

# HW #6 Solutions

## Sec 5.3

#1: a. The vectors  $(a, b, c)$  orthogonal to both  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, -1, 0)$  must have  $a \cdot 1 + b \cdot 1 + c \cdot 1 = 0$  and  $a \cdot 1 + b \cdot (-1) + c \cdot 0 = 0$ . The second equation  $\Rightarrow b = a$ , and first then gives  $c = -2a$ , so the vectors have form  $(a, b, c) = (a, a, -2a) = a(1, 1, -2)$  for all real numbers  $a$ . We also could have computed the cross product  $(1, 1, 1) \times (1, -1, 0)$ .

b. Set  $v_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $v_2 = (1, -1, 0)$ ,  $v_3 = (1, 1, -2)$ ,  $c = (2, -3, 5)$ . Since  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we have

$$c = \frac{c \cdot v_1}{v_1 \cdot v_1} v_1 + \frac{c \cdot v_2}{v_2 \cdot v_2} v_2 + \frac{c \cdot v_3}{v_3 \cdot v_3} v_3$$
$$= \frac{4}{3} v_1 + \frac{5}{2} v_2 - \frac{11}{6} v_3$$

#2: a. For any constant  $c$ , we have

$(x, c) = \int_{-1}^1 x \cdot c \, dx = c \int_{-1}^1 x \, dx = 0$ , so  $x$  and  $c$  are orthogonal.

b. Write  $Q(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$ . We have

$$(Q, 1) = \int_{-1}^1 Q \cdot 1 \, dx = \frac{A}{3} x^3 + \frac{B}{2} x^2 + Cx \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{2A}{3} + 2C$$

$$Q(x) = \int_{-1}^1 Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx dx$$

$$= \frac{A}{4}x^4 + \frac{B}{3}x^3 + \frac{C}{2}x^2 \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{2B}{3}$$

So  $Q(x) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$ , and  $Q(1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2A}{3} + 2C = 0 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{A}{3}$$

So any

quadratic of form  $Q(x) = Ax^2 - \frac{A}{3}$  is orthogonal to both 1 and  $x$ .

e. Now let  $Q(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$  be an

arbitrary quadratic and  $G(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

a cubic. Distributing  $(G)(Q)$  gives

$$GQ = \overbrace{(aA)}^{P_5}x^5 + \overbrace{(aB + bA)}^{P_4}x^4 + \overbrace{(aC + bB + cA)}^{P_3}x^3 + \underbrace{(bC + cB + dA)}_{P_2}x^2 + \underbrace{(cC + dB)}_{P_1}x + \underbrace{(dC)}_{P_0}$$

Then  $G$  orthogonal to  $Q$  means that

$$0 = \int_{-1}^1 GQ dx = \frac{P_5}{6}x^6 + \frac{P_4}{5}x^5 + \frac{P_3}{4}x^4 + \frac{P_2}{3}x^3 + \frac{P_1}{2}x^2 + P_0x \Big|_{-1}^1$$

$$= \frac{2}{5}P_4 + \frac{2}{3}P_2 + 2P_0$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{5}B\right)a + \left(\frac{2}{5}A + \frac{2}{3}C\right)b + \left(\frac{2}{3}B\right)c + \left(\frac{2}{3}A + 2C\right)d$$

If this holds for all  $A, B, C$  then we must

$$\text{have } 0 = \left(\frac{2}{5}B\right)a + \left(\frac{2}{3}B\right)c \quad \text{and}$$

$$0 = \left(\frac{2}{5}A + \frac{2}{3}C\right)b + \left(\frac{2}{3}A + 2C\right)d$$

The first equation gives

$c = -\frac{3}{5}a$ , and the second can hold for all  $A, C$  only if  $b = d = 0$ .

So the cubic functions orthogonal to all quadratics are those of form

$$G(x) = ax^3 - \frac{3a}{5}x$$

#3: We solve  $u_t = c^2 u_{xx}$  for  $0 < x < l$  with BC's  $u(0,t) = 0 = u_x(l,t)$  and IC's  $u(x,0) = x$   
 $u_t(x,0) = 0$ .

Separate variables:  $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$ .

The PDE gives  $\frac{T''}{-c^2 T} = -\frac{X''}{X} = \lambda$ .

Notice that the BC's are symmetric:

for any functions  $f$  and  $g$  both satisfying these BC's, we have

$$f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=l} = (f'(l)g(l) - f(l)g'(l)) -$$

$$(f'(0)g(0) - f(0)g'(0)) = 0 \quad \text{since at least one}$$

term in each summand is zero. According to

Thm 5.3.2, all eigenvalues  $\lambda$  are real.

Moreover,  $f(x)f'(x) \Big|_0^l = 0 \leq 0$ , so by

Thm 5.3.3, all eigenvalues are nonnegative.

Can  $\lambda = 0$ ? In this case we have the ODE  $\underline{x}'' = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{x} = Ax + B$ , and the BC's  $\Rightarrow 0 = \underline{x}(0) = B$  and

$0 = \underline{x}'(l) = A$ , so  $\underline{x} = 0$  is the only solution; hence 0 is not an eigenvalue.

So all eigenvalues are positive. Write  $\beta = \sqrt{\lambda}$ . Then  $\underline{x}'' = -\lambda \underline{x} = -\beta^2 \underline{x}$  has solutions  $\underline{x}(x) = A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x$ . The BC's give  $0 = \underline{x}(0) = A(1) + B(0) = A$  and  $0 = \underline{x}'(l) = 0 + B\beta \cos \beta l$ . We must have  $B$  and  $\beta \neq 0$ , therefore

$$\beta l = \underline{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi} \quad \text{for some integer } n \geq 0$$

$$\text{So } \lambda = \beta^2 = \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})^2 \pi^2}{l^2} \quad \text{and the corresponding}$$

eigenfunctions are  $\underline{x}(x) = A \sin \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{l} x$ .

Similarly, the ODE  $\frac{T''}{-Tc^2} = \lambda$  has solutions

$$T(t) = A \cos c \cdot \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{l} t + B \sin c \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{l} t$$

$$\text{So } u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( A_n \cos \frac{c(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{l} t + B_n \sin \frac{c(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{l} t \right) \sin \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{l} x$$

We use the ICs to determine the coefficients  $A_n$  and  $B_n$ . We have

$$u(x,0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l}; \text{ the first initial}$$

condition is  $u(x,0) = x$ , so we must find the series expansion of this function in terms of the functions  $\sin \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l}$ .

I.e. we write  $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l}$ ;

according to Thm 3.3.1, the coefficients are given by  $A_n = \frac{(x, \sin \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l})}{(\sin \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l}, \sin \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l})}$

The terms in the denominator are equal to  $\frac{l}{2}$  for all  $n$  (Hint: to compute

$\int \sin^2 x dx$ , write  $\sin^2 x = \sin x \cdot \sin x$  and integrate by parts. In the resulting integral, replace  $\cos^2 x$  by  $1 - \sin^2 x$  and solve the equation for  $\int \sin^2 x dx$ ).

$$\text{So } A_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l x \sin \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l} dx$$

$$= \dots = \frac{2l}{(n+\frac{1}{2})^2 \pi^2} (-1)^n.$$

Differentiating  $u(x,t)$  gives

$$u_t(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \cdot \frac{C(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{l} \sin \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l}. \text{ Since}$$

The second IC is  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$ ,  
we may take  $B_n = 0$  for all  $n$ .

So the solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2l(-1)^n}{(n+\frac{1}{2})^2\pi^2} \cos\left(\frac{c(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{l}t\right) \sin\left(\frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}{l}x\right)$$

#6:  $\underline{x}' = \lambda \underline{x}$  has solutions  $\underline{x} = A e^{\lambda x}$ .

The BCs imply that

$$A = \underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}(1) = A e^{\lambda}, \quad \text{so}$$

$1 = e^{\lambda}$ . We can use Euler's formula

to show that ~~the~~  $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$  and

$\text{Im } \lambda = 2\pi n$ , so the eigenvalues are

$$\boxed{\lambda = 2\pi n i.} \quad \text{If } m \neq n, \text{ we have}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\underline{x}_m, \underline{x}_n) &= \int_0^1 e^{2\pi m i x} e^{2\pi n i x} dx = \int_0^1 e^{2\pi(m+n)i x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi(m+n)i} e^{2\pi(m+n)i x} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2\pi(m+n)i} (e^{2\pi(m+n)i} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

But for any integers  $m$  and  $n$ ,  $e^{2\pi(m+n)i} = 1$ ,  
(use Euler's formula to see this) so the  
eigenfunctions are orthogonal.

#9: Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the BC's

$$\underline{x}(b) = \alpha \underline{x}(a) + \beta \underline{x}'(a), \quad \underline{x}'(b) = \gamma \underline{x}(a) + \delta \underline{x}'(a)$$

Then  $f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x) \Big|_a^b$

$$= f'(b)g(b) - f(b)g'(b) - f'(a)g(a) + f(a)g'(a)$$

$$= [\gamma f(a) + \delta f'(a)][\alpha g(a) + \beta g'(a)] - [\alpha f(a) + \beta f'(a)][\gamma g(a) + \delta g'(a)] - f'(a)g(a) + f(a)g'(a)$$

$$= \cancel{\gamma \alpha f(a)g(a)} + \delta \alpha f'(a)g(a) + \cancel{\gamma \beta f(a)g'(a)} + \delta \beta f'(a)g'(a)$$

$$- \alpha \cancel{\gamma f(a)g(a)} - \beta \delta f'(a)g(a) - \alpha \delta f(a)g'(a) - \beta \cancel{\delta f'(a)g'(a)}$$

$$- f'(a)g(a) + f(a)g'(a)$$

$$= [(\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma) - 1] f'(a)g(a) + [(-\alpha \delta + \beta \gamma) + 1] f(a)g'(a)$$

$$= [(\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma) - 1] (f'(a)g(a) - f(a)g'(a))$$

One implication is clear: If  $\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma = 0, 1$ , then  $f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x) \Big|_a^b = 0$ , so the BC's are symmetric.

For the other direction we assume that the BC's are symmetric, i.e. for any  $f, g$  satisfying the BC's, we have  $f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x) \Big|_a^b = 0$ .

Given such  $f$  and  $g$ , the above computation shows that  $[(\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma) - 1] (f'(a)g(a) - f(a)g'(a)) = 0$ .

If the second term is nonzero, we can cancel it to get  $(\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma) - 1 = 0$ , or

$\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma = 1$ . So we are done if we can

Show that there are functions  $f$  and  $g$  that satisfy the BC's and are such that  $f'(a)g(a) - f(a)g'(a) \neq 0$ . One (rather involved) way to do this is to find ~~many~~ cubic functions  $f$  and  $g$  that satisfy the BC's and have  $f'(a) = g(a) = 1$ ,  $f(a) = g'(a) = 0$ . For such  $f$  and  $g$  we then have  $f'(a)g(a) - f(a)g'(a) = 1 \neq 0$ , as desired. The existence of such  $f + g$  can be verified in many ways; below we use linear algebra to guarantee the existence of the cubic  $g(x)$  with the right properties:

Assume  $g(x) = Ax^3 + Bx^2 + Cx + D$ , and that  $g(a) = 1$ ,  $g'(a) = 0$ . Plugging these values into the boundary conditions gives  $g(b) = \alpha$ ,  $g'(b) = \gamma$ . Using the expression for  $g$  we have the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(a) &= Aa^3 + Ba^2 + Ca + D = 1 \\
 g(b) &= Ab^3 + Bb^2 + Cb + D = \alpha \\
 g'(a) &= 3Aa^2 + 2Ba + C + 0 = 0 \\
 g'(b) &= 3Ab^2 + 2Bb + C + 0 = \gamma.
 \end{aligned}$$

In matrix notation this ~~becomes~~ becomes



$$\begin{pmatrix} a^3 & a^2 & a & 1 \\ b^3 & b^2 & b & 1 \\ 3a^2 & 2a & 1 & 0 \\ 3b^2 & 2b & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \alpha \\ 0 \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix has determinant  $-(b-a)^4 \neq 0$ , so there is a solution, i.e. a set of constants  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$  such that  $g(x)$  has the desired properties. In fact this also proves the existence of  $f(x)$ , since the only change would occur in the vector on the right-hand side of the equation.

Sec 5.4 #2: Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converge

uniformly to  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ ; and define

$$M_N := \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x) - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(x)|. \text{ Then uniform}$$

convergence just means that  $M_N \rightarrow 0$  as

$N \rightarrow \infty$ . Given a point  $a \leq x_0 < b$

we certainly have  $|f(x_0) - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(x_0)| \leq M_N$

so uniform convergence implies that

$|f(x_0) - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(x_0)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Since

$x_0$  was an arbitrary point,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges pointwise to  $f$  on the interval  $(a, b)$ .

Similarly, for any  $x$  in the interval  $[a, b]$  we have  $|f(x) - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(x)|^2 \leq M_N^2$ ,

$$\text{so } 0 \leq \int_a^b |f(x) - \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(x)|^2 dx \leq \int_a^b M_N^2 dx$$

$$= M_N^2 \cdot (b-a) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty, \text{ hence}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  converges to  $f$  in the  $L^2$  sense.

#4: For  $n > 1$ ,  $g_n$  is zero outside the interval  $[0, 1]$ , so we will check for  $L^2$  convergence on this interval. Since  $g_n$  is

just a step function, we have

$$\int_0^1 |g_n(x) - 0|^2 dx = \int_0^1 g_n(x) dx = \begin{cases} \text{length} [\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{n^2}, \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{n^2}] & n \text{ odd} \\ \text{length} [\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{n^2}, \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{n^2}] & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$= \frac{2}{n^2}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . This

last quantity  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so

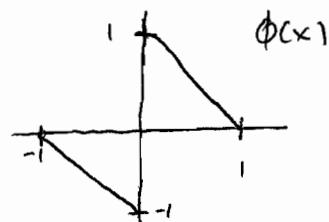
$g_n \rightarrow 0$  in the  $L^2$  sense. On the other hand,  $g_n$  does not converge pointwise

to 0 on the interval  $(0,1)$ : for every

odd  $n$  we have  $|g_n(\frac{1}{4}) - 0| = 1$ ,

so  $|g_n(\frac{1}{4}) - 0|$  cannot possibly converge

to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .



#7: Let 
$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} -1-x & -1 < x < 0 \\ 1-x & 0 < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

a. The Fourier series for  $\phi$  on  $(-1,1)$  is

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2}A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos n\pi x + B_n \sin n\pi x$$

where  $A_n = \int_{-1}^1 \phi(x) \cos n\pi x dx = 0$  since

$\phi(x) \cdot \cos n\pi x$  is odd, and

$$B_n = \int_{-1}^1 \phi(x) \sin n\pi x dx$$

$$= -\int_{-1}^0 (1+x) \sin n\pi x dx + \int_0^1 (1-x) \sin n\pi x dx$$

$$= -\int_{-1}^0 \sin n\pi x dx - \int_{-1}^0 x \sin n\pi x dx + \int_0^1 \sin n\pi x dx - \int_0^1 x \sin n\pi x dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \left( \int_0^1 \sin n\pi x \, dx - \int_0^1 x \sin n\pi x \, dx \right) \\
 &= 2 \left( \frac{1}{n\pi} (1 - (-1)^{n+1}) - \frac{1}{n\pi} (-1)^{n+1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2}{n\pi}.
 \end{aligned}$$

b.:  $\phi(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \sin \pi x + \frac{1}{\pi} \sin 2\pi x + \frac{2}{3\pi} \sin 3\pi x + \dots$

c.:  $\int_{-1}^1 |\phi(x)|^2 \, dx = 2 \int_0^1 x^2 \, dx = \frac{2}{3} < \infty$

so by Thm <sup>5.4.3</sup> ~~5.4.1~~ the series converges in the  $L^2$  sense.

d.: Since  ~~$\phi$  is not~~ and  $\phi' = \dots$   
 $\phi$  and  $\phi'$  are piecewise continuous, (although not to  $\phi(x)$ )  
 the series converges pointwise by Thm 5.4.4 b.

e.:  $\phi$  is not continuous on  $(-1, 1)$ , so we cannot conclude that the series converges uniformly.

#8: We use the theorems of section 5.4:

a.  $f(x) = x^3$  on  $(0, 1)$ .

i.:  $\int_0^1 |x|^3 \, dx = \frac{1^4}{4} < \infty$  so have  $L^2$

convergence by Thm 3.

ii.:  $f$  and  $f'$  are CTS  $\Rightarrow$  pointwise convergence by Thm 4.

b ~~fixe~~

iii: The eigenfunctions  $\sin n\pi x$  arise from Dirichlet boundary conditions, but  $f(l) = l^3 \neq 0$ , so  $f$  does not meet the conditions of Thm 2 and we cannot conclude uniform convergence.

b:  $f(x) = lx - x^2$  on  $(0, l)$ .

i: Since  $f$  is a polynomial,  $\int_0^l |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty$ , so we have  $L^2$  convergence.

ii:  $f, f'$  are continuous, so we have pointwise convergence.

iii:  $f, f', f''$  are continuous and  $f(0) = f(l) = 0$ , so  $f$  satisfies the boundary conditions, so the series converges uniformly by Thm 2.

c:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  on  $(0, l)$ . None of the conditions ~~the~~ of Thm's 2, 3, & 4 are met by  $f$ , so we cannot conclude any kind of convergence.

#12: We have  $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2l(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ .

The series converges to  $x$  in the  $L^2$  sense

by Thm 5.4.3, so by Thm 5.4.6 we have Parseval's equality:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{2l(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \right|^2 \int_0^l \left| \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right|^2 dx = \int_0^l |x|^2 dx$$

Since  $\int_0^l \sin^2 \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx = \frac{l}{2}$ , the identity becomes

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2l}{n\pi} \right)^2 \frac{l}{2} = \int_0^l x^2 dx = \frac{l^3}{3}$$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ .

#16: Since  $\|\phi(x)\| = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x|^2 dx$

$= \frac{2}{\pi} \pi^2 < \infty$ , the minimizing coefficients

are just the Fourier coefficients by

Theorem 5.4.5. Since  $\phi$  is even the coefficients of  $\sin$  are zero:  $b_1 = b_2 = 0$ .

We have  $a_n = A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x| \cos nx dx$

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

$= + \frac{2}{n\pi} \left( \frac{\cos nx}{-n} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right) = \frac{2}{n^2 \pi} ((-1)^n - 1)$ , and

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x| dx = \pi$$

$$S_0 f(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \cos 2x$$