

Project 2

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<https://github.com/sim-hal/FYS3150-Project-2>

INTRODUCTION

In this article we will mainly look at ways of scaling equations, some eigenvalue problems and unit testing.

Problem 1)

We want to show that the second-order differential equation

$$\gamma \frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} = -Fu(x) \quad (1)$$

can be written as

$$\frac{d^2 u(\hat{x})}{d\hat{x}^2} = -\lambda u(\hat{x}) \quad (2)$$

where $\hat{x} \equiv x/L \iff x$ is a dimensionless variable and $\lambda = \frac{FL^2}{\gamma}$. This also means that $x = \hat{x}L$. This means that

$$\frac{d}{dx} = \frac{d\hat{x}}{x} \frac{d}{d\hat{x}} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{d\hat{x}}{x} \frac{d}{d\hat{x}} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{d}{d\hat{x}}$$

We insert this into (1) and get

$$\gamma \frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} = \gamma \frac{1}{L^2} \frac{d^2 u(\hat{x})}{d\hat{x}^2} = -Fu(x)$$

$$\frac{d^2 u(\hat{x})}{d\hat{x}^2} = -FL^2 \frac{1}{\gamma} u(x) = -\lambda u(x)$$

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Problem 2)

We know that \vec{v}_i is a set of orthonormal basis vectors, meaning $\vec{v}_i^T \cdot \vec{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$. We also know that \mathbf{U} is an orthonormal transformation matrix. This means that $\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{U}^{-1}$ and that $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^T = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^{-1} = I$. We want to show that transformations with \mathbf{U} preserves orthonormality, and that the set of vectors $\vec{w}_i = \mathbf{U}\vec{v}_i$ is also an orthonormal set. We start by looking at $\vec{w}_i = \mathbf{U}\vec{v}_i$

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we transpose this equation and get

$$\vec{w}_i^T = (\mathbf{U}\vec{v}_i)^T = \vec{v}_i^T \mathbf{U}^T$$

this means that

$$\vec{w}_i^T \vec{w}_j = \vec{v}_i^T \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{U} \vec{v}_j = \vec{v}_i^T I \vec{v}_j = \vec{v}_i^T \vec{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

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