

**Exercise 1.**

1. The matrix of  $q$  in the standard basis of  $E$  is:

$$[q]_{\text{std}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 5 & -3/2 & 5/2 \\ 1 & -3/2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 5/2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Let  $(x, y, z, t) \in E$ . Then:

$$(x, y, z, t) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \iff \begin{cases} x + y + z + t = 0 \\ x - y + z - t = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x + y + z + t = 0 \\ -2y - 2t = 0 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x = -z \\ y = -t \\ z = z \\ t = t. \end{cases}$$

hence a basis of  $F$  is given by:

$$\mathcal{C} = ((-1, 0, 1, 0), (0, -1, 0, 1)).$$

In the sequel we'll use the following notation:

$$u_1 = (-1, 0, 1, 0), \quad u_2 = (0, -1, 0, 1).$$

3. • We first show that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a family of vectors of  $F^\perp$ : Recall that a vector  $u \in E$  belongs to  $F^\perp$  if and only if  $u \perp_\varphi u_1$  and  $u \perp_\varphi u_2$ . Now:

$$\varphi((1, 1, 1, -1), u_1) = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1) [q]_{\text{std}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\varphi((1, 1, 1, -1), u_2) = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1) [q]_{\text{std}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1) \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ -5/2 \\ 5/2 \\ 1/2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

hence  $(1, 1, 1, -1) \in F^\perp$

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hence  $(1, 0, 0, -1) \in F^\perp$ .

• We now show that  $\mathcal{B}$  is orthogonal with respect to  $\varphi$ :

$$\varphi((1, 1, 1, -1), (1, 0, 0, -1)) = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1) [q]_{\text{std}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

•  $\mathcal{B}$  is an orthogonal family and doesn't contain the nil vector, hence  $\mathcal{B}$  is an independent family of vectors of  $F^\perp$ .

- We know that  $E = F \oplus F^{\perp\varphi}$  and that  $\dim E = 4$  and  $\dim F = 2$ , hence  $\dim F^{\perp\varphi} = 2$ . Hence, since  $\mathcal{B}$  consists of two independent vectors of  $F^{\perp\varphi}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  is a basis of  $F^{\perp\varphi}$ .

4. We know that:

$$m = \min_{(x,y,z,t) \in F} \|(x-1, y-1, z-1, t-1)\|_{\varphi}^2 = \|(1, 1, 1, 1) - p_F(1, 1, 1, 1)\|_{\varphi}^2$$

where  $p_F : E \rightarrow E$  denotes the orthogonal projection (with respect to  $\varphi$ ) onto  $F$ . If we denote by  $p' : E \rightarrow E$  the orthogonal projection (with respect to  $\varphi$ ) onto  $F^{\perp\varphi}$  we have:

$$p'(1, 1, 1, 1) = (1, 1, 1, 1) - p_F(1, 1, 1, 1) \in F^{\perp\varphi},$$

hence

$$m = \|p'(1, 1, 1, 1)\|_{\varphi}^2.$$

Set:  $v_1 = (1, 1, 1, -1)$  and  $v_2 = (1, 0, 0, -1)$ . Then, since  $\mathcal{B} = (v_1, v_2)$  is an orthogonal basis of  $F^{\perp\varphi}$ ,

$$p'(1, 1, 1, 1) = \frac{\varphi((1, 1, 1, 1), v_1)}{\varphi(v_1, v_1)} v_1 + \frac{\varphi((1, 1, 1, 1), v_2)}{\varphi(v_2, v_2)} v_2,$$

and by the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$m = \|p'(1, 1, 1, 1)\|_{\varphi}^2 = \left\| \frac{\varphi((1, 1, 1, 1), v_1)}{\varphi(v_1, v_1)} v_1 \right\|_{\varphi}^2 + \left\| \frac{\varphi((1, 1, 1, 1), v_2)}{\varphi(v_2, v_2)} v_2 \right\|_{\varphi}^2 = \frac{\varphi((1, 1, 1, 1), v_1)^2}{\varphi(v_1, v_1)} + \frac{\varphi((1, 1, 1, 1), v_2)^2}{\varphi(v_2, v_2)}.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi((1, 1, 1, 1), v_1) &= (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) [q]_{\text{std}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 3/2 \end{pmatrix} = 6 \\ \varphi(v_1, v_1) &= (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1) [q]_{\text{std}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ -1) \begin{pmatrix} 3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 3/2 \\ 3/2 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \\ \varphi((1, 1, 1, 1), v_2) &= (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) [q]_{\text{std}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = -4 \\ \varphi(v_2, v_2) &= (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1) [q]_{\text{std}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$m = \frac{36}{3} + \frac{16}{2} = 20.$$

**Exercise 2.** Let  $y$  be a power series of radius  $R > 0$ , say

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n x^n.$$

Then, for all  $x \in (-R, R)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 y(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n x^{n+2} = \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} a_{n-2} x^n, \\ y'(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} n a_n x^{n-1}, \quad \text{hence} \quad x y'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} n a_n x^n, \end{aligned}$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^{n-2}, \quad \text{hence} \quad x^2 y''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n = \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} n(n-1)a_n x^n.$$

Hence, for all  $x \in (-R, R)$ ,

$$x^2 y''(x) + x y'(x) + x^2 y(x) = a_1 x + \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} (n(n-1)a_n + n a_n + a_{n-2}) x^n = a_1 x + \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} (n^2 a_n + a_{n-2}) x^n.$$

Then, the following equivalences are true:

$$\begin{aligned} y \text{ is a solution of } (*) \text{ on } (-R, R) &\iff a_0 = 1, a_1 = 0, \forall x \in (-R, R), \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} (n^2 a_n + a_{n-2}) x^n = 0 \\ &\iff \begin{cases} a_0 = 1 \\ a_1 = 0 \\ \forall n \geq 2, n^2 a_n + a_{n-2} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{Identity Theorem}) \\ &\iff \begin{cases} a_0 = 1 \\ a_1 = 0 \\ \forall n \geq 0, a_{n+2} = -\frac{a_n}{(n+2)^2}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

By a simple induction, we see that the sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  satisfies this last equivalence if and only if:

$$\begin{cases} \forall p \in \mathbb{N}, a_{2p+1} = 0 \\ a_0 = 1 \\ \forall p \in \mathbb{N}^*, a_{2p} = \frac{(-1)^p}{(2 \times 4 \times \cdots \times (2p))^2} \end{cases}$$

Now, for all  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,

$$(2 \times 4 \times \cdots \times (2p)) = 2^p (1 \times 2 \times \cdots \times p)^2 = 4^p (p!)^2.$$

Hence, the power series  $y$  is a solution of  $(*)$  on  $(-R, R)$  if and only if:

$$\forall p \in \mathbb{N}, \begin{cases} a_{2p+1} = 0 \\ a_{2p} = \frac{(-1)^p}{4^p (p!)^2}, \end{cases}$$

i.e., the unique solution  $y$  of  $(*)$  that possesses a power series expansion is:

$$y(x) = \sum_{p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^p}{4^p (p!)^2} x^{2p}.$$

We now compute the radius of convergence  $R$  of this power series using the ratio test: let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^*$ . Then:

$$\left| \frac{(-1)^{p+1} x^{2p+2}}{4^{p+1} ((p+1)!)^2} \frac{4^p (p!)^2}{(-1)^p x^{2p}} \right| = \frac{x^2}{4(p+1)^2} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow +\infty} 0 < 1.$$

Hence the power series converges on  $\mathbb{R}$  hence  $R = +\infty$ .

*Remark.* The function  $y$  we obtained is known as the Bessel function of order 0 of the first kind. It appears naturally when solving the wave equation on a disk.

### Exercise 3.

1. Let  $f, g \in E$ . Clearly,  $\varphi(f, g) = \varphi(g, f)$ . We now show that  $\varphi$  is symmetric with respect to the first argument: let  $f, g, h \in E$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then:

$$\varphi(f + \lambda g, h) = \int_0^1 (f(t) + \lambda g(t)) h(t) dt + \int_0^1 (f'(t) + \lambda g'(t)) h'(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 f(t)h(t) dt + \lambda \int_0^1 g(t)h(t) dt + \int_0^1 f'(t)h'(t) dt + \lambda \int_0^1 g'(t)h'(t) dt = \varphi(f, h) + \lambda\varphi(g, h).$$

Hence  $\varphi$  is a symmetric bilinear form on  $E$ . We now show that  $\varphi$  is positive semi-definite: let  $f \in E$ , then, clearly,

$$\varphi(f, f) = \int_0^1 f(t)^2 dt + \int_0^1 (f'(t))^2 dt \geq 0.$$

We now show that  $\varphi$  is positive definite: let  $f \in E$  such that  $\varphi(f, f) = 0$ . Then:

$$\int_0^1 f(t)^2 dt + \int_0^1 f'(t)^2 dt = 0.$$

Since both integrals are non-negative, we must have:

$$\int_0^1 f(t)^2 dt = 0$$

and since  $f^2$  is non-negative and continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , we must have  $f = 0$  on  $[0, 1]$ , i.e.,  $f = 0_E$ .

2. Let  $f \in E$ . We remember (hopefully!) from the lectures about differential equations that:

$$f'' - f = 0 \iff \exists A, B \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x \in [0, 1], f(x) = Ae^x + Be^{-x}.$$

Define the following functions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} e_+ : [0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} & e_- : [0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \longmapsto e^x & x \longmapsto e^{-x}. \end{array}$$

Clearly the vectors  $e_+$  and  $e_-$  are independent and hence they form a basis of  $V$ :

$$V = \text{Span}\{e_+, e_-\}, \quad \dim V = 2 < +\infty.$$

3. Let  $f \in V$  and  $g \in E$ . Then, by integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f, g) &= \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt + \int_0^1 f'(t)g'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt + [f'(t)g(t)]_{t=0}^{t=1} - \int_0^1 f''(t)g'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (f(t) - f''(t))g(t) dt + f'(1)g(1) - f'(0)g(0) \\ &= f'(1)g(1) - f'(0)g(0). \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$g \in V^{\perp\varphi} \iff \varphi(e_+, g) = \varphi(e_-, g) = 0 \iff \begin{cases} eg(1) - g(0) = 0 \\ -e^{-1}g(1) + g(0) = 0 \end{cases} \iff g(0) = g(1) = 0.$$

Hence  $V^{\perp\varphi} = \{g \in E \mid g(0) = g(1) = 0\}$ .

4. Let  $f \in E$ . Observe that  $e_+$  and  $e_-$  are orthogonal with respect to  $\varphi$ :

$$\varphi(e_+, e_-) = \int_0^1 e^t e^{-t} dt + \int_0^1 e^t (-e^{-t}) dt = 0$$

hence:

$$p(f) = \frac{\varphi(f, e_+)}{\varphi(e_+, e_+)} e_+ + \frac{\varphi(f, e_-)}{\varphi(e_-, e_-)} e_-.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f, e_+) &= f(1)e - f(0) && \text{(by question 3 since } e_+ \in V), \\ \varphi(f, e_-) &= f(1)e^{-1} - f(0) && \text{(by question 3 since } e_- \in V), \\ \varphi(e_+, e_+) &= e^2 - 1, \\ \varphi(e_-, e_-) &= 1 - e^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$p(f) = \frac{f(1)e - f(0)}{e^2 - 1} e_+ + \frac{f(1)e^{-1} - f(0)}{1 - e^{-2}} e_-.$$