

Assignment 11

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Question 2

$$y'' + 2y = 0, \quad \begin{cases} y'(0) = 1 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solve characteristic equation.

$$x^2 + 2 = 0$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{2}i$$

General solution is:

$$y = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{2}x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{2}x), \quad c_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall x$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfy the boundary values.

$$y' = -\sqrt{2}c_1 \sin(\sqrt{2}x) + \sqrt{2}c_2 \cos(\sqrt{2}x)$$

Insert BVs.

$$y'(0) = 1 \rightarrow c_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$y'(\pi) = 0 \rightarrow -\sqrt{2}c_1 \sin(\sqrt{2}\pi) + \cos(\sqrt{2}\pi) \rightarrow c_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cot(\sqrt{2}\pi)$$

Unique solution to the BVP is

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cot(\sqrt{2}\pi) \cos(\sqrt{2}x) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin(\sqrt{2}x), \quad x \in [0, \pi]$$

Question 5

$$y'' + y = x, \quad \begin{cases} y(0) = 0 \\ y(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

First solve associated homogeneous equation, then find a particular solution. Characteristic equation:

$$x^2 + 1 = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm i$$

General solution of homogeneous equation is

$$y_h = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x, \quad c_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall x$$

Guess a particular solution of the form $y_p = Ax^2 + Bx + C$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p' &= 2Ax + B \\ y_p'' &= 2A \end{aligned}$$

Substitute back in BVP

$$2A + Ax^2 + Bx + C = x$$

Equate coefficients on both sides:

$$\begin{cases} x^2: & A = 0 \\ x: & B = 1 \\ 1: & 2A + C = 0 \rightarrow C = 0 \end{cases}$$

Unique solution is:

$$y = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x + x$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfies the BVs.

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) = 0 &\rightarrow c_1 = 0 \\ y(\pi) = 0 &\rightarrow -c_1 + \pi = 0 \rightarrow c_1 = \pi \end{aligned}$$

Contradiction! The boundary value problem has no solution.

Question 9

$$y'' + 4y = \cos x, \quad \begin{cases} y'(0) = 0 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Find solution to associated homogeneous equation. Characteristic equation is:

$$x^2 + 4 = 0 \rightarrow x = \pm 2i$$

$$y_h = c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x), \quad c_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall x$$

Guess particular solution of the form $y_p = A \cos x + B \sin x$

$$y_p'' = -A \cos x - B \sin x$$

Substitute back and get:

$$-A \cos x - B \sin x + 4(A \cos x + B \sin x) = \cos x$$

$$A = \frac{1}{3}, B = 0$$

Unique solution is

$$y = y_h + y_p = c_1 \cos(2x) + c_2 \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{3} \cos x, \quad c_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfy BVs.

$$y' = -2c_1 \sin(2x) + 2c_2 \cos(2x) - \frac{1}{3} \sin x$$

$$y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$y'(\pi) = 0 \rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

We've don't have sufficient information to find a specific c_1 , meaning that it can be arbitrary. The BVP has infinitely many solutions:

$$y = c_1 \cos(2x) + \frac{1}{3} \cos x, \quad c_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \in [0, \pi]$$

Question 11

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0, \quad \begin{cases} y(0) = 0 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Characteristic polynomial is:

$$u^2 + \lambda = 0$$

There are different cases for when $\lambda = 0$, $\lambda < 0$ or $\lambda > 0$. We shall treat each one separately.

1. $\lambda = 0$. $u = 0$ is a double root and the solution to the ODE is:

$$y = c_1 x + c_2, \quad c_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfy the boundary conditions.

$$y(0) = 0 \rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$y'(\pi) = 0 \rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

Only solution is trivial solution, therefore there are no eigenvalues associated with it.

2. $\lambda < 0$. Denote $\mu = \sqrt{\lambda}$. General solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{\mu x} + c_2 e^{-\mu x}, \quad c_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfy the BCs.

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) = 0 &\rightarrow c_1 = -c_2 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 &\rightarrow c_1 \mu e^{\mu \pi} + c_1 \mu e^{-\mu \pi} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Once again $c_1, c_2 = 0$. No non-trivial solution.

3. $\lambda > 0$. Denote $\mu = \sqrt{\lambda}$. General solution is:

$$y = c_1 \cos(\mu x) + c_2 \sin(\mu x)$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfy the BCs.

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) = 0 &\rightarrow c_1 = 0 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 &\rightarrow \mu c_2 \cos(\mu \pi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Non-trivial solution is obtained only when $\cos(\mu \pi) = 0$

$$\mu \pi = \pi n - \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = \mu = \frac{2n-1}{2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{4n^2 - 4n + 1}{4}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\{\lambda_n\}$ are the eigenvalues of the BVP and the eigenfunctions $\{f_n\}$ are all the scalar multiples of:

$$y_n = \sin\left(\frac{2n-1}{2}x\right)$$

Question 13

Same question as before, with different BCs:

$$\begin{cases} y'(0) = 0 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Re-examine the three cases:

1. $\lambda = 0$. General solution is:

$$y = c_1 x + c_2, \quad c_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfy the boundary conditions.

$$\begin{aligned} y'(0) = 0 &\rightarrow c_1 = 0 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 &\rightarrow c_1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

There is not enough information to determine c_2 , so it's arbitrary. There are infinitely many solutions for the eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$, which is all $y = c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$. Eigenfunctions for this eigenvalue are all real scalars.

2. $\lambda < 0$. Denote $\mu = \sqrt{-\lambda}$. General solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{\mu x} + c_2 e^{-\mu x}, \quad c_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfy the BCs.

$$\begin{aligned} y'(0) = 0 &\rightarrow \mu c_1 - \mu c_2 = 0 \rightarrow c_1 = c_2 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 &\rightarrow c_1 \mu e^{\mu \pi} - c_1 \mu e^{-\mu \pi} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$c_1, c_2 = 0$. No non-trivial solution and no eigenvalues associated with this condition.

3. $\lambda > 0$. Denote $\mu = \sqrt{\lambda}$. General solution is:

$$y = c_1 \cos(\mu x) + c_2 \sin(\mu x)$$

Find $c_{1,2}$ that satisfy the BCs.

$$\begin{aligned} y'(0) = 0 &\rightarrow c_2 = 0 \\ y'(\pi) = 0 &\rightarrow -\mu c_1 \sin(\mu \pi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Only non-trivial solution is when $\sin(\mu \pi) = 0$.

$$\mu \pi = \pi n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = \mu = n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Eigenvalues are $\lambda_n = n^2$, and their associated eigenfunctions are all scalar multiples of

$$y_n = \cos(n x), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$