

**MA/PHY506 Fall 2012**  
**Problem Set 4**  
**DUE: 15 October 2012**

1. Arfken, Chapter 7, page 377: problems 7.7.2, 7.7.4.
2. Arfken, Chapter 8, pages 387, problems 8.2.2, 8.2.5.
3. Show that the linear operator  $L = -d^2/dx^2$  on  $L^2([0, 1])$  is hermitian on the functions that vanish at  $x = 0$  and at  $x = 1$  and that are twice differentiable. That is, for any two such functions

$$\int_0^1 \overline{f(x)}(Lg)(x) dx = \int_0^1 \overline{Lf(x)}g(x) dx.$$

Find some eigenfunctions of  $L$ , that is, functions satisfying  $Lf = \lambda f$ , with these properties.