

Mathematical Methods for Physicists. Exam 2.

1) Find the Fourier series of the function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{se } -\pi < x < 0 \\ h & \text{se } 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$$

2) a) Show that the Fourier transform of the function $f(t)$ (defined below) is $F(\omega) = h\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\sin \omega}{\omega}$.

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} h, & \text{se } |t| < 1, \\ 0, & \text{se } |t| > 1. \end{cases}$$

b) Calculate the Fourier Transform of the function $g(x) = 1 + x$.

3) Suppose an harmonic oscillator defined by the differential equation: $d^2y/dt^2 + \Omega^2y = A \cos \omega_0 t$. Using the Fourier Transform, find the solution $y(t)$. **Hint 1:** suppose

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega, \quad \cos(\omega_0 t) = f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega,$$

and write the differential equation as function of $Y(\omega)$ and $F(\omega)$. **Hint 2:** what is the time derivative of the Fourier transform of $y(t)$? **Hint 3:** the Fourier transform representation of the Dirac δ function may be important.

4) a) Find the Laplace transform \mathcal{L} of the following functions: $f_1(t) = e^{kt}$ and $f_2(t) = e^{-kt}$ with $t > 0$.

b) Using the result of item a), show that the Laplace transform of the hiperbolic trigonometric functions sine and cossine are:

$$\mathcal{L} \{ \cosh kt \} = \frac{s}{s^2 - k^2}, \quad \mathcal{L} \{ \sinh kt \} = \frac{k}{s^2 - k^2}.$$

with $s > k$. **Hint:** remember that, as the Fourier transform, the Laplace transform is also a linear operator: $\mathcal{L} \{ aF_1(t) + bF_2(t) \} = a\mathcal{L} \{ F_1(t) \} + b\mathcal{L} \{ F_2(t) \}$ for constants a and b .

c) Show that $\mathcal{L} \{ \delta(t - a) \} = e^{-sa}$, where $\delta(t - a)$ is the Dirac δ function. It may not look like so, but this question is the easiest one of the exam.

Equations one may need:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx, \\
 a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx, & b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{x_0}^{x_0+2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx, \\
 F(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt, & f(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} dt, \\
 \delta(x - x_0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik(x-x_0)} dk, & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x - a) dx &= f(a), \\
 \cos \theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}, & \sin \theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \\
 \cosh \theta &= \frac{e^{\theta} + e^{-\theta}}{2}, & \sinh \theta &= \frac{e^{\theta} - e^{-\theta}}{2} \\
 f(s) &= \mathcal{L} \{F(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} F(t) dt, & t &> 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

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