

1. True or false, and why: for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\delta(2x) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(x)$  ?
2. True or false, and why: for any  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\delta(\vec{x}) = \delta(\|\vec{x}\|)$ ?
3. What is  $\delta'(x)$ ? (Consider  $\int dx f(x)\delta'(x)$ .)
4. Consider a bar of length 1, with stiffness  $c(x) = 1/(1+x^2)$ , subject to an external force  $f$ . Its displacement obeys the ODE

$$(1) \quad -\frac{d}{dx} \left( c(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right) = f(x)$$

on  $0 < x < 1$ , and its ends are fixed:  $u(0) = u(1) = 0$ .

- (a) Find the displacement when then bar is subject to a constant force,  $f = 1$ .
  - (b) Find the Green's function for the boundary value problem.
  - (c) Use the Green's function to check your answer from part (a).
  - (d) Which point  $0 < \xi < 1$  is the weakest (has the greatest displacement in response to a unit impulse at  $\xi$ )?
5. Prove the Fourier symmetry principle: if the Fourier transform of  $f(x)$  is  $\hat{f}(k)$ , then the Fourier transform of  $\hat{f}(x)$  is  $f(-k)$ .

6. Prove the Fourier shift and dilation theorem: if the Fourier transform of  $f(x)$  is  $\hat{f}(k)$ , then
  - (a) The Fourier transform of  $f(x - \xi)$  is  $e^{-ik\xi}\hat{f}(k)$ .
  - (b) The Fourier transform of  $e^{ilx}f(x)$  is  $\hat{f}(k - l)$ .
  - (c) The Fourier transform of  $f(cx)$  is  $\frac{1}{|c|}\hat{f}\left(\frac{k}{c}\right)$ .

Hint: write the Fourier transform directly and multiply by 1 (appropriately written) inside the integral.

7. Prove that if the Fourier transform of  $f(x)$  is  $\hat{f}(k)$ , then the Fourier transform of  $xf(x)$  is  $i\frac{d}{dk}\hat{f}(k)$ .

8. Prove the Fourier integral theorem: if  $f(x)$  has Fourier transform  $\hat{f}(k)$ , then the Fourier transform of  $g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy$  is given by

$$\hat{g}(k) = -\frac{i}{k}\hat{f}(k) + \pi\hat{f}(0)\delta(k)$$

Hint: First compute the Fourier transform of the Heaviside step function.

9. Solve

$$-u''(x) + 4u(x) = \delta(x)$$

on the real line using Fourier transforms.

10. Calculate the following:

- (a) The Fourier transform of  $e^{-a|x|}$ .
- (b) The convolution of  $e^{-a|x|}$  with itself.
- (c) The Fourier transform of  $e^{i\omega x}$ , and thus the Fourier transforms of  $\cos \omega x$  and  $\sin \omega x$ .