

1. Does there exist a solution of the Cauchy problem

[20pt]

$$yu_x = xu_y \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2, \quad u|_{\Gamma} = \cos y, \quad \Gamma = \{(1, y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

in a neighborhood of the point  $(1, 0)$ ? Is the solution unique?

2. Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an *unbounded* open set and  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\overline{\Omega})$  be harmonic in  $\Omega$ . Show that if

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$$\lim_{\substack{|x| \rightarrow \infty \\ x \in \Omega}} u(x) = 0$$

then

$$\sup_{\overline{\Omega}} |u| = \sup_{\partial\Omega} |u|.$$

[Hint. Consider the open sets  $\Omega_R = \Omega \cap B_R$  and let  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .]

3. Let  $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, 1]) \cap C(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, 1])$  be a *bounded* solution of the initial value problem for the heat equation with *nonnegative* initial data: [20pt]

$$\Delta u - u_t = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, 1], \quad u(\cdot, 0) = g \geq 0.$$

Prove that there exists a constant  $C_n > 0$ , depending only on the dimension  $n$  such that

$$\sup_{|x| \leq 1} u(x, \frac{1}{2}) \leq C_n \inf_{|z| \leq 1} u(z, 1)$$

[*Hint:* You may want to use the inequality  $|x - y|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}|z - y|^2 - |x - z|^2$  for  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .]

4. (a) Let  $u$  be a harmonic function in  $B_R := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| < R\}$  and  $f$  a  $C^\infty$  radial function (i.e.,  $f(y) = f(|y|)$ ) supported in  $B_R$ . Show that [20pt]

$$\int_{B_R} u(y)f(y)dy = Mu(0), \quad \text{where } M := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y)dy.$$

[Hint. Use the spherical mean value property.]

- (b) Let  $f$  be as above and consider the Newtonian potential

$$U(x) := (\Phi * f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x - y)f(y)dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $\Phi$  is the fundamental solution of the Laplace equation in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that

$$u(x) = M\Phi(x), \quad \text{for any } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_R.$$

5. Let  $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty))$  be a solution of the initial value problem

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$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} - \Delta u &= 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0, \\u(x, 0) &= 0, & u_t(x, 0) = h(x),\end{aligned}$$

in space dimensions  $n = 1, 2$ , or  $3$ . Suppose that  $|h(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (a) Prove that  $|u(x, t)| \leq Mt$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0$ .
- (b) Show that in general it is not true that  $|u_t(x, t)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0$ .  
[Hint: Consider a radially symmetric  $h(x) = h(|x|)$  and explicitly compute  $u_t(0, t)$ .]