

# Math 3150-1, Practice Midterm Exam 1

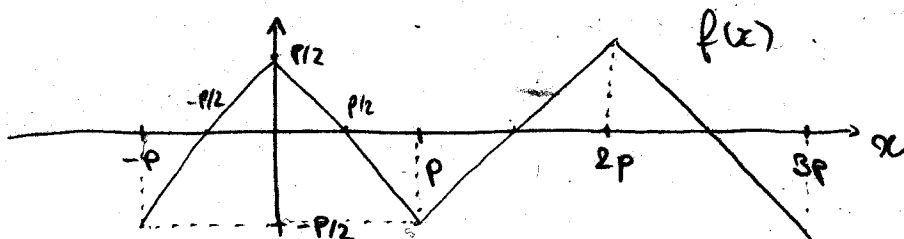
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Problem 1 (20 pts) Consider the  $2p$ -periodic function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -(x - \frac{p}{2}) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq p \\ x + \frac{p}{2} & \text{if } -p \leq x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Sketch  $f(x)$  for  $x \in [-p, 3p]$ . Carefully label your axis.



(b) Is  $f$  continuous? Piecewise continuous? Piecewise smooth?

$f$  is continuous  $\Rightarrow f$  is piecewise continuous.

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & 0 < x < p \\ +1 & -p < x < 0 \end{cases}, \text{ 2-periodic function}$$

$\Rightarrow f'$  is piecewise constant  $\Rightarrow f$  is piecewise smooth.

(c) Find the Fourier series of  $f$ .

Since  $f$  is an even function ( $f(x) = f(x)$ ),  $b_n = \frac{1}{p} \int_{-p}^p f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} dx = 0$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{p} \int_0^p (x - p/2) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} dx \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$= -\frac{2}{p} (x - p/2) \frac{p}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} \Big|_0^p + \frac{2}{p} \frac{p}{n\pi} \int_0^p \sin \frac{n\pi x}{p} dx$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \left( \frac{p}{n\pi} \right) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} \Big|_0^p = -\frac{2p}{(n\pi)^2} ((-1)^n - 1) = \begin{cases} \frac{4p}{(2k+1)^2 \pi^2} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p f(x) dx = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{p} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4p}{(2k+1)^2 \pi^2} \cos \frac{(2k+1)\pi x}{p}$$

**Problem 2 (15 pts)** Decide whether the following partial differential equations are linear or non-linear and if linear, whether they are homogeneous or non-homogeneous. Determine the order of the differential equation.

(a) 
$$\begin{cases} u_{xxxx} + u_{xx} = u_{tt} & \text{order: 4} \\ u(0, t) = u_x(0, t) = 0 \\ u(1, t) = u_x(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$
 linear & homog

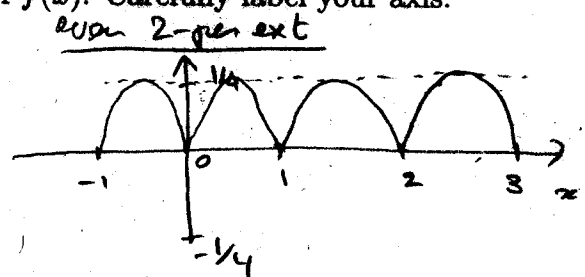
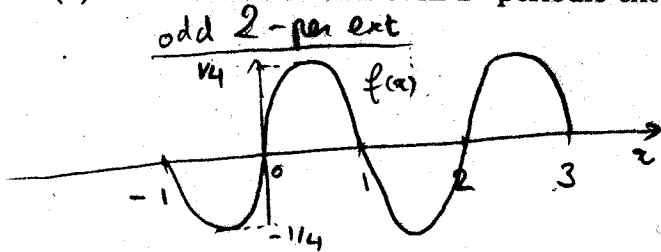
(c)  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \exp[-x^2 - y^2]$  linear non homog  
order: 2

(b)  $u_t = uu_x + u_{xx}$  nonlinear  
order: 2

(d) 
$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} = u_t \\ u(0, t) = 0 \\ u_x(1, t) + u(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$
 linear, homog  
order: 2

**Problem 3 (25 pts)** Let  $f(x) = x(1-x)$  be defined on  $[0, 1]$ .

(a) Sketch the odd and even 2-periodic extensions of  $f(x)$ . Carefully label your axis.



(b) Calculate the Sine and Cosine Series expansions of  $f(x)$ .

Sine series:  $b_n = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 x(1-x) \sin(n\pi x) dx$

We use the identities (see back of the book. Similar identities will be provided in the exam)

(1)  $\int x \sin ax dx = \frac{1}{a^2} \sin ax - \frac{x}{a} \cos ax + C$

(2)  $\int x^2 \sin ax dx = \frac{2x}{a^2} \sin ax - \frac{x^2 - 2}{a^3} \cos ax + C$

(1)-(2)  $\Rightarrow \int x(1-x) \sin ax dx = \frac{1-2x}{a^2} \sin ax + \frac{a^2 x(x-1) - 2}{a^3} \cos ax + C$

$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 x(1-x) \sin n\pi x dx = \left( \frac{1-2x}{a^2} \sin ax + \frac{a^2 x(x-1) - 2}{a^3} \cos ax \right) \Big|_0^1$

$= \frac{-2}{(n\pi)^3} ((-1)^n - 1) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{(n\pi)^3} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$

Thus:

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{((2k+1)\pi)^3} \sin((2k+1)\pi x)$$

For the cosine series we proceed similarly:

$$\int x \cos ax dx = \frac{1}{a^2} \cos ax + \frac{2}{a} \sin ax + C$$

$$\int x^2 \cos ax dx = \frac{2x \cos ax}{a^2} + \frac{a^2 x^2 - 2}{a^3} \sin ax + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \int x(1-x) \cos ax dx = \frac{1-2x}{a^2} \cos ax + \frac{a^2 x(x-1) - 2}{(a\pi)^3} \sin ax + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 x(1-x) \cos n\pi x dx = \frac{1-2x}{(n\pi)^2} \cos n\pi x + \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin n\pi x \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= -\frac{(-1)^n + 1}{(n\pi)^2} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$\boxed{a_0 = \int_0^1 x(1-x) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(2k\pi)^2} \cos(2k\pi x)$$

(c) Solve the one dimensional wave equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = 2u_{xx} \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\pi x \cos 2n\pi t, \text{ with } b_n \text{ computed as in time series of } f}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(2k+1)\pi)^2} \sin((2k+1)\pi x) \cos(2(2k+1)\pi t)$$

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$$\boxed{u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^* \sin n\pi x \sin 2n\pi t, \quad u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^* (2n\pi) \sin(n\pi x) \cos(2n\pi t)}$$

$$f(x) = u_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^* (2n\pi) \sin(n\pi x) = b_n \sin(3b)$$

$$\text{where } b_n^* = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{(n\pi)^4} & n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{((2k+1)\pi)^4} \sin((2k+1)\pi x) \sin(2(2k+1)\pi t)$$

**Problem 4 (20 pts)** Consider the one dimensional wave equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \\ u_t(x, 0) = \cos(\pi x) \end{cases}$$

Solve this differential equation using

(a) Fourier series  $\rightarrow$  We need to first compute the sine series of  $\cos \pi x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 2 \int_0^1 \cos \pi x \sin n \pi x \, dx = \int_0^1 [\sin(n+1)\pi x - \sin(n-1)\pi x] \, dx \quad (n > 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{(n+1)\pi} \cos(n+1)\pi x \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{(n-1)\pi} \cos(n-1)\pi x \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(-1)^{n+1} - 1}{n+1} - \frac{(-1)^{n+1} - 1}{n-1} \right] = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} - 1}{\pi} \left( \frac{-2}{n^2-1} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{\pi(n^2-1)} & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= 2 \int_0^1 \cos \pi x \sin \pi x \, dx = \int_0^1 \sin 2\pi x \, dx \\ &= \cos 2\pi x \Big|_0^1 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

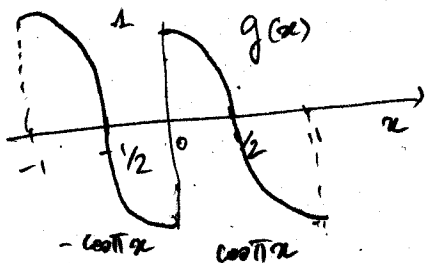
$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^* \sin n \pi x \sin n \pi t$$

(b) D'Alembert's method

where  $b_n^* = \frac{b_n}{n\pi}$  (as in problem 3d)

We have:  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [G(x+t) - G(x-t)]$

where  $G(x) = \int g^*(s) \, ds$  and  $g^* =$  odd 2-period of  $g$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus: } G(x) &= \begin{cases} -\int_{-1}^x \cos \pi t \, dt & -1 < x < 0 \\ -\int_{-1}^0 \cos \pi t \, dt + \int_0^x \cos \pi t \, dt & 0 < x < 1 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{\pi} \sin \pi x & -1 < x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \sin \pi x & 0 < x < 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} |\sin \pi x|$$

**Problem 5 (20 pts)** Consider the following one dimensional heat equations:

$$(A) \begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx} \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x(1-x). \end{cases}$$

$$(B) \begin{cases} u_t = u_{xx} \\ u(0, t) = 1, u(1, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 1 - x^2. \end{cases}$$

(a) Give a physical interpretation of the boundary conditions for (A) and (B).

(A): ice bath on both ends of rod

(B): temp is maintained at  $1^\circ\text{C}$  at  $x=0$   
 " " " "  $0^\circ\text{C}$  at  $x=1$

(b) Solve problem (A). Hint: You may use the results from problem 3c.

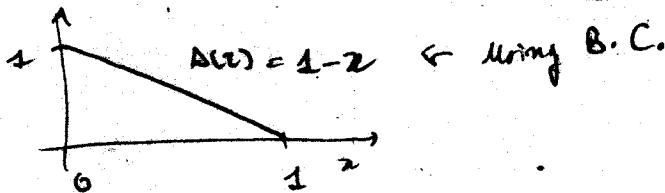
In (3c) we computed in s.t.  $x(1-x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\pi x$ ,

thus:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\pi x \exp[-(n\pi)^2 t]$$

with  $b_n$  as in 3c.

(c) What is the steady state temperature distribution  $s(x)$  for (B)?



(d) Use your answer to (a) together with  $s(x)$  to solve problem (B).

Let  $w$  solve (B) then  $v(x, t) = w(x, t) - s(x)$  solves:

$$\begin{cases} v_t = v_{xx} \\ v(0, t) = v(1, t) = 0 \\ v(x, 0) = x(1-x) \end{cases} \Rightarrow (A)$$

$$\Rightarrow v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x) \exp[-(n\pi)^2 t]$$

where  $b_n$  as in (b).

$$\text{then } u(x, t) = v(x, t) + s(x) = 1 - x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x) \exp[-(n\pi)^2 t]$$