

3. (26 pts.) Consider the  $2\pi$ -periodic function  $f$  given on one period by  $f(x) = x^2$  if  $-\pi \leq x < \pi$ .

- (a) Calculate the full Fourier series of  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .
- (b) Write the sum of the first three nonzero terms of the full Fourier series of  $f$  and sketch the graph of this sum on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . On the same coordinate axes, sketch the graph of  $f$ .
- (c) Does the full Fourier series of  $f$  converge to  $f$  in the mean square sense on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ? Why?
- (d) Does the full Fourier series of  $f$  converge to  $f$  pointwise on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ? Why?
- (e) Does the full Fourier series of  $f$  converge to  $f$  uniformly on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ ? Why?

(f) Use the results above to help find the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$ .

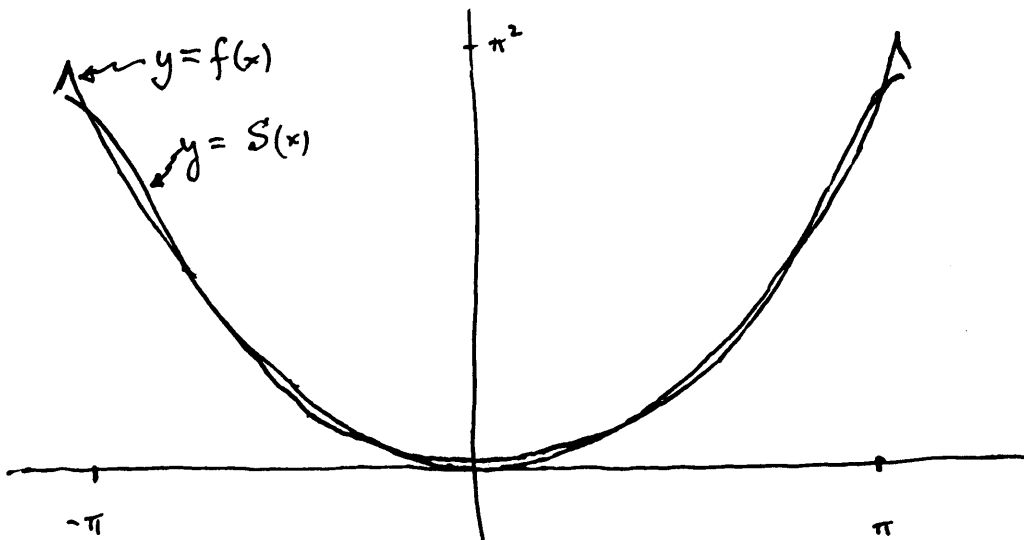
(g) Use the results above to help find the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$ .

(a) Since  $f$  is even, the full Fourier series of  $f$  is a cosine series, i.e.  $b_n = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $a_n = \frac{\langle f, \cos(n \cdot) \rangle}{\langle \cos(n \cdot), \cos(n \cdot) \rangle} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 \cos(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \cos(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ x \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi} - \frac{2}{\pi n} \int_0^{\pi} 2x \sin(nx) dx$   
 $= \frac{4x \cos(nx)}{\pi n^2} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \frac{4}{\pi n^2} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx = \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2}$ .  $a_0 = \frac{\langle f, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$ .

$\therefore f(x) \sim \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(nx)}{n^2}$ .

(b)  $S(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} - 4 \cos(x) + \cos(2x)$



(c) Since  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)^2 dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (x^2)^2 dx = \frac{2\pi^5}{5} < \infty$ , the  $L^2$  convergence theorem (3) implies the full Fourier series of  $f$  converges to  $f$  in the mean square sense on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .

(d) Since  $f$  is continuous and  $f'$  is piecewise continuous and both are  $2\pi$ -periodic, Theorem 4<sup>∞</sup> implies the full Fourier series of  $f$  converges pointwise to  $f(x)$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .

(e) Yes, the full Fourier series of  $f$  converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , although the uniform convergence theorem (2) doesn't apply. (The function  $f$  does not satisfy the second periodic boundary condition  $\varphi'(-\pi) = \varphi'(\pi)$ .) To see this,

$$\max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \left| f(x) - \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(nx)}{n^2} \right| \stackrel{\text{by part (d)}}{=} \max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \left| \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(nx)}{n^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(nx)}{n^2} \right|$$

$$= \max_{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi} \left| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(nx)}{n^2} \right| \leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty \text{ (since it is the$$

"tail" of the series  $4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  which converges by the  $p$ -series test with  $p=2$ ).

$$(f) \quad 0 = f(0) \stackrel{\text{by part (d)}}{=} \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n \cdot 0)}{n^2}, \text{ so } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} = \left(\frac{-\pi^2}{3}\right) \frac{1}{4} = \boxed{\frac{-\pi^2}{12}}$$

(g) By Parseval's identity  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |A_m|^2 \int_a^b |\sum_m(x)|^2 dx = \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx$ , we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 1^2 dx \cdot \left| \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right|^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2} \right|^2 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos^2(nx) dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\pi^5}{9} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{16}{n^4} \cdot \pi = \frac{2\pi^5}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \left( \frac{2\pi^5}{5} - \frac{2\pi^5}{9} \right) \frac{1}{16\pi} = \frac{8\pi^5}{45} \cdot \frac{1}{16\pi} = \boxed{\frac{\pi^4}{90}}$$

4. (26 pts.) Let  $u$  be the solution to the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 u &= 0 \text{ in the disk } D = \{ (r; \theta) : 0 \leq r < 2, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \}, \\ u(2; \theta) &= 3\sin(2\theta) + 1 \text{ for } -\pi \leq \theta < \pi. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Find the maximum value of  $u$  in

$$\bar{D} = \{ (r; \theta) : 0 \leq r \leq 2, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \}.$$

(b) Calculate the value of  $u$  at the origin.

(Hint: These problems can be answered without computing an explicit formula for  $u$  as a function of  $r$  and  $\theta$ .)

(a) By the maximum principle, the maximum value of  $u$  occurs on the circumference of the disk:  $\partial D = \{ (2; \theta) : -\pi \leq \theta < \pi \}$ . For all  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi)$  we have

$$u(2; \theta) = 3\sin(2\theta) + 1 \leq 3\sin\left(2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) + 1 = 3\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 1 = 3 \cdot 1 + 1 = \boxed{4}.$$

(b) By the mean value theorem, the value of  $u$  at the origin is equal to the average value of  $u$  on the circumference of the disk,  $\partial D$ . Thus

$$u(0; 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u(2; \theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (3\sin(2\theta) + 1) d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{3\cos(2\theta)}{2} + \theta \right) \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \boxed{1}.$$

5. (26 pts.) Find the steady-state temperature distribution inside an annular plate with inner radius 1 and outer radius 2 if the outer edge  $r = 2$  is insulated and on the inner edge  $r = 1$  the temperature is maintained as  $\theta^2$  for  $-\pi \leq \theta < \pi$ . (Hint: You should find the results of problem 3 useful.)

We need to solve

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} \nabla^2 u = 0 & \text{in } A = \{(r; \theta) : 1 < r < 2, -\pi \leq \theta < \pi\}, \\ \textcircled{2} u_r(2; \theta) = 0 & \text{for } -\pi \leq \theta < \pi, \\ \textcircled{3} u(1; \theta) = \theta^2 & \text{for } -\pi \leq \theta < \pi; \end{cases}$$

we also have the implied boundary conditions  $u(r; -\pi) = u(r; \pi)$  and  $u_\theta(r; -\pi) = u_\theta(r; \pi)$  for  $1 \leq r \leq 2$ .

We seek nontrivial solutions to the homogeneous part of the problem  $\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{4} - \textcircled{5}$  of the form  $u(r; \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$ . Substituting in  $\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{4} - \textcircled{5}$  and simplifying yields

$$0 = \nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = R''(r)\Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r} R'(r)\Theta(\theta) + \frac{1}{r^2} R(r)\Theta''(\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r)}{R(r)} = \frac{-\Theta''(\theta)}{\Theta(\theta)} = \lambda$$

$$0 = u_r(2; \theta) = R'(2)\Theta(\theta), \quad 0 = u(r; -\pi) - u(r; \pi) = R(r)[\Theta(-\pi) - \Theta(\pi)]$$

$$0 = u_\theta(r; -\pi) - u_\theta(r; \pi) = R(r)[\Theta'(-\pi) - \Theta'(\pi)].$$

Thus

$$\begin{cases} \boxed{\Theta''(\theta) + \lambda \Theta(\theta) = 0, \quad \Theta(-\pi) = \Theta(\pi), \quad \Theta'(-\pi) = \Theta'(\pi)} & \leftarrow \text{Eigenvalue Problem} \\ r^2 R''(r) + r R'(r) - \lambda R(r) = 0, \quad R'(2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The eigenvalues/eigenfunctions are

$$\lambda_0 = 0, \quad \Theta_0(\theta) = a_0,$$

$$\lambda_n = n^2, \quad \Theta_n(\theta) = a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta) \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

and a solution to the radial problem  $r^2 R_n''(r) + r R_n'(r) - n^2 R_n(r) = 0$  is of the form  $R_n(r) = r^\alpha$  where  $\alpha$  is a constant. Then  $R_n'(r) = \alpha r^{\alpha-1}$ ,  $R_n''(r) = \alpha(\alpha-1)r^{\alpha-2}$

$$\text{so } r^2 \alpha(\alpha-1)r^{\alpha-2} + r \alpha r^{\alpha-1} - n^2 r^\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha(\alpha-1) + \alpha - n^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm n.$$

If  $n \geq 1$ , then  $R_n(r) = cr^n + dr^{-n}$  and  $0 = R_n'(2)$  imply  $0 = nc2^{n-1} - nd2^{-n-1}$ ,

so  $d = c2^{2n}$ ; i.e.  $R_n(r) = r^n + 2^{2n} r^{-n}$  (up to a constant factor).

If  $n=0$  then the general solution to  $r^2 R_0''(r) + r R_0'(r) = 0$  is found as follows:  $(r R_0'(r))' = r R_0''(r) + R_0'(r) = 0 \Rightarrow r R_0'(r) = c \Rightarrow R_0(r) = \int \frac{c}{r} dr$

$= c \ln(r) + d$ . Then  $0 = R_0'(z) = \frac{c}{z} \Rightarrow R_0(r) = 1$  (up to a constant factor).

A formal solution to ①-②-④-⑤ is  $u(r; \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R_n(r) \Theta_n(\theta) =$

$a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (r^n + 2^{2n} r^{-n}) (a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta))$ . We want to choose the arbitrary

coefficients so ③ is satisfied:

$$\theta^2 = u(1; \theta) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2^{2n} + 1) (a_n \cos(n\theta) + b_n \sin(n\theta)) \text{ for } -\pi \leq \theta < \pi.$$

By problem #3(d),

$$\theta^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n\theta)}{n^2} \text{ for all } -\pi \leq \theta < \pi.$$

Therefore  $a_0 = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{4(-1)^n}{n^2} = (2^{2n} + 1)a_n$ , and  $b_n = 0$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

Consequently,

$$u(r; \theta) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n\theta) (r^n + 2^{2n} r^{-n})}{n^2 (1 + 2^{2n})}$$

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Two Take-Home Problems for Exam III

1. (10 pts.) (a) Let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer. Show that the operator  $T$  given by

$$Tf(r) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{df}{dr} \right) - \frac{n^2}{r^2} f(r) \quad (0 < r \leq 1)$$

is hermitian on the vector space

$$V_B = \{ f \in C^2(0,1] : f(1) = 0, f \text{ and } f' \text{ bounded on } (0,1] \}$$

equipped with the inner product

$$(*) \quad \langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(r) \overline{g(r)} r dr.$$

(b) Are the eigenvalues of  $T$  on  $V_B$  real numbers?

(c) Are the eigenvalues of  $T$  on  $V_B$  positive?

(d) Are the eigenfunctions of  $T$  on  $V_B$ , corresponding to distinct eigenvalues, orthogonal on  $(0,1)$  relative to the inner product  $(*)$ ?

(Please give reasons for your answers to (b)-(d).)

(10 pts.) Use separation of variables to solve the variable density vibrating string problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} u_{tt} - u_{xx} &= 0 && \text{for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty, \\ u(0,t) &= 0 = u(1,t) && \text{for } 0 \leq t < \infty, \\ u(x,0) &= x(1-x)\sqrt{1+x} \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x,0) = 0 && \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$