

Math 124a: Final

Name Solutions

Formulas

$$S(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4kt}} \quad \text{Erf}(z) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^z e^{-p^2} dp$$

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For the wave equation on an interval $[a, b]$, the energy at time t is

$$E(t) = \int_a^b ([u_t(x, t)]^2 + c^2[u_x(x, t)]^2) dx$$

1. [15 pts] Solve $u_x - 2u_y - 5u = 2x^2 - 3xy - 2y^2$ with the condition $u(x, 0) = e^x$.

$$\text{Let } x' = x - 2y$$

$$y' = 2x + y$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } u_x - 2u_y &= (u_{x'} + 2y/y') - 2(-2u_{x'} + u/y') \\ &= 5u_{x'} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also } 2x^2 - 3xy - 2y^2 = (2x + y)(x - 2y) = y' \cdot x'$$

$$\text{Solve: } 5u_{x'} - 5u = x' y'$$

$$\text{Integrating factor: } \underline{e^{-x'}} \Rightarrow 5(e^{-x'} u_{x'} - e^{-x'} u) = e^{-x'} x' y'$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} (e^{-x'} u) = e^{-x'} x' y'$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 e^{-x'} u = y' \int x' e^{-x'}$$

$$= y' (-x' e^{-x'} - e^{-x'}) + f(y')$$

$$\left(\text{Check integral: } \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} (-x' e^{-x'} - e^{-x'}) = +x' e^{-x'} - e^{-x'} + e^{-x'} = x e^{-x'} \checkmark \right)$$

Therefore,

$$u = \frac{1}{5} y' (-x' - 1) + \frac{1}{5} e^{-x'} f(y')$$

In terms of x and y :

$$u(x, y) = -\frac{1}{5} (2x + y)(x - 2y + 1) + \frac{1}{5} e^{x - 2y} f(2x + y)$$

Since $u(x, 0) = e^x$

$$-\frac{1}{5}(2x)(1+x) + \frac{1}{5}e^x f(2x) = e^x$$

$$\frac{1}{5}e^x f(2x) = e^x + \frac{1}{5}(2x + 2x^2)$$

$$f(2x) = 5 + e^{-x}(2x + 2x^2)$$

$$f(z) = 5 + e^{-z/2} \left(z + \frac{z^2}{2} \right)$$

$$u(x, y) = -\frac{1}{5}(2x^2 - 2y^2 - 3xy + 2x + y)$$

$$+ e^{x-2y} + \frac{1}{5} e^{x-2y} e^{(2x+y)/2} \left[2x+y + \frac{(2x+y)^2}{2} \right]$$

2. [10 pts] Solve for u (in terms of the error function).

$$\begin{cases} \kappa = 1/4 \\ u_t - \frac{1}{4}u_{xx} - 4te^{-2x} = 0 & \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty \\ \phi(x) = u(x,0) = \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

(DE) with a source

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y,t)\phi(y)dy + \int_0^t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y,t-s)[4se^{-2y}]dyds \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \phi dy + \int_0^{\infty} S(x-y,t)ydy + \int_0^t 4s \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y,t-s)e^{-2y}dy \right) ds \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-(x-y)^2/4t}}{\sqrt{\pi t}} y dy + \int_0^t 4s e^{-2x+(t-s)} ds \end{aligned}$$

Sol'n of (DE) at time $t-s$
with IC e^{-2x}

COV

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{x-y}{\sqrt{t}} \\ dp &= -dy/\sqrt{t} \\ y &= x - \sqrt{t}p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{-x/\sqrt{t}} e^{-p^2} (x - \sqrt{t}p) (-dp) + 4e^{-2x+t} \int_0^t \frac{se^{-s}}{p} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x/\sqrt{t}} e^{-p^2} x dp - \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x/\sqrt{t}} pe^{-p^2} dp + 4e^{-2x+t} \left[\int_0^t \frac{e^{-s}}{p} ds - se^{-s} \right]_0^t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{x}{2} \left[\underbrace{\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-p^2} dp}_{=1} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{x/\sqrt{t}} e^{-p^2} dp \right] - \frac{\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(-\frac{e^{-p^2}}{2} \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{x/\sqrt{t}} \\ &\quad + 4e^{-2x+t} \left[-e^{-s} \Big|_0^t - te^{-t} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$u(x,t) = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2} \operatorname{Erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t}}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{t}}{2\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-x^2/4t} + 4e^{-2x} [-1 + e^{-t} - t]$$

3. [5+5 pts] Consider the following problem for u :

$$\begin{cases} u_t - ku_{xx} + xe^{-t} = 0 & \text{for } 0 < x < \infty \\ u(x, 0) = \delta(x-2) + x^2 + x \\ u_x(0, t) = e^{-t} \end{cases}$$

Let $v(x, t) = u(x, t) - xe^{-t}$.

(a) What problem does v solve?

(b) [+5pts] Find the solution u .

(a) Compute: $v_t = u_t + xe^{-t}$

$$v_x = u_x - e^{-t} \quad v_{xx} = u_{xx}$$

v solves

$$\begin{cases} v_t - kv_{xx} = u_t + xe^{-t} - u_{xx} = 0 & 0 < x < \infty \\ v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - xe^0 = \delta(x-2) + x^2 \\ v_x(0, t) = u_x(0, t) - e^{-t} = 0 \end{cases}$$

(b) v solves (DE) on the half-line with the Neumann BC $v_x(0, t) = 0$, so we can use an even extension of the IC $\phi(x) = \delta(x-2) + x^2$ to solve for v

$$\phi_{\text{Even}}(x) = \begin{cases} \delta(x-2) + x^2 & x > 0 \\ \delta(-x-2) + x^2 & x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, t) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 S(x-y, t) [\delta(y-2) + y^2] dy + \int_0^{\infty} S(x-y, t) [\delta(y-2) + y^2] dy \\ &= S(x+2, t) + S(x-2, t) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y, t) y^2 dy \\ &= S(x+2, t) + S(x-2, t) + x^2 + 2kt \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \left[e^{-\frac{(x+2)^2}{4kt}} + e^{-\frac{(x-2)^2}{4kt}} \right] + x^2 + 2kt + xe^{-t}$$

4. [10 pts] Consider the heat equation on the whole line with an even initial condition:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= k u_{xx} & -\infty < x < \infty \\ u(x, 0) &= \phi(x), \end{aligned}$$

where ϕ is an even function.

(a) Prove that the solution $u(x, t)$ is an even function of x .

(b) Prove that $u_x(0, t) = 0$.

$$(a) \quad u(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y, t) \phi(y) dy$$

We want to show that $u(-x, t) = u(x, t)$

$$u(-x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(-x-y, t) \phi(y) dy$$

$$\stackrel{\text{COV}}{\leftarrow} \int_{+\infty}^{-\infty} S(-x+z, t) \phi(-z) (-dz)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S(-x+z, t) \phi(z) dz \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Switching} \\ \text{limits and} \\ \text{using } \phi(-z) = \phi(z) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Finally, } S(-x+z, t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} e^{-(-x+z)^2/4kt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} e^{-(x-z)^2/4kt} \\ &= S(x-z, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore u(-x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-z, t) \phi(z) dz = u(x, t) \quad \square$$

$$(b) \quad u(-x, t) = u(x, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow -u_x(-x, t) = u_x(x, t) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Differentiating both sides} \\ \text{and using the chain rule} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\therefore \text{ for } x=0, \quad -u_x(0, t) = u_x(0, t) \Rightarrow \underline{u_x(0, t) = 0} \quad \square$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Or, find } u_x(x, t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(x-y, t) \phi(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{-(x-y)}{2kt} e^{-(x-y)^2/4kt} \phi(y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } u_x(0, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{y}{2kt} e^{-y^2/4kt} \phi(y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\text{odd})(\text{even})(\text{even}) = 0$$

5. [10 pts] Consider the wave equation on the finite interval $[0,1]$ with the following initial conditions and boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} && 0 < x < 1 \\
 (IC) \rightarrow &u(x,0) = 0; u_t(x,0) = x \\
 &u_x(0,t) - u(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow u_x(0,t) = u(0,t) \\
 &u_x(1,t) + u(1,t) = 0 \Rightarrow u_x(1,t) = -u(1,t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Find the energy $E(t)$. (Hint: First, find $\frac{d}{dt}E(t)$. Then integrate in time from 0 to t .)

Either multiply the equation by u_t and integrate or ...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt} E(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^1 (u_t^2 + c^2 u_x^2) dx = \int_0^1 (2u_t u_{tt} + 2c^2 u_x u_{xt}) dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 2u_t u_{tt} dx - \int_0^1 2c^2 u_{xx} u_t dx + c^2 u_x u_t \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= \int_0^1 2u_t (u_{tt} - \cancel{c^2 u_{xx}}) dx + c^2 u_x u_t \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= c^2 u_x(1,t) u_t(1,t) - c^2 u_x(0,t) u_t(0,t)
 \end{aligned}$$

using \rightarrow boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -c^2 u(1,t) u_t(1,t) - c^2 u(0,t) u_t(0,t) \\
 &= -\frac{c^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(u(1,t))^2 + (u(0,t))^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

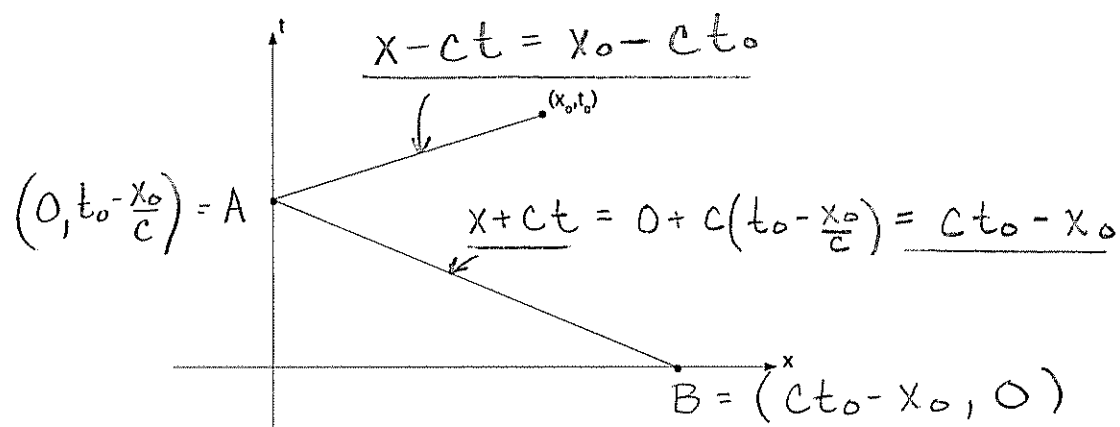
Integrating both sides from 0 to t : = 0 by (IC)

$$E(t) - E(0) = -\frac{c^2}{2} (u(1,t)^2 + u(0,t)^2) + \frac{c^2}{2} (u(1,0)^2 + u(0,0)^2)$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(0) &= \int_0^1 (u_t(x,0)^2 + u_x(x,0)^2) dx \Rightarrow E(t) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{c^2}{2} (u(1,t)^2 + u(0,t)^2) \\
 &= \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

6. [5 pts] Consider a point (x_0, t_0) as in the picture below (the point is in the first quadrant and satisfies $x_0 < ct_0$). If the lines drawn are characteristics for the wave equation $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$, find the equation of each line and find the points where the lines intersect the axes.



At point $A = (x_1, t_1)$, $x_1 = 0$

$$0 - ct_1 = x_0 - ct_0 \Rightarrow t_1 = t_0 - \frac{x_0}{c}$$

7. [10 pts] Solve

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = xt^2 & \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \\ u_t(x, 0) = e^{-x} \end{cases}$$

(WE) with a source $f(x, t) = xt^2$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= 0 + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} e^{-y} dy + \frac{1}{2c} \iint_{\Delta} f \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} (-e^{-y}) \Big|_{x-ct}^{x+ct} + \frac{1}{2c} \iint_{\Delta} f \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} (e^{-(x-ct)} - e^{-(x+ct)}) + \frac{1}{2c} \iint_{\Delta} f \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} e^{-x} (e^{ct} - e^{-ct}) + \frac{1}{2c} \iint_{\Delta} f \\ &= \frac{1}{c} e^{-x} \sinh(ct) + \frac{1}{2c} \iint_{\Delta} f. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\Delta} f &= \int_0^t \int_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} y s^2 dy ds = \int_0^t s^2 \left(\frac{y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} ds \\ &= \int_0^t s^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(x^2 + 2cx(t-s) + c^2(t-s)^2 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \left(x^2 - 2cx(t-s) + c^2(t-s)^2 \right) \right\} ds \\ &= \int_0^t 2cx s^2 (t-s) ds = 2cx \left(\frac{t s^3}{3} - \frac{s^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^t \\ &= 2cx \left(\frac{t^4}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} \right) = 2cx \frac{t^4}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{c} e^{-x} \sinh(ct) + \frac{xt^4}{12}.$$

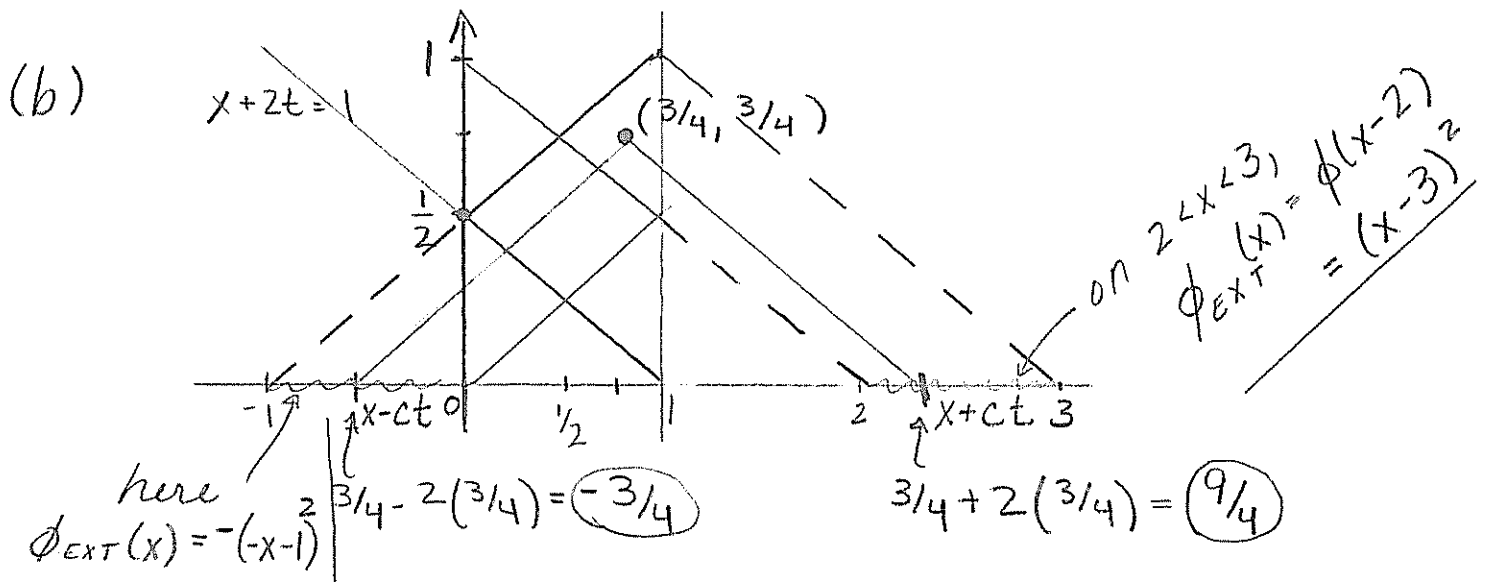
8. [10 pts] On the finite interval $[0, 1]$, consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{Z} & \begin{cases} u_{tt} = 4u_{xx} & \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \\ u(x, 0) = (x-1)^2; u_t(x, 0) = 1 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0. \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

(a) Write the formulas for the extensions of the initial conditions that you would use to solve this problem.

(b) Find the solution $u(x, t)$ at the point $(x, t) = (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$.

$$(a) \quad \phi_{EXT}(x) = \begin{cases} -(-x-1)^2 & \text{if } -1 < x < 0 \\ (x-1)^2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ \text{periodic extension,} \\ \text{of period 2} \end{cases} \quad \psi_{EXT}(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & -1 < x < 0 \\ +1 & 0 < x < 1 \\ \text{periodic} \\ \text{extension.} \end{cases}$$



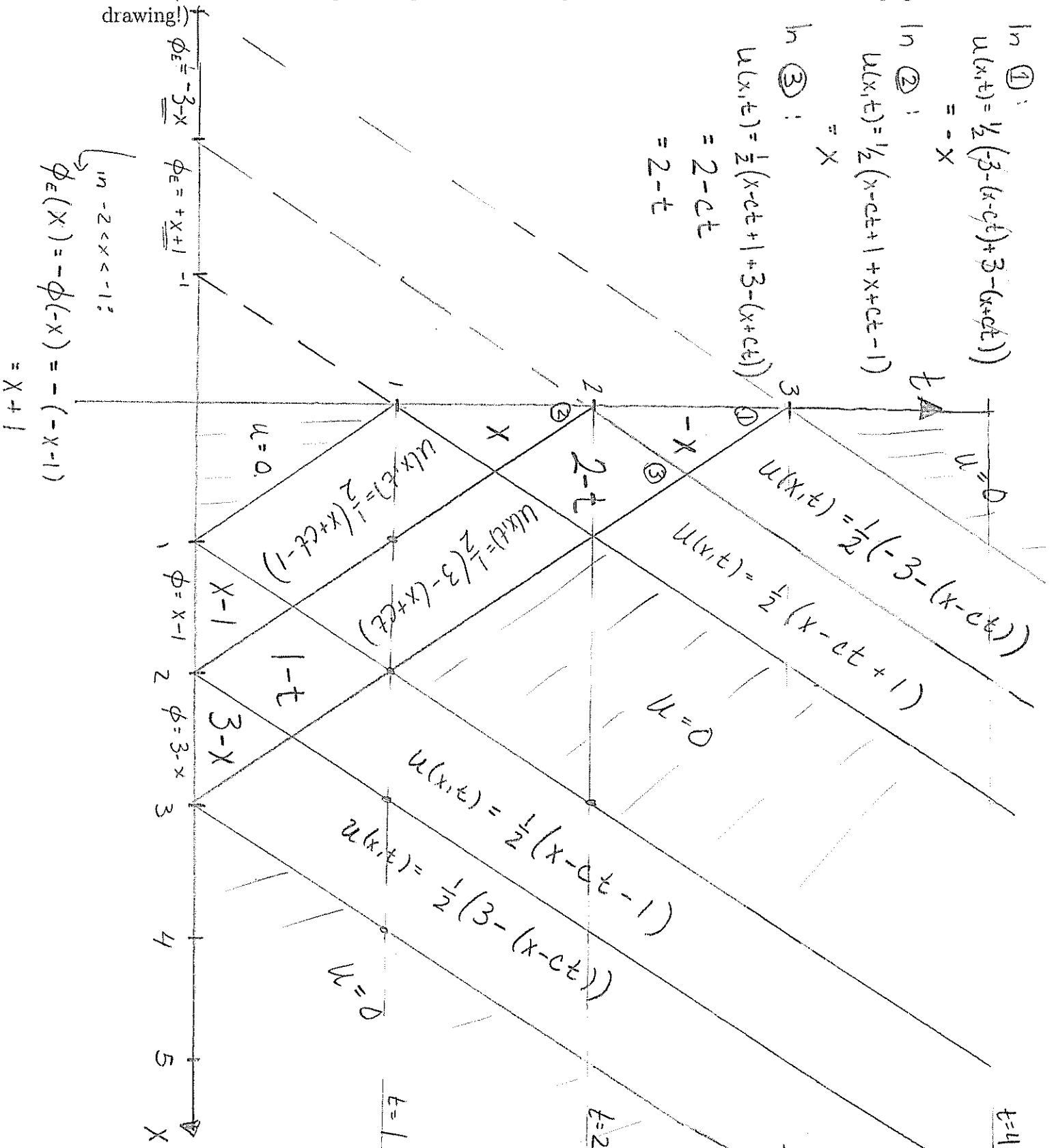
Using d'Alembert's formula:

$$\begin{aligned} u(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}) &= \frac{1}{2} [-(\frac{3}{4}-1)^2 + (\frac{9}{4}-3)^2] + \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\frac{3}{4}}^{\frac{9}{4}} \psi_{EXT}(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [-(\frac{1}{4})^2 + (\frac{3}{4})^2] + \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \int_{-\frac{3}{4}}^0 (-1) dy + \int_0^1 (+1) dy + \int_1^2 (-1) dy + \int_2^{\frac{9}{4}} (+1) dy \right\} \\ &= \frac{9-1}{2 \cdot 16} + \frac{1}{4} (-\frac{3}{4} + 1 - 1 + (\frac{9}{4}-2)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} (-\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} = \boxed{\frac{1}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

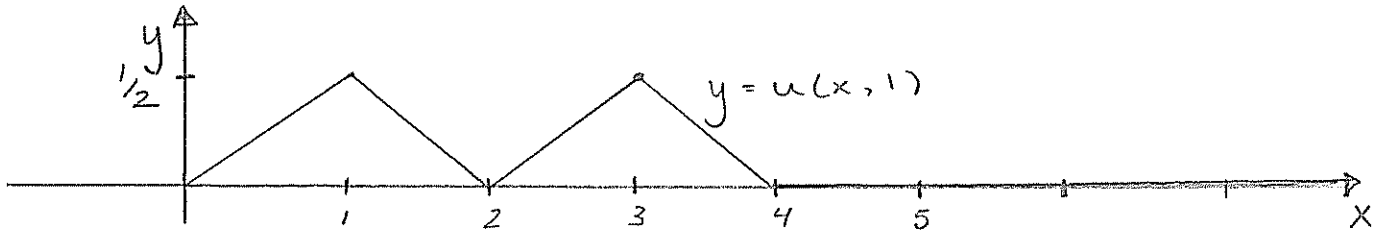
9. [15 pts] Consider the following problem on the half line:

$$c=1 \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & \text{for } 0 < x < \infty \\ u(x, 0) = \phi(x); u_t(x, 0) = 0 & \text{where } \phi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ x-1 & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 3-x & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 0 & 3 \leq x \end{cases} \\ u(0, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

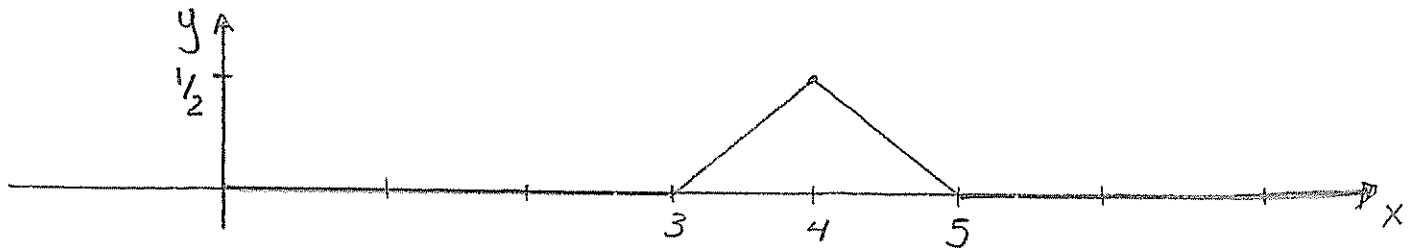
Draw a large picture of the domain with the important characteristics and find the solution u in each region. Then, draw pictures of the solution $u(x, t)$ at the times $t = 1, t = 2$ and $t = 4$. (Label all the important points on these pictures. You also have the next page for drawing!)



$$\underline{t=1} \quad u(x, 1) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x & 0 < x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}(2-x) & 1 < x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}(x-2) & 2 < x < 3 \\ \frac{1}{2}(4-x) & 3 < x < 4 \\ 0 & x > 4 \end{cases}$$



$$\underline{t=2} \quad u(x, 2) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x < 3 \\ \frac{1}{2}(x-3) & 3 < x < 4 \\ \frac{1}{2}(5-x) & 4 < x < 5 \\ 0 & x > 5 \end{cases}$$



$$\underline{t=4} \quad u(x, 4) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}(1-x) & 1 < x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}(x-3) & 2 < x < 3 \\ 0 & 3 < x < 5 \\ \frac{1}{2}(x-5) & 5 < x < 6 \\ \frac{1}{2}(7-x) & 6 < x < 7 \\ 0 & x > 7 \end{cases}$$

