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This exam has 5 questions for a total of 48 points.

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### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Show and explain all of your work unless the question directs otherwise. Simplify all answers.
- The use of a calculator is permitted.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets. If you run out of room for an answer, ask for extra paper.

This is a two-stage exam. You have 45 minutes to complete the exam individually, then you will hand in the tests and join your group to redo the test as a group in the remaining 35 minutes.

Note: The table of marks appears on the second last page of the exam.

6 10 1. Consider the PDE

$$2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 5u = xy. \quad (1)$$

Show, using an appropriate transformation of variables, that the PDE (1) in  $u(x, y)$  can be converted to a PDE in  $v(w, z)$  with only one derivative (in a single variable), where  $(w, z)$  are the new independent variables. Show all steps in your work. Do NOT solve the ODE.

$$\text{Let } \begin{cases} w = -x - 2y \\ z = y \end{cases} \quad \text{and } v(w, z) = u(x, y)$$

Then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial w} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial w} \dots (1a) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial w} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = -2\frac{\partial v}{\partial w} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \dots (1b) \end{array} \right.$$

Substituting (1a) and (1b) into (1) we obtain

$$2 \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial w} \right) - \left( -2\frac{\partial v}{\partial w} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) + 5v = (-w - 2z)z \quad \text{as } 1,$$

$$\text{1) as } -\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + 5v = -(w + 2z)z$$

This last eqn is a PDE with a derivative with respect to only one variable ( $z$ ). The other variable can therefore be considered constant from the point of view of integration, and the eqn treated like an ODE.

7 N 3. The heat flow problem

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 5 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < 2, \quad t > 0 \quad (3a)$$

$$u(0, t) = u(2, t) = 0, \quad t > 0 \quad (3b)$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < 2, \quad (3c)$$

where

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right), \quad (4)$$

can be solved using separation of variables. Assuming that  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , we find that the PDE and boundary conditions can be rewritten as a pair of ODEs:

$$\text{Problem A: } X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = X(2) = 0,$$

$$\text{Problem B: } T' + 5\lambda T = 0.$$

If  $\lambda \leq 0$ , Problem A only admits trivial solutions. Finish solving for the formal solution of the heat flow problem (3) with (4), assuming that  $\lambda = \omega^2$  (i.e. start partway through step 3).

Ⓐ If  $\lambda = \omega^2 > 0$ , then Ⓐ gives

$$X'' + \omega^2 X = 0 \Leftrightarrow X(x) = c_1 \cos(\omega x) + c_2 \sin(\omega x)$$

Now apply the BCs:

$$X(0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow c_1 = 0; \quad X(2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow c_2 \sin(2\omega) = 0 \Rightarrow 2\omega = n\pi \Leftrightarrow \omega = \frac{n\pi}{2} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

(or  $c_2 = 0$ , which is not interesting)

$$\therefore X_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{with } \lambda = \omega^2 = \left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)^2$$

Ⓑ Solving for  $T$  we have

$$T' + 5\omega^2 T = 0 \Leftrightarrow T = c_3 e^{-5\omega^2 t}$$

$$\text{so } T_n(t) = e^{-5\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)^2 t}$$

Thus

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) e^{-5\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)^2 t}$$

- 7 2. Apply the technique of "separation of variables" to the PDE

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \alpha^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right). \quad (2)$$

If the technique works, give the two ODEs that result. If the technique does not work, explain why. Note that  $D$  and  $\alpha$  are constants.

Let  $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$ . Then (2) becomes

$$XT' = DX''T - \alpha^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xX'T) = DX''T - \alpha^2 (X'T + \alpha X''T) \quad \Leftrightarrow //$$

$$// \Leftrightarrow \frac{XT'}{XT} = \frac{DX''T}{XT} - \alpha^2 \frac{X'T}{XT} - \alpha^2 \frac{\alpha X''T}{XT}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{T'}{T} = D \frac{X''}{X} - \alpha^2 \frac{X'}{X} - \alpha^2 \frac{\alpha X''}{X} \dots (2a)$$

We see that the LHS of (2a) depends only on  $t$ , + the RHS of (2a) depends only on  $x$ . So we can conclude that each must be equal to a constant, which we call  $-\lambda$ . We thus arrive at two ODEs:

$$D \frac{X''}{X} - \alpha^2 \frac{X'}{X} - \alpha^2 \frac{\alpha X''}{X} = -\lambda \Leftrightarrow (D - \alpha^2 \alpha) X'' - \alpha^2 X' + \lambda X = 0 \dots (2b)$$

$$\frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda \Leftrightarrow T' + \lambda T = 0 \dots (2c)$$

Eqs (2b) + (2c) are the ODEs.

workspace for problem #3

Now apply the IC:

$$u(x,0) = f(x) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$  and we have

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) e^{-5\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)^2 t}$$

13 4. Consider the function

$$f(x) = e^x, \quad 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

note that  $e^{\pi/3} \approx e^1 \approx 2.7$

- (a) On the axes below, and using two different colours or line types, sketch
- $f(x)$ , and
  - three periods of the function  $g(x)$  to which the Fourier cosine series of  $f(x)$  converges.

Label all important axis values (only a few have been provided).

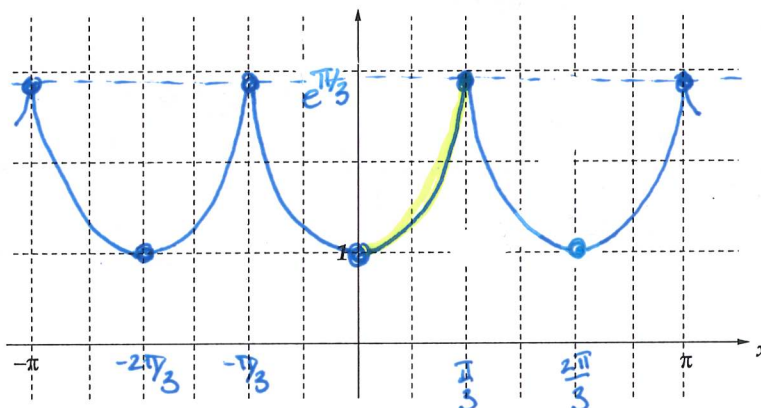


Figure 1: Plot of  $f(x)$  and for question a.

- (b) Will convergence be uniform or pointwise? (Circle the correct response.) Explain.

The function  $g(x)$  is continuous, and so convergence is uniform

- (c) Find the Fourier cosine series for  $f(x)$ . You may find it useful to consult the integral table provided on the inside back page of the test.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi/3} \int_{-\pi/3}^{\pi/3} g(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi/3} \int_0^{\pi/3} f(x) dx = \frac{6}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/3} e^x dx = \frac{6}{\pi} e^x \Big|_0^{\pi/3} \\
 &= \frac{6}{\pi} (e^{\pi/3} - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

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even, so →



5. Consider the IBVP

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \gamma \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < L, t > 0, \quad (6)$$

$$u(0, t) = U_1, u(L, t) = U_2, \quad t > 0, \quad (7)$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < L, \quad (8)$$

where  $L > 0$  and  $\gamma > 0$ .

- 2 (a) Explain why the solution is composed of a steady state portion  $v(x)$  and a transient portion  $w(x, t)$ .

The nonhomogeneous boundary conditions suggest there will be a non-zero steady state solution.

We also expect the solution to include a transient portion b/c (6) is a heat equation which should dissipate the IC given by (8).

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- (b) Derive the steady state problem and find the solution.

Let  $u(x, t) = v(x) + w(x, t)$ . Then (6) becomes

$$\frac{\partial (v+w)}{\partial t} = \gamma \frac{\partial^2 (v+w)}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \gamma \left[ \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right] \dots (6a)$$

$\therefore w(x, t)$  is a transient solution, we expect that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w(x, t) = 0$ .

So the steady-state eqn is  $\dots (6b)$

$$\gamma \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad v'' = 0 \Rightarrow v = ax + b$$

Now apply (7) in the limit as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(0, t) = U_1 \Leftrightarrow v(0) = U_1 \Leftrightarrow b = U_1$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(L, t) = U_2 \Leftrightarrow v(L) = U_2 \Leftrightarrow aL + U_1 = U_2 \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{U_2 - U_1}{L}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{v(x) = \frac{(U_2 - U_1)x}{L} + U_1}$$

Question #5 continues on the next page.



Question #5 continued.

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(c) Set up the IBVP for the transient portion.

Now, plugging (6b) into (6a) we have

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \gamma \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < L, t > 0 \quad \dots \quad (6c)$$

The new BCs are

$$\begin{aligned} u(0,t) = U_1 &\Leftrightarrow v(0) + w(0,t) = U_1 \Leftrightarrow U_1 + w(0,t) = U_1 \Leftrightarrow w(0,t) = 0 \\ u(L,t) = U_2 &\Leftrightarrow v(L) + w(L,t) = U_2 \Leftrightarrow U_2 + w(L,t) = U_2 \Leftrightarrow w(L,t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and the new IC is

$$u(x,0) = f(x) \Leftrightarrow v(x) + w(x,0) = f(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{U_2 - U_1}{L} \right) x + U_1 + w(x,0) = f(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow w(x,0) = f(x) - \left[ \frac{(U_2 - U_1)x + U_1}{L} \right]$$

Putting these together, we have the IBVP in  $w(x,t)$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \gamma \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\ w(0,t) = w(L,t) = 0 \quad t > 0 \\ w(x,0) = f(x) - \left[ \frac{(U_2 - U_1)x + U_1}{L} \right] \quad 0 < x < L \end{array} \right.$$

## Possibly Useful Information

Some integrals you may find useful:

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

$$\int x \cos(\rho x) dx = \frac{x}{\rho} \sin(\rho x) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \cos(\rho x)$$

$$\int e^x \sin(\rho x) dx = \frac{e^x}{\rho^2 + 1} [\sin(\rho x) - \rho \cos(\rho x)]$$

$$\int e^x \cos(\rho x) dx = \frac{e^x}{\rho^2 + 1} [\rho \sin(\rho x) + \cos(\rho x)]$$

$$\int x e^{ax} dx = \left( \frac{x}{a} - \frac{1}{a^2} \right) e^{ax}$$

$$\int x^2 e^{ax} dx = \left( \frac{x^2}{a} - \frac{2x}{a^2} + \frac{2}{a^3} \right) e^{ax}$$

Question:	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Points:	10	7	11	13	7	48
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