

1. Compute the complex Fourier series for the function defined on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -\pi \leq x < 0, \\ 5, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi. \end{cases}$$

Use the c_n 's to find the coefficients of the real Fourier series [*Hint: Use $a_n = c_n + c_{-n}$, and $b_n = i(c_n - c_{-n})$.*]

2. Compute the complex Fourier series for the function $f(x) = \pi - x$ defined on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$. Use the c_n 's to find the coefficients of the real version of the Fourier series.
3. (a) Find the complex Fourier coefficients of the function

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{for } -\pi < x \leq \pi,$$

extended to be periodic of period 2π .

- (b) Find the real form of the Fourier series.

- (c) Use Part (b) and *Parseval's identity* to compute $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}$.

4. Compute $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}$. *Hint: Compute the Fourier series for $f(x) = |x|$, and then observe that $f(\pi) = \pi$. (Parseval's identity not needed!)*
5. Consider the ODE $y'' = 4y$. We know that the general solution is $y(x) = C_1 e^{2x} + C_2 e^{-2x}$, i.e., $\{e^{2x}, e^{-2x}\}$ “generates” the (two-dimensional) solution space. Use the fact that $e^{2x} = \cosh 2x + \sinh 2x$ and $e^{-2x} = \cosh 2x - \sinh 2x$, and that any linear combination of solutions is a solution, to find two distinct solutions involving hyperbolic sines and cosines. Since the solution space is two-dimensional, these new functions together also generate the solution space. Write the general solution using these functions.
6. We will solve for the function $u(x, t)$, defined for $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ and $t \geq 0$, which satisfies the following conditions:

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = 5 \sin x + 3 \sin 2x.$$

- (a) Briefly describe, and sketch, a physical situation which this models. Be sure to explain the effect of both boundary conditions (called *Dirichlet* boundary conditions) and the initial condition.
- (b) Assume that $u(x, t) = f(x)g(t)$. Find u_t and u_{xx} . Also, determine the boundary conditions for $f(x)$ (at $x = 0$ and $x = \pi$) from the boundary conditions for $u(x, t)$.
- (c) Plug $u = fg$ back into the PDE and divide both sides by $c^2 fg$ (i.e., “separate variables”) to get the *eigenvalue problem*. Briefly justify why this quantity must be a constant. Call this constant λ . Write down two ODEs: one for $g(t)$ and one for $f(x)$.

- (d) Solve for $g(t)$, $f(x)$, and λ . You may assume that $\lambda = -\omega^2 < 0$, but you still need to find ω .
- (e) Using your solution to Part (d) and the principle of superposition, find the general solution to the boundary value problem.
- (f) Solve the *initial value problem*, i.e., find the particular solution $u(x, t)$ that additionally satisfies $u(x, 0) = 5 \sin x + 3 \sin 2x$.
- (g) What is the steady-state solution, i.e., $u_{ss}(x) := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$?
7. Consider a similar situation as the previous problem, but with slightly different boundary and initial conditions.

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad u(0, t) = 30, \quad u(\pi, t) = 100, \quad u(x, 0) = 30 + \frac{70}{\pi}x + 5 \sin x + 3 \sin 2x.$$

- (a) Describe (and sketch) a physical situation that this models. Be sure to describe the impact of *both* boundary conditions and the initial condition.
- (b) Use your physical intuition to determine what the steady-state solution $u_{ss}(x)$ is.
- (c) Write down the solution to this PDE by adding the steady-state solution to the solution of the related homogeneous problem (see Part (f) of the previous problem).
- (d) How does this compare to the structure of the solution to the ODE for Newton's law of heating / cooling? [*Hint*: Consider an example, e.g., $T(t) = 72 + T_h(t) = 72 + Ce^{-kt}$. Note that the heat equation is the 1-dimensional analog of Newton's law of heating / cooling (which is typically applied to a point-mass, or a "0-dimensional" object).]
8. Consider the following initial/boundary value problem for the heat equation:

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad u(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(\pi, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = 3 \sin \frac{5x}{2}.$$

- (a) Describe (and sketch) a physical situation that this models. Be sure to describe the impact of *both* boundary conditions and the initial condition.
- (b) Assume that there is a solution of the form $u(x, t) = f(x)g(t)$. Find u_t , u_x , and u_{xx} . Also, determine the boundary conditions for $f(x)$ (at $x = 0$ and $x = \pi$) from the *mixed boundary conditions* for $u(x, t)$.
- (c) Plug $u = fg$ back into the PDE and divide both sides by $c^2 fg$ (i.e., "separate variables") to get the eigenvalue problem. Write down two ODEs: one for $g(t)$ and one for $f(x)$.
- (d) Solve the ODEs from the previous part for f and g . You may assume that $\lambda = -\omega^2$, (i.e., that $\lambda < 0$). Determine ω (be sure to show your work for this part, the answer may surprise you!).
- (e) Write down the general solution $u(x, t)$ for the boundary value problem.
- (f) Find the particular solution for $u(x, t)$ that additionally satisfies the initial condition $u(x, 0) = 3 \sin(5x/2)$.
- (g) What is the steady-state solution?

9. Let $u(x, t)$ be the temperature of a bar of length 10, at position x and time t (in hours). Suppose that the left endpoint of the bar is not insulated, but the right endpoint is fully insulated, and the bar is sitting in a 70° room. Moreover, suppose that initially, the temperature increases linearly from 70° at the left endpoint to 80° at the other end. Finally, suppose the interior of the bar is poorly insulated, so heat can escape.
- Suppose that heat escapes at a constant rate of 1° per hour. Write an initial/boundary value problem for $u(x, t)$ that could model this situation.
 - A more realistic situation would be for heat to escape not at a constant rate, but at a rate proportional to the *difference* between the temperature of the bar and the ambient temperature of the room. Write an initial/boundary value problem for $u(x, t)$ that could model this situation. What is the steady-state solution and why?
10. Let $u(x, t)$ be the temperature of a bar of length 10, that is insulated so that no heat can enter or leave. Suppose that initially, the temperature increases linearly from 70° at one endpoint, to 80° at the other endpoint.
- Sketch the initial heat distribution on the bar, and express it as a function of x .
 - Write down an initial/boundary value problem to which $u(x, t)$ is a solution (Let the constant from the heat equation be c^2).
 - What will the steady-state solution be?
11. Consider the following PDE:

$$u_t = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad u(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(\pi, t) + \gamma u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = h(x),$$

where γ is a constant, and $h(x)$ and arbitrary function on $[0, \pi]$.

- Describe a physical situation that this models. Be sure to describe the impact of the initial condition, *both* boundary conditions and the constant γ .
- What is the steady-state solution, and why? (Use your physical intuition).