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 $f(x) = x^2$ for $-\pi < x \leq \pi$, extended to be periodic of period $2\pi$.

(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 $\lambda$. Write down two ODEs: one for $g(t)$ and one for $f(x)$. 

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(d) Solve for $g(t)$, $f(x)$, and $\lambda$. You may assume that $\lambda = -\omega^2 < 0$, but you still need to find $\omega$.

(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., $u_{ss}(x) := \lim_{t \to \infty} u(x, t)$?

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., $T(t) = 72 + T_h(t) = 72 + C e^{-kt}$. Note that the heat equation is the 1-dimensional analog of Newtons 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 $\omega$ (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.

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(a) Sketch the initial heat distribution on the bar, and express it as a function of $x$.

(b) Write down an initial/boundary value problem to which $u(x,t)$ is a solution (Let the constant from the heat equation be $c^2$).

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

(a) Describe a physical situation that this models. Be sure to describe the impact of the initial condition, both boundary conditions and the constant $\gamma$.

(b) What is the steady-state solution, and why? (Use your physical intuition).