

Math 335-002 * Homework #6 * Due date: March 5, 2015

Please show all work in detail to receive full credit. Late homework is not accepted.

1. Section 3.1:

A function satisfying the Laplace's equation is called *harmonic*. Which of the following functions is/are harmonic?

(a) $f(x, y) = \cos(2x) \sinh(2y)$

(b) $f(x, y) = \cos(3x) \exp(-2y)$

(c) $f(x, y) = \log(x^2 + y^2)$

2. Problem 3.1.12(b), page 157: show that $T(x, y, t) = e^{-kt} (\cos x + \cos y)$ satisfies the two-dimensional heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

3. Problem 3.3.6, page 182: Find and classify the critical points (i.e. determine whether they are local maxima, minima, or saddles):

$$f(x, y) = 3x^2 + 2xy + 2x + y^2 + y + 4$$

4. Problem 3.3.44, page 184: Find absolute (global) extreme points of function $f(x, y) = 1 + xy + x - 2y$ on a triangular region with vertices $(1, -2)$, $(5, -2)$ and $(1, 2)$

Hint: one of the three boundaries will require a parameterization using equation of line (you can use equation of line in any form you like).

5. Find the coefficient k in the following "relativistic" correction to the familiar expression for the kinetic energy of a body of resting mass m_0 moving with speed v , by Taylor-expanding the following relativistic expression to *second* order in variable $x=(v/c)^2$:

$$E = mc^2 = \frac{m_0 c^2}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}} \approx \underbrace{m_0 c^2}_{\text{Rest Energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{m_0 v^2}{2}}_{\text{Kinetic Energy}} + k v^4$$

Hint: I did this in class, you only have to find the coefficient k of the correction term using the next Taylor term in the expansion of $(1 - x)^{-1/2}$