

Lecture 8: FIE background and details

1st kind Fredholm integral operators: $Lu(x) = \int_a^b K(x, t)u(t) dt$

n -term separable kernel fcn: $K(x, t) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j(x)\beta_j(t)$

Eigen-problem for FIE: $L\phi = \lambda\phi$ (Note: RHS has $+\lambda$ like matrix not $-\lambda$ like ODE)

(i) Finite multiplicity eigenmodes, $\lambda_{1,2,\dots,n}$: $\phi_k(x)$ = linear combo's of $\alpha(x)$'s
for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$:

$$\phi_k(x) = \sum_{\ell=1}^n c_{\ell} \alpha_{\ell}(x) \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Match LHS/RHS coeffs of } \alpha_j(x)'s: \\ n \times n \text{ matrix eigen-problem for } \lambda, \vec{c} \end{array}$$

(ii) Infinite multiplicity eigenmodes, all FIE₁ have the eig-val $\lambda_0^{\infty} = 0$ with
infinite number of eig-fcns $\phi_{0,m}^{\infty}(x)$, $m = 1, 2, \dots, \infty$.
Each $\phi_{0,m}^{\infty}$ satisfies n orthogonality conditions:

$$\langle \beta_j, \phi_m^{\infty} \rangle = \int_a^b \beta_j(t) \phi_{0,m}^{\infty}(t) dt = 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$\phi_{0,m}^{\infty} \neq$ linear combo's of α 's. Many options on writing them

Example: FIE₁ $\int_0^1 (4xt - 5x^2t^2)\phi(t) dt = \lambda\phi(x)$ $\begin{cases} \alpha_1=x \\ \alpha_2=x^2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \beta_1=4t \\ \beta_2=-5t^2 \end{matrix}$

- $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ $\phi_1(x) = -6x + 5x^2$
 - $\lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{6}$ $\phi_2(x) = 2x - 3x^2$
 - $\lambda_0^\infty = 0$ $\phi_{0,1}^\infty(x) = 1 - 4x + \frac{10}{3}x^2$, $\phi_{0,2}^\infty(x) = x - \frac{10}{3}x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x^3, \dots$
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2nd kind Fredholm integral operators: $Lu(x) = \gamma u(x) + \int_a^b K(x, t)u(t) dt$

$$\text{"FIE}_2 = \text{FIE}_1 + \gamma" \quad \rightarrow \quad L_2 u = L_1 u + \gamma u$$

Shifting results: $\text{FIE}_1 \rightarrow \text{FIE}_2$ (Or matrix problem (i) for FIE₂ directly via $\phi = \sum_\ell c_\ell \alpha_\ell$)

- All eigenvalues shift: $\lambda_{k,2} = \lambda_{k,1} + \gamma$ and $\lambda_{0,2}^\infty = \lambda_{0,1}^\infty + \gamma$
- All eigenfunctions are unchanged: $\phi_{k,2}(x) = \phi_{k,1}(x)$

Example: (continued) $\frac{1}{2}\phi(x) + \int_0^1 (4xt - 5x^2t^2)\phi(t) dt = \lambda\phi(x)$

$$\text{FIE}_1 : \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad \lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{6} \quad \lambda_0^\infty = 0$$

$$\text{FIE}_2 : \quad \lambda_1 = 1 \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \quad \lambda_0^\infty = \frac{1}{2}$$

(Not clear how to get FIE₂ λ_0^∞ without shifting from FIE₁ $\lambda_0^\infty = 0$)

Solving $Lu = f(x)$ via eigen-fcn expansion (Method 1)

Expansion of solution $u(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n d_k \phi_k(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_m^{\infty} \phi_{0,m}^{\infty}(x)$

Group them all together

$$u(x) = \sum_{\ell} d_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(x) \quad d_{\ell} = \frac{\langle u, \psi_{\ell} \rangle}{\langle \phi_{\ell}, \psi_{\ell} \rangle}$$

The usual orthogonal projection soln process for $Lu = f$:

$$\langle Lu, \psi_{\ell} \rangle = \langle f, \psi_{\ell} \rangle$$

$$\langle u, L^* \psi_{\ell} \rangle =$$

$$\langle u, \lambda_{\ell} \psi_{\ell} \rangle =$$

$$\lambda_{\ell} \langle u, \psi_{\ell} \rangle =$$

$$\lambda_{\ell} d_{\ell} \langle \phi_{\ell}, \psi_{\ell} \rangle =$$

$$\text{So } d_{\ell} = \int_a^b f(x) \psi_{\ell}(x) dx \Big/ \left(\lambda_{\ell} \int_a^b \phi_{\ell}(x) \psi_{\ell}(x) dx \right)$$

This works (for $\lambda_{\ell} \neq 0$), but needs ψ_{ℓ} 's.

For those, we need the adjoint operator L^* (with $L^* \psi = \lambda \psi$).

Solving $Lu = f(x)$ for FIE₁ via a direct approach (Method 2)

The method of un-determined coefficients

1. Expand out LHS: Lu acting on $u(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \phi_j(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_m^{\infty} \phi_{0,m}^{\infty}(x)$

$$Lu = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j (L\phi_j) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_m^{\infty} (L\phi_{0,m}^{\infty}) = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j (\lambda_j \phi_j) + \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} d_m^{\infty} (\lambda_0^{\infty} \phi_{0,m}^{\infty})}_0$$

2. Expand each $\phi_j(x) = \sum_{\ell} c_{\ell,j} \alpha_{\ell}(x)$ as linear combo of α 's and re-group

$$Lu = \sum_{j=1}^n d_j \lambda_j \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^n c_{\ell,j} \alpha_{\ell}(x) \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n F_j \alpha_j(x) = f(x)$$

Could have just started with $u(x) = \sum_j c_j \alpha_j(x)$ and plug into $Lu = f(x)$!

- If you use $u = \sum_j d_j \phi_j$, the equation for each d_j comes out decoupled.
(but you need to work out the $\lambda_j, \phi_j(x), \psi_j(x)$'s first) (eigenfunctions)
- If you use $u = \sum_j c_j \alpha_j$, then must solve coupled algebra eqns for c_j 's.
(no λ, ϕ, ψ 's needed!) (un-determined coefficients)

Consequences of the FAT for solving $\text{FIE}_1 \quad Lu = f(x)$

$\lambda_0^\infty = 0$ is always a FIE_1 eigenvalue, so FIE_1 problems are always FAT case A.

There is never a unique solution of $Lu = f$, either **no soln** or **∞ solns**.

If $f(x) = \sum_j f_j \alpha_j(x)$ then pick $F_j(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = f_j$ for a soln.

$$Lu = f \quad \rightarrow \quad \sum_j F_j \alpha_j = \sum_j f_j \alpha_j \quad \rightarrow \quad F_j = f_j \xrightarrow{\text{solve}} c_k$$

Example: (continued)

$$Lu = 8x - 7x^2 \quad \text{with trial soln: } u(x) = c_1 x + c_2 x^2$$

$$\text{Expand out LHS: } \left(\frac{4}{3}c_1 + c_2\right)x + \left(-\frac{5}{4}c_1 - c_2\right)x^2 = 8x + (-7)x^2$$

$$\alpha_1(x) : \quad \frac{4}{3}c_1 + c_2 = 8$$

$$\alpha_2(x) : \quad -\frac{5}{4}c_1 - c_2 = -7$$

$$\text{Solve} \quad \rightarrow \quad \{c_1 = 12, \quad c_2 = -8\} \quad \rightarrow \quad u(x) = 12x - 8x^2$$

$u_1(x) = 12x - 8x^2$ is A soln, but other solns too (FAT case A_2 with ∞^∞ solns)

$$u_{2,1} = 12x - 8x^2 + c_1^\infty \phi_{0,1}^\infty(x), \quad u_{2,\dots} = 12x - 8x^2 + \sum_m c_m^\infty \phi_{0,m}^\infty(x)$$

Consequences of the FAT for solving $\text{FIE}_1 \quad Lu = f(x)$ (conclusion)

If $f(x) \neq \sum_j f_j \alpha_j(x)$ then can't match $Lu = f$ LHS/RHS terms $\forall x$, so the problem would be FAT case A_1 with **no solution**. Example: (continued)

$$Lu = x^3 \quad \rightarrow \quad \left(\frac{4}{3}c_1 + c_2\right)x + \left(-\frac{5}{4}c_1 - c_2\right)x^2 \neq x^3$$

Solving $\text{FIE}_2 \quad Lu = f(x)$: if $\lambda \neq 0$ then FAT says problem has unique soln!

Can plug in expansion into LHS: $u = \sum_j d_j \phi_j + \sum_m d_m^\infty \phi_{0,m}^\infty$ (Method 1)

$$L \left(\sum_j d_j \phi_j + \sum_m d_m^\infty \phi_{0,m}^\infty \right) = \sum_j d_j \lambda_j \phi_j + \sum_m d_m^\infty \lambda_0^\infty \phi_{0,m}^\infty = f(x)$$

- Any $f(x)$ can be balanced by $\sum \phi_j$ and $\sum \phi_{0,m}^\infty$ to give a soln!
- But this is the long way (need λ, ϕ, ψ 's) and calculating all d_j and d_m^∞ coeffs
- **A much better (shorter) way** is by expanding ϕ_j 's as $\sum \alpha$'s and using un-determined coefficients \implies

Solving FIE₂ $Lu = f(x)$: Un-determined coefficients ($\{c_j\}, p$) (Method 2)

Assume a trial solution of the form:

$$u(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \alpha_j(x) + \frac{1}{p} f(x)$$

Plug into LHS: $Lu \equiv \gamma u + \underline{\int Ku dt}$

$$\begin{aligned} Lu &= \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma c_j \alpha_j(x) + \frac{\gamma}{p} f(x) + \underline{\int_a^b K(x, t) \sum_j c_j \alpha_j(t) dt + \int_a^b K(x, t) \frac{f(t)}{p} dt} \\ &= \frac{\gamma}{p} f(x) + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma c_j \alpha_j(x) + \underline{\sum_{j=1}^n F_j \alpha_j(x)} \\ Lu &= f(x) + \underline{\underline{0}} \end{aligned}$$

Match LHS/RHS terms: match $f(x) \implies p = \gamma$ and match $\alpha_j(x)$'s to get c_j 's

Example: (continued) (FIE₂ with $\lambda = \{1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\}$)

$$\frac{1}{2}u + L_1 u = e^x$$

$$u(x) = c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \frac{1}{p} e^x \rightarrow u(x) = (72 - 30e)x + (55e - 140)x^2 + 2e^x$$

Since $\lambda \neq 0$, this must be THE unique solution! (FAT case B)

Fredholm Integral Linear Operator Theory: general theory

For non-degenerate/non-separable kernel functions $K(x, t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j(x) \beta_j(t)$

Need an infinite series: like Fourier or Taylor, $K(x, t) = \left\{ e^{xt}, \frac{1}{x-t}, e^{-ixt}, \dots \right\}$

Hilbert-Schmidt condition: for “compact operator” L

If $\int_a^b \int_a^b K(x, t)^2 dx dt < \infty$ then good properties (K is L^2 fcn)

Hilbert-Schmidt (HS) theory for FIE (like Sturm-Liouville for ODE BVP)

If Lu is a self-adjoint, compact Fredholm integral operator with a non-degenerate kernel and the HS condition holds, then nice properties:

1. All λ 's real
2. Discrete eigenvalues, each with finite multiplicity!

$$|\lambda_1| \leq |\lambda_2| \leq |\lambda_3| \leq \dots$$

NO λ_0^∞ !

3. $\{\phi_j(x)\}$ self-orthogonal and complete basis set, $u(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j \phi_j(x)$
 4. FAT and eigen-expansions for solving $Lu = f(x)$ still hold
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