

Math 146C - Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations III - Spring 2011  
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Practice Midterm

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Problem 1 (25 points). Find the Fourier series for the function

$$f(x) = x^2, \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi. \quad \Rightarrow L = \pi$$

$f$  is even  $\Rightarrow b_n = 0$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} x^3 \Big|_0^{\pi} \right) = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos nx dx \stackrel{\substack{(u=x^2 \\ dv=\cos nx dx)}}{=} \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \frac{x^2 \sin nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} + \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} x \sin nx dx \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\substack{(u=x \\ dv=\sin nx dx)}}{=} \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[ \frac{-x \cos nx}{n} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\pi} \cos nx dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{n\pi} \left( \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \pi}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} \sin nx \Big|_0^{\pi} \right) = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} \cos nx$$

**Problem 2** (25 points). Find all the eigenvalues and eigenfunction for the boundary value problem

$$x^2 y'' - xy' + \lambda y = 0, \quad y(1) = y(\pi) = 0.$$

Partial equation:

$$\lambda_n = 1 + \left( \frac{n\pi}{\ln(\pi)} \right)^2, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$y_n = x \sin\left( \frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(\pi)} \right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Problem 3** (25 points). Find the solution of the inhomogeneous heat equation

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} = u_t + 2, & 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(1, t) = 0, & t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x^2 - 2x + 2 \end{cases}$$

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

**Problem 4** (25 points). Find the series solution  $u = u(r, \theta)$  of the Laplace equation

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}u_r + \frac{1}{r^2}u_{\theta\theta} = 0$$

inside the circle  $r = a$  with boundary data  $u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$ . Here  $f$  is a smooth function. Find an integral formula that equals the series solution.

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{(a^2 - r^2)}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{h(\psi)}{a^2 - 2ar \cos(\theta - \psi) + r^2} d\psi.$$

**Problem 5** (25 points). Let  $f$  be a square integrable, even function in  $[-1, 1]$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos n\pi x$  be its Fourier expansion. What is  $b_n$ ? Prove Parseval's identity

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 = \int_{-1}^1 f^2(x) dx$$

$$b_n = 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \cos n\pi x dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \cos n\pi x dx$$

$$\text{Since } f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos n\pi x$$

$$\Rightarrow f^2(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n f(x) \cos n\pi x$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 f^2(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \cos n\pi x dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2$$

**Problem 6** (25 points). Determine whether there is any value of the constant  $a$  for which the problem

$$y'' + \pi^2 y = a - \cos \pi x, \quad y(0) = y(1) = 0,$$

has a solution. Find a series solution for each such value.

Values of  $a$ :  $a = 0$

Solution:  $y = C_2 \sin \pi x - \frac{x}{2\pi} \sin \pi x$

**Problem 7** (25 points). Consider the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$[p(x)y']' - q(x)y + \lambda r(x)y = 0$$

on the interval  $0 < x < 1$ , with the boundary value condition

$$y(0) = y(1) = 0.$$

Here  $p, q, r$  are smooth nonnegative functions. What does it mean that  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue? Show all eigenvalues are real numbers.

See Theorem 11.2.1:  $L[y] = -[p(x)y']' + q(x)y$

$\lambda$  is an eval. for  $y$  if

$$L[y] = \lambda r(x)y.$$



Problem 8 (25 points).

(a) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ . Show that  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  exists as an improper integral, but  $\int_0^1 f^2(x) dx$  does not.

(b) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -1, & x \in \mathbb{I} (= \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) \end{cases}$ . Show that  $\int_0^1 f^2(x) dx$  exists, but  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  does not.

Ⓐ Easy. See math 9B.

Ⓑ  $f^2(x) = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 f^2(x) dx = 1$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \max_{x \in [\frac{m-1}{n}, \frac{m}{n}]} (f(x)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \min_{x \in [\frac{m-1}{n}, \frac{m}{n}]} (f(x)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{-1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -1 = -1$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx \neq \int_0^1 f(x) dx \Rightarrow \int_0^1 f(x) dx \text{ DNE.}$$