

② It is possible to show that although the SL problem is singular, the basis of functions

$$\{J_m(z_{mn}x)\}_{n=1, \dots, \infty}$$

still forms a complete orthogonal basis for all non-singular functions in $(0, 1)$ vanishing at $x=1$

\Rightarrow we can always write

$$a_m(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{mn} J_m(z_{mn}x)$$

$$b_m(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_{mn} J_m(z_{mn}x)$$

with

$$\alpha_{mn} = \int_0^1 x a_m(x) J_m(z_{mn}x) dx \cdot \frac{1}{\langle J_m(z_{mn}x), J_m(z_{mn}x) \rangle}$$

$$\beta_{mn} = \int_0^1 x b_m(x) J_m(z_{mn}x) dx \cdot \frac{1}{\langle J_m(z_{mn}x), J_m(z_{mn}x) \rangle}$$

$$\text{and } \langle J_m(z_{mn}x), J_m(z_{mn}x) \rangle = \int_0^1 x J_m^2(z_{mn}x) dx$$

\Rightarrow once this is done, the coefficients A_{mn} and B_{mn} can be identified with this and the solution to the problem is

$$u(x, \theta, t) = \sum_{n,m} \left(\frac{\alpha_{mn}}{z_{mn}c} \cos m\theta + \frac{\beta_{mn}}{z_{mn}c} \sin m\theta \right) J_m(z_{mn}x) \sin(z_{mn}ct)$$

Simple Example: Suppose $F(x, \theta) = 4 J_2(z_{32}x) \cos 2\theta$

\Rightarrow here F is already in the correct form with

$$\beta_{mn} = 0 \quad \forall m, n$$

$$\alpha_{23} = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_{mn} = 0 \quad \text{for all other } m, n$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, \theta, t) = \frac{4}{z_{32}c} \cos 2\theta J_2(z_{32}x) \sin(z_{32}ct)$$

6.7 Non-homogeneous equations; introduction to Green's functions

6.7.1 Non homogeneous (regular) S.L problems (ODEs)

Given the ODE $\frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] = F(x)$

$$\text{with bcs } \begin{cases} \alpha u(a) + \beta u'(a) = 0 \\ \gamma u(b) + \delta u'(b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

① Seek solutions of the homogeneous eigenvalue eq.

$$\frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] = -\lambda u$$

→ this yields the eigenfunctions $\{v_n\}$ and eigenvalues $\{\lambda_n\}$

② Write $F(x) = \sum_n b_n v_n(x)$

(with $b_n = \int_a^b F(x') v_n(x') dx'$, if the v_n s are properly normalized)

Then since we know that the solution can also be written as

$$u(x) = \sum_n a_n v_n(x)$$

we can write

$$\frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] = \sum_n -\lambda_n a_n v_n(x) = \sum_n b_n v_n(x)$$

and by identification, $a_n = -\frac{b_n}{\lambda_n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u(x) &= \sum_n -\frac{b_n}{\lambda_n} v_n(x) = -\sum_n \int_a^b \frac{1}{\lambda_n} F(x') v_n(x') v_n(x) dx' \\ &= -\int_a^b G(x, x') F(x') dx' \end{aligned}$$

where $G(x; x') = \sum_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} v_n(x') v_n(x)$

- $G(x; x')$ is called the Green's function of the S.L problem
- It only depends on the characteristics of the homogeneous problem ($\{v_n\}, \{\lambda_n\}$) but, when integrated through with the forcing term $F(x)$, yields the solution of the forced problem
- Note that if the $\{v_n\}$ are not normalized then

$$G(x; x') = \sum_n \frac{1}{\|v_n\|^2} \frac{1}{\lambda_n} v_n(x') v_n(x)$$

where $\|v_n\|^2 = \int_a^b r(x) v_n(x)^2 dx$

Example Consider

$$y'' + y = 3 \sin(2\pi x) \quad \begin{matrix} y(0) = 0 \\ y(1) = 0 \end{matrix}$$

We seek the eigenfunctions of $y'' + y = -\lambda y$

$$\rightarrow y'' + (1 + \lambda)y = 0$$

$$\text{so } y = \alpha \cos(\sqrt{1 + \lambda} x) + \beta \sin(\sqrt{1 + \lambda} x)$$

$$\text{with } \begin{cases} \alpha = 0 \\ \sqrt{1 + \lambda_n} = n\pi \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda_n = n^2\pi^2 - 1 \\ v_n(x) = \sin(n\pi x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{The Green's function } G(x, x') &= \sum_n \frac{\sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x')}{\lambda_n \|\sin(n\pi x)\|} \\ &= \sum_n \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2 - 1} \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') \end{aligned}$$

so the solution to the problem is $y(x) = - \int_0^1 G(x, x') F(x') dx'$

$$y(x) = \int_0^1 \sum_n \frac{3 \sin(2\pi x')}{1 - n^2 \pi^2} 2 \sin(n\pi x) \sin(n\pi x') dx'$$

$$= \frac{3}{1 - 4\pi^2} \sin(2\pi x)$$

6.7.2 Application to parabolic/hyperbolic PDEs

Now consider either $u_t - \frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] = F(x, t)$

or $u_{tt} - \frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] = F(x, t)$.

Idea: Solve the associated Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\frac{1}{r(x)} [(p(x)u')' + q(x)u] + \lambda u = 0$$

to find the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions $\{v_n\}$, $\{\lambda_n\}$

then expand

$$F(x, t) = \sum_n b_n(t) v_n(x)$$

(in this case, $b_n(t) = \int_a^b F(x, t) r(x) v_n(x) dx$)

Assume a solution of the form

$$u(x, t) = \sum_n a_n(t) v_n(x)$$

and try the ansatz into the equation:

(example: parabolic) $\sum_n \dot{a}_n(t) v_n(x) - \frac{1}{r(x)} \left[\left(p(x) \sum_n a_n(t) v_n'(x) \right)' + q(x) \sum_n a_n(t) v_n(x) \right]$

$$= \sum_n b_n(t) v_n(x)$$

so that

$$\sum_n \dot{a}_n(t) v_n(x) + \sum_n \lambda_n a_n(t) v_n(x) = \sum_n b_n(t) v_n(x)$$

and (by orthogonality):

$$\dot{a}_n + \lambda_n a_n = b_n(t)$$

⇒ integrating factor method:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (a_n e^{\lambda_n t}) = b_n(t) e^{\lambda_n t}$$

$$\text{so } a_n(t) e^{\lambda_n t} - a_n(0) = \int_0^t b_n(t') e^{\lambda_n t'} dt'$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n(t) = a_n(0) e^{-\lambda_n t} + e^{-\lambda_n t} \int_0^t b_n(t') e^{\lambda_n t'} dt'$$

Putting it all together we find that

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,t) &= \sum_n a_n(0) e^{-\lambda_n t} v_n(x) + \int_0^t \sum_{n'} e^{-\lambda_{n'}(t-t')} v_{n'}(x) b_{n'}(t') dt' \\ &= \sum_n a_n(0) e^{-\lambda_n t} v_n(x) + \int_0^t \int_a^b \sum_n e^{-\lambda_n(t-t')} v_n(x) v_n(x') r(x') F(x',t') dx' dt' \end{aligned}$$

So we can write

$$u(x,t) = \sum_n a_n(0) e^{-\lambda_n t} v_n(x) + \int_0^t \int_a^b G(x,t; x',t') F(x',t') dx' dt'$$

$$\text{with } G(x,t; x',t') = \sum_n e^{-\lambda_n(t-t')} v_n(x) v_n(x') r(x')$$

↳ another example of a Green's function.

↳ u is the sum of
+ the solution to the problem with no forcing
+ the weighted integral of $F(x,t)$ with the Green's function.