

## Suggested Solution to Assignment 5

## Exercise 5.1

2. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} A_m &= 2 \int_0^1 x^2 \sin m\pi x \, dx = -2 \frac{x^2}{m\pi} \cos m\pi x \Big|_0^1 + \int_0^1 \frac{4x}{m\pi} \cos m\pi x \, dx \\ &= \frac{2(-1)^{m+1}}{m\pi} + \frac{4(-1)^m - 4}{m^3\pi^3}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$A_m = 2 \int_0^1 x^2 \cos m\pi x \, dx = 2 \frac{x^2}{m\pi} \sin m\pi x \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{4x}{m\pi} \sin m\pi x \, dx = (-1)^m \frac{4}{m^2\pi^2}. \quad \square$$

4. To find the Fourier series of the function  $f(x) = |\sin x|$ , we first note that this is an even function so that it has a cos-series. If we integrate from 0 to  $\pi$  and multiply the result by 2, we can take the function  $\sin x$  instead of  $|\sin x|$  so that

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx = \frac{4}{\pi}.$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin x \cos nx \, dx = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{(1-n^2)\pi} & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}.$$

Hence, we have

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{4}{\pi} \left( \frac{\cos 2x}{2^2-1} + \frac{\cos 4x}{4^2-1} + \frac{\cos 6x}{6^2-1} + \dots \right).$$

Substituting  $x = 0$  and  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2-1} &= \frac{1}{2}. \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4n^2-1} &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

5. (a) From Page.109, we have

$$x = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{m+1} \frac{2l}{m\pi} \sin \frac{m\pi x}{l}.$$

Integration of both sides gives

$$\frac{x^2}{2} = c + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{2l^2}{m^2\pi^2} \cos \frac{m\pi x}{l}.$$

The constant of the integration is the missing coefficient

$$c = \frac{A_0}{2} = \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l \frac{x^2}{2} \, dx = \frac{l^2}{6}.$$

(b) By setting  $x = 0$  gives

$$0 = \frac{l^2}{6} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^m \frac{2l^2}{m^2\pi^2},$$

or

$$\frac{\pi^2}{12} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m^2}. \quad \square$$

8. The key point in the problem above is to solve the following PDE problem.

$$u_t - u_{xx} = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = \phi(x), \quad u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0,$$

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3x}{2}, & 0 < x < \frac{2}{3}, \\ 3 - 3x, & \frac{2}{3} < x < 1 \end{cases}.$$

Through a standard procedure of separation variable method, we obtain

$$u(x, t) = \sum a_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} \sin n\pi x,$$

where  $a_n = 2 \int_0^1 \phi(x) \sin n\pi x dx = \frac{9}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{2\pi n}{3}$ , so the solution  $T = u(x, t) + x$ .  $\square$

9. From Section 4.2.7, we see that the general formula to wave equation with Neumann boundary condition is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(A_0 + B_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos nct + B_n \sin nct) \cos nx,$$

where

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{2}A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos nx, \quad \psi(x) = \frac{1}{2}B_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ncB_n \cos nx.$$

By further calculation, we have  $B_0 = 1$ ,  $B_2 = \frac{1}{4c}$  and the other coefficients are all zero. Hence, the solution is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{\sin 2ct \cos 2x}{4c}. \quad \square$$

### Exercise 5.2

2. Suppose  $\alpha = p/q$ , where  $p, q$  are co-prime to each other. Then it is not difficult to see that  $S = 2q\pi$  is a period of the function. Suppose  $2q\pi = mT$ , where  $T$  is the minimal period. Then

$$\cos x + \cos \alpha x = \cos(x + T) + \cos(\alpha x + \alpha T).$$

Let  $x = 0$ , we have the above equality holds iff  $q/m, p/m$  are both integers. Therefore,  $m = 1$ . Hence, we finish the problem.  $\square$

5. Let  $a_m = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \phi(x) \sin \frac{m\pi x}{l}$ . Then we have

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \sin \frac{m\pi x}{l}. \quad \square$$

8. (a) If  $f$  is even,  $f(-x) = f(x)$ . Differentiating both sides gives  $-f'(-x) = f'(x)$ , so  $f'(-x) = -f'(x)$ , showing  $f'$  is odd. If  $f$  is odd,  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ . Differentiating both sides gives  $-f'(-x) = -f'(x)$ , so  $f'(-x) = f'(x)$ , showing  $f'$  is even.

- (b) If  $f$  is even, consider  $\int f(-x)dx = \int f(x)dx$ . Via substitution,  $u = -x$ , we have  $-\int f(u)du = \int f(x)dx$ . So if ignoring the constant of integration,  $F(-x) = -F(x)$ , showing  $F$  is odd, where  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$ . Similarly, for  $f$  odd, we have  $\int f(-x)dx = -\int f(x)dx$ , so  $F(-x) = F(x)$ , showing  $F$  is even.  $\square$

10. (a) If  $\phi$  is continuous on  $(0, l)$ ,  $\phi_{\text{odd}}$  is continuous on  $(-l, l)$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(x) = 0$ .
- (b) If  $\phi(x)$  is differentiable on  $(0, l)$ ,  $\phi_{\text{odd}}$  is differentiable on  $(-l, l)$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \phi'(x)$  exists, since  $\phi'_{\text{odd}}$  is an even function, so the only thing to avoid is an infinite discontinuity at  $x = 0$ .

- (c) If  $\phi$  is continuous on  $(0, l)$ ,  $\phi_{\text{even}}$  is continuous on  $(-l, l)$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(x)$  exists, since the only thing to avoid is an infinite discontinuity at  $x = 0$ .
- (d) If  $\phi(x)$  is differentiable on  $(0, l)$ ,  $\phi_{\text{even}}$  is differentiable on  $(-l, l)$  if and only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \phi'(x) = 0$ , since  $\phi'_{\text{even}}$  is an odd function.  $\square$

**Exercise 5.3**

3. Since  $X(0) = 0$ , by the odd extension  $x(-x) = -X(x)$  for  $-l < x < 0$ , then  $X$  satisfies  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$ ,  $X'(-l) = X'(l) = 0$ . Hence,

$$\lambda = [(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi]^2 / l^2, \quad X_n(x) = \sin[(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi x / l], \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus we obtain the general formula to this equation

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [A_n \cos \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi ct}{l} + B_n \sin \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi ct}{l}] \sin \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l}.$$

By the boundary condition, we obtained that  $B_n$  are all zero, while  $A_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \sin \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l} \cdot x \, dx = (-1)^n \frac{2l}{(n + \frac{1}{2})^2 \pi^2}$ .

- 5(a). Let  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} -X''(x) &= \lambda X(x), \\ X(0) &= 0, \quad X'(l) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 3, there is no negative eigenvalue. It is easy to check that 0 is not an eigenvalue. Hence, there are only positive eigenvalues.

Let  $\lambda = \beta^2$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , then we have

$$X(x) = A \cos \beta x + B \sin \beta x.$$

Hence the boundary conditions imply

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 0, \quad B\beta \cos \beta l = 0. \\ \beta &= \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{l}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

So the eigenfunctions are

$$X_n(x) = \sin \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi x}{l}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad \square$$

6. Let  $X'(x) = \lambda X(x)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then

$$X(x) = e^{\lambda x}.$$

By the boundary condition  $X(0) = X(1)$ , we have

$$e^\lambda = 1.$$

Hence,

$$\lambda_n = 2n\pi i, \quad X_n(x) = e^{2n\pi xi}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Since, if  $m \neq n$ ,

$$\int_0^1 X_n(x) \overline{X_m(x)} dx = \int_0^1 e^{2(n-m)\pi xi} dx = 0.$$

Therefore, the eigenfunctions are orthogonal on the interval  $(0, 1)$ .  $\square$

8. If

$$X_1'(a) - a_a X_1(a) = X_2'(a) - a_a X_2(a) = 0,$$

and

$$X_1'(b) + a_b X_1(b) = X_2'(b) + a_b X_2(b) = 0,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (-X_1'X_2 + X_1X_2')|_a^b &= -X_1'(b)X_2(b) + X_1(b)X_2'(b) + X_1'(a)X_2(a) - X_1(a)X_2'(a) \\ &= a_b X_1(b)X_2(b) - X_1(b)a_b X_2(b) + a_a X_1(a)X_2(a) - X_1(a)a_a X_2(a) = 0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

9. For  $j = 1, 2$ , suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} X_j(b) &= \alpha X_j(a) + \beta X_j'(a) \\ X_j'(b) &= \gamma X_j(a) + \delta X_j'(a). \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (X_1'X_2 - X_1X_2')|_a^b &= X_1'(b)X_2(b) - X_1(b)X_2'(b) - X_1'(a)X_2(a) + X_1(a)X_2'(a) \\ &= [\gamma X_1(a) + \delta X_1'(a)][\alpha X_2(a) + \beta X_2'(a)] \\ &\quad - [\alpha X_1(a) + \beta X_1'(a)][\gamma X_2(a) + \delta X_2'(a)] - X_1'(a)X_2(a) + X_1(a)X_2'(a) \\ &= (\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma - 1)X_1'(a)X_2(a) + (1 + \beta\gamma - \alpha\delta)X_1(a)X_2'(a) \\ &= (\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma - 1)(X_1X_2')|_{x=a}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the boundary conditions are symmetric if and only if  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1$ .  $\square$

12. By the divergence theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} f'g|_a^b &= \int_a^b (f'(x)g(x))' dx = \int_a^b f''(x)g(x) + f'(x)g'(x) dx, \\ \int_a^b f''(x)g(x) dx &= - \int_a^b f'(x)g'(x) dx + f'g|_a^b. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

13. Substitute  $f(x) = X(x) = g(x)$  in the Green's first identity, we have

$$\int_a^b X''(x)X(x) dx = - \int_a^b X'^2(x) dx + (X'X)|_a^b \leq 0.$$

Since  $-X'' = \lambda X$ , so

$$-\lambda \int_a^b X^2(x) dx \leq 0.$$

Therefore, we get  $\lambda \geq 0$  since  $X \not\equiv 0$ .  $\square$

### Exercise 5.4

1. The partial sum is given by

$$S_n = \frac{1 - (-1)^n x^{2n}}{1 + x^2}.$$

(a) Obviously for any  $x_0$  fixed,  $S_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+x_0^2}$ . Thus it converges to  $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$  pointwise.

(b) Let  $x_n = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ , then  $x^{2n} \rightarrow e^{-2}$ . Thus it does not converge uniformly.

(c) It will converge to  $S(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  in the  $L^2$  sense since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 |S_n - S|^2 dx &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x^{4n}}{(1+x^2)^2} dx \\ &\leq \int_{-1}^1 x^{4n} dx \\ &\leq \frac{2}{4n+1} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

2. This is an easy consequence combined Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 on Page 124 and Theorem 4 on Page 125.  $\square$

3. (a) For any fixed point  $x_0$ , WLOG, we assume  $x_0 < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then there is  $N_0$  such that for  $n > N_0$ ,

$$x_0 < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n},$$

which implies that  $f_n(x_0) \equiv 0$ . Thus  $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  pointwisely.

(b) Let  $x_n = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}$ , then  $f_n(x_n) = -\gamma_n \rightarrow -\infty$ , which implies that the convergence is not uniform.

(c) By direct computation, we have

$$\int f_n^2(x) dx = \int_{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{n}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \gamma_n^2 dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{n}} \gamma_n^2 dx = \frac{2\gamma_n^2}{n}.$$

For  $\gamma_n = n^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ,

$$\int f_n^2(x) dx = 2n^{-\frac{1}{3}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(d) By the computation in (c), for  $\gamma_n = n$ ,

$$\int f_n^2(x) dx = 2n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad \square$$

4. For odd  $n$ ,

$$\int_{\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{n^2}}^{\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{n^2}} 1^2 dx = \frac{2}{n^2} \rightarrow 0.$$

For even  $n$ ,

$$\int_{\frac{3}{4}-\frac{1}{n^2}}^{\frac{3}{4}+\frac{1}{n^2}} 1^2 dx = \frac{2}{n^2} \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus, for any  $n$ ,

$$\|g_n(x)\|_{L^2}^2 = \frac{2}{n^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad \square$$

5. (a) We see that  $A_0 = \frac{2}{3} \int_1^2 dx = \frac{4}{3}$  and  $A_m = \frac{2}{3} \int_2^3 \cos \frac{m\pi x}{3} dx = -\frac{2}{m\pi} \sin \frac{m\pi}{3}$ . So, the first four nonzero terms are  $\frac{4}{3}$ ,  $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi x}{3}$ ,  $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\pi} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{3}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} \cos \frac{4\pi x}{3}$ .

(b) We can express  $\phi(x) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{3} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{3})$ . by Theorem 4 of Section 4, since  $\phi(x)$  and its derivative is piecewise continuous, so we get the fourier series will converge to  $f(x)$  except at  $x = 1$ , while the value of this series at  $x = 1$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

(c) By corollary 7, we see that it converge to  $\phi(x)$  in  $L^2$  sense.

(d) Put  $x = 0$ , we see that the sine series vanish, it turns out to be that  $\phi(0) = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} \sum_{1 \leq m < \infty, m \neq 3n} \frac{(-1)^{\lfloor \frac{m}{3} \rfloor}}{m} \cos \frac{m\pi}{3}$   
 thus we obtain the sum of the series is  $\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$ .  $\square$

6. The series is  $\cos x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin nx$ . If  $n > 1$ ,

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

If  $n = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 0$ . The sum series is 0 if  $x = -\pi, 0, \pi$ . By Theorem 4 in Section 4, the sum series converges to  $\cos x$  pointwisely in  $0 < x < \pi$ , and to  $-\cos x$  for  $-\pi < x < 0$ .  $\square$

7. (a) Obviously  $\phi(x)$  is odd. Thus, its full Fourier series is just the Sine Fourier series, i.e.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin n\pi x,$$

where  $B_n$  satisfies

$$B_n = \int_{-1}^1 \phi(x) \sin n\pi x dx = \frac{2}{n\pi}.$$

(b) By (a), the first three nonzero terms are

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \sin \pi x, \frac{1}{\pi} \sin 2\pi x, \frac{2}{3\pi} \sin 3\pi x.$$

(c) Since

$$\int_{-1}^1 |\phi(x)|^2 dx = 2 \int_0^1 (1-x)^2 dx \leq 2,$$

it converges in the mean square sense according to Corollary 7.

(d) Since  $\phi(x)$  is continuous on  $(-1, 1)$  except at the point  $x = 0$ . Therefore, Theorem 4 in Section 4 implies it converges pointwisely on  $(-1, 1)$  except at  $x = 0$ .

(e) Since the series does not converge pointwise, it does not converge uniformly.

**Exercise 5.6**

1. (a) (Use the method of shifting the data.)

Let  $v(x, t) := u(x, t) - 1$ , then  $v$  solves

$$v_t = v_{xx}, v_x(0, t) = v(1, t) = 0, \text{ and } v(x, 0) = x^2 - 1.$$

By the method of separation of variables, we have

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n e^{-(n+\frac{1}{2})^2 \pi^2 t} \cos[(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi x],$$

where

$$A_n = (-1)^{n+1} 4(n + \frac{1}{2})^{-3} \pi^{-3}.$$

Hence,

$$u(x, t) = 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n e^{-(n+\frac{1}{2})^2 \pi^2 t} \cos[(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi x],$$

where  $A_n$  is as before.

(b) 1.  $\square$

2. In the case  $j(t) = 0$  and  $h(t) = e^t$ , by (10) and the initial condition  $u_n(0) = 0$ ,

$$u_n(t) = \frac{2n\pi k}{(\lambda_n k + 1)l^2}(e^t - e^{-\lambda_n kt}).$$

Therefore,

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n\pi k}{(\lambda_n k + 1)l^2}(e^t - e^{-\lambda_n kt}) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}. \quad \square$$

5. It is easy to check that  $\frac{e^t \sin 5x}{1 + 25c^2}$  solves

$$v_t t = c^2 v_{xx} + e^t \sin 5x, \quad \text{and} \quad v(0, t) = v(\pi, t) = 0.$$

Using the method of shifting the data, we have

$$u(x, t) = \frac{e^t \sin 5x}{1 + 25c^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(nct) + B_n \sin(nct)) \sin(nx),$$

where

$$A_n = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + 25c^2} \sin 5x \sin nx \, dx = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{1 + 25c^2} & n = 5 \\ 5 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases};$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{nc\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [\sin 3x - \frac{1}{1 + 25c^2} \sin 5x] \sin nx \, dx$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3c} & n = 3 \\ -\frac{1}{5c(1 + 25c^2)} & n = 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

So the formula of the solution can be simplified as

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{3c} \sin 3ct \sin 3x + \frac{1}{1 + 25c^2} \left( e^t - \cos 5ct - \frac{1}{5c} \sin 5ct \right) \sin 5x. \quad \square$$

8. (Expansion Method) Let

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l},$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n(t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w_n(t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}.$$

Then

$$v_n(t) = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \, dx = \frac{du_n}{dt},$$

$$w_n(t) = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \, dx = \frac{dw_n}{dt},$$

$$= -\frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2 u(x, t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \, dx + \frac{2}{l} \left( u_x \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} - \frac{n\pi}{l} u \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \Big|_0^l$$

$$= -\lambda_n u_n(t) - 2n\pi l^{-2} (-1)^n A_n t,$$

where  $\lambda_n = (n\pi/l)^2$ . Here we used the Green's second identity and the boundary conditions. Hence, by the PDE  $u_t = ku_{xx}$  and the initial condition  $u(x, 0) = 0$ , we get

$$\frac{du_n}{dt} = k[-\lambda_n u_n(t) - 2n\pi l^{-2}(-1)^n At],$$

$$u_n(0) = 0.$$

Hence,

$$u_n(t) = (-1)^{n+1} 2n\pi l^{-2} A \left[ \frac{t}{\lambda_n} - \frac{1}{\lambda_n^2 k} + \frac{e^{-\lambda_n kt}}{\lambda_n^2 k} \right].$$

Therefore,

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} 2n\pi l^{-2} A \left[ \frac{t}{\lambda_n} - \frac{1}{\lambda_n^2 k} + \frac{e^{-\lambda_n kt}}{\lambda_n^2 k} \right] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l},$$

where  $\lambda_n = (n\pi/l)^2$ .