

17. Sturm-Liouville Problems, Orthogonal functions

Sturm-Liouville equation

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

Legendre's equation

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + m(m+1)y = 0$$

$$[(1-x^2)y']' + \lambda y = 0 \quad \lambda = m(m+1)$$

$$p = 1-x^2, \quad q = 0, \quad \tilde{r} = 1$$

Bessel's equation

$$x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0$$

$$\text{let } x = kt$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) = k \frac{dy}{dx} = ky' = \dot{y}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = k^2 y'' = \ddot{y}$$

$$k^2 t^2 \frac{1}{k^2} \ddot{y} + kt \cdot \frac{1}{k} \dot{y} + (k^2 t^2 - n^2)y = 0$$

$$t^2 \ddot{y} + t \dot{y} + (k^2 t^2 - n^2)y = 0 \quad / t$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} [t \dot{y}] + \left(-\frac{n^2}{t} + \lambda t \right) y = 0 \quad \lambda = k^2$$

$$p = t, \quad q = -\frac{n^2}{t}, \quad \tilde{r} = t \quad //$$

S.-L. problem (BVP)

$$[p(x)y']' + [q(x) + \lambda \tilde{r}(x)]y = 0 \quad [a, b]$$

$$\text{B.c. } \begin{cases} k_1 y(a) + k_2 y'(a) = 0 \\ l_1 y(b) + l_2 y'(b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

* assume $\tilde{r}(x) > 0$.

↳ solution: eigenfunction $y(x)$

λ : eigenvalue for which an eigenfunction exists

Ex. 1. $y'' + \lambda y = 0$

$y(0) = 0, y(\pi) = 0$

eigenvalues and eigenfns?

S.L.? $p=1, q=0, \tilde{p}=1$

(i) $\lambda < 0, \lambda = -\nu^2$

$y'' - \nu^2 y = 0$

$y = c_1 e^{\nu x} + c_2 e^{-\nu x}$ B.C. $\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0, y = 0$

(ii) $\lambda = 0, y'' = 0, y = ax + b$ B.C. $\Rightarrow y = 0$

(iii) $\lambda > 0, \lambda = \nu^2 : y'' + \nu^2 y = 0$

$y = A \cos \nu x + B \sin \nu x$

$y(0) = A = 0$

$y(\pi) = B \sin \nu \pi = 0$

$\nu = \cancel{0}, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

$\lambda = 1, 4, 9, 16, \dots$

$y(x) = \sin \nu x \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots) : \text{eigenfunction}$

$\lambda = \nu^2 : \text{eigenvalue}$

o p, q, r, \tilde{p} : real-valued & continuous on $a \leq x \leq b$,
 $r, \tilde{p} > 0$ throughout or $\tilde{p} < 0$ throughout the interval

→ all eigenvalues are real

§ ORTHOGONALITY.

• Definition

y_1, y_2 — orthogonal ^{on} $[a, b]$ with respect to $\overline{p(x)}$

$$\int_a^b \overline{p(x)} y_m(x) y_n(x) dx = 0 \quad m \neq n$$

$\overline{p(x)}$: weight function > 0

norm $\|y_m\| = \sqrt{\int_a^b \overline{p(x)} y_m^2(x) dx}$

• orthonormal on $[a, b]$

if orthogonal on $[a, b]$ & norm = 1

• $\overline{p(x)} = 1$: y_1, y_2 — orthogonal on $[a, b]$

$$\int_a^b y_m(x) y_n(x) dx = 0 \quad m \neq n$$

norm $\|y_m\| = \sqrt{\int_a^b y_m^2(x) dx}$

Ex. 3 $y_m(x) = \sin mx \quad (-\pi \leq x \leq \pi), \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} y_m y_n dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m-n)x dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m+n)x dx \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

→ orthogonal set

$$\|y_m\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 mx dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2mx) dx = \pi$$

$$\|y_m\| = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$\frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \frac{\sin 2x}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \dots, \frac{\sin mx}{\sqrt{\pi}}, \dots$: orthonormal set

Theorem 1.

S.L. problem $(r^p y')' + (q + \lambda r^r) y = 0 \quad a \leq x \leq b$

$$\lambda_m \rightarrow \underline{y_m}$$

$$\lambda_n \rightarrow \underline{y_n}$$

y_m & y_n are orthogonal on that interval w.r.t. the weight function r^r

$$\int_a^b r^r(x) y_m(x) y_n(x) dx = 0.$$

if $\begin{matrix} r^p \\ x(a) = 0 \\ r^p \\ x(b) = 0 \end{matrix}$: no B.C. for $x=a$ } singular S.L.

if $\begin{matrix} r^p \\ x(a) = r^p \\ x(b) \end{matrix}$ B.C. can be replaced by $\begin{cases} y(a) = y(b) \\ y'(a) = y'(b) \end{cases}$: periodic boundary conditions

→ periodic S.L. prob

$$\text{Pf. } (r^p y_m')' + (q + \lambda_m r^r) y_m = 0 \quad \times y_n$$

$$+) (r^p y_n')' + (q + \lambda_n r^r) y_n = 0 \quad \times (-y_m)$$

$$y_n (r^p y_m')' - y_m (r^p y_n')' + (\lambda_m - \lambda_n) r^r y_m y_n = 0$$

$$(\lambda_m - \lambda_n) r^r y_m y_n = [(r^p y_n') y_m - (r^p y_m') y_n]'$$

$$(\lambda_m - \lambda_n) \int_a^b r^r y_m y_n dx = [r^p (y_n' y_m - y_m' y_n)]_a^b$$

$$= r^p(b) [y_n'(b) y_m(b) - y_m'(b) y_n(b)]$$

$$- r^p(a) [y_n'(a) y_m(a) - y_m'(a) y_n(a)] \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

case 1. $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx = 0$ & $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx = 0$

$$\int_a^b p(x) y_m y_n \approx 0 \quad (m \neq n) \quad \text{no need to use B.C.}$$

case 2. $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx = 0$, $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx \neq 0$

$$\text{RHS} = -\int_a^b p(x) [y_n'(a) y_m(a) - y_m'(a) y_n(a)]$$

$$\text{B.C. at } x=a: k_1 y_n(a) + k_2 y_n'(a) = 0 \quad \times y_m(a)$$

$$+) k_1 y_m(a) + k_2 y_m'(a) = 0 \quad \times (-y_n(a))$$

$$k_2 [y_n'(a) y_m(a) - y_m'(a) y_n(a)] = 0 \quad k_2 \neq 0.$$

$$\text{RHS} = 0.$$

what if $k_2 = 0$ & $k_1 \neq 0$? : practice

case 3. $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx = 0$, $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx \neq 0$ similar

case 4. $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx \neq 0$, $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx \neq 0$ similar

case 5. $\int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx = \int_a^b p(x) y'(x) dx$

$$\text{RHS} = \int_a^b p(x) [y_n'(b) y_m(b) - y_m'(b) y_n(b) - y_n'(a) y_m(a) + y_m'(a) y_n(a)]$$

• original B.C \Rightarrow RHS = 0

• $y_m(a) = y_m(b)$, $y_m'(a) = y_m'(b)$

Ex. 4. Legendre's equation

$$[(1-x^2)y']' + \lambda y = 0. \quad \lambda = n(n+1)$$

$$p = (1-x^2), \quad q = 0, \quad r = 1.$$

$p(-1) = p(1) = 0$: singular S.L. prob. on $[-1, 1]$

no B.C. needed.

if $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$: $P_n(x)$ - sol.

$$\therefore \int_{-1}^1 P_m(x) P_n(x) dx = 0 \quad (m \neq n) \quad \text{: orthogonal}$$

* Orthogonality of Bessel functions $J_n(x)$

Bessel's equation

$$\tilde{x}^2 \frac{d^2 J_n}{d\tilde{x}^2} + \tilde{x} \frac{d J_n}{d\tilde{x}} + (\tilde{x}^2 - n^2) J_n(\tilde{x}) = 0.$$

transformation: $\tilde{x} = kx$

$$[x J_n'(kx)]' + \left(-\frac{n^2}{x} + k^2 x\right) J_n(kx) = 0$$

$$[p(x)y']' + [q(x) + \lambda p(x)]y = 0.$$

$$p(x) = x, \quad q(x) = -\frac{n^2}{x}, \quad p(x) = x, \quad \lambda = k^2$$

$y(0) = 0$ no need for B.C. at $x=0$ } orthogonal
 at $x=R$: $J_n(kR) = 0$. n fixed

$J_n(\tilde{x}) = 0$: $\tilde{x} = \text{zeros of } J_n$

$\tilde{x} = \alpha_{1n} < \alpha_{2n} < \dots$: infinitely many zeros

$$kR = \alpha_{mn}, \quad (m=1, 2, \dots)$$

$$k = k_{mn} = \frac{\alpha_{mn}}{R} \rightarrow \text{eigenvalue } \lambda_{mn} = k_{mn}^2$$

Theorem 2

$$\int_0^R x J_n(k_{mn} x) J_n(k_{jn} x) dx = 0 \quad j \neq m$$

4.8 Orthogonal Eigenfunction Expansions

Notation:

$$(y_m, y_n) \equiv \int_a^b p(x) y_m(x) y_n(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \\ 1 & \text{if } m = n \end{cases}$$

if y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots : orthonormal w.r.t. $p(x)$