

# HW6, Math 322, Fall 2016

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# 1 HW 6

## 1.1 Problem 5.3.2

5.3.2. Consider

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = T_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \alpha u + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}.$$

- Give a brief physical interpretation. What signs must  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have to be physical?
- Allow  $\rho, \alpha, \beta$  to be functions of  $x$ . Show that separation of variables works only if  $\beta = c\rho$ , where  $c$  is a constant.
- If  $\beta = c\rho$ , show that the spatial equation is a Sturm-Liouville differential equation. Solve the time equation.

### 1.1.1 Part (a)

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = T_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \alpha u + \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$$

The PDE equation represents the vertical displacement  $u(x, t)$  of the string as a function of time and horizontal position. This is 1D wave equation. The term  $\beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  represents the damping force (can be due to motion of the string in air or fluid). The damping coefficient  $\beta$  must be negative to make  $\beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  opposite to direction of motion. Damping force is proportional to velocity and acts opposite to direction of motion.

The term  $\alpha u$  represents the stiffness in the system. This is a restoring force, and acts also opposite to direction of motion and is proportional to current displacement from equilibrium position. Hence  $\alpha < 0$  also.

### 1.1.2 Part (b)

Let  $u = X(x)T(t)$ . Substituting this into the above PDE gives

$$\rho T'' X = T_0 X'' T + \alpha X T + \beta T' X$$

Dividing by  $XT \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \frac{T''}{T} &= T_0 \frac{X''}{X} + \alpha + \beta \frac{T'}{T} \\ \rho \frac{T''}{T} - \beta \frac{T'}{T} &= T_0 \frac{X''}{X} + \alpha \end{aligned}$$

To make each side depends on one variable only, we move  $\rho(x), \beta(x)$  to the right side since these depends on  $x$ . Then dividing by  $\rho(x)$  gives

$$\frac{T''}{T} - \frac{\beta T'}{\rho T} = T_0 \frac{X''}{\rho X} + \frac{\alpha}{\rho}$$

If  $\frac{\beta(x)}{\rho(x)} = c$  is constant, then we see the equations have now been separated, since  $\frac{\beta(x)}{\rho(x)}$  do not depend on  $x$  any more and the above becomes

$$\frac{T''}{T} - c \frac{T'}{T} = T_0 \frac{X''}{\rho X} + \frac{\alpha(x)}{\rho(x)}$$

Now we can say that both side is equal to some constant  $-\lambda$  giving the two ODE's

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{T''}{T} - c \frac{T'}{T} &= -\lambda \\ T_0 \frac{X''}{\rho X} + \frac{\alpha}{\rho} &= -\lambda \end{aligned}$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned} T'' - cT' + \lambda T &= 0 \\ X'' + X \left( \frac{\alpha}{T_0} + \lambda \frac{\rho}{T_0} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.1.3 Part (c)

From above, the spatial ODE is

$$X'' + X \left( \frac{\alpha}{T_0} + \lambda \frac{\rho}{T_0} \right) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Comparing to regular Sturm Liouville (RSL) form, which is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (pX') + qX + \lambda\sigma X &= 0 \\ pX'' + p'X' + (q + \lambda\sigma)X &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Comparing (1) and (2) we see that

$$\begin{aligned} p &= 1 \\ q &= \frac{\alpha}{T_0} \\ \sigma &= \frac{\rho}{T_0} \end{aligned}$$

To solve the time ODE  $T'' - cT' + \lambda T = 0$ , since this is second order linear with constant coefficients, then the characteristic equation is

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 - cr + \lambda &= 0 \\ r &= \frac{-B}{2A} \pm \frac{\sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \\ &= \frac{c}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{c^2 - 4\lambda}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the two solutions are

$$\begin{aligned} T_1(t) &= e^{\left(\frac{c}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{c^2 - 4\lambda}}{2}\right)t} \\ T_2(t) &= e^{\left(\frac{c}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{c^2 - 4\lambda}}{2}\right)t} \end{aligned}$$

The general solution is linear combination of the above two solution, therefore final solution is

$$T(t) = c_1 e^{\left(\frac{c}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{c^2 - 4\lambda}}{2}\right)t} + c_2 e^{\left(\frac{c}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{c^2 - 4\lambda}}{2}\right)t}$$

Where  $c_1, c_2$  are arbitrary constants of integration.

## 1.2 Problem 5.3.3

**\*5.3.3. Consider the non-Sturm-Liouville differential equation**

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + \alpha(x) \frac{d\phi}{dx} + [\lambda\beta(x) + \gamma(x)]\phi = 0.$$

Multiply this equation by  $H(x)$ . Determine  $H(x)$  such that the equation may be reduced to the standard Sturm-Liouville form:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ p(x) \frac{d\phi}{dx} \right] + [\lambda\sigma(x) + q(x)]\phi = 0.$$

Given  $\alpha(x), \beta(x)$ , and  $\gamma(x)$ , what are  $p(x), \sigma(x)$ , and  $q(x)$ ?

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + \alpha(x) \frac{d\phi}{dx} + (\lambda\beta(x) + \gamma(x))\phi = 0$$

Multiplying by  $H(x)$  gives

$$H(x)\phi''(x) + H(x)\alpha(x)\phi'(x) + H(x)(\lambda\beta(x) + \gamma(x))\phi = 0 \quad (1)$$

Comparing (1) to Sturm Liouville form, which is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (p\phi') + q\phi + \lambda\sigma\phi &= 0 \\ p(x)\phi''(x) + p'(x)\phi'(x) + (q + \lambda\sigma)\phi(x) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Then we need to satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) &= P(x) \\ H(x)\alpha(x) &= P'(x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by combining the above, we obtain one ODE equation to solve for  $H(x)$

$$H'(x) = H(x) \alpha(x)$$

This is first order separable ODE.  $\frac{H'}{H} = \alpha$  or  $\ln |H| = \int \alpha dx + c$  or

$$H = Ae^{\int \alpha(x) dx}$$

Where  $A$  is some constant. By comparing (1),(2) again, we see that

$$q + \lambda \sigma = \lambda \beta(x) H(x) + \gamma(x) H(x)$$

Summary of solution

$$\sigma(x) = \beta(x) H(x)$$

$$q(x) = \gamma(x) H(x)$$

$$P(x) = H(x)$$

$$H(x) = Ae^{\int \alpha(x) dx}$$

QED

### 1.3 Problem 5.3.9

**5.3.9. Consider the eigenvalue problem**

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + x \frac{d\phi}{dx} + \lambda \phi = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \phi(1) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(b) = 0. \quad (5.3.10)$$

- (a) Show that multiplying by  $1/x$  puts this in the Sturm-Liouville form. (This multiplicative factor is derived in Exercise 5.3.3.)
- (b) Show that  $\lambda \geq 0$ .
- \* (c) Since (5.3.10) is an equidimensional equation, determine all positive eigenvalues. Is  $\lambda = 0$  an eigenvalue? Show that there is an infinite number of eigenvalues with a smallest, but no largest.
- (d) The eigenfunctions are orthogonal with what weight according to Sturm-Liouville theory? Verify the orthogonality using properties of integrals.
- (e) Show that the  $n$ th eigenfunction has  $n - 1$  zeros.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 \phi'' + x \phi' + \lambda \phi &= 0 \\ \phi(1) &= 0 \\ \phi(b) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

#### 1.3.1 Part (a)

Multiplying (1) by  $\frac{1}{x}$  where  $x \neq 0$  gives

$$x \phi'' + \phi' + \frac{\lambda}{x} \phi = 0 \quad (2)$$

Comparing (2) to Sturm-Liouville form

$$p \phi'' + p' \phi' + (q + \lambda \sigma) \phi = 0 \quad (3)$$

Then

$$p = x$$

$$q = 0$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{x}$$

And since the given boundary conditions also satisfy the Sturm-Liouville boundary conditions, then (2) is a regular Sturm-Liouville ODE.

### 1.3.2 Part(b)

Using equation 5.3.8 in page 160 of text (called Raleigh quotient), which applies to regular Sturm-Liouville ODE, which relates the eigenvalues to the eigenfunctions

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda &= \frac{-[p\phi\phi']_{x=1}^{x=b} + \int_1^b p(\phi')^2 - q\phi^2 dx}{\int_1^b \phi^2 \sigma dx} \\ &= \frac{-[p(b)\phi(b)\phi'(b) - p(1)\phi(1)\phi'(1)] + \int_1^b p(\phi')^2 - q\phi^2 dx}{\int_1^b \phi^2 \sigma dx}\end{aligned}\tag{5.3.8}$$

Using  $p = x, q = 0, \sigma = \frac{1}{x}$  and using  $\phi(1) = 0, \phi(b) = 0$ , then the above simplifies to

$$\lambda = \frac{-\int_1^b p(\phi')^2 dx}{\int_1^b \frac{\phi^2}{x} dx}$$

The integrands in the numerator and denominator can not be negative, since they are squared quantities, and also since  $x > 0$  as the domain starts from  $x = 1$ , then RHS above can not be negative. This means the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  can not be negative. It can only be  $\lambda \geq 0$ . QED.

### 1.3.3 Part(c)

The possible values of  $\lambda > 0$  are determined by trying to solve the ODE and seeing which  $\lambda$  produces non-trivial solutions given the boundary conditions. The ODE to solve is (1) above. Here it is again

$$x^2\phi'' + x\phi' + \lambda\phi = 0\tag{1}$$

We know  $\lambda \geq 0$ , so we do not need to check for negative  $\lambda$ .

Case  $\lambda = 0$ .

Equation (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}x^2\phi'' + x\phi' &= 0 \\ x\phi'' + \phi' &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dx}(x\phi') &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x\phi' = c_1$  where  $c_1$  is constant. Therefore  $\frac{d}{dx}\phi = \frac{c_1}{x}$  or

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= c_1 \int \frac{1}{x} dx + c_2 \\ &= c_1 \ln|x| + c_2\end{aligned}$$

At  $x = 1, \phi(1) = 0$ , hence

$$0 = c_1 \ln(1) + c_2$$

But  $\ln(1) = 0$ , therefore  $c_2 = 0$ . The solution now becomes

$$\phi = c_1 \ln|x|$$

At the right end,  $x = b, \phi(b) = 0$ , therefore

$$0 = c_1 \ln b$$

But since  $b > 1$  the above implies that  $c_1 = 0$ . This gives trivial solution. Therefore  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue.

Case  $\lambda > 0$

$$x^2\phi'' + x\phi' + \lambda\phi = 0$$

This is non-constant coefficients, linear, second order ODE. Let  $\phi(x) = x^p$ . Equation (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}x^2p(p-1)x^{p-2} + px^{p-1} + \lambda x^p &= 0 \\ p(p-1)x^p + px^p + \lambda x^p &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $x^p \neq 0$  gives the characteristic equation

$$\begin{aligned}p(p-1) + p + \lambda &= 0 \\ p^2 - p + p + \lambda &= 0 \\ p^2 &= -\lambda\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda \geq 0$  then  $p$  is complex. Therefore the roots are

$$p = \pm i\sqrt{\lambda}$$

Therefore the two solutions (eigenfunctions) are

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1(x) &= x^{i\sqrt{\lambda}} \\ \phi_2(x) &= x^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}}\end{aligned}$$

To more easily use standard form of solution, the standard trick is to rewrite these solution in exponential form

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1(x) &= e^{i\sqrt{\lambda}\ln x} \\ \phi_2(x) &= e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}\ln x}\end{aligned}$$

The general solution to (1) is linear combination of these two solutions, therefore

$$\phi(x) = c_1 e^{i\sqrt{\lambda}\ln x} + c_2 e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}\ln x} \quad (2)$$

Since  $\lambda > 0$  then the above can be written using trig functions as

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln x)$$

We are now ready to check for allowed values of  $\lambda$  by applying B.C.'s. The first B.C. gives

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln 1) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln 1) \\ &= c_1 \cos(0) + c_2 \sin(0) \\ &= c_1\end{aligned}$$

Hence the solution now simplifies to

$$\phi(x) = c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln x)$$

Applying the second B.C. gives

$$0 = c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln b)$$

For non-trivial solution we want

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\lambda} \ln b &= n\pi \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ \sqrt{\lambda} &= \frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \\ \lambda_n &= \left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b}\right)^2 \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there are infinite numbers of eigenvalues. The smallest is when  $n = 1$  given by

$$\lambda_1 = \left(\frac{\pi}{\ln b}\right)^2$$

### 1.3.4 Part (d)

From Equation 5.3.6, page 159 in textbook, the eigenfunction are orthogonal with weight function  $\sigma(x)$

$$\int_a^b \phi_n(x) \phi_m(x) \sigma(x) dx = 0 \quad n \neq m$$

In this problem, the weight  $\sigma = \frac{1}{x}$  and the solution (eigenfunctions) were found above to be

$$\phi_n(x) = \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n} \ln x)$$

Now we can verify the orthogonality

$$\int_1^b \phi_n(x) \phi_m(x) \sigma(x) dx = \int_{x=1}^{x=b} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln x\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{\ln b} \ln x\right) \frac{1}{x} dx$$

Using the substitution  $z = \ln x$ , then  $\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$ . When  $x = 1, z = \ln 1 = 0$  and when  $x = b, z = \ln b$ , then the above integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned}I &= \int_{z=0}^{z=\ln b} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} z\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{\ln b} z\right) \frac{dz}{dx} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\ln b} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} z\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{\ln b} z\right) dz\end{aligned}$$

But  $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} z\right)$  and  $\sin\left(\frac{m\pi}{\ln b} z\right)$  are orthogonal functions (now with weight 1). Hence the above gives 0 when  $n \neq m$  using standard orthogonality of the sin functions we used before many times. QED.

### 1.3.5 Part(e)

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  eigenfunction is

$$\phi_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln x\right)$$

Here, the zeros are inside the interval, not counting the end points  $x = 1$  and  $x = b$ .

$$\left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln x\right)\Big|_{x=1} = \left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} 0\right) = 0$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln x\right)\Big|_{x=b} &= \frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln b \\ &= n\pi \end{aligned}$$

Hence for  $n = 1$ , The domain of  $\phi_1(x)$  is  $0 \cdots \pi$ . And there are no zeros inside this for sin function not counting the end points. For  $n = 2$ , the domain is  $0 \cdots 2\pi$  and sin has one zero inside this (at  $\pi$ ), not counting end points. And for  $n = 3$ , the domain is  $0 \cdots 3\pi$  and sin has two zeros inside this (at  $\pi, 2\pi$ ), not counting end points. And so on. Hence  $\phi_n(x)$  has  $n - 1$  zeros not counting the end points.

### 1.4 Problem 5.5.1 (b,d,g)

5.5.1. A Sturm-Liouville eigenvalue problem is called self-adjoint if

$$p \left( u \frac{dv}{dx} - v \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_a^b = 0$$

since then  $\int_a^b [uL(v) - vL(u)] dx = 0$  for any two functions  $u$  and  $v$  satisfying the boundary conditions. Show that the following yield self-adjoint problems.

- (a)  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(L) = 0$
- (b)  $\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) = 0$  and  $\phi(L) = 0$
- (c)  $\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) - h\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\frac{d\phi}{dx}(L) = 0$
- (d)  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$  and  $p(a)\frac{d\phi}{dx}(a) = p(b)\frac{d\phi}{dx}(b)$
- (e)  $\phi(a) = \phi(b)$  and  $\frac{d\phi}{dx}(a) = \frac{d\phi}{dx}(b)$  [self-adjoint only if  $p(a) = p(b)$ ]
- (f)  $\phi(L) = 0$  and [in the situation in which  $p(0) = 0$ ]  $\phi(0)$  bounded and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} p(x)\frac{d\phi}{dx} = 0$
- \*(g) Under what conditions is the following self-adjoint (if  $p$  is constant)?

$$\phi(L) + \alpha\phi(0) + \beta\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx}(L) + \gamma\phi(0) + \delta\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) = 0$$

The Sturm-Liouville ODE is

$$\frac{d}{dx} (p\phi') + q\phi = -\lambda\sigma\phi$$

Or in operator form, defining  $L \equiv \frac{d}{dx} \left( p \frac{d}{dx} \right) + q$ , becomes

$$L[\phi] = -\lambda\sigma\phi$$

The operator  $L$  is self adjointed when

$$\int_a^b uL[v] dx = \int_a^b vL[u] dx$$

For the above to work out, we need to show that

$$p(uv' - vu')\Big|_a^b = 0$$

And this is what we will do now.

### 1.4.1 Part(b)

Here  $a = 0$  and  $b = L$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p(uv' - vu') \Big|_a^b &= p \left( u \frac{dv}{dx} - v \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_0^L \\ &= \left[ p(L) \left( u(L) \frac{dv}{dx}(L) - v(L) \frac{du}{dx}(L) \right) - p(0) \left( u(0) \frac{dv}{dx}(0) - v(0) \frac{du}{dx}(0) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $u(L) = v(L) = 0$  and  $\frac{dv}{dx}(0) = \frac{du}{dx}(0) = 0$  into the above (since there are the B.C. given) gives

$$\begin{aligned} p(uv' - vu') \Big|_a^b &= \left[ p(L) \left( 0 \times \frac{dv}{dx}(L) - 0 \times \frac{du}{dx}(L) \right) - p(0) (u(0) \times 0 - v(0) \times 0) \right] \\ &= [0 - 0] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.4.2 Part (d)

$$\begin{aligned} p(uv' - vu') \Big|_a^b &= p \left( u \frac{dv}{dx} - v \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_b^a \\ &= \left[ p(a) (u(a) v'(a) - v(a) u'(a)) - p(b) (u(b) v'(b) - v(b) u'(b)) \right] \\ &= p(a) u(a) v'(a) - p(a) v(a) u'(a) - p(b) u(b) v'(b) + p(b) v(b) u'(b) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

We are given that  $u(a) = u(b)$  and  $v(a) = v(b)$  and  $p(a) u'(a) = p(b) u'(b)$  and  $p(a) v'(a) = p(b) v'(b)$ .

We start by replacing  $u(a)$  by  $u(b)$  and replacing  $v(a)$  by  $v(b)$  in (1), this gives

$$\begin{aligned} p(uv' - vu') \Big|_a^b &= p(a) u(b) v'(a) - p(a) v(b) u'(a) - p(b) u(b) v'(b) + p(b) v(b) u'(b) \\ &= u(b) (p(a) v'(a) - p(b) v'(b)) + v(b) (p(b) u'(b) - p(a) u'(a)) \end{aligned}$$

Now using  $p(a) u'(a) = p(b) u'(b)$  and  $p(a) v'(a) = p(b) v'(b)$  in the above gives

$$\begin{aligned} p(uv' - vu') \Big|_a^b &= u(b) (p(b) v'(b) - p(b) v'(b)) + v(b) (p(b) u'(b) - p(b) u'(b)) \\ &= u(b) (0) + v(b) (0) \\ &= 0 - 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.4.3 Part (g)

$p$  is constant. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} p(uv' - vu') \Big|_0^L &= p \left( u \frac{dv}{dx} - v \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_0^L \\ &= p [(u(L) v'(L) - v(L) u'(L)) - (u(0) v'(0) - v(0) u'(0))] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

We are given that

$$u(L) + \alpha u(0) + \beta u'(0) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$u'(L) + \gamma u(0) + \delta u'(0) = 0 \quad (3)$$

And

$$v(L) + \alpha v(0) + \beta v'(0) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$v'(L) + \gamma v(0) + \delta v'(0) = 0 \quad (5)$$

From (2),

$$u(L) = -\alpha u(0) - \beta u'(0)$$

From (3)

$$u'(L) = -\gamma u(0) - \delta u'(0)$$

From (4)

$$v(L) = -\alpha v(0) - \beta v'(0)$$

From (5)

$$v'(L) = -\gamma v(0) - \delta v'(0)$$

Using these 4 relations in equation (1) gives (where  $p$  is removed out, since it is constant, to simplify the equations)

$$\begin{aligned} (uv' - vu')|_0^L &= u(L)v'(L) - v(L)u'(L) - u(0)v'(0) + v(0)u'(0) \\ &= (-\alpha u(0) - \beta u'(0))(-\gamma v(0) - \delta v'(0)) \\ &\quad - (-\alpha v(0) - \beta v'(0))(-\gamma u(0) - \delta u'(0)) \\ &\quad - u(0)v'(0) + v(0)u'(0) \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying

$$\begin{aligned} (uv' - vu')|_0^L &= \alpha u(0)\gamma v(0) + \alpha u(0)\delta v'(0) + \beta u'(0)\gamma v(0) + \beta u'(0)\delta v'(0) \\ &\quad - (\alpha v(0)\gamma u(0) + \alpha v(0)\delta u'(0) + \beta v'(0)\gamma u(0) + \beta v'(0)\delta u'(0)) \\ &\quad - u(0)v'(0) + v(0)u'(0) \\ &= \alpha u(0)\gamma v(0) + \alpha u(0)\delta v'(0) + \beta u'(0)\gamma v(0) + \beta u'(0)\delta v'(0) \\ &\quad - \alpha v(0)\gamma u(0) - \alpha v(0)\delta u'(0) - \beta v'(0)\gamma u(0) - \beta v'(0)\delta u'(0) - u(0)v'(0) + v(0)u'(0) \end{aligned}$$

Collecting

$$\begin{aligned} (uv' - vu')|_0^L &= \alpha\delta(u(0)v'(0) - v(0)u'(0)) \\ &\quad + \beta\delta(u'(0)v(0) - v'(0)u'(0)) \\ &\quad + \alpha\gamma(u(0)v(0) - v(0)u(0)) \\ &\quad + \beta\gamma(u'(0)v(0) - v'(0)u(0)) \\ &\quad - u(0)v'(0) + v(0)u'(0) \\ &= \alpha\delta(u(0)v'(0) - v(0)u'(0)) + \beta\gamma(u'(0)v(0) - v'(0)u(0)) - (u(0)v'(0) - v(0)u'(0)) \\ &= \alpha\delta(u(0)v'(0) - v(0)u'(0)) - \beta\gamma(v'(0)u(0) - u'(0)v(0)) - (u(0)v'(0) - v(0)u'(0)) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u(0)v'(0) - v(0)u'(0) = \Delta$  then we see that the above is just

$$\begin{aligned} (uv' - vu')|_0^L &= \alpha\delta(\Delta) - \beta\gamma(\Delta) - (\Delta) \\ &= \Delta(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for  $(uv' - vu')|_0^L = 0$ , we need

$$\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma - 1 = 0$$

### 1.5 Problem 5.5.3

**5.5.3. Consider the eigenvalue problem  $L(\phi) = -\lambda\sigma(x)\phi$ , subject to a given set of homogeneous boundary conditions. Suppose that**

$$\int_a^b [uL(v) - vL(u)] dx = 0$$

**for all functions  $u$  and  $v$  satisfying the same set of boundary conditions. Prove that eigenfunctions corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal (with what weight?).**

We are given that

$$\int_a^b uL[v] - vL[u] dx = 0 \quad (1)$$

But

$$L[v] = -\lambda_v\sigma(x)v \quad (2)$$

$$L[u] = -\lambda_u\sigma(x)u \quad (3)$$

Where  $\sigma(x)$  is the weight function of the corresponding Sturm-Liouville ODE that  $u, v$  are its solution eigenfunctions. Substituting (2,3) into (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b u(-\lambda_v\sigma(x)v) - v(-\lambda_u\sigma(x)u) dx &= 0 \\ \int_a^b -\lambda_v\sigma(x)uv + \lambda_u\sigma(x)uv dx &= 0 \\ (\lambda_u - \lambda_v) \int_a^b \sigma(x)uv dx &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u, v$  are different eigenfunctions, then the  $\lambda_u - \lambda_v \neq 0$  as these are different eigenvalues. (There is one eigenfunction corresponding to each eigenvalue). Therefore the above says that

$$\int_a^b \sigma(x) u(x) v(x) dx = 0$$

Hence different eigenfunctions  $u(x), v(x)$  are orthogonal to each others. The weight is  $\sigma(x)$ .

## 1.6 Problem 5.5.8

5.5.8. Consider a fourth-order linear differential operator,

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

- (a) Show that  $uL(v) - vL(u)$  is an exact differential.  
 (b) Evaluate  $\int_0^1 [uL(v) - vL(u)] dx$  in terms of the boundary data for any functions  $u$  and  $v$ .  
 (c) Show that  $\int_0^1 [uL(v) - vL(u)] dx = 0$  if  $u$  and  $v$  are any two functions satisfying the boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(0) &= 0 & \phi(1) &= 0 \\ \frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) &= 0 & \frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2}(1) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Give another example of boundary conditions such that

$$\int_0^1 [uL(v) - vL(u)] dx = 0.$$

- (e) For the eigenvalue problem [using the boundary conditions in part (c)]

$$\frac{d^4\phi}{dx^4} + \lambda e^x \phi = 0,$$

show that the eigenfunctions corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal. What is the weighting function?

$$L = \frac{d^4}{dx^4}$$

### 1.6.1 Part (a)

$$\begin{aligned} uL[v] - vL[u] &= u \frac{d^4v}{dx^4} - v \frac{d^4u}{dx^4} \\ &= uv^{(4)} - vu^{(4)} \end{aligned}$$

We want to obtain expression of form  $\frac{d}{dx}(\ )$  such that it comes out to be  $uv^{(4)} - vu^{(4)}$ . If we can do this, then it is exact differential. Now, since

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv''' - u'v'') = u'v''' + uv^{(4)} - u''v'' - u'v''' \tag{1}$$

And

$$\frac{d}{dx}(vu''' - v'u'') = v'u''' + vu^{(4)} - v''u'' - v'u''' \tag{2}$$

Then (1)-(2) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(uv''' - u'v'') - \frac{d}{dx}(vu''' - v'u'') &= (u'v''' + uv^{(4)} - u''v'' - u'v''') - (v'u''' + vu^{(4)} - v''u'' - v'u''') \\ &= u'v''' + uv^{(4)} - u''v'' - u'v''' - v'u''' - vu^{(4)} + v''u'' + v'u''' \\ &= uv^{(4)} - vu^{(4)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence we found that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}(uv''' - u'v'' - vu''' + v'u'') &= uv^{(4)} - vu^{(4)} \\ &= uL[v] - vL[u] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $uL[v] - vL[u]$  is exact differential.

### 1.6.2 Part (b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_a^b uL[v] - vL[u] dx \\
 &= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dx} (uv''' - u'v'' - vu''' + v'u'') dx \\
 &= uv''' - u'v'' - vu''' + v'u'' \Big|_a^b \\
 &= u(b)v'''(b) - u'(b)v''(b) - v(b)u'''(b) + v'(b)u''(b) \\
 &\quad - (u(a)v'''(a) - u'(a)v''(a) - v(a)u'''(a) + v'(a)u''(a))
 \end{aligned}$$

Or

$$I = u(b)v'''(b) - u'(b)v''(b) - v(b)u'''(b) + v'(b)u''(b) - u(a)v'''(a) + u'(a)v''(a) + v(a)u'''(a) - v'(a)u''(a)$$

### 1.6.3 Part (c)

From part(b),

$$I = \int_0^1 uL[v] - vL[u] dx = uv''' - u'v'' - vu''' + v'u'' \Big|_0^1 \quad (1)$$

Since we are given that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(0) &= 0 \\
 \phi'(0) &= 0 \\
 \phi(1) &= 0 \\
 \phi''(1) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The above will give

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(0) &= v(0) = 0 \\
 u'(0) &= v'(0) = 0 \\
 u(1) &= v(1) = 0 \\
 u''(1) &= v''(1) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 uL[v] - vL[u] dx &= u(1)v'''(1) - u'(1)v''(1) - v(1)u'''(1) + v'(1)u''(1) \\
 &\quad - u(0)v'''(0) + u'(0)v''(0) + v(0)u'''(0) - v'(0)u''(0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 uL[v] - vL[u] dx &= (0 \times v'''(1)) - 0 - (0 \times u'''(1)) + 0 - (0 \times v'''(0)) + 0 + (0 \times u'''(0)) - 0 \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.6.4 Part (d)

Any boundary conditions which makes  $uv''' - u'v'' - vu''' + v'u'' \Big|_0^1 = 0$  will do. For example,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(0) &= 0 \\
 \phi'(0) &= 0 \\
 \phi(1) &= 0 \\
 \phi'(1) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

The above will give

$$\begin{aligned} u(0) &= v(0) = 0 \\ u'(0) &= v'(0) = 0 \\ u(1) &= v(1) = 0 \\ u'(1) &= v'(1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into (1) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 uL[v] - vL[u] dx &= u(1)v'''(1) - u'(1)v''(1) - v(1)u'''(1) + v'(1)u''(1) \\ &\quad - u(0)v'''(0) + u'(0)v''(0) + v(0)u'''(0) - v'(0)u''(0) \\ &= (0 \times v'''(1)) - (0 \times v''(1)) - (0 \times u'''(1)) + (0 \times u''(1)) \\ &\quad - (0 \times v'''(0)) + (0 \times v''(0)) + (0 \times u'''(0)) - (0 \times u''(0)) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.6.5 Part (e)

Given

$$\frac{d^4}{dx^4}\phi + \lambda e^x \phi = 0$$

Therefore

$$L[\phi] = -\lambda e^x \phi$$

Therefore, for eigenfunctions  $u, v$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} L[u] &= -\lambda_u e^x u \\ L[v] &= -\lambda_v e^x v \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\lambda_u, \lambda_v$  are the eigenvalues associated with eigenfunctions  $u, v$  and they are not the same. Hence now we can write

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^1 uL[v] - vL[u] dx \\ &= \int_0^1 u(-\lambda_v e^x v) - v(-\lambda_u e^x u) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 -\lambda_v e^x uv + \lambda_u e^x uv dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (\lambda_u - \lambda_v) (e^x uv) dx \\ &= (\lambda_u - \lambda_v) \int_0^1 (e^x uv) dx \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda_u - \lambda_v \neq 0$  then

$$\int_0^1 (e^x uv) dx = 0$$

Hence  $u, v$  are orthogonal to each others with weight function  $e^x$ .

## 1.7 Problem 5.5.10

- 5.5.10.** (a) Show that (5.5.22) yields (5.5.23) if at least one of the boundary conditions is of the regular Sturm-Liouville type.
- (b) Do part (a) if one boundary condition is of the singular type.

### 1.7.1 Part(a)

Equation 5.5.22 is

$$p(\phi_1\phi_2' - \phi_2\phi_1') = \text{constant} \quad (5.5.22)$$

Looking at boundary conditions at one end, say at  $x = a$  (left end), and let the boundary conditions there be

$$\beta_1\phi(a) + \beta_2\phi'(a) = 0$$

Therefore for eigenfunctions  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  we obtain

$$\beta_1 \phi_1(a) + \beta_2 \phi_1'(a) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\beta_1 \phi_2(a) + \beta_2 \phi_2'(a) = 0 \quad (2)$$

From (1),

$$\phi_1'(a) = -\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \phi_1(a) \quad (3)$$

From (2)

$$\phi_2'(a) = -\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \phi_2(a) \quad (4)$$

Substituting (3,4) into  $\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1'$  gives, at end point  $a$ , the following

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1(a) \phi_2'(a) - \phi_2(a) \phi_1'(a) &= \phi_1(a) \left( -\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \phi_2(a) \right) - \phi_2(a) \left( -\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \phi_1(a) \right) \\ &= -\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \phi_2(a) \phi_1(a) + \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \phi_2(a) \phi_1(a) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

In the above, we evaluated  $\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1'$  at one end point, and found it to be zero. But  $\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1'$  is the Wronskian  $W(x)$ . It is known that if  $W(x) = 0$  at just one point, then it is zero at all points in the range. Hence we conclude that

$$\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1' = 0$$

For all  $x$ . This also means the eigenfunctions  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are linearly dependent. This gives equation 5.5.23. QED.

### 1.7.2 Part(b)

Equation 5.5.22 is

$$p(\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1') = \text{constant} \quad (5.5.22)$$

At one end, say end  $x = a$ , is where the singularity exist. This means  $p(a) = 0$ . Now to show that  $p(\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1') = 0$  at  $x = a$ , we just need to show that  $\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1'$  is bounded. Since in that case, we will have  $0 \times A = 0$ , where  $A$  is some value which is  $\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1'$ . But boundary conditions at  $x = 1$  must be  $\phi(a) < \infty$  and also  $\phi'(a) < \infty$ . This is always the case at the end where  $p = 0$ .

Then let  $\phi(a) = c_1$  and  $\phi'(a) = c_2$ , where  $c_1, c_2$  are some constants. Then we write

$$\phi_1(a) = c_1$$

$$\phi_1'(a) = c_2$$

$$\phi_2(a) = c_1$$

$$\phi_2'(a) = c_2$$

Hence it follows immediately that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1' &= c_1 c_2 - c_2 c_1 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we showed that  $\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1'$  is bounded. Then  $p(\phi_1 \phi_2' - \phi_2 \phi_1') = 0$ . QED.