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Answer FOUR questions only.

01. The Laplace transform of a function $f(t)$, denoted by $L[f(t)]$ is defined as

$$L[f(t)] = F(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \text{ and the inverse transform as } L^{-1}\{F(s)\} = f(t).$$

(a) If $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{\omega s}{(s^2 + \omega^2)^2}\right\} = \frac{t \sin t}{2}$, show that $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{8s}{(4s^2 + 1)^2}\right\} = \frac{t}{2} \sin \frac{t}{2}$.

(b) Find the inverse Laplace transforms of each of the following functions:

(i) $F(s) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{s^2 + b^2}{s^2 + a^2}$. (ii) $F(s) = \left\{ \frac{s}{(s-2)^2(s+1)} \right\}$.

(c) Show that $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{e^{-s}}{(s+1)^3}\right\} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-(t-1)}(t-1)^2 u(t-1)$;

where $u(t)$ is the unit step function.

02. (a) Use the convolution theorem to find the inverse Laplace transform of

$$\frac{s^2}{(s^2 + a^2)(s^2 + b^2)}$$

(b) Solve each of the following boundary value problems using the Laplace transform method:

(i) $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 4y = 8$, subject to $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 6$.

(ii) $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dt} + 5y = 0$ subject to $y(0)=2, y'(0)=4$.

03. What is the Sturm-Liouville equation?

(a) A boundary value problem is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y &= 0 \\ y(0) &= 0 \\ y(\pi) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Is it a Sturm-Liouville problem? Justify your answer.

(b) Find non-trivial solutions of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y &= 0 \\ y(0) = 0, y(\pi) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let $\{\phi_n\}$ be the orthogonal characteristic functions of the problem in

part (a). Form the sequence of orthonormal characteristic functions $\{k_n\phi_n\}$

where $k_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{K_n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\int_a^b [\phi_n(x)]^2 r(x) dx}}$ ($n=1, 2, 3, \dots$)

4. (a) Let $f(x)$ be a function defined in the interval $-\pi < x < \pi$. The Fourier series of

$f(x)$ is given by

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx \text{ where}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx.$$

Show that $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [f(x)]^2 dx = 2a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2)$.

(b) Consider the function $f(x)$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi}x + 2 & \text{when } -\pi < x < 0 \\ 2 & \text{when } 0 \leq x < \pi \end{cases}$$

Find the trigonometric Fourier series of $f(x)$ in $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$.

05. (a) The Gamma function, corresponding to the parameter p denoted by $\Gamma(p)$ is defined by the improper integral

$$\Gamma(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{p-1} dt, \quad (p > 0).$$

(i) Evaluate the following integral using Gamma function:

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt[3]{x \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)} dx$$

(ii) Show that the area under the normal curve $y = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ and x-axis is unity,

where σ is a positive constant.

(b) The Beta function denoted by $\beta(p, q)$ is defined by $\int_0^1 x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} dx$,

where $p > 0$ and $q > 0$ are parameters.

Evaluate each of the following integrals using Beta function:

$$(i) \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^3}{1-x^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx. \quad (ii) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{1+x^4} dx.$$

06. Let $J_p(x)$ be the Bessel function of order p given by the expansion

$$J_p(x) = x^p \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+p} \cdot m! \Gamma(m+1)}$$

(a) Show that $J_2'(x) = \left(1 - \frac{4}{x^2}\right) J_1(x) + \frac{2}{x} J_0(x)$.

(b) Express $J_{\frac{7}{2}}(x)$ in terms of sine and cosine functions.

(c) Evaluate $\int x^4 J_1(x) dx$.