

MAT341 (Applied Real Analysis) Midterm I  
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1.

(a) [6 pts] Find the general solution for

$$xy' - y = 1$$

(b) [5 pts] What is the solution that is bounded on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ?

(a)

$$y' - \frac{1}{x}y = \frac{1}{x}$$

Multiplying the integration factor  $e^{\int(-\frac{1}{x})dx} = e^{-\ln x} = \frac{1}{x}$ , we get  $\frac{1}{x}y' - \frac{1}{x^2}y = \frac{1}{x^2}$

$$\left(\frac{1}{x}y\right)' = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{x}y = -\frac{1}{x} + C$$

$$y = -1 + Cx$$

(b) If  $C \neq 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} |y| = \infty$ . So  $C = 0$ , and the bounded solution is  $y = -1$ .

(Alternate method)

$$xy' = 1 + y$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} \frac{1}{1+y} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+y} dy = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\ln(1+y) = \ln(x) + C$$

$$1+y = Cx$$

$$y = Cx - 1$$

2.

$$x^2y'' + 3xy' + (1+x^2)y = 0$$

(a) [7 pts] Suppose  $y = x^r \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$  is a solution to the above equation, with  $a_0 \neq 0$ . Find the value of  $r$ .

- (b) [5 pts] Find the recursive relation between  $a_n$  and  $a_{n+2}$ . You don't have to simplify. (DO NOT solve the recursive relation.)

(a)  $y' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(r+n)x^{n+r-1}$  and  $y'' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(r+n)(r+n-1)x^{n+r-2}$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(r+n)(r+n-1)x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3a_n(r+n)x^{n+r} + (1+x^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n\{(r+n)(r+n-1) + 3(r+n)\}x^{n+r} + (1+x^2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n\{(r+n)(r+n+2)\}x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+2} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n\{(r+n)(r+n+2) + 1\}x^{n+r} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+2} = 0$$

$$\sum_{n=-2}^{\infty} a_{n+2}\{(r+n+2)(r+n+4) + 1\}x^{n+r+2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n x^{n+r+2} = 0$$

$$a_0\{r(r+2)+1\}x^r + a_1\{(r+1)(r+3)+1\}x^{r+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [a_{n+2}\{(r+n+2)(r+n+4)+1\} + a_n]x^{n+r+2} = 0$$

Since each coefficients have to vanish, the first term says that

$$a_0\{r^2 + 2r + 1\} = 0$$

Since  $a_0 \neq 0$ , we divide by  $a_0$  and get  $r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$ . This factors as  $(r+1)^2 = 0$ , so  $r = -1$ .

(Note) Since  $r = -1$ , the second term says that  $a_1 = 0$ . This, together with the recurrence relation between  $a_{n+2}$  and  $a_n$ , implies that all  $a_n$ 's with odd  $n$  vanish.

(b) Since  $r = -1$  the recurrence relation can be read off from the sum as

$$a_{n+2}\{(-1+n+2)(-1+n+4) + 1\} + a_n = 0$$

or

$$a_{n+2}\{n^2 + 4n + 4\} + a_n = 0$$

3. [8 pts] Let  $a$  be some positive real number. Show by calculation that there are no nontrivial solutions to the boundary value problem

$$y'' - \lambda^2 y = 0$$

$$y'(0) = 0, \quad y'(a) = 0$$

for any nonzero real number  $\lambda$ .

The general solution is  $y = C_1 e^{\lambda x} + C_2 e^{-\lambda x}$ . So  $y' = C_1 \lambda e^{\lambda x} - C_2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ . The boundary conditions say

$$\lambda(C_1 - C_2) = 0, \quad \lambda(C_1 e^{\lambda a} - C_2 e^{-\lambda a}) = 0$$

Since  $\lambda \neq 0$ , the first equation implies  $C_1 - C_2 = 0$ . So substituting  $C_2 = C_1$  into the second equation, we get

$$C_1(e^{\lambda a} - e^{-\lambda a}) = 0$$

Now, if  $e^{\lambda a} - e^{-\lambda a} = 0$ , then  $e^{\lambda a} = e^{-\lambda a}$  so  $\lambda a = -\lambda a$ . This only holds if  $a = 0$  or  $\lambda = 0$  none of which is true. So  $e^{\lambda a} - e^{-\lambda a} \neq 0$  and the above equation says  $C_1 = 0$ . Then  $C_2 = C_1 = 0$ . Hence  $y = 0 \cdot e^{\lambda x} + 0 \cdot e^{-\lambda x} = 0$ , which is a trivial solution.

4.

(a) [9 pts] Find the Fourier series of odd periodic extension of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1. \end{cases}$$

Answer must be simplified for full credit.

(b) [5 pts] For the Fourier series obtained in part (a), for what values of  $x$  in the interval  $[0, 1]$  does the series converge to function  $f(x)$ ? When the series does not converge to  $f(x)$ , what value(s) does it converge to?

(c) [8 pts] Find the Fourier series of even periodic extension of

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1. \end{cases}$$

You may use the fact that  $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ .

(a) Odd extension produces Fourier Sine Series, i.e.  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\pi x$  where  $b_n = 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin n\pi x dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 1 \cdot \sin n\pi x dx + 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 0 \cdot \sin n\pi x dx \\ &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \cos n\pi x \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - \cos \frac{n\pi}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Case 1)  $n$  is even, i.e.  $n = 2k$ .

Then  $\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} = \cos(k\pi) = (-1)^k$ . So  $b_n = \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^k) = \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^{n/2})$ .

Case 2)  $n$  is odd, i.e.  $n = 2k - 1$ .

Then  $\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} = 0$ , and so  $b_n = \frac{2}{n\pi}$ .

So in conclusion, the answer is

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

where  $b_n = \frac{2}{n\pi}(1 - (-1)^{n/2})$ , when  $n$  is even and  $b_n = \frac{2}{n\pi}$  when  $n$  is odd. Using  $k$  as in case 1 and 2, you may (but you don't have to) write this as

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k\pi} (1 - (-1)^k) \sin 2k\pi x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(2k-1)\pi} \sin(2k-1)\pi x$$

(b) Since  $f(x)$  is piecewise smooth, the Fourier series converges to  $f(x)$  wherever  $f(x)$  is continuous, i.e.  $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} < x < 1$ . Now, for  $x = 0, \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $1$ ,  $f(x)$  has jump discontinuity, so it converges to  $\frac{f(x+0)+f(x-0)}{2}$ . For  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ , this is  $\frac{1+(-1)}{2} = 0$ . For  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , this is  $\frac{1+0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$ . So in conclusion, the Fourier series converges to  $f(x)$  for every  $x$  in  $[0, 1]$  except  $0, \frac{1}{2}$  or  $1$ , where for  $x = 0, 1$  it converges to  $0$  and for  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  it converges to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

(c) Since  $g'(x) = f(x)$ ,  $g(x) = \sum b_n \left(-\frac{1}{n\pi} \cos n\pi x\right) + C$ . To get  $C$ ,  $C = a_0 = 2 \int_0^1 g(x) dx = \frac{3}{8}$ . Therefore,

$$g(x) = \frac{3}{8} + \sum c_n \cos n\pi x$$

where  $c_n = -\frac{2}{n^2\pi^2}(1 - (-1)^{n/2})$  when  $n$  is even and  $c_n = -\frac{2}{n^2\pi^2}$ .

5. We have the following PDE.

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) \quad (0 < x < 1, 0 < t) \quad (1)$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(1, t) = 1 \quad (0 < t) \quad (2)$$

$$u(x, 0) = x + 1 \quad (0 < x < 1) \quad (3)$$

- (a) **[6 pts]** Find the steady state solution of the PDE.
- (b) **[5 pts]** Let  $v(x)$  be the steady state solution and  $w(x, t) = u(x, t) - v(x)$ . Write down the PDE for  $w(x, t)$ .
- (c) **[9 pts]** Find all nontrivial solutions of

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} w(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} w(x, t) \quad (0 < x < 1, 0 < t)$$

$$w(0, t) = 0, \quad w(1, t) = 0 \quad (0 < t)$$

that has the following form:  $w(x, t) = \phi(x)T(t)$ .

- (d) **[9 pts]** Find the solution  $u(x, t)$  of equation (1)-(3).

(a)  $v(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$ . Then,

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} v(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(x).$$

and since  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(x) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} v(x) = 0$ . Integrating by  $x$  twice, we get  $v(x) = Ax + B$  for some  $A$  and  $B$ . The boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = 0, u(1, t) = 1$  ( $0 < t$ ) becomes  $v(0) = 0$  and  $v(1) = 1$ . So  $A \cdot 0 + B = 0$  and  $A + B = 1$ . Solving for  $A$  and  $B$  we get  $A = 1$  and  $B = 0$ .

So  $v(x) = x$ .

(b)  $u(x, t) = w(x, t) + v(x)$ . Now plugging this into the above PDE gives us

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} w(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} w(x, t) \quad (0 < x < 1, 0 < t)$$

$$w(0, t) = 0, \quad w(1, t) = 0 \quad (0 < t)$$

$$w(x, 0) = x + 1 - x = 1 \quad (0 < x < 1)$$

(c) The boundary condition gives

$$\phi(0) = 0, \quad \phi(1) = 0$$

We also have

$$\phi''(x)T(t) = \phi(x)T'(t)$$

$$\frac{\phi''(x)}{\phi(x)} = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} = -\lambda^2$$

for some real value  $\lambda$ . This can be written as two differential equations

$$\phi''(x) + \lambda^2\phi(x) = 0, \quad T'(t) + \lambda^2T(t) = 0.$$

The general solutions are

$$\phi(x) = C_1 \cos(\lambda x) + C_2 \sin(\lambda x), \quad T(t) = e^{-\lambda^2 t}$$

When boundary condition  $\phi(0) = 0$  is used, we get  $C_1 = 0$ . When we use  $\phi(1) = 0$  we get,

$$C_2 \sin(\lambda) = 0.$$

If  $C_2 = 0$  we get a trivial solution. So  $\lambda = n\pi$  for some natural number  $n$ . Hence

$$w(x, t) = \phi(x)T(t) = C \sin(n\pi x)e^{-(n\pi)^2 t}$$

(d) Part (c) says that the solution to the differential equation in part (b) is in the form of

$$w(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin(n\pi x)e^{-(n\pi)^2 t}.$$

The initial condition  $w(x, 0) = 1$  gives us that

$$1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \sin(k\pi x)$$

So  $c_n$  can be gotten by

$$c_n = 2 \int_0^1 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right) dx = \frac{2}{\pi}(1 - (-1)^n)$$

If  $w(x, t)$  satisfies the PDE of part (b),  $u(x, t) = w(x, t) + v(x)$  satisfies PDE (1)-(3). Therefore,

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

6. [18 pts] Solve the following PDE.

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) \quad (0 < x < \pi, 0 < t)$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(\pi, t) = 0 \quad (0 < t)$$

$$u(x, 0) = 1 \quad (0 < x < \pi)$$

You may need the following fact: If  $f(x)$  is piecewise smooth on the interval  $[0, \pi]$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}x\right)$$

where

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

We first look for solutions of the form  $u(x, t) = \phi(x)T(t)$  satisfying the heat equation and the boundary conditions. The heat equation gives  $\phi''(x)T(t) = \phi(x)T'(t)$  and we get

$$\frac{\phi''(x)}{\phi(x)} = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} = -\lambda^2$$

for some real value  $\lambda$ . This can be written as two differential equations

$$\phi''(x) + \lambda^2\phi(x) = 0, \quad T'(t) + \lambda^2T(t) = 0.$$

The general solutions are

$$\phi(x) = C_1 \cos(\lambda x) + C_2 \sin(\lambda x), \quad T(t) = e^{-\lambda^2 t}$$

with boundary condition implying

$$\phi(0) = 0, \quad \phi'(\pi) = 0.$$

Hence we get  $C_1 = 0$  and  $C_2 \cos(\lambda\pi) = 0$ . Since  $\phi(x)$  has to be a nontrivial solution,  $C_2 \neq 0$  and we get

$$\cos(\lambda\pi) = 0$$

This only holds when  $\lambda\pi = \frac{2n-1}{2}\pi$ . So we get the solution  $u(x, t) = \sin\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}x\right) e^{-\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 t}$ . Using the principle of superposition, the following function satisfies the heat equation and the boundary conditions:

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

Now, we want  $u(x, t)$  to satisfy the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = 1$ , so plugging in  $t = 0$  to above, we have

$$1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}x\right)$$

So  $c_n$  can be calculated by

$$c_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi 1 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}x\right) dx = \frac{4}{(2n-1)\pi}$$

and finally

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(2n-1)\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}x\right) e^{-\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}\right)^2 t}.$$