

Suppose SL operator operating on a function  $y(x)$  gives as

$$L y(x) = f(x) \longrightarrow (1)$$

which is a non-homogeneous equation.

$$L = \frac{d}{dx} \left( p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right) + q(x)$$

To solve NHE (1), define

$$L G(x, t) = \delta(x-t)$$

So that we can show that if we define

$$y(x) = \int G(x, t) f(t) dt,$$

we will get Eq. (1)

Proof

$$L y(x) = L \int G(x, t) f(t) dt$$

Interchanging integral and differential

$$= \int L G(x, t) f(t) dt$$

Using definition of Green's fn.

$$= \int \delta(x-t) f(t) dt$$

$$= f(x) \quad \because \int \delta(x-t) f(t) dt = f(x)$$

$$L y(x) = f(x)$$

Theorem If the homogeneous problem associated with the SL problem

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( p \frac{d}{dx} \right) y + q(x)y = f(x)$$

with usual B.C.s. has trivial solution, then Green's fn. exists.

In other words  $\lambda = 0$ , is not an eigen value for

$$L(y) + \lambda r(x)y = 0$$

with usual B.C.s. the Green function exists.

We have to solve the problem associated with non homogeneous diff. eq.

$$L\{u(x)\} + \lambda r(x)u(x) = f(x) \quad \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

and  $u(x)$  satisfies suitable B.C.s.

\* The soln. of the nonhomogeneous diff. eq. (1), subject to B.C.s. is closely related to the existence of Green's fn.

$$L(u) + \lambda r(x)u = 0$$

If a fn.  $G(x, t, \lambda)$  exists, then soln. of (1) can be written as

$$u(x) = \int_a^b G(x, t, \lambda) f(t) dt$$

$G(x, t, \lambda)$  is called Green's fn. and satisfies the eq.

$$L(G) + \lambda r(x)G = \delta(x-t)$$

## Green's function associated with Regular S.L. System

Let  $L(u) + \lambda r(x)u = 0 \rightarrow$  SL eq.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha_1 u(a) + \alpha_2 u'(a) &= 0 \\ \beta_1 u(b) + \beta_2 u'(b) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{end point condns.}$$

$$L = \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right\} + q(x)$$

Under the assumption that  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue of above system i.e. it gives trivial soln. the Green's fn.  $G(x,t)$  associated with the system has the following properties

1.  $G(x,t)$  satisfies the diff. eq.

$$L \{G(x,t)\} = 0 \quad \text{in each of subintervals } [a,t) \text{ and } (t,b].$$

2.  $G(x,t)$  is continuous for each value of  $x$  in the whole interval  $[a,b]$

3.  $G(x,t)$  as a fn. of  $x$  satisfies the end-point conditions

4.  $\frac{dG(x,t)}{dx}$  is discontinuous as  $x \rightarrow t$  and moreover

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow t+0} G'(x,t) - \lim_{x \rightarrow t-0} G'(x,t) = -\frac{1}{p(t)}$$

Example 1

Construct Green's fn. associated with the problem

$$u'' + \lambda u = 0 \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = 0$$

— (1) — (2)

Solution

Here  $p(x) = 1$ ,  $p(t) = 1$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right) u + q(x)u = f(x)$$

Step 1 First we verify  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue

$$\lambda = 0$$

Eq. (1) becomes

$$u'' = 0 \Rightarrow u = Ax + B$$

Using B.C. (2)

$$u(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{0 = B}$$

$$u(1) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{0 = A}$$

Therefore  $u = 0$  is the soln. of the problem corresponding  $\lambda = 0$ . Therefore  $\lambda = 0$  is not an eigenvalue

(ii)  $G(x,t)$  satisfies the differential eq.

$$\frac{d^2 G(x,t)}{dx^2} = 0$$

in each sub interval  $[0, t]$  and  $[t, 1]$

Therefore

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} Ax + B & , \quad 0 \leq x < t \\ A'x + B' & , \quad t < x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

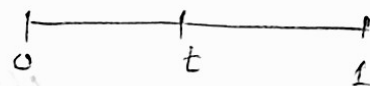
(iii),  $G(x,t)$  is continuous everywhere and in particular at  $x=t$

Therefore

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow t^+} G(x,t) = \lim_{x \rightarrow t^-} G(x,t)$$

$$A't + B' = At + B$$

$$\text{or } B' = (A - A')t + B$$



So (3), becomes

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} Ax + B & , \quad 0 \leq x < t \\ A'x + (A - A')t + B & , \quad t < x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

(iv),  $G(x,t)$  satisfies end point condns.

$$G(0,t) = 0 \quad , \quad G(1,t) = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Eqs. (4), & (5), gives

$$\boxed{0 = B} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$\text{and } 0 = A' + (A - A')t + 0$$

$$\text{or } (A - A')t = -A'$$

$$A'(1 - t) = -At$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{A = \frac{t-1}{t} A'} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Using (6), (7), (4) becomes

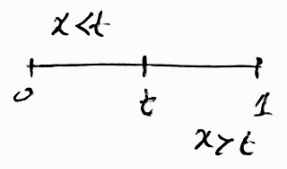
$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} A'(t-1)x/t & , \quad 0 \leq x < t \\ A'x + (-A'/t)t & , \quad t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{or } G(x,t) = \begin{cases} A'(t-1)x/t & , \quad 0 \leq x < t \\ A'x - A' & , \quad t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(iv)  $G(x,t)$  satisfies

$$G'(t+0, t) - G'(t-0, t) = -\frac{1}{p(t)}$$

$$A' - A' - A'(t-1)/t = -1$$



$$\text{or } A't - A' - A't + A' = -1$$

$$\text{or } A' = t$$

Thus

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} -(t-1)x & , \quad 0 \leq x < t \\ -t(x-1) & , \quad t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Example 2 Do it yourself.

Example 3

Construct Green's fn. for B.V.P

$$xu'' + u' - \frac{n^2}{x}u + \lambda r(x)u = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$u(0) \text{ is finite and } u(1) = 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

Eq. (1) can be written as

$$\left\{ \frac{d}{dx} \left( x \frac{d}{dx} \right) \right\} u - \frac{n^2}{x} u + \lambda r(x) u = 0$$

Comparing with

$$L(u) + \lambda r(x) u = 0$$

where

$$L = \frac{d}{dx} \left( p(x) \frac{d}{dx} \right) + q(x)$$

we get

$$p(x) = x, \quad q(x) = -\frac{n^2}{x}$$

(i) We first check if  $\lambda = 0$  is an eigenvalue of homogeneous equation

$$x u'' + u' - \frac{n^2}{x} u = 0$$

$$\text{or } x^2 u'' + x u' - n^2 u = 0 \quad (\text{Euler's Eq.})$$

Let  $u = x^p$ , then

$$u' = p x^{p-1}, \quad u'' = p(p-1) x^{p-2}$$

$$x^2 p(p-1) x^{p-2} + x p x^{p-1} - n^2 x^p = 0$$

$$\text{or } p(p-1) x^p + x^p p - n^2 x^p = 0$$

$$\text{or } [p(p-1) + p - n^2] x^p = 0$$

$$\text{or } p^2 - p + p - n^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } p^2 = n^2 \Rightarrow p = \pm n$$

So general soln. is

$$u = Ax^n + Bx^{-n}$$

Using B.C.

$$u(0) \text{ is finite} \Rightarrow \boxed{B=0}$$

$$u(1) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{A=0}$$

Therefore  $u=0$  (Trivial soln.)

So  $\lambda=0$  is not an eigenvalue. So we can associate Green's fn. to the system.

(ii)  $G(x,t)$  satisfies the equation

$$xG'' + G' - \frac{n^2}{x}G = 0 \quad \text{in } [0,t) \cup (t,1]$$

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} Ax^n + Bx^{-n} & , \quad 0 \leq x < t \\ A'x^n + B'x^{-n} & \quad t < x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

(iii)  $G(x,t)$  satisfies the given B.C.

$$G(0,t) \text{ is finite} \ \& \ G(1,t) = 0$$

$$G(0,t) \text{ is finite} \Rightarrow \boxed{B=0}$$

$$G(1,t) = 0 \Rightarrow A' + B' = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{B' = -A'}$$

Therefore

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} Ax^n & , \quad 0 \leq x < t \\ A'x^n - A'x^{-n} & , \quad t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



(iv)  $G(x,t)$  is conti at all pts. and in particular at  $x=t$

$$\Rightarrow G(t+0, t) = G(t-0, t)$$

$$A't^n - A't^{-n} = At^n$$

$$A'(t^n - t^{-n}) = At^n$$

$$A'(t^n - \frac{1}{t^n}) = At^n$$

$$A = \frac{t^{2n} - 1}{t^n \cdot t^n} A' = \frac{t^{2n} - 1}{t^{2n}} A'$$

Hence

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} A'x^n(1-t^{-2n}), & 0 \leq x < t \\ A'(x^n - x^{-n}), & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(v) \quad G'(t-0, t) - G'(t+0, t) = \frac{1}{p(t)}$$

$$nA't^{n-1}(1-t^{-2n}) - A'(nt^{n-1} + nt^{-n-1}) = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$nA' [t^{n-1} - t^{-n-1} - t^{n-1} - t^{-n-1}] = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$-2nt^{-n-1} A' = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$\text{or } A' = -\frac{t^{n+1}}{2nt} = -\frac{t^n}{2n}$$

Hence

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{t^n}{2n} x^n (1-t^{-2n}), & 0 \leq x < t \\ -\frac{t^n}{2n} (x^n - x^{-n}), & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$G(x,t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{2^n(t^n - t^{-n})}{2n}, & 0 \leq x < t \\ -\frac{t^n(x^n - x^{-n})}{2n}, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$