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**Math 4567. Homework Set # V**

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Chapter 8, (page 201, problems 1,2,3), (page 209, problem 4), (page 215, problem 3), (page 221, problem 2), (page 228, problem 1), Chapter 6 (page 157, problem 2). (page 162, problem 1)

**Chapter 8 page 201, Problem 1** (a) Consider the Sturm - Liouville problem

$$[xX'(x)]' + \frac{\lambda}{x}X(x) = 0, \quad 1 < x < b,$$

$$X(1) = 0, \quad X(b) = 0,$$

and use the substitution  $x = \exp s$  to convert the problem to

$$\frac{d^2 X}{ds^2} + \lambda X = 0, \quad 0 < s < \ln b,$$

$$X|_{s=0} = 0, \quad X|_{s=\ln b} = 0.$$

Show that the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the original problem are

$$\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2, \quad X_n(x) = \sin(\alpha_n \ln x), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $\alpha_n = n\pi / \ln b$ .

(b) By making the substitution

$$s = \pi \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$$

give a direct verification that the eigenfunctions  $X_n(x)$  of part (a) are orthogonal on the interval  $1 < x < b$ , with weight function  $p(x) = 1/x$ .

**Solution:**

(a) We have  $\frac{d}{ds} = \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{d}{dx} = x \frac{d}{dx}$ , so

$$x[xX'(x)]' + \lambda X(x) = 0 \leftrightarrow \frac{d^2 X}{ds^2} + \lambda X = 0, \quad 0 < s < \ln b,$$

since  $s = \ln x$ . Thus, in the new coordinates the boundary conditions are

$$X|_{s=0} = 0, \quad X|_{s=\ln b} = 0.$$

For the original problem we solve the eigenvalue problem.

Case 1:  $\lambda = \alpha^2$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . The solution of the differential equation is

$$X = A \cos \alpha s + B \sin \alpha s = A \cos(\alpha \ln x) + B \sin(\alpha \ln x).$$

Then  $X(1) = 0 = A$ , and  $X(b) = 0 = B \sin(\alpha \ln b)$ , so we can have a nonzero solution only for  $\alpha \ln b = n\pi$ , or  $\alpha = \alpha_n = n\pi / \ln b$ , with  $X_n(x) = \sin(\frac{n\pi \ln x}{\ln b})$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

(b) Since  $s = \pi \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$ , it follows that  $ds = \pi dx / x \ln b$ . We have for  $m \neq n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^b X_n(x) X_m(x) \frac{dx}{x} &= \int_1^b \sin\left(\frac{n\pi \ln x}{\ln b}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi \ln x}{\ln b}\right) \frac{dx}{x} \\ &= \frac{\ln b}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin ns \sin ms \, ds \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

if  $m \neq n$ .

**Chapter 8, page 201, Problem 2** Let

$$\mathcal{L}[X] = (rX')' + qX$$

so that the Sturm-Liouville differential equation can be written as

$$\mathcal{L}[X] + \lambda pX = 0.$$

Derive Lagrange's identity

$$X\mathcal{L}[Y] - Y\mathcal{L}[X] = \frac{d}{dx}[r(XY' - YX')].$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} X\mathcal{L}[Y] - Y\mathcal{L}[X] &= X(rY')' + qXY - Y(rX')' - qYX \\ &= Xr'Y' + XrY'' - Yr'X' - YX'' = r'(XY' - YX') + r(XY'' - YX''). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\frac{d}{dx}[r(XY' - YX')] = r'(XY' - YX') + r(XY'' - YX''),$$

this establishes the identity.

**Chapter 8, page 201, Problem 3 (a)** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the operator of the previous problem, defined on a space of functions on  $a < x < b$ , satisfying the conditions

$$a_1X(a) + a_2X'(a) = 0, \quad b_1X(b) + b_2X'(b) = 0, \quad |a_1| + |a_2| > 0, \quad |b_1| + |b_2| > 0,$$

and with inner product with weight function  $p(x) = 1$ . Show that

$$(X, \mathcal{L}[Y]) = (\mathcal{L}[X], Y).$$

**(b)** Let  $\lambda_m \neq \lambda_n$  be eigenvalues of the problem  $\mathcal{L}[X] + \lambda pX = 0$  with boundary conditions

$$a_1X(a) + a_2X'(a) = 0, \quad b_1X(b) + b_2X'(b) = 0, \quad |a_1| + |a_2| > 0, \quad |b_1| + |b_2| > 0.$$

Show that if  $X_m, X_n$  are the corresponding eigenfunctions, then

$$(pX_m, X_n) = 0.$$

**Solution:**

**(a)**

$$\begin{aligned} (X, \mathcal{L}[Y]) - (\mathcal{L}[X], Y) &= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dx}[r(XY' - YX')] dx = [r(XY' - YX')]_a^b = \\ &= r(b)(X(b)Y'(b) - Y(b)X'(b)) - r(a)(X(a)Y'(a) - Y(a)X'(a)). \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $a_1 \neq 0$ . Then

$$X(a) = -\frac{a_2 X'(a)}{a_1}, \quad Y(a) = -\frac{a_2 Y'(a)}{a_1}$$

$$\longrightarrow X(a)Y'(a) - Y(a)X'(a) = -\frac{a_2 X'(a)Y'(a)}{a_1} + \frac{a_2 X'(a)Y'(a)}{a_1} = 0.$$

If  $a_2 \neq 0$  then

$$X'(a) = -\frac{a_1 X(a)}{a_2}, \quad Y'(a) = -\frac{a_1 Y(a)}{a_2}$$

$$\longrightarrow X(a)Y'(a) - Y(a)X'(a) = -\frac{a_1 X(a)Y(a)}{a_2} + \frac{a_1 X(a)Y(a)}{a_2} = 0.$$

Thus always  $X(a)Y'(a) - Y(a)X'(a) = 0$ . A similar argument applied to the endpoint  $b$  gives  $X(b)Y'(b) - Y(b)X'(b) = 0$ . Thus,  $(X, \mathcal{L}[Y]) - (\mathcal{L}[X], Y) = 0$ .

(b) We have

$$\mathcal{L}[X_m] + \lambda_m p X_m = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}[X_n] + \lambda_n p X_n = 0.$$

Thus

$$(X_m, \mathcal{L}[X_n]) - (\mathcal{L}[X_m], X_n) = -(X_m, \lambda_n p X_n) + (\lambda_m p X_m, X_n) = [\lambda_m - \lambda_n](p X_m, X_n)$$

However, from part (a) we have  $(X_m, \mathcal{L}[X_n]) - (\mathcal{L}[X_m], X_n) = 0$ , so  $[\lambda_m - \lambda_n](p X_m, X_n) = 0$ . Since  $\lambda_m \neq \lambda_n$  it follows that  $(p X_m, X_n) = 0$ .

**Chapter 8, page 209, Problem 4** Solve the S-L problem

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = 0, \quad X(1) - X'(1) = 0.$$

**Solution:**

Case 1:  $\lambda = \alpha^2 > 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . Then

$$X(x) = A \cos \alpha x + B \sin \alpha x \quad X'(x) = -\alpha A \sin \alpha x + \alpha B \cos \alpha x.$$

The conditions

$$X(0) = 0 = A, \quad X(1) - X'(1) = 0 = B \sin \alpha - \alpha B \cos \alpha,$$

imply  $\alpha = \tan \alpha$ . Similar to what is shown in the book, the solutions are  $\alpha_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $(n-1)\pi < \alpha_n < (2n-1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ . The eigenvalues are  $\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2$ . Here  $X_n(x) = \sin \alpha_n x$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \|X_n\|^2 &= (X_n, X_n) = \int_0^1 \sin^2(\alpha_n x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - \cos 2\alpha_n x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha_n} \sin 2\alpha_n\right) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos^2 \alpha_n), \end{aligned}$$

since  $\sin \alpha_n = \alpha \cos \alpha_n$ . But

$$\cos^2 \alpha_n = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 \alpha_n} = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha_n^2},$$

so

$$\|X_n\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \alpha_n^2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha_n^2}{1 + \alpha_n^2}$$

and the normalized eigenfunctions are

$$\phi_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2(\alpha_n^2 + 1)}}{\alpha_n} \sin \alpha_n x.$$

Case 2:  $\lambda = 0$ . Then  $X(x) = Ax + B$ . The conditions

$$X(0) = 0 = B, \quad X(1) - X'(1) = 0 = A - A$$

imply  $\lambda_0 = 0$ ,  $X_0(x) = x$ . We have

$$\|X_0\|^2 = (X_0, X_0) = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3},$$

so the normalized eigenfunction is  $\phi_0(x) = \sqrt{3}x$ .

Case 3:  $\lambda = -\alpha^2 < 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ . From the left hand boundary condition, we must have  $X(x) = \sinh \alpha x$ . The remaining boundary condition is then  $\sinh \alpha - \alpha \cosh \alpha = 0$  or  $\alpha = \tanh \alpha$ . The issue is then the points of intersection of the curves  $y = \alpha$  and  $y = \tanh \alpha$ . These curves clearly intersect at  $\alpha = 0$ . If they intersect again at some  $\alpha_0 > 0$  then the function  $g(x) = \alpha - \tanh \alpha$  is continuous on the closed interval  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \alpha_0$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(0, \alpha_0)$ . Furthermore

$g(0) = g(\alpha_0) = 0$ . By the Mean Value Theorem of calculus, there must be a value  $c \in (0, \alpha_0)$  such that  $g'(c) = 0$ . But  $g'(\alpha) = \tanh^2 \alpha > 0$  for all  $\alpha > 0$ . Thus no such  $c$  can exist, so there is no negative eigenvalue  $-\alpha_0^2$ .

**Chapter 8, page 215, Problem 3** Use the normalized eigenfunctions of Problem 2, page 209, namely

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = 0, \quad hX(1) + X'(1) = 0, \quad h > 0,$$

$$\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2, \quad \tan \alpha_n = \frac{-\alpha_n}{h}, \quad \phi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{h + \cos^2 \alpha_n}} \sin \alpha_n x, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

to derive

$$1 = 2h \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \cos \alpha_n}{\alpha_n (h + \cos^2 \alpha_n)} \sin \alpha_n, \quad 0 < x < 1.$$

**Solution:** We have

$$1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x), \quad c_n = \int_0^1 1 \cdot \phi_n(s) ds, \quad 0 < x < 1.$$

Now

$$c_n = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{h + \cos^2 \alpha_n}} \int_0^1 \sin \alpha_n s \, ds = -\sqrt{\frac{2h}{h + \cos^2 \alpha_n}} \frac{\cos \alpha_n - 1}{\alpha_n}.$$

Thus

$$1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2h}{\alpha_n (h + \cos^2 \alpha_n)} (1 - \cos \alpha_n).$$

**Chapter 8, page 221, Problem 2** Use the normalized eigenfunctions of the S-L problem

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = 0, \quad X'(\pi) = 0$$

to solve the boundary value problem

$$u_t(x, t) = k u_{xx}(x, t), \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(\pi, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = f(x).$$

**Solution:** The normalized eigenfunctions are a renormalization of those in the previous problem:

$$\phi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin \alpha_n x, \quad \alpha_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

The corresponding separated functions  $T_n(t)$  satisfy  $T' + \alpha_n^2 k T = 0$ , so  $T_n(t) = \exp(-\alpha_n^2 k t)$ . Thus

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_{2n-1} \exp(-\alpha_n^2 k t) \phi_n(x), \quad B_{2n-1} \exp(-\alpha_n^2 k t) = \int_0^{\pi} u(x, t) \phi_n(x) dx.$$

Since  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ , we have

$$B_{2n-1} = \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \phi_n(x) dx = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin \frac{(2n-1)x}{2} dx$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

**Chapter 8, page 228, Problem 1** Use the expansion of  $x$ ,

$$x = \frac{2}{c} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\alpha_n^2} \sin \alpha_n x, \quad 0 < x < c$$

in terms of the eigenfunctions of the S-L problem

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0, \quad X(0) = 0, \quad X'(c) = 0,$$

$$\lambda_n = \alpha_n^2, \quad \phi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{c}} \sin \alpha_n x, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where

$$\alpha_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2c},$$

to show that the temperature function

$$u(x, t) = \frac{A}{K} \left[ x + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\alpha_n^2} \exp(-\alpha_n^2 k t) \sin \alpha_n x \right], \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0$$

with  $\alpha_n = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}$ , can be written as

$$u(x, t) = \frac{2A}{K} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\alpha_n^2} [1 - \exp(-\alpha_n^2 kt)] \sin \alpha_n x, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0.$$

**Solution:** Set  $c = 1$  in the expansion for  $x$ , substitute this in the expansion for  $u(x, t)$  and write the sum of two infinite series as a single series to get

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{A}{K} \left[ x + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\alpha_n^2} \exp(-\alpha_n^2 kt) \sin \alpha_n x \right] = \\ &= \frac{2A}{K} \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\alpha_n^2} \sin \alpha_n x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\alpha_n^2} \exp(-\alpha_n^2 kt) \sin \alpha_n x \right] \\ &= \frac{2A}{K} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\alpha_n^2} [1 - \exp(-\alpha_n^2 kt)] \sin \alpha_n x, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Chapter 6, page 157, Problem 2** Show that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } |x| < 1, \\ 0 & \text{when } |x| > 1, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{when } x = \pm 1, \end{cases}$$

satisfies the conditions of the Fourier integral pointwise convergence theorem. Establish

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \alpha(1+x) + \sin \alpha(1-x)}{\alpha} d\alpha = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha x}{\alpha} d\alpha.$$

**Solution:**  $f$  is piecewise continuous on every bounded interval and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx = \int_{-1}^1 1 dx = 2 < \infty,$$

so

$$\frac{f(x+) + f(x-)}{2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) \cos \alpha(s-x) ds d\alpha,$$



at each  $x$  such that  $f'_R(x)$  and  $f'_L(x)$  exist, and these derivatives exist at all  $x$ . Further, this function satisfies

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

for all  $x$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) \cos \alpha(s-x) ds &= \int_{-1}^1 \cos \alpha(s-x) ds = \left[ \frac{\sin \alpha(s-x)}{\alpha} \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{\sin \alpha(1-x) + \sin \alpha(1+x)}{\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \alpha(1-x) + \sin \alpha(1+x)}{\alpha} d\alpha.$$

From the addition formulas for  $\sin x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \alpha(1-x) + \sin \alpha(1+x) &= \sin \alpha \cos \alpha x - \cos \alpha \sin \alpha x + \sin \alpha \cos \alpha x + \cos \alpha \sin \alpha x \\ &= 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha x, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha x}{\alpha} d\alpha.$$

**Chapter 6, page 162, Problem 1** Show that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } 0 < x < b, \\ 0 & \text{when } x > b, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{when } x = b, \end{cases}$$

satisfies the conditions of the Fourier sine integral pointwise convergence theorem. Establish

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1 - \cos b\alpha}{\alpha} \sin \alpha x d\alpha, \quad x > 0.$$

**Solution:**  $f$  is piecewise smooth on every bounded interval over the positive  $x$  axis and is absolutely integrable. For every  $x > 0$   $f$  satisfies

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

Thus

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \sin \alpha x \int_0^\infty f(s) \sin \alpha s \, ds \, d\alpha, \quad x > 0.$$

Now

$$\int_0^\infty f(s) \sin \alpha s \, ds = \int_0^b \sin \alpha s \, ds = -\frac{\cos \alpha s}{\alpha} \Big|_0^b = \frac{1 - \cos \alpha b}{\alpha},$$

so

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \sin \alpha x \frac{1 - \cos \alpha b}{\alpha} d\alpha, \quad x > 0.$$