

**Math 251**  
**December 14, 2005      Final Exam**

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Section \_\_\_\_\_

There are 10 questions on this exam. Many of them have multiple parts. The point value of each question is indicated either at the beginning of each question or at the beginning of each part where there are multiple part

Where appropriate, **show your work** to receive credit; partial credit may be given.

The use of calculators, books, or notes is not permitted on this exam.

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Time limit 1 hour and 50 minutes.

Question	Score
1	18pt
2	16pt
3	12pt
4	14pt
5	12pt
6	14pt
7	14pt
8	16pt
9	20pt
10	14pt
Total	150pt

1. Consider the nonlinear system:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= 2x - xy \\y' &= -3y + xy\end{aligned}$$

a. **2pt** Find all the critical points of the nonlinear system.

b. **6pt** In a neighborhood of each critical point approximate the nonlinear system by a linear system.

c. **2pt** Determine the name and the stability of the the critical points of each of the linear approximations.

d. **2pt** Sketch a phase portrait for the original nonlinear system.

e. **2pt** The linearization of a nonlinear system may have a critical point that is not guaranteed to reflect the behavior of the original nonlinear system. List the three types of critical points for which this may happen.

2. Consider the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 3 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \end{cases}$$

a. **10pt** Find the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  on  $[-2, 2]$ . (Either use summation notation to write the answer or write the first seven terms.)

In Parts **b.** through **d.**  $s_n(x)$  denotes the partial sums of the Fourier series on  $[-2, 2]$  of the function  $f(x)$ .

b. **2pt** Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n(7)$

c. **2pt** Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n(8)$

d. **2pt** Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n(8.5)$

3. **a. 3pt** Which of the following already has the form of a Fourier series on the interval  $[-2, 2]$ . Explain!

$$f(x) = 4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}x\right) \qquad g(x) = \frac{1}{4} + 2 \cos(3\pi x)$$

- b. 3pt** We can find a sine series for the function  $f(x) = x^3$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$ . To what value does the sine series converge at  $x = 2$ ? Explain!

- c. 3pt** We can also find a cosine series for the function  $f(x) = x^3$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$ . To what value does the cosine series converge at  $x = 2$ ? Explain!

- d. 3pt** Which one of the following partial differential equations can be solved by using the technique of separation of variables?

$$u_t = u_x + 1 \qquad u_t + u_x = u$$

Explain!

4. 14pt Consider the function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 3 \end{cases}$$

Find a cosine series for the function  $g(x)$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$ . (Either use summation notation to write the answer or write the first four terms.)

- 5. 12pt** Determine all POSITIVE eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and the corresponding eigenfunctions for the following two point boundary value problem:

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad y'(0) = 0, \quad y(3) = 0$$

6. Suppose a thin homogeneous rod 5 cm long is insulated along its sides and made of a material with thermal diffusivity  $\alpha^2 = 0.8$  and that the left end is held at  $10^\circ$  and the right end is held at  $60^\circ$ .

a. **2pt** What is the steady state solution to the above problem?

b. **8pt** If the initial temperature of the above rod is  $60^\circ$  then find the temperature  $u(x, t)$  of the rod at any time  $t > 0$  and at any point  $x$  inside the rod  $0 < x < 5$ . (If the answer involves finding a sine or cosine series then **DO NOT** find the actual values of the  $a_n$  and/or  $b_n$  which appear in the answer but indicate clearly what integrals must be evaluated to find them.)

c. **4pt** For the same problem as in Part b., approximately what is the temperature of the rod at  $x = 3$  cm, **after a long time**.

7. **a. 6pt** The displacement  $u(x, t)$  of a string of length 5cm with ends clamped satisfies the differential equation  $9u_{xx} = u_{tt}$ . Suppose that the initial displacement of this string is  $\sin(5\pi x)$  and the initial velocity of the string is 0. Write down a formula for the displacement  $u(x, t)$  of the string at  $t > 0$ .

(**Hint:**  $\sin(5\pi x)$  is already in the form of a Fourier series.)

- a. 6pt** Consider two identical thin rods having length 6cm and which are insulated except perhaps at the their ends. Also suppose that their temperatures  $u(x, t)$  satisfy the following boundary conditions.

**I**

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) &= 30 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 6 \\ u(0, t) &= 0 = u(6, t) & \text{for } t > 0 \end{aligned}$$

**II**

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) &= 30 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 6 \\ u_x(0, t) &= 0 = u_x(6, t) & \text{for } t > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Determine which will be warmer after a long time. Explain.

8. a. **8pt** Find the solution of the Laplace equation on the rectangle

$$\{(x, y) \mid 0 < x < 5, \quad 0 < y < 7\}$$

which has the following values on the boundary:

$$u(0, y) = 0 \text{ if } 0 < y < 7$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0 \text{ if } 0 < x < 5$$

$$u(x, 7) = 0 \text{ if } 0 < x < 5$$

$$u(5, y) = f(y) \text{ if } 0 < y < 7$$

(Note: Your answer requires a sine or cosine series for  $f(y)$ . Since no formula for  $f(y)$  is given, write but do not try to evaluate the formula for  $a_n$  or  $b_n$ .)

b. **8pt** Consider the function  $F(\theta) = 11 + 10 \cos(9\theta) + 8 \sin(7\theta)$  defined on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  Find the solution to the Dirichlet problem for the unit disk with the values on the boundary given by  $F(\theta)$ . That is, find a function in polar coordinates  $u(r, \theta)$ , which is a solution of Laplace's equation when  $r < 1$  and which satisfies the following when  $r = 1$ :

$$u(1, \theta) = F(\theta) \quad \text{for} \quad -\pi < \theta < \pi$$

(Hint:  $F(\theta)$  already has the form of a Fourier series on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .)

9. a. 10 pt Without using Laplace transforms, solve the following IVP:

$$ty' = 2y + t^3, \quad y'(1) = 3$$

b. 10pt Assume that  $f(t)$  is a piecewise continuous function with Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = F(s)$ . Derive the following formula for the Laplace transform of  $e^{at}f(t)$ :

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{at}f(t)\} = F(s - a)$$

**10. 14pt** Without using Laplace transforms, solve the following IVP:

$$y'' + 2y' - 3y = t, \quad y(0) = \frac{7}{9}, \quad y'(0) = \frac{-1}{3}$$