

## Exam

### Question 1:

Consider the following IBVP for  $u(x, t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PDE: } u_t &= 5u_{xx} && \text{in } \Omega = (0, \pi) \times (0, \infty); \\ \text{BC: } u_x(0, t) &= u_x(\pi, t) = 0 && \text{for all } t > 0; \\ \text{IC: } u(x, 0) &= 406 \cos(5x) (\cos(5x) + 1) && \text{for all } x \in (0, \pi). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that the solution  $u(x, t)$  has the form:

$$u(x, t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{c_n t} \left( a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{\pi} x\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{\pi} x\right) \right).$$

Then

1. Compute  $a_0$ ; **203**
2. Compute  $a_5$ ; **406**
3. Compute  $b_5$ ; **0**
4. Compute  $c_5$ ; **-125**
5. Compute  $a_{10}$ . **203**

**Solution:**

From  $\cos^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2\theta))$  we get

$$u(x, t) = 203 + 406e^{-5 \cdot 5^2 t^2} \cos(5x) + 203e^{5 \cdot 10^2 t^2} \cos(10x).$$

Thus,  $a_0 = a_{10} = 203$ ,  $a_5 = 406$ ,  $b_5 = 0$ ,  $c_5 = -125$ .

## Question 2:

Consider the following IBVP for  $u(x, t)$ :

PDE:  $u_{tt} = 9u_{xx}$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$  and  $t > 0$ ;

$$\text{IC: } u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} x + 4 & \text{for } x \in [-4, -2] \\ -x & \text{for } x \in [-2, 2] \\ x - 4 & \text{for } x \in [2, 4] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$u_t(x, 0) = \begin{cases} -6\pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) & \text{for } x \in [-1, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute

1. Compute  $u(12\pi, 1)$  **0**
2. Compute  $u\left(0, \frac{1}{3}\right)$  **-4**
3. Compute  $2u\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{6}\right)$  **-7**
4. Compute  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(e^\pi, t)$  **-4**
5. is there  $(x, t)$  such that  $u(x, t) \geq \pi$ ? **no**

### **Solution:**

Using d'Alembert formula we get:

$$u(12\pi, 1) = \frac{f(12\pi + 3) + f(12\pi - 3)}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \int_{12\pi-3}^{12\pi+3} g(x) dx = 0,$$

since both  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are zero for  $x \geq 4$ .

Now, we compute the following:

$$\frac{1}{6} \int_{-1}^1 -6\pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) dx = -\pi \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) \right]_{-1}^1 = -2(1 + 1) = -4$$

Thus, we have:

$$u\left(0, \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{f(1) + f(-1)}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \int_{-1}^1 g(x) dx = -4$$
$$2u\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{6}\right) = 2\left(\frac{f(3) + f(-2)}{2} + \int_{-2}^3 g(x) dx\right) = 2\left(\frac{-1 + 2}{2} - 4\right) = -7$$
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(e^\pi, t) = \frac{1}{6} \int_{-1}^1 -6\pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) dx = -4$$

For the last question, note that  $g(x)$  is always negative, and the maximum value reached by  $f(x)$  is 2. Thus, the maximum of the value of the solution is 2.

### Question 3:

Suppose we have a Beam of length 12 (parametrized by  $0 \leq x \leq 12$ ) embedded in the wall at the end  $x = 0$  and free at the other. Suppose  $EI = 3$  and suppose that we apply a force  $F = 3$  downwards at the point  $x = 4$ .

Let  $y(x)$  be the deflection curve.

Compute:

1.  $y''(12)$  **0**
2.  $y'(12)$  **-8**
3.  $y'''(0)$  **1**
4.  $3y(2)$  **-20**
5.  $y'(8)$  **-8**

#### **Solution:**

The ODE we want to solve is

$$3y''''(x) = -3\delta(x - 4)$$

with initial conditions  $y(0) = y'(0) = y''(12) = y'''(12) = 0$ . Taking the Laplace transform we obtain:

$$s^4 Y(s) - s^3 y(0) - s^2 y'(0) - s y''(0) - y'''(0) = -e^{-4s};$$
$$s^4 Y(s) - s y''(0) - y'''(0) = -e^{-4s}.$$

Let  $A = y''(0)$  and  $B = y'''(0)$ . We have

$$s^4 Y(s) - As - B = -e^{-4s};$$
$$Y(s) = -\frac{e^{-4s}}{s^4} + \frac{A}{s^3} + \frac{B}{s^4}.$$

Taking the Laplace inverse we obtain:

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{6}u(x-4)(x-4)^3 + \frac{A}{2}x^2 + \frac{B}{6}x^3$$

Using the fact that  $u(x-4) = 1$  around  $x = 12$  we obtain  $y''(12) = -8 + A + 12B$  and  $y'''(12) = -1 + B$ . Hence we have  $B = 1$  and  $A = -4$ . Thus,

$$y(x) = -\frac{1}{6}u(x-4)(x-4)^3 - 2x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^3.$$

## Question 4:

Solve the following ODE:

$$y''(t) + y(t) = t,$$

assuming  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 2$ .

1. Compute  $y''(0)$  **0**
2. Compute  $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) - \frac{\pi}{2}$  **1**
3. Compute  $y'(\frac{3}{2}\pi)$  **1**
4. Compute  $y$  contains a term of the form  $cx^2$ , for some non-zero coefficient  $c$  **No**
5. if  $t > 3$ , then  $y(t) > 2$ . **yes**

**Solution:**

Using the Laplace transform we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2}; \\ s^2 Y(s) - 2 + Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2}; \\ Y(s)(s^2 + 1) &= \frac{1}{s^2} + 2; \\ Y(s) &= \frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} + \frac{2}{s^2 + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using partial fractions we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} &= \frac{A}{s^2} + \frac{B}{s^2 + 1}; \\ &= \frac{A(s^2 + 1) + s^2 B}{s^2(s^2 + 1)}; \end{aligned}$$

And thus  $A = 1, B = -1$ . Hence,

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} + \frac{2}{s^2 + 1}.$$

Thus,

$$y(t) = t + \sin(t).$$

**Question 5:**

Let  $f: [-2, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the following function:

$$f(x) = x + |x|.$$

Compute the Fourier series of  $f$ .

**Solution:**

There are two ways to solve this exercise. The first one is to separate  $f(x)$  in  $x$  and

$|x|$ , observe that one is odd and the other is even, and use the symmetries to compute coefficients for both of them. Alternatively, one may observe that  $f(x)$  is constantly zero on  $[-2, 0]$  and equal to  $2x$  on  $[0, 2]$ . Then we have:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^2 2x dx = \frac{1}{4} [x^2]_0^2 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 2x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = \frac{2}{n\pi} \left[ x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \right]_0^2 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = \\ &= 0 + \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \right]_0^2 = \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} ((-1)^n - 1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 2x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = \frac{-2}{n\pi} \left[ x \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \right]_0^2 + \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) dx = \\ &= \frac{4}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} + \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x\right) \right]_0^2 = \frac{4}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 6:

Consider the following IBVP.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{PDE:} & u_{tt} = u_{xx} & \text{for } t > 0, x \in (0, L) \\ \text{BC:} & u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0 & \text{for } t > 0 \\ \text{IC:} & u(x, 0) = f(x) & \text{for } x \in [0, L] \\ & u_t(x, 0) = 0 & \text{for } x \in [0, L]. \end{array}$$

Let  $u(x, t)$  be a solution for the above IBVP and let  $h: [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $h(s) = u(s, s)$ . Compute  $\int_0^L h(s) ds$ .

### Solution:

Using the formula we know that  $u(x, t)$  has the form:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) \left( b_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}t\right) + \frac{c_n L}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}t\right) \right),$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx$$
$$c_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L u_t(x, 0) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right) dx = 0.$$

Thus, integrating  $u(s, s)$  we obtain:

$$\int_0^L h(s) ds = \int_0^L u(s, s) ds = \int_0^L \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}s\right) ds.$$

By orthogonality of the trigonometric polynomials, the above is always zero.