

# HW #2

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## Hunter and Nachtergaele 7.1

Let  $\phi_n$  be the functions defined in (7.7)

$$\phi_n(x) = c_n(1 + \cos x)^n$$

where  $c_n$  is chosen such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} \phi_n(x) dx = 1$$

for all  $n$ .

(a) Prove (7.5).

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\delta \leq |x| \leq \pi} \phi_n(x) dx = 0$$

for every  $\delta > 0$ .

Let  $\delta > 0$  and for ease, define  $\mathbb{D} = [-\pi, -\delta] \cup [\delta, \pi]$ .

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \phi_n(x) dx = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{D}} (1 + \cos x)^n dx}{\int_{\mathbb{T}} (1 + \cos x)^n dx}$$

since

$$c_n = \frac{1}{\int_{\mathbb{T}} (1 + \cos x)^n dx}$$

Note that

$$\phi'_n(x) = -nc_n(1 + \cos x)^{n-1} \sin x$$

which is positive on  $[-\pi, 0)$  and negative on  $(0, \pi]$ , and thus

$$\max_{x \in \mathbb{D}} \phi_n(x) = \phi_n(\delta)$$

So,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \phi_n(x) dx = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{D}} (1 + \cos x)^n dx}{\int_{\mathbb{T}} (1 + \cos x)^n dx} \leq \frac{2\pi(1 + \cos \delta)^n}{\int_{\mathbb{T}} (1 + \cos x)^n dx}$$

where  $\mathbb{E} = [-\frac{\delta}{2}, \frac{\delta}{2}]$ . Again, since  $\phi_n$  is decreasing on  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and  $\phi$  is an even function,

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{E}} \phi_n(x) = \phi_n\left(\frac{\delta}{2}\right)$$

Thus,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \phi_n(x) dx \leq \frac{2\pi(1 + \cos \delta)^n}{\int_{\mathbb{E}} (1 + \cos x)^n dx} \leq \frac{2\pi}{\delta} \left( \frac{1 + \cos \delta}{1 + \cos \frac{\delta}{2}} \right)^n$$

but

$$\frac{1 + \cos \delta}{1 + \cos \frac{\delta}{2}} < 1$$

since  $\cos$  is a decreasing function on  $[0, \pi]$ . Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{\delta} \left( \frac{1 + \cos \delta}{1 + \cos \frac{\delta}{2}} \right)^n = 0$$

and by the comparison test,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{D}} \phi_n(x) dx = 0$$

- (b) Prove that if the set  $\mathcal{P}$  of trigonometric polynomials is dense in the space of periodic continuous functions on  $\mathbb{T}$  with the uniform norm, then  $\mathcal{P}$  is dense in the space of all continuous functions on  $\mathbb{T}$  with the  $L^2$ -norm.
- (c) Is  $\mathcal{P}$  dense in the space of all continuous functions on  $[0, 2\pi]$  with the uniform norm?

## Hunter and Nachtergaele 7.2

Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a continuous function, and

$$S_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n=-N}^N \hat{f}_n e^{inx}$$

is the  $N^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of its Fourier series.

- (a) Show that  $S_N = D_N * f$ , where  $D_N$  is the Dirichlet kernel

$$D_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\sin[(N + \frac{1}{2})x]}{\sin(\frac{x}{2})}.$$

For ease, let  $\omega = e^{ix}$ . Then note

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \omega^n = \frac{1 - \omega^{N+1}}{1 - \omega}, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=-N}^{-1} \omega^n = \frac{\omega^{-N} - 1}{1 - \omega}$$

Then

$$\sum_{n=-N}^N \omega^n = \frac{\omega^{-N} - \omega^{N+1}}{1 - \omega} = \frac{\omega^{-N-\frac{1}{2}} - \omega^{N+\frac{1}{2}}}{\omega^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \omega^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{\exp[ix(N + \frac{1}{2})] - \exp[-ix(N + \frac{1}{2})]}{\exp[ix(\frac{1}{2})] - \exp[-ix(\frac{1}{2})]} = \frac{\sin[(N + \frac{1}{2})x]}{\sin[\frac{x}{2}]}$$

(b) Let  $T_N$  be the mean of the first  $N + 1$  partial sums,

$$T_N = \frac{1}{N + 1}.$$

Show that  $T_N = F_N * f$ , where  $F_N$  is the Fejér kernel

$$F_N(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi(N + 1)} \left( \frac{\sin \left[ (N + 1) \frac{x}{2} \right]}{\sin \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)} \right)^2.$$

(c) Which of the families  $(D_N)$  and  $(F_N)$  are approximate identities as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ? What can you say about the uniform convergence of the partial sums  $S_N$  and the averaged partial sums  $T_N$  to  $f$ ?

## Hunter and Nachtergaele 7.3

Prove that the sets  $\{e_n \mid n \geq 1\}$  defined by

$$e_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin nx,$$

and  $\{f_n : n \geq 1\}$  defined by

$$f_0(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}}, \quad f_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos nx \quad \text{for } n \geq 1,$$

are both orthonormal bases of  $L^2([0, \pi])$ .

First we show  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  are orthonormal. Suppose  $n \neq m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle e_n, e_m \rangle &= \int_0^{\pi} e_n(x) e_m(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} [\cos(nx - mx) - \cos(nx + mx)] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos((n - m)x) dx - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos((n + m)x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin((n - m)x)}{n - m} - \frac{\sin((n + m)x)}{n + m} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle e_n, e_n \rangle &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} 1 - \cos(2nx) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \pi - \frac{1}{2n} \sin(2n\pi) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \pi \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is orthonormal. Let  $n \geq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle f_0, f_n \rangle &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $1 \leq n < m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle f_n, f_m \rangle &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [\cos((n-m)x) + \cos((n+m)x)] dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\sin((n-m)x)}{n-m} + \frac{\sin((n+m)x)}{n+m} \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\langle f_0, f_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} dx = \frac{\pi}{\pi} = 1$$

and for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle f_n, f_n \rangle &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (1 + \cos(2nx)) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \pi + \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin(2nx) \right) \Big|_0^{\pi} \right] \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is orthonormal. Next we show  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  and  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are each bases of  $L^2[0, \pi]$ .

Let  $f \in L^2([0, \pi])$ . Then extend  $f$  to its odd extension  $f_{\text{odd}} \in L^2([-\pi, \pi])$  by

$$f_{\text{odd}}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in (0, \pi] \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -f(-x) & \text{if } x \in [-\pi, 0) \end{cases}$$

We know  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \cup \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$  and thus  $f_{\text{odd}}$  can be written as a Fourier series like so

$$f_{\text{odd}}(x) = \frac{1}{2}f_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n f_n + b_n e_n)$$

But since  $f_{\text{odd}}$  is constructed to be odd,

$$f_{\text{odd}}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e_n$$

Thus on  $[0, \pi]$ ,

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

Thus  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a basis of  $L^2[0, \pi]$ . Now extend  $f$  to its even extension  $f_{\text{even}} \in L^2[-\pi, \pi]$  be

$$f_{\text{even}}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \in [0, \pi] \\ f(-x) & \text{if } x \in [-\pi, 0) \end{cases}$$

Again, we know  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \cup \{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L^2[-\pi, \pi]$  and thus  $f_{\text{even}}$  can be written as a Fourier series like so

$$f_{\text{even}}(x) = \frac{1}{2}f_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n f_n + b_n e_n)$$

But since  $f_{\text{even}}$  is constructed to be even,

$$f_{\text{even}}(x) = \frac{1}{2}f_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n f_n$$

Thus  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is a basis of  $L^2[0, \pi]$ .

## Hunter and NachterGaele 7.4

Let  $T, S \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$  be the triangular and square wave, respectively, defined by

$$T(x) = |x|, \quad \text{if } |x| \leq \pi, \quad S(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < \pi \\ -1 & \text{if } -\pi < x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) Compute the Fourier series of  $T$  and  $S$ .

Since  $T$  is an even function, we can represent  $T$  with a cosine series

$$T(x) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{T}_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{T}_n \cos(nx)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{T}_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} T(x) dx \quad \text{and} \\ \hat{T}_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} T(x) \cos(nx) dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots\end{aligned}$$

Because  $\cos$  is even and  $T$  is even,  $T \sin$  is even, and so

$$\hat{T}_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} T(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\pi^2}{2} = \pi$$

and for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\hat{T}_n = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \cos(nx) dx$$

Utilizing integration by parts, we find

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{T}_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \cos(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{x}{n} \sin(nx) \right) \Big|_0^\pi - \frac{1}{n} \int_0^\pi \sin(nx) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \cos(nx) \right]_0^\pi \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n^2} \right] \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ -\frac{4}{\pi n^2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\boxed{T(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \cos((2n-1)x) \right]}$$

Since  $S$  is an odd function, we can represent  $S$  with a sin series

$$S(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{S}_n \sin(nx)$$

where

$$\hat{S}_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} S(x) \sin(nx) dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Because  $\sin$  is odd and  $S$  is odd,  $\sin S$  is even, and thus

$$\hat{S}_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} S(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{n} \cos(nx) \right]_0^\pi \\
&= -\frac{2}{\pi n} ((-1)^n - 1) \\
&= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{4}{\pi n} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$S(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(2n-1)} \sin((2n-1)x) \right]$$

(b) Show that  $T \in H^1(\mathbb{T})$  and  $T' = S$ .

First we turn  $T(x)$  into a Fourier series with  $\{e^{inx}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  as the basis using

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{2} [e^{ix} + e^{-ix}]$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
T(x) &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \cos((2n-1)x) \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\exp[i(2n-1)x]}{(2n-1)^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\exp[i(2n-1)x]}{(2n-1)^2} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

To show  $T \in H^1(\mathbb{T})$ , we show

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^2 |\hat{T}_n|^2 < \infty$$

but this is true because

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^2 |\hat{T}_n|^2 = \frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{(2n-1)^2}{(2n-1)^4} < \infty$$

by the comparison test. Thus  $T \in H^1(\mathbb{T})$ .

Next note that  $S(x)$  can be turned into a Fourier series with  $\{e^{inx}\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  as a basis by using the following:

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2i} [e^{ix} - e^{-ix}]$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} S(x) &= \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(2n-1)} \sin((2n-1)x) \right] \\ &= -\frac{2i}{\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\exp[i(2n-1)x]}{2n-1} \end{aligned}$$

We can explicitly calculate  $in\hat{T}_n$  for each  $n$ :

$$T' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}}(0i) - \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} ((2n-1)i) \frac{\exp[i(2n-1)x]}{(2n-1)^2} \right] = -\frac{2i}{\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\exp[i(2n-1)x]}{2n-1} = S$$

(c) Show that  $S \notin H^1(\mathbb{T})$ .

To show  $S \notin H^1(\mathbb{T})$ , we show

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^2 |\hat{S}_n|^2 < \infty$$

but this is true because

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n^2 |\hat{S}_n|^2 = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{(2n-1)^2}{(2n-1)^2} = \infty$$

by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test. Thus  $S \notin H^1(\mathbb{T})$ .

## Hunter and Nachtergaele 7.5

Consider  $f : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a_n e^{in \cdot x},$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$ ,  $n = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d)$ , and  $n \cdot x = n_1 x_1 + n_2 x_2 + \dots + n_d x_d$ . Prove that if

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |n|^{2k} |a_n|^2 < \infty$$

for some  $k > \frac{d}{2}$ , then  $f$  is continuous.

Let  $f \in H^k(\mathbb{T}^d)$  with  $k > \frac{1}{2}$ . Define the partial sums  $S_N$  of the Fourier series of  $f$  by

$$S_N(x) = \sum_{([-N, N] \cap \mathbb{Z})^d} \hat{f}_n e^{in \cdot x}$$

and define the norm of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  weak derivative of  $f$  as

$$\|f^k\|^2 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |n|^{2k} |\hat{f}_n|^2$$



We will show the sequence  $S_N \rightarrow f$  uniformly by showing  $(S_N)_N$  is a Cauchy sequence and since  $C(\mathbb{T}^d)$  is complete with respect to the supremum norm, this implies the limit of  $(S_N)_N$  is contained in  $C(\mathbb{T}^d)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\|S_N - S_M\|_\infty &= \left\| \sum_{n \in ((\pm N, \pm M] \cap \mathbb{Z})^d} \hat{f}_n e^{in \cdot x} \right\|_\infty \\
&\leq \sum_{n \in ((\pm N, \pm M] \cap \mathbb{Z})^d} |\hat{f}_n| |e^{in \cdot x}| \\
&\quad \text{by the Triangle Inequality} \\
&= \sum_{n \in ((\pm N, \pm M] \cap \mathbb{Z})^d} |\hat{f}_n| \\
&= \sum_{n \in ((\pm N, \pm M] \cap \mathbb{Z})^d} |n|^k |\hat{f}_n| \frac{1}{|n|^k} \\
&\leq \sqrt{\sum_{n \in ((\pm N, \pm M] \cap \mathbb{Z})^d} |n|^{2k} |\hat{f}_n|^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{n \in ((\pm N, \pm M] \cap \mathbb{Z})^d} \frac{1}{|n|^{2k}}} \\
&\quad \text{by the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality} \\
&\leq \|f^{(k)}\| \sqrt{\sum_{n \in ((\pm N, \pm M] \cap \mathbb{Z})^d} \frac{1}{|n|^{2k}}} \\
&\quad \text{since the Fourier transform is an isomorphism and thus preserves norm} \\
&\leq \|f^{(k)}\|_\infty \sqrt{|\mathbb{S}^{d-1}| \int_N^\infty \frac{r^{d-1}}{r^{2k}} dr} \\
&\quad \text{where } |\mathbb{S}^{d-1}| \text{ is the area of the unit sphere in } d \text{ dimensions} \\
&= \|f^{(k)}\|_\infty \sqrt{|\mathbb{S}^{d-1}|} \sqrt{\left. \frac{r^{d-2k}}{d-2k} \right|_N^\infty} \\
&= \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } \frac{d}{2} \geq k \\ \|f^{(k)}\|_\infty \sqrt{|\mathbb{S}^{d-1}|} ((2k-d)N^{2k-d})^{-\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } \frac{d}{2} < k \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Supposing  $\frac{d}{2} < k$ ,

$$\|S_N - S_M\|_\infty \leq \frac{\|f^{(k)}\|_\infty \sqrt{|\mathbb{S}^{d-1}|}}{\sqrt{(2k-d)N^{2k-d}}}$$

which goes to zero as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $(S_N)_N$  is a Cauchy sequence and thus converges to a limit in  $C(\mathbb{T}^d)$ . But  $S_N$  are the partial sums of the Fourier series of  $f$ , and thus  $S_N \rightarrow f$ . Thus  $f \in C(\mathbb{T}^d)$ , i.e.  $f$  is continuous.

## Hunter and Nachtergaele 7.6

Suppose that  $f \in H^1([a, b])$  and  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ . Prove the Poincaré inequality

$$\int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{\pi^2} \int_a^b |f'(x)|^2 dx.$$

## Hunter and Nachtergaele 7.7

Solve the following initial-boundary value problem for the heat equation,

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx}, \\ u(0, t) &= 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0 \quad \text{for } t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq L \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $u(x, t) = F(x)G(t)$  is a solution. Then

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} \\ \implies F(x)G'(t) &= F''(x)G(t) \\ \implies \frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} &= \frac{G'(t)}{G(t)} \end{aligned}$$

Since the left hand side is a function of  $x$  and the right hand side is a function of  $t$ , they can only be equal if they are both constant, i.e.

$$\frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = C = \frac{G'(t)}{G(t)}$$

for some  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus,

$$G'(t) - CG(t) = 0, \quad \text{and} \tag{1}$$

$$F''(x) - CF(x) = 0 \tag{2}$$

The solutions of (1) are

$$G(t) = c_1 e^{Ct}$$

Let  $\lambda = \sqrt{C}$ . If  $C \neq 0$ , the solutions of (2) are

$$F(x) = c_1 e^{\lambda x} + c_2 e^{-\lambda x}$$

The initial condition

$$u(0, t) = 0 \implies F(0)G(t) = 0 \implies F(0) = 0$$

provided  $u$  is not the trivial solution. Similarly,

$$F(L) = 0$$

If  $C > 0$ ,

$$F(0) = 0 \implies 0 = c_1 + c_2 \implies F(x) = c_1(e^{\lambda x} - e^{-\lambda x})$$

Also,

$$F(L) = 0 \implies 0 = c_1(e^{\lambda L} - e^{-\lambda L}) \implies c_1 = 0$$

Thus  $u$  is the trivial solution. If  $C = 0$ , then either  $F'' = 0$  or  $F \equiv 0$ , but regardless, if  $F'' = 0$ , the initial conditions imply that  $F \equiv 0$ . So let  $C < 0$  and define  $\lambda = \sqrt{-C}$ . Then

$$F(x) = c_1 \sin(\lambda x) + c_2 \cos(\lambda x)$$

Then

$$F(0) = 0 \implies 0 = c_2 \implies F(x) = c_1 \sin(\lambda x)$$

Also,

$$F(L) = 0 \implies 0 = c_1 \sin(\lambda L) \implies \lambda L = \pi n$$

for integer values  $n$ . Thus  $\lambda = \frac{n\pi}{L}$  for  $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . Note  $n \neq 0$  since that would imply  $\lambda^2 = 0 = C$ . Thus,

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \exp\left(-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

The initial condition  $u(0, x) = f(x)$  implies

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

This is a Fourier series, and thus the coefficients  $c_n$  are given by

$$c_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) dx$$

Thus the full solution is

$$u(t, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \left[ f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \right] dx \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} t\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \right)$$