

Boundary Value Problems

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Two point Boundary Value Problems

1-d second order problems: Boundary is just two points $x=a, x=b$

$$y'' = f(x, y, y')$$

$$\text{If } f(x, y, y') = p(x) y + q(x) y' + r(x) \\ \rightarrow \text{Linear BVP}$$

with two conditions -- one at $x=a$, and other at $x=b$ --- Three types of BC

1. Robin or mixed Boundary Conditions

$$\alpha_1 y(a) + \alpha_2 y'(a) = \alpha_3$$

$$\beta_1 y(b) + \beta_2 y'(b) = \beta_3$$

$$\text{If } \alpha_2 = \beta_2 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } y(a) = \alpha \quad \& \quad y(b) = \beta \rightarrow \underline{\text{Dirichlet B.C.}} \rightarrow$$

$$\text{If } \alpha_1 = \beta_1 = 0$$

$$y'(a) = \alpha \quad , \quad y'(b) = \beta$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{\text{Neumann B.C.}}$$

periodic B.C.

Numerical Methods -- Shooting, Finite difference, finite element, etc

Theorem

Dirichlet's BC

Suppose the function f in the boundary-value problem

$$y'' = f(x, y, y') \quad \text{for } a \leq x \leq b \quad \text{with } y(a) = \alpha \text{ \& } y(b) = \beta$$

is continuous on the set

$$D = \{ (x, y, y') \mid a \leq x \leq b, -\infty < y < \infty \text{ and } -\infty < y' < \infty \}$$

and that the partial derivatives f_y and $f_{y'}$ are also continuous on D . If

(i) $f(x, y, y') > 0 \quad \forall \quad x, y, y' \in D$ and

(ii) a constant M exists, with

$$|f(x, y, y')| < M. \quad \forall \quad x, y, y' \in D$$

then the boundary-value problem has a unique solution.

Shooting Method

The key idea of the shooting method is to transform the boundary value ODE into a system of first-order ODEs and solve as an initial value problem. Only boundary condition on one side is used as one of the initial conditions. The additional initial condition is assumed.

Then an iterative approach is used to vary the assumed initial condition till the boundary condition on the other side is satisfied

Consider BVP with Dirichlet Boundary Condition

$$y'' = f(x, y, y') \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

$$y(a) = \alpha, \quad y(b) = \beta$$

Basic Philosophy

If we wish to solve this by converting it into initial value problem, we need to know value of y' at $x = a$ so make an assumption for it

Let $y'(a) = s$

We solve the IVP

$$y'' = f(x, y, y') \quad y(a) = \alpha, \quad y'(a) = s$$

upto $x=b$ using any numerical method for IVP. Let the solution to this IVP be $y(x, s)$

The solution of this problem should satisfy $y(b, s) = \beta$

$$\text{If } \phi(s) = y(b, s) - \beta$$

Thus, the problem reduces to finding $s = s^*$ such that $\phi(s^*) = 0$ which is in general a non-linear equation which may be solved iteratively by Newton-Raphson or secant method

Iteratively new values of s are taken, Each iteration involves solving one IVP also

Thus, we approximate the solution to the boundary-value problem by using the solutions to a sequence of initial-value problems involving a parameter s

These initial value problems are

$$y'' = f(x, y, y') \quad \text{for } a \leq x \leq b \quad \text{with } y(a) = \alpha \quad \text{and } y'(a) = s$$

Choose the parameters $s = s_k$ in a manner to ensure that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y(b, s_k) = y(b) = \beta$$

where $y(x, s_k)$ is the solution of IVP with parameter $s = s_k$ while $y(x)$

is the solution of given BVP

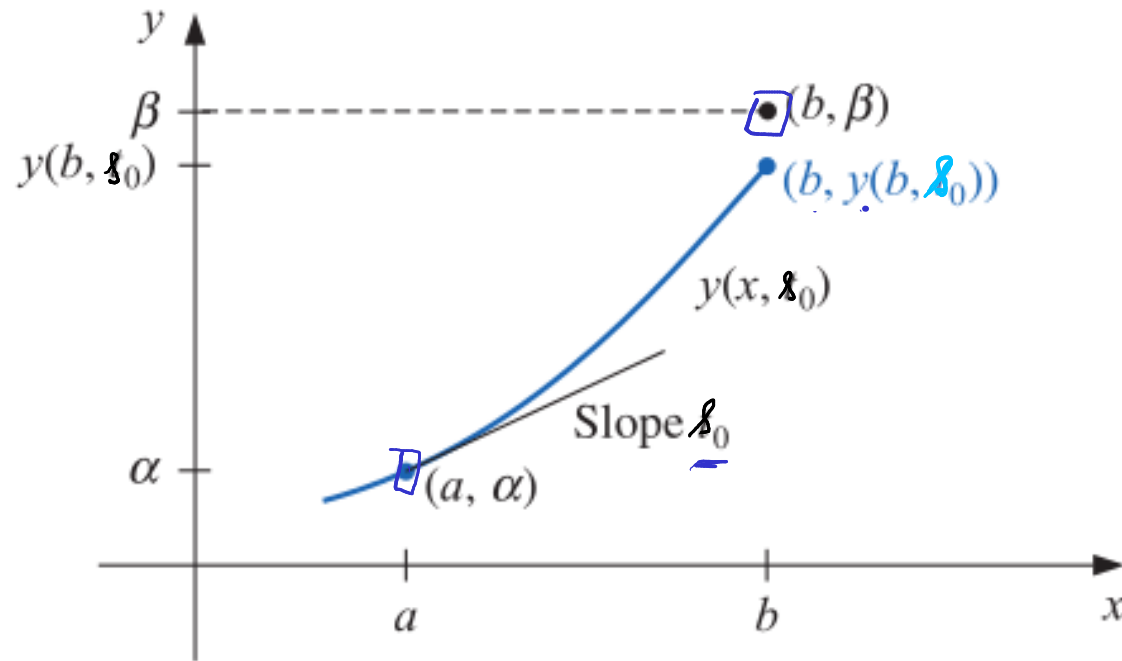
Step 1

This technique is called a "shooting" method by analogy to the procedure of firing objects at a stationary target. We start with a parameter s_0 that determines the initial elevation at which the object is fired from the point (a, α) and along the curve described by the solution to the initial-value problem:

$$y'' = f(x, y, y') \quad a \leq x \leq b \quad \text{with } y(a) = \alpha \quad \text{and } y'(a) = s_0$$

Step 2 check $|y(b, s_0) - \beta|$

If $y(b, s_0)$ is not sufficiently close to β , we correct our approximation by choosing elevations s_1, s_2 , and so on, until $y(b, s_k)$ is sufficiently close to "hitting" β



The parameters λ_r are determined by either Newton-Raphson/Secant method

Secant Method

Here we need two initial approximations

$$s_0 \text{ \& } s_1$$

and then the remaining terms of the sequence are generated by

$$s_k = s_{k-1} - \frac{(s_{k-1} - s_{k-2}) \phi(s_{k-1})}{\phi(s_{k-1}) - \phi(s_{k-2})}$$

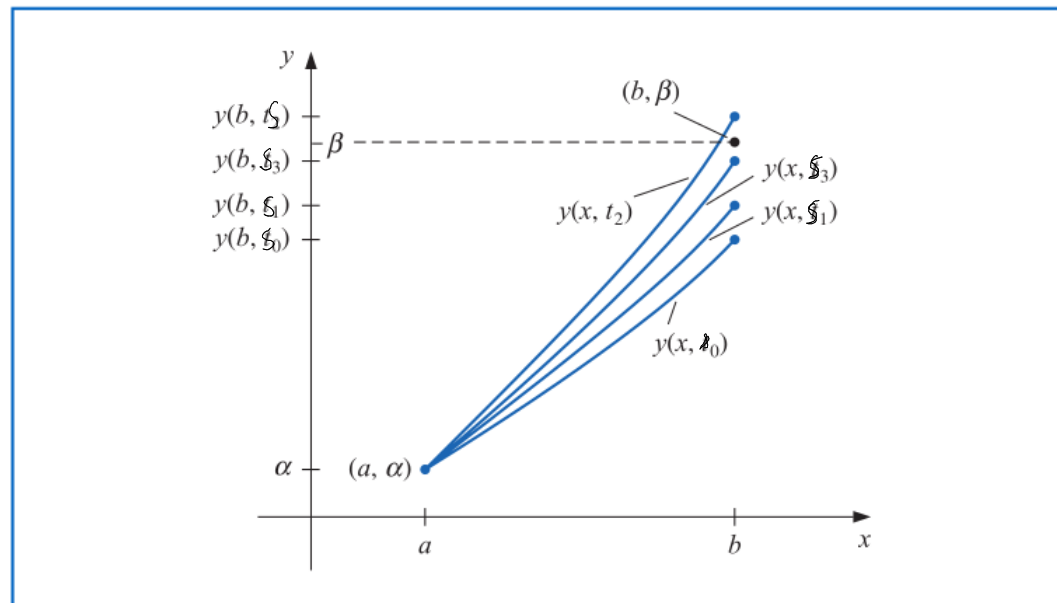
$$k = 2, 3, \dots$$

The IVP is initially solved for two values

$$s_0 \text{ and } s_1$$

The iteration is stopped when

$$|\phi(s_k)| < \text{given error tolerance}$$



Newton-Raphson Iteration

$$s_k = s_{k-1} - \frac{\phi(s_{k-1})}{\phi'(s_{k-1})}$$

$$k = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\phi = y(b, s) - \beta$$

$$\phi'(s) = \frac{d}{ds} y(b, s)$$

it requires the knowledge of derivative

$$\left. \frac{dy}{ds} \right|_{s=s_{k-1}}$$

This presents a difficulty because an explicit representation for $y(b, s)$ is not known;

we know only the values

$$y(b, s_0), y(b, s_1), \dots, y(b, s_{k-1})$$

we rewrite the initial-value problem, emphasizing that the solution depends on both x and the parameter

s

Denote $y_s = y(x, s)$, $y'_s = y'(x, s)$, $y''_s = y''(x, s)$

Then the IVP is

$$y''_s = f(x, y_s, y'_s) \quad a \leq x \leq b, \quad y(a, s) = \alpha, \quad y'_s(a, s) = s$$

prime indicates differentiation with respect to x .

We need to find $\frac{dy}{ds} \Big|_{(b, s_{k-1})}$

$$\frac{\partial y''}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(x, y(x, s), y'(x, s))$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y(x, s), y'(x, s)) \underbrace{\frac{\partial x}{\partial s}} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y(x, s), y'(x, s)) \frac{\partial y(x, s)}{\partial s} \\ + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'}(x, y(x, s), y'(x, s)) \frac{\partial y'(x, s)}{\partial s}$$

x & s are independent $\therefore \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} = 0$

$$\& \frac{\partial y''}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} \frac{\partial y'}{\partial s} \quad \text{for } a \leq x \leq b.$$

$$IC \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}(a, s) = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial y'}{\partial s}(a, s) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = z(x, s)$$

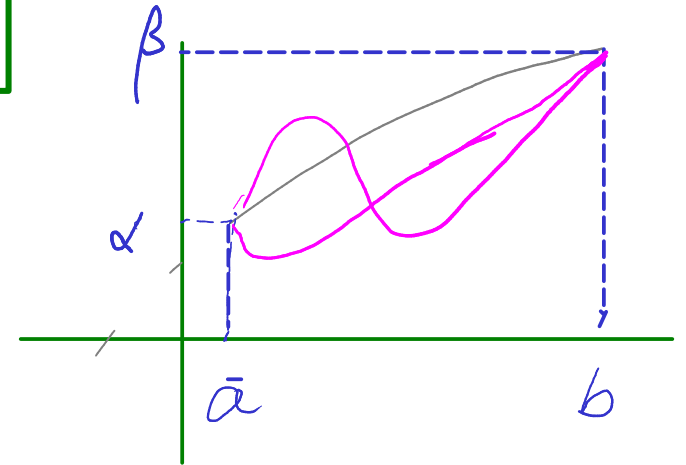
$$z' = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (y')$$

$$\& z'' = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} y''$$

$$z''(x, s) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} z + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y'} z' \quad a < x < b$$

$$z(a, s) = \underline{0}, \quad z'(a, s) = 1$$

$$s_k = s_{k-1} - \left(\frac{y(b, s_{k-1}) - \beta}{z(b, s_{k-1})} \right)$$



① given $\underline{s_0} = \frac{\beta - \alpha}{b - a}$ ✓ (input)

② solve 2 IVP with $s = s_0$ & find $y(b, s_0)$ & $z(b, s_0)$

③ determine s_1

④ Repeat ② & ③ with $s = s_1$ & find s_2

Examples

my = ivp

$$yy'' + (y')^2 + 1 = 0$$

subject to $y(1) = 1$, $y(2) = 2$.

$$\phi(s) = -y(b, s) + \beta$$

$$\text{Let } y'(1) = s, \quad \phi(s) = 2 - y(2, s)$$

Secant Method

$$s_k = s_{k-1} - \phi(s_{k-1}) \left[\frac{s_{k-1} - s_{k-2}}{\phi(s_{k-1}) - \phi(s_{k-2})} \right]$$

RK4 with ten steps $\rightarrow y(1.1), y(1.2) \dots y(1.9), y(2)$

Let

$$\textcircled{1} \quad s_0 = 0 \quad y'(1) = 0$$

$$\text{use RK4} \quad y(2, 0) \approx 0.104101 \Rightarrow \phi(0) = 1.895899 > \text{tol}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{choose } s_1 = 1 \text{ \& use RK4 to get } y(2, 1) \approx 1.414197 \\ \Rightarrow \phi(1) = 0.585803$$

③ Apply secant

$$S_2 = S_1 - \phi(S_1) \left[\frac{S_1 - S_0}{\phi(S_1) - \phi(S_0)} \right]$$

$$= 1.447145^-$$

use RK4 with $y'(1) = S_2$

$$y(2, S_2) \approx 1.701210 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(S_2) = 0.298790$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad S_3 = S_2 - \phi(S_2) \left[\frac{S_2 - S_1}{\phi(S_2) - \phi(S_1)} \right] = 1.912638$$

k	S_k	$y(2, S_k)$	$\phi(S_k)$
3	1.912638	1.9555692	0.044308
4	1.993685	1.996677	0.003322
5	2.000256	1.999963	3.698×10^{-5}
6	2.000330	<u>1.99999969</u>	$3.088 \times 10^{-8} < \text{Tol}$

$$\text{Tol} = 0.5 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$y_{\text{anal}} = \sqrt{6x - 4 - x^2} \equiv y_A$$

$$\max(E)$$

$$E(x_i) = |y_A(x_i) - y_N(x_i)|$$

$$i = 1, \dots, M$$

$$M = 10$$

$$h = \frac{2-1}{M}$$

$$\text{len}(x)$$

$$x_i$$

$$y_N(x_i, s_6)$$

$$y_A(x_i)$$

$$1.0$$

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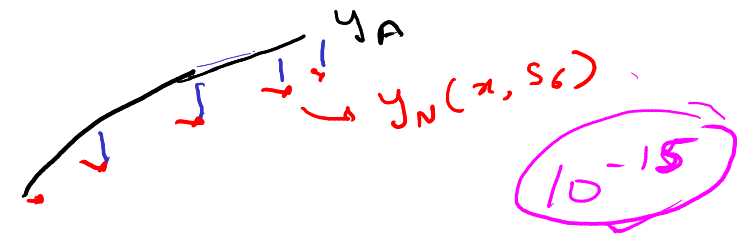
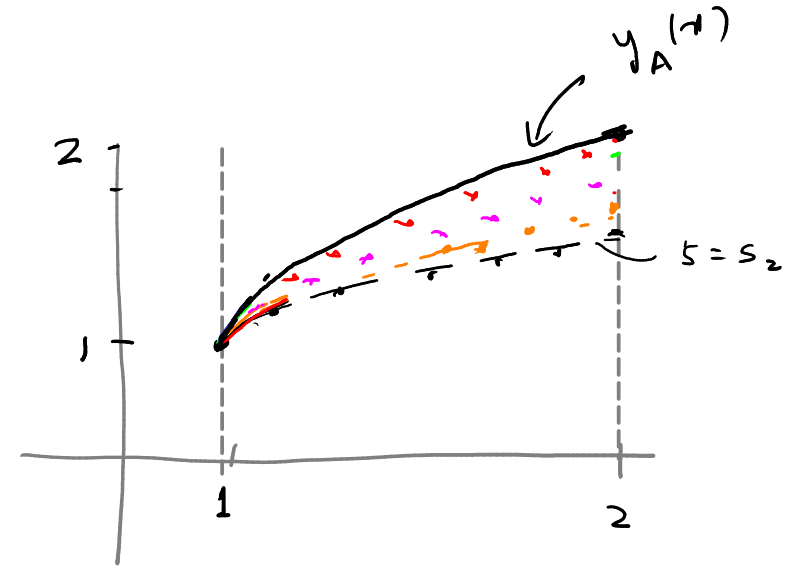
$$1.0$$

$$1.1$$

$$1.2$$

$$1.3$$

$$2.0$$



$$\text{check with Tol} = 0.5 \times 10^{-13} \rightarrow$$

Input
from user

Tol , M , s₀ , s₁

B.C
a, b, α, β
f(x, y, y')

ORDER OF CONVERGENCE

vary M

$$M = 2^k M$$

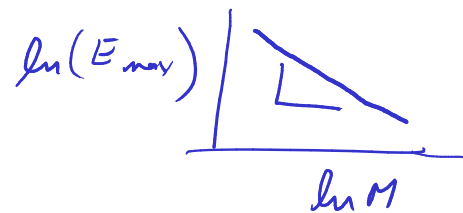
M

E_{max}
Max absolute error

Error Ratio

rms Error

Error ratio



$$\frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - y_A)^2}$$

5 3.048872×10^{-4}

10 2.726369×10^{-5}

20

40

80

160

320

$E_{max}^{M=5} / E_{max}^{M=10}$

11.182906

$E_{max}^{M=10} / E_{max}^{M=20}$

16.23358

16.24859

16.155256

16.0847

1.85

16.

16.08105

$16 = 2^4$

$\frac{E(M=M_1)}{E(M=2M_1)} = \frac{16}{1} = 2^4 \sim M^4$