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(* rr2.nb      [a473s-6.pdf]          *)
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Clear["Global`*"]

ip[f_, g_] := Integrate[f[x] g[x], {x, 0, a}]
norm[f_] := ip[f, f]

nc[f_] := ip[f, f] ^ (-1 / 2)

p1[x_] := x (a - x)

p2[x_] := p1[x] (x - a / 2)

p2[x]


$$(a - x) x \left( -\frac{a}{2} + x \right)$$


c1 = nc[p1]


$$\frac{\sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{a^5}}$$


f1[x_] := c1 p1[x]

c2 = nc[p2]


$$\frac{2 \sqrt{210}}{\sqrt{a^7}}$$


f2[x_] := c2 p2[x]

f1[x]


$$\frac{\sqrt{30} (a - x) x}{\sqrt{a^5}}$$


ip[f1', f2']

0

(* Hence for these trial functions 2x2 matrix <n H m> is diagonal *)
(* diag elements are variational eigenvalue approximations *)

ip[f1', f1']


$$\frac{10}{a^2}$$


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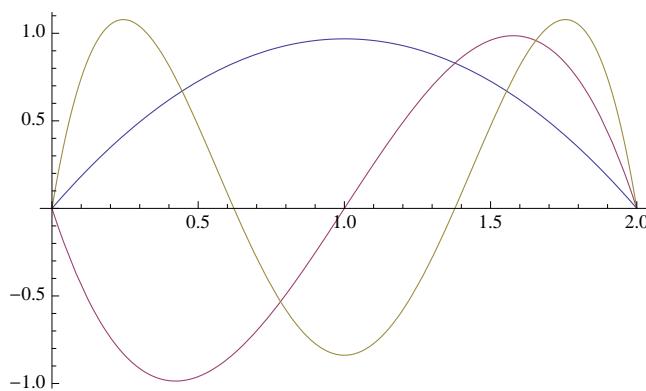
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 $\frac{10}{a^2} (* \text{exact } e1 = \pi^2/a^2 *)$ 
 $\frac{10}{a^2}$ 
ip[f2', f2']
 $\frac{42}{a^2} (* \text{exact } e2 = 4 \pi^2 /a^2 *)$ 
 $\frac{42}{a^2}$ 
(* construct a third function, orthogonal to f2 by symmetry *)
(* about a/2, and adjusted to be orthogonal to f1 by b = -a^2/7 *)
p3[x_] := p1[x] * ((a - 2x) * (a - 2x) - a^2 / 7)
ip[p3, p1]
0
c3 = nc[p3]
 $\frac{21 \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}}{\sqrt{a^9}}$ 
f3[x_] := c3 p3[x]
{ip[f1, f2], ip[f1, f3], ip[f2, f3]}
{0, 0, 0}
Map[norm, {f1, f2, f3}]
{1, 1, 1}
{1, 1, 1}
{1, 1, 1}
(* The functions are o.n and satisfy BC *)
vf = {f1, f2, f3}
{f1, f2, f3}
vf[[1]]
f1
(* choose a for numerical work *)
a = 2
2

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Plot[{f1[x], f2[x], f3[x]}, {x, 0, a}]


(* Note: vf[[2]] selects the vector item 2 (sorry about that) *)

h = Table[ip[vf[[i]], vf[[j]]], {i, 3}, {j, 3}]

{ {5/2, 0, Sqrt[3]/2}, {0, 21/2, 0}, {Sqrt[3]/2, 0, 51/2} }

MatrixForm[h]


$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{2} & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{21}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 & \frac{51}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$


(* The function Eigenvalues cannot work with Matrix Form *)

Eigenvalues[h]

{14 + Sqrt[133], 21/2, 14 - Sqrt[133]}

N[%, 10]

{25.53256259, 10.50000000, 2.467437405}

(* Recall the exact eigenvalues for L = a = 2   *)

Table[(i * Pi / a)^2, {i, 3}]

{π²/4, π², 9π²/4}

N[%, 10]

{2.467401100, 9.869604401, 22.20660990}

(* improvement in e1 over the {f1, f2} approximation *)
(* e2 estimate is unchanged for it is found in the same *)
(* 1-dimensional odd space (odd about x = a/2). *)

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