equation for $X(t)$ then decouples from the equation for $U(t)$. Its solutions define all the characteristic curves in the t, x -plane. Determine the general solution of the differential equation for $x = X(t)$ in the range $-1 < x < 1$.
- If the characteristic curve through a given point (t, x) intersects the vertical axis in the t, x -plane we denote the point of intersection by $(0, k)$. Derive an equation for k in terms of the coordinates t and x of the given point if $-1 < x < 1$.
- Take again $c(x, u) = c(x) = 1 - x^2$ and $h(x, u) \equiv 0$. Give a second equation for the value of $u = u(t, x)$ in the same given point (t, x) which involves k and $f(k)$. Determine $u = u(t, x)$ when $t > 0$ and $-1 < x < 1$.
- Now take $c(x, u) = c(x) = 1 - x^2$ and $h = h(u) = -u^2$. Then the second equation in Part 1d has to be replaced by another equation for the value of $u = u(t, x)$ in the same given point (t, x) . Determine again $u = u(t, x)$ when $t > 0$ and $-1 < x < 1$.
- For which (t, x) with $t > 0$ are the solution formula's you found also valid?

2. Let $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$. Consider for $u = u(t, x)$ the equation

$$u_t = u_{xx}$$

with $0 < x < 1$. Given boundary conditions

$$u(t, 0) = 0 = u_x(t, 1) + \beta u(t, 1),$$

the PDE has solutions of the form $u(t, x) = T(t)X(x)$. For which β do such solutions exist with $T(t) \rightarrow \infty$?

3. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an odd and 2π -periodic piecewise smooth function. The Fourier series of f is given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx.$$

- (a) To make sure you use the right formula's for the Fourier coefficients: derive the integral formula's for b_n in the case that

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin nx$$

for some integer $N > 0$.

- (b) Use the case that $f(x) = \pi - x$ for $0 < x < \pi$ to compute

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

in terms of π by using the explicit values of b_n . Explain why your answer is correct.

- (c) For the same f , let

$$s_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N b_n \sin nx.$$

Show that $s'_N(x) + 1$ is a multiple of

$$D_N(x) = \frac{\sin(N + \frac{1}{2})x}{\sin \frac{x}{2}}$$

by using the complex formula's for $\cos nx$ and the values of b_n .