

Assignment 5.  
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1. (a)

$$y'' - \lambda y = 0, y'(0) = y(1) = 0$$

Let  $y$  be an eigenfunction of form  $e^{nx}$ .

$$n^2 - \lambda = 0$$

If  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$y = ae^{\sqrt{\lambda}x} + be^{-\sqrt{\lambda}x}$$

With the initial conditions, we get

$$y = 0$$

If  $\lambda = 0$ ,

$$y = c_1x + c_2$$

With the initial conditions, we get

$$y = 0$$

If  $\lambda < 0$ ,

$$\lambda = -\mu^2$$

$$y = a \sin(\mu x) + b \cos(\mu x)$$

With the initial conditions, we get

$$y = b \cos(\mu x)$$

where

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

(b)

$$y'' - 2y' + (1 + \lambda)y = 0, y(0) = y(1) = 0$$

Let  $y$  be an eigenfunction of form  $e^{nx}$ .

$$n^2 - 2n + 1 + \lambda = 0$$

$$n = 1 \pm \sqrt{-\lambda}$$

If  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\lambda = -\mu^2$$

$$y = ae^x \sin(\mu x) + be^x \cos(\mu x)$$

With the initial conditions, we get

$$y = ae^x \sin(\mu x)$$

where

$$\mu = n\pi, n = 1, 2, ..$$

If  $\lambda = 0$ ,

$$y = c_1 x e^x + c_2 e^x$$

With the initial conditions, we get

$$y = 0$$

If  $\lambda < 0$ ,

$$\lambda = -\mu^2$$

$$y = ae^{(1+\mu)x} + be^{(1-\mu)x}$$

With the initial conditions, we get

$$y = 0$$

2. (a)

$$x^4 y'' + \lambda y = 0$$

From the boundary conditions,  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 0$ , so by the S-L theory,

$$\lambda \geq 0$$

If  $\lambda = 0$ ,

$$y = c_1 x + c_2$$

With the boundary conditions,

$$y = 0$$

If  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\lambda = -\mu^2$$

$$y = c_1 x \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) + c_2 x \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right)$$

With the boundary conditions,

$$c_1 a \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) + c_2 a \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) = 0$$

$$c_2 b \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) + c_2 b \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{c_2}{c_1} = -\tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a}\right) = -\tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b} + 2n\pi$$

$$\lambda = \frac{4n^2\pi^2}{\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right)^2}$$

(b) Thus, the eigenfunctions would be

$$y_n = c_1 \left( a \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) - a \tan\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{b}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{x}\right) \right)$$