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Some connections with elementary physics vis à vis Sturm-Liouville.

Recall our analysis of heat flow using Fourier's empirical flux law. Book p. 63. Specialize to case of a rod going from $x=0$ to $x=L$, with fixed (tiny) cross-sectional area A .

We got:

$$A \int_{x_1}^{x_2} s(x) \rho(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dx$$

↙ specific heat
↙ density (3-d)

thermal conductivity
(for unit area)

$$= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [A K(x) u_x] dx + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} q(x, t, u) dx$$

where $q(x, t, u)$ = the internal heat source term.

Thus, by letting $x_2 \rightarrow x_1$,

$$s(x) \rho(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K(x) u_x] + \frac{q(x, t, u)}{A}$$

Changing notation, get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{s(x) \rho(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K(x) u_x] + Q(x, t, u)$$

See book p. 65 (5). ^{top}

In simple situations, one takes

$$Q(x, t, u) = f_0(x, t)u + f_1(x, t) \cdot$$

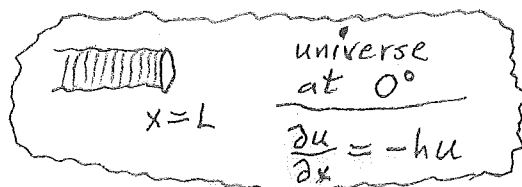
Thus:

$$u_t = \frac{1}{s(x) \rho(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [k(x)u_x] + f_0(x, t)u + f_1(x, t) \cdot$$

This is a general linear nonhomogeneous heat eq.

Before continuing, recall too the Newton cooling condition with respect to ambient background temperature $T = 0$. This has form [p. 74 (3)]

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} + hu = 0,$$



where $h > 0$ and unit normal \vec{n} points away from the rod. [p. 74 example 1]

The insulated condition $\frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} = 0$ is also familiar, as is $u = 0$.



We are especially interested in situations amenable to separation of variables. ③

Clearly, then, we'll need $g_1(x, t) \equiv 0$. Also, for simplicity, we better take $g_0(x, t) = g_0(x)$.

The boundary condition at $x=L$ should be

$$u(L, t) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad u_x(L, t) = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad u_x(L, t) + h_2 u(L, t) = 0 \quad (h_2 > 0).$$

At $x=0$, similarly

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad u_x(0, t) = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad -u_x(0, t) + h_1 u(0, t) = 0 \quad (h_1 > 0).$$

With such boundary conditions, our separated "baby" solutions $A(t)B(x)$ must satisfy

$$A'(t)B(x) = \frac{1}{s(x)p(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [k(x)A(t)B'(x)] + g_0(x)A(t)B(x)$$

by P. ②



$$\frac{A'(x)}{A(x)} = \frac{1}{s(x)p(x)} \frac{d}{dx} [k(x)B'(x)] \cdot \frac{1}{B(x)} + f_0(x) = 0$$

$$= -\lambda$$

Notice the B-portion! Get:

$$\frac{1}{s(x)p(x)} \frac{1}{B(x)} \frac{d}{dx} [k(x) \frac{dB}{dx}] + f_0(x) = -\lambda$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [k(x) \frac{dB}{dx}] + f_0(x) s(x)p(x) B(x) = -\lambda s(x)p(x) B(x)$$

OR

$$\frac{d}{dx} [k(x) \frac{dB}{dx}] + q(x) B(x) + \lambda \boxed{s(x)p(x)} B(x) = 0$$

where $q(x) \equiv f_0(x) s(x)p(x)$ •

Here $B(x)$ satisfies the appropriate homogeneous boundary condition at $x=0$ and $x=L$.

Note how we get [book p. 210 (3)] a S-L ODE

$$(rB')' + qB + \lambda p(x) B = 0,$$

with

$$r = k(x), \quad q = q, \quad p(x) = s(x)p(x)$$

\uparrow positive \uparrow positive

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Sturm-Liouville Matters

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Basic Technical Tool:

$$\int_a^b (FG' + F'G) dx = [FG]_a^b \quad \bullet \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{by} \\ \text{calculus} \end{array} \right)$$

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Consider the ^(S-L) diff eq.

$$(*) \quad (ru')' + qu + \lambda pu = 0, \quad a \leq x \leq b \quad (u \neq 0)$$

wherein $r > 0, p > 0$ and $r, q, p \in C^2[a, b]$. Equip (*) with one of two kinds of boundary conditions:

$$(A) \text{ (separated)} \quad a_1 u(a) + a_2 u'(a) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad b_1 u(b) + b_2 u'(b) = 0$$

with $(a_1, a_2) \neq (0, 0), (b_1, b_2) \neq (0, 0)$;

or

$$(B) \text{ (periodic)} \quad \text{when } p, q, r \text{ are } C^2 \text{ and } (b-a)\text{-periodic on } \mathbb{R},$$

REQUIRING $u(a) = u(b), u'(a) = u'(b)$.

We say that we ^(then) have a Sturm-Liouville-type eigenvalue problem. (λ is known as the eigenvalue.)

In many cases, by a change of variable in x , and also in u , it is possible to transform the given S-L eigenvalue problem (*) to a simpler one of format

$$(**) \quad \frac{d^2 w}{dt^2} + Q(t)w + \lambda w = 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq L.$$

Thus, in a sense, $R(t) \equiv 1$ and $P(t) \equiv 1$ here.

$$t = \int \sqrt{\frac{p(x)}{r(x)}} dx$$

{ Cf. Courant-Hilbert, Methods of
Math. Physics, vol. I, sec. V-3-3. }

There are two BIG theorems.

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THEOREM I. Given (\star) with a separated boundary condition. There will then exist infinitely many eigenvalues λ_n . These can be arranged in increasing order $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots$; we will have $\lambda_n \rightarrow +\infty$. For each λ_n , there is only one corresponding solution u_n of (\star) up to multiplication by a constant. The functions u_n are orthogonal with respect to the (weighted) inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle_p \equiv \int_a^b f(x)g(x)\underline{p(x)} dx \cdot$$

For any C^2 function $F(x)$ on $[a, b]$ satisfying the given separated boundary condition, we have

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n u_n(x) \quad \text{on } a \leq x \leq b$$

wherein

$$c_n = \frac{\langle F, u_n \rangle_p}{\langle u_n, u_n \rangle_p} \cdot$$

The infinite series will converge both absolutely and uniformly on $[a, b]$. Parseval's equation will hold for any piecewise continuous $G(x)$ on $[a, b]$; i.e.

$$G(x) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n u_n(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$\langle G, G \rangle_p = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n^2 \langle u_n, u_n \rangle_p \cdot$$

A similar theorem holds in the case of periodic boundary conditions except that, for each λ_n , one can have either one eigenfunction u_n or else 2 linearly independent ones, say $u_{n1}(x)$ and $u_{n2}(x)$. Things can always be arranged so that

$$\langle u_{n1}, u_{n2} \rangle_p = 0.$$

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THEOREM II. Given the situation of theorem I.

Suppose that [in case (A)]

$$\underline{q(x)} \leq 0, \quad a_1, a_2 \leq 0, \quad b_1, b_2 \geq 0.$$

Then, automatically, all $\underline{\lambda_n} \geq 0$. The same conclusion holds in case (B) anytime $\underline{q(x)} \leq 0$.

The complete proof of theorem I is rather complicated. See, e.g., the above mentioned book of Courant-Hilbert.

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Here's the proof that $\langle u_n, u_m \rangle_p = 0$ for $n \neq m$ in case (A). Suppose, for instance, that

$$u'(a) = \underline{a_2} u(a), \quad u'(b) = \underline{b_2} u(b).$$

Apply basic technical tool. Get:

$$\int_a^b [(ru_n')u_m' + (ru_m')u_n'] dx = [(ru_n')u_m]_a^b$$

$$\int_a^b [(ru_m')u_n' + (ru_n')u_m'] dx = [(ru_m')u_n]_a^b$$

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$$\int_a^b [(ru_n')u_m - (ru_m')u_n] dx = [ru_n' u_m - ru_m' u_n]_a^b.$$

NOTE that: \downarrow WRONSKIAN $u_n'(a)u_m(a) - u_m'(a)u_n(a) = a_2 [u_n(a)u_m(a) - u_m(a)u_n(a)] = 0$.

Similarly at $x=b$. So: $[ru_n' u_m - ru_m' u_n]_a^b = 0!$

Get:

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$$\int_a^b [(ru_n')' u_m - (ru_m')' u_n] dx = 0 \quad ; \quad \text{i.e., by (A),}$$

$$\int_a^b [(-g u_n - \lambda r p u_n) u_m - (-g u_m - \lambda r p u_m) u_n] dx = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$(\lambda_m - \lambda_n) \int_a^b u_m u_n \underline{p(x)} dx = 0 \quad (\lambda_n \neq \lambda_m)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\langle u_m, u_n \rangle_p = 0 \quad \text{OK}$$

Similarly in all other cases.

To check theorem II in the preceding "a₃, b₃" case is now easy. Just go back and take u = u.

Get:

$$\int_a^b [(ru_n')' u_n' + (ru_n')' u_n] dx = [(ru_n') u_n]_a^b$$

Plug in to get:

$$\int_a^b [r(u_n')^2 + (-g u_n - \lambda r p u_n) u_n] dx = r(b) b_3 u_n(b)^2 - r(a) a_3 u_n(a)^2$$

⇓

$$\lambda \int_a^b u_n(x)^2 p(x) dx = r(a) a_3 u_n(a)^2 - r(b) b_3 u_n(b)^2 + \int_a^b r(x) (u_n')^2 dx + \int_a^b (-g) u_n^2 dx$$

cf. OUR BOOK, 221 eg (4)

But $a_1 a_2 \leq 0$ means $a_3 \geq 0$. ($a_3 = -\frac{a_1}{a_2}$)

And $b_1 b_2 \geq 0$ means $b_3 \leq 0$. ($b_3 = -\frac{b_1}{b_2}$)

We also have $r(a) > 0$, $r(b) > 0$, $\int_a^b u_n^2 p dx > 0$, $\int_a^b r(u_n')^2 dx \geq 0$, $-g \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{OK}$

II SIMILARLY IN ALL OTHER CASES. II

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Suppose now that one needs to solve the original NON-HOMOGENEOUS HEAT EQ

see (2) line 4

$$s(x)p(x)u_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [K(x)u_x] + Q(x)u + R(x,t) + B.C.$$

(3) line 4; put $g = Q = s(x)p(x)g_0(x)$

What would we do?

ANSWER

Use variation of parameters where our "basis functions" $A_n(x)$ are adapted to the given B.C. Thus, we put

Note that these corresponded to $B(x)$ at (4) line 8!

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n(t) A_n(x)$$

and seek to get ODE for $I_n(t)$.

In doing this, you must first also expand R as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R_n(t) A_n(x)$$

↑
the "basis" functions

III Full-fledged example "on the fly".

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Solve:

$$u_t = k u_{xx} + f_0 \quad 0 < x < 1, t > 0$$

$$u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(1, t) + h u(1, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_0 > 0 \\ h > 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

u bounded

Solution

Don't panic!!

First, look at homog heat eq to get S-L functions $A_n(x)$.

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$$u_t = k u_{xx}, \quad u = \underline{A(x)} B(t)$$

$$\text{Want: } A'(0) = 0 \\ A'(1) + h A(1) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x) B'(t) = k A''(x) B(t)$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \frac{B'(t)}{B(t)} = \frac{A''(x)}{A(x)} = -\lambda$$

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$$\text{want } A''(x) + \lambda A(x) = 0 \quad \text{on } [0, 1]$$

$$A'(0) = 0 \quad A'(1) + h A(1) = 0.$$

OK

Use p. 383 TABLE #1. (Or p. 221 example 1.)

$$\lambda_n = R_n^2, \quad \tan R_n = \frac{h}{R_n} \quad (R_n > 0)$$

$$\phi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{h + \sin^2 R_n}} \cos R_n x$$

\uparrow
 $A_n(x)$

$$\phi_n = k_n A_n(x)$$

$$1 = \langle \phi_n, \phi_n \rangle$$

$$1 = k_n^2 \langle A_n, A_n \rangle$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\langle A_n, A_n \rangle} = k_n^2 = \frac{2h}{h + \sin^2 R_n}$$

the "trick"

We are now ready for var of parameters:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_1^{\infty} I_n(t) \cos R_n x$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{know} \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \\ \text{so } \underline{\underline{I_n(0) = 0}} \end{array} \right\}$$

Want:

$$u_t - k u_{xx} = f_0$$

\Downarrow

$$\sum_1^{\infty} I_n'(t) \cos R_n x + \sum_1^{\infty} k I_n(t) R_n^2 \cos(R_n x) = f_0$$

$$\sum_1^{\infty} [I_n'(t) + k R_n^2 I_n(t)] \cos(R_n x) = f_0$$

Must also expand f_0 !!

$$f_0 \approx \sum_1^{\infty} c_n \cos(R_n x) = \sum_1^{\infty} c_n A_n(x)$$

$$c_n \approx \frac{\langle f_0, A_n \rangle}{\langle A_n, A_n \rangle} = \frac{2h}{h + \sin^2 R_n} \int_0^1 f_0 \cos(R_n x) dx$$

~~$$c_n \approx \frac{2h}{h + \sin^2 R_n} f_0 \frac{\sin R_n}{R_n}$$~~

Must now solve:

$$I_n'(t) + k R_n^2 I_n(t) \approx c_n, \quad I_n(0) = 0.$$

Use undetermined coefficients.

$$I_{part} \approx \frac{c_n}{k R_n^2}$$

$$I_{homog} \approx C e^{-k R_n^2 t}$$

$$I_n = \frac{c_n}{k R_n^2} + C e^{-k R_n^2 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_n(t) = \frac{c_n}{k R_n^2} (1 - e^{-k R_n^2 t})$$

So,

as above

$$u(x, t) = \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{k R_n^2} (1 - e^{-k R_n^2 t}) \cos(R_n x)$$

We are effectively done!

OK as final answer

But, we want to simplify.

$$u = \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{kR_n^2} \frac{2h}{h + \sin^2 R_n} g_0 \frac{\sin R_n}{R_n} (1 - e^{-kR_n^2 t}) \cos(R_n x)$$

The book likes to pull out the "steady-state" (or limiting solution) from the decaying part.

$$u \approx \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{kR_n^3} (g_0 \sin R_n) \frac{2h}{h + \sin^2 R_n} \cos(R_n x)$$

$$- \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{kR_n^3} (g_0 \sin R_n) \frac{2h}{h + \sin^2 R_n} e^{-kR_n^2 t} \cos(R_n x)$$

The first sum, call it $\Phi(x)$, simplifies!!!

Notice that: $R_n > 0$

The "steady state".

$$\Phi(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(x, t)$$

We must therefore have:

$$\Phi'(0) = 0, \quad \Phi'(r) + h\Phi(r) = 0$$

$$0 = k\Phi_{xx} + g_0 \quad (\text{see p. } \boxed{10})$$

Very Similar Idea as on page 246

Get:

$$\Phi'' = -\frac{g_0}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi = -\frac{g_0}{2k}x^2 + C_1x + C_2$$

substitute $\Phi'(0) = 0, \Phi'(1) + h\Phi(1) = 0$

\Rightarrow get

$$\Phi(x) = -\frac{g_0}{2k}x^2 + \frac{g_0}{kh}\left(1 + \frac{h}{2}\right)$$

So,

$$u = -\frac{g_0}{2k}x^2 + \frac{g_0}{kh}\left(1 + \frac{h}{2}\right)$$

$$- \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{kR_n^3} (g_0 \sin R_n) \frac{2h}{h + \sin^2 R_n} e^{-kR_n^2 t} \cos(R_n x)$$

$$u = \frac{g_0}{2k} \left[-x^2 + \frac{2}{h} + 1 - \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{R_n^3} (\sin R_n) \frac{4h}{h + \sin^2 R_n} e^{-kR_n^2 t} \cos(R_n x) \right]$$

exactly as in book.

Done!

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