



Answer all the following questions:

Q.1 (A) The vibrations of an elastic string is governed by the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

The length of the string is π and the ends are fixed. The initial velocity is zero and the initial deflection is $u(x, 0) = 2(\sin x + \sin 3x)$. Find the deflection $u(x, t)$ of the vibrating string for $t > 0$.

(B) The ends A and B of a rod 20 cm long have the temperatures at 30°C and at 80°C until steady state prevails. The temperatures of the ends are changed to 40°C and 60°C respectively. Find the temperature distribution in the at time t .

(C) A periodic square wave function $f(t)$, in terms of unit step functions is written as : $f(t) = k [u_0(t) - 2u_a(t) + 2u_{2a}(t) - 2u_{3a}(t) + \dots]$

Show that the Laplace transform of $f(t)$ is given by

$$L[f(t)] = \frac{k}{s} \tanh\left[\frac{as}{2}\right].$$

[Q.1 (50 mark)]

Q.2

(A) By using Fourier sin transforms, Solve the heat equation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ for $x \geq 0, t \geq 0$ under the given conditions $u = u_0$ at $x = 0, t > 0$ with initial condition $u(x, 0) = 0, x \geq 0$.

(B) Use the method of separation of variables to solve the equation :

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$$

given that $v = 0$ when $t \rightarrow \infty$, as well as $v = 0$ at $x = 0$ and $x = l$.

(C) Find the solution of the following wave equation using D'Alembert's method:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$$

with initial condition $y(x, 0) = f(x), \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0$ when $t = 0$.

Q.2 (50 mark)]