

## Problem set 2

1. Look up Euler's equidimensional equation of second order, and its solutions, on Wikipedia.
  - (a) Write Euler's equidimensional equation using an operator.
  - (b) Think carefully about the domain and codomain of the operator. (How) do the solutions of Euler's equidimensional equation change depending on the domain?

2. Complete example 1.4.2.

Hint: Follow example 1.4.1.

3. Complete example 1.4.3. You can use either  $\mathcal{S}$  or  $C_0^\infty[0, 1]$ .

Hint: Just as in the previous examples, you have to integrate by parts.

4. Let

$$\Phi = \{\phi \in C^\infty[0, 1] \text{ s.t. } \phi(0) = 0, \phi(1) = 0\}$$

and let  $L : \Phi \rightarrow C^\infty[0, 1]$  be the Schrödinger operator with real valued potential  $V \in C_{\mathbb{R}}^\infty[0, 1]$ .

- (a) Show that  $L$  is formally selfadjoint.

What if  $V$  is not real valued?

- (b) Is  $L$  selfadjoint?

What if boundary condition  $\phi(1) = 0$  is replaced with  $\phi'(1) = 0$ .

- (c) What are the boundary forms in this example?

5. The operator  $L$  is given by  $\mathcal{D}^3$  on

$$\Phi = \{\phi \in C^\infty[0, 1] \text{ s.t. } \phi(0) = 0, \phi(1) = 0, \phi'(0) = 0\}.$$

Find  $L^*$ ,  $\Phi^*$ , if  $\Psi = C^\infty[0, 1]$ .

6. Let  $\Psi = \mathcal{S}[0, \infty)$ ,  $\Phi = \{\phi \in \Psi \text{ s.t. } \phi(0) = 0\}$ , and  $\Delta$  be given by  $\Delta_{\text{formal}}$ . Show that  $\Delta$  is selfadjoint.
7. Let  $\Psi = C^\infty[0, 1]$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\Phi = \{\phi \in \Psi \text{ s.t. } \phi(0) = 0, \phi(1) = 0, \phi'(0) = \beta\phi'(1)\}$ , and  $\Delta$  be given by  $\mathcal{D}^3$ . Find  $L^*$ ,  $\Phi^*$ , if  $\Psi = C^\infty[0, 1]$ .
8. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $e^{i\lambda x}$  is a formal eigenfunction of the formal differential operator  $\mathcal{D}^n$  with formal eigenvalue  $\lambda^n$ .

- (a) Find all the other formal eigenfunctions with the same eigenvalue; hence show that the eigenspace has dimension  $n$ .
- (b) Explain how imposing a boundary form on the domain of the operator reduces the dimension of the eigenspace by one.
- (c) Find all  $n$  eigenfunctions of this operator with eigenvalue 0.

## Optional extra problems

9. Implement example 1.4.1 in  $\mathcal{S}$ .
10. Let  $\Psi = \mathcal{S}[0, \infty)$ ,  $\Phi = \{\phi \in \Psi \text{ s.t. } \phi'(0) = 0\}$ , and  $\Delta$  be given by  $\Delta_{\text{formal}}$ . Show that  $\Delta$  is selfadjoint.