

# Methods of Applied Mathematics I

## HW4

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### 1 EXERCISE4.1

Let  $f(x)$  be extended as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x(\pi - x) & x \in [2n\pi, (2n+1)\pi] \\ -x(\pi - x) & x \in [-(2n-1)\pi, 2n\pi] \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Then  $f(x)$  is both odd and periodic. Thus fouier-sine series can be employed.

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) \quad (1.2)$$

Coefficients  $b_n$  are calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} x(\pi - x) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{4[1 - (-1)^n]}{n^3 \pi} \quad (\text{Integrate by parts}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

Thus

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{8 \sin(2k+1)x}{\pi(2k+1)^3} \quad (1.4)$$

Taking  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  yields

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^3} = \frac{\pi^3}{32} \quad (1.5)$$

## 2 EXERCISE4.2

1. *Proof.* The orthogonal property is justified as

$$\int_0^{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^2 dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} dx = 1 \quad (2.1)$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos(nx)\right)^2 dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2(nx) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\cos(2nx) + 1) dx = 1 \quad (2.2)$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos(nx) dx = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos(nx) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos(mx) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

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2. *Proof.* It's trivial to show both  $K = 0$  and  $K = 1$  are valid, and  $K = 2$  is also justified as

$$\cos^2(x) = \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{2} \quad (2.5)$$

Assume the proposition is also valid for  $K = n$ , that means

$$\text{span}\{1, \cos(x), \cos(2x), \dots, \cos(nx)\} = \text{span}\{1, \cos(x), \cos^2(x), \dots, \cos^n(x)\} \quad (2.6)$$

which indicates that  $\exists a_k$  and  $b_k (k = 0, 1, \dots, n)$  s.t.

$$\cos^n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k^{(n)} \cdot \cos(kx) \quad (2.7)$$

$$\cos(nx) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_k^{(n)} \cdot \cos^k(x) \quad (2.8)$$

When  $K = n + 1$ , the proposition is still valid as

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^{n+1}(x) &= \cos(x) \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \cos(kx) \\ &= a_0 \cos(x) + \cos(x) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k \cos(kx) + a_n \cos(x) \cos(nx) \\ &= a_0 \cos(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_k}{2} [\cos(k-1)x + \cos(k+1)x] + \frac{a_n}{2} [\cos(n-1)x + \cos(n+1)x] \\ &= \frac{a_1}{2} + (a_0 + \frac{a_2}{2}) \cos(x) + \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{a_{k-1} + a_{k+1}}{2} \cos(kx) + \frac{a_n}{2} \cos(n+1)x \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(n+1)x &= 2\cos(nx)\cos(x) - \cos(n-1)x \\ &= 2\cos(x) \sum_{k=0}^n b_k^{(n)} \cos^k(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k^{(n-1)} \cos^k(x) \\ &= -b_0^{(n-1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (2b_k^{(n)} - b_k^{(n-1)}) \cos^{k+1}(x) + 2b_k^{(n)} \cos^{n+1}(x) \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

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