

IEEE Revision Lecture for MA1505

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Part I

Related Concepts and Formulas

Statistics of the All 13 Problems

- Taylor Series: 3 Qns
- Fourier Series: 1 Qns and 3 other Qns mentioned
- Series sums: 4 Qns
- line integral: 1 Qns related
- Surface integral: 4 Qns

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Part II

Solutions for All Problems

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The shortcut: Actually very standard

Here we have to use the Taylor expansion for the function e^x which is:

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then we get:

$$e^{x^3} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!}(x^3)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!}x^{3n}$$

$$xe^{x^3} = x \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!}x^{3n} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!}x^{3n+1}$$

With the above formulas we can get the answer but please be careful.

$$\text{If } f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \dots + \frac{1}{1505!}f^{(1505)}(0)x^{1505} + \dots$$

$$\text{then } f'(x) = f'(0) + \dots + \frac{1}{1505!}f^{(1505)}(0) \times 1505x^{1504} + \dots$$

so we get that the corresponding coefficients equal then we have:

$$\frac{1}{1505!}f^{(1505)}(0) \times 1505 = \frac{1}{n!} \text{ where } 3n + 1 = 1504.$$

Question 2(a) of 2009-2010 Semester 1

Problem

Let $f(x) = \frac{23-4x}{7-2x}$ and let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(x-2)^n$ be the Taylor series for $f(x)$ at $x = 2$. Find the **exact value** of $c_0 + c_{2000}$

- Rewrite the function $f(x)$ as $\frac{15-4(x-2)}{3-2(x-2)}$. Denote $t = x - 2$, then $f(t) = \frac{15-4t}{3-2t} = \frac{5-\frac{4t}{3}}{1-\frac{2t}{3}}$. We need to find the Taylor series of $f(t)$ at $t = 0$.
- As we know $\frac{1}{1-\frac{2t}{3}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\frac{2t}{3})^n$. Then we have
$$f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\frac{5 \times 2^n}{3^{n+1}}) t^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -(\frac{2^{n+2}}{3^{n+1}}) t^{n+1} = 5 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{5 \times 2^n - 2^{n+1}}{3^n}) t^n = 5 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{2^n}{3^{n-1}}) t^n.$$
- Then $f(x) = 5 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{2^n}{3^{n-1}}) (x-2)^n$. So $c_0 = 5$ and $c_{2000} = \frac{2^{2000}}{3^{1999}}$.

Problem

Let

$$g(x) = \frac{x-16}{x^2-16x+68}.$$

If $f(x)$ is a function such that $f(8) = 8$ and $f'(x) = g(x)$, then use Taylor series to find the value of $f^{(2009)}(8)$.

(You may give your answer in terms of factorials.)

Answer to the Question 2(b) of 2008-2009 Semester 2

- The Taylor series of $g(x)$ at 8. Denote $t = x - 8$, then $g(t) = \frac{t-8}{t^2+4}$. We can get the Taylor series of $g(t)$ at 0 in this way:

① Rewrite $g(t)$ as $\frac{1}{(\frac{t}{2})^2+1} \frac{t}{4} - 2 \frac{1}{(\frac{t}{2})^2+1}$

② We know that $\frac{1}{(\frac{t}{2})^2+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (\frac{t}{2})^{2n}$

③ Then $g(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (\frac{t}{2})^{2n} \frac{t}{4} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (\frac{t}{2})^{2n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n [-(\frac{1}{2})^{2n-1} t^{2n} + (\frac{1}{2})^{2n+2} t^{2n+1}]$

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- Suppose the Taylor series of $f(x)$ at 8 is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(8)}{n!} (x-8)^n$. Then we have $f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n+1)}(8)}{n!} (x-8)^n$. Compare with the coefficient, we get that $\frac{f^{(2009)}(8)}{2008!} = (-1)^{1004} \times (-1) (\frac{1}{2})^{2007}$. Then $f^{(2009)}(8) = -\frac{2008!}{2^{2007}}$.

Question 3(a) of 2008-2009 Semester 2

Problem

Let $f(x) = 0$, if $-3 < x < 0$; $f(x) = x$, if $0 < x < 3$; $f(x + 6) = f(x)$, for all x . Suppose that the Fourier series of $f(x)$ is:

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{3} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{3} \right)$$

Find the positive value of n such that

$$2 + 27\pi^2 a_n = 0.$$

Answer to Question 3(a) of 2008-2009 Semester 2

Use the formula:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx.$$

Here we have $2L = 6$, then

$$a_n = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-3}^3 f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{3} dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 x \cos \frac{n\pi x}{3} dx.$$

Here we use the integral by parts theorem to calculate.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 x \cos \frac{n\pi x}{3} dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 x \frac{3}{n\pi} d \sin \frac{n\pi x}{3} = \frac{-1}{n\pi} \int_0^3 \sin \frac{n\pi x}{3} dx = \frac{3}{n^2 \pi^2} [\cos n\pi - 1].$$

So if we need to satisfy $2 + 27\pi^2 a_n = 0$, $a_n = -\frac{2}{27\pi^2}$. Then we can see that $n = 9$.

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Problem

For $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$, the series:

$$\sin^2 x + \sin^4 x + \sin^6 x + \dots + \sin^{2k} x + \dots$$

converges. Find its sum.

This is a very standard geometric series. If we denote $t = \sin x$, then we have $|t| < 1$. The geometric series becomes:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^2 (t^2)^{n-1} = \frac{t^2}{1-t^2}.$$

Then the result is:

$$\frac{\sin^2 x}{1-\sin^2 x} = \tan^2 x.$$

Question 3(b) of 2009-2010 Semester 2

Problem

Let $g(x) = x^4$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ and $g(x+2) = g(x)$ for all x . The Fourier series of $g(x)$ is

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{8}{\pi^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^2 \pi^2 - 6}{n^4} \cos n\pi x.$$

Given the sum of the series $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{12}$, use this Fourier series to find the sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^4}.$$

(The above series S and the Fourier series need not be derived. Give the exact value of the sum in terms of π .)

Answer to Question 3(b) of 2009-2010 Semester 2

- Take $x = 0$, then LHS = 0

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{8}{\pi^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^2 \pi^2 - 6}{n^4}.$$

So we have $\pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} + 6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^4} = -\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{\pi^4}{8} = -\frac{\pi^4}{40}.$

- It's obvious that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2} = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} = -\frac{\pi^2}{12}$. So by the above equality, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^4} = \frac{1}{6} \left[-\frac{\pi^4}{40} - \pi^2 \times \left(-\frac{\pi^2}{12} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{6} \left[\frac{\pi^4}{12} - \frac{\pi^4}{40} \right] = \frac{7\pi^4}{720}.$$

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Question 3(b) of 2008-2009 Semester 2

Problem

Let $u(t) = 0$, if $-1 < t < 0$; $u(t) = \sin \pi t$, if $0 < t < 1$; $u(t+2) = u(t)$, for all t . The Fourier series of $u(t)$ is:

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} \sin \pi t - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} \cos 2n\pi t$$

Use this Fourier series to find the sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}.$$

Hence find the sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n-1}.$$

(You need not derive the above Fourier series. Give the exact value of each sum in terms of π)

Answer to Question 3(b) of 2008-2009 Semester 2

- Take $t = \frac{1}{2}$, then $\text{LHS} = u(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$ and

$$\text{RHS} = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}.$$

So we have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{\pi-2}{4}$.

- In the following, we need to find the relation between the sums of series, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n-1}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$ which we denote by A and B respectively. Using the fact that:

$$\frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right).$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n+1} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{2n-1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+2} \frac{1}{2n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

We know that $A - 1 = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{2n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+2} \frac{1}{2n+1}$.

So we have $B = \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}(A - 1)$ Then $A = B + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Question 3(b) of 2007-2008 Semester 2

Problem

Let $f(x) = x$, if $0 < x < 1$; $f(x) = 2 - x$, if $1 < x < 2$. The cosine half-range expansion of $f(x)$ is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \cos(2n-1)\pi x$$

(You need not derive this Fourier series)

Use the above cosine half-range expansion to find the sum of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2}$. Hence find the sum of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2}$.
(Give the exact values in terms of π)

Answer to Question 3(b) of 2007-2008 Semester 2

- For the equality, let's take $x=0$. Then the LHS = $f(0) = 0$, and the RHS = $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2}$. Then we'll get that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi^2}{4} = \frac{\pi^2}{2}$$

- The sums of two series, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2}$ denoted by P and Q , respectively. We know the value of Q . Here we need to find the relation between P and Q . For P , we divide the sum into two parts, shown below:

$$P = \sum_{n=2k-1} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} + \sum_{n=2k} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{-1}{4} \frac{1}{(k)^2}$$

Then we see that $P = Q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{-1}{4} \frac{1}{(k)^2}$. Denote $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k)^2}$ by R .
Then we see that $P = Q - \frac{1}{4}R$.

Answer to Question 3(b) of 2007-2008 Semester 2

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In the following we have to find the relation of Q and R . Similarly we divide R into two parts:

$$R = \sum_{2k-1} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} + \sum_{2k} \frac{1}{(2k)^2} = Q + \frac{1}{4}R.$$

So we have $\frac{3}{4}R = Q$, i.e. $R = \frac{4}{3}Q$. In summary we have

$$P = Q - \frac{1}{4}R = Q - \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{4}{3}Q = \frac{2}{3}Q = \frac{\pi^2}{3}.$$

Question 8(a) of 2007-2008 Semester 2

Problem

Let S be the cone described by

$$z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \text{ where } 0 \leq z \leq 4.$$

If $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = y\mathbf{i} - x\mathbf{j} + z^2\mathbf{k}$, find the surface integral $\int \int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$, when the orientation of S is given by the inner normal vector.

Answer to Question 8(a) of 2007-2008 Semester 2

- Parametric presentation of the surface:

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = u\mathbf{i} + v\mathbf{j} + \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}\mathbf{k}, \text{ where } u^2 + v^2 \leq 16$$

The region for (u, v) is denoted as D . Now we check whether the orientation of the surface under this parametric presentation is the same as the orientation given. $\vec{r}_u = 1\mathbf{i} + \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}}\mathbf{k}$,

$$\vec{r}_v = 1\mathbf{j} + \frac{v}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}}\mathbf{k}, \text{ then}$$

$$\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v = \left(-\frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}}\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(-\frac{v}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2}}\right)\mathbf{j} + 1\mathbf{k}.$$

So we know that these orientation are the same.

- The required integral is

$$\int \int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \int \int_D \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}(u, v)) \cdot (\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v) dA = \int \int_D u^2 + v^2 dA.$$

Using the polar coordinate change, we get the required integral equals to

$$\int_0^4 \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 r d\theta dr = 128\pi.$$

Problem

Let S be the closed surface that consists of

- 1 the upper hemisphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1, z \geq 0,$$

together with

- 2 the base of points $(x, y, 0)$, where $0 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$.

If $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = 4x\mathbf{i} - z^2\mathbf{j} + e^{xy}\mathbf{k}$, use the Divergence Theorem to find the surface integral $\int \int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$, where the orientation of S is given by the outer normal vector.

Answer to Question 8(b) of 2007-2008 Semester 2

- The solid bounded by the surface is just the upper ball, denoted by V . And orientation of the surface is given with the outward orientation.
- Use Divergence Theorem, we get
$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S} = \iiint_V \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{F}) dV = 4 \iiint_V dV = 4 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{8\pi}{3}.$$

Question 6(a) of 2009-2010 Semester 1

Problem

Find the **exact value** of the double integral

$$\int \int_D \sqrt{|x - y|} dx dy,$$

where D is the rectangular region : $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq 2$

- We divide the region D into two parts, denoted as D_1 and D_2 . D_1 is the region $\{(x, y) \in D : x \geq y\}$. $D_2 = \{(x, y) \in D : x \leq y\}$. Then we have:

$$\int \int_D \sqrt{|x - y|} dx dy = \int_{D_1} \sqrt{x - y} dA + \int_{D_2} \sqrt{y - x} dA.$$

Answer to Question 6(a) of 2009-2010 Semester 1

- For integral over D_1 ,

$$\int \int_{D_1} \sqrt{x-y} dA = \int_0^1 \int_y^1 \sqrt{x-y} dx dy = \int_0^1 \frac{2}{3} (1-y)^{\frac{3}{2}} dy = \frac{4}{15}.$$

- For integral over D_2 ,

$$\int \int_{D_2} \sqrt{y-x} dA = \int_0^1 \int_x^2 \sqrt{y-x} dy dx = \int_0^1 \frac{2}{3} (2-x)^{\frac{3}{2}} dx = \frac{4}{15} (4\sqrt{2} - 1).$$

- In summary, so the required integral is $\frac{4}{15} + \frac{4}{15} (4\sqrt{2} - 1) = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{15}$.

Problem

Find the **exact value** of the iterated integral

$$\int_0^6 \left[\int_x^6 \frac{2xy}{\ln(1+y^2)(1+x^2)} dy \right] dx.$$

- It's obvious that $\ln(1+y^2)(1+x^2) = (1+x^2)\ln(1+y^2)$. Then we have the original integral is

$$\int_0^6 \left[\int_x^6 \frac{2xy}{\ln(1+y^2)(1+x^2)} dy \right] dx = \int_0^6 \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \left[\int_x^6 \frac{y}{\ln(1+y^2)} dy \right] dx. \text{ For every}$$

$0 \leq x \leq 6$, it's impossible to calculate the integral $\int_x^6 \frac{y}{\ln(1+y^2)} dy$. So we need to change the order of the iterated integral.

Answer to Question 6(b) of 2009-2010 Semester 1

- First we need to change the iterated integral to Double integral. The region of the Double integral is

$D = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 6, x \leq y \leq 6\}$. Then we have

$$\int_0^6 \left[\int_x^6 \frac{2xy}{\ln(1+y^2)(1+x^2)} dy \right] dx = \iint_D \frac{2xy}{\ln(1+y^2)(1+x^2)} dA$$

- In the original iterated integral D is taken as type A region. Then here we need to take D as type B region. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D \frac{2xy}{\ln(1+y^2)(1+x^2)} dA &= \int_0^6 \left[\int_0^y \frac{2xy}{\ln(1+y^2)(1+x^2)} dx \right] dy = \\ &= \int_0^6 \frac{y}{\ln(1+y^2)} \left[\int_0^y \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx \right] dy = \int_0^6 y dy = 18. \end{aligned}$$

Question 5(a) of 2009-2010 Semester 2

Problem

On a certain mountain, the elevation z above a point (x, y) in an xy -plane at sea level is

$$z = f(x, y) = 3205 - 0.02x^2 - 0.01y^2,$$

where x, y and z are in meters. The positive x -axis points east, and the positive y -axis points north. A mountain climber is at the point $P(200, 300, 1505)$. Find the direction, given as a unit vector $a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}$, of the steepest ascent. If it's negative, it means that the climber does not ascent

- How to understand steepest ascent? Given a unit vector \vec{u} and a small distance dt , the ascent approximately equals $D_{\vec{u}}(P) \cdot dt$. If it's negative, it means the climber declines other than increases. The most important value is $D_{\vec{u}}(P)$.

- Similar with the *Qn 3 of Tu6*, we can find the direction which gives the largest directional derivative $D_{\vec{u}}(P)$. Suppose unit vector $\vec{u} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}$, then $D_{\vec{u}}(P) = (f_x(P), f_y(P)) \cdot (a, b)$. By the rule of vector inner product, when vector (a, b) and $(f_x(P), f_y(P))$ are parallel and with the same direction, their inner product gets maximum. so we know that $(a, b) = \left(\frac{f_x(P)}{\sqrt{f_x^2(P) + f_y^2(P)}}, \frac{f_y(P)}{\sqrt{f_x^2(P) + f_y^2(P)}} \right)$. Simple calculation we know that $f_x(P) = -8, f_y(P) = -6$, so $(a, b) = \left(-\frac{4}{5}, -\frac{3}{5} \right)$. Then direction is $-\frac{4}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{j}$.