

# Sec 10.1: Two-Point Boundary Value Problems, part 1

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# Overview

Partial DE ① Heat Eqn :  $\alpha^2 u_{xx} = u_t$  (10.6)

② Wave Eqn :  $\alpha^2 u_{xx} = u_{tt}$  (10.7)

③ Laplace Eqn :  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  (10.8)


One Eqn with Two variables  
↓ Separation (10.5) ← Fourier Series (10.2-4)

Two ordinary DE (10.1)

Eigenvalues & Eigenfunctions

## The initial value problem

We consider  $y'' + p(t)y' + q(t)y = g(t)$ . Previously, the initial value problem refers the DE with the condition of the form

$$y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y'(t_0) = y'_0.$$


the same time input.

# Two-point boundary value problem

We will consider  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = g(x)$  with

← the same as before.

$$y(\alpha) = y_0, \quad y(\beta) = y_1$$

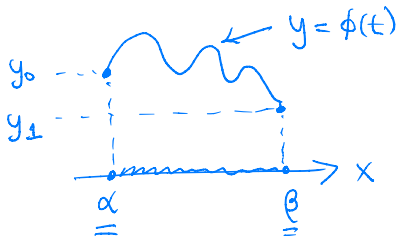
: Diff. conditions

for some  $\alpha < \beta$ .

different inputs

This is call a two-point boundary value problem.

Our goal is to find solutions  $y = \phi(x)$  that satisfies the DE in  $x \in \underline{(\alpha, \beta)}$  with the boundary condition.



Sometime

Replace

$y(\alpha)$  with  $y'(\alpha)$

$y(\beta)$  with  $y'(\beta)$

# Two-point boundary value problem

## Definition

A two-point boundary value problem is called *homogeneous* if  $g(t) = y_0 = y_1 = 0$ . Otherwise, we call it *nonhomogeneous*.

BVP is homogeneous if DE is homogeneous ( $g(x)=0$ )

and  $y(\alpha) = y(\beta) = 0$ .

Ex

$$\begin{cases} y'' - 2y' + 3y = 0 \text{ (hom.)} \\ y(0) = 0, \underline{\underline{y(1) = 1}} \end{cases} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Nonhom.} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{cases} y'' - 2y' = e^x \\ y(0) = y(1) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Nonhom.} \end{array} \right.$$

## Nonhomogeneous case

### Example (Nonhomogeneous with a unique solution)

Consider  $y'' + y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 2$ .

Gen. Solution:  $\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \lambda = \pm i$

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

$$y(0) = c_1 \cdot \cos(0) = c_1 = 1$$

$$y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = c_2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = c_2 = 2$$

$$\therefore y(x) = \underline{\cos x + 2 \sin x}$$

a unique solution.

## Nonhomogeneous case

### Example (Nonhomogeneous with infinitely many solution)

Consider  $y'' + y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y(\pi) = -1$ .

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$$

$$y(0) = C_1 = 1$$

$$y(\pi) = C_1 \underbrace{\cos(\pi)}_{=-1} + C_2 \underbrace{\sin(\pi)}_{=0}$$

$$= -C_1 = -1$$

$$y(x) = \cos x + \underbrace{(C_2)}_{\text{Choose any number}} \sin x$$

Infinitely many solutions.

# Nonhomogeneous case

## Example (Nonhomogeneous with no solutions)

Consider  $y'' + y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y(\pi) = 2$ .

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$$

$$y(0) = C_1 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(\pi) &= \underbrace{\cos \pi}_{=-1} + C_2 \underbrace{\sin \pi}_{=0} \\ &= -1 \neq 2 \end{aligned}$$

No Solutions

Nonhom. BVP

(i) No Solution

(ii) Unique Sol

(iii) Infinitely many Solutions



## Homogeneous case

Example (~~Non~~homogeneous with infinitely many solutions)

Consider  $y'' + y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y(\pi) = 0$ .

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$$

$$y(0) = C_1 = 0$$

$$y(\pi) = -C_1 = 0$$

$$y(x) = \underline{\underline{C_2 \cdot \sin x}}$$

↑ No conditions on  $C_2$

Infinitely many solutions.

# Homogeneous case

Example (~~Non~~homogeneous with a unique solution)

Consider  $y'' + y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$ .

$$y(x) = C_1 \cos x + C_2 \sin x$$

$$y(0) = C_1 = 0$$

$$y(\frac{\pi}{2}) = C_2 = 0$$

$$y(x) = 0$$

unique solution

Hom. BVP

$\Rightarrow$  Trivial Solution  
 $y=0$

- (i) Unique solution  
( $y=0$ )
- (ii) Nontrivial Solution

- Nonhomogeneous BVP

- [ No solutions
- [ a unique solution
- [ Infinitely many solution

- ~~★~~ Homogeneous BVP

- [ Trivial Solution ( $y=0$ )
- [ Nontrivial solution.  $y \rightarrow cy$  is also a solution  
↳ Infinitely many solutions.