

Math 257/316, Midterm 2, Section 201

11 am on March 19, 2012

Instructions. The duration of the exam is 55 minutes. Answer all questions. Calculators are not allowed.
Maximum score 100.

1. Solve the following inhomogeneous initial boundary value problem for the heat equation:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx} + x, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0 \\u(0, t) &= 1 - e^{-t}, \quad u_x(1, t) = t \\u(x, 0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

by using an appropriate expansion in terms of the eigenfunctions $\sin\left(\frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}x\right)$ corresponding to the eigenvalues $\lambda_n = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}$ where $n = 0, 1, \dots$

[60 marks]

2. Solve the following initial boundary value problem for the wave equation:

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0 \\u_x(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(1, t) = 0 \\u(x, 0) &= x, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0\end{aligned}$$

either by using the method of separation of variables or the appropriate eigenfunction expansion. Interpret your solution in terms of the D'Alembert solution (see the formula sheet).

[40 marks]