

..(40 pts.) Let  $\phi(x) = x^2$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

(a) Show that the Fourier cosine series for  $\phi$  on  $[0,1]$  is

$$\frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2}.$$

(b) Find the Fourier sine series for  $\phi$  on  $[0,1]$ .

(c) Discuss convergence (or lack thereof) in the mean square sense for the Fourier sine and cosine series of  $\phi$  on  $[0,1]$ .

(d) For which  $x$  in  $[0,1]$  does the Fourier sine series of  $\phi$  converge to  $\phi(x)$ ? Justify your answer.

(e) ~~(d)~~ Does the Fourier cosine series of  $\phi$  converge uniformly on  $[0,1]$ ? Justify your answer.

(f) ~~(e)~~ Starting with the Fourier cosine series of the function  $\phi(x) = x^2$  on  $[0,1]$ , apply Parseval's identity to help evaluate the sum

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4}.$$

(a) 
$$a_n = \frac{\langle \phi, \cos(n\pi \cdot) \rangle}{\langle \cos(n\pi \cdot), \cos(n\pi \cdot) \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^1 x^2 \cos(n\pi x) dx}{\int_0^1 \cos^2(n\pi x) dx}$$

Integration by parts (u = x^2, dv = cos(nπx)dx):

$$= \frac{1}{n\pi} \left( -x \cos(n\pi x) \right) \Big|_0^1 + \frac{1}{n\pi} \int_0^1 \cos(n\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{(n\pi)^2} \left[ \cos(n\pi) \right] = \frac{4(-1)^n}{(n\pi)^2}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{\langle \phi, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$\therefore a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\pi x) = \boxed{\frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2}}$  Fourier cosine series of  $\phi$  on  $[0,1]$ .

(b) 
$$b_n = \frac{\langle \phi, \sin(n\pi \cdot) \rangle}{\langle \sin(n\pi \cdot), \sin(n\pi \cdot) \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^1 x^2 \sin(n\pi x) dx}{\int_0^1 \sin^2(n\pi x) dx}$$

Integration by parts (u = x^2, dv = sin(nπx)dx):

$$= \frac{-2 \cos(n\pi)}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{n\pi} \left( \frac{x \sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \right) \Big|_0^1 - \frac{4}{n\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} dx$$

$$= \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \left( \frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{(n\pi)^3} \left[ \cos(n\pi) - 1 \right]$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} + \frac{4[(-1)^n - 1]}{(n\pi)^3} \right\} \sin(n\pi x)$$

Fourier sine series  
of  $\varphi$  on  $[0, 1]$

(c) Since  $\int_0^1 \varphi^2(x) dx = \int_0^1 x^4 dx = \frac{1}{5} < \infty$ , the Fourier cosine and Fourier sine series of  $\varphi$  converge to  $\varphi$  in the mean-square sense. (Theorem 3, p. 124)

(e) Since  $\left| \frac{1}{3} \right| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty$

for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , the Fourier cosine series of  $\varphi$  is absolutely and uniformly convergent on  $[0, 1]$ . (In fact, the Fourier cosine series of  $\varphi$  is uniformly convergent to  $\varphi$  on  $[0, 1]$ .)

(f)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n^2 \int_0^1 \cos^2(n\pi x) dx = \int_0^1 \varphi^2(x) dx$  (Parseval)

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4(-1)^n}{(n\pi)^2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{5} \quad (\text{by (a) and (c)})$$

$$\frac{8}{\pi^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{4}{45}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{45} = \boxed{\frac{\pi^4}{90}}$$

(d) Since  $\varphi(x) = x^2$  and  $\varphi'(x) = 2x$  are continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , the Fourier sine series of  $\varphi$  at  $x$  converges to  $\varphi(x)$  for all  $0 < x < 1$ . (Theorem 4, p. 125)

At the endpoints: The Fourier sine series of  $\varphi$  at 0 is (clearly) 0 and this is equal to  $\varphi(0) = 0^2 = 0$ . The Fourier sine series of  $\varphi$  at 1 is (clearly) 0 and this not equal to  $\varphi(1) = 1^2 = 1$ .

Conclusion: The Fourier sine series of  $\varphi$  at  $x$  converges to  $\varphi(x)$  for all  $0 \leq x < 1$ .

2. (30 pts.) (a) Show that the operator  $T$  defined on

$$V = \{ f \in C^2(0,1] : f(1) = 0, f \text{ and } f' \text{ bounded on } (0,1] \}$$

$$Tf(x) = \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \left( x \frac{df}{dx} \right) - \frac{n^2}{x^2} f(x) \quad (0 < x \leq 1)$$

is hermitian. (Please use the inner product on  $V$  given by

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x) \overline{g(x)} x dx \dots$$

- (b) Are the eigenvalues of  $T$  on  $V$  real? Why or why not?  
 (c) Are the eigenvalues of  $T$  on  $V$  nonnegative? Why or why not?  
 (d) Are the eigenfunctions of  $T$  on  $V$ , corresponding to distinct eigenvalues, orthogonal on  $(0,1)$ ? Why or why not?

Let  $f, g \in V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \langle Tf, g \rangle &= \int_0^1 Tf(x) \overline{g(x)} x dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \left( x \frac{df}{dx} \right) \overline{g(x)} x dx - n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} f(x) \overline{g(x)} x dx \\ &= \underbrace{x \frac{df}{dx} \overline{g(x)}}_0 \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 x \frac{df}{dx} \frac{d\overline{g}}{dx} dx - n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} f(x) \overline{g(x)} x dx \\ &\quad \text{0 because } f'(1)g(1) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \epsilon f(\epsilon) \overline{g(\epsilon)} = 0 \\ &= \underbrace{-x \frac{d\overline{g}}{dx} f(x)}_0 \Big|_0^1 + \int_0^1 f(x) \frac{d}{dx} \left( x \frac{d\overline{g}}{dx} \right) dx - n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} f(x) \overline{g(x)} x dx \\ &\quad \text{0 because } -\overline{g'(1)} f(1) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} -\epsilon \overline{g(\epsilon)} f(\epsilon) = 0 \\ &= \int_0^1 f(x) \left[ \frac{1}{x} \frac{d}{dx} \left( x \frac{d\overline{g}}{dx} \right) - \frac{n^2}{x^2} \overline{g(x)} \right] x dx = \langle f, Tg \rangle \quad \left( \text{Thus, } T \text{ is hermitian on } V. \right) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Yes, the eigenvalues of  $T$  on  $V$  are real by the argument given in class.

(d) Yes, the eigenfunctions of  $T$  on  $V$ , corresponding to distinct eigenvalues, are orthogonal on  $(0,1)$  (relative to the weight function  $x$ ) by the argument given in class.

(c) No, for let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $T$  on  $V$  and let  $f$  be a corresponding eigenfunction. Taking  $g=f$  in the first two lines of (a),

$$\lambda \langle f, f \rangle = \langle \lambda f, f \rangle = \langle Tf, f \rangle = - \int_0^1 x \left| \frac{df}{dx} \right|^2 dx - n^2 \int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 \frac{1}{x} dx < 0. \quad \text{Thus } \lambda < 0.$$

3. (30 pts.) Find a solution to

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty,$$

subject to the homogeneous boundary/initial conditions

$$u_x(0,t) = 0 = u_x(1,t) \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x,0) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t, 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

and the nonhomogeneous initial condition

$$u(x,0) = x^2 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Is your solution the only possible one? Give a complete justification of your answer.

$$u(x,t) = \sum(x)T(t) \quad (\text{nontrivial solns. to the homogeneous part of the problem})$$

$$\sum(x)T''(t) = \sum''(x)T(t) \Rightarrow -\frac{\sum''(x)}{\sum(x)} = -\frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = \text{constant} = \lambda.$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_x(0,t) = \sum'(0)T(t) = 0 \\ u_x(1,t) = \sum'(1)T(t) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (0 \leq t < \infty) \text{ and } u = \sum T \text{ nontrivial} \Rightarrow \sum'(0) = 0 = \sum'(1)$$

$$u_t(x,0) = \sum(x)T'(0) = 0 \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1) \Rightarrow T'(0) = 0$$

$$\sum''(x) + \lambda \sum(x) = 0 \quad (0 < x < 1), \quad \sum'(0) = \sum'(1) = 0$$

$$T''(t) + \lambda T(t) = 0 \quad (0 < t < \infty), \quad T'(0) = 0$$

Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_n = (n\pi)^2 \quad (n=0,1,2,\dots)$

Eigenfunctions:  $\sum_n(x) = \cos(n\pi x) \quad (n=0,1,2,\dots)$

Solution to  $t$ -equation corresponding to  $\lambda = \lambda_n$ :  $T_n(t) = \cos(n\pi t) \quad (n=0,1,2,\dots)$

$$\therefore u(x,t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi t) \text{ is a formal solution to the homogeneous}$$

part of the problem. We want to choose the constants  $a_0, a_1, \dots$  so the non-homogeneous I.C. is satisfied:

$$x^2 \stackrel{\text{want}}{=} u(x,0) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(n\pi x) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

By problem 1,  $a_0 = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $a_n = \frac{4(-1)^n}{(n\pi)^2} \quad (n \geq 1)$  suffice. Thus

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi t)}{(n\pi)^2}$$

solves the problem. This is the only solution, too. To see this,

suppose that  $u = u_2(x, t)$  were another solution. Then

$$w(x, t) = \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi t)}{(n\pi)^2} - u_2(x, t)$$

solves

$$w_{tt} = w_{xx} \quad (0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty),$$

$$w_x(0, t) = 0 = w_x(1, t) \quad (0 \leq t < \infty),$$

$$w(x, 0) = 0 = w_t(x, 0) \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1).$$

Consider the energy function of  $w$ ,

$$E(t) = \int_0^1 [w_t^2(x, t) + w_x^2(x, t)] dx \quad (t \geq 0).$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [w_t^2(x, t) + w_x^2(x, t)] dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 w_t(x, t) w_{tt}(x, t) dx + 2 \int_0^1 w_x(x, t) w_{xt}(x, t) dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 \underbrace{w_t(x, t)}_v \underbrace{w_{xx}(x, t)}_{dv} dx + 2 \int_0^1 w_x(x, t) w_{xt}(x, t) dx \\ &= \underbrace{2 w_t(x, t) w_x(x, t) \Big|_0^1}_{0 \text{ since } w_x(1, t) = 0 = w_x(0, t)} - \underbrace{2 \int_0^1 w_{tx}(x, t) w_x(x, t) dx + 2 \int_0^1 w_x(x, t) w_{xt}(x, t) dx}_{0 \text{ since } w_{tx} = w_{xt}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $E(t) = \text{constant}$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . But

$$E(0) = \int_0^1 [w_t^2(x, 0) + w_x^2(x, 0)] dx = 0, \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{since } w_x(x, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{w(x+h, 0) - w(x, 0)}{h} = 0 \text{ for } x \\ \text{in } [0, 1] \end{array}$$

$0 \text{ since } w_t(x, 0) = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 1$

so  $E(t) = 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . By continuity and positivity of the integrand of

E, it follows that  $w_t^2(x,t) + w_x^2(x,t) = 0$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $t \geq 0$ .

Consequently,  $0 = w_t(x,t) = w_x(x,t)$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $t \geq 0$ , from which it follows that  $w(x,t) = \text{constant}$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq t < \infty$ . But then  $w(x,0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  implies  $w(x,t) = 0$  for all  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq t < \infty$ .

That is,

$$u_2(x,t) = \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^n \cos(n\pi x) \cos(n\pi t)}{(n\pi)^2} \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq t < \infty).$$