

1. (20 pts) Consider the eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 u'' + x u' + \lambda u &= 0, & x \in (1, 2), \\ u(1) &= 0; \quad u(2) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Assume $\lambda > 0$. Find all the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenfunctions. (*Hint: look for solutions in the form u^m*).

2. (20 pts) Solve the eigenvalue problem

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

- For which values of α is $\lambda = 0$ an eigenvalue?
- For which values of α are there negative eigenvalues? How many?
- Find the positive eigenvalues.
- How do positive eigenvalues depend on α ?

Note If the equations for eigenvalues cannot be solved explicitly, indicate in which interval they can be found, and write the corresponding eigenfunctions.

3. (20 pts) Consider the diffusion equation

$$u_t - k u_{xx} = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in (0, \pi)$$

with the boundary conditions $u_x(0, t) = 0$ and $u(\pi, t) = 0$ and the initial condition $u(x, 0) = x$.

- Write the associated eigenvalue problem.
- Find all eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions.
- Show that the eigenfunctions associated to 2 different eigenvalues are orthogonal.
- Write the solution in the form of a series expansion.
- Write a formula for the coefficients of the series expansion. (You do *not* have to compute them.)

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4. (20 pts) Let the function f be defined for $0 \leq x \leq l$ by

$$f(x) = \frac{l}{2} - x.$$

- (a) Plot the function f .
 - (b) Write the Cosine Fourier series of the function $f(x)$, and compute the coefficients.
 - (c) Write the definition of the even extension \tilde{f} of the function f in the interval $[-l, l]$ and represent it graphically.
 - (d) Let $F(x)$ be the periodic extension with period $2l$ of $\tilde{f}(x)$. Represent it graphically.
 - (e) Write the Full Fourier series of $F(x)$, and compare it with the series in Part b).
5. (20 pts) Consider the eigenvalue problem with periodic boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} X'' + \lambda X &= 0, & x &\in (-\pi, \pi); \\ X(-\pi) &= X(\pi); & X'(-\pi) &= X'(\pi). \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Without computing the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, prove that all eigenvalues are strictly positive.
- (b) Without computing the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, prove that two eigenfunctions corresponding to two different eigenvalues are orthogonal. Explain the concept of *orthogonality of two functions*.