

# 37335 Differential Equations.

## Tutorial Nine Solutions.

### Question One.

We have the function  $f(x) = x(x+1) = x^2 + x, -\pi < x < \pi$  and  $f(x+2\pi) = f(x)$ . Then

the Fourier coefficients are the sum of the coefficients for  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = x$ . These were calculated in lectures. So the Fourier series is

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

### Question Two.

We have  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 2$  for  $-1 < x < 1$  with  $f(x+2) = f(x)$  for all  $x$ . Then

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \frac{8}{3},$$

$$a_n = \int_{-1}^1 (2x^2 - 3x + 2) \cos(n\pi x) dx = \frac{8(-1)^n}{\pi^2 n^2},$$

$$b_n = \int_{-1}^1 (2x^2 - 3x + 2) \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{6(-1)^n}{\pi n}.$$

So

$$f(x) = \frac{8}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{8(-1)^n}{\pi^2 n^2} \cos(n\pi x) + \frac{6(-1)^n}{\pi n} \sin(n\pi x) \right).$$

### Question Three.

We expand  $f(x) = \sin x$  as a cosine series on the interval  $[0, \pi)$ . Then

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx = \frac{2}{\pi},$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(2x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) \right]_0^{\pi} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos(nx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{1 - n^2}, \quad n \neq 1.$$

Thus

$$\sin x = \frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{1 - n^2} \cos(nx),$$

on  $[0, \pi)$ .

Question Four.

Now we find the sine series for  $\cos x$  on  $[0, \pi)$ . By similar calculations we find  $b_1 = 0$  and

$$b_n = \frac{2n(1 + (-1)^n)}{\pi(n^2 - 1)}.$$

Whence

$$\cos x = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2n(1 + (-1)^n)}{\pi(n^2 - 1)} \sin(nx).$$

The function has periodicity  $2\pi$

Question Five.

We have  $f(x) = 1 - x, 0 \leq x < 1$ . The sine coefficients are  $b_n = \frac{2}{n\pi}$ .  
So

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x).$$

For the cosine series  $a_0 = \frac{1}{2}$  and

$$a_n = 2 \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{\pi^2 n^2}.$$

Hence

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \frac{1 - (-1)^n}{\pi^2 n^2} \cos(n\pi x).$$

The periodicity is 2.

Question Six.

We have  $f(x) = x - [x]$  on  $-2 < x < 2$ . Now  $f(-x) = -x - [-x] = -x + [x] = -(x - [x]) = -f(x)$ . So  $f$  is odd. This means that the cosine terms are zero. Between -2 and -1 let  $f(x) = Ax + B$ . Then  $f(-2) = -2A + B = -1$  and  $f(-1) = -A + B = 0$ . So  $f(x) = x + 1$ . Similarly between 1 and 2  $f(x) = x - 1$ . Since  $x - [x] = x$  for  $x \in (-1, 1)$

this means

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^2 (x - [x]) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^{-1} (x + 1) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 (x - [x]) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 (x - 1) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-2}^{-1} (x + 1) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 (x - 1) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right) dx \\
 &= \frac{4}{\pi n} \left( (-1)^{n+1} - \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{2}\right) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$x - [x] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi n} \left( (-1)^{n+1} - \cos\left(\frac{\pi n}{2}\right) \right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{2}\right).$$

Question Seven.

We have  $f(x) = x$ . So for  $n \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{f}(n) &= \int_0^1 x e^{-2\pi i n x} dx \\
 &= \frac{i}{2\pi n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$\widehat{f}(0) = \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Whence

$$x = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{i}{2\pi n} e^{2\pi i n x}.$$

Question Eight.

We have  $u_t = \frac{1}{2}u_{xx}$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $t > 0$  with  $u_x(0, t) = u_x(1, t) = 0$  and  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ . We let  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ . As in the case from lectures we obtain

$$\frac{X''}{X} = 2\frac{T'}{T} = \lambda.$$

We also have  $X'(0) = X'(1) = 0$ . Then we suppose  $\lambda = k^2 > 0$ . This gives

$$X(x) = Ae^{kx} + Be^{-kx}.$$

$X'(0) = kA - kB = 0$ , and  $X'(1) = kAe^k - kB e^{-k} = 0$  gives  $A = B = 0$ , so  $\lambda$  cannot be positive. Taking  $\lambda = 0$  gives  $X(x) = Ax + B$  and  $X'(0) = A = 0$ . This gives  $X = B$ . This is not much use. Take  $\lambda = -k^2$  to get

$$X(x) = A \cos(kx) + B \sin(kx).$$

We then have

$$X'(0) = -kA \sin(k0) + kB \cos(0) = 0$$

or  $B = 0$ . The condition  $X'(1) = 0$  gives  $X'(1) = -kA \sin k = 0$  or  $k = n\pi$ . Hence  $\lambda = -n^2\pi^2$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$X(x) = A \cos(n\pi x).$$

Solving for  $t$  gives  $T(t) = Ce^{-2n^2\pi^2 t}$ . So we have solutions

$$u_n(x, t) = A_n \cos(n\pi x) e^{-2n^2\pi^2 t}.$$

We then form a solution

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\pi x) e^{-2n^2\pi^2 t}.$$

The condition  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  gives

$$A_n = 2 \int_0^1 f(y) \cos(n\pi y) dy \text{ for } n > 0 \text{ and } A_0 = \int_0^1 f(x) dx.$$