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1 Problem 1

Problem Solve the PDE

$$u_t = u_{xx} + xt \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, t \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

With boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0$$

$$u(1, t) = 0$$

And initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \sin(\pi x)$$

Solution

The corresponding homogeneous PDE $u_t = u_{xx}$ with the same homogeneous boundary conditions was solved before. It was found to have eigenfunctions

$$\Phi_n(x) = \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}x)$$

With corresponding eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n = n^2\pi^2 \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Using eigenfunction expansion, it is now assumed that the solution to the given inhomogeneous PDE is given by

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

Substituting the above into the original PDE (1), and since term by term differentiation is justified (eigenfunctions are continuous) results in

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b'_n(t) \Phi_n(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \Phi''_n(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n(t) \Phi_n(x) \quad (1A)$$

Where $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n(t) \Phi_n(x)$ is the expansion of the forcing function xt using same eigenfunctions

$$xt = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n(t) \Phi_n(x) \quad (1B)$$

But $\Phi''_n(x) = -\lambda_n \Phi_n(x)$ since the eigenfunctions satisfy the eigenvalue ODE $X'' = -\lambda_n X$. Therefore (1A) simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b'_n(t) \Phi_n(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\lambda_n b_n(t) \Phi_n(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n(t) \Phi_n(x) \\ b'_n(t) + \lambda_n b_n(t) &= \gamma_n(t) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$\gamma_n(t)$ is now found by applying orthogonality to (1B), and using the weight $r(x) = 1$ gives

$$t \int_0^1 x \Phi_n(x) dx = \gamma_n(t) \int_0^1 \Phi_n^2(x) dx$$

Using $\Phi_n(x) = \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}x) = \sin(n\pi x)$ and $\int_0^1 \sin^2(n\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$, the above simplifies to

$$t \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx = \gamma_n(t) \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\gamma_n(t) = 2t \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx \quad (3)$$

The integral on the right side above is found using $\int x \sin(ax) dx = \frac{\sin ax}{a^2} - \frac{x \cos ax}{a}$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx &= \left(\frac{\sin n\pi x}{n^2 \pi^2} - \frac{x \cos n\pi x}{n\pi} \right)_0^1 \\ &= \left(\frac{\sin n\pi}{n^2 \pi^2} - \frac{\cos n\pi}{n\pi} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\cos n\pi}{n\pi} \\ &= \frac{-(-1)^n}{n\pi} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \end{aligned}$$

Hence equation (3) now can be written as

$$\gamma_n(t) = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} t$$

Substituting the above in (2) gives the first order ODE to solve for $b_n(t)$

$$b'_n(t) + (n\pi)^2 b_n(t) = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} t$$

The integrating factor is $I = e^{n^2 \pi^2 t}$. Hence the above becomes, after multiplying both sides by I

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{n^2 \pi^2 t} b_n(t) \right) = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} t e^{n^2 \pi^2 t}$$

Integrating both sides gives

$$e^{n^2 \pi^2 t} b_n(t) = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \int_0^t s e^{n^2 \pi^2 s} ds + b_n(0) \quad (4)$$

Where $b_n(0)$ is the constant of integration. Dividing both sides by $e^{n^2 \pi^2 t}$ gives

$$b_n(t) = \frac{2(-1)^{n+1}}{n\pi} \int_0^t s e^{n^2 \pi^2 (s-t)} ds + b_n(0) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}$$

But $\int_0^t s e^{n^2 \pi^2 (s-t)} ds = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 t - 1 + e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}}{n^4 \pi^4}$ by integration by parts. The above now becomes

$$b_n(t) = 2(-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{n^2 \pi^2 t - 1 + e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}}{n^5 \pi^5} \right) + b_n(0) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}$$

Now that $b_n(t)$ is found, the final solution is

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(t) \Phi_n(x) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(2(-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{n^2 \pi^2 t - 1 + e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t}}{n^5 \pi^5} \right) + b_n(0) e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} \right) \sin(n\pi x) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$b_n(0)$ is determined from the given initial conditions $u(x, 0) = \sin \pi x$. The above becomes at $t = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \pi x &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(2(-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{-1 + 1}{n^5 \pi^5} \right) + b_n(0) \right) \sin(n\pi x) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(0) \sin(n\pi x) \end{aligned}$$

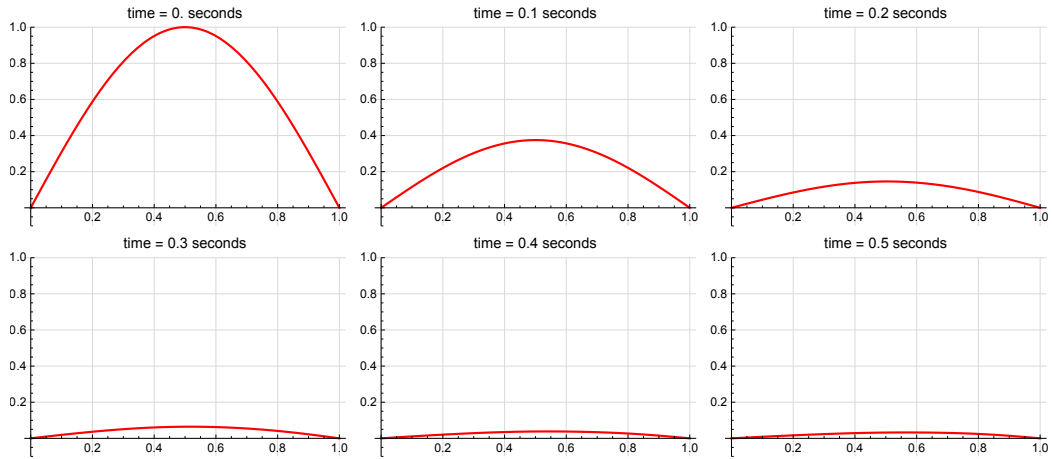
Therefore when $n = 1$ (since LHS is $\sin \pi x$) the above gives

$$b_1(0) = 1$$

And $b_n(0) = 0$ for all other n . Equation (5) now simplifies to

$$u(x, t) = \overbrace{\left(2 \left(\frac{\pi^2 t - 1 + e^{-\pi^2 t}}{\pi^5} \right) + e^{-\pi^2 t} \right)}^{n=1 \text{ term}} \sin(\pi x) + \frac{1}{\pi^5} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^5} (-1)^{n+1} \left(n^2 \pi^2 t + e^{-n^2 \pi^2 t} - 1 \right) \sin(n\pi x)$$

To verify the above solution, it was plotted against numerical solution for different instances of time and also animated. It gave an exact match. A small number of terms was needed in the summation since convergence was fast and is of order $O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)$. The following is a plot of the above solution for different instances of times using 5 terms.



2 Problem 2

Problem Show that

$$(\lambda - \mu) \int_0^1 x J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x) dx = \sqrt{\mu} J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \sqrt{\lambda} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu})$$

Hint: Use the same method that proves orthogonality of eigenfunctions in 11.4

Solution

In the above, λ and μ are the eigenvalues, with the corresponding eigenfunctions

$$\Phi_\lambda(x) = J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \quad (1)$$

$$\Phi_\mu(x) = J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x) \quad (2)$$

These come from the Sturm Liouville equation

$$-(xy)'' = \lambda xy \quad (3)$$

Where

$$p(x) = x$$

$$q(x) = 0$$

$$r(x) = x$$

In operator form

$$L[\Phi_\lambda] = -(\Phi_\lambda')' = \lambda x \Phi_\lambda \quad (4)$$

Similarly for any other eigenvalue such as μ . Multiplying both sides of (4) by $\Phi_\mu(x)$ and integrating gives

$$\int_0^1 L[\Phi_\lambda] \Phi_\mu dx = \int_0^1 \overbrace{-(\Phi_\lambda')'}^{dv} \overbrace{\Phi_\mu}^u dx$$

Integrating by part the right side results in

$$\int_0^1 L[\Phi_\lambda] \Phi_\mu dx = [-\Phi_\lambda' \Phi_\mu]_0^1 - \int_0^1 -\Phi_\lambda' \Phi_\mu' dx$$

Integrating by parts again the second integral above, where now $dv = -\Phi'_\lambda$, $u = \Phi'_\mu$ gives

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 L[\Phi_\lambda] \Phi_\mu dx &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu]_0^1 - \left([-\Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1 - \int_0^1 -\Phi_\lambda \Phi''_\mu dx \right) \\ &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu]_0^1 - [-\Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1 + \int_0^1 -\Phi_\lambda \Phi''_\mu dx \\ &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu + \Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1 + \int_0^1 \Phi_\lambda (-\Phi'_\mu)' dx\end{aligned}$$

But $(-\Phi'_\mu)' = L[\Phi_\mu]$. Hence the above can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 L[\Phi_\lambda] \Phi_\mu dx &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu + \Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1 + \int_0^1 L[\Phi_\mu] \Phi_\lambda dx \\ \int_0^1 L[\Phi_\lambda] \Phi_\mu dx - \int_0^1 L[\Phi_\mu] \Phi_\lambda dx &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu + \Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1 \\ \int_0^1 (L[\Phi_\lambda] \Phi_\mu - L[\Phi_\mu] \Phi_\lambda) dx &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu + \Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1\end{aligned}$$

But $L[\Phi_\lambda] = \lambda x \Phi_\lambda$ and $L[\Phi_\mu] = \mu x \Phi_\mu$, therefore the above can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 (\lambda x \Phi_\lambda \Phi_\mu - \mu x \Phi_\mu \Phi_\lambda) dx &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu + \Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1 \\ \int_0^1 (\lambda - \mu) (x \Phi_\lambda \Phi_\mu) dx &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu + \Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1 \\ (\lambda - \mu) \int_0^1 x \Phi_\lambda \Phi_\mu dx &= [-\Phi'_\lambda \Phi_\mu + \Phi_\lambda \Phi'_\mu]_0^1\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

Since $\Phi_\lambda(x) = J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$, $\Phi'_\lambda(x) = \sqrt{\lambda}J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$ and $\Phi_\mu(x) = J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x)$, $\Phi'_\mu(x) = \sqrt{\mu}J'_0(\sqrt{\mu}x)$, then the above simplifies to

$$(\lambda - \mu) \int_0^1 x J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x) dx = [-\sqrt{\lambda}J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x) + J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \sqrt{\mu}J'_0(\sqrt{\mu}x)]_0^1$$

What is left is to evaluate the boundary terms $\Delta = [-\sqrt{\lambda}J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x) + J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \sqrt{\mu}J'_0(\sqrt{\mu}x)]_0^1$. This gives

$$\Delta = [-\sqrt{\lambda}J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}) + J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) \sqrt{\mu}J'_0(\sqrt{\mu})] - [-\sqrt{\lambda}J'_0(0) J_0(0) + J_0(0) \sqrt{\mu}J'_0(0)]$$

But $J'_0(0) = 0$ (since $J'_0(x) = -J_1(x)$ and $J_1(0) = 0$). Therefore the boundary terms reduces to

$$\Delta = J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) \sqrt{\mu}J'_0(\sqrt{\mu}) - \sqrt{\lambda}J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu})$$

Substituting this back in (5) gives the desired result

$$(\lambda - \mu) \int_0^1 x J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x) dx = \sqrt{\mu}J'_0(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \sqrt{\lambda}J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu})$$

3 Problem 3

Problem By letting $\mu \rightarrow \lambda$ in the formula of problem 2, derive a formula for $\int_0^1 x J_0^2(\sqrt{\lambda}x) dx$. Then show that the normalized eigenfunctions of the eigenvalue problem in section 11.4 is

$$\hat{\Phi}_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}J_0(j_n x)}{|J'_0(j_n)|}$$

where $0 < j_1 < j_2 < j_3 < \dots$ denote the positive zeros of J_0

Solution

4 Part (a)

From problem 3, the formula obtained is

$$(\lambda - \mu) \int_0^1 x J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x) dx = \sqrt{\mu}J'_0(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \sqrt{\lambda}J'_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu})$$

Moving $(\lambda - \mu)$ to the right side gives

$$\int_0^1 x J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}x) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}x) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\mu} J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \sqrt{\lambda} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu})}{(\lambda - \mu)}$$

Taking the limit $\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda}$ then the integral on the left becomes $\int_0^1 x \Phi_\lambda^2 dx$ resulting in

$$\int_0^1 x J_0^2(\sqrt{\lambda}x) dx = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda} \frac{\sqrt{\mu} J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \sqrt{\lambda} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu})}{(\lambda - \mu)} \quad (1)$$

When $\mu \rightarrow \lambda$ the right side becomes indeterminate form $\frac{0}{0}$. Therefore L'hospital rule is used, which says that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

Comparing the above to (1) shows that μ is now like x and λ is like a . Therefore $f'(x)$ is like

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &\equiv \frac{d}{d\mu} \left(\sqrt{\mu} J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \sqrt{\lambda} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}) \right) \\ &\equiv \frac{d}{d\mu} \sqrt{\mu} J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \frac{d}{d\mu} \sqrt{\lambda} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\mu}) \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) + \sqrt{\mu} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\mu}} J_0''(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\mu}} \sqrt{\lambda} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) \end{aligned}$$

And $g'(x)$ is like $\frac{d}{d\mu} (\lambda - \mu) = -1$. Using the above result back in (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x J_0^2(\sqrt{\lambda}x) dx &\equiv \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} \\ &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \sqrt{\mu} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\mu}} J_0''(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\mu}} \sqrt{\lambda} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) \right) \\ &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow \lambda} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \frac{1}{2} J_0''(\sqrt{\mu}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{2} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0'(\sqrt{\mu}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now the limit is taken, since there is no indeterminate form. The above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x J_0^2(\sqrt{\lambda}x) dx &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \frac{1}{2} J_0''(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{2} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left[J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right]^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - J_0''(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right) \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

To simplify the above, the following relations were obtained from [dlmf.NIST.gov](http://dlmf.nist.gov) to simplify the above

$$\begin{aligned} J_n'(x) &= J_{n-1}(x) - \frac{(n+1)}{x} J_n(x) \\ J_n'(x) &= -J_{n+1}(x) + \frac{n}{x} J_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

Using these, then $J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) = -J_1(\sqrt{\lambda})$ and $J_0''(\sqrt{\lambda}) = -J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} J_1(\sqrt{\lambda})$. Equation (2) now simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x J_0^2(\sqrt{\lambda}x) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left[J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right]^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} (-J_1(\sqrt{\lambda})) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \left(-J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} J_1(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left[J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right]^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} J_1(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) + J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} J_1(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_0(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

The second term cancels with the last term above giving the final result

$$\int_0^1 x J_0^2(\sqrt{\lambda}x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(\left[J_0'(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right]^2 + J_0^2(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right) \quad (3)$$

5 Part (b)

$\sqrt{\lambda_n}$ are the positive zeros of $J_0(\sqrt{\lambda_n}) = 0$. Below, $\sqrt{\lambda_n}$ is replaced by j_n where now j_n are the zeros of $J_0(j_n)$. One way to find the normalized eigenfunction $\hat{J}_0(j_n x)$ is by dividing $J_0(j_n x)$ by its norm. In other words,

$$\hat{J}_0(j_n x) = \frac{J_0(j_n x)}{\|J_0(j_n x)\|} \quad (1A)$$

But

$$\|J_0(j_n x)\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 r(x) J_0^2(j_n x) dx}$$

Which is by the definition of the norm of a function with the corresponding weight $r(x)$. But from part(a) $\|J_0(j_n x)\| = \int_0^1 r(x) J_0^2(j_n x) dx$ was found to be $\frac{1}{2} \left([J_0'(j_n)]^2 + J_0^2(j_n) \right)$. Therefore (1A) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}_0(j_n x) &= \frac{J_0(j_n x)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} ([J_0'(j_n)]^2 + J_0^2(j_n))}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} J_0(j_n x)}{\sqrt{[J_0'(j_n)]^2 + J_0^2(j_n)}} \end{aligned}$$

But since j_n are the zeros of $J_0(j_n)$, then all the $J_0(j_n)$ terms above vanish giving

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}_0(j_n x) &= \frac{\sqrt{2} J_0(j_n x)}{\sqrt{[J_0'(j_n)]^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} J_0(j_n x)}{|J_0'(j_n)|} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Another way to find the normalized eigenfunctions $\hat{J}_0(j_n x)$ is as was done in the text book, which is to first determine k_n as follows. Let $\hat{J}_0(j_n x) = k_n J_0(j_n x)$, then the following equation is solved for k_n

$$\int_0^1 r(x) [\hat{J}_0(j_n x)]^2 dx = 1 \quad (2)$$

But the weight $r(x) = x$, equation (2) becomes

$$k_n^2 \int_0^1 x J_0^2(j_n x) dx = 1$$

But from part(a), $\int_0^1 x J_0^2(j_n x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left([J_0'(j_n)]^2 + J_0^2(j_n) \right)$. Hence the above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} k_n^2 &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} ([J_0'(j_n)]^2 + J_0^2(j_n))} \\ k_n &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{[J_0'(j_n)]^2 + J_0^2(j_n)}} \end{aligned}$$

As above, since all $J_0(j_n) = 0$ then

$$k_n = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{[J_0'(j_n)]^2}}$$

And the normalized eigenfunction become

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}_0(j_n x) &= k_n J_0(j_n x) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} J_0(j_n x)}{\sqrt{[J_0'(j_n)]^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} J_0(j_n x)}{|J_0'(j_n)|} \end{aligned}$$

Which is the same result as (1).

6 Problem 4

Problem Solve the inhomogeneous differential equation

$$-((1-x^2)y')' = y + x^3 \quad -1 < x < 1$$

With boundary conditions $y(x), y'(x)$ bounded as $x \rightarrow -1^+$ and $x \rightarrow 1^-$.

Solution

This problem is solved using 11.3 method (Eigenfunction expansion). The ODE is written as

$$-((1-x^2)y')' = \mu y + x^3 \quad (1)$$

Where $\mu = 1$ in this case. The corresponding homogeneous eigenvalue ODE to solve is then

$$-((1-x^2)y')' = \lambda y \quad (2)$$

Comparing to Sturm-Liouville form $-(py')' + qy = r\lambda y$, then $p(x) = (1 - x^2)$, $q = 0$, $r = 1$. Since $p(x)$ must be positive over all points in the domain, and since in this problem $p(-1) = 0$ and $p(1) = 0$, then both $x = -1, +1$ are singular points. They can be shown to be regular singular points.

Equation (2), where λ is now is an eigenvalue, is the Legendre equation

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

Comparing to the standard Legendre equation form in chapter 5

$$(1 - x^2) y'' - 2xy' + n(n + 1) y = 0 \quad (3)$$

There are two cases to consider. n is integer and n is not an integer.

Case n is not an integer. It is know that now the solution to (3) is

$$y(x) = c_1 \bar{P}_n(x) + c_2 \bar{Q}_n(x)$$

Where $\bar{P}_n(x)$ is called the Legendre function of order n and $\bar{Q}_n(x)$ is called the Legendre function of the second kind of order n . These solutions are valid for $|x| < 1$ since series expansion was about point $x = 0$. But both of these functions are unbounded at the end points ($\bar{Q}_n(x)$ blows up at $x = \pm 1$ and $\bar{P}_n(x)$ blows up at $x = -1$) leading to trivial solution.

This means n must be an integer. When n is an integer, then $\lambda_n = n(n + 1)$. It is known (from chapter 5), that in this case the solution to (3) becomes a terminating power series (a polynomial), which is called the Legendre polynomial $P_n(x)$. These polynomials are there bounded everywhere, including at the end points $x = \pm 1$, and therefore these solutions satisfy the boundary conditions. Hence the Legendre $P_n(x)$ are the eigenfunctions to (3). This table summaries the result found

n	eigenvalue	eigenfunctions
0	$\lambda_0 = 0$	$P_0(x) = 1$
1	$\lambda_1 = 2$	$P_1(x) = x$
2	$\lambda_2 = 6$	$P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1)$
3	$\lambda_3 = 12$	$P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
n	$\lambda_n = n(n + 1)$	$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$

What the above says, is that the solution to

$$(1 - x^2) P_n''(x) - 2xP_n'(x) + \lambda_n P_n(x) = 0$$

Is $P_n(x)$ with the corresponding eigenvalue $\lambda_n = n(n + 1)$ as given by the above table. Now that the eigenfunctions of the corresponding homogeneous eigenvalue ODE are found, they are used to solve the given inhomogeneous ODE

$$-((1 - x^2) y')' = \mu y + x^3 \quad (4)$$

Using eigenfunction expansion method. Since $\mu = 1$ and since there is no eigenvalue which is also 1, then a solution exists. Let the solution be

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n P_n(x)$$

Substituting this solution into (4), and noting that $L[y] = -((1 - x^2) y')' = \lambda_n y$ gives

$$\lambda_n \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n P_n(x) = \mu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n P_n(x) + x^3$$

Expanding x^3 using the same eigenfunctions (this can be done, since x^3 is continuous function and the eigenfunctions are complete), then the above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_n \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n P_n(x) &= \mu \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n P_n(x) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n P_n(x) \\ \lambda_n c_n &= \mu c_n + d_n \\ c_n &= \frac{d_n}{\lambda_n - \mu} \end{aligned}$$

What is left is to determine d_n from

$$x^3 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n P_n(x)$$

The above can be solved for d_n using orthogonality, or by direct expansion (otherwise called undetermined coefficients method). Since the force x^3 is already a polynomial in x and of a small order, then direct expansion is simpler. The above then becomes

$$x^3 = d_0P_0(x) + d_1P_1(x) + d_2P_2(x) + d_3P_3(x)$$

There is no need to expand for more than $n = 3$, since the LHS polynomial is of order 3. Substituting the known $P_n(x)$ expressions into the above equation gives

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 &= d_0 + d_1x + d_2\frac{1}{2}(3x^2 - 1) + d_3\frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x) \\ &= d_0 + d_1x + d_2\left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + d_3\left(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x\right) \end{aligned}$$

Collecting terms of equal powers in x results in

$$x^3 = x^0\left(d_0 - \frac{1}{2}d_2\right) + x\left(d_1 - \frac{3}{2}d_3\right) + x^2\left(\frac{3}{2}d_2\right) + x^3\left(\frac{5}{2}d_3\right)$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 - \frac{1}{2}d_2 &= 0 \\ d_1 - \frac{3}{2}d_3 &= 0 \\ \frac{3}{2}d_2 &= 0 \\ \frac{5}{2}d_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

From third equation, $d_2 = 0$. From first equation $d_0 = 0$, and substituting last equation in the second equation give $d_1 = \frac{3}{2}$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &= \frac{3}{5} \\ d_3 &= \frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$$

And all other d_n are zero. Now the c_n are found using $c_n = \frac{d_n}{\lambda_n - \mu}$. For $n = 1$

$$c_1 = \frac{d_1}{\lambda_1 - \mu} = \frac{\frac{3}{5}}{2 - 1} = \frac{3}{5}$$

And for $n = 3$

$$c_3 = \frac{d_3}{\lambda_3 - \mu} = \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{12 - 1} = \frac{2}{55}$$

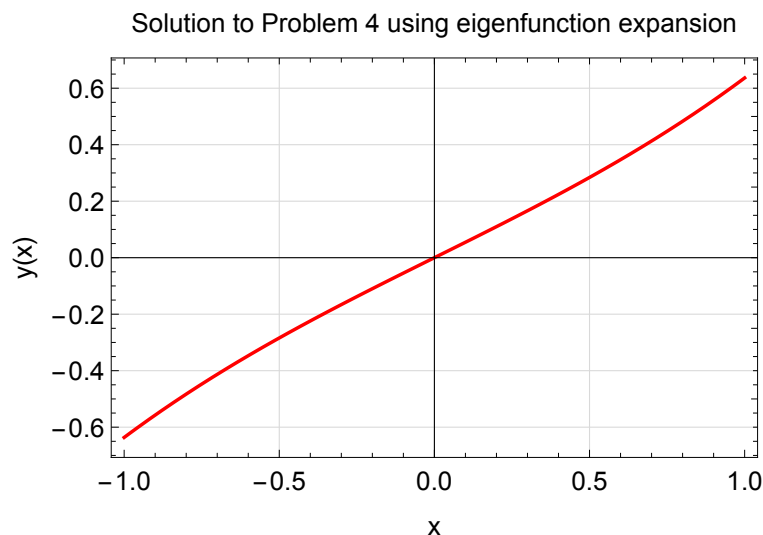
And all other c_n are zero. Hence the final solution from $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n P_n(x)$ reduces to only two terms in the sum

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= c_1P_1(x) + c_3P_3(x) \\ &= \frac{3}{5}x + \frac{2}{55}\left(\frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)\right) \end{aligned}$$

Giving the final solution as

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{11}x(x^2 + 6)$$

This is a plot of the solution



7 Appendix for problem 4

Initially I did not know we had to use eigenfunction expansion, so solved it directly as follows. Let the solution to

$$(1 - x^2) y'' - 2xy' + y = x^3$$

Be

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x)$$

Where $y_h(x)$ is the homogeneous solution to $(1 - x^2) y'' - 2xy' + y = 0$ and $y_p(x)$ is a particular solution. Now, since $(1 - x^2) y'' - 2xy' + y = 0$ is a Legendre ODE but with a non-integer order, then its solution is not a terminating polynomials, but instead is given by

$$y_h(x) = c_1 \bar{P}_n(x) + c_2 \bar{Q}_n(x)$$

Where $\bar{P}_n(x)$ is called the Legendre function of order n and $\bar{Q}_n(x)$ is called the Legendre function of the second kind of order n , and $y_p(x)$ is a particular solution. The particular solution can be found, using method of undetermined coefficients to be $y_p(x) = \frac{1}{11}x^3 + \frac{6}{11}x$. Hence the general solution becomes

$$y(x) = c_1 \bar{P}_n(x) + c_2 \bar{Q}_n(x) + \frac{1}{11}x(x^2 + 6)$$

Now since the solution must be bounded as $x \rightarrow \pm 1$, then we must set $c_1 = 0$ and $c_2 = 0$, because both $\bar{P}_n(x)$ and $\bar{Q}_n(x)$ are unbounded at the end points ($\bar{Q}_n(x)$ blows up at $x = \pm 1$ and $\bar{P}_n(x)$ blows up at only $x = -1$), therefore the final solution contains only the particular solution

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{11}x(x^2 + 6)$$

Which is the same solution found using eigenfunction expansion. At first I thought I made an error somewhere, since I did not think all of the homogenous solution basis could vanish leaving only a particular solution.