Sturm-Lioville Problem

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Introduction

General form of Sturm-Liouville problem

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[p(x)\frac{d\phi}{dx}\right] + q(x)\phi = -\lambda\omega(x)\phi \quad \text{for } a \le x \le b$$
 (1)

where

- p(x), q(x) and $\omega(x)$ are continuous.
- $p(x), \omega(x) > 0 \text{ on } [a, b]$
- $\phi(x)$ is an eigen function.

problem 1

consider the following chebyshev's differential equation

$$(1 - x^2)\phi'' - x\phi' = -\lambda\phi \quad \text{for } -1 < x < 1$$
 (2)

with initial conditions $\phi(-1) = 0$, $\phi(1) = 0$.

to rewrite in Sturm-Lioville form first we divide by $\sqrt{1-x^2}$ to get

$$\underbrace{\sqrt{1-x^2}\phi'' - \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\phi'}_{\left(\sqrt{1-x^2}\phi'\right)'} = -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\phi$$
(3)

with $p(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$, q(x) = 0 and $\omega(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ so we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\sqrt{1-x^2} \; \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right] = -\lambda \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \phi \quad \text{for} -1 < x < 1 \eqno(4)$$

Solution

we will use shooting method to solve chebyshev's differential equation. general approach to rewrite second order into first order ODE.

$$u(x) = \phi(x) \tag{5}$$

$$v(x) = \phi(x) \tag{6}$$

$$u'(x) = v(x) \tag{7}$$

$$v'(x) = \frac{p'(x)v + q(x)u + \lambda\omega(x)u}{p(x)}$$
(8)

in vector form

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-q(x) + \lambda w(x)}{p(x)} & \frac{p'(x)}{p(x)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$
 (9)

in our case

for first initial value problem

$$u_1'(x) = v_1(x) (10)$$

$$v_1'(x) = \frac{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}v_1(x) + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}u_1(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-xv_1(x) + \lambda u_1(x)}{1-x^2}$$
(11)

$$u_1(-1) = 1, v_1(-1) = 0 (12)$$

for second initial value problem

$$u_2'(x) = v_2(x) (13)$$

$$v_{2}'(x) = \frac{-\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}}v_{2}(x) + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}}u_{2}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{-xv_{2}(x) + \lambda u_{2}(x)}{1-x^{2}}$$
(14)

$$u_2(-1) = 0, v_2(-1) = 1 (15)$$

we find appropriate $\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\beta_1,\beta_2$ for Robin boundary conditions

$$\alpha_1 \phi(-1) + \beta_1 \phi'(-1) = 0$$

$$\alpha_2 \phi(1) + \beta_2 \phi'(1) = 0$$
(16)

determinant function

$$F(\lambda) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 u_1(-1) + \beta_1 v_1(-1) & \alpha_1 u_2(-1) + \beta_1 v_2(-1) \\ \alpha_2 u_1(1) + \beta_2 v_1(1) & \alpha_2 u_2(1) + \beta_2 v_2(1) \end{bmatrix}$$
(17)

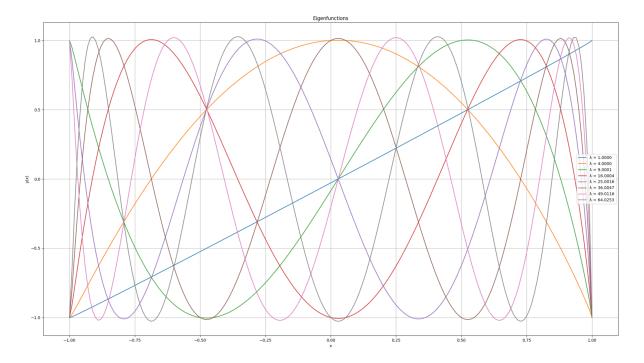
then we calcualte λ_n using newton's iteration

$$\lambda_{n+1} = \lambda_n - \frac{F(\lambda)}{F'(\lambda)} \tag{18}$$

and find eigenfunction as linear combination

$$\phi(x) = c_1 u_1(x) + c_2 u_2(x) \tag{19}$$

and since eigenfunction of chebyshev's differential is same as chebyshev's polynomial we get the following result



problem 2

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left(\cos^4(x) \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + \frac{\cos^3(x) \cos(2x)}{\sin(x)} \frac{du}{dx} \right) + \left(\frac{m^2 \cos^2(x)}{2 \sin^2(x)} - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right) u = \lambda u$$

$$u(0) = 0, \quad u\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$$
(20)

Solution

firstly, we rewrite it in first order form

$$v(x) = \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$v'(x) = \frac{d^2u}{dx^2}$$
(21)

thus we have

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left(\cos^4(x) \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{\cos^3(x)\cos(2x)}{\sin(x)} v \right) + \left(\frac{m^2 \cos^2(x)}{2\sin^2(x)} - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right) u = \lambda u \tag{22}$$

 \Rightarrow

$$\frac{du}{dx} = v$$

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = -\frac{2}{\cos^4(x)} \left(\lambda u + \frac{\cos^3(x)\cos(2x)}{2\sin(x)} v - \left(\frac{m^2\cos^2(x)}{2\sin^2(x)} - \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right) u \right)$$
(23)

then rewrite in matrix form like equation (9)

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-2}{\cos^4(x)} \left(\lambda - \frac{m^2 \cos^2(x)}{2\sin^2(x)} + \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}\right) & -\frac{\cos(2x)}{\cos(x)\sin(x)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$
 (24)

replace cos(x) and sin(x) by its taylor function approximations to avoid boundary value errors.

$$\cos(x) \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}$$

$$\sin(x) \approx x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120}$$
(25)

then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}\right)^4} \left(\lambda - \frac{m^2 \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}\right)^2}{2\left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120}\right)^2} + \frac{1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}}{x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120}} \right) & -\frac{1 - 2x^2 + \frac{4x^4}{6}}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}\right)\left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120}\right)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$
 (26)

we use implicit Runge Kutta formulas with butcher table.

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 & a_{11} & a_{12} \\ c_2 & a_{21} & a_{22} \\ \hline & b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (27)

where for first table coefficients are from 2-stage 4-th order Gauss-Legendre method.

$$c_{1} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \quad c_{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$a_{11} = \frac{1}{4}, \quad a_{12} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \quad a_{21} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \quad a_{22} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$b_{1} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad b_{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(28)$$

and for second case 1-stage second order Gauss-Legendre method. some basic notations

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \quad A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \frac{-2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}\right)^4} \left(\lambda - \frac{m^2\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}\right)^2}{2\left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120}\right)^2} + \frac{1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}}{x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120}} \right) \quad -\frac{1 - 2x^2 + \frac{4x^4}{6}}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}\right)\left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^5}{120}\right)} \end{bmatrix}$$
(29)

with our problem

$$Y' = A(x)Y \tag{30}$$

for each stage K_1, K_2 general formula is

$$K_j = A\left(x_n + c_j h\right) \left(Y_n + h \sum_{k=1}^2 a_{jk} K_k\right) \tag{31}$$

We solve the resulting nonlinear system for $K = [K_1, K_2]$, minimize the residual

$$R_{j}(K) = K_{j} - A(x_{n} + c_{j}h)\left(Y_{n} + h\sum_{k=1}^{2} a_{jk}K_{k}\right) = 0 \tag{32}$$

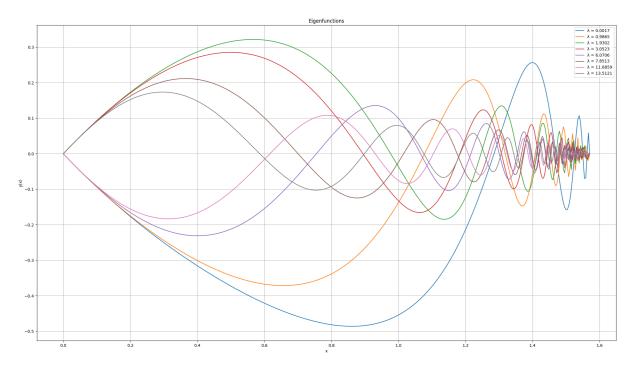
we use Newton's method for that

$$K^{n+1} = K^n - J^{-1}R(K^n) (33)$$

where J is jacobian of R(k) and we update the value

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + h(b_1K_1 + b_2K_2) \tag{34}$$

after rk4 and rk2 calculations we follow same as in the first example from equations (17) - (18). ad we get following results.



drawbacks

• initial guess of lambda being far from the root results in Newton's method not converging