## Math 6417 Homework 4

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## Question 1.

Define the Fourier transform operator  $\mathscr{F}:L^1(\mathbf{R})\to L^\infty(\mathbf{R})$  by

$$\mathscr{F}(f)(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x. \tag{1}$$

**1.1**) We note that the function  $x \mapsto e^{iyx} f(x)$  is clearly integrable if f is, so the integral in (1) exists for all y. We show that  $\mathscr{F}(f) \in L^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})$  as claimed, and  $\|\mathscr{F}f\|_{L^{\infty}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f\|_{L^{1}}$ . Indeed, for  $y \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$|\mathscr{F}(f)(y)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x \right| \tag{2}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left| e^{iyx} f(x) \right| dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(x)| dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f\|_{L^{1}}. \tag{3}$$

Therefore,  $\|\mathscr{F}f\|_{L^{\infty}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f\|_{L^{1}}$ .

**1.2**) Suppose that  $f \in C^2(\mathbf{R})$ , and  $f, f', f'' \in L^1(\mathbf{R})$ , and  $f(x), f'(x), f''(x) \to 0$  as  $x \to \pm \infty$ . Then there exists a constant C such that  $|y^2\mathscr{F}(f)(y)| \leq C$  for all  $y \in \mathbf{R}$ . Furthermore,  $\mathscr{F}(f) \in L^1(\mathbf{R})$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f'' \in L^1(\mathbf{R})$ , we can take its Fourier transform, which yields

$$\mathscr{F}(f'')(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} f''(x) \, \mathrm{d}x. \tag{4}$$

We can integrate by parts because  $f', f \in L^1(\mathbf{R})$  and are continuous, and  $f(x), f'(x) \to 0$  as  $x \to \pm \infty$ . This gives

$$\mathscr{F}(f'')(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ f'(x)e^{iyx} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - iy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} f'(x) \, \mathrm{d}x \right]$$
 (5)

$$= \frac{iy}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ -f(x)e^{iyx} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + iy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x \right]$$
 (6)

$$= -y^2 \mathscr{F}(f)(y). \tag{7}$$

By the reasoning in 1.1), it follows that

$$|y^2 \mathscr{F}(f)(y)| = |\mathscr{F}(f'')(y)| \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f''\|_{L^1}$$
 (8)

for all  $y \in \mathbf{R}$ .

Thus, if  $C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f''\|_{L^1}$ , then  $|\mathscr{F}(f)(y)| \leq \frac{C}{y^2}$  for all  $y \in \mathbf{R}$ . On the other hand,  $\mathscr{F}(f) \in L^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})$  by part 1.1), so  $\mathscr{F}(f)$  is dominated by the integrable function

$$\phi(y) = \begin{cases} \|\mathscr{F}(f)\|_{L^{\infty}} & y \in [-1, 1], \\ \frac{C}{v^2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
 (9)

By the integral comparison test,  $\mathscr{F}(f) \in L^1(\mathbf{R})$ .

## **1.3**) Formally, $\mathscr{F}^{2}(f)(y) = f(-y)$ .

*Proof.* We note that if  $f \in C^1 \cap L^1(\mathbf{R})$ , and  $f' \in L^1(\mathbf{R})$ , and  $f(x) \to 0$  as  $x \to \pm \infty$ , then we can use integration by parts to show that

$$\mathscr{F}(f')(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} f'(x) \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ e^{iyx} f(x) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - iy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x \right]$$
(10)

$$=-iy\mathscr{F}(f)(y). \tag{11}$$

On the other hand, let  $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R})$ , and define g(x) = ixf(x). If  $g \in L^1(\mathbf{R})$  as well, then

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \mathscr{F}(f)(y) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ e^{iyx} f(x) \right] \, \mathrm{d}x \tag{12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} ix f(x) \, dx = \mathscr{F}(g)(y). \tag{13}$$

If we take  $f(x) = e^{-ax^2}$ , then f satisfies the above assumptions. Since f'(x) = -2axf(x),

$$2ai\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}y}\mathscr{F}(f)(y) = 2ai\mathscr{F}(i(\cdot)f(\cdot))(y) = \mathscr{F}(-2a(\cdot)f(\cdot))(y) = \mathscr{F}(f')(y) = -iy\mathscr{F}(f)(y). \tag{14}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{F}(f)(y)$  is the unique solution of the IVP

$$u' = -\frac{y}{2a}u, \qquad u(0) = \mathscr{F}(f)(0).$$
 (15)

The general solution of the differential equation is

$$u(y) = u(0)e^{-\frac{y^2}{4a}}. (16)$$

Since

$$\mathscr{F}(f)(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}},$$
 (17)

it follows that

$$\mathscr{F}(f)(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{4a}}.$$
(18)

Thus, if  $\phi_a(x) = e^{-ax^2}$ , then, formally

$$\mathscr{F}(1)(y) = \mathscr{F}\left(\lim_{a \to 0^{+}} \phi_{a}\right)(y) = \lim_{a \to 0^{+}} \mathscr{F}(\phi_{a})(y) = \lim_{a \to 0^{+}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} e^{-\frac{y^{2}}{4a}}.$$
 (19)

We would like to interpret the last limit formally as a constant multiple of the Dirac delta function. Clearly,

$$\lim_{a \to 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{4a}} = \begin{cases} 0 & y \neq 0, \\ \infty & y = 0. \end{cases}$$
 (20)

At the same time, for any a > 0,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{4a}} \, \mathrm{d}y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} \sqrt{4a\pi} = \sqrt{2\pi},\tag{21}$$

so it makes sense formally that we should have  $\mathscr{F}(1)(y) = \sqrt{2\pi}\delta(y)$ .

Now, if we consider applying the Fourier transform twice to a function f, we get

$$\mathscr{F}\mathscr{F}(f)(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ixy} e^{izx} f(z) \, dz \, dx$$
 (22)

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ix(y+z)} dx dz$$
 (23)

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) \mathscr{F}(1)(y+z) dz$$
 (24)

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z)\delta(y+z) dz$$
 (25)

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z - y)\delta(z) dz$$
 (26)

$$= f(-y). (27)$$

**1.4**) Define g(y) = f(-y) for some function f. Based on the formal result from part 1.3), we see immediately that

$$\mathscr{F}^{4}(f)(y) = \mathscr{F}^{2}(\mathscr{F}^{2}(f))(y) = \mathscr{F}^{2}(g)(y) = g(-y) = f(y).$$
 (28)

Since f was arbitrary, it follows formally that  $\mathscr{F}^4 = I$ , the identity operator.

**1.5**) Let  $p(x) = x^4$ . By the Spectral Mapping Theorem,

$$p(\sigma(\mathscr{F})) = \sigma(p(\mathscr{F})). \tag{29}$$

Since  $p(\mathscr{F}) = \mathscr{F}^4 = I$ , the spectrum of  $p(\mathscr{F})$  is just  $\sigma(I) = \{1\}$ , as the operator  $I - \lambda I = (1 - \lambda)I$  is invertible, with inverse  $\frac{1}{1-\lambda}I$ , if and only if  $\lambda \neq 1$ . Therfore, if  $\lambda \in \sigma(\mathscr{F})$ , then  $p(\lambda) = 1$ , that is,  $\lambda^4 = 1$ . The possible solutions of this equation are 1, -1, i, -i, so  $\sigma(\mathscr{F}) \subseteq \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ .

**1.6**) If we reuse the result in equation (18) with  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ , we see that if  $f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$ , then

$$\mathscr{F}(f)(y) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2} \tag{30}$$

as well. Thus,  $\mathscr{F}f = f$ , so f is an eigenfunction of  $\mathscr{F}$  with corresponding eigenvalue 1.

## Question 2.

On this question, we will reuse the notation from Question 2 of Homework 3.

Let  $\dot{L}^2(-\pi,\pi)=\{f\in L^2(-\pi,\pi): f=\bar{f} \text{ and } \operatorname{mean}(f)=0\}$ , where  $\operatorname{mean}(f)=\frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi}f$ . Consider the following problem.

Let 
$$f \in \dot{L}^2(-\pi, \pi)$$
. Find  $u \in H$  such that  $-u'' = f$ , (31)

where H is the space defined in Homework 3.

**2.1**) Let  $f \in \dot{L}^2(-\pi,\pi)$ . Then  $f \in L^2(-\pi,\pi)$ , and, recalling from Homework 3, there exists  $\{f_j\} \subset \mathbf{C}$  such that

$$f = \sum_{j} f_{j} e_{j}, \qquad f_{j} = (f, e_{j}).$$
 (32)

Since  $e_0 = \text{constant}$ , we have  $f_j = (f, e_j) \propto \text{mean}(f) = 0$ , so  $f_0 = 0$ . Furthermore, by an argument we used several times in Homework 3, the fact that  $f = \bar{f}$  implies that  $f_{-j} = \bar{f}_j$ . Lastly, by Parseval's identity,

$$\sum_{j \neq 0} j^{-2} |f_j|^2 \le \sum_{j \neq 0} |f_j|^2 = ||f||_2^2 < \infty, \tag{33}$$

so  $f \in H^{-1}$  from Homework 3 by definition. Therefore,  $\dot{L}^2(-\pi,\pi) \subseteq H^{-1}$ .

We claim that for  $f \in \dot{L}^2(-\pi, \pi)$  and  $u \in H$ ,

$$-u'' = f \qquad \iff \qquad B(u, v) = f(v) \quad \forall v \in H, \tag{34}$$

where we define the action of f on v in the same way as in Homework 3, and

$$B(u,v) = \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 u_j \bar{v}_j, \qquad \{u_j\} = \varphi(u), \quad \{v_j\} = \varphi(v),$$
 (35)

where  $\varphi: H \to S_H$  is define as in Homework 3. We use essentially the same formal argument that we used on 2.5) in Homework 3.

Suppose that -u'' = f, and let  $\{f_j\} = \psi(f)$ ,  $\{u_j\} = \varphi(u)$ . Formally differentiating the Fourier series for u, we have

$$-\sum_{j\neq 0} f_j e_j = -f = u'' = \sum_{j\neq 0} -j^2 u_j e_j.$$
(36)

Therefore,  $f_j = j^2 u_j$  for all j, and for any  $v \in H$ ,

$$B(u,v) = \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 u_j \bar{v}_j = \sum_{j \neq 0} f_j \bar{v}_j = f(v).$$
(37)

On the other hand, suppose that B(u, v) = f(v) for all  $v \in H$ . Clearly,  $e_j + e_{-j} \in H$ , and  $e_j - e_{-j} \in H$ , so

$$j^2 u_j + j^2 u_{-j} = f_j + f_{-j}, \qquad j^2 u_j - j^2 u_{-j} = f_j - f_{-j},$$
 (38)

which implies that  $j^2u_j=f_j$  for all j. By the same formal differentiation reasoning, it follows that -u''=f.

The function B is bilinear because for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{R}$ , and any  $u, v, w \in H$ ,

$$B(\alpha u + \beta v, w) = \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 (\alpha u_j + \beta v_j) \bar{w}_j = \alpha \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 u_j \bar{w}_j + \beta \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 v_j \bar{w}_j = \alpha B(u, w) + \beta B(v, w), \quad (39)$$

and

$$B(w,\alpha u + \beta v) = \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 w_j \overline{\alpha u_j + \beta v_j} = \alpha \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 w_j \overline{u}_j + \beta \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 w_j \overline{v}_j = \alpha B(w,u) + \beta B(w,v)$$
(40)

because  $\varphi(\alpha u + \beta v) = \alpha \varphi(u) + \beta \varphi(v)$ .

The function B is also continuous because for any  $u, v \in H$ ,

$$|B(u,v)| = \left| \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 u_j \bar{v}_j \right| \le ||u||_H ||v||_H \tag{41}$$

by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

Lastly, B is coercive because for any  $u \in H$ .

$$B(u,u) = \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 |u_j|^2 = ||u_j||_H^2.$$
(42)

Hence, the Lax-Milgram Theorem implies that, given  $f \in \dot{L}^2(-\pi,\pi) \subseteq H^{-1}$ , there is exists a unique  $u \in H$  such that B(u,v) = f(v) for all  $v \in H$ . That is, there exists a unique  $u \in H$  such that -u'' = f.

**2.2**) Let  $T: \dot{L}^2(-\pi,\pi) \to H$  denote the solution operator of (31), which exists by 2.1). Then T is compact.

*Proof.* Given  $f \in \dot{L}^2(-\pi,\pi)$ , there exists  $u \in H$  such that

$$||Tf||_{H} = ||u||_{H},\tag{43}$$

and B(u,v)=f(v) for all  $v\in H$ . In particular, if we take v=u, we obtain

$$||u||_{H}^{2} = f(u) = \sum_{j \neq 0} f_{j} \bar{u}_{j} \le ||u||_{H} ||f||_{L^{2}}, \tag{44}$$

which implies that  $||Tf||_H \leq ||f||_{L^2}$ , so T is bounded.

As we showed in 2.1), Tf = u if and only if  $f_j = j^2 u_j$ , where  $\{u_j\} = \varphi(u)$ , and  $\{f_j\} = \psi(f)$ . Thus,  $u_j = \frac{f_j}{j^2}$ .

Let A be a bounded set in  $\dot{L}^2(-\pi, \pi)$ , so that there exists M > 0 such that  $||f||_{L^2} \leq M$  for all  $f \in A$ . Suppose that  $\{u^n\}$  is a sequence in  $\overline{T(A)}$ . Then for any n, we have  $u^n = T(f^n)$  for some  $f^n \in A$ , and  $u^n_j = \frac{f^n_j}{j^2}$ , where  $u^n_j = \varphi(u^n)$ , and  $f^n_j = \psi(f^n)$ .

For any J > 0 and any n,

$$\sum_{|j|>J} j^2 |u_j^n|^2 = \sum_{|j|>J} j^{-2} |f_j^n|^2 \le \frac{1}{J^2} \sum_{|j|>J} |f_j^n|^2 \le \frac{M}{J^2}. \tag{45}$$

Since T is bounded, and A is bounded in  $\dot{L}^2(-\pi,\pi)$ , the set T(A) is bounded in H. The space H is a Hilbert space by Homework 3, so there exists a weakly convergent subsequence of  $\{u^n\}$ , call it  $\{u^{n_k}\}$ . Then  $\{u^{n_k}_i\}_k$  converges for all j. In particular, each such sequence is Cauchy.

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. By (45), we can choose J large enough that

$$\sum_{|j|>J} j^2 |u_j^{n_k}|^2 < \varepsilon^2 \tag{46}$$

for all k. We can also choose N large enough that  $k, \ell > N$  implies that  $|u_j^{n_k} - u_j^{n_\ell}|^2 < \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2J^3}$  for all  $|j| \leq J$ . Then

$$||u^{n_k} - u^{n_\ell}||_H^2 = \sum_{|j| \le J} j^2 |u_j^{n_k} - u_j^{n_\ell}|^2 + \sum_{|j| > J} j^2 |u_j^{n_k} - u_j^{n_\ell}|^2$$
(47)

$$\leq \varepsilon^2 + \sum_{|j|>J} j^2 |u_j^{n_k}|^2 + \sum_{|j|>J} j^2 |u_j^{n_\ell}|^2 \tag{48}$$

$$\leq 3\varepsilon^2,$$
 (49)

so  $k, \ell > N$  implies that  $||u^{n_k} - u^{n_\ell}||_H < \sqrt{3}\varepsilon$ .

This implies that  $\{u^{n_k}\}_k$  is Cauchy in H. Since H is a Hilbert space, it follows that  $\{u^{n_k}\}$  converges in H. Thus, every sequence in the bounded set T(A) has a convergent subsequence, so T(A) is precompact in H.

This implies that T is compact by definition.

**2.3**) The operator T is self-adjoint.

*Proof.* Let  $f, g \in H$ , and define u = Tf, and v = Tg. Then, by the same reasoning as in 2.1), if  $\{u_j\} = \varphi(u), \{v_j\} = \varphi(v), \{f_j\} = \varphi(f), \text{ and } \{g_j\} = \varphi(g), \text{ then }$ 

$$u_j = \frac{f_j}{j^2}, \qquad v_j = \frac{g_j}{j^2}.$$
 (50)

Thus,

$$(Tf,g)_H = (u,g)_H = \sum_{j\neq 0} j^2 u_j \bar{g}_j = \sum_{j\neq 0} j^2 f_j \bar{v}_j = (f,v)_H = (f,Tg)_H,$$
(51)

so T is self-adjoint.

**2.4**) Suppose that  $Tf = \lambda f$  for  $f \in H$ , with  $f \neq 0$ . Note that since T is self-adjoint, we must have  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ . By the reasoning in 2.1), we must have  $j^{-2}f_j = \lambda f_j$  for all  $j \neq 0$ , where  $\{f_j\} = \varphi(f)$ . Then either  $f_j = 0$  or  $\lambda = j^{-2}$  for all  $j \neq 0$ . We cannot have  $f_j = 0$  for all j, because then f = 0 by the linearity of  $\varphi^{-1}$ .

Thus, there exists some k > 0 such that  $f_k \neq 0$ , which implies that  $\lambda = k^{-2}$ . The equation  $\lambda f_j = j^{-2} f_j$  for all j implies that  $f_j = 0$  for all  $j \neq \pm k$ . Since  $f_{-k} = \bar{f}_k$ , it follows that  $f = f_k e_k + \bar{f}_k e_{-k}$ . Supposing that  $f_j = a + ib$ , we must have

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( (a+ib)e^{ikx} + (a-ib)e^{-ikx} \right)$$
 (52)

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( a\cos(kx) - b\sin(kx) + ib\cos(kx) + ia\sin(kx) \right)$$
 (53)

$$+ a\cos(kx) - b\sin(kx) - ib\cos(kx) - ia\sin(kx))$$
(54)

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( 2a\cos(kx) - 2b\sin(kx) \right). \tag{55}$$

Thus, if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of T, then  $\lambda = k^{-2}$  for some integer  $k \neq 0$ , and the corresponding eigenvectors must be linear combinations of  $\cos(kx)$  and  $\sin(kx)$ ; that is, the corresponding eigenspace is  $\operatorname{span}\{\cos(kx),\sin(kx)\}$ .

It is not hard to see by reversing the above logic that the converse is true, namely, that  $k^{-2}$  is an eigenvalue of T for all integers  $k \neq 0$ , and its corresponding eigenspace is span $\{\cos(kx), \sin(kx)\}$ .

**2.5**) Let  $c \in \mathbf{C}$  be given. Then for any j > 0, there exists  $a, b \in R$  such that  $ce_j + \bar{c}e_{-j} = a\cos(jx) + b\sin(jx)$ ; indeed, by the calculation in 2.4), we just need to choose  $a = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\Re(c)$ , and  $b = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\Im(c)$ . Therefore, given  $u \in H$ , the partial sum of the Fourier series for u can be written as a linear combination of elements of the set  $\mathcal{B} = \{\cos(jx), \sin(jx)\}_{j>0}$ . Since H is a Hilbert space, the Fourier series of u converges to u, so u is the limit of a sequence of elements of span( $\mathcal{B}$ ).

In other words,  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis for H. In fact, it is an orthogonal basis, as we show now. Let  $\{c_j^k\}_j = \varphi(\cos(kx))$ , and let  $\{s_j^k\}_j = \varphi(\sin(kx))$ . Then, by the Euler formula relating  $e^{ijx}$  to  $\sin(x)$  and  $\cos(x)$ ,

$$c_j^k = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} & j = |k| \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \qquad s_j^k = \begin{cases} -i\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\operatorname{sgn}(j) & j = |k| \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
 (56)

where sgn(j) is the sign of j. Hence, for  $k, \ell > 0$ ,

$$(\cos(kx), \cos(\ell x))_H = \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 c_j^k \overline{c_j^\ell} = \begin{cases} 0 & k \neq \ell \\ \frac{\pi}{2} k^2 & k = \ell, \end{cases}$$
 (57)

$$(\cos(kx), \sin(\ell x))_H = \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 c_j^k \overline{s_j^{\ell}} = \begin{cases} 0 & k \neq \ell \\ \frac{\pi}{2} (-i+i) k^2 = 0 & k = \ell \end{cases} = 0,$$
 (58)

$$(\sin(kx), \sin(\ell x))_H = \sum_{j \neq 0} j^2 s_j^k \overline{s_j^\ell} = \begin{cases} 0 & k \neq \ell \\ \frac{\pi}{2} k^2 & k = \ell. \end{cases}$$
 (59)

Therefore,  $\mathcal{B}$  is orthogonal in H. Moreover, we can clearly modify the elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  so that they are orthonormal; if we set  $\mathcal{B}' = \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j^{-1} \cos(jx), \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} j^{-1} \sin(jx) \right\}$ , then  $\mathcal{B}'$  is an orthonormal basis for H.

Finally, we note that  $\mathcal{B}'$  is the orthonormal basis that diagonalizes T in the sense of the spectral theorem for self-adjoint, compact operators. Let  $c^k = \cos(kx)$ , and let  $s^k = \sin(kx)$ . Define  $u^k = T(c^k)$ , and  $v^k = T(s^k)$ , and define  $\{u_i^k\} = \varphi(u^k)$ , and  $\{v_i^k\} = \varphi(v^k)$ . By the reasoning in 2.1), and by (56),

$$u_j^k = j^{-2}c_j^k \implies u^k = k^{-2}c^k, \qquad v_j^k = j^{-2}s_j^k \implies v^k = k^{-2}s^k;$$
 (60)

that is,  $Tf = \lambda f$  for any  $f \in \mathcal{B}'$ , where  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue corresponding to f.