

# Math 46 Spring 2013

## Introduction to Applied Mathematics

### Final Exam

Friday, May 31, 3:00-6:00 PM

Your name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** This is a closed book, closed notes exam. Use of calculators is not permitted. You must justify your answers to receive full credit.

The Honor Principle requires that you neither give nor receive any aid on this exam.

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Problem	Points	Score
1	7	
2	9	
3	8	
4	10	
5	8	
6	8	
7	10	
8	10	
9	10	
Total	80	

1. **[7 points]** In 1940 the Russian applied mathematician A. Kolmogorov assumed there was a law for turbulent fluid flow relating the four quantities:  $l$  (length),  $E$  (energy, units of  $ML^2T^{-2}$ ),  $\rho$  (density, mass per unit volume), and  $R$  (dissipation rate, energy per unit time per unit volume). Using this assumption and the Buckingham Pi Theorem, state the simple form the law must have. Show that there is a (famous!) scaling relation  $E = \text{const} \cdot l^\alpha$  when other parameters are held constant; give  $\alpha$ .

2. [9 points] Use singular perturbation methods to find a uniform approximate solution to the boundary-value problem

$$\epsilon y'' + 4y' + y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 1$$

where  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ .

3. [9 points] Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -\epsilon \frac{dy}{dt} - 1, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = 1$$

for  $\epsilon \ll 1$ . Find a two term approximation to the solution.

[Bonus 2 points] Find the exact solution and give an expression for the error in the approximation of the solution.

4. **[10 points]** The reaction-diffusion equation modeling the concentration  $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$  of a substance in an initially clean body of water  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  obeys

$$u_t(\mathbf{x}, t) - \Delta u(\mathbf{x}, t) + \alpha u(\mathbf{x}, t) = f(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, t > 0$$

$$u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}, 0) = 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

where  $f$  is the pollution source term, and  $\alpha > 0$ .

- (a) Prove that a steady-state (time-independent) solution  $u(x)$  to the PDE with given boundary conditions is unique. [Hint: set the t-derivative to zero]

(b) Prove that the time-dependent solution to the full equations above is unique.

5. [8 points] Use the WKB approximation to estimate the large eigenvalues,  $\lambda$ , of the eigenvalue problem

$$y'' + \frac{\lambda^2 y}{x^2} = 0, \quad y(1) = 0, \quad y(e) = 0.$$



6. [8 points] Formulate the integral equation

$$u(t) = 1 + \int_0^t s \ln\left(\frac{s}{t}\right) u(s) ds$$

as an initial value problem.

7. **[10 points]** In the half plane  $\{(x, y) : y \geq 0\}$ , there is a stationary and bounded temperature distribution  $u$ . (ie. solution is independent of time, so it satisfies

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0$$

and  $u$  is bounded for  $y > 0$ .) It is known that  $u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ . Determine  $u(x, y)$  for all  $y > 0$ . (Do not forget to explain where the  $y \rightarrow \infty$  condition enters.)

8. [10 points] Consider the differential operator

$$Au = u''(x), \quad 0 < x < \pi,$$

with boundary conditions  $u(0) = u'(\pi) = 0$ .

(a) Prove via an energy method that the eigenvalues of  $A$  have a strict sign. What is the sign?

(b) Find the eigenvalues and construct the complete orthogonal set of functions in  $L^2(0, \pi)$  from which all solutions can be written in series form.

(c) Does the equation  $Au(x) = f(x)$  have a Green's function? If so, give an expression for it. If not, explain why. (Recall the Green's function can be expressed as a series.)

(d) Use the Greens function, or if not possible, another ODE solution method, to write an explicit formula for the solution  $u(x)$  to  $Au(x) = f(x)$  with the above boundary conditions, in terms of a general driving  $f(x)$ .

9. [10 points]

(a) Is the sequence  $f_n(x) = \frac{\sin(nx)}{n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  converge to the zero function on  $(-\pi, \pi)$  pointwise? uniformly? in  $L^2$ ?

(b) Consider the functions  $f(x) = x^3 e^{-x^4}$  and

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Compute the convolution of  $f$  and  $u$ .

(c) Compute the Fourier transform of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - |t|, & |t| < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(d) Is  $\cos(x) - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} = O(x^4)$  hold as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ? Prove your answer.

(e) [**Bonus 2 points**] Place the following four terms in the *correct* order to form an asymptotic series as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ :  $f(\epsilon) \sim \epsilon^{1/2} + \epsilon \ln \epsilon + \epsilon^3 + \epsilon^{-1} + \dots$

## Useful formulae

non-oscillatory WKB approximation

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k(x)}} e^{\pm \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int k(x) dx}$$

oscillatory WKB approximation

$$y(x) = \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{k(x)}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int k(x) dx\right) + \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{k(x)}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int k(x) dx\right)$$

Binomial series

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

Euler relations

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}, \quad \sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2}$$

Power-reduction identities

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^3 \theta &= \frac{1}{4}(3 \cos \theta + \cos 3\theta) \\ \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta &= \frac{1}{4}(\sin \theta + \sin 3\theta) \\ \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta &= \frac{1}{4}(\cos \theta - \cos 3\theta) \\ \sin^3 \theta &= \frac{1}{4}(3 \sin \theta - \sin 3\theta)\end{aligned}$$

‘ Addition formulae

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\ \cos(\alpha \pm \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta\end{aligned}$$

Leibniz’s rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(x, y) dy \right) = \left( \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f_x(x, y) dy \right) + f(x, b(x))b'(x) - f(x, a(x))a'(x)$$

Fourier Transforms:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{u}(\xi) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\xi x} u(x) dx \\ u(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\xi x} \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi\end{aligned}$$

Fourier Transform table

$u(x)$	$\hat{u}(\xi)$
$\delta(x - a)$	$e^{ia\xi}$
$e^{ikx}$	$2\pi\delta(k + \xi)$
$e^{-ax^2}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{4a}}$
$e^{-a x }$	$\frac{2a}{a^2 + \xi^2}$
$H(a -  x )$	$\frac{2\sin(a\xi)}{\xi}$
$u^{(n)}(x)$	$(-i\xi)^n \hat{u}(\xi)$
$u * v$	$\hat{u}(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$

where  $H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Green's first identity:  $\int_{\Omega} (u\Delta v + \nabla u \cdot \nabla v) dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} u \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} dA$

Product rule for divergence:  $\nabla \cdot (u\mathbf{J}) = u\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{J} \cdot \nabla u$