SOLUTION OF SOME PROBLEMS FROM PROJECT I

Problem 14/page 6

We use the method of characteristics for $x\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$. Write it first as $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{y}{x}\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$. We need to solve

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x},$$

which has a solution in the form y = Cx. Thus, the general solution is in the form u(x,y) = f(y/x).

Problem 27/page 25

a) Function is NOT piecewise continuous (since $\lim_{x\to 0+} \sin(1/x)$ does not exist. b), c) Functions are piecewise continuous, but NOT piecewise smooth, since their derivative do not have (one sided) limits as $x \to 0$.

d) Functon is piecewise smooth.

Problem 16/page 59

According to the Parseval's identity ((6), page 56), we have

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2(x) dx = \pi (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-2n}) = \pi \frac{e^{-2}}{1 - e^{-2}} = \frac{\pi}{e^2 - 1}$$

Problem 15/page 67

Using the results of Example 1, page 63, we get

$$\cosh(ax) = \frac{e^{ax} + e^{-ax}}{2} =$$

$$= \frac{\sinh \pi a}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (a + in) e^{inx} - \frac{\sinh \pi a}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (-a + in) e^{inx} =$$

$$= \frac{a \sinh \pi a}{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} e^{inx}$$

Applying the Parseval's identity

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cosh^2(ax) dx = \frac{a^2 (\sinh \pi a)^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(a^2 + n^2)^2}$$

Computing the integral yields $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cosh^2(ax) dx = \pi + \sinh(2\pi a)/(2a)$, whence

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(a^2 + n^2)^2} = \frac{\pi}{2a^2(\sinh \pi a)^2} \left[\pi + \frac{\sinh(2\pi a)}{2a} \right].$$

For part b), we take the same approach, this time using

$$\sinh(ax) = \frac{e^{ax} - e^{-ax}}{2} =$$

$$= \frac{\sinh \pi a}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (a + in) e^{inx} + \frac{\sinh \pi a}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{a^2 + n^2} (-a + in) e^{inx} =$$

$$= \frac{i \sinh \pi a}{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n}{a^2 + n^2} e^{inx},$$

whence

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sinh^2(ax) dx = \frac{(\sinh \pi a)^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(a^2 + n^2)^2}$$

Since $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sinh^2(ax) dx = \sinh(2\pi a)/(2a) - \pi$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(a^2+n^2)^2} = \frac{\pi}{2(\sinh \pi a)^2} \left[\frac{\sinh(2\pi a)}{2a} - \pi \right].$$