

## FYS3150 Project 2

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<https://github.com/carlfre/FYS3150-Project-2>

### PROBLEM 1

Firstly, we want to show that given  $\hat{x} \equiv x/L$  and  $\lambda = \frac{FL^2}{\gamma}$ , this equation

$$\gamma \frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} = -Fu(x),$$

can be written as

$$\frac{d^2 u(\hat{x})}{d\hat{x}^2} = -\lambda u(\hat{x}) \quad (1)$$

Let us start by replacing  $x$  with  $\hat{x}$ . Since  $\frac{d}{dx} = \frac{d\hat{x}}{dx} \frac{d}{d\hat{x}} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{d}{d\hat{x}}$ , we get

$$\gamma \frac{1}{L^2} \frac{d^2 u(\hat{x})}{d\hat{x}^2} = -Fu(x)$$

If we now insert  $F = \frac{\lambda\gamma}{L^2}$ , we see that our final expression becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \frac{1}{L^2} \frac{d^2 u(\hat{x})}{d\hat{x}^2} &= -\frac{\lambda\gamma}{L^2} u(x) \\ \frac{d^2 u(\hat{x})}{d\hat{x}^2} &= -\lambda u(\hat{x}), \end{aligned}$$

which is the same as (??), as we wanted to show.

### PROBLEM 2

Next, we want to show an important property of orthogonal transformations. Let us assume that we have a set of vectors  $v_i$  that is orthonormal, in other words  $v_i^T \cdot v_j = \delta_{ij}$ , and that  $U$  is an orthogonal matrix, i.e. that  $U^T = U^{-1}$ . Now, we want to show that the set of vectors  $w_i = Uv_i$  is also orthonormal. Saying that it is orthonormal is the same as saying that  $w_i^T \cdot w_j = \delta_{ij}$ . We insert our definition of  $w_i$  into this, and get

$$(Uv_i)^T \cdot (Uv_j) = v_i^T U^T U v_j = v_i^T U^{-1} U v_j = v_i^T \cdot v_j$$

This, we know is equal to  $\delta_{ij}$ , and thus we have proved the property.

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