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# Math 335

## Practice Exam 3

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*You have 75 minutes to complete this exam. No calculators or electronic devices are allowed. Show all work. Unsupported or illegible answers will receive no credit. There are a total of 50 points on this exam.*



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**1.) [10 points]** A metal bar of length  $\pi$  initially has temperature  $u(x,0) = -x$  at position  $x$ , where  $x=0$  is the left end of the bar. At time  $t=0$ , the two ends of the bar are wrapped in ice cubes with constant temperature 0 degrees Celsius. Find the temperature  $u(x,t)$  of the bar assuming a thermal diffusivity constant  $k=3$ .

2.) [10 points] Find the Fourier series of  $f(x) = |x|$  on the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .

What value does the Fourier series converge to at  $x = \pi$ ?

3.) [10 points] State in words the physical situation that the equations below describe:

$$u_{tt} = 4u_{xx}, \quad u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(10, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = 20, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0.$$

Then solve the boundary value problem.

4.) [10 points] The ends of a metal bar of length  $L$  with thermal diffusivity constant  $k$  are insulated so that no heat flows in or out through the ends. Assuming the initial temperature profile of the bar is  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  and no heat is lost or gained along the length of the bar, use separation of variables to derive a solution to the one-dimensional heat equation. You may assume that when you set the equations equal to a separation constant  $-\lambda$ , the cases  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$  give trivial solutions.

**5.) [10 points]** A string of length  $\pi$  has tension constant  $a$  and has its two ends clamped at the  $x$ -axis. Assuming the string is released from rest, the vertical displacement  $u(x,t)$  of the string is modeled by

$$u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx}, \quad u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0$$

Suppose the string has initial shape

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(kx)$$

for some integer  $k \geq 1$ . Prove that the string has  $k - 1$  stationary points in the open interval  $(0, \pi)$ .