

Lesson 28 on 11.5 Sturm-Liouville Problems

26, 27, 28 due Wed.
WebEx Office Hr. Tues 8-9 pm Eastern Time

Ex: $y'' - \lambda y = 0$ ODE

B.C. $y(0) = 0, y(\pi) = 0$

Eigenvalues λ are special values that allow non-zero solⁿs to ODE + BC. Non-zero solⁿs are called eigenfunctions.

Big fact: The e-fns are \perp .

Why: Suppose y_1 and y_2 are two e-fns for $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$.

$$\lambda_1(y_1, y_2) = \int_0^{\pi} \underbrace{\lambda_1 y_1}_{y_1''} y_2 dx = \int_0^{\pi} y_2 \underbrace{y_1''}_{y_1'} dx$$

$u = y_1' \quad v = y_2' \quad du = y_1' dx \quad dv = y_2'' dx$

$$= uv \int_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} v du$$

$$= y_2 y_1' \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^{\pi} y_1' y_2' dx$$

$\stackrel{\text{B.C.}}{=} 0$ by B.C. equal!

Aha! Repeat: $\lambda_2(y_1, y_2) = \lambda_2(y_2, y_1) = - \int_0^{\pi} y_2' y_1' dx$

So $\lambda_1(y_1, y_2) = \lambda_2(y_1, y_2)$

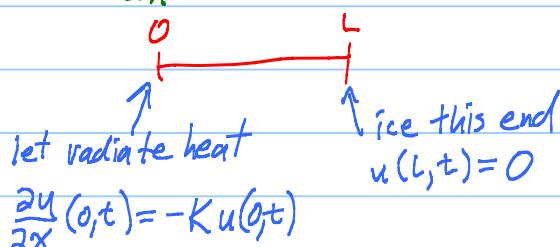
$$\underbrace{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)}_{\neq 0} \underbrace{(y_1, y_2)}_{\text{must} = 0} = 0$$

Heat problem: Hot wire



$u(x, t)$ = temp of wire at x at time t .

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



Take $c=1, k=1$. Try $u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$

PDE: $X''(x)T(t) = X(x)T'(t)$

$$\boxed{\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)} = \lambda}$$

$$X''(x) - \lambda X(x) = 0 \quad | \quad T'(t) - \lambda T(t) = 0$$
$$T(t) = c e^{\lambda t}$$

B.C. 1) $u(L,t) = 0$

$$X(L)T(t) = 0$$

↑ ← don't want $T(t) \equiv 0$.

Must $X(L) = 0$

2) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,t) + u(0,t) = 0 \text{ for all } t$

$$X'(0)T(t) + X(0)T'(t) = 0$$

$$\underbrace{[X'(0) + X(0)]}_{\text{must} = 0} T(t) = 0$$

New Sturm-Liouville Prob: $X'' - \lambda X = 0$

B.C. $\begin{cases} X(L) = 0 \\ X'(0) + X(0) = 0 \end{cases}$

- Sol's:
- 1) $X(x) = c_1 x + c_2$ if $\lambda = 0$
 - 2) $X(x) = c_1 e^{ux} + c_2 e^{-ux}$ if $\lambda = u^2 > 0$
 - 3) $X(x) = c_1 \cos ux + c_2 \sin ux$ if $\lambda = -u^2 < 0$

Look for non-zero sol's satisfying BC

General Sturm-Liouville Prob:

$$\text{ODE: } [p(x)y]' + (q(x) + \lambda r(x))y = 0$$

B.C.: $\begin{cases} K_1 y(a) + K_2 y'(a) = 0 & K_1, K_2 \text{ not both zero} \\ L_1 y(b) + L_2 y'(b) = 0 & L_1, L_2 \text{ not both zero} \end{cases}$

p, p', q, r continuous on $[a, b]$ and $r(x) > 0$ on (a, b) .

Facts: e-vals λ must be real.

e-fns are \perp on (a, b) with respect to a weighted inner product

$$(y_1, y_2)_r = \int_a^b y_1(x) y_2(x) r(x) dx$$

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weight fcn

Remark: $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ $p \equiv 1, q \equiv 0, r \equiv 1$
 $y(0) = 0, y(\tilde{\pi}) = 0$ $K_1 = 1, K_2 = 0$
 $L_1 = 1, L_2 = 0$
 $a = 0, b = \tilde{\pi}$

EX: p. 503: 13

$$(*) \quad y'' + 8y' + (16 + \lambda)y = 0 \quad \begin{cases} y(0) = 0 \\ y(\tilde{\pi}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

S-L: $[py']' + (q + \lambda r)y = 0$

$$py'' + \cancel{p'y'} + (q + \lambda r)y = 0$$

Mult (*) by p : $py'' + \cancel{8py'} + (16p + \lambda p)y = 0$

Aha! Need $\boxed{p' = 8p}$. So $\boxed{p = e^{8x}}$

$$(*) : [e^{8x} y']' + (\cancel{16e^{8x}} + \lambda e^{8x})y = 0$$

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P q r(x)

e-fns \perp : $\int_0^{\tilde{\pi}} y_1(x) y_2(x) e^{8x} dx$

Warning: When looking for e-vals and nonzero e-fns, easier

to use ODE in original form rather than standard form.

Legendre Eqns: $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + n(n+1)y = 0$
on $(-1, 1)$.

$$\left[\underbrace{(1-x^2)y'}_P \right]' + \begin{matrix} \nearrow q=0 \\ r \equiv 1 \end{matrix} y = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} n=n(n+1) \\ e\text{-vals} \end{matrix}$$

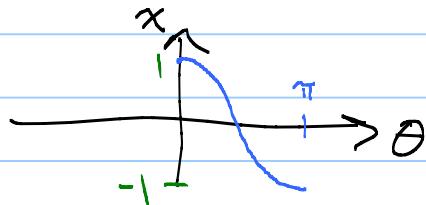
Get Legendre Polynomials $P_n(x)$,

They are \perp on $(-1, 1)$.

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_n(x) P_m(x) \cdot 1 dx = 0 \text{ if } n \neq m.$$

HWK: Show $P_n(\cos \theta)$ are \perp with respect
to weight fcn $\sin \theta$ on $(0, \pi)$.

Think: Change of variables: $x = \cos \theta$



Hmmmm.

$$\int_0^\pi P_n(\cos \theta) P_m(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

What is $d\theta$? When $\theta=0$: $x=?$
 $\theta=\pi$: $x=?$