

1. Consider the function

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x, & \text{for } -\pi < x < 0, \\ 0, & \text{for } 0 < x < \pi. \end{cases}$$

(a) Determine the Fourier series of  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

**Solution:** The Fourier series of  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  is given by

$$f(x) \sim \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx),$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nxdx \quad \text{and} \quad b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nxdx.$$

We first calculate  $a_0$  as

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} [\sin x]_{-\pi}^0 = 0.$$

For  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  we have to treat the cases  $n = 1$  separately. For  $n \neq 1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos nxdx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos x \cos nxdx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (\cos(n+1)x + \cos(n-1)x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin(n+1)x}{n+1} + \frac{\sin(n-1)x}{n-1} \right]_{-\pi}^0 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin nxdx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos x \sin nxdx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (\sin(n+1)x + \sin(n-1)x) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\cos(n+1)x}{n+1} + \frac{\cos(n-1)x}{n-1} \right]_{-\pi}^0 = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1 - (-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} + \frac{1 - (-1)^{n-1}}{n-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

For odd  $n$ ,  $b_n$  vanishes, but for  $n = 2m$ , we get

$$b_{2m} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{2m+1} + \frac{1}{2m-1} \right) = -\frac{4m}{\pi(4m^2-1)}.$$

Finally, for  $n = 1$  we get

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos^2 x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{4} \right]_{-\pi}^0 = \frac{1}{2},$$

and

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos x \sin x dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \sin 2x dx = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\cos 2x}{2} \right]_{-\pi}^0 = 0.$$

Conclusively the Fourier series of  $f$  is

$$f(x) \sim \frac{1}{2} \cos x - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m}{4m^2 - 1} \sin(2mx).$$

- (b) Let  $g$  be the Fourier series of  $f$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Sketch the graph of  $g$  on the interval  $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$ . Be particularly clear at jumping points.

**Solution:** Since  $f$  is a continuously differentiable function, it satisfies the prerequisites of Dirichlet's theorem. Hence  $g$  converges pointwise to  $f$  at all points where  $f$  is continuous. At the points of discontinuity, that is  $x = 0$  and  $x = \pm\pi$ ,  $g$  equals the mean value of its left and right limits which  $1/2$  and  $-1/2$  respectively. Moreover,  $g$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic. Below, we sketch the graph of  $g$  on  $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$ .

- (c) Let  $h(x) = g(x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos x$ . Determine if  $h$  is an odd or even function, determine the period of  $h$  and find an interval on which  $h$  converges uniformly to the function  $f(x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos x$ .

**Solution:** On the interval  $(-\pi, 0)$ , we have  $f(x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \cos x$  and on the interval  $(0, \pi)$ , we have  $f(x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos x = -\frac{1}{2} \cos x$ . Since both  $f$  and  $\frac{1}{2} \cos x$  are piecewise differentiable functions  $h$  will converge pointwise to this function, except for points of discontinuity, that is at  $x = 0$  and  $x = \pm\pi$ , and at these points the mean value of the left and right limits is zero. Hence  $h$  is a  $2\pi$ -periodic function defined as

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \cos x, & \text{for } -\pi < x < 0, \\ -\frac{1}{2} \cos x, & \text{for } 0 < x < \pi, \\ 0, & \text{at } x = 0 \text{ and } x = \pm\pi. \end{cases}$$

It follows that  $h$  is an odd function with period  $\pi$  and it will converge uniformly to  $f(x) - \frac{1}{2} \cos x$  on all closed intervals not containing any of the points of discontinuity  $x = n\pi$ , where  $n$  is an integer.

2. (a) Determine the cosine series of  $f(x) = e^x$  on  $[0, \pi]$ . (3C 2T)

**Solution:** The cosine series of  $f$  on  $[0, \pi]$  is defined as

$$g(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx, \quad \text{where } a_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx.$$

To determine  $a_n$ , we calculate

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} e^x dx = \frac{2}{\pi} [e^x]_0^{\pi} = \frac{2(e^{\pi} - 1)}{\pi},$$

and, partially integrating twice,

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi e^x \cos nx dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \left[ e^x \frac{\sin nx}{n} \right]_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi e^x \frac{\sin nx}{n} dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{2}{n\pi} \left( \left[ e^x \frac{-\cos nx}{n} \right]_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi e^x \frac{-\cos nx}{n} dx \right) = -\frac{2}{n\pi} \left( \frac{-e^\pi (-1)^n + 1}{n} + \frac{\pi}{2n} a_n \right), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$a_n \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \frac{2}{n^2\pi} (e^\pi (-1)^n - 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_n = \frac{2(e^\pi (-1)^n - 1)}{\pi(n^2 + 1)}.$$

(b) Calculate the sums

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+k^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{1+k^2}.$$

**Solution:** The even extension of  $e^x$  from  $[0, \pi]$  to  $[-\pi, \pi]$  is piecewise differentiable and continuous and takes the same values at  $\pi$  and  $-\pi$ , so by Dirichlet's theorem, the cosine series converges pointwise on  $[0, \pi]$ . Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  denote the values of the two series above. Then, at  $x = 0$  and  $x = \pi$ , we have

$$1 = g(0) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \frac{e^\pi - 1}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(e^\pi (-1)^n - 1)}{\pi(n^2 + 1)} = \frac{e^\pi - 1}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} (e^\pi I_2 - I_1),$$

and

$$e^\pi = g(\pi) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (-1)^n = \frac{e^\pi - 1}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(e^\pi - (-1)^n)}{\pi(n^2 + 1)} = \frac{e^\pi - 1}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} (e^\pi I_1 - I_2).$$

Multiplying the first relation with  $e^\pi$  and adding it to the second relation gives

$$2e^\pi = \frac{e^\pi - 1}{\pi} + e^\pi \frac{e^\pi - 1}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} (e^{2\pi} - 1) I_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad I_2 = \frac{\pi e^\pi}{e^{2\pi} - 1} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{\sinh \pi} - 1 \right).$$

The first relation then gives

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= e^\pi I_2 + \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{e^\pi - 1}{\pi} - 1 \right) = e^\pi \left( \frac{\pi e^\pi}{e^{2\pi} - 1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{e^\pi - 1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} = \\ &= \frac{2\pi e^{2\pi}}{2(e^{2\pi} - 1)} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi(e^{2\pi} - 1)}{2(e^{2\pi} - 1)} = \frac{\pi(e^{2\pi} + 1)}{2(e^{2\pi} - 1)} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (\pi \tanh \pi - 1). \end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the Sturm-Liouville problem

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$$\begin{cases} xX''(x) + \frac{1}{2}X'(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ X(0) = X'(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

(a) Use the change of variables  $x = t^2$  to determine the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of this Sturm-Liouville problem.

**Solution:** Let  $X(x) = X(t^2) := Y(t)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Y'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} X(t^2) = X'(x) 2t, \\ Y''(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} (X'(x) 2t) = 2X'(x) + X''(x) 4t^2 = 4 \left( xX''(x) + \frac{1}{2}X'(x) \right), \end{aligned}$$

so that the Sturm-Liouville problem, in terms of  $Y$ , can be written

$$\begin{cases} Y''(t) + \frac{\lambda}{4}Y(t) = 0, & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ Y(0) = Y'(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

By the lemma on non-negativity of eigenvalues of certain Sturm-Liouville problems, the eigenvalues are non-negative, so we investigate the two cases:  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda/4 = \omega^2 > 0$ . In the case of zero eigenvalues, the general solution is

$$Y(t) = at + b.$$

The boundary conditions give  $Y(0) = b = 0$  and  $Y'(1) = a = 0$ , which corresponds to the trivial solution only. In the case of positive eigenvalues, the general solution is

$$Y(t) = a \cos \omega t + b \sin \omega t.$$

The first boundary condition gives  $Y(0) = a = 0$  and hence  $Y(t) = b \sin \omega t$ . The second boundary condition now gives

$$Y'(1) = b\omega \cos \omega = 0,$$

so that a non-trivial solution must satisfy

$$\omega = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi = \frac{2n+1}{2}\pi,$$

for some positive integer  $n$ . The eigenvalues to the Sturm-Liouville problem are given by  $\lambda_n = 4\omega_n^2 = (2n+1)^2$  and the corresponding eigenfunctions are

$$Y_n(t) = A_n \sin \frac{2n+1}{2}\pi t \quad \Rightarrow \quad X_n(t) = A_n \sin \frac{2n+1}{2}\pi \sqrt{x}.$$

- (b) Formulate the orthonormality property of the eigenfunctions and check it directly.

**Solution:** The orthonormality property is

$$(Y_m(t), Y_n(t)) = \int_0^1 Y_m(t) Y_n(t) \frac{1}{4} dt = \delta_{mn}.$$

For  $m \neq n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Y_m(t), Y_n(t)) &= \int_0^1 A_m \sin \left( \frac{2m+1}{2}\pi t \right) A_n \sin \left( \frac{2n+1}{2}\pi t \right) \frac{1}{4} dt \\ &= \frac{A_m A_n}{8} \int_0^1 (\cos((m-n)\pi t) + \cos((m+n+1)\pi t)) dt \\ &= \frac{A_m A_n}{8} \left[ \frac{\sin(m-n)\pi t}{(m-n)\pi} + \frac{\sin(m+n+1)\pi t}{(m+n+1)\pi} \right]_0^1 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and, for  $m = n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Y_m(t), Y_m(t)) &= \frac{A_m^2}{4} \int_0^1 \sin^2 \left( \frac{2m+1}{2}\pi t \right) dt = \frac{A_m^2}{8} \int_0^1 (1 + \cos(2m+1)\pi t) dt \\ &= \frac{A_m^2}{8} \left[ t + \frac{\sin(2m+1)\pi t}{(2m+1)\pi} \right]_0^1 = \frac{A_m^2}{8}, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $A_m = 2\sqrt{2}$ , and the normalized eigenfunctions are

$$X_n(t) = 2\sqrt{2} \sin \frac{2n+1}{2}\pi \sqrt{x}.$$

4. (a) Let  $g(x) = f(ax)$ , for some constant  $a > 0$ . Prove the shift formula (2C 3T)

$$\mathcal{F}[g](\omega) = \frac{1}{a} \mathcal{F}[f]\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right).$$

**Solution:** The Fourier transform of  $g$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{F}[g](\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(ax) e^{-i\omega x} dx.$$

With the change of variables  $y = ax$ ,  $dy = adx$ , we get

$$\mathcal{F}[g](\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) e^{-i\omega(y/a)} \frac{dy}{a} = \frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) e^{-i(\frac{\omega}{a})y} dy \right) = \frac{1}{a} \mathcal{F}[f]\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right).$$

- (b) Use the fact  $\mathcal{F}[e^{-|x|}](\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$  to calculate the Fourier transform of  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + b^2}$ .

**Solution:** The Fourier transform of  $f(x) = e^{-|x|}$  is  $\frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$ , so by the inverse Fourier transform, using the change of variables  $y = -\omega$ ,  $dy = -d\omega$ ,

$$e^{-|x|} = \text{P.V.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi(1+\omega^2)} e^{i\omega x} d\omega = \text{P.V.} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1+y^2} e^{-iyx} dy,$$

which shows that the Fourier transform of  $\frac{2}{1+x^2}$  is  $e^{-|\omega|}$ . Using the shift formula, it then follows that the Fourier transform of

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + b^2} = \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{1}{1+(x/b)^2} = \frac{1}{2b^2} \frac{2}{1+(x/b)^2},$$

is

$$G(\omega) = \frac{1}{2b^2} \frac{1}{1/b} e^{-|\frac{\omega}{1/b}|} = \frac{1}{2b} e^{-b|\omega|}.$$

- (c) Solve the integral equation

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{(x-t)^2 + a^2} dt = \frac{1}{x^2 + b^2}.$$

**Solution:** The left hand side is the convolution between the unknown function  $f(x)$  and the function  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2}$ . From the well-known result on Fourier transforms of convolutions, we get

$$\mathcal{F}[f](\omega) \mathcal{F}\left[\frac{1}{x^2 + a^2}\right](\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f](\omega) \mathcal{F}[g](\omega) = \mathcal{F}[f * g](\omega) = \mathcal{F}\left[\frac{1}{x^2 + b^2}\right](\omega),$$

and hence

$$\mathcal{F}[f](\omega) = \frac{\frac{1}{2b} e^{-b|\omega|}}{\frac{1}{2a} e^{-a|\omega|}} = \frac{2a(b-a)}{b} \frac{1}{2(b-a)} e^{-(b-a)|\omega|},$$

which implies that

$$f(x) = \frac{2a(b-a)}{b} \frac{1}{x^2 + (b-a)^2}.$$

5. Consider the function

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{h}{a}x, & \text{for } 0 < x < a, \\ \frac{h}{1-a}(1-x), & \text{for } a < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Determine the sine series of  $f$  on  $[0, 1]$  and motivate why it converges uniformly to  $f$  on this interval.

**Solution:** The sine series of  $f$  on  $[0, 1]$  is defined as

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin n\pi x, \quad \text{where } b_n = 2 \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin n\pi x dx.$$

We calculate the integral for  $b_n$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 2 \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin n\pi x dx = 2 \left( \int_0^a \frac{h}{a}x \sin n\pi x dx + \int_a^1 \frac{h}{1-a}(1-x) \sin n\pi x dx \right) \\ &= 2 \left( \left[ \frac{h}{a}x \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \right]_0^a - \int_0^a \frac{h}{a} \left( \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \right) dx \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left( \left[ \frac{h}{1-a}(1-x) \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \right]_a^1 - \int_a^1 \frac{h}{1-a}(-1) \left( \frac{-\cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \right) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{-2h \cos n\pi a}{n\pi} + \frac{2h}{a(n\pi)^2} [\sin n\pi x]_0^a + \frac{2h \cos n\pi a}{n\pi} - \frac{2h}{(1-a)(n\pi)^2} [\sin n\pi x]_a^1 \\ &= \left( \frac{2h}{a(n\pi)^2} + \frac{2h}{(1-a)(n\pi)^2} \right) \sin n\pi a = \frac{2h}{a(1-a)(n\pi)^2} \sin n\pi a. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is continuous,  $f(0) = f(1)$  and  $f' \in E$ , the sine series converges uniformly to  $f$  on  $[0, 1]$ .

- (b) Use separation of variables to show that the boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0, & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, t > 0, \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, & \text{for } t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), u_t(x, 0) = 0, & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \end{cases}$$

has the formal solution

$$u(x, t) = \frac{2h}{\pi^2 a(1-a)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sin(n\pi a) \cos(n\pi ct) \sin(n\pi x).$$

**Solution:** Separating the variables as  $v(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ , we get

$$X(x)T''(t) - c^2 X''(x)T(t) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{T''(t)}{c^2 T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda,$$

which corresponds to the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\begin{cases} X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ X(0) = X(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

and the differential equation  $T''(t) + \lambda c^2 T(t) = 0$ . By the lemma on non-negativity of solutions to certain Sturm-Liouville problems, we know that the possibilities are either  $\lambda = \omega^2 > 0$  or  $\lambda = 0$ .

The case  $\lambda = 0$  corresponds to  $X(x) = ax + b$ , but an application of the boundary conditions immediately gives that only the trivial solution can exist in this case. In the case  $\lambda > 0$ , the general solution is

$$X(x) = a \cos \omega x + b \sin \omega x.$$

The first boundary condition gives  $a = 0$  and the second boundary condition then gives  $b \sin \omega = 0$ , which has nontrivial solutions for  $\omega = n\pi$ , for some positive integer  $n$ . The eigenvalues to the Sturm-Liouville problem are given by  $\lambda_n = (n\pi)^2$  and the corresponding eigenfunctions by  $X_n(x) = \sin n\pi x$ . The corresponding functions  $T_n(t)$  satisfy the differential equation  $T_n''(t) + (n\pi c)^2 T_n(t) = 0$  and can thus be written

$$T_n(t) = d_n \cos(n\pi ct) + e_n \sin(n\pi ct).$$

We now assume that  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n(t) X_n(x)$ . The first initial condition then gives

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n \sin n\pi x = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2h}{a(1-a)(n\pi)^2} \sin n\pi a \sin n\pi x,$$

so that

$$d_n = \frac{2h}{a(1-a)(n\pi)^2} \sin n\pi a.$$

Similarly, the second initial condition gives

$$u_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e_n n\pi c \sin n\pi x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad e_n = 0.$$

Conclusively, the formal solution is, as expected,

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n(t) X_n(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2h}{a(1-a)(n\pi)^2} \sin n\pi a \cos(n\pi ct) \right) (\sin n\pi x).$$

6. (a) Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be real positive constants. Prove that the function (2C 3T)

$$(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) g(x) (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta dx,$$

defines an inner product on the space of real, continuous functions on  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Solution:** We need to show that  $(f, f) \geq 0$ , with equality if and only if  $f = 0$ , that  $(f, g) = (g, f)$  and that  $(af + bg, h) = a(f, h) + b(g, h)$ . We first investigate  $(f, f)$ , which equals

$$(f, f) = \int_{-1}^1 (f(x))^2 (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta dx.$$

Since  $(f(x))^2$ ,  $1-x$  and  $1+x$  are all non-negative on  $(-1, 1)$ , the integrand is non-negative and so is the integral. Since the integrand is a non-negative, continuous function, the integral can only be zero if the integrand is identically zero and this implies that  $f = 0$ . Indeed, if  $f \neq 0$  holds at some point, by continuity, it must hold at an interval surrounding that point and, if so, the integral cannot be zero. Next, we show

$$(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) g(x) (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta dx = \int_{-1}^1 g(x) f(x) (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta dx = (g, f),$$

and finally, by the linearity of the integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 (af + bg, h) &= \int_{-1}^1 (af(x) + bg(x)) h(x) (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 af(x) h(x) (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta dx + \int_{-1}^1 bg(x) h(x) (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta dx \\
 &= a(f, h) + b(g, h).
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let  $P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , be a polynomial of degree  $n$ , such that  $\{P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)\}$  form an orthonormal system on  $[-1, 1]$  with respect to the inner product in a. Find  $P_0^{(1,1)}(x)$ ,  $P_1^{(1,1)}(x)$  and  $P_2^{(1,1)}(x)$ .

**Solution:** We use the Gram-Schmidt process starting with the basis  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  to construct an orthonormal system with respect to the inner product

$$(f, g) = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) g(x) (1-x)^1 (1+x)^1 dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) g(x) (1-x^2) dx.$$

We normalize the first basis function

$$\|1\|^2 = \int_{-1}^1 1^2 (1-x^2) dx = \left[ x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{4}{3},$$

so the first normalized basis function is  $P_0^{(1,1)}(x) = \sqrt{3}/2$ . We next find the orthogonal projection of  $x$  on  $P_0^{(1,1)}(x)$ , that is

$$(x, P_0^{(1,1)}(x)) P_0^{(1,1)}(x) = \left( \int_{-1}^1 x \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (1-x^2) dx \right) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3}{4} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{-1}^1 = 0,$$

so  $x$  and  $P_0^{(1,1)}(x)$  are already orthogonal. We normalize the second basis function

$$\|x\|^2 = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 (1-x^2) dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{4}{15},$$

so the second normalized basis function is  $P_1^{(1,1)}(x) = \sqrt{15}x/2$ . We next find the orthogonal projection of  $x^2$  on the space spanned by  $P_0^{(1,1)}(x)$  and  $P_1^{(1,1)}(x)$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(x^2, P_0^{(1,1)}(x)) P_0^{(1,1)}(x) + (x^2, P_1^{(1,1)}(x)) P_1^{(1,1)}(x) \\
 &= \left( \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (1-x^2) dx \right) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \left( \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2} x (1-x^2) dx \right) \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2} x \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{-1}^1 + \frac{15}{4} x \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^6}{6} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{3}{4} \frac{4}{15} = \frac{1}{5},
 \end{aligned}$$

so the third basis function is proportional to  $x^2 - 1/5$ . Normalizing, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|5x^2 - 1\|^2 &= \int_{-1}^1 (5x^2 - 1)^2 (1-x^2) dx = \int_{-1}^1 (25x^4 - 10x^2 + 1) (1-x^2) dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 (-25x^6 + 35x^4 - 11x^2 + 1) dx = \left[ -\frac{25x^7}{7} + \frac{35x^5}{5} - \frac{11x^3}{3} + x \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{32}{21},
 \end{aligned}$$

so the third normalized eigenfunction is  $P_2^{(1,1)}(x) = \sqrt{21/32} (5x^2 - 1)$ .