

## Chapter 3

1. (i) This is a regular S-L problem with

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &\equiv 1, & q(x) &\equiv 0, & \sigma(x) &\equiv 1, \\ a = 0, & b = 1, & \kappa_1 = 1, & \kappa_2 = 2, & \kappa_3 = 0, & \kappa_4 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Since

$$\begin{aligned} f'' - f' + \lambda f = 0 &\Leftrightarrow e^{-x} f'' - e^{-x} f' + \lambda e^{-x} f = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow (e^{-x} f')' + \lambda e^{-x} f = 0, \end{aligned}$$

this is a regular S-L problem with

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= e^{-x}, & q(x) &\equiv 0, & \sigma(x) &= e^{-x}, \\ a = 0, & b = 2, & \kappa_1 = 0, & \kappa_2 = 1, & \kappa_3 = 1, & \kappa_4 = -1. \end{aligned}$$

2. (i) For  $m, n = 1, 2, \dots, m \neq n$ ,

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

(ii) For  $m, n = 1, 2, \dots, m \neq n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f_0 f_n dx &= \int_0^\pi \cos(nx) dx = \frac{1}{n} [\sin(nx)]_0^\pi = 0, \\ \int_a^b f_m f_n dx &= \int_0^\pi \cos(mx) \cos(nx) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} [\cos((m+n)x) + \cos((m-n)x)] dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{m+n} \sin((m+n)x) + \frac{1}{m-n} \sin((m-n)x) \right]_0^{\pi} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) As in (i) and (ii), for  $m, n = 1, 2, \dots, m \neq n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b f_0 f_{1n} dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) dx = \frac{1}{n} [\sin(nx)]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0, \\
\int_a^b f_0 f_{2n} dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(nx) dx = -\frac{1}{n} [\cos(nx)]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0, \\
\int_a^b f_{1m} f_{1n} dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mx) \cos(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{m+n} \sin((m+n)x) + \frac{1}{m-n} \sin((m-n)x) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0, \\
\int_a^b f_{2m} f_{2n} dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{m-n} \sin((m-n)x) - \frac{1}{m+n} \sin((m+n)x) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0, \\
\int_a^b f_{1m} f_{2n} dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(mx) \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [\sin((n+m)x) + \sin((n-m)x)] dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{n+m} \cos((n+m)x) - \frac{1}{n-m} \cos((n-m)x) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0;
\end{aligned}$$

also, for  $m = n$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f_{1n} f_{2n} dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(2nx) dx = -\frac{1}{4n} [\cos(2nx)]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

3. (i) We have

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &\equiv 1, \quad q(x) \equiv 0, \quad \sigma(x) \equiv 1, \quad a = 0, \quad b = \pi \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^{\pi} [p(f')^2 - qf^2] dx &= \int_0^{\pi} (f')^2 dx \geq 0, \\ [pff']_0^{\pi} &= 0, \quad \int_0^{\pi} \sigma f^2 dx = \int_0^{\pi} f^2 dx > 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &= \frac{\int_0^{\pi} (f')^2 dx}{\int_0^{\pi} f^2 dx} \geq 0, \\ \lambda = 0 &\Leftrightarrow f'(x) \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x) \equiv \text{const} = 0 : \text{unacceptable} \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x), \\ f(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow C_1 = 0, \\ f'(\pi) = 0 &\Rightarrow C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}\pi) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda}\pi &= \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{(2n-1)^2}{4}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \\ \Rightarrow f_n(x) &= \sin \frac{(2n-1)x}{2}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The proof that  $\lambda > 0$  is almost identical to that in (i), with  $b = 1$ . Hence, with  $f$  and

$f'$  also as in (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow C_2\sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0, \\
f(1) = 0 &\Rightarrow C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \\
\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2} &\Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{(2n-1)^2\pi^2}{4}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \\
\Rightarrow f_n(x) = \cos \frac{(2n-1)\pi x}{2}, &\quad n = 1, 2, \dots
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Noting that here

$$[pf f']_0^1 = f(1)f'(1) - f(0)f'(0) = -f^2(0) \leq 0,$$

we repeat the argument in Example 3.18 and conclude that  $\lambda > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \\
\Rightarrow f'(x) &= -C_1\sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2\sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x), \\
f(0) - f'(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow C_1 = \sqrt{\lambda}C_2, \\
f(1) = 0 &\Rightarrow C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \\
\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda}C_2 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 &\Rightarrow C_2(\sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} + \sin \sqrt{\lambda}) = 0 \\
\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} + \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $\cos \sqrt{\lambda} \neq 0$ ; hence,  $\tan \sqrt{\lambda} = -\sqrt{\lambda}$ . This means that if  $\zeta_n$  are the positive roots of the transcendental equation  $\tan \zeta = -\zeta$ , then (given that  $C_1 = \sqrt{\lambda}C_2$ ) the eigenvalue-eigenfunction pairs are

$$\lambda_n = \zeta_n^2, \quad f_n(x) = \zeta_n \cos(\zeta_n x) + \sin(\zeta_n x), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

(iv) This time we have

$$[pf f']_0^1 = f(1)f'(1) - f(0)f'(0) = -f^2(1) \leq 0,$$

so the argument in Example 3.18 can be applied again to yield  $\lambda > 0$ . Therefore, with  $f$  and  $f'$  the same as in (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda}C_2 = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 = 0, \\
f(1) + f'(1) = 0 &\Rightarrow C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} - C_1\sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Since, as is easily seen,  $C_1 \neq 0$  and  $\sin \sqrt{\lambda} \neq 0$ , we have  $\cot \sqrt{\lambda} = \sqrt{\lambda}$ . If  $\zeta_n$  are the positive roots of the equation  $\cot \zeta = \zeta$ , then the eigenvalue-eigenfunction pairs are

$$\lambda_n = \zeta_n^2, \quad f_n(x) = \cos(\zeta_n x), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

(v) Since

$$[pff']_0^1 = f(1)f'(1) - f(0)f'(0) = -f^2(0) \leq 0,$$

we deduce as above that  $\lambda > 0$ . Hence, with  $f$  and  $f'$  once again as in (iii),

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) - f'(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow C_1 = \sqrt{\lambda} C_2, \\ f'(1) = 0 &\Rightarrow -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} + C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 &\Rightarrow C_1(-\sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} + \cos \sqrt{\lambda}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

As above, we cannot have  $C_1 = 0$  nor  $\sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$ ; therefore,  $\cot \sqrt{\lambda} = \sqrt{\lambda}$ . Let  $\zeta_n$  be the positive roots of the equation  $\cot \zeta = \zeta$ . Then, since  $C_1 = \sqrt{\lambda} C_2$ , the eigenvalue-eigenfunction pairs are

$$\lambda_n = \zeta_n^2, \quad f_n(x) = \zeta_n \cos(\zeta_n x) + \sin(\zeta_n x), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

(vi) From the characteristic equation:

$$s^2 - s + \lambda = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad s_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 - 4\lambda}), \quad s_2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\lambda}).$$

If  $\lambda < 1/4$ , then  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are real and distinct, so

$$f(x) = C_1 e^{s_1 x} + C_2 e^{s_2 x}, \quad f'(x) = c_1 s_1 e^{s_1 x} + C_2 s_2 e^{s_2 x}.$$

Then the BCs yield the homogeneous linear algebraic system

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 s_1 + C_2 s_2 &= 0, \\ C_1 s_1 e^{s_1} + C_2 s_2 e^{s_2} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

with determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} s_1 & s_2 \\ s_1 e^{s_1} & s_2 e^{s_2} \end{vmatrix} = s_1 s_2 (e^{s_1} - e^{s_2}).$$

Clearly,  $s_1 \neq 0$  and  $e^{s_1} \neq e^{s_2}$ , but  $s_2 = 0$  if  $\lambda = 0$ . In the latter case,  $f(x) = C_1 e^x + C_2$ , and the BCs imply that  $C_1 = 0$ . Consequently, we have the eigenvalue-eigenfunction pair

$$\lambda_0 = 0, \quad f_0(x) \equiv 1.$$

If  $\lambda = 1/4$ , then  $s_1 = s_2 = 1/2$ , so

$$f(x) = (C_1 + C_2 x)e^{x/2}, \quad f'(x) = (C_2 + \frac{1}{2}C_1 + \frac{1}{2}C_2 x)e^{x/2},$$

and the BCs yield the system

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 + \frac{1}{2}C_2 &= 0, \\ \frac{1}{2}C_1 + \frac{3}{2}C_2 &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

which has the unique (unacceptable) solution  $C_1 = C_2 = 0$ .

If  $\lambda > 1/4$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= e^{x/2} [C_1 \cos(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4\lambda-1}x) + C_2 \sin(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4\lambda-1}x)] \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &= e^{x/2} [\frac{1}{2}(C_1 + C_2\sqrt{4\lambda-1}) \cos(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4\lambda-1}x) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(C_2 - C_1\sqrt{4\lambda-1}) \sin(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4\lambda-1}x)], \end{aligned}$$

and the BCs lead to

$$C_1 + C_2\sqrt{4\lambda-1} = 0, \quad (C_2 - C_1\sqrt{4\lambda-1}) \sin(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4\lambda-1}) = 0.$$

If  $C_2 - C_1\sqrt{4\lambda-1} = 0$ , then  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  would satisfy a homogeneous linear system with determinant  $4\lambda \neq 0$ , which would imply that  $C_1 = C_2 = 0$ ; therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4\lambda-1}) = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4\lambda-1} = n\pi \\ \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{1}{4}(4n^2\pi^2 + 1) &= n^2\pi^2 + \frac{1}{4}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

The equality  $C_1 + C_2\sqrt{4\lambda-1} = 0$  now reduces to  $C_1 + 2C_2n\pi = 0$ , so, taking  $C_1 = -2n\pi$  and  $C_2 = 1$ , we obtain the eigenfunctions

$$f_n(x) = e^{x/2} [-2n\pi \cos(n\pi x) + \sin(n\pi x)], \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

4. (i) For  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\int_a^b u f_n dx = \int_0^\pi \sin(nx) dx = -\frac{1}{n} [\cos(nx)]_0^\pi = \frac{1}{n} [1 - (-1)^n],$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b f_n^2 dx &= \int_0^\pi \sin^2(nx) dx = \frac{1}{2} \\
\Rightarrow c_n &= \frac{1}{n} [1 - (-1)^n] \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} = \frac{2}{n\pi} [1 - (-1)^n] \\
\Rightarrow u(x) &\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1 - (-1)^n] \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(nx).
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) By direct calculation, for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b u f_n dx &= \int_0^\pi (2x + 3) \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \left[ (2x + 3) \left( -\frac{1}{n} \right) \cos(nx) \right]_0^\pi + \int_0^\pi \frac{2}{n} \cos(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{3}{n} - \frac{2\pi + 3}{n} \cos(n\pi) + \frac{2}{n^2} [\sin(nx)]_0^\pi = [3 - (2\pi + 3)(-1)^n] \frac{1}{n} \\
\Rightarrow c_n &= \frac{1}{n} [3 - (2\pi + 3)(-1)^n] \frac{2}{\pi} \\
&= \frac{2}{n\pi} [3 - (2\pi + 3)(-1)^n] \\
\Rightarrow u(x) &\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} [3 - (2\pi + 3)(-1)^n] \sin(nx).
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) With  $L = 1$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n &= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \\
&= 2 \left[ \int_0^{1/2} x \sin(n\pi x) dx + \int_{1/2}^1 (1-x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \left\{ \left[ x \left( -\frac{1}{n\pi} \right) \cos(n\pi x) \right]_0^{1/2} + \int_0^{1/2} \frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) dx \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left[ (1-x) \left( -\frac{1}{n\pi} \right) \cos(n\pi x) \right]_{1/2}^1 + \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) (-dx) \right\} \\
&= 2 \left\{ -\frac{1}{2n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} [\sin(n\pi x)]_0^{1/2} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} [\sin(n\pi x)]_{1/2}^1 \right\} \\
&= \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} = \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \\
\Rightarrow u(x) &\sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \sin(n\pi x).
\end{aligned}$$

**5.** (i) Since  $f(x) \equiv 1$  is an eigenfunction, the expansion for  $u(x) \equiv 1$  coincides with the function itself. This can also be verified by direct calculation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b u f_0 dx &= \int_0^\pi dx = \pi, \\
\int_a^b u f_n dx &= \int_0^\pi \cos(nx) dx = \frac{1}{n} [\sin(nx)]_0^\pi = 0, \\
\int_0^\pi f_0^2 dx &= \int_0^\pi dx = \pi \\
\Rightarrow c_0 &= \pi \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} = 1, \quad c_n = 0, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Here

$$\int_a^b u f_0 dx = \int_0^\pi (2x + 3) dx = [x^2 + 3x]_0^\pi = \pi^2 + 3\pi,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b u f_n dx &= \int_0^\pi (2x + 3) \cos(nx) dx \\
&= \left[ (2x + 3) \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) \right]_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi \frac{2}{n} \sin(nx) dx \\
&= \frac{2}{n^2} [\cos(nx)]_0^\pi = [(-1)^n - 1] \frac{2}{n^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\pi f_0^2 dx &= \pi, \quad \int_0^\pi f_n^2 dx = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \\
\Rightarrow c_0 &= (\pi^2 + 3\pi) \frac{1}{\pi} = \pi + 3, \\
c_n &= [(-1)^n - 1] \frac{2}{n^2} \frac{2}{\pi} = [(-1)^n - 1] \frac{4}{n^2\pi}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \\
\Rightarrow u(x) &\sim \pi + 3 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(-1)^n - 1] \frac{4}{n^2\pi} \cos(nx).
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) For  $L = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
a_0 &= \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^{1/2} x dx + \int_{1/2}^1 (1-x) dx = \frac{1}{2} [x^2]_0^{1/2} + [x - \frac{1}{2}x^2]_{1/2}^1 = \frac{1}{4}, \\
a_n &= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \cos(n\pi x) dx \\
&= 2 \left[ \int_0^{1/2} x \cos(n\pi x) dx + \int_{1/2}^1 (1-x) \cos(n\pi x) dx \right] \\
&= 2 \left\{ \left[ x \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) \right]_0^{1/2} - \int_0^{1/2} \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) dx \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left[ (1-x) \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) \right]_{1/2}^1 - \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{1}{n\pi} \sin(n\pi x) (-dx) \Big\} \\
& = 2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} [\cos(n\pi x)]_0^{1/2} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \frac{1}{2n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} [\cos(n\pi x)]_{1/2}^1 \right\} \\
& = 2 \left[ \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} - \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} \cos(n\pi) + \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} \right] \\
& = 2 \left[ \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} - \frac{1}{n^2\pi^2} \right], \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \\
\Rightarrow u(x) & \sim \frac{1}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} \left[ 2 \cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + (-1)^{n+1} - 1 \right] \cos(n\pi x).
\end{aligned}$$