



*(Knowledge for Development)*

**KIBABII UNIVERSITY**  
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**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**  
**SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 426**

**COURSE TITLE: FOURIER SERIES**

**DATE: 20/01/2022**

**TIME: 2 PM - 10: AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

**QUESTION ONE (30mks)**

- (a) (i) Find the complex Fourier Series  $F_c(x)$  if  $F_R(x) = \sin^3 2x$  (4mks)  
 (ii) Express the Real Fourier Series  $F_R(x) = \cos^{-2} x$  in the Complex Fourier Series form  $F_c(x)$  (8mks)
- (b) If  $D_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} + \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \dots + \cos n\theta$ , show that  $\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi D_n(\theta) d\theta = 1$  (4mks)
- (c) Compute the Fourier series of  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi < x < 0 \\ 1 & 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$  (6mks)
- (d) Show that an even function can have no sine terms in its Fourier Series Expansion. 8mks)

**QUESTION TWO (20mks)**

- (a) Find the Fourier Series expansion for  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ \sin^2 x & 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$  (14mks)
- (b) If  $f$  belongs to  $R_2$  on  $\{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi\}$ , show that for each  $n$ ,  $\Delta_n = \int_{-\pi}^\pi [F(x) - S_n(x)]^2 dx$  is a minimum if for  $S_n(x) = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n (c_k \cos kx + d_k \sin kx)$  then  $c_k = a_k$  and  $d_k = b_k$ , where the  $a_k$ 's and  $b_k$ 's are the Fourier coefficients of  $f$ . (6mks)

**QUESTION THREE (20mks)**

- (a) Using the Fourier Series for  $x^2$ , deduce  $\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum \frac{1}{k^2}$  where  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$  (15mks)
- (b) If  $s_n(x) = 2 \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n \sin nx}{n}$  draw the graph of  $S_2(x)$  (5mks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20mks)**

- (a) Prove that (i)  $\int_{-k}^k \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{k}\right) dx = \int_{-k}^k \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{k}\right) dx = 0$  (3mks)
- (ii)  $\int_{-k}^k \cos\left(\frac{m\pi x}{k}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{k}\right) dx = \int_{-k}^k \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{k}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{k}\right) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ k & m = n \end{cases}$  (14mks)
- (b) If the series  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left( a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right)$  converges uniformly to  $f(x)$  in  $(-l, l)$ , show that for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (i)  $a_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$  (1mk)
- (ii)  $b_n = \frac{1}{l} \int_{-l}^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$  (1mk)
- (iii)  $A = \frac{a_0}{2}$  (1mk)

**QUESTION FIVE (20mks)**

(a) Find the Fourier Series expansion for  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ \sin^2 x & 0 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$  (14mks)

(b) If  $f$  belongs to  $R_2$  on  $\{-\pi \leq x \leq \pi\}$ , show that for each  $n$ ,  $\Delta_n = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [F(x) - S_n(x)]^2 dx$  is a minimum if for  $S_n(x) = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n (c_k \cos kx + d_k \sin kx)$  then  $c_k = a_k$  and  $d_k = b_k$ , where the  $a_k$ 's and  $b_k$ 's are the Fourier coefficients of  $f$ . (6mks)