

Mathematical Physics Review II

Chapters 4,5,6

1. 1D PDEs

- a. Heat Equation, $u_t = k u_{xx}$
- b. Wave Equation, $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$
- c. Boundary Value Problems, Types of Boundary Conditions
- d. Method of Separation of Variables, $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$
- e. Product solutions, General Solutions
- f. Eigenvalue Problems: Eigenvalues and Eigenfunctions

2. Special Formulae – Know Trigonometric Identities!

a. Orthogonality Relations and Trigonometric Identities

$$\text{i. } \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx \cos mx \, dx = \begin{cases} 0, & m \neq n \\ \pi, & m = n \end{cases}$$

$$\text{ii. } \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin nx \sin mx \, dx = \begin{cases} 0, & m \neq n \\ \pi, & m = n \end{cases}$$

$$\text{iii. For example: } \begin{aligned} 2 \cos nx \cos mx &= \cos(n+m)x + \cos(n-m)x \\ 2 \sin nx \sin mx &= \cos(n-m)x - \cos(n+m)x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{iv. Hyperbolic function Identities, } \begin{aligned} \cosh(x+y) &= \cosh x \cosh y + \sinh x \sinh y \\ \sinh(x+y) &= \sinh x \cosh y + \cosh x \sinh y \end{aligned}$$

3. Fourier Series on particular intervals

a. Trigonometric

$$\text{i. } f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$\text{ii. } a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \, dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \, dx$$

b. Sine

$$\text{i. } f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$\text{ii. } b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \, dx$$

c. Cosine

$$\text{i. } f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$\text{ii. } a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} \, dx$$

d. Even and Odd Periodic Extensions of Functions

$$\text{e. Know your integrals! Ex } \int_a^b x^k \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \, dx, \text{ etc.}$$

f. What is Gibbs Phenomenon and when do you expect it?

4. Infinite Dimensional Spaces

- Inner Product $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)\sigma(x) dx$
- Generalized Fourier Coefficients: $f(x) \sim \sum_n c_n \phi_n(x)$, $c_n = \frac{\langle \phi_n, f \rangle}{\langle \phi_n, \phi_n \rangle}$
- Gram Schmidt Orthogonalization, $\mathbf{e}_n = \mathbf{a}_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{\mathbf{a}_n \cdot \mathbf{e}_j}{e_j^2} \mathbf{e}_j$, $n \geq 2$
- Legendre Polynomials – use of Rodrigues formula, three term recursion formula, generating function, normalization - $\int_{-1}^1 P_n^2(x) dx = \frac{2}{2n+1}$
- Gamma Function $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$,
 $\Gamma(1) = 1$, $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$, $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$, $\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$
- Bessel Functions - General behavior
- Sturm-Liouville Operator – put ODE in SL form $\frac{d}{dx} \left(p \frac{d}{dx} \right) + q$
- Properties – real eigenvalues, orthogonal – self adjoint $\langle u, Lv \rangle = \langle Lu, v \rangle$
- Lagrange & Green identities: $\langle u, Lv \rangle - \langle Lu, v \rangle = (p(uv' - vu'))'$

5. Complex Numbers

- Know how to use polar forms $z = re^{i\theta}$, $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$ and
 $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$
- $e^{i\pi} = -1$, $e^{2\pi ik} = 1$ for k an integer
- Complex Modulus and complex conjugate
- Use of Euler's Formula and DeMoivre's Theorem
 - $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$
 - $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$
- n th roots $z^{1/n} = r^{1/n} \left(\cos \frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n} \right)$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

6. Complex Functions

- Determine real and imaginary parts of functions: $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$
- Logarithms

7. Differentiation

- Compute Derivative $f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$
- Differentiability and CR Equations $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$
- Harmonic Functions: CR $\Rightarrow \nabla^2 u = 0$ and harmonic conjugates
- Holomorphic, Analytic, Entire,

8. Integration

- a. Complex Path Integrals – parametrized over line segment, arcs, etc.

$$\int_C f(z) dz = \int_a^b f(x(t) + iy(t)) \left(\frac{dx}{dt} + i \frac{dy}{dt} \right) dt$$

- b. Path Independence, When can one deform contours?

- c. Cauchy's Theorem $\oint_C f(z) dz = 0$ if $f(z)$ is differentiable

d. Cauchy Integral Formula $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz$

- e. Singularities – removable, poles, essential

- f. Computing Residues

i. $\text{Res}[f(z); z = z_0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0) f(z)$ - simple poles

ii. $\text{Res}[f(z); z = z_0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^{k-1}}{dz^{k-1}} [(z - z_0)^k f(z)]$ - poles of order k

g. Residue Theorem $\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{\text{Poles inside } C} \text{Residues}$

h. $\cos \theta = \frac{z + z^{-1}}{2}, \sin \theta = \frac{z - z^{-1}}{2i}$

- i. Going from integrals over $\mathbb{R}$ to complex integrals

9. Series Expansions

- a. Power series, Laurent series, Taylor series

- b. Circle of convergence

- c. Using geometric series

i. $\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n, |z| < 1,$

ii. $\frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{-1}{z} \times \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{z}} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^{-n}, |z| > 1$