



Figure 8.13.1 Eigenfunctions ψ_n for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

8.14 Exercises

1. Determine the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the following regular Sturm–Liouville systems:

(a) $y'' + \lambda y = 0$,

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(\pi) = 0.$$

(b) $y'' + \lambda y = 0$,

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(1) = 0.$$

(c) $y'' + \lambda y = 0$,

$$y'(0) = 0, \quad y'(\pi) = 0.$$

(d) $y'' + \lambda y = 0$,

$$y(1) = 0, \quad y(0) + y'(0) = 0.$$

2. Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the following periodic Sturm–Liouville systems:

(a) $y'' + \lambda y = 0,$

$$y(-1) = y(1), \quad y'(-1) = y'(1).$$

(b) $y'' + \lambda y = 0,$

$$y(0) = y(2\pi), \quad y'(0) = y'(2\pi).$$

(c) $y'' + \lambda y = 0,$

$$y(0) = y(\pi), \quad y'(0) = y'(\pi).$$

3. Obtain the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the following Sturm–Liouville systems:

(a) $y'' + y' + (1 + \lambda)y = 0,$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 0.$$

(b) $y'' + 2y' + (1 - \lambda)y = 0,$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(1) = 0.$$

(c) $y'' - 3y' + 3(1 + \lambda)y = 0,$

$$y'(0) = 0, \quad y'(\pi) = 0.$$

4. Find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the following regular Sturm–Liouville systems:

(a) $x^2 y'' + 3xy' + \lambda y = 0, \quad 1 \leq x \leq e,$

$$y(1) = 0, \quad y(e) = 0.$$

(b) $\frac{d}{dx} \left[(2+x)^2 y' \right] + \lambda y = 0, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1,$

$$y(-1) = 0, \quad y(1) = 0.$$

(c) $(1+x)^2 y'' + 2(1+x)y' + 3\lambda y = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1,$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 0.$$

5. Determine all eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the Sturm–Liouville systems:

(a) $x^2y'' + xy' + \lambda y = 0,$

$$y(1) = 0, \quad y, y' \text{ are bounded at } x = 0.$$

(b) $y'' + \lambda y = 0,$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y, y' \text{ are bounded at infinity.}$$

6. Expand the function

$$f(x) = \sin x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

in terms of the eigenfunctions of the Sturm–Liouville problem

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0,$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(\pi) + y'(\pi) = 0.$$

7. Find the expansion of

$$f(x) = x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

in a series of eigenfunctions of the Sturm–Liouville system

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0,$$

$$y'(0) = 0, \quad y'(\pi) = 0.$$

8. Transform each of the following equations into the equivalent self-adjoint form:

- (a) The Laguerre equation

$$xy'' + (1-x)y' + ny = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- (b) The Hermite equation

$$y'' - 2xy' + 2ny = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- (c) The Tchebycheff equation

$$(1-x^2)y'' - xy' + n^2y = 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

9. If $q(x)$ and $s(x)$ are continuous and $p(x)$ is twice continuously differentiable in $[a, b]$, show that the solutions of the fourth-order Sturm–Liouville system