MATH 241 Practice Exam 1

This exam consists of 6 multiple-choice questions, 3 true-false questions, and one open-ended question. Show *all* your work. You will receive credit for a correct answer only if *your work is shown* and *your work supports your answer*. No credit will be given for correct answers which are not supported by work.

You will have 80 minutes to complete this exam.

 $J_n(x)$ is the *n*-th Bessel function of the first kind; $j_{n,i}$ is the *i*th positive zero of J_n .

1. All solutions of the boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= u\\ u(0,t) &= 0\\ u(\pi,t) &= 0 \end{cases}$$

which have the form u(x,t) = X(x)T(t) are linear combinations of:

A.
$$e^{(n^2+1)t} \sin(nx), n > 0$$
 B. $e^{-(n+1)^2 t} \sin(nx), n > 0$
C. $\sin(nx) \sinh\left(\sqrt{n^2+1}t\right), \sin(nx) \cosh\left(\sqrt{n^2+1}t\right), n > 0$
D. $\sin\left(\sqrt{n^2+1}t\right) \sin(nx), \cos\left(\sqrt{n^2+1}t\right) \sin(nx), n > 0$
E. $e^{(1+n)^2 t} \cos(nx), n \ge 0$
F. $\cos(nx) \sin\left(\sqrt{n^2+1}t\right), \sin(nx) \cos\left(\sqrt{n^2+1}t\right), n \ge 0$

2. Let $f(x) = \sin^3(2x)$. Which of the following could be the frequency spectrum of f on $[-\pi, \pi]$?



3. Find the product of the first three eigenvalues of the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\begin{cases} y'' + \lambda y &= 0\\ y'(0) = y'(5) &= 0 \end{cases}$$

A. 1 B.
$$\frac{6\pi^3}{125}$$
 C. $\frac{2\pi^3}{125}$ D. $\frac{6\pi^2}{25}$ E. $\frac{2\pi^2}{25}$ F. 0

4. Expand $f(x) = x^4$ in the n = 4 Dirichlet Bessel series on [0, 1].

5. Circle all of following which are true of the Fourier series on [-2, 2] for

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x^2 & 0 < x < 2\\ 1 - x^2 & -2 < x < 0 \end{cases}$$

A. $a_0 = 2$ and the other a_n are all zero. B. a_n is negative if n is even C. a_n is positive if n is odd D. the b_n are all zero.

E. b_n is negative if n is even F. b_n is positive if n is odd

6. Let c_n be the complex Fourier coefficient for f(x) = 1 + x on [-2, 2]. Find the sum $c_0 + c_1 + c_2$.

A.
$$1 - \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi}$$
 B. $1 - \frac{1}{\pi}i$ C. $-\frac{1}{2\pi}$ D. 0 E. $1 + \frac{3}{2\pi}i$ F. $-\frac{1}{2\pi}i$

- 7. TRUE or FALSE. For each of the following statements, indicate whether it is always true (T) or sometimes false (F). Support your answers.
 - i The square of any function is an even function.

ii Let f(x) be a continuous function defined on [0, L] such that f(L) = 0. If we reflect the function in an odd way, to [-L, L] and compute its sine series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{L}x\right)$$

then the series converges to f(x) for all x in [0, L].

iii The boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} x^2 y'' + 2xy' + x\lambda y = 0\\ y(1) = y(2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

is a regular Sturm-Liouville problem.

8. A string of length 2π is vibrating according to:

$$u(0,t) = u(2\pi,t) = 0$$
$$u(x,0) = \sin^2(x)$$
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = 0$$

Show that, for any x, $u(x, \pi) = 0$. Interpret this statement physically.