

**PRELIMINARY EXAM PROBLEMS**  
**Differential Equations (PDE), 2018/2, 3 hours**

1. Consider the equation

$$xu_{xx} - yu_{yy} + \frac{1}{2}(u_x - u_y) = 0, x > 0, y > 0.$$

- (a). Reduce the equation to the canonical form.  
(b). Find the general solution of the equation.

2. Solve the Neumann problem

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u &= 0, & x^2 + y^2 &< 16 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} &= y, & x^2 + y^2 &= 16 \end{aligned} .$$

3. Consider the following initial value problem  $u_t + uu_x = 0, u(x, 0) = g(x)$ . Solve the problem by the method of characteristics.
4. Find a solution of the problem  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, -\infty < x < 0, 0 \leq y \leq h < \infty$ , with  $u(x, 0) = u(x, h) = 0, u(0, y) = 1$ , and  $u(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .