

Exercise Problem Sets 8

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Problem 1. For positive integer n , let $P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$. Show that $\{P_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is an orthogonal set on $[-1, 1]$.

Problem 2. Find the cosine and sine series of the following functions.

1. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1/2, \\ 0 & \text{if } 1/2 \leq x < 1. \end{cases}$
2. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 < x < \pi, \\ x - \pi & \text{if } \pi \leq x < 2\pi. \end{cases}$
3. $f(x) = \cos x, 0 < x < \pi/2.$
4. $f(x) = \sin x, 0 < x < \pi.$

Problem 3. Find the Fourier series of the following given functions and find the value of the Fourier series at the discontinuity to conclude some identities.

1. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -\pi < x < 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \pi. \end{cases}$
2. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -\pi < x < 0, \\ x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \pi. \end{cases}$
3. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -\pi/2 < x < 0, \\ \cos x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \pi/2. \end{cases}$
4. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -\pi/2 < x < 0, \\ \sin x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \pi/2. \end{cases}$
5. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -\pi < x < 0, \\ e^x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \pi. \end{cases}$
6. $f(x) = e^x, 0 < x < \pi.$

Problem 4. Find the eigenvalue and eigenfunctions of the following boundary-value problem

1. $x^2 y'' + xy' + \lambda y = 0, y(1) = y(5) = 0.$
2. $y'' + y' + \lambda y = 0, y(0) = y(2) = 0.$
3. $\frac{d}{dx} [(1+x^2)y'] + \frac{\lambda}{1+x^2} y = 0, y(0) = y(1) = 0.$

Hint for 3: Let $x = \tan \theta$ and then use the chain rule to rewrite the equation.

Problem 5. Consider the special case of the regular Sturm-Liouville problem on the interval $[a, b]$:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [r(x)y'] + \lambda p(x)y = 0, \quad y'(a) = y'(b) = 0.$$

Prove or disprove that $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue of the problem.

Problem 6. Use the method of separation of variables to find, if possible, product solutions for the given partial differential equation.

1. $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = u.$
2. $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0.$
3. $y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + u = 0.$
4. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = u.$
5. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}.$
6. $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}.$