

1. Consider the linear differential equation $\ddot{y} + 2\dot{y} + 2y = f(t)$.

(a) Solve the initial-value problem and discuss the continuities of $y(t)$ and $\dot{y}(t)$ at $t = 0$ under the condition $f(t) = \delta(t)$ and $y(0) = \dot{y}(0) = 0$, where $\delta(t)$ is the Dirac delta function. (5%)

(b) Express the solution of the following initial-value problem in its simplest form.

$$\ddot{y} + 2\dot{y} + 2y = f(t), \quad y(0) = \dot{y}(0) = 0, \text{ where } f(t) \text{ is any general function. (5\%)}$$

2. Find the eigenvalues and their corresponding eigenvectors of the following matrix, and show how to use these eigenvectors to form an orthogonal matrix that can diagonalize the matrix. (15%)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Which of the following statement is the most accurate? (5%)

(a) Laplace transform can be considered as a special case or subset of Fourier transform.

(b) Laplace transform is used for periodic response of a system, while Fourier transform is used for impulse response of a system.

(c) In principle, Fourier transform is suitable for steady-state signal analysis, while Laplace transform is suitable for transient signal analysis.

(d) Fourier transform mainly deals with both changing magnitudes and oscillation of a signal.

(e) If you want to understand what a system does when you flip a light switch, you prefer to use Fourier transform.

4. Expand $f(x) = x(\pi - x)$ at $[0, \pi]$ in a Fourier sine series. Express your answer in the most compact form. Based on your results, find the value of the following summation: (10%)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n-1)^3} + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(2n+1)^3} \right]$$

5. Knowing $x(t)$ is a continuous function, solve the following integral equation in which the integration is from 0 to t and the non-homogeneous part is $t \exp(-t) - \sin t$. (10%)

$$\int_0^t ux(u) \cos(t-u) du = te^{-t} - \sin t$$

6. Consider a circular helix $\bar{x}(\theta) = (r \cos \theta, -r \sin \theta, c\theta)$, where r and c are positive constants.

(a) Find the arc length for $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. (3%)

(b) Find the normal plane at $\theta = 0$. (2%)

(c) Find the unit normal vector $\bar{n}(\theta)$ and unit binormal vector $\bar{b}(\theta)$ as function of θ , i.e. $\bar{n} = \bar{n}(\theta), \bar{b} = \bar{b}(\theta)$. (8%)

(d) Find the curvature κ as a function of θ , i.e. $\kappa = \kappa(\theta)$. (4%)

7. Consider the helicoid $\bar{x}(u_1, u_2) = (u_1 \cos u_2, u_1 \sin u_2, bu_2)$, where b is a constant.

(a) Find the tangent plane to the helicoid at $u_1 = u_2 = \pi$. (4%)

(b) Find the area for $0 \leq u_1 \leq a$ and $0 \leq u_2 \leq 2\pi$, where a is also a constant. (4%)

8. What is a linear partial differential equation (PDE)? Give an example of non-linear PDE and explain in your view why it is non-linear. (4%)

9. Let $S(x, t)$ denote the displacement of a finite string over $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ with a fixed end at $x = 0$ and a free end at $x = \pi$ such that $S(0, t) = 0$ and $\partial S / \partial x(\pi, t) = 0$. The string starts to vibrate from its initial states $S(x, 0) = 0$ and $\partial S / \partial t(x, 0) = x$ after an external force $F(x) = -x(x - \pi)$. The subsequent string displacement can be described by a 1-D wave equation with a propagation speed of 9. Solve for $S(x, t)$. (7%)

10. (a) Evaluate $\int_C \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^4 + 1} dz$ where C is a semicircle of radius $R > 1$ centered at $z = 0$ on the complex plane. (7%)

(b) Apply 10(a) and Fourier transformation to solve $\frac{d^4 f}{dx^4} + f = g(x)$ for a general driving function $g(x)$, provided that

$$\frac{d^k f}{dx^k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty \text{ for integer } k \geq 0. \text{ (7\%)}$$

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