

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 π 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.

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

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

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

(c) If ϕ is continuous on $(0, l)$, ϕ_{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 $(0, l)$, ϕ_{even} is differentiable on $(-l, l)$ if and only if $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \phi'(x) = 0$, since ϕ'_{even} is an odd function. \square

Extra. $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$ tells us we can do odd extension and periodic extension with period $2l$. Thus define

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} \sin^2(\pi x), & x \in [2n, 2n + 1] \\ -\sin^2(\pi x), & x \in [2n - 1, 2n] \end{cases}$$

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} x(1 - x), & x \in [2n, 2n + 1] \\ x(1 + x), & x \in [2n - 1, 2n] \end{cases}$$

$n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. By d'Alembert's formula, $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[\phi(x + 2t) + \phi(x - 2t)] + \frac{1}{4} \int_{x-2t}^{x+2t} \psi(s) ds$ solves the problem.

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

$$-X''(x) = \lambda X(x),$$

$$X(0) = 0, \quad X'(l) = 0.$$

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

$$A = 0, \quad B\beta \cos \beta l = 0.$$

$$\beta = \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi}{l}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} (-X'_1 X_2 + X_1 X'_2)|_a^b &= -X'_1(b) X_2(b) + X_1(b) X'_2(b) + X'_1(a) X_2(a) - X_1(a) X'_2(a) \\ &= a_b X_1(b) X_2(b) - X_1(b) a_b X_2(b) + a_a X_1(a) X_2(a) - X_1(a) a_a X_2(a) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

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

$$X_j(b) = \alpha X_j(a) + \beta X'_j(a)$$

$$X'_j(b) = \gamma X_j(a) + \delta X'_j(a).$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (X'_1 X_2 - X_1 X'_2)|_a^b &= X'_1(b) X_2(b) - X_1(b) X'_2(b) - X'_1(a) X_2(a) + X_1(a) X'_2(a) \\ &= [\gamma X_1(a) + \delta X'_1(a)][\alpha X_2(a) + \beta X'_2(a)] \\ &\quad - [\alpha X_1(a) + \beta X'_1(a)][\gamma X_2(a) + \delta X'_2(a)] - X'_1(a) X_2(a) + X_1(a) X'_2(a) \\ &= (\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma - 1) X'_1(a) X_2(a) + (1 + \beta\gamma - \alpha\delta) X_1(a) X'_2(a) \\ &= (\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma - 1) (X_1 X_2)'|_{x=a}. \end{aligned}$$

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

12. By the divergence theorem,

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

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 thee 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 cconverges 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 $(-1, 1)$ expect at $x = 0$.

(e) Since the series does not converge pointwisely, 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 seperation 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

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

Hence,

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

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 $u_n(0) = 0$,

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

Therefore,

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_n(t) &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx = \frac{du_n}{dt}, \\
 w_n(t) &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx = \frac{du_n}{dt}, \\
 &= -\frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2 u(x, t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx + \frac{2}{l} \left(u_x \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} - \frac{n\pi}{l} u \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \Big|_0^l \\
 &= -\lambda_n u_n(t) - 2n\pi l^{-2} (-1)^n A t,
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$u_n(0) = 0.$$

Hence,

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

Therefore,

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

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