

Part 1: Deriving the δ problem for the piecewise $G(x, s)$

Part 2: Solving ODE BVP with inhomogeneous BC's via the Green's fcn

Part 3: constructing the piecewise G from the δ problem

(0) Recap from Lecture 9

Green's functions

[Haberman, Chap 9.3]

To solve the ODE BVP with homogeneous version of BC's for $u(x)$:

$$a \leq x \leq b : \quad \mathbf{L}_x u(x) = f(x) \quad \mathbf{BC}_1 u(x = a) = 0 \quad \mathbf{BC}_2 u(x = b) = 0$$

$$\text{Soln: } \boxed{u(x) = \int_a^b G(x, s) f(s) ds \quad G(x, s) = \begin{cases} G_-(x, s) & \boxed{a \leq x < s} \leq b \\ G_+(x, s) & a \leq \boxed{s < x \leq b} \end{cases}}$$

Idea: $G(x, s)$ combines the forcing from all source positions, $a < s < b$, to get the soln $u(x)$ at any field position, $a < x < b$

- Heaviside step fcn $H(x - s) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < s \\ 1 & x > s \end{cases}$
- Dirac delta fcn $\delta(x - s) = H'(x - s)$ and sifting property:

$$\int_a^b f(s) \delta(s - x) ds = f(x) \quad \delta([\text{integration variable}] - [\text{spike position}])$$

Part 1: Re-write hom-BC version of problem with variable x swapped to be s :

$$a \leq s \leq b : \quad \mathbf{L}_s u(s) = f(s) \quad \mathbf{BC}_1 u(a) = 0 \quad \mathbf{BC}_2 u(b) = 0$$

Project the problem onto the Green's fcn: $\langle \mathbf{L}_s u, G \rangle_2 = \langle f, G \rangle_2$:

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{L}_s u(s) G(x, s) ds = \underbrace{\int_a^b u(s) \mathbf{L}_s^* G(x, s) ds}_{= u(x)} = \int_a^b f(s) G(x, s) ds$$

LHS via adjoint relation, RHS via definition of $G(x, s)$,
and then apply sifting property to get version 1.0 problem:

$$a \leq s \leq b : \quad \mathbf{L}_s^* G(x, s) = \delta(s - x) \quad \mathbf{BC}_1^* G(x, a) = 0 \quad \mathbf{BC}_2^* G(x, b) = 0$$

Can do better: The Reciprocity theorem – create a fcn $F(y, s)$ that satisfies $\mathbf{L}_s F = \delta(s - y)$ with hom. BC's on F at $s = a$ and $s = b$

$$\langle \mathbf{L}_s F, G \rangle_2 = \int_a^b \mathbf{L}_s F(y, s) G(x, s) ds = \int_a^b \delta(s - y) G(x, s) ds = G(x, y)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{L}_s F, G \rangle_2 = \langle F, \mathbf{L}_s^* G \rangle_2 = \int_a^b F(y, s) \mathbf{L}_s^* G ds = \int_a^b F(y, s) \delta(s - x) ds = F(y, x)$$

Conclusion: $F(y, x) = G(x, y)$ for any $a \leq x, y \leq b$.

The “adjoint Green's fcn” would be a good name for F .

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Part 1: (concluded)

δ problem for $F(y, s)$ on $a \leq s \leq b$:

$$L_s F(y, s) = \delta(s - y) \quad BC_1 F(y, a) = 0 \quad BC_2 F(y, b) = 0$$

Use Reciprocity, $F(y, s) = G(s, y)$

$$L_s G(s, y) = \delta(s - y) \quad BC_1 G(a, y) = 0 \quad BC_2 G(b, y) = 0$$

Relabel variables: change $s \rightarrow x$ and then $y \rightarrow s$ everywhere to get:

Final version of δ -problem for $G(x, s)$ on $a \leq x \leq b$:

$$L_x G(x, s) = \delta(x - s) \quad BC_1 G(a, s) = 0 \quad BC_2 G(b, s) = 0$$

- Same Linear operator L_x on $a \leq x \leq b$ as original problem for $u(x)$
- Same-type homogeneous BC's at $x = a$ and $x = b$
- RHS delta-fcn forcing, spiking at $x = s$ (at some $a < s < b$)

Example: $G(x, s)$ on $0 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\frac{d^2 G}{dx^2} = \delta(x - s) \quad G(x = 0) = 0 \quad G(x = 1) = 0$$

Part 2: Solving inhomogeneous ODE BVP $Lu = f$ via $G(x, s)$

Re-write full problem (Dir BC example) with variable x swapped to be s :

$$a \leq s \leq b \quad L_s u(s) = f(s) \quad u(a) = c \quad u(b) = d$$

Project the problem onto the Green's fcn: $\langle Lu, G \rangle_2 = \langle f, G \rangle_2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b Lu(s)G(x, s) ds &= \int_a^b f(s)G(x, s) ds \\ (\text{Bdry Terms}) \Big|_{s=a}^{s=b} + \int_a^b u(s)L_s^* G(x, s) ds &= \\ (\text{Bdry Terms}) \Big|_{s=a}^{s=b} + \int_a^b u(s)\delta(s-x) ds &= \\ (\text{Bdry Terms } [G(x, s), c, d]) \Big|_{s=a}^{s=b} + u(x) &= \int_a^b f(s)G(x, s) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$u(x) = -(\text{Bdry Terms})(x, s) \Big|_{s=a}^{s=b} + \int_a^b f(s)G(x, s) ds$$

Soln = usual $f(x)$ -forcing integral (w/hom BC's) [the particular soln " $u_F(x)$ "] +
Bdry-terms [soln of hom eqn $Lu(x) = 0$ with inhom BC-forcing " $u_B(x)$ "]

Part 3: Steps in constructing the piecewise-defined $G(x, s)$

$$a \leq x \leq b \quad L_x G(x, s) = \delta(x - s) \quad G(a, s) = 0 \quad G(b, s) = 0$$

1. (away from the spike) For $x \neq s$, the delta fcn does not spike, it is zero.

Separate into cases:

- For $a \leq x < s$: left part of the Green's fcn: $G_-(x, s)$ with left BC

$$a \leq x < s \quad L_x G_-(x, s) = 0 \quad G_-(a, s) = 0$$

- For $s < x \leq b$: right part of the Green's fcn: $G_+(x, s)$ with right BC

$$s < x \leq b \quad L_x G_+(x, s) = 0 \quad G_+(b, s) = 0$$

2. (near the spike) Use ODE to connect G_- and G_+ together at the $x = s$ spike (the “Jump eqns”)

3. This gives the piecewise $G(x, s) = \begin{cases} G_-(x, s) & a \leq x < s \\ G_+(x, s) & s < x \leq b \end{cases}$

Part 3: The Jump conditions (conclusion)

$$a \leq x \leq b \quad L_x G(x, s) = \delta(x - s) \quad G(a, s) = 0 \quad G(b, s) = 0$$

Integrate the δ -ODE near the spike

$$\int_{s-\epsilon}^{s+\epsilon} L_x G \, dx = \int_{s-\epsilon}^{s+\epsilon} \delta(x - s) \, dx = 1$$

Take limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, and consider example $L_x u(x) = A(x)u'' + B(x)u' + C(x)u$

$$LHS = \int_{s-\epsilon}^{s+\epsilon} A(x) \frac{d^2 G}{dx^2} \, dx + \int_{s-\epsilon}^{s+\epsilon} B(x) \frac{dG}{dx} \, dx + \int_{s-\epsilon}^{s+\epsilon} C(x) G \, dx$$

- Shortcut notation: $G = G(x)$ (hide the s parameter)
- Note: integrals over very narrow range $|x - s| \leq \epsilon \rightarrow 0$
- Can assume coeff fcns A, B, C are smooth, so can use Taylor series and approx $A \approx A(s), B \approx B(s), C \approx C(s)$ const...
- Derivatives, Distribution theory, $\int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} \delta \, dx = 1$, and $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} f(x) \, dx = 0$ for bounded functions $|f(x)| < M$
- For n^{th} order ODE, yields set of n equations connecting G_- and G_+ (and derivatives) at $x = s$ spike position.