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**Math 241 - Section 002 - Midterm 1**  
**Thursday, February 20, 2020, @ 10:30 AM - 11:50 AM**

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| Problem | Points | Your score |
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| 1       | 20     |            |
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**Problem 1** [20 points]

This problem deals with the diffusion of heat along a straight rod of length  $L$ , with constant sectional area. Assume that the rod has constant specific heat  $c$ , constant density  $\rho$ , and a constant heat conductivity  $K$ .

**Part a.** [4 points] There is electricity going through the rod, so that it produces a generation of heat per volume and time  $Q(x, t)$ . State in mathematical terms the conservation of energy in an arbitrary region of the rod between  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ .

**Part b.** [4 points] Denote by  $u(x, t)$  the temperature at each point  $x$  and time instant  $t$ . Assuming that Fourier's law of diffusion is satisfied,

$$\phi = -K \frac{\partial u}{\partial x},$$

show that the partial differential equation that models the evolution of  $u(x, t)$  is

$$u_t = k u_{xx} + Q/(c\rho),$$

where  $k = K/(c\rho)$ .

**Part c.** [6 points] If  $k = 1$ ,  $Q(x, t)/(c\rho) = x - \beta$ , and both ends of the rod,  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$ , are insulated, determine how  $\beta$  must be related to  $L$  if a time-independent (equilibrium) temperature distribution is to exist. Explain in physical terms the meaning of  $\beta$ .

**Part d.** [6 points] Find the equilibrium solution if  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ .

**Problem 2** [20 points]

Consider the heat equation

**Part a.** [8 points] Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions for the following boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi''(x) + \lambda\phi(x) &= 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ \phi'(0) &= 0, & \phi(1) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Consider all possible values of  $\lambda$ . Show all the steps.

**Part b.** [12 points] Solve the 1D heat equation  $u_t = 2u_{xx}$  for  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $t > 0$  subject to  $u_x(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u(1, t) = 0$ , and initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) + 3 \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}x\right).$$

Hint: Use Part a.

**Problem 3** [20 points]

**Part a.** [12 points] Solve the Laplace equation on a rectangle

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad 0 < x < a, \quad 0 < y < b,$$

with the following boundary conditions:

$$u(0, y) = 1, \quad u(a, y) = 0, \quad 0 < y < b,$$

and

$$u_y(x, 0), \quad u_y(x, b) = 0, \quad 0 < x < a.$$

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Hint: Use Part a.

**Problem 4** [20 points]

Consider the function  $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & -1 \leq x \leq 0, \\ x, & 0 < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

**Part a.** [10 points] Sketch its Fourier series. Mark clearly the values at the points of discontinuity. What is the value of the series at  $x = 0$ ? And at  $x = 1$ ?



**Part b.** [10 points] Write the Fourier series of  $f(x)$ , and compute the coefficients. Simplify the results.

**Problem 5** [20 points]

**Part a.** [8 points] Let  $f(x) = 3x$ , and assume that the following expansion holds for  $0 < x < \pi$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{2^n} \sin(nx).$$

What is the value of  $b_5$ ?

**Part b.** [6 points: 2 points each] Decide whether the following statements are true or false:

- The following PDE can be solved via the method of separation of variables:

$$u_t = u_{xxxx} + u_x + 5u.$$

- The even extension of a continuous function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  never has a jump discontinuity.
- Consider the heat equation  $u_t = u_{xx} + x$  on a one-dimensional rod of length  $L$  subject to the boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0.$$

The sum of any two solutions (to the given heat equation and boundary conditions) is again a solution.

**Part c.** [6 points] If the function  $v(x, y)$  solves  $v_x - v = 0$  with  $v(0, y) = y^2$ , and  $u(x, y)$  satisfies  $u_x - u = 4y$ , with  $u(0, y) = 0$ , find the solution  $w(x, y)$  to  $w_x - w = 12y$  with  $w(0, y) = 2y^2$ . Give the solution in terms of the functions  $u$  and  $v$ .

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