

1. (a). (5%) Given a two-dimensional vector field $\mathbf{F} = F_1\mathbf{i} + F_2\mathbf{j} = \left(\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{x}{x^2+y^2}\right)\mathbf{j}$, show that $\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x}$ on the 2-D plane except at the origin where \mathbf{F} is undefined.

(b). Evaluate the integral $I = \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ when

(i). (5%) Γ is the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 2$,

(ii). (5%) Γ is the square with corners P at $(1, -1)$, Q at $(3, -1)$, R at $(3, 1)$, and S at $(1, 1)$.

(c). (5%) Comment on the results of (b).

2. Consider the eigenvalue problem $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$ where $\mathbf{A}[a_{ij}]$ is an $n \times n$ matrix. The characteristic polynomial associated with \mathbf{A} is given as $P_n(\lambda) = \det(\mathbf{A} - \lambda\mathbf{I}) = (-1)^n(\lambda^n + c_1\lambda^{n-1} + c_2\lambda^{n-2} + \dots + c_{n-1}\lambda + c_n)$.

(a). (5%) Two $n \times n$ matrices \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{D} are called similar if $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Q}$, where \mathbf{Q} is a nonsingular $n \times n$ matrix. Show that the eigenvalues of \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{D} are identical.

(b). (5%) Prove the Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the case \mathbf{A} being a symmetric matrix: $P_n(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0}$ (note that, in fact, this theorem holds for all matrices). Use this theorem to give the formula for computing \mathbf{A}^{-1} .

(c). (5%) Use (b) to compute the inverse \mathbf{A}^{-1} where $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and check the result by showing that $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$.

3. (20%). Find the solution $y(x)$ of the following boundary value problem

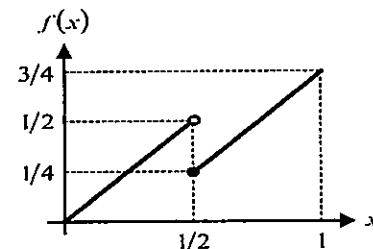
$$\begin{cases} x^2 y'' + 2xy' + 4x^2 y = 2x \cdot \sin x \cdot \cos x, & 0 < x < \pi/4 \\ y(0): \text{bounded}, & y(\pi/4) = 1 \end{cases}$$

[hint: you may want to consider a new function of x , say $w(x) = xy(x)$, instead of $y(x)$.]

4. Function $f(x)$ is defined in $0 \leq x \leq 1$ as shown in the figure.

(a) (10%) Find the Fourier Sine series representation of $f(x)$.

(b) (5%) What are the values that the Fourier Sine series of $f(x)$ converges to at $x = 0, 1/2, 1$?



5. (a). (5%) Evaluate $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-kx^2} dx$. (Hint: consider $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-k(x^2+y^2)} dx dy$)

(b). (5%) Define $A(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(\lambda x) e^{-kx^2} dx$. Show that $\frac{dA(\lambda)}{d\lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{2k} A(\lambda) = 0$.

(c). (5%) Find $A(\lambda)$.

(d). (5%) Define $\bar{g}(w) = e^{-kw^2}$. Evaluate the inverse Fourier transform of $\bar{g}(w)$, i.e., find $g(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{g}(w) e^{iwx} dw$.

(e). (10%). Consider a function $u(x, t)$ which is periodic in x with period 1; i.e., $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = \dots = u(n, t)$ where n is an integer. Suppose $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, $t > 0$, $u(x, 0) = f(x)$, where $f(x)$ is periodic in x with period 1. Define

$\bar{u}(w, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{-iwx} dx$. Using the technique of Fourier transform applied to the above mentioned partial differential equation, find the general solution of $u(x, t)$ in terms of $f(x)$. In addition, what is the explicit form of $u(x, t)$ if $f(x) = \sin x$?