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Question I [10 points]. Tchebycheff polynomials of the second kind are defined by

$$U_n(x) = \frac{\sin[(n+1)\cos^{-1}x]}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Show that the set $\{U_n(x)\}$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, is orthogonal relative to the weight function $\omega(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$.

We need to show that $\langle U_n(x), U_m(x) \rangle = 0, \forall m \neq n$.

$$\text{Indeed, } \langle U_n(x), U_m(x) \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 U_n(x) U_m(x) \omega(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sin[(n+1)\cos^{-1}x]}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \cdot \frac{\sin[(m+1)\cos^{-1}x]}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \sqrt{1-x^2} dx \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Let } y = \cos^{-1}x \Rightarrow dy = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \quad (2)$$

$$x = -1 \Rightarrow y = \pi, \quad x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$= \int_0^\pi \sin(n+1)y \sin(m+1)y dy \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi [\cos(n-m)y - \cos(n+m+2)y] dy \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(n-m)y}{n-m} - \frac{\sin(n+m+2)y}{n+m+2} \right]_0^\pi \quad (2)$$

$$= 0, \forall m \neq n.$$

Question II [14 points]. Find the Fourier series of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -1 < x < 0 \\ x, & 0 \leq x < 1. \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{1} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$a_n = \frac{1}{1} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \cos(n\pi x) dx = \int_0^1 x \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

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$$= \left[\frac{x}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) + \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \cos(n\pi x) \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^n - 1}{n^2 \pi^2}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{1} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

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$$= \left[-\frac{x}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) + \frac{1}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin(n\pi x) \right]_0^1$$

$$= -\frac{(-1)^n}{n\pi}$$

therefore, the Fourier series of f is

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

Question III [8+4 points].

(a) Find the half-range Fourier cosine expansion of $f(x) = \sin 4x$, $0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{8}$.

(b) Use part (a) to show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(1) $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(8nx)$

$$a_0 = \frac{16}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/8} \sin 4x \, dx = -\frac{16}{\pi} \left. \frac{\cos 4x}{4} \right|_0^{\pi/8} = \frac{4}{\pi} \quad (2)$$

$$a_n = \frac{16}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/8} \sin 4x \cos(8nx) \, dx$$

$$= \frac{8}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/8} [\sin(4+8n)x + \sin(4-8n)x] \, dx$$

$$= -\frac{8}{\pi} \left[\frac{\cos(4+8n)x}{4+8n} + \frac{\cos(4-8n)x}{4-8n} \right]_0^{\pi/8} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{8}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{4+8n} + \frac{1}{4-8n} \right] = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{1}{1-4n^2}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi(1-4n^2)} \cos(8nx) \quad (1)$$

(b) put $x=0$ (2)

$$0 = \frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\pi(1-4n^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n^2-1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (2)$$

Question IV [15+3+4+2 points]. Consider the following eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{cases} y'' - 4y' + \lambda y = 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ y(0) = 0, & y(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the eigenvalues and associated eigenfunctions.
 (b) Put the differential equation in **self-adjoint** form and find its **weight function**.
 (c) Use (a) and (b) above to obtain the eigenfunctions expansion of $f(x) = e^{2x}$, $0 < x < 1$.
 (d) Use (c) above to show that

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

(a) The auxiliary equation is $m^2 - 4m + \lambda = 0$

① $\Rightarrow m = 2 \pm \sqrt{4 - \lambda}$

② Case I. $4 - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2, 2 \Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{2x} + c_2 x e^{2x}$

① $\cdot y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow y = c_2 x e^{2x}$

① $\cdot y(1) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 e^2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow y \equiv 0$ trivial.

Case II. $4 - \lambda > 0$, so we put $4 - \lambda = \alpha^2$ ($\alpha > 0$)

② $\Rightarrow m = 2 \pm \alpha = 2 + \alpha$ or $2 - \alpha$

$\Rightarrow y = c_1 e^{(2+\alpha)x} + c_2 e^{(2-\alpha)x}$

① $\cdot y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = -c_1}$

$\Rightarrow y(x) = c_1 e^{(2+\alpha)x} - c_1 e^{(2-\alpha)x}$

$$\bullet y(1) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 e^{2+\alpha} - c_1 e^{2-\alpha} = 0$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow c_1 (\underset{\neq 0}{e^{2+\alpha} - e^{2-\alpha}}) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow y(x) \equiv 0$ trivial solution.

Case III. $4 - \lambda < 0$, so we put $4 - \lambda = -\alpha^2$,
 $\alpha > 0$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow m = 2 \pm \sqrt{-\alpha^2} = 2 \pm \alpha i$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = e^{2x} [c_1 \cos \alpha x + c_2 \sin \alpha x]$$

$$\textcircled{1} \bullet y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{y(x) = c_2 e^{2x} \sin \alpha x}$$

$$\bullet y(1) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 e^2 \sin \alpha = 0$$

Since we aim to get nontrivial solutions and $\sin \alpha$ may be zero, we consider $c_2 \neq 0$ and

$$\textcircled{2} \sin \alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_n = n\pi, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

\Rightarrow the nontrivial solutions are $y = c_2 e^{2x} \sin(n\pi x)$

So, as $4 - \lambda = -\alpha^2$, this BVP has eigenvalues

$$\textcircled{1} \lambda_n = 4 + n^2 \pi^2, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and eigenfunctions: $\phi_n(x) = e^{2x} \sin(n\pi x)$,
 (1) $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(b) Multiply both sides of the eq. by I.F. = $e^{\int -4 dx} = e^{-4x}$:
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$$e^{-4x} y'' - 4 e^{-4x} y' + \lambda e^{-4x} y = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{-4x} y') + (0 + e^{-4x} \lambda) y = 0 \quad (1)$$

weight function = $w(x) = e^{-4x}$ (1)

(c) (1) $f(x) = e^{2x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi_n(x)$, where

$\phi_n(x) = e^{2x} \sin(n\pi x)$ and

$$a_n = \frac{\langle f, \phi_n \rangle}{\langle \phi_n, \phi_n \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^1 e^{2x} e^{2x} \sin(n\pi x) e^{-4x} dx}{\int_0^1 [e^{2x} \sin(n\pi x)]^2 e^{-4x} dx}$$

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$$= \frac{\int_0^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx}{\int_0^1 \sin^2(n\pi x) dx} = \frac{[1 - (-1)^n] / n\pi}{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{2(1 - (-1)^n)}{n\pi}$$

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$$e^{2x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(1-(-1)^n)}{n\pi} e^{2x} \sin(n\pi x)$$

$$0 < x < 1$$

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(d) put $x = 1/2$ in (c),

$$e = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(1-(-1)^n)}{n\pi} e \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-(-1)^n}{n} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{1} \sin\frac{\pi}{2} + 0 + \frac{2}{3} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + 0 \\ + \frac{2}{5} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) + \dots$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = 2(1) + \frac{2}{3}(-1) + \frac{2}{5}(1) - \dots$$

Divide by 2 :

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$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

Question V [5+5 points]. If the linear operator L is defined by

$$Ly = a(x)y''(x) + b(x)y'(x) + c(x)y(x)$$

and the linear operator L^* defined so that

$$L^*y = [a(x)y(x)]'' - [b(x)y(x)]' + c(x)y(x)$$

then we say that L^* is the adjoint of L . If $L = L^*$, then the operator L is called self-adjoint.

(a) Show that if

$$Ly = p(x)y''(x) + p'(x)y'(x) + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y(x)$$

then L is self-adjoint.

(b) For L defined in (a) show that

$$zLy - yLz = [p(zy' - z'y)]'$$

is satisfied if all derivatives exists.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad L^*y &= [p(x)y(x)]'' - [p'(x)y(x)]' + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y(x) \\
 &= [p'(x)y(x) + p(x)y'(x)]' - p''(x)y(x) - p'(x)y'(x) \\
 &\quad + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y(x) \\
 &= \cancel{p''(x)y(x)} + p'(x)y'(x) + \cancel{p'(x)y'(x)} + p(x)y''(x) \\
 &\quad - \cancel{p''(x)y(x)} - \cancel{p'(x)y'(x)} + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y(x) \\
 &= p(x)y''(x) + p'(x)y'(x) + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y(x) \\
 &= Ly.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad [p(zy' - z'y)]' &= p'(zy' - z'y) + p(\cancel{z'y'} + zy'' - \cancel{z'y'} - z''y) \\
 &= z(p'y'' + p'y') - y(pz'' + p'z') \\
 &= z(p'y'' + p'y' + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y) \\
 &\quad - y(pz'' + p'z' + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]z) \\
 &= zLy - yLz
 \end{aligned}$$

Good Luck

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