

**Partial Differential Equations 3150**  
**Final Exam**  
Fall 2009

**Instructions:** This exam is timed for 120 minutes. You will be given 30 extra minutes to complete the exam. No calculators, notes, tables or books. Problems use only chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 of the textbook. No answer check is expected. Details count 3/4, answers count 1/4.

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## 1. (Fourier Series)

Let  $f(x) = -1$  on the interval  $0 < x < \pi$ ,  $f(x) = 1$  on  $-\pi < x < 0$ . Let  $f(x)$  be defined at  $x = 0, \pi, -\pi$  to make its  $2\pi$ -periodic extension  $g(x)$  satisfy  $g(-x) = g(x)$ .

(a) [25%] Display the formulas for the Fourier coefficients of  $f$ , but do not calculate the integrals.

(b) [25%] Compute the first two nonzero Fourier coefficients.

(c) [25%] Let  $g(x)$  equal the Fourier series of  $f$ . Calculate the value of  $g(x)$  for every  $x$  in  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

(d) [25%] Draw a figure for this example, to illustrate Gibb's phenomenon. Include detail about the Fourier series partial sum  $S_N(x)$ , where  $N$  is the first index that includes the terms found in part (b) above.

$$(a) \langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f g dx \quad \text{Fourier series} = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx)$$

$$\langle g, 1 \rangle = a_0 \langle 1, 1 \rangle \Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{\langle g, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} \Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g dx}{2\pi}$$

$$\langle g, \cos nx \rangle = a_n \langle \cos nx, \cos nx \rangle \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

$$\langle g, \sin nx \rangle = b_n \langle \sin nx, \sin nx \rangle \Rightarrow b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

(b)  $-g(-x) = g(x)$  means  $g(x)$  is odd periodic. Then  $a_n = 0$  for all  $n$ .

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(x) \sin x dx = \frac{-2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx = \frac{-2}{\pi} (1 - \cos x) \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{-4}{\pi}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{-1}{\pi} \cdot 2 \cdot (1 - \cos 2x) \Big|_0^{\pi} = 0$$

$$b_3 = \frac{-1}{\pi} \cdot 2 \cdot (1 - \cos 3x) \Big|_0^{\pi} = \frac{-4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{-4}{\pi}, \quad b_3 = \frac{-4}{3\pi}$$

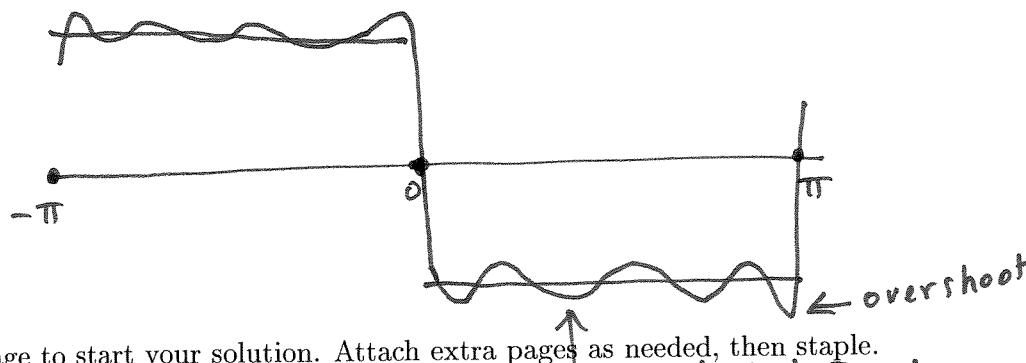
$$(c) \text{ Value} = \frac{1}{2}(f(x+) + f(x-))$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 & -\pi < x < 0 \\ -1 & 0 < x < \pi \\ 0 & x = 0, \pi, -\pi \end{cases}$$

$$(d) S_N(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin(nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$$

$$S_3(x) = -\frac{4}{\pi} \sin(x) - \frac{4}{3\pi} \sin(3x)$$

vanishes at  $x = 0, \pi, -\pi$



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## 2. (CH3. Finite String: Fourier Series Solution)

Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt}(x, t) = c^2 u_{xx}(x, t), & 0 < x < 2\pi, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(2\pi, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & 0 < x < 2\pi, \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0, & 0 < x < 2\pi \end{cases}$$

(a) [50%] Do the analysis of product solutions  $u = X(x)T(t)$ .(b) [25%] Display the series solution  $u(x, t)$ . Include formulas for the coefficients.(c) [25%] Find the solution  $u(x, t)$  when  $c = 1/\pi$  and  $f(x) = 7 \sin(4x) - 8 \sin(9x)$ .

$$(a) u = X T \Rightarrow -\lambda = \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{c^2 T} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} X'' + \lambda X &= 0 \\ X(0) = X(2\pi) &= 0 \quad \text{and} \\ X &= \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x) \\ \text{No sol for } \lambda &= 0, \lambda < 0 \\ 2\sqrt{\lambda}\pi &= n\pi \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_n = \frac{n^2}{4}} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} T'' + 2c^2 T &= 0 \\ T &= c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} c t) \\ &\quad + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} c t) \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right) \left( a_n \cos\left(\frac{nc t}{2}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{nc t}{2}\right) \right)$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} fg dx. \quad \begin{aligned} \langle f, \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right) \rangle &= a_n \langle \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right), \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right) \rangle \\ \langle 0, \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right) \rangle &= b_n \left(\frac{nc}{2}\right) \langle \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right), \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin\left(\frac{nx}{2}\right) dx}{\pi}, \quad b_n = 0$$

$$(c) u(x, t) = 7 \sin(4x) \cos(4t/\pi) - 8 \sin(9x) \cos(9t/\pi)$$

By Fourier's method, since  $f(x)$  is a linear combination  
of eigenfunctions.

## 3. (CH4. Steady-State Heat Conduction on a Disk)

Consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{rr}(r, \theta) + \frac{1}{r}u_r(r, \theta) + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta}(r, \theta) = 0, & 0 < r < 2, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi, \\ u(2, \theta) = f(\theta), & 0 < \theta < 2\pi. \end{cases}$$

(a) [75%] A product solution has the form  $R(r)\Theta(\theta)$ . Do the analysis to find formulas for  $R(r)$  and  $\Theta(\theta)$ . Then display the series solution  $u(r, \theta)$ .(b) [25%] Find the coefficients in the series solution when  $f(\theta) = \theta$  on  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ ,  $f(0) = f(2\pi) = 0$ ,  $f(\theta + 2\pi) = f(\theta)$ .

$$(a) u = R\Theta \Rightarrow \frac{r^2(R'' + \frac{1}{r}R')}{R} = -\frac{\Theta''}{\Theta} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta'' + 2\Theta = 0 \text{ with } \Theta(\theta) \text{ periodic, period } = 2\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{2}\theta) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{2}\theta)$$

and  $\boxed{\lambda = n^2}$        $\lambda = 0$  possible;  $\lambda < 0$  not allowed.

The  $R$ -equation is then  $r^2 R'' + r R' + (-n^2)R = 0$ , a Cauchy-Euler DE. A basis of solutions is  $r^n, r^{-n}$ . We exclude  $r^{-n}$  because  $R(r)$  is defined at  $r=0$ . Then  $R(r) = r^n$ .

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n (a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta)) + a_0$$

$$(b) f(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n a_n \cos(n\theta) + 2^n b_n \sin(n\theta) + a_0$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \theta \cos(n\theta) d\theta = 2^n a_n \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2(n\theta) d\theta = \pi 2^n a_n$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \theta \sin(n\theta) d\theta = 2^n b_n \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2(n\theta) d\theta = \pi 2^n b_n$$

Formulas  $\frac{d}{d\theta} (\theta \cos(n\theta)) = \cos(n\theta) - n\theta \sin(n\theta)$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} (\theta \sin(n\theta)) = \sin(n\theta) + n\theta \cos(n\theta)$$

imply

$$\begin{cases} \pi 2^n a_n = 0 \\ \pi 2^n b_n = \frac{2\pi}{n} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_n = 0 \\ b_n = 2^{-n} \left(\frac{2}{n}\right) \\ a_0 = 2\pi^2 \end{cases}$$

## 4. (CH4. Poisson Problem)

Solve for  $u(x, y)$  in the Poisson problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y), & 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < y < 1, \\ u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x) + 3 \sin(4\pi x), & 0 < x < 1, \\ u(x, y) = 0 & \text{on the other 3 boundary edges.} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) \\ u(x, y) = 0 \text{ on all 4 edges} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x) + 3 \sin(4\pi x) \\ u(x, y) = 0 \text{ on other 3 edges} \end{cases}$$

Then  $u = u_1 + u_2$ , where  $u_1$  solves  $\textcircled{1}$  and  $u_2$  solves  $\textcircled{2}$ 

- $\textcircled{1}$  Eigenfunctions of  $\Delta = \partial_{xx} + \partial_{yy}$  are  $\phi_{mn} = \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi y)$ , so that  $\Delta \phi_{mn} = -\lambda_{mn} \phi_{mn}$  and  $\lambda_{mn} = (m\pi)^2 + (n\pi)^2$ . Then-

$$u_1 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_{mn} \phi_{mn}$$

Then

$$\Delta u_1 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(m\pi x) \sin(n\pi y) = \phi_{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_{mn} (-\lambda_{mn}) \phi_{mn} = \phi_{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{11} (-\lambda_{11}) = 1 \text{ and all other } E_{mn} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 = -\frac{\phi_{11}}{\lambda_{11}} = -\frac{\sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)}{2\pi^2}$$

- $\textcircled{2}$  Separate variables  $u = X\bar{Y}$  in  $\textcircled{2}$  to get  $\begin{cases} \bar{X}'' + \lambda \bar{X} = 0 \text{ and } \bar{Y}(1) = \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x) \\ \bar{X}(0) = \bar{X}(1) = 0 \end{cases}$
- Then  $\bar{X}'' - \lambda \bar{X} = 0, \bar{X}(1) = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{X} = c_1 \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda}(1-y))$ . The series solution is  $\sqrt{\lambda} = n\pi$
- $u_2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x) \sinh(n\pi(1-y))$
- $u_2 = \sin(\pi x) \frac{\sinh(\pi(1-y))}{\sinh(\pi)} + 3 \sin(4\pi x) \frac{\sinh(4\pi(1-y))}{\sinh(4\pi)}$
- by Fourier's method

## 5. (CH4. Heat Equation)

Solve the insulated rod heat conduction problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) = u_{xx}(x, t), & 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0, \\ u(0, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(1, t) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = 1 & 0 < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

Separate variables  $u = X(x)T(t)$  to get  $\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda^2$   
with  $\begin{cases} X'' + \lambda^2 X = 0 \\ X(0) = X(1) = 0 \end{cases}$  and  $\begin{cases} T' - \lambda^2 T = 0 \\ T(0) \neq 0 \end{cases}$ . Then  $X(x) = \sin(n\pi x)$   
 $T(t) = e^{-n^2\pi^2 t}, c_1$   
with  $n\pi \cdot 1 = n\pi$ . The series solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e^{-n^2\pi^2 t} \sin(n\pi x)$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e^0 \sin(n\pi x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x < 1 \\ -1 & -1 < x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f g dx \text{ selected because we use half-range exp.}$$

$$\langle f, \sin(n\pi x) \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \langle \sin(k\pi x), \sin(n\pi x) \rangle$$

The system  $\{\sin(k\pi x)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is orthogonal on  $[-1, 1]$ .

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = c_n \int_{-1}^1 \sin^2(n\pi x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx = c_n \cdot 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ \frac{4}{n\pi} & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n \text{ odd}} e^{-n^2\pi^2 t} \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n}$$

## 6. (CH7. Fourier Transform: Infinite Rod)

Let  $f(x) = 1$  for  $0 < x < 2$  and  $f(x) = 0$  elsewhere on  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Solve the insulated rod heat conduction problem

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) &= u_{xx}(x, t), \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x), \quad -\infty < x < \infty. \end{cases}$$

The Heat Kernel Theorem will be used to obtain the solution.

$u(x, t) = \text{convolution of } f \text{ and the heat kernel}$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{c\sqrt{2t}} e^{\frac{-x^2}{4c^2t}} * f(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2c\sqrt{\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u) e^{-\frac{(x-u)^2}{4c^2t}} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2c\sqrt{\pi t}} \int_0^2 1 \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-u)^2}{4c^2t}} du \end{aligned}$$

This can be written in terms of  $\operatorname{erf}(x)$ , but that is an optional step, not required.