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2nd exercise sheet

PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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5. Proof the uniqueness of a C^1 -solution of the wave equation.

This means for $f, g \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ there exists exactly one function $u \in C^1$ with

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} - u_{xx} &= 0 && \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}, \\ u(0, \cdot) &= g, \quad u_t(0, \cdot) = h && \text{on } \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

6. Let $f, g \in C^2([0, \infty))$. Try to solve

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} - u_{xx} &= 0 && \text{in } (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty), \\ u(0, \cdot) &= g, \quad u_t(0, \cdot) = h && \text{on } [0, \infty), \\ u(t, 0) &= 0 && \text{for all } t \in [0, \infty). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Do we need any further assumptions on f and g ?

Hint: Try to extend f and g to functions in $C^2(\mathbb{R})$ and solve the wave equation.

7. Let $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$ with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g(x) dx = 1$. For $\varepsilon > 0$, we define $g_\varepsilon : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$g_\varepsilon(x) := \varepsilon^{-n} g\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

For a bounded and uniformly continuous function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we set

$$f_\varepsilon(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_\varepsilon(x - y) f(y) dy.$$

Show that f_ε tends to f uniformly ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$).

8. Let (g_k) a sequence in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_k(x) dx = 1 \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \quad (D1),$$

$$\sup\{\|g_k\|_1 : k \in \mathbb{N}\} < \infty \quad (D2),$$

$$\forall \delta > 0 : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x| > \delta} |g_k(x)| dx = 0 \quad (D3).$$

Further let $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a bounded and measurable function which is continuous at y . Show the convergence

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_k(y - x) f(x) dx \longrightarrow f(y) \quad (k \rightarrow \infty).$$

Remark: A sequence (g_k) satisfying (D1), (D2) and (D3) is called Dirac-sequence.