Math F608: Homework 8

- **1.** Evans 2.5.18
- 2. Consider Evans 2.5.18 again in the two dimensional setting. Show that

$$u(x,t) \le Ct^{-1/2}$$

3. Let U be a bounded smooth domain. Show there is at most one solution of

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 \quad \text{in } U \times (0, T)$$
$$u(x, 0) = g(x)$$
$$u_t(x, 0) = h(x)$$
$$u(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in \partial U.$$

Hint: Prove an energy equality.

4. Let Q be the square $[0,1] \times [0,1]$. Use separation of variables to find a formal solution of the problem

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5. A function $u : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$ is called a plane wave if $u(x,t) = F(a \cdot x - t)$ for some fixed vector $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

a. Find a condition on the vector a that ensures a plane wave is a solution of the wave equation $u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0$.

b. Determine a necessary and sufficient condition on initial data g(x) and h(x) to ensure the corresponding solution of the wave equation is a plane wave.