

## Chapter 4 and 5: Fourier Series

1. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1; \\ 2x, & 1 < x \leq 2. \end{cases}$ 
  - (a) Sketch the graph of the Fourier series expansion of  $f(x)$  over  $[-2, 6]$ .
  - (b) Sketch the graph of the Fourier cosine series expansion of  $f(x)$  over  $[-2, 6]$ .
  - (c) Sketch the graph of the Fourier sine series expansion of  $f(x)$  over  $[-2, 6]$ .
  - (d) Compute the cosine series expansion of  $f(x)$ .
2. Let  $f(t) = \begin{cases} -t, & -3 < t < 0 \\ t^2, & 0 \leq t < 3. \end{cases}$ ,  $f(t+6) = f(t)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ 
  - (a) Graph two periods of  $f(t)$ .
  - (b) Find the Fourier Series of  $f$ .
  - (c) Use the Fourier Convergence Theorem and sketch a the graph of the function to which the Fourier series in (a) converges for  $-9 \leq t \leq 9$ .
3. As we did in class with the wave equation, you will construct the general form of solution to the heat equation with Neumann boundary conditions.
 

Consider the IBVP 
$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) = ku_{xx}(x, t), & 0 < x < L, \quad 0 < t < \infty, k > 0 \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0, & 0 \leq t < \infty \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & 0 \leq x \leq L. \end{cases}$$

  - (a) Interpret the initial conditions  $u'(0, t) = u'(L, t) = 0$  physically.
  - (b) Look for a nontrivial solution to the PDE of the form  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  as follows.
    - i. Substitute into the PDE  $u_t$  and  $u_{xx}$  and algebraically manipulate it into the form  $T'/T = X''/X$ .
    - ii. Set  $-\lambda(x, t) = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)}$ . Explain why  $\lambda(x, t)$  must be a constant.
    - iii. Using  $-\lambda = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)}$ , “separate” the PDE into the two ODEs

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$T' + \lambda T = 0 \tag{2}$$

- iv. To solve the second-order ODE in the spacial coordinate, we need to interpret the initial condition  $u_x(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0$ . Do so. Then find and solve the associated eigenvalue problem.
- v. Use your eigenvalues from the last part and solve the first-order ODE(s) in  $t$ .
- vi. Use your previous work to find the infinite set of solutions to the problem  $u_t(x, t) = u_{xx}(x, t)$ ,  $u'(0, t) = u'(L, t) = 0$ .
- vii. We still haven't satisfied the final initial condition  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ . How do we do so?

4. Solve the IBVP

$$\begin{aligned} 5u_t(x, t) &= u_{xx}(x, t), & 0 < x < 10, & \quad 0 < t < \infty \\ u_x(0, t) &= u_x(10, t) = 0, & 0 \leq t < \infty \\ u(x, 0) &= 4x, & 0 \leq x \leq 10. \end{aligned} \quad .$$

5. Consider the IBVP

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt}(x, t) &= 100u_{xx}(x, t), & 0 < x < \pi, & \quad 0 < t < \infty \\ u(0, t) &= u(\pi, t) = 0, & 0 \leq t < \infty \\ u(x, 0) &= x(\pi - x), & 0 \leq x \leq \pi. \\ u_t(x, 0) &= 0, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi. \end{aligned} \quad .$$

Give a physical interpretation to the initial conditions of this problem and then solve the IBVP.

6. (an eigenvalue problem) Consider the regular Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\begin{aligned} y'' + \lambda y &= 0 \quad (0 < x < L); \\ y(0) &= 0, \quad hy(L) - y'(L) = 0 \text{ (Robin BC)} \end{aligned}$$

where  $h > 0$ .

- (a) Show that  $\lambda_0 = 0$  is an eigenvalue of the problem if and only if  $hL = 1$ , in which case the associated eigenfunction is  $y_0(x) = x$ .

- (b) Show that the problem has a single negative eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$  if and only if  $hL > 1$ , in which case  $\lambda_0 = -\beta_0^2/L^2$  and  $y_0 = \sinh \beta_0 x/L$ , where  $\beta_0$  is the positive root of the equation  $\tanh x = x/hL$ . (*Suggestion*: Sketch the graphs of  $y = \tanh x$  and  $y = x/hL$ .)
- (c) Show that the positive eigenvalues and associated eigenfunctions of the problem are  $\lambda_n = \beta_n^2/L^2$  and  $y_n(x) = \sin \beta_n x/L$  ( $n \geq 1$ ), where  $\beta_n$  is the  $n$ th positive root of  $\tan x = x/hL$ .
- (d) Suppose that  $hL = 1$  and that  $f(x)$  is piecewise smooth. Show that

$$f(x) = c_0 x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin \frac{\beta_n x}{L},$$

where  $\{\beta_n\}_1^{\infty}$  are the positive roots of  $\tan x = x$ , and

$$c_0 = \frac{3}{L^3} \int_0^L x f(x) dx,$$

$$c_n = \frac{2\beta_n}{L(\beta_n - \cos \beta_n \sin \beta_n)} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{\beta_n x}{L} dx.$$

- (e) Suppose the  $hL = 1$ . Represent the function  $f(x) = A$ ,  $A$  a constant, as a series of eigenfunctions of the above Sturm-Liouville problem.
- (f) Suppose the  $hL = 1$ . Represent the function  $f(x) = x$  as a series of eigenfunctions of the above Sturm-Liouville problem.