

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS II

COURSE WORK

1 (a). When are two functions $f_1(x)$ and $f_2(x)$ said to be orthogonal on an interval $[a, b]$.

(b). Obtain the Fourier series expansion of $f(x) = \pi + x$ for $-\pi < x < \pi$. Hence, show that

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

2. A bar of length 2m is fully insulated along its sides. It is initially at 10°C and at $t=0$, the ends are plunged into ice and maintained at a temperature of 0°C . Determine an expression for the temperature of a point P, a distance x from one end at any subsequent time t seconds after $t=0$.

Hint: $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ with the boundary condition $u(0,t)=0$, $u(2, t)=0$, $u(x,0)=10$.

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