

Problem 1 (15 points)

Using known Taylor series (see equation sheet), calculate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^{-x^2/2} - \cos x}{x^4} \right)$$

$$e^{-x^2/2} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{8} - \dots$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24} - \dots$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^{-x^2/2} - \cos x}{x^4} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{8} - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{24}}{x^4} \right) = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{24} = \frac{1}{12}$$

Problem 2 (20 points)

Write in  $(x+iy)$  form (include all the distinguishable values):

a)  $\sqrt[3]{(-1)}$

b)  $i^{\ln(i)}$

$$a) \sqrt[3]{-1} = \sqrt[3]{e^{i\pi + 2i\pi n}} = e^{i\pi/3 + i2\pi n/3}$$

Three distinguishable roots

$$e^{i\pi/3} = \cos \pi/3 + i \sin \pi/3 = \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$e^{i\pi/3 + 2\pi i/3} = e^{i\pi} = -1$$

$$e^{i\pi/3 - 2\pi i/3} = e^{-i\pi/3} = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$b) \ln i = \overset{=0}{\cancel{\ln 1}} + i \frac{\pi}{2} + i 2\pi n$$

$$i = e^{\ln i} \Rightarrow i \ln i = e^{(\ln i)^2} = e^{-\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k\right)}$$

$$= e^{-\pi^2/4} e^{-\pi^2(n+k+4nk)} \quad \text{for } k, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

or

$$i = e^{i\pi/2}$$

$$i \ln i = e^{i\pi/2 \cdot (i\pi/2 + i2\pi n)} = e^{-\pi^2/4} \cdot e^{-\pi^2 n} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Problem 3 (20 points)

Show that

$$\int_1^{\infty} (x-1)^{p-1/2} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi}{\cos \pi p}$$

To use the expression for the B function  $x \rightarrow \frac{1}{t}$

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^0 \left(\frac{1}{t}-1\right)^{p-1/2} \cdot t \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\right) dt = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t)^{p-1/2} t^{-p-1/2} dt = B\left(p+\frac{1}{2}, -p+\frac{1}{2}\right) =$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi\left(p+\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{\pi}{\cos \pi p}$$

**Problem 4 (35 points)**

- a) Calculate all non-zero associate Legendre functions  $P_l^m(\cos\theta)$  for  $l=0, 1, 2, 3$ .  
b) Explain why  $P_{2l+1}(0) = 0$  for any  $l$ .  
c) Calculate  $P_{12}(0)$  (Note - deriving  $P_{12}(x)$  and then substituting  $x=0$  may not be the fastest way to solve this problem!)

a) It is convenient to use Rodriguez formula

$$P_{lm}(x) = \frac{(1-x^2)^{m/2}}{2^l l!} \frac{d^{l+m}}{dx^{l+m}} (x^2-1)^l$$

$$P_{le}(x) = \frac{1}{2^l l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^2-1)^l$$

$$P_0(x) = 1$$

$$P_{10}(x) = x$$

$$P_{11}(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$P_{1-1}(x) = -\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$P_{20}(x) = \frac{1}{8} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (x^2-1)^2 = \frac{1}{8} (12x^2 - 4) = \frac{1}{2} (3x^2 - 1)$$

$$P_{21}(x) = 3x\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$P_{2-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$P_{22}(x) = 3(1-x^2)$$

$$P_{2-2}(x) = \frac{1}{8}(1-x^2)$$

$$P_{30}(x) = \frac{1}{48} \frac{d^3}{dx^3} (x^2-1)^3 = \frac{1}{48} (120x^3 - 72x) = \frac{1}{2} (5x^3 - 3x)$$

$$P_{31}(x) = \left(\frac{15}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$P_{3-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{8}(5x^2-1)\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$P_{32}(x) = 15x(1-x^2)$$

$$P_{3-2}(x) = \frac{1}{8}x(1-x^2)$$

$$P_{33}(x) = 15(1-x^2)^{3/2}$$

$$P_{3-3}(x) = -\frac{1}{48}(1-x^2)^{3/2}$$

b)  $P_{2l+1}(x) = -P_{2l+1}(-x)$  - odd function

Thus,  $P_{2l+1}(0) = 0$

$$c) P_{12}(0) = \frac{1}{2^{12} \cdot 12!} \left. \frac{d^{12}}{dx^{12}} (x^2-1)^{12} \right|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{2^{12} \cdot 12!} \frac{d^{12}}{dx^{12}} (x^{24} - \binom{12}{1} x^{22} + \dots$$

$$+ \binom{12}{6} x^{12} + \dots - \binom{12}{1} x^2 + 1) \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{2^{12} \cdot 12!} \frac{12!}{6! \cdot 6!} \cdot 12! =$$

only non-zero  
term

$$= \frac{1}{2^{12}} \frac{12!}{6! \cdot 6!} = \frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{12 \cdot 10 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 12 \cdot 10 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} =$$

$$= \frac{11 \cdot 9 \cdot 7 \cdot 5 \cdot 3}{12 \cdot 10 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} = 0.226$$

as a result of  
 $\frac{d^{12}}{dx^{12}} x^{12}$

Problem 5 (25 points)

The fraction of light incident on a circular aperture (normal incidence) that is transmitted is given by

$$T = \int_0^{2ka} J_2(x) \left( \frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{2ka} \right) dx$$

Use the recurrence relations to show that  $T = 1 - \frac{1}{2ka} \int_0^{2ka} J_0(x) dx$ .

$$\int_0^{2ka} J_2(x) \left( \frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{2ka} \right) dx = 2 \int_0^{2ka} \frac{1}{x} J_2(x) dx - \frac{1}{2ka} \int_0^{2ka} J_2(x) dx =$$

using  $\frac{d}{dx} [x^{-p} J_p(x)] = -x^{-p} J_{p+1}(x) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} J_2(x) = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{x} J_1(x) \right]$

using  $J_{p-1} - J_{p+1} = 2J_p' \Rightarrow J_2 = J_0 - 2J_1'$

$$= -2 \int_0^{2ka} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{x} J_1(x) \right] dx - \frac{1}{2ka} \int_0^{2ka} (J_0(x) - 2J_1'(x)) dx =$$

$$= -2 \left. \frac{1}{x} J_1(x) \right|_0^{2ka} + \frac{1}{ka} \left. J_1(x) \right|_0^{2ka} - \frac{1}{2ka} \int_0^{2ka} J_0(x) dx =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} J_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(n+2)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2n+1} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{only } n=0 \\ \text{is not going} \\ \text{to zero at } x=0 \end{array} \right\} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1)\Gamma(2)} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{ka} J_1(2ka) + 1 + \frac{1}{ka} J_1(2ka) - \frac{1}{2ka} \int_0^{2ka} J_0(x) dx = 1 - \frac{1}{2ka} \int_0^{2ka} J_0(x) dx$$

Q.E.D.



**Problem 7** (30 points)

A string of length  $l$  is stretched tightly and its ends fastened to supports at  $x=0$  and  $x=l$ . The string has a zero initial displacement and its initial velocity is  $v_0(x) = x(l-x)$ . Find the

displacement  $u(x,t)$  by solving wave equation  $\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$ .

A few integrals which you may or may not need to use:

$$\int x^2 \sin kx dx = \frac{1}{k^3} (-(kx)^2 \cos kx + 2 \cos kx + 2kx \sin kx)$$

$$\int x^2 \cos kx dx = \frac{1}{k^3} ((kx)^2 \sin kx - 2 \sin kx + 2kx \cos kx)$$

$$\int x \sin kx dx = \frac{1}{k^2} (\sin kx - kx \cos kx)$$

$$\int x \cos kx dx = \frac{1}{k^2} (\cos kx + kx \sin kx)$$

For the one-dimensional string the wave equation is

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

Separating the variables  $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{1}{T} \frac{d^2 T}{dt^2} = -k^2 \quad (\text{to have oscillatory solutions})$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2 T}{dt^2} = -v^2 k^2 T \Rightarrow T(t) = C \cos kvt + D \sin kvt \\ \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = -k^2 X \Rightarrow X = A \cos kx + B \sin kx \end{array} \right.$$

If ends are fastened  $X(0) = X(l) = 0$

$$A = 0, \quad k_n = \frac{\pi n}{l}$$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_n (C_n \cos \frac{\pi n v t}{l} + D_n \sin \frac{\pi n v t}{l}) \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l}$$

$$u(x,0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_n = 0$$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_n D_n \sin \frac{\pi n v t}{l} \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l}$$

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum_n D_n \frac{\pi n v}{l} \cos \frac{\pi n v t}{l} \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l}$$



Initial velocity ( $t=0$ )

$$v_0 = \sum_n \left( D_n \frac{\pi n v}{l} \right) \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} = x(l-x)$$

To find the expansion coefficient we need to decompose  $x(l-x)$  into sine Fourier series

$$x(l-x) = \sum_n b_n \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l x(l-x) \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} dx = 2l^2 \int_0^1 t(1-t) \sin \pi n t dt =$$
$$= 2l^2 \left[ \int_0^1 t \sin \pi n t dt - \int_0^1 t^2 \sin \pi n t dt \right] = 2l^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\pi^2 n^2} (\sin \pi n x - \pi n x \cos \pi n x) \Big|_0^1 \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{1}{\pi^3 n^3} \left( -(\pi n x)^2 \cos \pi n x + 2 \cos \pi n x + 2 \pi n x \sin \pi n x \right) \Big|_0^1 \right] = 2l^2 \left[ -\frac{(-1)^n}{\pi n} + \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi n} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi^3 n^3} [(-1)^n - 1] = \frac{4l^2}{\pi^3 n^3} (1 - (-1)^n) = \frac{8l^2}{\pi^3 n^3} \quad \underline{n \text{ are odd}}$$

$$D_n \cdot \frac{\pi n v}{l} = \frac{8l^2}{\pi^3 n^3} \Rightarrow D_n = \frac{8l^3}{\pi^4 n^4 v}$$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{8l^3}{\pi^4 n^4 v} \cos \frac{\pi n v t}{l} \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l}$$

Problem 8 (30 points)

In the initial steady state of a thermo conducting rod of length  $l$  the face  $x=0$  is at  $0^\circ$ , and the face  $x=l$  is at  $T_0=40^\circ$ . From  $t=0$  on, both ends are held at  $T_0=20^\circ$ . Find the

temperature distribution  $u(x,t)$  by solving diffusion equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ .

(Some integrals from Problem 7 may be useful.)

Initial steady-state temperature distribution

$$u_{ini} = 40^\circ \frac{x}{l}$$

Final steady-state temperature distribution

$$u_{fin} = 20^\circ$$

$$u(x,t) = u_{fin}(x) + u_{trans}(x,t)$$

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

Separate the variables  $u_{trans} = X(x) T(t)$

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{dt} = -k^2 \quad (\text{to have decaying solution})$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k^2 \alpha^2 T \Rightarrow T = e^{-k^2 \alpha^2 t}$$

$$\frac{d^2 X}{dx^2} = -k^2 X \Rightarrow X = A \cos kx + B \sin kx$$

Solve for zero boundary conditions

$$X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0 \quad X(l) = 0 \quad k = \frac{\pi n}{l}$$

Transient solution

$$u_{trans}(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} e^{-\pi^2 n^2 \alpha^2 t / l^2}$$

and

$$u(x,t) = 20^\circ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} e^{-\pi^2 n^2 \alpha^2 t / l^2}$$

Initial conditions  $t=0$   $u(x,0) = u_{ini}(x)$

$$20^\circ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} = 40^\circ x/l$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} = \underbrace{40^\circ \frac{x}{l} - 20^\circ}$$

decompose into sine series

$$B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l (40^\circ \frac{x}{l} - 20^\circ) \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} dx = 80^\circ \int_0^1 t \sin \pi n t dt -$$

$$- 40^\circ \int_0^1 \sin \pi n t dt = 80^\circ \frac{1}{\pi^2 n^2} (\sin \pi n t - \pi n t \cos \pi n t) \Big|_0^1 -$$

$$+ 40^\circ \frac{\cos \pi n t}{\pi n} \Big|_0^1 = -\frac{80^\circ}{\pi n} (-1)^n + \frac{40^\circ}{\pi n} (-1)^n - \frac{40^\circ}{\pi n} =$$

$$= -\frac{40^\circ}{\pi n} + \frac{40^\circ}{\pi n} (-1)^n = -\frac{40^\circ}{\pi n} [(-1)^n + 1] = -\frac{80^\circ}{\pi n}$$

$n$  - even

Solution

$$u(x,t) = 20^\circ + 40^\circ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n + 1}{\pi n} \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} e^{-\pi^2 n^2 d^2 t / l^2} =$$

$$= 20^\circ - 80^\circ \sum_{\substack{n=2 \\ \text{even}}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi n} \sin \frac{\pi n x}{l} e^{-\pi^2 n^2 d^2 t / l^2}$$