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Solutions.

This test includes 5 questions in the main part (64 points in total) and one bonus question (worth an extra 6 points), on 10 pages. The duration of the test is 1 hour 15 minutes.

Your scores: (do not enter answers here)

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Important: The test is closed books/notes. Graphing calculators are not permitted. Show all your work.

1. (8 points) Consider the PDE $u_{xx} - u_{tt} = 0$.

(a) Show that $u(x, t) = f(x+t) + g(x-t)$ is a solution for any f and g smooth.

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_x &= f'(x+t) + g'(x-t) \\
 u_{xx} &= f''(x+t) + g''(x-t) \\
 u_t &= f'(x+t) - g'(x-t) \\
 u_{tt} &= f''(x+t) + g''(x-t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow u_{xx} - u_{tt} = 0.$

(b) Show that $u(x, t) = \cos ax \sin at$ is a solution for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_x &= -a \sin ax \sin at \\
 u_{xx} &= -a^2 \cos ax \sin at \\
 u_t &= a \cos ax \cos at \\
 u_{tt} &= -a^2 \cos ax \sin at
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow u_{xx} - u_{tt} = 0.$

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2. (8 points) Find the t-independent (steady-state) solution of the equation $u_t - u_{xx} = u$, $0 < x < \pi$ with the boundary conditions $u(0, t) = 0$, $u_x(\pi, t) = 1$.

$$t\text{-independent} \Rightarrow u = u(x)$$

$$- u_{xx} = u, \quad u_{xx} + u = 0$$

$$u(x) = A \cos x + B \sin x$$

$$u(0) = A \cdot 1 + B \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$u_x(x) = B \cos x$$

$$u_x(\pi) = B \cdot (-1) = -B = 1 \Rightarrow B = -1$$

$$u(x) = -\sin x.$$

3. (16 points) Consider the PDE $u_{xx} - u_{tt} - u = 0$.

(a) Show that the ODEs satisfied by the functions $X(x)$ and $Y(t)$ in a complex separated solution $u(x, t) = X(x)Y(t)$ take the form $X'' - \lambda X = 0$, $Y'' - (\lambda - 1)Y = 0$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\hookrightarrow u_{xx} - u_{tt} - u = X''Y - XY'' - XY = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{X''}{X}}_{=\lambda} - \underbrace{\frac{Y''}{Y}}_{=-\lambda} - 1 = 0$$

$$X'' = \lambda X \Rightarrow X'' - \lambda X = 0$$

$$-\frac{Y''}{Y} - 1 = -\lambda \Rightarrow \frac{Y''}{Y} + 1 = \lambda \Rightarrow Y'' - (\lambda - 1)Y = 0.$$

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(b) Show that all complex separated solutions for $\lambda \notin \{0, 1\}$ are linear combinations of the functions e^{ax+bt} for some $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$. Find the relation satisfied by a and b .

If $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ then

$$X(x) = C_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda} x} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda} x}$$

$$Y(t) = C_3 e^{\sqrt{\lambda-1} t} + C_4 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda-1} t}$$

$$u(x, t) = X(x)Y(t) = A_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda} x + \sqrt{\lambda-1} t} + A_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda} x + \sqrt{\lambda-1} t} \\ + A_3 e^{\sqrt{\lambda} x - \sqrt{\lambda-1} t} + A_4 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda} x - \sqrt{\lambda-1} t} \\ = e^{ax+bt}$$

To find the relation, substitute

$$\text{into the PDE} \Rightarrow (a^2 - b^2 - 1)e^{ax+bt} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow a^2 - b^2 - 1 = 0.$$

(c) Find all complex separated solutions with $\lambda \notin \{0, 1\}$ which are bounded for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$ in the form $|u(x, t)| \leq M_x$, for a certain constant M_x and all $t, -\infty < t < \infty$.

Since all such solutions are linear combinations of e^{ax+bt} , b must be purely imaginary, $b = i\omega$.

$$\text{Then } b^2 = -\omega^2, \quad a^2 = 1 - \omega^2,$$

$a = \pm \sqrt{1 - \omega^2}$ is real if $|\omega| < 1$ and purely imaginary if $|\omega| > 1$.

$$u(x, t) = A_1 e^{\sqrt{1-\omega^2} x + i\omega t} + A_2 e^{-\sqrt{1-\omega^2} x + i\omega t} \\ + A_3 e^{\sqrt{1-\omega^2} x - i\omega t} + A_4 e^{-\sqrt{1-\omega^2} x - i\omega t}$$

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(d) Are there nontrivial (non-zero) separated solutions which are bounded by the same constant for all x and t ? Are there solutions which satisfy $|u(x, 0)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$?

If $a = \pm \sqrt{1-\omega^2}$ is purely
imaginary ($|\omega| > 1$)
then every solution in part (c)
is bounded for all $-\infty < x < \infty$,
 $-\infty < t < \infty$.

If $a = \pm \sqrt{1-\omega^2}$ is real ($|\omega| < 1$)
then these solutions are
unbounded as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$.

4. (16 points – theoretical question) Let $(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be an orthogonal set of functions on (a, b) (such that $\|\varphi_n\| \neq 0$), and let f be a square-integrable function on (a, b) .

(a) Write the definition of the Fourier coefficients $\hat{c}_n$ of f .

$$\hat{c}_n = \frac{\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle}{\langle \varphi_n, \varphi_n \rangle}.$$

(b) Show that the Fourier coefficients satisfy the inequality $|\hat{c}_n| \leq \|f\|/\|\varphi_n\|$.

$$|\hat{c}_n| = \frac{|\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle|}{\|\varphi_n\|^2} \stackrel{\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}}{\leq} \frac{\|f\| \|\varphi_n\|}{\|\varphi_n\|^2} = \frac{\|f\|}{\|\varphi_n\|}.$$

(c) Show that $\left\|f - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \varphi_n\right\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \sum_{n=1}^N |\hat{c}_n|^2 \|\varphi_n\|^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left\|f - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \varphi_n\right\|^2 &= \left\langle f - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \varphi_n, f - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \varphi_n \right\rangle \\ &= \langle f, f \rangle - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \langle \varphi_n, f \rangle - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \langle f, \varphi_n \rangle \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n^2 \langle \varphi_n, \varphi_n \rangle}_{\text{by orthogonality.}} \\ &= \|f\|^2 - 2 \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n^2 \|\varphi_n\|^2}_{\text{def. of Fourier coef.}} + \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n^2 \|\varphi_n\|^2 \\ &= \|f\|^2 - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n^2 \|\varphi_n\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

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(d) Write Bessel's inequality satisfied by the Fourier coefficients $\hat{c}_n$ and prove it using part (b).

$$\|f - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \varphi_n\|^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\forall N, \quad \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n^2 \|\varphi_n\|^2}_{\text{the series converges, since partial sums are monotonically increasing}} \leq \|f\|^2 \quad - \quad \text{Bessel's inequality for } (\varphi_n)_{n=1}^N.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{c}_n^2 \|\varphi_n\|^2 \leq \|f\|^2. \quad - \quad \text{Bessel's inequality for } (\varphi_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}.$$

(e) Write Parseval's equality and show that it implies the mean-square convergence of the partial sum $\sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \varphi_n$.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{c}_n^2 \|\varphi_n\|^2 = \|f\|^2. \quad - \quad \text{Parseval's equality.}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n^2 \|\varphi_n\|^2 \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \|f\|^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\| f - \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{c}_n \varphi_n \right\|^2 \rightarrow 0$$

(mean-square convergence.)

5. (16 points) (a) Let $f(x)$, $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ be an odd function with $f(\pm\pi) = 0$ and $f''(x)$ continuous for $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$. Show that the Fourier coefficients of f satisfy

$$A_n = 0, \quad B_n = -\frac{1}{n^2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f''(x) \sin nx \, dx.$$

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{odd}} dx = 0. \quad A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{f(x) \cos nx}_{\text{odd}} dx = 0.$$

$$B_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{f(x) \sin nx}_{\text{even}} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f(x) \sin nx \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f(x) \left(-\frac{1}{n} \cos nx \right)' dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\underbrace{f(x) \left(-\frac{1}{n} \cos nx \right)}_{=0} \right]_{x=0}^{x=\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^\pi f'(x) \cos nx \, dx$$

$$f(\pi) = 0, \quad f(0) = 0$$

since f is odd
and continuous.

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^\pi f'(x) \left(\frac{1}{n} \sin nx \right)' dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{n^2} \left[\underbrace{f'(x) \sin nx}_{=0} \right]_{x=0}^{x=\pi} - \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^\pi f''(x) \sin nx \, dx$$

$$\sin 0 = 0, \quad \sin n\pi = 0$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n^2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi f''(x) \sin nx \, dx.$$

(b) Let $f(x) = x(\pi - x)$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$. Compute the Fourier sine series of f . [Hint: use part (a) to shorten the computation.]

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_n &= -\frac{1}{n^2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \overbrace{f''(x)}^{-2} \sin nx \, dx \\
 &= +\frac{1}{n^2} \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin nx \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{4}{\pi} \left(-\frac{1}{n} \cos nx \right)_{x=0}^{x=\pi} \\
 &= \frac{4}{\pi n^3} (1 - (-1)^n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &\sim \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n^3} \sin nx \\
 &= \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^3} \sin(2k-1)x \\
 &= \frac{8}{\pi} \left(\sin x + \frac{1}{27} \sin 3x + \frac{1}{125} \sin 5x + \dots \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Differentiate the Fourier sine series in part (b) term-by-term. Find the sum $S(x)$ of the resulting series and sketch a graph of $S(x)$ on the interval $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

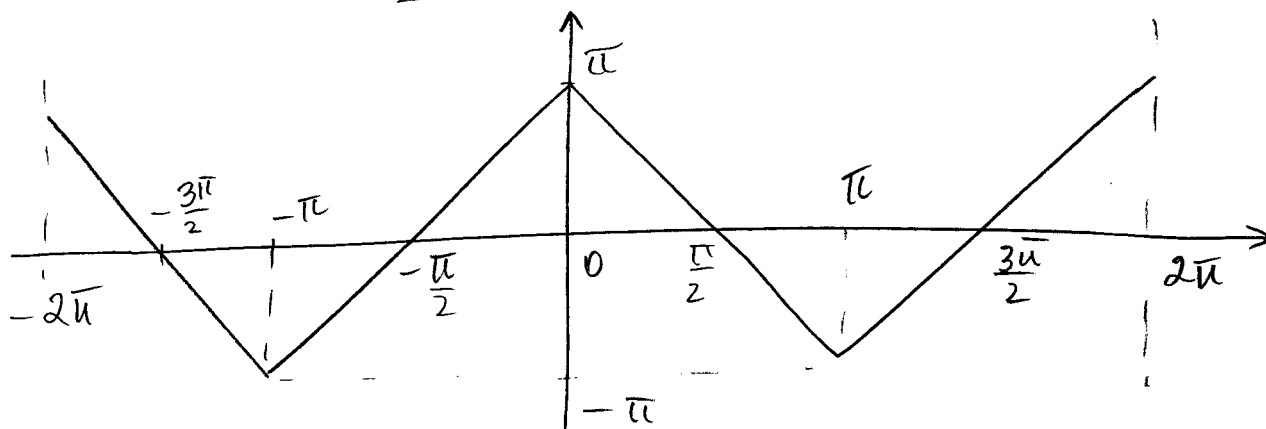
$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &\sim \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{n^2} \cos nx \\
 &= \frac{8}{\pi} \left(\cos x + \frac{1}{9} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{25} \cos 5x + \dots \right) \\
 &\quad \text{(cosine series)}
 \end{aligned}$$

For $0 < x < \pi$

the series represents $f'(x) = \pi - 2x$,

for x outside this interval

the series converges to the even
periodic extension of $f'(x)$.



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6. (bonus: 6 points) Let $f(x) = x(\pi - x)$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$. Compute the mean square error of the Fourier sine series, $\sigma_N^2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (f(x) - \sum_{n=1}^N B_n \sin nx)^2 dx$ and show that $\sigma_N^2 = O(\frac{1}{N^5})$.

$$\sigma_N^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} B_n^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{\pi}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1-(-1)^n}{n^3}\right)^2$$

$$\text{or } \sigma_{2N}^2 = \sigma_{2N-1}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{8}{\pi}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(2k-1)^6}$$

$$= \frac{32}{\pi^2} \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^6} \leq \frac{32}{\pi^2} \int_N^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2x-1)^6} dx$$

$$= \frac{32}{\pi^2} \left(-\frac{1}{10}\right) \left[\frac{1}{(2x-1)^5} \right]_{x=N}^{x=\infty}$$

$$= \frac{16}{5\pi^2} \frac{1}{(2N-1)^5} = O\left(\frac{1}{N^5}\right)$$

$$\left[\text{since } (2N-1)^5 \geq \left(\frac{N}{2}\right)^5 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(2N-1)^5} \leq \frac{32}{N^5} \right]$$