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## TMA4305 PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Hjelpemidler (kode C): Typegodkjent kalkulator med tomt minne (HP 30S),  
samt ett A4-ark stemplet av Institutt for matematiske fag,  
med valgfri påskrift av studenten.

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*All answers must be justified.*

### Problem 1

- a) Formulate (without proof) the weak maximum principle for the heat equation

$$u_t = u_{xx} \quad \text{in the region } a < x < b, 0 < t < T.$$

- b) We now consider the equation (with a variable coefficient)

$$(1) \quad u_t = xu_{xx} \quad \text{in the region } -2 < x < 2, 0 < t < 1.$$

Verify that  $u = -2xt - x^2$  is a solution. Is the weak maximum principle valid for (1)?

### Problem 2 Find the entropy solution of Burgers' equation

$$u_t + uu_x = 0 \quad \text{with initial condition} \quad u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0, \\ 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{for } x > 1. \end{cases}$$

Also, sketch the characteristics and shock curves (if any) in the  $xt$ -plane.

**Problem 3** Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded domain with smooth boundary.

Prove uniqueness of smooth solutions of the initial/boundary value problem (with Neumann boundary condition)

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = \Delta u & \text{in } U \times (0, T), \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = h & \text{on } \partial U \times [0, T], \\ u = f, \quad u_t = g & \text{on } U \times \{t = 0\}, \end{cases}$$

where  $f, g \in C^\infty(\overline{U})$  and  $h \in C^\infty(\partial U \times [0, T])$  are given functions, and  $\nu$  is the outward pointing unit normal vector on the boundary of  $U$ . (*Hint*: Energy method.)

**Problem 4** Find the solution of the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz} \\ u(x, y, z, 0) = x^2 + y^2, \quad u_t(x, y, z, 0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

**Problem 5**

Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded domain with smooth boundary.

a) Formulate the definition of a weak solution  $u \in H_0^1(U)$  of the problem

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } U, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial U, \end{cases}$$

where  $f \in L^2(U)$  is a given function. Prove the existence of a weak solution.

b) Suppose  $u \in H_0^1(U)$  is a weak solution of (2) (with  $f \in L^2(U)$ ), and suppose further that  $u$  has compact support in  $U$  (i.e.,  $\text{supp } u \subset\subset U$ ). Show that

$$u \in H^2(U).$$