

10.1 Sturm-Liouville Problem (part 1)

in Ch. 9 we looked at problems of the type

$$\Sigma'' + \lambda \Sigma = 0 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \Sigma(0) = \Sigma(L) = 0 \quad (\text{e.g. heat temp} = 0 \text{ at ends})$$

$$\text{or} \quad \Sigma'(0) = \Sigma'(L) = 0 \quad (\text{e.g. heat w/ insulated ends})$$

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in solving heat, wave, Laplace's eq. we discovered that

$$\Sigma'' + \lambda \Sigma = 0 \quad \text{w/} \quad \Sigma(0) = \Sigma(L) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \quad \Sigma_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad n=1,2,3$$

eigenvalue

eigenfunction

$$\Sigma'(0) = \Sigma'(L) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$$

$$\Sigma_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$n=0,1,2,3,\dots$

based on BC's, λ and Σ behave a certain way

$y'' + \lambda y = 0$ $0 < x < L$ is a special case of the

Sturm-Liouville Problem

$\frac{d}{dx} \left[p(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right] - q(x)y + \lambda r(x)y = 0 \quad a < x < b$

BC's: $\alpha_1 y(a) - \alpha_2 y'(a) = 0$

$\beta_1 y(b) + \beta_2 y'(b) = 0$

negative
negative
positive

} α_1, α_2 cannot be both zero
 β_1, β_2 " " " "

for example, $y'' + \lambda y = 0$

$0 < x < L$

equivalent to

$y(0) = 0$

$y(L) = 0$

$X'' + \lambda X = 0$
 $X(0) = X(L) = 0$

(space problem from heat w/ end temp = 0)

notice this is a Sturm-Liouville (SL) problem

w/ $p(x)=1, q(x)=0, r(x)=1$

$\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 0$

$\beta_1 = 1, \beta_2 = 0$

in SL problem, if $p(x), p'(x), g(x), r(x)$ are continuous on $[a, b]$ and if $p(x) > 0$ and $r(x) > 0$ on $[a, b]$, the SL problem is said to be regular.

if the SL problem is regular, then the eigenvalues λ form an increasing sequence with a minimum value but no maximum value

$$\lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_n < \dots \rightarrow \infty$$

↙ minimum (which means can't be $-\infty$) ↘ no max

furthermore, if $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$ in the BC's can be made nonnegative, then the λ 's are also nonnegative.

for example, $y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad 0 < x < L$

$$y(0) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_1 y(a) - \alpha_2 y'(a) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 0$$

$$y(L) = 0 \rightarrow \beta_1 y(b) + \beta_2 y'(b) = 0 \rightarrow \beta_1 = 1, \beta_2 = 0$$

\rightarrow regular SL, nonnegative $\alpha, \beta, \rightarrow \lambda \geq 0$

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad 0 < x < L$$

can be made
nonnegative w/o
changing λ

$$y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_1 y(0) - \alpha_2 y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 1$$

$$y'(L) = 0 \rightarrow \beta_1 = 0, \beta_2 = 1$$

\rightarrow regular $\{L\}$, nonnegative $\alpha, \beta \rightarrow \lambda \geq 0$

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$y(0) - y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_1, \alpha_2 = 1$$

$$y(L) = 0 \rightarrow \beta_1 = 1, \beta_2 = 0$$

$$\alpha, \beta \geq 0 \rightarrow \lambda \geq 0$$

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$y(0) + y'(0) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = -1$$

$$y(L) = 0 \rightarrow \beta_1 = 1, \beta_2 = 0$$

regular, but there is a non negative α or β

\rightarrow negative λ is possible

Example $y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad 0 < x < L$

$$y(0) = 0$$

$$\underline{h y(L) + y'(L) = 0} \quad h > 0$$

↳ can model how right end of a rod is insulated based on its temperature

identify α 's and β 's

$$\alpha_1 = 1, \quad \alpha_2 = 0$$

$$\beta_1 = h, \quad \beta_2 = 1$$

} since $h > 0$, all λ 's are ≥ 0

must consider

$\lambda = 0$ and $\lambda > 0$

(but not $\lambda < 0$)

Example

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$y(0) = 0$$

$$h y(L) - y'(L) = 0 \quad h > 0$$

$$d_1, d_2 \geq 0$$

$$\beta_1 = h > 0, \beta_2 < 0$$

} must consider $\lambda < 0, \lambda = 0, \lambda > 0$

Start with $\lambda < 0$

for convenience, $\lambda = -k^2 \quad k > 0$

$$y'' - k^2 y = 0$$

$$y = c_1 \cosh(kx) + c_2 \sinh(kx)$$

$$y(0) = 0 \rightarrow c_1 = 0 \rightarrow y = c_2 \sinh(kx)$$

$$y' = c_2 k \cosh(kx)$$

$$h y(L) - y'(L) = 0$$

$$\text{Key } h(c_2 \sinh(kL)) - c_2 k \cosh(kL) = 0$$

$$c_2 \neq 0$$

so y is non-trivial

\rightarrow whole point of

Sturm-Liouville prob

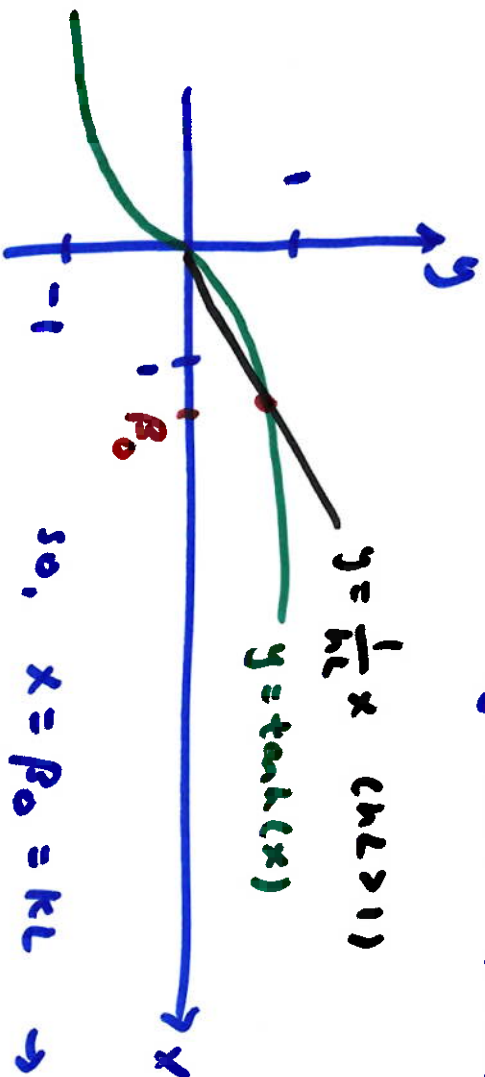
$h \sinh(kL) - k \cosh(kL) = 0$
solve for k

$$h \sinh(kL) = k \cosh(kL)$$

$$\tanh(kL) = \frac{k}{h} = \frac{kL}{hL}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{solve } \tanh(x) = \frac{x}{hL} \quad x = kL$$

intersection of $y = \tanh(x)$ and $y = \frac{1}{hL} x$



$$\text{so, } x = \beta_0 = kL \rightarrow k = \frac{\beta_0}{L}$$

$$\text{so } \lambda = -k^2 = -\frac{\beta_0^2}{L^2}$$
$$y = \sinh\left(\frac{\beta_0}{L} x\right)$$

Eigenvalue, eigenfunction
for $\lambda < 0$

next, $\lambda = 0$, then $\lambda > 0$