

PDE {Problem}

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1 Problem 1

Determine the Fourier Series for $f(x) = 1 - 2x + x^2$ for $x \in [-1, 1]$

Proof. The Fourier Series is given by $f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right)$, where

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx \quad (1)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (2)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (3)$$

Solving for a_0

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 1 - 2x + x^2 dx = \frac{4}{3} \quad (4)$$

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Solving for a_n

$$a_n = \int_{-1}^1 (1 - 2x + x^2) \cos(n\pi x) \quad (6)$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 \cos(n\pi x) - 2x \cos(n\pi x) + x^2 \cos(n\pi x) \quad (7)$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \cos(n\pi x) \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{4 \cos(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \quad (9)$$

Solving for b_n

$$\int_{-1}^1 (1 - 2x + x^2) \sin(n\pi x) \quad (10)$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 \sin(n\pi x) - 2x \sin(n\pi x) + x^2 \sin(n\pi x) \quad (11)$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 -2x \sin(n\pi x) \quad (12)$$

$$= \frac{4 \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \quad (13)$$

Thus, the Fourier Series for $f(x)$ for $x \in [-1, 1]$ is:

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\left(\frac{4 \cos(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \left(\frac{4 \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \quad (14)$$

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2 Problem 2

Determine the Fourier Series for $f(x) = 5 \cos(2\pi x)$ for $x \in [-1, 1]$

Proof. The Fourier Series is given by $f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right)$

Solving for a_0, a_n, b_n

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 5 \cos(2\pi x) = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_{-1}^1 5 \cos(2\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \int_{-1}^1 5 \cos(2\pi x) \cos(n\pi x) = 0 \left(\forall n \neq 2 \right) \quad (17)$$

$$\left(n = 2 \right) a_2 = \int_{-1}^1 5 \cos^2(2\pi x) = 5 \quad (18)$$

Thus the Fourier Series for $f(x)$ for $x \in [-1, 1]$ is:

$$5 \cos(2\pi x) \quad (19)$$

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3 Problem 3

Consider the function $f(x) = 1 - x$ on $[0, 2]$.

(a) Find $F_s(x)$, the Fourier Sine series for $f(x)$.

(b) Find $F_c(x)$, the Fourier Cosine series for $f(x)$.

(c) For what values in $[0, 2]$ is $F_s(x) = f(x)$? For what values in $[0, 2]$ is $F_c(x) = f(x)$? Explain.

Proof. (a) The Fourier Sine Series for $f(x)$ is given by $F_s(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$ where

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (20)$$

Solving we get:

$$b_n = \int_0^2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) - x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{2}{n\pi} \left(1 + 2\cos(n\pi)\right) \quad (22)$$

Thus, solving we get:

$$F_s(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \left(1 + 2\cos(n\pi)\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \quad (23)$$

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Proof. (b) The Fourier Cosine Series for $f(x)$ is given by $F_c(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

where

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L f(x) dx \quad (24)$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (25)$$

Solving we get:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 1 - x = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$a_n = \int_0^2 (1 - x) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) = \frac{-1}{(n\pi)^2} (4 \cos(n\pi) + 4) \quad (27)$$

Thus, solving we get:

$$F_c(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{(n\pi)^2} (4 \cos(n\pi) + 4)\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) \quad (28)$$

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4 Problem 4

Prove Parseval's Formula

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

Then,

$$[f(x)]^2 = \left[a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \right) \right]^2 \quad (29)$$

$$= a_0^2 + 2a_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (30)$$

$$+ \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_n a_m \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n a_m \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \right. \quad (31)$$

$$\left. + a_n b_m \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n b_m \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \right] \quad (32)$$

Integrating both sides from -L to L, and breaking down each part, we get $\int_{-L}^L [f(x)]^2 dx =$

$$\int_{-L}^L a_0^2 dx = 2La_0^2 \quad (33)$$

$$\int_{-L}^L 2a_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx = 0 \text{ because of Periodic Bounds} \quad (34)$$

$$(35)$$

Because we are looking at the case where $n = m$:

$$\int_{-L}^L \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\text{Stuff}) dx = \int_{-L}^L \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\text{Stuff}) dx \quad (36)$$

Then we can rewrite the expression and cancel the $\sin^* \cos$ functions because they are odd functions, giving us:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-L}^L a_n^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx + \int_{-L}^L b_n^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (37)$$

Using Trig identities to rewrite further, we get:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n^2}{2} \int_{-L}^L 1 + \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) dx + \frac{b_n^2}{2} \int_{-L}^L 1 - \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (38)$$

Integrating, both cosines go to 0, and we get $2L$ for each integral, giving us:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 L + b_n^2 L \quad (39)$$

Bringing down the $2a_0 L$ we get:

$$2a_0 L + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 L + b_n^2 L = \int_{-L}^L [f(x)]^2 dx \quad (40)$$

Thus, by dividing out L , we finally get:

$$2a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + b_n^2 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L [f(x)]^2 dx \quad (41)$$

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5 Problem 5

Suppose a laterally insulated $3m$ aluminum rod is initially at $100^\circ C$ throughout. At $t = 0$ the ends are cooled to 0° instantly and held at that temperature. Approximately, how long will it take until the center of the rod has a temperature of less than 50° ? (The thermal diffusivity of Al is $k = 8.41810^{-5} m^2/s$.)

Proof. Assume $u(x, t) = \phi(x)G(t)$. We know $u(x, t)$ must satisfy $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ Thus:

$$\phi(x)G'(t) = k\phi''(x)G(t) \quad (42)$$

Rewriting, and using separation of variables:

$$\frac{G'}{kG} = \frac{\phi''}{\phi} = -\lambda \quad (43)$$

Thus, solving for ϕ , G and λ we get:

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (44)$$

$$\text{Where } b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (45)$$

$$G(t) = e^{-kt\lambda} \quad (46)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{L^2}{(n\pi)^2} \quad (47)$$

Finally, using these solved functions we get $u(x, t)$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{200}{n\pi} (1 - \cos(n\pi)) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) e^{-kt\left(\frac{L^2}{(n\pi)^2}\right)} \quad (48)$$

Solving for t , we get that the middle of the rod will be at 50° at $t = 6932$ seconds

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6 Problem 6

Find the same generic solution with imperfect lateral insulation this time

Proof. Identical work to problem 5, except after separation of variables, we end with:

$$\frac{G'}{kG} = \frac{\phi''}{\phi} - \frac{\gamma}{k} = -\lambda \quad (49)$$

Again, same process for solving for ϕ and G , only thing that changes is the λ , which comes out to be:

$$\lambda = \frac{L^2}{(n\pi)^2} + \frac{\gamma}{k} \quad (50)$$

Now, the final function $u(x, t)$ is now:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{-kt\left(\frac{L^2}{(n\pi)^2} + \frac{\gamma}{k}\right)} \quad (51)$$

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7 Problem 7

Recalculate the t where the middle of the rod reaches 50° from 5, this time with imperfect insulation

Proof. This time assuming T is nonzero, we must do a substitution. Starting with:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \gamma(u - T) \quad (52)$$

Let $v = u - T$, then:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \gamma(v) \quad (53)$$

Following the EXACT same process from 6, and using the fact $u(x, t) = v(x, t) + T$ we get:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{200}{n\pi} (1 - \cos(n\pi)) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{3}\right) e^{-kt\left(\frac{L^2}{(n\pi)^2} + \frac{\gamma}{k}\right)} + T \quad (54)$$

Using this approximation, we get the center of the rod will reach 50° at $t = 1104$ seconds □