

Undergrad PDE HW8

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[3.5] 1. S-L eigen-value problem is called self-adjoint if $p(u \frac{dv}{dx} - v \frac{du}{dx}) \Big|_a^b = 0$

since then $\int_a^b u L(v) - v L(u) dx = 0 \quad \forall u, v$ satisfying the bdy condition.

Verify the self-adjointness.

(a) ~~$\phi(a) = \phi(L) = 0$~~

(c). $\frac{d\phi}{dx}(a) - h\phi(a) = 0, \quad \frac{d\phi}{dx}(L) = 0$

then:
$$p(u \frac{dv}{dx} - v \frac{du}{dx}) \Big|_a^b = p(L) u(L) \overset{0}{\frac{dv}{dx}(L)} - p(L) v(L) \overset{0}{\frac{du}{dx}(L)} - p(a) u(a) \overset{1}{\frac{dv}{dx}(a)} + p(a) v(a) \overset{1}{\frac{du}{dx}(a)}$$

$$= -h p(a) u(a) v(a) + h p(a) u(a) v(a) = 0$$

(e). $\phi(a) = \phi(b), \quad \frac{d\phi}{dx}(a) = \frac{d\phi}{dx}(b), \quad p(a) = p(b)$

From the computation above, $u(b) = u(a), \quad p(b) = p(a)$

then the first term cancels with the third term.

Similarly the second term cancels with the fourth term.

(f). $\phi(L) = 0, \quad p(L) = 0, \quad \phi(a) \text{ bdd}, \quad p(x) \frac{d\phi}{dx} = 0$

$\phi(L) = 0 \Rightarrow$ The first two terms $\equiv 0$.

$$-\phi \quad -p(a) u(a) \frac{dv}{dx}(a) + p(a) v(a) \frac{du}{dx}(a)$$

$$= -u(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} p(x) \frac{dv}{dx}(x) + v(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} p(x) \frac{du}{dx}(x)$$

$$= 0$$

□

8. Let $L = \frac{d^4}{dx^4}$.

(1) Show that $uLv - vLu$ is exact.

(2) $\int_0^1 uLv - vLu$

(3) $= 0$ if u, v satisfy $\phi(0) = \phi(1) = 0$
 $\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) = 0$
 $\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2}(1) = 0$

(4) Give another example of bdy conditions s.t. $\int_0^1 uLv - vLu = 0$

(5) $\frac{d^4 b}{dx^4} + \lambda e^x b = 0$ subject to (3). Show that eigenfunctions are orthogonal and find the weight.

Sol: (1) $uLv - vLu = uV_{xxxx} - V u_{xxxx}$
 $= uV_{xxxx} - u_x V_{xxx} + u_{xx} V_{xx} - u_{xxx} V_x + u_{xxx} V_x - u_{xxxx} V$
 $= \frac{d}{dx} (uV_{xxx} - u_x V_{xx} + u_{xx} V_x - u_{xxx} V)$
 \Rightarrow exact.

(2) By fundamental Thm of Calculus we have

$$\int_0^1 uLv - vLu = (uV_{xxx} - u_x V_{xx} + u_{xx} V_x - u_{xxx} V) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1}$$

(3) Under these boundary conditions, each term in (2) is zero.

(4) $\phi(0) = \phi(1) = 0$. $\phi'(1) = 0$. $\phi''(0) = 0$.

(5) Suppose λ_n 's are all distinct eigenvalue of L , the corresponding eigen-functions are ψ_n then $\sigma(x) = e^x$ is the weight.

$$\int_0^1 \psi_m (-\lambda_m e^x \psi_n) - \psi_n (-\lambda_n e^x \psi_m) dx$$

$$= (\lambda_m - \lambda_n) \int_0^1 \psi_n \psi_m \underbrace{e^x}_{\sigma(x)} dx = 0 \quad \forall m \neq n$$

Since $\lambda_m \neq \lambda_n$, we know ψ_n, ψ_m are orthogonal w.r.t $\sigma(x) = e^x$ □

[5.6] Use Rayleigh quotient to obtain a (reasonably accurate) upper bound for the lowest eigenvalue of.

$$(1) \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + (\lambda - x^2) \phi = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) = 0 \quad \phi(1) = 0$$

Sol. Let $u = x^2 - 1$, then $\frac{du}{dx}(0) = 0$.

$$\lambda_1 \leq \frac{-p u \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_0 + \int_0^1 (p (\frac{du}{dx})^2 - q u^2) dx}{\int_0^1 u^2 \underbrace{\sigma(x)}_{=1} dx}$$

where $p(x) = 1, \sigma(x) = 1$
 $q(x) = -x^2$

Compute RHS.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \leq \frac{37}{14}$$

2. Consider $\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + (\lambda - x^2)\phi = 0$ Show that $\lambda > 0$

} $\phi'(0) = 0 \quad \phi'(1) = 0$

Pf: This is a Sturm-Liouville type eq: with $p(x) = 1$, $q(x) = -x^2$, $v(x) = 1$

By Rayleigh quotient, $\lambda = 0$ (by boundary condition).

$$\lambda = \frac{-\phi(x)\phi'(x)|_0^1 + \int_0^1 (\phi'(x))^2 + x^2\phi^2 dx}{\int_0^1 \phi^2(x) dx} > 0$$

> 0 for all $\phi \neq 0$.

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