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Question 1 ..... 55 point

Let  $f(x)$  be the periodic function of period  $\pi$  given by:

$$f(x) = x \cos x \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

and extended periodically to all  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(a) (10 points) Compute  $f'(x)$  and  $f''(x)$ .

**Solution:**

Clearly we have

$$f'(x) = \cos(x) - x \sin(x) \quad f''(x) = -2 \sin(x) - x \cos(x)$$

(b) (15 points) Are  $f$ ,  $f'$  and  $f''$ , piecewise continuous? continuous? piecewise smooth? (Justify your answer.)

**Solution:** Since

$$f\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$

we have that  $f$  is continuous. Observe that

$$f'\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

so that also  $f'$  is continuous. Moreover we have

$$f''\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -f''\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -2$$

so that  $f''$  is only sectionally continuous. Finally  $f'''$  exists and is continuous everywhere but for  $\pi/2$  so that  $f''$  is sectionally smooth.

- (c) (15 points) Compute the Fourier series for  $f$ ,  $f'$  and  $f''$  and discuss their convergence. (Remember that

$$\sin a \cos b = (\sin(a + b) + \sin(a - b))/2$$

and

$$\int x \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{x \cos(ax)}{a} + \frac{\sin(ax)}{a^2} + C.$$

**Solution:**

Clearly  $f(x) = -f(-x)$  so that the F.S. contains only the sine terms. We have

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \cos(x) \sin(2nx) dx = \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \sin((2n+1)x) dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \sin((2n-1)x) dx \right) = \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)^2} + \frac{-(-1)^n}{(2n-1)^2} \right) = \frac{16(-1)^{n-1}n}{\pi(4n^2-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b_n = O(n^{-3})$  we have that the F.S. for  $f$  converges uniformly and

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(2nx)$$

Thus we get that

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2nb_n \cos(2nx)$$

with  $nb_n = O(n^{-2})$  so that also the F.S. for  $f'$  converges uniformly. Finally

$$f''(x) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4n^2 b_n \sin(2nx)$$

with  $n^2 b_n = O(n^{-1})$ . We can conclude that the F.S. for  $f''$  converges pointwise since  $f''$  is sectionally smooth.

(d) (15 points) Let  $g(x)$  be the periodic function of period  $\pi$  given by:

$$g(x) = \sin x \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

and extended periodically to all  $\mathbb{R}$ . Use the results of point (c) to find the Fourier series of  $g$  without doing integrals. (**Hint:** write  $g$  as a linear combination of  $f$ ,  $f'$ , and  $f''$ .)

**Solution:** Observe that

$$g(x) = -\frac{f''(x) + f(x)}{2}$$

so that

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (4n^2 - 1)b_n \sin(nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8(-1)^{n-1}n}{\pi(4n^2 - 1)} \sin(nx)$$

2. (10 points (bonus)) Consider the heat equation for a rod of length  $l$  and heat conductivity  $\kappa$ :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}u(x, t) = \kappa \frac{d^2}{dx^2}u(x, t) \\ u(0, t) = T_0 \quad u(l, t) = T_1 \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \end{cases}$$

If  $u(x, t)$  is a solution of the above equation, set

$$x = ly \quad t = \frac{l^2}{\kappa} s$$

and

$$v(y, s) = u\left(ly, \frac{l^2}{\kappa} s\right).$$

Write an equation for  $v(y, s)$ , including boundary condition and initial condition. (**Hint:** compute  $dv(y, s)/ds$  and  $d^2v(y, s)/dy^2$  in term of  $du(x, t)/dt$  and  $d^2u(x, t)/dx^2$  and use the heat equation.)

**Solution:** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds}v(y, s) &= \frac{d}{ds}u\left(ly, \frac{l^2}{\kappa} s\right) = \frac{l^2}{\kappa} \dot{u}(x, t) \\ \frac{d^2}{dy^2}v(y, s) &= \frac{d^2}{dy^2}u\left(ly, \frac{l^2}{\kappa} s\right) = l^2 u''(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} v(0, s) &= u\left(0, \frac{l^2}{\kappa} s\right) = T_0 \\ v(1, s) &= u\left(l, \frac{l^2}{\kappa} s\right) = T_1 \\ v(y, 0) &= u(ly, 0) = u_0(ly) \end{aligned}$$

so that  $v$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{ds}v(y, s) = \frac{d^2}{dy^2}v(y, s) \\ v(0, s) = T_0 \quad v(1, s) = T_1 \\ v(y, 0) = u_0(ly) \end{cases}$$

Question 3 ..... 15 point

Let  $f(x)$  be the function defined by the Fourier series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sin(nx)$$

Answer the following questions.

- (a) (15 points) Does the Fourier series for  $f$  converge uniformly? Is  $f$  continuous?  
**(Hint:** how big is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ ?)

**Solution:** Yes to both. Indeed we have that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty$$

and thus, due to Theorem 1, the series converge uniformly to a continuous function.

- (b) (10 points (bonus)) Is  $f(x)$  sectionally smooth? That is, is  $f'(x)$  sectionally continuous? **(Hint:** try to compute  $f'(0)$ .)

**Solution:** Observe that  $f'(x)$ , if it exists, must be given by

$$f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \cos(nx)$$

so that

$$f'(0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty.$$

This implies that, if  $f'(x)$  exists, it cannot be sectionally continuous so that  $f(x)$  is not sectionally smooth.

Question 4 ..... 30 point

The extremities of a rod of length  $a$  are kept at constant temperatures  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  while along its length it is in convective contact with a medium at a temperature that varies linearly between  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ . This means that the temperature of the rod is governed by the equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} - h(u(x,t) - T(x)) & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ u(0,t) = T_0 \\ u(a,t) = T_1 \\ u(x,0) = \frac{T_1 + T_0}{2} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where

$$T(x) = T_0 + \frac{T_1 - T_0}{a}x.$$

and  $h > 0$ .

- (a) (15 points) Write and solve the equation for the steady state  $\bar{u}(x)$  of the rod. (**Hint:** observe that  $T(x)$  is a linear function that satisfies the boundary conditions.)

**Solution:** The equation for the steady state is:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}(x)}{\partial x^2} = h(\bar{u}(x) - T(x)) & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ \bar{u}(0) = T_0 \\ \bar{u}(a) = T_1 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

It is easy to find a particular solution for the non-homogenous equation:

$$\bar{u}(x) = T_0 + \frac{T_1 - T_0}{a}x.$$

Since this solution satisfies the b.c. it is the steady state.

- (b) (15 points) Write the equation for the deviation  $w(x, t) = u(x, t) - \bar{u}(x)$ .

**Solution:**

The equation for the deviations is:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial w(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 w(x, t)}{\partial x^2} - hw(x, t) & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ w(0, t) = 0 \\ w(a, t) = 0 \\ w(x, 0) = \frac{T_1 - T_0}{2} - \frac{T_1 - T_0}{a} x \end{cases} \quad (3)$$