

# PDEs and Applications, take-home Midterm Exam

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This is an open-book take-home Exam, and you are supposed to complete the exam without getting help from others. Please show your work or explain how you reach your answers.

1. (32 points). Recall that the Fourier sine series of  $\pi$  is

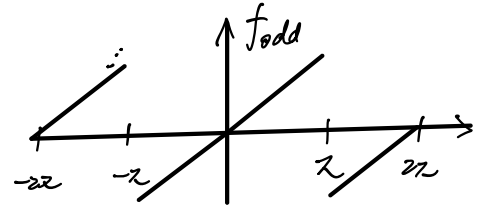
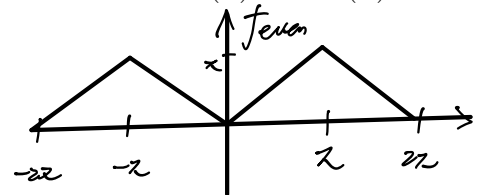
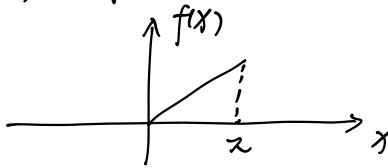
$$\pi \sim \sum_{n \geq 1, n \text{ odd}} \frac{4}{n} \sin(nx), \text{ for } x \in [0, \pi].$$

Let  $f(x) = x$  for  $x \in [0, \pi]$  and denote its Fourier cosine series and sine series by

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos(nx); \quad G(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx).$$

- 10 (a) Sketch the even & odd periodic extensions of  $f$  on  $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$  and evaluate  $F(\pi)$  and  $G(\pi)$ .
- 10 (b) Determine the coefficients  $A_n$  for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .
- 12 (c) Evaluate the infinite series  $\frac{4}{\pi}(1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots)$ .

Solution (a)  $f(x) = x, x \in [0, \pi]$  even periodic Extension



$$F(\pi) = \frac{1}{2} [f_{\text{even}}(\pi^-) + f_{\text{even}}(\pi^+)] = \boxed{\pi}$$

$$G(\pi) = \frac{1}{2} [f_{\text{odd}}(\pi^-) + f_{\text{odd}}(\pi^+)] = \boxed{0}$$

(b)  $A_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x dx = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \underbrace{x \sin nx}_0 - \int_0^{\pi} \sin nx dx \right]$$

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

(c).  $f_{\text{even}}$  is continuous, so  $f_{\text{even}}(x) = F(x)$ .

$$F(x) = \frac{x}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{n^2} [(1)^n - 1] \cos nx$$

$$0 = f_{\text{even}}(0) = F(0) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ n \text{ odd}}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots \right) = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

2. (34 points) Solve the initial boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \partial_{xx} u + \frac{x}{\pi} + e^t \sin x, & \text{for } 0 < x < \pi, t > 0; \\ u(0, t) = 1, u(\pi, t) = t; \\ u(x, 0) = 1 - \frac{x}{\pi}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi. \end{cases}$$

Ans: ① BC Homogenization:  $u = v + w$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_{xx} v = 0 \\ w(0) = 1, w(\pi) = t \end{cases} \Rightarrow w(x, t) = 1 + \frac{t-1}{\pi} x$$

Since  $v = u - w$ , we have

$$\partial_t v = \partial_t(u - w) = \partial_t u - \frac{x}{\pi} = \partial_{xx} u + \sin x e^t + \frac{x}{\pi} - \frac{x}{\pi}$$

$$\partial_{xx} v = \partial_{xx}(u - w) = \partial_{xx} u \quad \downarrow = \partial_{xx} v + \sin x e^t$$

$$v(0, t) = u(0, t) - w(0, t) = 0, \quad v(\pi, t) = 0.$$

$$v(x, 0) = u(x, 0) - w(x, 0) = 1 - \frac{x}{\pi} - (1 + \frac{1}{\pi} x) = 0$$

Then  $v(x, t)$  is the solution to the problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v = \partial_{xx} v + \sin x e^t, & x \in (0, \pi), t > 0 \\ v(0, t) = v(\pi, t) = 0 \\ v(x, 0) = 0, & x \in (0, \pi) \end{cases}$$

② Solve  $v(x, t)$  by eigenfunction expansion method.

$$\begin{cases} \varphi'' = -\lambda \varphi & x \in (0, \pi) \\ \varphi(0) = \varphi(\pi) = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_n = n^2 \\ \varphi_n(x) = \sin nx \end{cases}$$

Seek solution  $v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(t) \sin nx$

From the eqn (2) we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n'(t) \sin nx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(t) (-n^2) \sin nx + \sin x e^t$$

By orthogonality:  $v_n'(t) = -n^2 v_n(t) \quad n > 1$

$$v_1'(t) = -v_1 + e^t$$

$$v_n(t) = e^{-n^2 t} v_n(0), \quad n > 1$$

$$v_1(t) = e^{-t} v_1(0) + \int_0^t e^{-(t-s)} e^s ds$$

$$= e^{-t} v_1(0) + \frac{1}{2} (e^t - e^{-t})$$

Since  $0 = v(x, 0)$ , we have  $v_n(0) = 0 \quad n > 1$

Therefore,  $v_n(t) \equiv 0, \quad v_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} (e^t - e^{-t})$

Then,  $v(x, t) = v_1(t) \sin x = \frac{1}{2} (e^t - e^{-t}) \sin x$

③ The solution is

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) + w(x, t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (e^t - e^{-t}) \sin x + 1 + \frac{t-1}{\pi} x$$

3. (34 points) Find a solution, if exists, to the initial boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_{tt}u = 4\partial_{xx}u, & \text{for } 0 < x < \pi, t > 0; \\ \partial_x u(0, t) = 0, \partial_x u(\pi, t) = 0; \\ u(x, 0) = \cos x, \partial_t u(x, 0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

If a solution does not exist, explain why.

Solution: either separation of variables or eigen-fn. expansion. ↓

1. Eigen function:  $\begin{cases} \varphi'' = -\lambda \varphi \\ \varphi'(0) = 0, \varphi(\pi) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_n = n^2 \\ \varphi_n(x) = \cos nx. \end{cases}$

2. Seek solution  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(t) \cos nx$

Assuming conditions for TBID,  $\partial_{tt}u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n''(t) \cos nx$

$\partial_{xx}u = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(t) (-n^2) \cos nx$

12  $\partial_{tt}u = 4\partial_{xx}u \Rightarrow a_n''(t) = -4n^2 a_n \Rightarrow a_n(t) = c_1 \cos(2nt) + c_2 \sin(2nt)$   
 $\partial_t u(x, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow a_n'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$

12  $u(x, 0) = \cos x \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_0(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0, a_0(t) = 0 \\ a_1(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 1, a_1(t) = \cos(2t) \\ a_n(0) = 0, n \neq 1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0, a_n(t) = 0 \end{cases}$

Thus,  $u(x, t) = \cos x \cos(2t)$ ,