

**PRACTICE MIDTERM FOR MAT 341**

- (1) Consider the function  $f(x) = 2x - 1$ ,  $0 < x < 2$ .
- (a) Compute the Fourier sine series for  $f(x)$ . At each  $x \in [-4, 6]$  compute the value of this series.
  - (b) Compute the Fourier cosine series for  $f(x)$ . At each  $x \in [-4, 6]$  compute the value of this series.
- (2) Set  $f(x) = 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(nx)}{n^4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(nx)}{n^2}$ .
- (a) Explain why  $f(x)$  converges for each value of  $x$ .
  - (b) Explain why  $f(x)$  is a periodic function of period  $2\pi$ .
  - (c) Explain why  $f(x)$  is a continuous function.
  - (d) For each positive integer  $n$  find the value of the integral  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)\cos(nx)dx$ .

- (3) Set  $w(x, t) = \sin(rx)e^{st}$ .

- (a) Show that  $w(x, t)$  satisfies

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$$

iff  $-r^2 = \frac{s}{k}$ .

- (b) Show that  $w(x, t)$  satisfies all of the following equalities

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$$

$$w(0, t) = 0, w(a, t) = 0$$

iff  $r = \frac{n\pi}{a}$  and  $s = -\frac{kn^2\pi^2}{a^2}$ .

- (4) Find  $u(x, t)$  which satisfies all the following equalities:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(\pi, t) = 1$$

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{x}{\pi} + 3\sin(2x) - \sin(7x).$$

What is a physical situation which these equations describe?

(5) Consider the equations

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$
$$u(0, t) = T_0, \quad -\kappa \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(a, t) = (u(a, t) - T_1)h$$

where  $\kappa, h$  are positive constants and  $T_0, T_1$  are constants.

- (a) What is a physical situation that these equations describe?
- (b) Find the “steady state” solution to these equations.
- (c) Why is the “steady state” solution important – both physically and mathematically?