

Reexam Mathematical Physics, Prof. G. Palasantzas

- Total number of points 100
- 10 points for coming to the exam
- Justify briefly your answers for all problems



Problem 1 (10 points) Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$ with $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$

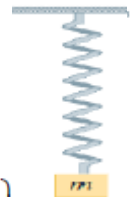
Problem 2 (15 points)

Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos 3n}{1 + (1.2)^n}$ is convergent or divergent.

Problem 3 (20 points)

Suppose a mass m is attached to a spring with spring constant k , and let $k = m\omega^2$. If an external force $F(t) = F_0 \cos(\omega_0 t)$ ($\omega_0 \neq \omega$) is applied, then we have the equation of motion for non-zero dissipation ($c > 0$):

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + c \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = F(t) \quad (1)$$



Show that a particular solution of Eq. (1) ($c^2 - 4mk < 0$) is given by: $x_p(t) = \left\{ \frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k - m\omega_0^2)^2 + (c\omega_0)^2}} \right\} \cos(\omega_0 t + \delta)$

Tip: $x(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t) + c_2 \sin(\omega t) = A \cos(\omega t + \delta)$ with $A = \sqrt{c_2^2 + c_1^2}$ and $\tan \delta = -c_2 / c_1$ $\tan \delta = -c\omega_0 / (k - m\omega_0^2)$

Problem 4 (15 points)

Find the sine series solution of the second order differential equation $\frac{d^2X}{dt^2} + 10X = f(t)$ with $f(t)$ an odd function [$f(-t)=-f(t)$] and boundary conditions $X(t=0)=X(t=L)=0$.

Tip: The Fourier sine expansion has the general form $Y(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x / L)$, $b_n = (2/L) \int_0^L Y(x) \sin(n\pi x / L) dx$, for $x \in [0, L]$

Problem 5 (10 points)

Consider the Fourier transform definitions $F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(x) e^{-i2\pi kx} dx$ and $\delta(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i2\pi kx} dx$

Calculate the Fourier transform of $F(x) = \sin^2(\epsilon x) + \cos(\epsilon x)$

Problem 6 (20 points)

(a: 10 points) Calculate the analytic form of the function $G(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} t^2 e^{-|\omega t|} e^{-2\pi ikt} \cos^2(8\pi k) dt dk$ with ω a real number.

(b: 10 points) Consider the boundary value problem for the one-dimensional heat equation for a bar of length L with zero-temperature ends. The general solution $u(x, t)$ (with $t \geq 0$ and $0 \leq x \leq L$) has the form:

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

Calculate the solution $u(x, t)$ for $t > 0$ if $u(x, t=0) = f(x) = 2\sin(6\pi x/L)\cos(3\pi x/L)$.

Problem 1

We form the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$, and we show that it is convergent using the ratio test.

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \frac{|x|}{n+1} \rightarrow 0 < 1 \quad \text{with } x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

Therefore, since the series is convergent we have: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$

Problem 2

Check convergence of $\rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos 3n}{1 + (1.2)^n}$

$|a_n| = \left| \frac{\cos 3n}{1 + (1.2)^n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{1 + (1.2)^n} < \frac{1}{(1.2)^n} = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n$, so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges by comparison with the convergent geometric

series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n$ [$r = \frac{5}{6} < 1$]. It follows that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges

Problem 3

$$m \frac{d^2 X}{dt^2} + c \frac{dX}{dt} + kX = F_0 \cos \omega_0 t \quad (1)$$

$$X_p(t) = A(\omega_0) \cos(\omega_0 t) + B(\omega_0) \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

Substitute in (1) \Rightarrow

$$m(-A\omega_0^2 \cos \omega_0 t - B\omega_0^2 \sin \omega_0 t) + (-cA\omega_0 \sin \omega_0 t + cB\omega_0 \cos \omega_0 t) + k(A \cos \omega_0 t + B \sin \omega_0 t) =$$

$$F_0 \cos \omega_0 t \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$[(k - m\omega_0^2)A + cB\omega_0] \cos \omega_0 t +$$

$$[(k - m\omega_0^2)B - cA\omega_0] \sin \omega_0 t = F_0 \cos \omega_0 t \quad (2)$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (k - m\omega_0^2)A + cB\omega_0 = F_0 \quad (3)$$

$$(k - m\omega_0^2)B - cA\omega_0 = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$(4) \Rightarrow B = A \frac{c\omega_0}{k - m\omega_0^2} \quad (5)$$

Substitute (5) into (3) \Rightarrow

$$A = \frac{F_0 (k - m\omega_0^2)}{(k - m\omega_0^2)^2 + (c\omega_0)^2} \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{F_0 c \omega_0}{(k - m\omega_0^2)^2 + (c\omega_0)^2} \quad (7)$$

The particular solution can be

written as $X_p(t) = \tilde{A}(\omega_0) \cos(\omega_0 t + \delta)$

with $\tilde{A}(\omega) = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} = \frac{F_0}{\sqrt{(k - m\omega_0^2)^2 + (c\omega_0)^2}}$

$$\tan \delta = -\frac{B}{A} = -\frac{c\omega_0}{k - m\omega_0^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\delta = \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{c\omega_0}{m\omega_0^2 - k} \right\}$$

Problem 4

Find the solution* of the differential equation
 $y'' + m y = f(x)$, m is integer, $f(x) = -f(x)$ (odd function)

Under the conditions $y(0) = y(x=L) = 0$

* Sine solution.

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Take } f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \quad C_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2\right) b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (2)$$

Substitution into $y'' + m y = f(x)$ gives

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[-b_n \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2\right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ b_n \left[m - \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \right] - C_n \right\} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = 0 \quad \forall x \in [0, L]$$

$$\triangleright b_n \left[m - \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \right] - C_n = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$b_n = \frac{C_n}{m - \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2} \quad \left(m \neq \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2\right)$$

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_n}{m - \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Set $m=10$

replace the variable x with t .

Problem 5

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$$F(x) = -\frac{1}{4} (e^{i\epsilon x} + e^{-i\epsilon x})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\epsilon x} + e^{-i\epsilon x})$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{i\epsilon x} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\epsilon x} - \frac{1}{4} e^{i2\epsilon x} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-i2\epsilon x} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$F(k) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{e^{-i2\pi x(k - \frac{\epsilon}{2n})}}_{\delta(k - \frac{\epsilon}{2n})} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{e^{-i2\pi x(k + \frac{\epsilon}{2n})}}_{\delta(k + \frac{\epsilon}{2n})} dx$$

$$- \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{e^{-i2\pi x(k - \frac{\epsilon}{n})}}_{\delta(k - \frac{\epsilon}{n})} dx - \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{e^{-i2\pi x(k + \frac{\epsilon}{n})}}_{\delta(k + \frac{\epsilon}{n})} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{e^{-i2\pi kx}}_{\delta(k)} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow F(k) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\delta(k - \frac{\epsilon}{2n}) + \delta(k + \frac{\epsilon}{2n}) \right] - \frac{1}{4} \left[\delta(k - \frac{\epsilon}{n}) + \delta(k + \frac{\epsilon}{n}) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \delta(k)$$

Problem 6

$$\textcircled{6a} \quad \cos^2(8\pi t) = \frac{1}{4} [e^{i16\pi t} + e^{-i16\pi t} + 2]$$

$$\Rightarrow G(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \, t^2 e^{-|\omega t|} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i2\pi k(t-8)} dk + \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i2\pi k(t+8)} dk + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i2\pi k t} dk \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow G(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} t^2 e^{-|\omega t|} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \delta(t-8) + \frac{1}{4} \delta(t+8) + \frac{1}{2} \delta(t) \right\} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{G(\omega) = 32 e^{-18|\omega|}}$$

$\textcircled{6b}$ If we set to the general solution $t=0$
 we get $u(x, t=0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$ (1)

rewrite the give $u(x, t=0) = f(x)$ as assumed & sines.

$$u(x, t=0) = \sin\left(\frac{9\pi}{L} x\right) + \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{L} x\right)$$
 (2)

If we compare (1) & (2) then only the term $n=9$ and $n=3$ are non-zero in (1)

Thus we have $B_9 = B_3 = 1$, $B_n = 0$ ($n \neq 3, 9$)

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u(x, t > 0) = e^{-\left(\frac{c9\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{L} x\right) + e^{-\left(\frac{c9\pi}{L}\right)^2 t} \sin\left(\frac{9\pi}{L} x\right)}$$