

Integrating factors

$$y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

$$I(x) = \exp\left(\int P(x)dx\right)$$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{I(x)} \int Q(x)I(x)dx + \frac{\alpha}{I(x)}$$

Change of variables

$$y^{(n)} = F(y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)}, t)$$

Let $x_{i+1} = y^{(i)}$ where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$.

Picard-Lindelöf statement

Consider IVP: $x'_i = F_i(t, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ or that $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{F}(t, \mathbf{x})$ with $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$ and \mathbf{x} is a vector with n entries.

It has **unique** solutions if:

$$F_i, \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} \text{ and } \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial t} \text{ are } \underline{\text{continuous}} \text{ in}$$

$R \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ where $(t, \mathbf{x}_0^T) \in R$.

Here $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Homogeneous systems

Consider $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ where \mathbf{A} is a $n \times n$ matrix. Substituting $\mathbf{x} = e^{rt}\boldsymbol{\xi}$ gives:

$$(\mathbf{A} - r_i \mathbf{I}_n)\boldsymbol{\xi}^{(i)} = \mathbf{0}$$

where $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Our general solution is then:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i e^{r_i t} \boldsymbol{\xi}^{(i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\Psi}(t)\mathbf{c}. \end{aligned}$$

If initial conditions $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$ are given:

$$\mathbf{c} = \boldsymbol{\Psi}^{-1}(t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \boldsymbol{\Psi}(t)\boldsymbol{\Psi}^{-1}(t_0)\mathbf{x}_0.$$

Matrix exponentials

Given a $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} :

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\mathbf{A}t} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mathbf{A}t)^n}{n!} \\ &= \mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{A}t + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2 t^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

For system $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}\mathbf{x}(0)$$

and that $e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \boldsymbol{\Psi}(t)\boldsymbol{\Psi}^{-1}(0)$.

Diagonalisation

For $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ we have $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$.

If $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}$ then $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{y}$.

Since our fundamental matrix with respect to \mathbf{y} is a diagonal matrix $\mathbf{Q} = e^{\mathbf{D}t}$, the fundamental matrix with respect to \mathbf{x} is $\boldsymbol{\Psi}(t) = \mathbf{T}e^{\mathbf{D}t}$ and:

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{T}e^{\mathbf{D}t}\mathbf{T}^{-1}.$$

Generalised eigenvectors

If eigenvalues do not generate enough eigenvectors to form n linearly independent solutions for a $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , then consider the following ansatz:

$$\mathbf{x} = te^{rt}\boldsymbol{\xi} + e^{rt}\boldsymbol{\eta}.$$

$$\therefore (\mathbf{A} - r_i \mathbf{I}_n)\boldsymbol{\eta}^{(i)} = \boldsymbol{\xi}^{(i)}$$

Then this r_i produces two solutions:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = e^{rt}\boldsymbol{\xi}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(2)} = te^{rt}\boldsymbol{\xi} + e^{rt}\boldsymbol{\eta}.$$

Non-homogeneous systems

Consider non-homogeneous ODE system:

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{g}.$$

• Change of basis

Let $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{y}$ and since $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{T}^{-1}$:

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{g}$$

which is solved by integrating factors. Finally revert back to \mathbf{x} .

• Variation of parameters

Find solution $\mathbf{x}_H = \boldsymbol{\Psi}\mathbf{c}$ to $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$. Then let the non-homogeneous solution be $\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\Psi}\mathbf{u}(t)$.

$$\therefore \boldsymbol{\Psi}\mathbf{u}'(t) = \mathbf{g}(t)$$

Row reduce before integrating.

• Undetermined coefficients

Let non-homogeneous ODE system have solutions of form:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_H + \mathbf{x}_p$$

where \mathbf{x}_H is our homogeneous solution and \mathbf{x}_p our particular solution.

Critical points

Consider non-linear ODE system

$$\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{F}(x, y),$$

$$\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{G}(x, y).$$

We define $\mathbf{x}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} x^0 \\ y^0 \end{bmatrix}$ as a **critical point** when $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^0) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}^0) = \mathbf{0}$.

Linearisation and stability

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x - x^0 \\ y - y^0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore u'_1 &\approx F(x^0, y^0) + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\right)_{x^0} (x - x^0) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\right)_{y^0} (y - y^0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore u'_2 &\approx G(x^0, y^0) + \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial x}\right)_{x^0} (x - x^0) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial y}\right)_{y^0} (y - y^0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{u}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \partial F / \partial x & \partial F / \partial y \\ \partial G / \partial x & \partial G / \partial y \end{bmatrix}_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^0} \begin{bmatrix} x - x^0 \\ y - y^0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Critical points \mathbf{x}^0 may also be classified:

Eigenvalues	Critical Points	Stability
$r_1 > r_2 > 0$	Node (source)	unstable
$r_1 < r_2 < 0$	Node (sink)	asympt. stable
$r_2 < 0 < r_1$	saddle	unstable
$r_1 = r_2 > 0$	Proper/Improper node	unstable
$r_1 = r_2 < 0$	Proper/Improper node	asympt. stable
$r_1, r_2 = \lambda \pm i\mu$ ($\lambda > 0$)	focus	unstable
$r_1, r_2 = \lambda \pm i\mu$ ($\lambda < 0$)	focus	asympt. stable
$r_1 = i\mu, r_2 = -i\mu$	center	stable

Linearisation preserves critical point behaviour **except** when eigenvalues are of $r = \pm i\mu$ form, for which then classification is unknown.

Stable critical points \mathbf{x}^0 :

All solutions start and stay near \mathbf{x}^0 .

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \epsilon > 0; \exists \delta > 0; \forall \mathbf{x}(t) = \boldsymbol{\phi}(t) : |\mathbf{x}(0) - \mathbf{x}^0| < \delta \\ \implies |\mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}^0| < \epsilon \text{ for } \forall t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Attracting critical points \mathbf{x}^0 :

All solutions tends to \mathbf{x}^0 .

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \delta > 0 : |\mathbf{x}(0) - \mathbf{x}^0| < \delta \\ \implies \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{x}^0 \end{aligned}$$

Asymptotically stable critical points \mathbf{x}^0 : Attracting **and** stable.

Lyapunov's theory and limit cycles

Consider $\dot{x} = F(x, y)$ and $\dot{y} = G(x, y)$ and let $\mathbf{x}^0 \in D$ be a critical point. Let $E : D \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined such that $E(\mathbf{x}^0, y^0) = 0$.

$$\therefore \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial x}F + \frac{\partial E}{\partial y}G$$

- Let $E > 0$ for $\forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}^0$.

If $\frac{dE}{dt} \leq 0$ then \mathbf{x}^0 is stable.

If $\frac{dE}{dt} < 0$ then \mathbf{x}^0 is asymptotically stable.

- $E(\mathbf{x}^*) > 0$ and $\frac{dE}{dt} > 0$

\implies unstable \mathbf{x}^0 . (flip both signs)

Postive definite: $E(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ for $\forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}^0$

Postive semidefinite:
 $E(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ for $\forall \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}^0$

Limit cycles are periodic solutions such that at least one other **non-closed trajectory** approaches it as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Generally if our trajectory is enclosed by finite non-simple region and F, G have continuous partials then there is a limit cycle.

Real Fourier series

The Fourier expansion of piecewise continuous $f(x)$ on $[-L, L]$ is:

$$f_{FS}(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)$$

where $f_{FS}(x) = f_{FS}(x + 2L)$. If α is a discontinuous point:

$$f_{FS}(\alpha) = \frac{f(\alpha^+) + f(\alpha^-)}{2}$$

for α^+ is the limit from the left.

Our Fourier coefficients are:

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} f(x) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} f(x) dx.$$

Orthogonality

Let $S_n = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$ and $C_n = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$.

$$\langle S_n, S_m \rangle = \langle C_n, C_m \rangle = L \delta_{mn}$$

$$\langle S_n, C_m \rangle = 0.$$

Where:

$$\delta_{mn} = \begin{cases} 1 & m = n \\ 0 & m \neq n \end{cases}$$

$$\langle u(x), v(x) \rangle = \int_{-L}^L u(x)v(x) dx$$

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B)]$$

$$\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)]$$

$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)].$$

Even functions: $f(-x) = f(x)$

$$\therefore \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^L f(x) dx$$

Odd functions: $f(-x) = -f(x)$

$$\therefore \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx = 0$$

• **Even** function $f(x)$ on $[-L, L]$:

$$f_{FS}(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} f(x) dx$$

• **Odd** function $f(x)$ on $[-L, L]$:

$$f_{FS}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} f(x) dx$$

Extensions

Consider $f(x)$ defined in $[0, L]$ originally.

1. Define even function:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x \in [0, L] \\ f(-x) & x \in (-L, 0) \end{cases}$$

with cosine series.

2. Define odd function:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x \in (0, L) \\ 0 & x = 0, L \\ -f(-x) & x \in (-L, 0) \end{cases}$$

with sine series.

Complex Fourier series

Similarly:

$$f_{FS}(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \exp \left(\frac{in\pi}{L} x \right)$$

$$e^{i\theta} = \sin \theta + i \cos \theta.$$

Then $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have that:

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L \exp \left(-\frac{in\pi}{L} x \right) f(x) dx$$

$$c_n = \begin{cases} (a_n - ib_n)/2 & n > 0 \\ (a_0)/2 & n = 0 \\ (a_n + ib_n)/2 & n < 0. \end{cases}$$

The **inner product** is defined as:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-L}^L f(x) g^*(x) dx.$$

$$\therefore \langle \exp \left(\frac{im\pi}{L} x \right), \exp \left(\frac{in\pi}{L} x \right) \rangle = 2L \delta_{mn}$$

Parseval's theorem

$$\langle f, f \rangle = \int_{-L}^L |f(x)|^2 dx$$

$$= 2L \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$$

$$= L \left[\frac{|a_0|^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2) \right]$$

Heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \alpha^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

Let $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$.

$$\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{\dot{T}}{T} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0$$

$$\dot{T} + \alpha^2 \lambda T = 0$$

$$\lambda = \mu^2; X(x) = b_1 \cos \lambda^{1/2} x + b_2 \sin \lambda^{1/2} x$$

$$\lambda = -\mu^2; X(x) = b_1 \cosh \mu x + b_2 \sinh \mu x$$

$$T(t) = a_1 \exp(-\alpha^2 \lambda t)$$

Standard boundary conditions

• $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ for $0 \leq x \leq L$

• $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$ for $\forall t > 0$

$$X(0) = X(L) = 0$$

$$\therefore X_n = b_2 \sin \lambda_n^{1/2} x$$

$$\therefore \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 \text{ for } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Our general solution must then be:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \exp(-\alpha^2 \lambda_n t) \sin \lambda_n^{1/2} x$$

$$c_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} x) f(x) dx.$$

Fixed boundary temperatures

• $u(0, t) = T_1$

• $u(L, t) = T_2$

• $u(x, 0) = f(x)$

$$v(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$$

Since $v'' = 0$, $v(0) = T_1$ and $v(L) = T_2$:

$$v(x) = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{L} x + T_1.$$

We then deduce that:

$$u(x, t) = v(x) + \omega(x, t)$$

where $\omega(x, t)$ satisfies conditions:

• $\omega(0, t) = \omega(L, t) = 0$

• $\omega(x, 0) = f(x) - v(x)$

$$\therefore \omega(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \exp(-\alpha^2 \lambda_n t) \sin \lambda_n^{1/2} x$$

For $\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2$ and

$$c_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} x) (f(x) - v(x)) dx.$$

Insulated rod ends

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}u(0, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}u(L, t) = 0$
- $u(x, 0) = f(x)$

$$X'(0) = X'(L) = 0$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \exp(-\alpha^2 \lambda_n t) \cos \lambda_n^{1/2} x$$

$$c_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \cos(\lambda_n^{1/2} x) f(x) dx$$

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

Wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

Let $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$.

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = -\lambda$$

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0$$

$$\ddot{T} + c^2 \lambda T = 0$$

Plucked string

- $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x, 0) = 0$
- $u(x, 0) = f(x)$

$$X(0) = X(L) = 0 \text{ and } \dot{T}(0) = 0$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin \lambda_n^{1/2} x \cos c \lambda_n^{1/2} t$$

$$c_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} x) f(x) dx$$

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

General initial conditions

- $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x, 0) = g(x)$
- $u(x, 0) = f(x)$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \lambda_n^{1/2} x \times \left(a_n \cos c \lambda_n^{1/2} t + b_n \sin c \lambda_n^{1/2} t \right)$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} x) f(x) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{c \lambda_n^{1/2}} \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} x) g(x) dx$$

Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Let $u(x, y) = X(x)Y(y)$.

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\frac{Y''}{Y} = \lambda$$

$$X'' - \lambda X = 0$$

$$Y'' + \lambda Y = 0$$

Rectangular boundary conditions

- $u(x, 0) = u(x, b) = 0$
- $u(0, y) = 0$ and $u(a, y) = f(y)$

Here $x \in [0, a]$ and $y \in [0, b]$.

$$X(0) = 0 \text{ and } Y(0) = Y(b) = 0$$

$$\therefore Y_n = a_1 \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} y) \text{ for } \lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{b^2}$$

$$\therefore X_n = a_3 \sinh(\lambda_n^{1/2} x)$$

$$u(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sinh(\lambda_n^{1/2} x) \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} y)$$

$$c_n = \frac{2}{b \sinh(\lambda_n^{1/2} a)} \int_0^b \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} y) f(y) dy$$

Circular boundary conditions

- $u(a, \theta) = f(\theta)$
- $u(r, \theta)$ is bounded

Here $r \in [0, a]$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = 0.$$

Let $u(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta)$.

$$\therefore r^2 \frac{R''}{R} + r \frac{R'}{R} = -\frac{\ddot{\Theta}}{\Theta} = \lambda$$

$$\therefore \ddot{\Theta} + \lambda \Theta = 0$$

$$\therefore r^2 R'' + r R' = \lambda R$$

For the first ODE if $\lambda \leq 0$ then we get at best constant solutions. If $\lambda > 0$:

$$\Theta(\theta) = a_1 \cos \lambda^{1/2} \theta + a_2 \sin \lambda^{1/2} \theta$$

and since periodicity must be preserved:

$$\Theta(\theta) = \Theta(\theta + 2\pi)$$

$$\therefore \lambda_n^{1/2} = n \text{ or } \lambda_n^{1/2} = 0$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So when $\lambda_n = 0$:

$$r^2 R'' + r R' = 0$$

and since $u(r, \theta)$ is bounded we get only constant solutions. If $\lambda_n = n^2$ then:

$$r^2 R'' + r R' - n^2 R = 0$$

with solutions of form $R(r) = r^\alpha$ which yields $R_n(r) = c_n r^n$. Then:

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{p_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n \left(q_n \cos \lambda_n^{1/2} \theta + r_n \sin \lambda_n^{1/2} \theta \right)$$

$$p_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) d\theta$$

$$q_n = \frac{1}{a^n \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(\lambda_n^{1/2} \theta) f(\theta) d\theta$$

$$r_n = \frac{1}{a^n \pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(\lambda_n^{1/2} \theta) f(\theta) d\theta.$$

Regular S-L problems

Consider the following eigenvalue ODE:

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left(p(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + q(x)y = \lambda r(x)y$$

where $r(x)$ is our weight function. We define the following boundary conditions:

1. $a_1 y(0) + a_2 y'(0) = 0$
2. $b_1 y(1) + b_2 y'(1) = 0$.

This is a **regular Sturm-Liouville** problem, where $p(x)$, $p'(x)$, $q(x)$, $r(x)$ are continuous functions and $p(x)$, $r(x)$ are strictly positive functions for $\forall x \in [0, 1]$.

Eigenvalues λ_n yield **eigenfunctions** $\phi_n(x)$ which are nontrivial solutions to our S-L problem. Important consequences include:

- Eigenvalues λ_n of a S-L problem are **real**.

Furthermore each eigenvalue corresponds to one eigenfunction.

- Eigenfunctions $\phi_n(x)$ are orthogonal:

$$\langle \phi_m, \phi_n \rangle = \int_0^1 r(x) \phi_m(x) \phi_n(x) dx = \delta_{mn}$$

in Hilbert space $L^2([0, 1], r(x) dx)$.

Note that our eigenfunctions are orthonormal and so we define:

$$\phi_n(x) = k_n y_n(x)$$

where k_n is our scale factor. Since $\langle \phi_n, \phi_n \rangle = 1$:

$$\therefore \int_0^1 r(x) k_n^2 y_n^2(x) dx = 1$$

and so we have that:

$$k_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle y_n, y_n \rangle}} = \left(\int_0^1 r(x) y_n^2(x) dx \right)^{-1/2}.$$

0.0.1 General 2nd order ODEs

Consider the following general 2nd order eigenvalue ODE:

$$-P(x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \omega(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + q(x)y = \lambda r(x)y.$$

Multiply this by the following integrating factor:

$$F(x) = \exp \left[\int_0^x \frac{\omega(s) - p'(s)}{p(s)} ds \right]$$

yields an ODE of S-L form:

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left[F(x)P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right] + F(x)q(x)y = \lambda F(x)r(x)y.$$

0.0.2 Lagrange's identity

Our previous definition is motivated by the **Lagrange's identity**:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{L}[u], v \rangle - \langle u, \mathcal{L}[v] \rangle &= - \left[p \left(u'v^* - u(v^*)' \right) \right]_0^1 \\ &= - \left[p(x) \left(\frac{du}{dx} \cdot v^* - u \cdot \frac{dv^*}{dx} \right) \right]_0^1 \end{aligned}$$

where $u = u(x)$, $v = v(x)$ are complex functions and

$$\mathcal{L}[u] = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[p(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right] + q(x)u.$$

Here the inner product is defined as

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_0^1 uv^* dx$$

and we have integrated by parts using the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned} [pu'v^*]' &= (pu')'v^* + pu'(v^*)' \\ [pu(v^*)']' &= (p(v^*)')'u + pu'(v^*)'. \end{aligned}$$

For a S-L problem its properties follow from:

$$\langle \mathcal{L}[u], v \rangle = \langle u, \mathcal{L}[v] \rangle$$

where functions u and v satisfy its boundary conditions.

0.0.3 Series expansion

Now the set of orthonormal eigenfunctions $\{\phi_n(x)\}$ from a S-L problem with boundary conditions may be used to expand function $f(x)$:

$$f_\phi(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x)$$

for $\forall x \in [0, 1]$. Integrating this on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 r(x) \phi_m(x) f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 r(x) \phi_m(x) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \int_0^1 r(x) \phi_m(x) \phi_n(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \delta_{mn} \\ &= c_m \end{aligned}$$

and so we get a general formula for our coefficients:

$$c_n = \int_0^1 r(x) \phi_n(x) f(x) dx.$$

If $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ are piecewise continuous on $x \in [0, 1]$ then:

$$\forall x \in (0, 1); \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x) = \frac{f(x^-) + f(x^+)}{2}$$

where these are the left and right handed limits.

0.0.4 General Parseval's identity for S-L problems

we have that:

$$\int_0^1 r(x) [f(x)]^2 dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n^2$$

where

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x)$$

and

$$c_n = \int_0^1 r(x) \phi_n(x) f(x) dx.$$

0.1 Non-homogeneous S-L problems

Consider:

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = \mu r(x)y + f(x)$$

where $f(x)$ is our non-homogeneous term, and that we define

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right] + q(x)y.$$

Assume that this ODE satisfies regular S-L boundary conditions.

Firstly we solve the corresponding homogeneous S-L problem:

$$\mathcal{L}[y] = \lambda r(x)y$$

for non-trivial λ_n and $\phi_n(x)$.

Now let the general solution to our non-homogeneous S-L problem be:

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \phi_n(x)$$

and substituting this yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \mathcal{L}[\phi_n(x)] &= r(x) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \lambda_n \phi_n(x) \\ &= \mu r(x) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \phi_n(x) + f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging then gives:

$$\frac{f(x)}{r(x)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n (\lambda_n - \mu) \phi_n(x).$$

Now we can also expand $\frac{f(x)}{r(x)}$ in terms of our eigenfunctions:

$$\frac{f(x)}{r(x)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \phi_n(x)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} c_n &= \int_0^1 r(x) \phi_n(x) \frac{f(x)}{r(x)} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \phi_n(x) f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

and so equating yields the following relation

$$b_n = \frac{c_n}{\lambda_n - \mu}.$$

0.2 Non-homogeneous PDEs

Consider the following non-homogeneous PDE:

$$r(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[p(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] - q(x)u(x, t) + F(x, t)$$

with boundary and initial conditions:

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(0, t) - h_1 u(0, t) = 0$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(1, t) - h_2 u(1, t) = 0$
- $u(x, 0) = f(x).$

Firstly we solve the homogenous case via separation of variables. Let:

$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$$

and after some algebra:

$$\frac{1}{rX} \left[p'X' + pX'' - qX \right] = \frac{\dot{T}}{T} = -\lambda.$$

This yields two ODEs:

$$\dot{T} + \lambda T = 0$$

$$-[pX']' + qX = \lambda rX$$

with boundary conditions:

$$X'(0) - h_1 X(0) = 0$$

$$X'(1) - h_2 X(1) = 0$$

Clearly our second ODE is of S-L form. We are now going to assume that this regular S-L problem has non-trivial λ_n and orthonormal eigenfunctions $\phi_n(x)$.

Let the general solution to our PDE be:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \phi_n(x).$$

Substituting this into our PDE yields:

$$r(x) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dot{b}_n(t) \phi_n(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \left[\left(p(x) \phi_n'(x) \right)' - q(x) \phi_n(x) \right] + F(x, t).$$

$\bullet \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ (Real eigenvalues)
 $\bullet \langle \phi_m, \phi_n \rangle = \delta_{mn}$ (Orthogonal eigenfunctions)

Now since we have a S-L problem:

$$\left(p(x) \phi_n'(x) \right)' - q(x) \phi_n(x) = -\lambda_n \phi_n(x) r(x)$$

and after dividing through our PDE by $r(x)$ we get:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dot{b}_n(t) \phi_n(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \left[-\lambda_n \phi_n(x) \right] + \frac{F(x, t)}{r(x)}$$

But we can also expand our non-homogeneous term as a sum:

$$\frac{F(x, t)}{r(x)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n(t) \phi_n(x)$$

and its coefficients are:

$$\gamma_n(t) = \int_0^1 F(x, t) \phi_n(x) dx$$

in $L^2([0, 1], r(x))$. Therefore after some algebra:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\dot{b}_n(t) + \lambda_n b_n(t) - \gamma_n(t) \right] \phi_n(x) = 0$$

and yields the following ODE:

$$\dot{b}_n(t) + \lambda_n b_n(t) - \gamma_n(t) = 0.$$

Solution is via integrating factors:

$$b_n(t) = e^{-\lambda_n t} \int_0^t \gamma_n(s) e^{\lambda_n s} ds + e^{-\lambda_n t} b_n(0).$$

Finally using $u(x, 0) = f(x)$:

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(0) \phi_n(x) = f(x)$$

and we get

$$b_n(0) = \int_0^1 r(x) f(x) \phi_n(x) dx.$$

0.3 Singular S-L problems

Consider the following ODE:

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left(p(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + q(x)y = \lambda r(x)y$$

but now $p(x)$, $q(x)$ and $r(x)$ are discontinuous at $x = 0$ and/or $x = 1$.

This is a **singular** S-L problem with boundary condition:

$$b_1 y(1) + b_2 y'(1) = 0$$

or

$$a_1 y(0) + a_2 y'(0) = 0.$$

Now singular S-L problems at $x = 0$ may be self-adjoint or that they yield:

$$\int_{\epsilon}^1 \left(\mathcal{L}[u]v - u\mathcal{L}[v] \right) dx = \left[-p(x) \left(u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x) \right) \right]_{\epsilon}^1$$

if they satisfy Lagrange's identity. Consider singular S-L problem at $x = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\epsilon}^1 \left(\mathcal{L}[u]v - u\mathcal{L}[v] \right) dx &= \left[-p(x) \left(u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x) \right) \right]_{\epsilon}^1 \\ &= p(\epsilon) \left(u'(\epsilon)v(\epsilon) - u(\epsilon)v'(\epsilon) \right) \end{aligned}$$

and tends to zero if and only if:

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[p(\epsilon) \left(u'(\epsilon)v(\epsilon) - u(\epsilon)v'(\epsilon) \right) \right] = 0,$$

where we define:

$$\mathcal{L}[u] = -\frac{d}{dx} \left[p(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right] + q(x)u.$$

Therefore this is the condition for our singular S-L problem to have real eigenvalues and orthogonal eigenfunctions.

Similarly for singular S-L problem at $x = 1$ it is self-adjoint if:

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 1} \left[p(1-\epsilon) \left(u'(1-\epsilon)v(1-\epsilon) - u(1-\epsilon)v'(1-\epsilon) \right) \right] = 0.$$

Finally whilst eigenvalues may be real they are not necessarily discrete!

1 Laplace transforms

So let $f(t)$ be defined for $t \in [0, \infty)$. Its Laplace transform is:

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt.$$

Let **functions of exponential order** be defined as:

$$\forall t \in [0, \infty); \exists A > 0 \text{ and } B \in \mathbb{R} : |f(t)| \leq Ae^{Bt}$$

where f is piecewise continuous and we denote such functions as $f \in E$.

For sufficiently large s , the Laplace transform $f \in E$ converges.

1.1 Properties

1.1.1 Inversion formula

Now let $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$. We have the following inversion formula:

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} e^{st} F(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

1.1.2 Reduction of order

Applying the Laplace transform to derivatives:

$$\mathcal{L}[f'(t)] = s\mathcal{L}[f(t)] - f(0)$$

for $\forall f, f' \in E$ and generalising this via induction gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[f^{(n)}(t)] &= s^n \mathcal{L}[f(t)] - s^{(n-1)} f^{(0)}(0) - s^{(n-2)} f^{(1)}(0) \\ &\quad - \dots - s f^{(n-2)}(0) - f^{(n-1)}(0). \end{aligned}$$

1.1.3 Shifts, scaling and derivatives

Let $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)](s)$. We then have that:
1. s-shift:

$$\mathcal{L}[e^{-ct} f(t)](s) = F(s + c)$$

where $s + c > \gamma$.

2. t-shift:

Let $c \geq 0$ and $f(t) = 0$ if $t < 0$. Then:

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t - c)](s) = e^{-sc} F(s).$$

Furthermore utilising the unit step function:

$$\mathcal{L}[g(t - c)u_c(t)](s) = e^{-sc} G(s)$$

where $G(s) = \mathcal{L}[g(t)](s)$ and $g(t)$ any normal function.

3. s-derivative:

$$\mathcal{L}[tf(t)](s) = -\frac{d}{ds} F(s).$$

We can also extend this to the n th derivative:

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n f(t)] = (-1)^n F^{(n)}(s).$$

4. scaling:

$$\mathcal{L}[f(ct)] = \frac{1}{c} F\left(\frac{s}{c}\right)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{c} \mathcal{L}\left[f\left(\frac{t}{c}\right)\right] = F(cs)$$

where $c > 0$.

1.2 Applications

1.2.1 Higher order ODEs

So consider the following n th order ODE:

$$y^{(n)}(t) + a_1 y^{(n-1)}(t) + \cdots + a_n y(t) = f(t)$$

for $f \in E$. After taking the Laplace transform of both sides we get:

$$Z(s)\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)] + Z_0(s)$$

where $Z(s)$ is a degree n polynomial and $Z_0(s)$ a degree $n-1$ polynomial dependent on our initial conditions.

Now if our source term is of the following form:

$$f(t) = t^n e^{at} (A \cos bt + B \sin bt)$$

then $\mathcal{L}[f(t)]$ is rational and therefore:

$$\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = \frac{\mathcal{L}[f(t)]}{Z(s)} + \frac{Z_0(s)}{Z(s)}$$

where we can solve this via standard transforms.

1.2.2 Discontinuous source terms

Since the Laplace transform is convergent for all piecewise continuous functions, we can use it to solve ODEs with discontinuous source terms:

$$Ay''(t) + By'(t) + Cy(t) = g(t)$$

where $g(t)$ is piecewise continuous and of the following form:

$$g(t) = f(t)[u_a(t) - u_b(t)] = \begin{cases} f(t) & t \in [a, b) \\ 0 & t \notin [a, b) \end{cases}$$

for $b > a$. This is the **unit step function**:

$$u_c(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t \geq c \end{cases}$$

and is also known as the Heaviside function. Its Laplace transform is:

$$\mathcal{L}[u_c(t)](s) = \frac{e^{-sc}}{s}.$$

Furthermore we can define a shift of $f(t)$ by $c > 0$ to the right by:

$$f(t-c)u_c(t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t-c)u_c(t)] = e^{-sc}F(s)$$

where $F(s) = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]$.

1.2.3 Impulse functions

The **Dirac delta** is defined as:

$$\delta(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & t = 0 \\ 0 & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

and physically a “strike” on a system in infinitely short time. We have that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-t_0)f(t)dt = f(t_0)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[u_{t_0}(t)] = \delta(t-t_0)$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}[\delta(t-t_0)] = e^{-st_0}.$$

If $t_0 = 0$ then $\mathcal{L}[\delta(t)] = \lim_{t_0 \rightarrow 0} (e^{-st_0}) = 1$.

Taking the Laplace transform of the following ODE

$$y''(t) + y(t) = \delta(t)$$

with initial conditions $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$ gives:

$$\mathcal{L}[y(t)] = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1} \lim_{t_0 \rightarrow 0} (e^{-st_0}).$$

It is important that we do not evaluate the limit here!

Finally by inspection we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \lim_{t_0 \rightarrow 0} (\sin(t-t_0)u_{t_0}(t)) \\ &= \sin(t)u_0(t). \end{aligned}$$

1.2.4 Convolutions

Convolutions can also be helpful in solving ODEs. They are defined:

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) * g(t) &= \int_0^t f(s)g(t-s)ds \\ &= \int_0^t g(s)f(t-s)ds \end{aligned}$$

for functions $f, g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and has the following properties:

- $f * (g + h) = f * g + f * h$
- $f * g = g * f$
- $f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h$
- $f * 1 \neq f$
- $f * f \neq f^2$.

Importantly we have the **convolution theorem**:

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t) * g(t)] = \mathcal{L}[f(t)]\mathcal{L}[g(t)]$$

where if $f, g \in E$ then $f * g \in E$, or that they are functions of exponential order so that our Laplace transforms converge. Note that:

$$\int_0^t f(s)ds = \int_0^t f(s)u_0(t-s)ds$$

and therefore

$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(s)ds\right] = \frac{\mathcal{L}[f(t)]}{s}.$$

Now consider the following ODE:

$$ay''(t) + by'(t) + cy(t) = g(t)$$

with initial conditions $y(0) = \alpha$ and $y'(0) = \beta$. Here $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \mathcal{L}[y(t)] &= \Phi(s) + \Psi(s) \\ &= \frac{(as+b)\alpha + a\beta}{as^2 + bs + c} + \frac{1}{as^2 + bs + c} \mathcal{L}[g(t)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\Phi(s)] + \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\Psi(s)] \\ &= \phi(t) + \psi(t) \end{aligned}$$

The first expression $\phi(t)$ can be found via standard transforms. For the second expression we define the **transfer function**¹:

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{as^2 + bs + c}$$

where it is the Laplace transform of the following corresponding ODE:

$$ah''(t) + bh'(t) + ch(t) = \delta(t)$$

with initial conditions $h(0) = h'(0) = 0$. $\therefore H(s) = \mathcal{L}[h(t)]$

This is helpful since:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(s) &= \frac{1}{as^2 + bs + c} \mathcal{L}[g(t)] \\ &= H(s)\mathcal{L}[g(t)] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}[\psi(t)] &= \mathcal{L}[h(t)]\mathcal{L}[g(t)] \\ &= \mathcal{L}[h(t) * g(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the convolution theorem we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t) &= h(t) * g(t) \\ &= \int_0^t h(s)g(t-s)ds. \end{aligned}$$

¹Also known as a Green's function.

1.3 Standard transforms

- $\mathcal{L}[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$ where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s > 0$.
- $\mathcal{L}[e^{at}] = \frac{1}{s-a}$ where $s > a$.
- $\mathcal{L}[t^n e^{at}] = \frac{n!}{(s-a)^{n+1}}$ where $n \in \mathbb{N}$

and $s > a$.

- $\mathcal{L}[\sin at] = \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}$,
 $\mathcal{L}[\cos at] = \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}$ where $s > 0$.
- $\mathcal{L}[\sinh at] = \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}$,
 $\mathcal{L}[\cosh at] = \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}$ where $s > |a|$.

- $\mathcal{L}[e^{at} \sin bt] = \frac{b}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$,
 $\mathcal{L}[e^{at} \cos bt] = \frac{s-a}{(s-a)^2 + b^2}$ where $s > a$.
- $\mathcal{L}[u_c(t)] = \frac{e^{-cs}}{s}$ where $s > 0$.
- $\mathcal{L}[\delta(t-c)] = e^{-cs}$.