

Fall 2019 VV256_Assignment 4

Series solution. Fourier series. Sturm-Liouville BVPs.

(130 points)

Deadline: 2019-11-23

Problem 1

(30 points)

- a. Determine the general solution of the equation

$$y'' - 2x^2y = 0$$

in terms of power series about $x = 0$.

- b. Determine two linearly independent solutions of the equation

$$x^2y'' + (x - 2x^2)y' - xy = 0$$

using the series solution approach.

Problem 2

(45 points)

- a. Sketch the graph of the given function for three periods.
b. Find the Fourier series for the given function.
c. Plot the partial sums $S_N(x)$ for $N = 1, 5, 10$.

$$1. f(x) = \begin{cases} x & -\pi \leq x \leq 0 \\ 2x & 0 < x \leq \pi \end{cases} \quad f(x + 2\pi) = f(x)$$

$$2. f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & 1 < x < 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{cosine series } T = 4; \quad 3. f(x) = -x, -\pi < x < 0 \quad \text{sine series, } T = 2\pi$$

Problem 3

(20 points)

- a. Show that for all values of α there is an infinite sequence of positive eigenvalues of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} y''(x) + \lambda y(x) &= 0 \\ \alpha y(0) + y'(0) &= 0, \quad y(1) = 0 \quad (\alpha = \text{const}) \end{aligned}$$

- b. Find eigenvalues of the problem if $\alpha = 1$.

Problem 4

(35 points)

- a. Find normalized eigenfunctions of the problem

$$y''(x) + \lambda y(x) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0, \quad y(1) + y'(1) = 0$$

- b. Find the coefficients b_n in the eigenfunction expansion

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \varphi_n(x)$$

of the function $y = x$ $0 \leq x \leq 1$, using the normalized eigenfunctions from part a.

- c. Solve the problem

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

by means of an eigenfunction expansion.