

Math 257/316, Midterm 2, Section 102

4 pm on November 14, 2018

Instructions. The duration of the exam is 55 minutes. Answer all questions. Calculators are not allowed.

A formula sheet is provided. **Complete the exam in ink not pencil.**

Maximum score 100.

1. Solve the following inhomogeneous initial boundary value problem for the heat equation:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= u_{xx} + e^{-\beta t} \cos 3x - 2, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0 \\u_x(0, t) &= \pi, \quad u_x(\pi, t) = 3\pi \\u(x, 0) &= \cos x + x^2\end{aligned}$$

by using an expansion in terms of the appropriate eigenfunctions. Assume that $\beta > 0$ is not an integer.

[50 marks]

Hint: It might be useful to know that: $\int_0^\pi x \cos nx dx = \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n^2}$

2. Solve the following initial boundary value problem for the wave equation describing the dynamics of a string resting on an elastic foundation having a stiffness $\gamma \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}u_{tt} &= u_{xx} - \gamma u, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0 \\u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(\pi, t) = 0 \\u(x, 0) &= \sin x, \quad u_t(x, 0) = \sin 2x\end{aligned}$$

Use the method of separation of variables to solve the resulting boundary value problem (do not treat all the cases for the eigenvalue problem). Now set $\gamma = 0$ and compare your solution to that you obtain using D'Alembert's solution (see the formula sheet).

[50 marks]