

Math 54 Quiz 12 SOLUTIONS

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You have 20 minutes to complete this quiz. You must show your work.

1. (3 pts) Using symbols (not pictures/descriptions), define what it means for a function $f(x)$ to be

(a) Odd

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

(b) Even

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

(c) $2T$ periodic

$$f(x + 2T) = f(x)$$

2. (3 pts) Write down the formulas for the Fourier series of f on the interval $(-T, T)$:

$$f \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{T} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{T}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{T} dx$$

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

3. (4 pts) Find a formal solution to the vibrating string problem with

$$\alpha = 3$$

$$L = \pi$$

$$u(x, 0) = 6 \sin 2x + 2 \sin 6x$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = 11 \sin 9x - 14 \sin 15x$$

You may use the fact that the general solution to vibrating string problem is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi\alpha}{L} t + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi\alpha}{L} t \right) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

The general solution for this particular problem is $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos 3nt + b_n \sin 3nt) \sin nx$

So $u(x, 0) = \sum a_n \sin nx$, which we want to be equal to $6 \sin 2x + 2 \sin 6x$. So we will use $a_2 = 6, a_6 = 2$, and all others 0.

$$u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-3na_n \sin 3nt + 3nb_n \cos 3nt) \sin nx$$

, so $u_t(x, 0) = \sum 3nb_n \sin nx$

We want this to be $11 \sin 9x - 14 \sin 15x$, so we need $3 \cdot 9b_9 = 11, 3 \cdot 15b_{15} = -14$. This gives $b_9 = \frac{11}{27}, b_{15} = -\frac{14}{45}$.

Plugging these back in to our original general solution gives

$$u(x, t) = 6 \cos 6t \sin 2x + 2 \cos 18t \sin 6x + \frac{11}{27} \sin 27t \sin 9x - \frac{14}{45} \sin 45t \sin 15x$$