

A SL BVP

Given the S-L BVP $\begin{cases} f'' + \lambda f = 0, & f = f(x) & 0 < x < 1 \\ f(0) = 0 & & 3f(1) - 2f'(1) = 0 \end{cases}$

Find e-vals and e-functions

SOLN:

$\lambda = 0$ $f(x) = \alpha x + \beta$ $f'(x) = \alpha$

$f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = \alpha x$ $f'(x) = \alpha$

$3f(1) - 2f'(1) = 0 \Rightarrow 3\alpha - 2\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$ $\beta = \alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$ not an e-val.

$\lambda > 0$ $f(x) = c_1 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x + c_2 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x \Rightarrow f'(x) = -c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$

$f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = c_1 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$ $f'(x) = c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x$

$3f(1) - 2f'(1) = 0 \Rightarrow 3c_1 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} - 2c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$

$\tan \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\lambda}$ eqn for e-vals

$\lambda < 0$ let $\lambda = -a^2$, $a > 0$ $f(x) = c_1 \cosh ax + c_2 \sinh ax$ $f'(x) = ac_1 \sinh ax + ac_2 \cosh ax$

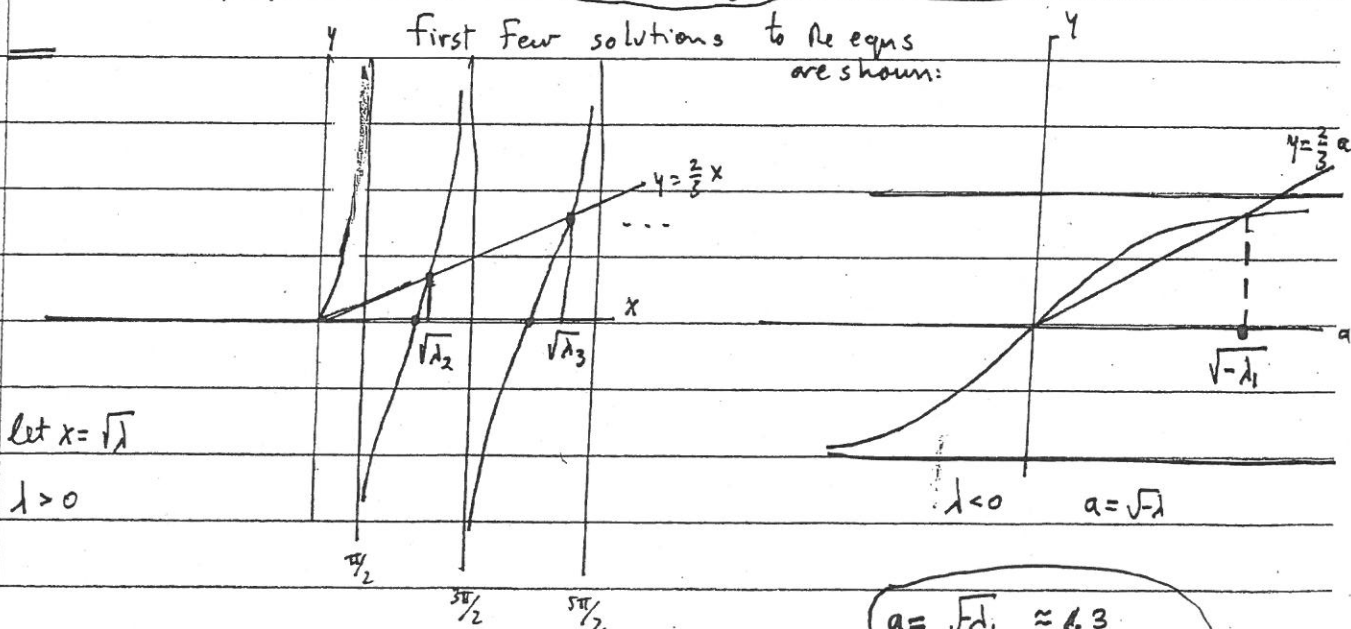
$f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = c_2 \sinh ax$

$f'(x) = ac_2 \cosh ax$

$3f(1) - 2f'(1) = 0 \Rightarrow 3c_2 \sinh a - 2ac_2 \cosh a = 0$

eqn for e-vals: $\tanh a = \frac{2}{3} a$ $a = \sqrt{-\lambda}$

First few solutions to the eqns are shown:



let $x = \sqrt{\lambda}$

$\lambda > 0$

$\lambda < 0$

$a = \sqrt{-\lambda}$

$a = \sqrt{\lambda_1} \approx 1.3$

$\lambda_1 \approx -1.69$

$f_1 \sim \sinh 1.3x$

$\sqrt{\lambda_2} \approx 4.4$ $\sqrt{\lambda_3} \approx 7.7, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_n} \approx \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}$
 $f_n \sim \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$ for $n > 1$ n large