

Partielle Differentialgleichungen

4. Übungen Lösungsvorschlag

Gruppenübung

G 1 1. Since a, b and c, d lie on the same line parallel to $x = t$, then

$$\begin{aligned}a^x - a^t &= b^x - b^t \\c^x - c^t &= d^x - d^t.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}a^x + a^t &= d^x + d^t \\b^x + b^t &= c^x + c^t.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}u(a) + u(c) &= \phi(a^x + a^t) + \psi(a^x - a^t) + \phi(c^x + c^t) + \psi(c^x - c^t) \\&= \phi(d^x + d^t) + \psi(b^x - b^t) + \phi(b^x + b^t) + \psi(d^x - d^t) \\&= u(b) + u(d).\end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose there are two solutions: u and v and let $w = u - v$. Then the boundary and initial conditions for w vanish. Take any point inside the triangle bounded by $t = 0$, $x = t$, $x = l - t$. Then w at this point is zero, from the d'Alembert equation. Next, choose the triangle bounded by $x = t$, $x = 0$, $x = l - t$. The solution at point inside this triangle is zero, since we can draw a rectangle, whose 3 vertices touch the boundaries at which we know the solution is zero and then use the formula from **G1** 1. Similarly we extend this reasoning with triangles to the whole strip $[0, l] \times \mathbb{R}_+$.

The functions should be of class C^2 and satisfy the conditions

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(0) &= g(0), \beta(0) = g(l) \\ \alpha'(0) &= h(0), \beta'(0) = h(l) \\ \alpha''(0) &= g'', \beta''(0) = g''(l)\end{aligned}$$

(the last equations follow from $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$).

3. Take any point $(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. The conditions are given along the lines $x = t + 1$ and $x = -t + 5$, their common point is $(x, t) = (3, 2)$. The lines parallel to these, passing through (\bar{x}, \bar{t}) are $x = t + \bar{x} - \bar{t}$ and $x = -t + \bar{x} + \bar{t}$. The points of crossing are $(\frac{1}{2}[\bar{x} + \bar{t} + 1], \frac{1}{2}[\bar{x} + \bar{t} - 1])$ and $(\frac{1}{2}[\bar{x} - \bar{t} + 5], \frac{1}{2}[\bar{t} - \bar{x} + 5])$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}u(\bar{x}, \bar{t}) &= u\left(\frac{1}{2}[\bar{x} + \bar{t} + 1], \frac{1}{2}[\bar{x} + \bar{t} - 1]\right) + u\left(\frac{1}{2}[\bar{x} - \bar{t} + 5], \frac{1}{2}[\bar{t} - \bar{x} + 5]\right) - u(3, 2) \\ &= \alpha\left(\frac{1}{2}[\bar{x} + \bar{t} - 1]\right) + \beta\left(\frac{1}{2}[\bar{t} - \bar{x} + 5]\right) - u(3, 2).\end{aligned}$$

The obvious condition to satisfy is $u(3, 2) = \alpha(2) = \beta(2)$. Moreover, $\alpha, \beta \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$. Apart from that the data can be arbitrary.