

**MA/PHY506 Fall 2015**  
**Problem Set 8**  
**DUE: 9 November 2015**

1. Arfken, Chapter 8, pages 387, problems 8.2.1, 8.2.3, 8.2.5.
2. Arfken, Chapter 8, page 394: problems 8.3.2.
3. Show that the linear operator  $L = -d^2/dx^2$  on  $L^2([0, 2\pi])$  is hermitian on the functions that satisfy periodic boundary conditions:  $y(0) = y(2\pi)$  and  $y'(0) = y'(2\pi)$ , and that are twice differentiable. That is, for any two such functions

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \bar{f}(x)(Lg)(x) \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{Lf}(x)g(x) \, dx.$$

Find the normalized eigenfunctions of  $L$ , that is, functions satisfying  $Lf = \lambda f$ , with these properties, and the corresponding eigenfunctions. check that the eigenfunctions are orthogonal.