

## Practice problems for the Final, part 3

**Note:** Practice problems for the Final Exam, part 1 and part 2 are the same as Practice problems for Midterm 1 and Midterm 2.

1. Calculate Fourier Series for the function  $f(x)$ , defined on  $[-2, 2]$ , where

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

2. Calculate Fourier Series for the function  $f(x)$ , defined on  $[-5, 5]$ , where

$$f(x) = 3H(x - 2).$$

3. Calculate Fourier Series for the function,  $f(x)$ , defined as follows:

- (a)  $x \in [-4, 4]$ , and

$$f(x) = 5.$$

- (b)  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , and

$$f(x) = 21 + 2 \sin 5x + 8 \cos 2x.$$

- (c)  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , and

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^8 c_n \sin nx, \quad \text{with } c_n = 1/n.$$

- (d)  $x \in [-3, 3]$ , and

$$f(x) = -4 + \sum_{n=1}^6 c_n (\sin(\pi nx/3) + 7 \cos(\pi nx/3)), \quad \text{with } c_n = (-1)^n.$$

4. (a) Let  $f(x) = x + x^3$  for  $x \in [0, \pi]$ . What coefficients of the Fourier Series of  $f$  are zero? Which ones are non-zero? Why?  
(b) Let  $g(x) = \cos(x^5) + \sin(x^2)$ . What coefficients of the Fourier Series of  $g$  are zero? Which ones are non-zero? Why?

5. Let  $f(x) = 2x + x^4$  for  $x \in [0, 5]$ .
- (a) Write down the function  $G(x)$ , which is the odd continuation for  $f(x)$ . Specify what terms will be zero and non-zero in the Fourier expansion for  $G(x)$ .
- (b) Write down the function  $V(x)$ , which is the even continuation for  $f(x)$ . Specify what terms will be zero and non-zero in the Fourier expansion for  $V(x)$ .
6. Suppose  $f(x)$  is defined for  $x \in [0, 7]$ , and  $f(x) = 2e^{-4x}$ . Another function,  $F(x)$ , is given by the following:

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cos(\pi n x / 7),$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{2}{7} \int_0^7 2e^{-4x} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n x}{7}\right) dx.$$

What is the value of  $F(3)$ ? What is the value of  $F(-2)$ ?

7. Let us suppose that both ends of a string of length  $25 \text{ cm}$  are attached to fixed points at height 0. Initially, the string is at rest, and has the shape  $4 \sin(2\pi x / 25)$ , where  $x$  is the horizontal coordinate along the string, with zero at the left end. The speed of wave propagation along the string is  $3 \text{ cm/sec}$ . Write down the complete initial and boundary value problem for the shape of the string.
8. Let us suppose that the following boundary value problem is given:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = 50 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [0, 100], \quad (1)$$

$$y(0, t) = y(100, t) = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$y(x, 0) = x^2(100 - x), \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial y(x, 0)}{\partial t} = \begin{cases} x, & 0 \leq x \leq 25, \\ 1/3(100 - x), & 25 \leq x \leq 100. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

What is the speed of wave propagation along the string? What is the initial displacement of the string at point  $x = 20$ ? What is the initial velocity of the string at point  $x = 50$ ? At what point of the string is the initial velocity the largest?

9. Let us suppose that the following boundary value problem is given:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [0, 2], \quad (5)$$

$$y(0, t) = y(\pi, t) = 0, \quad (6)$$

$$y(x, 0) = 0, \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial y(x, 0)}{\partial t} = g(x). \quad (8)$$

Suppose that

$$\int_0^2 g(x) \sin\left(\frac{\pi n x}{2}\right) dx = \frac{1}{n^3}.$$

Find  $y(x, t)$ .

10. Let us suppose that the following boundary value problem is given:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [0, \pi], \quad (9)$$

$$y(0, t) = y(\pi, t) = 0, \quad (10)$$

$$y(x, 0) = 22 \sin 2x + 8 \sin 6x, \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial y(x, 0)}{\partial t} = 0. \quad (12)$$

Find  $y(x, t)$ , in a closed form (containing no integrals). You will not need to evaluate any integrals.

11. Consider the partial differential equation,

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 12y - 5 \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + 7 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}.$$

Demonstrate how the *separation of variables* method works (that is, reduce this partial differential equation to some ordinary differential equations). Explain every step.

12. Suppose that we have the following problem:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in [0, 3], \quad (13)$$

$$y(0, t) = y(\pi, t) = 0, \quad (14)$$

$$y(x, 0) = x(3 - x)(2 - x), \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\partial y(x, 0)}{\partial t} = 0. \quad (16)$$

Set

$$y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\sqrt{3}\pi t}{3}\right).$$

Which equations (13-16) does this function satisfies (for general coefficients  $c_n$  such that the series converges)? Prove your answer.

13. Suppose we have a wave equation on an infinite line,

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = 9 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}, \quad (17)$$

$$y(x, 0) = f(x), \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\partial y(x, 0)}{\partial t} = 0, \quad (19)$$

where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x(2-x), & x \in [0, 2], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $y(x, t)$ .  
(b) Draw the solution for  $t = 5$ , and  $t = 10$  (2 graphs).  
(b) How long will it take before an observer located at point  $x = 27$  receives the signal?
14. Suppose a bar of length 6 cm has insulating ends. The initial temperature distribution is given by  $f(x)$ , such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 4, & 3 < x \leq 6. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Write down the initial and boundary value problem for  $y(x, t)$ , the temperature of the bar.  
(b) Write down the solution for  $y(x, t)$ .  
(c) What is the distribution of temperature as times goes to infinity?  
(d) Draw the temperature distribution for  $t = 0$ , for some  $t_1 > 0$ , for some  $t_2 > t_1$  and for  $t = \infty$  (4 graphs).

15. Suppose a bar of length 10 *cm* has insulating ends. Find the temperature distribution as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if:

(a) The initial temperature distribution is given by  $f(x)$ , such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 2, & 1 < x \leq 2, \\ 0, & 2 < x \leq 3 \\ 5, & 3 < x \leq 4, \\ 2, & 4 < x \leq 6. \end{cases}$$

(b) The initial temperature distribution is given by  $f(x) = x + 2x^2$ .

(c) The initial temperature distribution is given by  $f(x) = x(10 - x)$ , but the temperature at the ends is kept at zero (no insulation).

(d) For the problem in (c), draw the temperature distribution for  $t = 0$ , for some  $t_1 > 0$ , for some  $t_2 > t_1$  and for  $t = \infty$  (4 graphs).