

For all the following multiple-choice questions, circle your answers clearly. No partial credit will be awarded; any scratch work will be ignored.

1. Which of the following is a physical principle used in class to derive the heat equation?

- (a) Conservation of momentum
- (b) Principle of least action
- (c) Conservation of (heat) energy
- (d) Second law of thermodynamics
- (e) Maxwell's equations

2. Which of the following PDEs is the heat equation?

- (a) $u = u_x$
- (b) $u_t = u$
- (c) $u_t = u_x$
- (d) $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$
- (e) $u_t = u_{xx}$

3. Why are initial conditions needed for the heat equation?

- (a) The starting state of the system must be known to predict future heat flow.
- (b) The PDE has no solutions without initial conditions.
- (c) The PDE requires extra conditions at the boundary of the spatial domain.
- (d) Without initial conditions, the PDE models wave propagation instead of heat flow.
- (e) Without initial conditions, the PDE models chaotic dynamics instead of heat flow.