Quiz 5: Due March 21 (beginning of class)

1. (30 pts) Solve the following initial-boundary value problem:

 $u_{tt} = 4u_{xx}, x \in (0,1), t > 0,$ u(0,t) = 0, u(1,t) = 0, u(x,0) = 0 $u_t(x,0) = 3\sin 2\pi x.$

2. (40 pts) Solve the following initial boundary value problem for the damped string:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} u_{tt} &=& u_{xx}-u_t, \ x\in(0,1), t>0,\\ u(0,t) &=& 0,\\ u(1,t) &=& 0,\\ u(x,0) &=& \sin\pi x\\ u_t(x,0) &=& 0. \end{array}$$

Warning: Be very careful when dealing with the initial data $u_t(x,0) = 0$ for this problem with damping!

3. (30 pts) By using the following trigonometric formulas

$$\sin\alpha\sin\beta = \frac{1}{2}\left[\cos(\alpha-\beta) - \cos(\alpha+\beta)\right], \quad \sin\alpha\cos\beta = \frac{1}{2}\left[\sin(\alpha-\beta) - \sin(\alpha+\beta)\right],$$

and the Fourier series expression for the general solution of the vibrations of a linearly elastic string fixed at the end points x = 0 and x = L:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(A_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

show that the general solution u(x,t) can be written as a sum of two functions F(x-ct) and G(x+ct)where F(x-ct) describes a forward traveling wave moving with speed c, and G(x+ct) describes a backward traveling wave moving with speed c.