Math 333 Homework Problems #1

APPLIED PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (2ND EDITION), by J.D. Logan

Those problems marked in red are to be turned in to be graded.

1. The physical origins of partial differential equations

- 1.3.5, **1.3.6**
- 1.5.1,1.5.2, 1.5.3, 1.5.4
- 1.5.9 This is an expanded version of 1.5.5. Consider the wave equation

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, \qquad 0 \le x \le L.$$

Define the total energy by

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L (u_t^2 + c^2 u_x^2) \,\mathrm{d}x.$$

(a) Show that

$$E'(t) = c^2 u_x u_t \Big|_{x=0}^{x=L}$$
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- (b) If u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0, show that $E'(t) \equiv 0$.
- (c) If $u_x(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0$, show that $E'(t) \equiv 0$.