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1. (a). Find the Fourier series of the function

$$f(x) = |\sin x|, \quad -\pi < x \leq \pi.$$

(b) Calculate the sum

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1}.$$

(c) Calculate the sum

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(4n^2 - 1)^2}.$$

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Solution. Let

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

It is clear that since $f(x) \sin nx$ is even and $f(x) \cos nx$ is odd on $[-\pi, \pi]$ we have

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin t| \sin ntdt = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin t| \cos ntdt = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin t \cos ntdt \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(n+1)t dt - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(n-1)t dt = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\cos(n+1)t}{n+1} \Big|_0^\pi + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\cos(n-1)t}{n-1} \Big|_0^\pi \\
&= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{4}{\pi(1-4k^2)}, & \text{if } n = 2k \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$f(x) \sim \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos 2kx}{1-4k^2}.$$

When $x = 0$ we get from Dirichlet's theorem (f is continuous at 0)

$$0 = \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-4k^2}.$$

and, consequently,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2-1} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

According to Parseval's identity we have:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f^2(t) dt = \frac{a_0^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2.$$

Consequently,

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 t dt = \frac{1}{2} \frac{16}{\pi^2} + \frac{16}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2-1)^2}.$$

On the other hand

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 t dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2t) dt = 1$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{16}{\pi^2} + \frac{16}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2-1)^2} = 1$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n^2-1)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{16} - \frac{1}{2}$$

Finally, we obtain

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

2. On the linear space $C([0, 2\pi])$ we define the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} f(x)\overline{g(x)}dx.$$

(a) Prove that the set

$$S = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\}$$

is an orthonormal system on $[0, 2\pi]$.

(b) Let W be the subspace spanned by S , and let $f(x) = x$ on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$. Find the function g in W which is closest to f (that is to say, for which $\|f - g\|$ is minimal).

Solution.

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 2x dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \cos 4x) dx \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\sin 4x}{4} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\sin 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 2x dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 - \cos 4x) dx \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\sin 4x}{4} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2x dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\sin 2x}{2} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 0.$$

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin x dx = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cos x \Big|_0^{2\pi} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = 0.$$

$$\left\langle \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin x \cos 2x dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin(x - 2x) + \sin(x + 2x)) dx =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos x \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\cos 3x}{3} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 0.$$

Consequently, S is an orthonormal system.

The function which is closest to $f(x) = x$ on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ is the projection of f on W , that is, the function

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, f \right\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \left\langle \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, f \right\rangle \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}} + \left\langle \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, f \right\rangle \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}}.$$

Now we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, f \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} x dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{2} x^2 \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \pi\sqrt{2\pi}. \\ \left\langle \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, f \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} x \cos 2x dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{x \sin 2x}{2} \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin 2x dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

And, finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, f \right\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} x \sin x dx = \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} x \cos x \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos x dx = -2\sqrt{\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the function The function which is closest to $f(x) = x$ on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ is the projection of f on W , that is, the function

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \pi\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + 0 \cdot \frac{\cos 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}} - 2\sqrt{\pi} \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}} = \pi - 2 \sin x.$$

3. Let E denote the space of all piecewise continuous, complex-valued functions on $[-\pi, \pi]$.

Let E' denote the space of all complex-valued functions f which satisfy the following conditions:

1. $f \in E$.

2. At each $x \in [-\pi, \pi)$, the following limit exists (and is finite):

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

3. At each $x \in (-\pi, \pi]$, the following limit exists (and is finite):

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

Prove that if $f' \in E$ then $f \in E'$.

Solution. Let $f' \in E$. Then, according to the definition of E there exists a finite sequence of real numbers

$$-\pi = \delta_0 < \delta_1 < \dots < \delta_k < \delta_{k+1} < \dots < \delta_n = \pi,$$

such that f' is continuous on each interval (δ_k, δ_{k+1}) and f' has all possible right and left limits at all δ_k .

We have to prove that $f \in E'$.

At first we show that at each $-\pi \leq \delta_k < \pi$ the $\lim_{x \rightarrow \delta_k} f(x)$ exists. Indeed, Let

$$\delta_k < x_1 < x_2 < \delta < \delta_{k+1}.$$

Then according to the mean value theorem for derivatives, applied to the interval $[x_1, x_2]$, there exist a number $x_1 < \xi < x_2$ such that:

$$f(x_2) - f(x_1) = f'(\xi)(x_2 - x_1).$$

It is clear that as $\delta \rightarrow \delta_k^+$ then $\xi \rightarrow \delta_k^+$ and, consequently, using the fact that $f' \in E$ we obtain

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \delta_k^+} (f(x_2) - f(x_1)) = f'(\delta_k^+) \cdot 0.$$

Now using the Cauchy criteria we conclude that the $\lim_{x \rightarrow \delta_k} f(x)$ exists. Existence of right limits are proved similarly.

Next we show that at each $\delta_k \in [-\pi, \pi)$, the following limit exists (and is finite):

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(\delta_k + h) - f(\delta_k)}{h}$$

Indeed, let $0 < h < \delta_{k+1} - \delta_k$ and $\delta_k < y < \delta_k + h$. Then, according to the Fundamental theorem of calculus

$$f(\delta_k + h) - f(y) = \int_y^{\delta_k + h} f'(t) dt.$$

Now we take limit in this equality as $y \rightarrow \delta_k +$ and taking account of the fact that $f'(t)$ is a bounded function on $[-\pi, \pi]$ we obtain

$$f(\delta_k + h) - f(\delta_k +) = \int_{\delta_k}^{\delta_k + h} f'(t) dt.$$

But according to the mean value theorem for integrals, there exists a number η in the interval $[\delta_k, \delta_k + h]$ such that

$$\int_{\delta_k}^{\delta_k + h} f'(t) dt = f'(\eta)h.$$

From the last two formulas we can conclude, that

$$\frac{f(\delta_k + h) - f(\delta_k +)}{h} = f'(\eta).$$

But when $h \rightarrow 0$ then $\eta \rightarrow \delta_k +$ and $f'(\eta) \rightarrow f'(\delta_k +)$. Consequently, the limit

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \frac{f(\delta_k + h) - f(\delta_k +)}{h}$$

exists and is finite. The case of the left-sided derivatives can be proved similarly.

4. Let L be the Sturm-Liouville differential operator defined on $C^2([a, b])$ by

$$(Lu)(x) = -(p(x)u'(x))' + q(x)u(x),$$

where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are real-valued functions.

Let $u, v \in C^2([a, b])$ satisfy the following conditions

$$\alpha_1 u(a) + \alpha_2 u'(a) = 0$$

and

$$\beta_1 u(b) + \beta_2 u'(b) = 0,$$

for some real numbers $\alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2$ such that $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \neq (0, 0)$ and $(\beta_1, \beta_2) \neq (0, 0)$. Prove that then

$$\langle Lu, v \rangle = \langle u, Lv \rangle .$$

Solution. Using the fact that p and q are real-valued, also partial integration and the boundary conditions we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Lu, v \rangle - \langle u, Lv \rangle &= \int_a^b (-(pu')' + qu)\bar{v}dx - \int_a^b u\overline{(-(pv')' + qv)}dx \\ &= \int_a^b (-(pu')'\bar{v} + qu\bar{v} + u\overline{(pv')'} - uq\bar{v})dx \\ &= \int_a^b (-(pu')'\bar{v} + u(p(\bar{v}))')dx \\ &= [-pu'\bar{v} + up\bar{v}']_a^b + \int_a^b (pu'(\bar{v})' - u'p(\bar{v}))dx \\ &= [-pu'\bar{v} + up\bar{v}']_a^b + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now we look at the boundary conditions $R_1u = R_1v = 0$, that is

$$\alpha_1u(a) + \alpha_2u'(a) = 0$$

$$\alpha_1v(a) + \alpha_2v'(a) = 0$$

The second equality implies

$$\alpha_1\overline{v(a)} + \alpha_2\overline{v'(a)} = 0$$

because α_1 and α_2 are real. According to the assumption, this homogeneous system of linear equations

$$\alpha_1\overline{v(a)} + \alpha_2\overline{v'(a)} = 0$$

$$\alpha_1u(a) + \alpha_2u'(a) = 0$$

has non-trivial solution (α_1, α_2) and consequently, it's determinant is zero. Thus

$$u(a)\overline{v'(a)} - \overline{v(a)}u'(a) = 0.$$

Similarly, we can prove that

$$u(b)\overline{v'(b)} - \overline{v(b)}u'(b) = 0.$$

Consequently

$$\left[-pu'\bar{v} + up\bar{v}'\right]_a^b = 0.$$

Now it is clear from above formulas, that

$$\langle Lu, v \rangle - \langle u, Lv \rangle = 0.$$

The statement is now proven.

5. (a) Find the Fourier transform of the function

$$g(t) = e^{-|t|}, \quad t \in (-\infty, +\infty).$$

(b) What function f has the Fourier transform

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{(1+w^2)^2}, \quad w \in (-\infty, +\infty)?$$

Solution. (a) If

$$g(t) = e^{-|t|}, \quad t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|t|} e^{-i\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^t e^{-i\omega t} dt + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} e^{-i\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{1-i\omega} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{1+i\omega} \end{aligned}$$

We note that for every real R

$$|e^{R(1-i\omega)}| = e^R |e^{-iR\omega}| = e^R$$

and, consequently,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow -\infty} e^{R(1-i\omega)} = 0.$$

Similarly, we can show that

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} e^{-R(1+i\omega)} = 0.$$

These relations imply that

$$\hat{g}(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{t(1-i\omega)} dt + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t(1+i\omega)} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2\pi(1-i\omega)} e^{t(1-i\omega)} \Big|_{-\infty}^0 - \frac{1}{2\pi(1+i\omega)} e^{t(1+i\omega)} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi(1-i\omega)} + \frac{1}{2\pi(1+i\omega)} = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+\omega^2)}
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, according to the convolution theorem for Fourier transforms

$$F(g * g)(\omega) = 2\pi F(g)(\omega)F(g)(\omega) = 2\pi \frac{1}{2\pi(1+\omega^2)} \frac{1}{2\pi(1+\omega^2)} = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+\omega^2)^2}$$

Consequently, the function whose Fourier transform equals to $\frac{1}{(1+\omega^2)^2}$ is the function

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi}(g * g)(x).$$

Let us evaluate the $(g * g)(x)$. Let $x \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
(g * g)(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x-y)g(y)dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x-y)g(y)dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|x-y|}e^{-|y|}dy \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^0 + \int_0^x + \int_x^{\infty} = \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-(x-y)}e^y dy + \int_0^x e^{-(x-y)}e^{-y} dy + \int_x^{\infty} e^{x-y}e^{-y} dy = \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-x+2y} dy + \int_0^x e^{-x} dy + \int_x^{\infty} e^{x-2y} dy = \\
&= e^{-x} \frac{1}{2} e^{2y} \Big|_{-\infty}^0 + e^{-x} y \Big|_0^x - e^x \frac{1}{2} e^{-2y} \Big|_x^{\infty} = \\
&= e^{-x} \frac{1}{2} + e^{-x} x + e^{-x} \frac{1}{2} = e^{-x}(1+x).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can get for $x < 0$

$$(g * g)(x) = e^x(1-x).$$

Consequently, the answer to b.) is the following function

$$2\pi(g * g)(x) = 2\pi e^{-|x|}(1+|x|).$$

6. Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions to the following Sturm-Liouville problem

$$x^2 X''(x) + xX'(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \quad x \in [1, e^2],$$

subject to the boundary condition

$$X(1) = X(e^2) = 0.$$

Hint: use the following substitution

$$x = e^s.$$

Solution. Using the substitution $x = e^s$ we reduce the given problem to the following

$$Y''(s) + \lambda Y(s) = 0, \quad x \in [1, e^2],$$

$$Y(0) = Y(2) = 0.$$

This problem has spectrum

$$\alpha_n = \frac{\pi n}{2}$$

and eigenvectors

$$Y_n(s) = \sin \frac{\pi n s}{2}.$$

With respect to the original variable x we obtain

$$X_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi n \ln x}{2}\right).$$

Trigonometric Formulae

$$\sin(\pi - \alpha) = \sin \alpha$$

$$\sin n\pi = 0, \quad n \in \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\cos(\pi - \alpha) = -\cos \alpha$$

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$$\cos n\pi = (-1)^n, \quad n \in \mathbf{Z}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right)$$

$$\tan \alpha = \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right)$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$\cot \alpha = \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\sin 2\alpha = 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

$$\cos 2\alpha = \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha$$

$$\sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\sin(\alpha - \beta) + \sin(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2}[\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\sin^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\alpha)$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2\alpha)$$