

$$B_1(y) = 0, \text{ and } B_2(y) = 0$$

where $L = (d/dx)[p(x)(d/dx)] + q(x)$ and B is the boundary condition.

$$B_1(y) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 (\partial/\partial x) \text{ and } B_2(y) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 (\partial/\partial x)$$

The equations (8.4.1) and (8.4.2) define a regular S. L. system. Under the assumption that $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue of this system, i.e. it has no non-trivial solution, the Green function $G(x, t)$ associated with the system has the following properties.

1. $G(x, t)$ considered as a function of x satisfies the differential equation $L\{G(x, t)\} = 0$ in each of the subintervals $[a, t)$ and $(t, b]$.
2. $G(x, t)$ is continuous for each value of x in the whole interval $[a, b]$. If we take limit as x approaches t for each piece of the solution in the subintervals, then the limits should be equal.
3. $G(x, t)$ as a function of x satisfies the end-point conditions $B_1(G) = 0$ and $B_2(G) = 0$.
4. $G' \equiv dG(x, t)/dx$ is discontinuous as $x \rightarrow t$ and moreover

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

8.4.2 Illustrative examples

Example 1

Construct Green's function associated with the problem

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

Solution

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

(i). First we verify if $\lambda = 0$ is ^{not} an eigenvalue. With $\lambda = 0$ we have $y'' = 0$ which gives $y = Ax + B$.

Now we apply the B.Cs. The B.C. $y(0) = 0$ gives $0 = 0 + B$ i.e. $B = 0$. Similarly $y(1) = 0$ gives $A = 0$.

Therefore $y = 0$ is the solution of the problem corresponding to $\lambda = 0$. Therefore $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue.

(ii). $G(x, t)$ satisfies the differential equation $[d^2G(x, t)/dx^2] = 0$, in each of the subintervals $[0, t]$ and $(t, 1]$. Therefore we have

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

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

$At + B = A't + B'$ or $B' = (A - A')t + B$. The Green function therefore can be written as

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

(iv). $G(x, t)$ satisfies the endpoint conditions $G(0, t) = 0$ and $G(1, t) = 0$.

These give $A \times 0 + B = 0$ i.e. $B = 0$.

and $A' + (A - A')t = 0$ or $A = [(t - 1)/t] A'$.

Therefore on substitution for A and A' , we have

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

(v). The discontinuity condition for $G'(x, t)$ gives

$$G'(t + 0, t) - G'(t - 0, t) = [1/p(t)]$$

or $A' - (A'/t)(t - 1) = 1/p(t)$ or $A't - A't + A' = t$ i.e. $A' = t$.

On substitution we get

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

Example 2

Construct Green's function associated with the problem

$$y'' + k^2 y = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(\pi/2k) = 0$$

Solution

Here $p(x) = 1$, $L \equiv \partial^2/\partial x^2 + k^2$. Green's function $G(x, t)$ for the linear operator L is defined as solution to the DE

$$G''(x, t) + k^2 G(x, t) = \delta(x - t)$$

with B.Cs. $G(0, t) = 0$, $G(\pi/2k, t) = 0$. Since $\delta(x - t) = 0$ for $x \neq t$, the above equation is equivalent to the DE $G''(x, t) + k^2 G(x, t) = 0$ in the subintervals $[0, t)$ and $(t, \pi/2k]$.

General solution for each subinterval will be of the form $y = C_1 \cos kx + C_2 \sin kx$.

For the subinterval $[0, t)$ we take general solution as $G(x, t) = c_1 \cos kx + c_2 \sin kx$ and apply the B.C. $G(0, t) = 0$ to it. This gives $c_1 = 0$. Hence

$$G(x, t) = c_2 \sin kx, \quad 0 \leq x < t$$

For the subinterval $(t, \pi/2k]$ we take general solution as $G(x, t) = c_3 \cos kx + c_4 \sin kx$ and apply the B.C. $G(\pi/2k, t) = 0$ to it. This gives

$$c_3 \cos(\pi/2) + c_4 \sin(\pi/2) = 0, \text{ wherefrom } c_4 = 0. \text{ Hence}$$

$$G(x, t) = c_3 \cos kx, \quad t < x \leq \pi/2k$$

The above two solutions can be combined in the form

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} c_2 \sin kx, & x < t \\ c_3 \cos kx, & x > t \end{cases}$$

To determine the unknown constants c_2, c_3 we will use the continuity condition and the jump discontinuity condition.

The continuity condition gives $c_2 \sin kt = c_3 \cos kt$, wherefrom $c_3 = c_2 \tan kt$. Therefore

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} c_2 \sin kx, & x < t \\ c_2 \tan kt \cos kx, & x > t \end{cases}$$

Finally we apply the discontinuity condition $G'(t + 0, t) - G'(t - 0, t) = 1/p(t)$ and obtain $c_2 = -(\cos kt)/k$. Hence we obtain Green's function for the problem as

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} -(\cos kt \sin kx)/k, & x < t \\ -(\sin kt \cos kx)/k, & x > t \end{cases}$$

Example 3

Find Green's function associated with the problem

$$xy'' + y' + \lambda r(x)y = 0, \quad y(0) \text{ is finite and } y(1) = 0$$

Solution

This is a singular SL- system with $p(x) = x$.

(i). First we check if $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue.

$\lambda = 0$ implies that $xy'' + y' = 0$ or $(d/dx)(xy') = 0$ which gives

$xy' = A$ or $y' = A/x$ or $y = A \ln x + B$, where A, B are constants.

Now we apply the B.Cs. The B.C. $y(0)$ is finite gives $A = 0$. The B.C. $y(1) = 0$ gives $B = 0$.

Therefore $y = 0$ is the only possible solution. Hence $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue.

(ii). $G(x, t)$, regarded as a function of x satisfies the given D.E. i.e. $xG'' + G' = 0$ in each of the sub-intervals $(0, t]$ and $(t, 1]$. Therefore we can write

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

(iii). $G(x, t)$ as a function of x satisfies the B.Cs. $G(0, t)$ is finite, and $G(1, t) = 0$.

The first condition gives $B = 0$, and the second condition gives $A' + B' \cdot 0 = 0$ or $A' = 0$. Hence

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} A, & 0 < x \leq t \\ B' \ln x, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(iv). $G(x, t)$ as a function of x is continuous at all points and in particular at $x = t$. This gives $A = B' \ln t$.

or $A/\ln t = B'/1 = \rho$ which gives $A = \rho \ln t$, $B' = \rho$.

Therefore

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

(v). $G'(t-0, t) - G'(t+0, t) = 1/p(t)$ or $0 - \rho/t = 1/t$
i.e. $\rho = -1$.

Finally

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

Example 4 ✓

Construct Green's function for the B.V.P.

$$y' - (n^2/x)y + \lambda r(x)y = 0, \quad y(0) \text{ is finite and } y(1) = 0.$$

Condition

$$p(x) = x, \quad q(x) = -n^2/x.$$

To construct Green's function we first check if $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue of the homogeneous problem (obtained by putting $\lambda = 0$ in the given problem).

$$y' - (n^2/x)y = 0 \text{ or } x^2 y'' + x y' - n^2 y = 0, \quad (n > 0)$$

This is the Euler-Cauchy equation. To solve it we make the transformation $x = e^p$, and obtain on substitution

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

This gives $p = \pm n$

Therefore the general solution can be written as $y = Ax^n + Bx^{-n}$.

When we apply the B.C.s. We find that the condition $y(0)$ is finite gives $B = 0$, $y(1) = 0$ gives $A = 0$.

Therefore the only possible solution is the trivial solution $y = 0$, and therefore $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue. Therefore we can associate Green's function to the problem.

Green's function $G(x, t)$ regarded as a function of x satisfies the DE

$$xG'' + G' - (n^2/x)G = 0$$

in each of the subintervals $[0, t]$ and $(t, 1]$. Therefore it can be written as

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

$G(x, t)$ regarded as a function of x satisfies the given B.C.s.

$G(0, t)$ is finite and $G(1, t) = 0$. These B.C.s. give $B = 0$ and $B' = -A'$. Therefore

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

(iv). $G(x, t)$ as a function of x is continuous at all points and in particular at $x = t$. So

$$At^n = A'(t^n - t^{-n}) \quad \text{or} \quad At^n = A' \frac{t^{2n} - 1}{t^n} \quad \text{or} \quad A = A' \frac{t^{2n} - 1}{t^{2n}}$$

Hence we write

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

(v). $G'(t-0, t) - G'(t+0, t) = 1/p(t)$. Or

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

which on simplification gives $A' = -t^n/2n$.

Therefore finally

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

Example 5

Construct Green's function for the B.V.P.

$$(d/dx)\{(1-x^2)y'\} - [(h^2/(1-x^2))y + \lambda r(x)y] = 0, \quad y(\pm 1) \text{ are finite.}$$

Solution

This is a singular SL system with $p(x) = 1 - x^2$.

(i) First we check if $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue, i.e. we solve the DE:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\{(1-x^2)y'\} - \frac{h^2}{1-x^2}y = 0$$

or

$$(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' - \frac{h^2}{1-x^2}y = 0$$

Making the substitution

$t = \ln[(1+x)/(1-x)] = \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x)$, we have

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x} - (-1)\frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{2}{1-x^2}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{d}{dx} = \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{d}{dt} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}(1-x^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{dy}{dx} \\ &= \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{d}{dx} \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{4x}{(1-x^2)^2} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 \frac{dy}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

On substituting the value of dx/dt we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} &= \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{2}{1-x^2} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{4x}{(1-x^2)^2} \frac{(1-x^2)^2}{4} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= \frac{4}{(1-x^2)^2} \left[\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + x \frac{dy}{dt} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Substituting for dy/dt and $d^2 y/dt^2$ in the given DE, and simplifying, we get $d^2 y/dt^2 - (h^2/4)y = 0$.

The general solution of this equation can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} y &= A \exp(ht/2) + B \exp(-ht/2) \\ &= A [(1+x)/(1-x)]^{h/2} + B [(1-x)/(1+x)]^{h/2} \end{aligned}$$

Now we apply the B.C.s.

B.C. $y(1) = \text{finite}$ gives $A = 0$, and $y(-1) = \text{finite}$ gives $B = 0$.

$y = 0$ is the only solution for the associated homogeneous B.V. problem.

(ii) The associated Green function $G(x, t)$ satisfies the DE

$$\frac{d}{dx} \{ (1-x^2)G' \} - \frac{h^2}{1-x^2}G = 0$$

in each of the subintervals $-1 \leq x < t$ and $t < x \leq 1$. Therefore we can write

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} A[(1+x)/(1-x)]^{h/2} + B[(1-x)/(1+x)]^{h/2}, & x < t \\ A'[(1+x)/(1-x)]^{h/2} + B'[(1-x)/(1+x)]^{h/2}, & x > t \end{cases}$$

(iii) The Green function $G(x, t)$ satisfies the B.Cs.: $G(\pm 1, t)$ are finite in each of the two subintervals $[-1, t)$ and $(t, 1]$. In view of these conditions, we must have

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} A[(1+x)/(1-x)]^{h/2}, & -1 \leq x < t \\ B'[(1-x)/(1+x)]^{h/2}, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(iv) $G(x, t)$ is continuous at each value of x in the interval $[-1, 1]$. In particular it is continuous at $x = t$. This condition gives

$$A \left(\frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^{h/2} = B' \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right)^{h/2} = \rho, \quad (\text{say})$$

Therefore

$$A = \rho \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right)^{h/2}, \quad B' = \rho \left(\frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^{h/2}$$

Hence

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} \rho [(1-t)/(1+t)]^{h/2} [(1+x)/(1-x)]^{h/2}, & x < t \\ \rho [(1+t)/(1-t)]^{h/2} [(1-x)/(1+x)]^{h/2}, & x > t \end{cases}$$

(v) To apply the discontinuity condition, we first calculate

$$\begin{aligned} G'(t-0, t) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow t-0} G'(x, t) \\ &= \rho \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right)^{h/2} \left[\frac{h}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)^{h/2-1} \cdot \frac{2}{(1-x)^2} \right] \Bigg|_{x=t} \\ &= \rho h \frac{1-t}{1+t} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-t)^2} = h\rho/(1-t^2) \end{aligned}$$

and

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

$$= -\rho h \frac{1+t}{1-t} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+t)^2} = -\frac{h\rho}{1-t^2}$$

Therefore $G'(t-0, t) - G'(t+0, t) = 1/p(t)$

$1/(1-t^2) = 1/(1-t^2)$; which gives $\rho = 1/(2h)$.

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} (1/2h) [(1-t)/(1+t)]^{h/2} [(1-x)/(1-x)]^{h/2}, & x \leq t \\ (1/2h) [(1+t)/(1-t)]^{h/2} [(1-x)/(1+x)]^{h/2}, & x > t \end{cases}$$

Example 6

Find Green's function for the B.V.P. defined by the equations

$$y'' + y = 0, \quad y(0) + y'(1) = 0, \quad y(1) + 2y'(0) = 0$$

on

$$0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad a = 0, \quad b = 1, \quad q(x) = 0, \quad r(x) = 1.$$

To construct Green's function we first check if $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue. The solution $y = 0$ obtained by substituting $\lambda = 0$ in the given DE has the solution $y = A + Bx$.

Applying the given B.Cs., we obtain $A + B = 0$ and $A + B + 2B = 0$.

From these two equations we obtain $A = B = 0$. Therefore $y = 0$ is the only solution possible. Hence $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue.

Green's function $G(x, t)$ satisfies the equation $G'' = 0$ in each of the intervals $[0, t)$ and $(t, 1]$. Therefore we can write

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

$G(x, t)$ as a function of x satisfies the given B.Cs.

$G'(1, t) = 0$, and $G(1, t) + 2G'(0, t) = 0$. Now

$$G(0, t) = A, \quad G(1, t) = A' + B', \quad G'(0, t) = B, \quad G'(1, t) = B'.$$

Applying the boundary condition $G(0, t) + G'(1, t) = 0$ gives $B' = -A$, and $G(1, t) + 2G'(0, t) = 0$ gives $A' = A - 2B$.

$$(A - 2B - Ax, \quad t < x \leq 1$$

iv). $G(x, t)$ as a function of x is continuous at all points and in particular at $x = t$. So

$$A + Bt = A - 2B - At \text{ or } B(t + 2) = -At.$$

Putting $B(t + 2) = -At = \rho$, we obtain $A = -(\rho/t)$, $B = \rho/(t + 2)$.

Therefore on substitution for constants, we have

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} -\rho/t + \rho x/(2 + t), & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ -\rho/t - 2\rho/(t + 2) + \rho x/t, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

v). Next the discontinuity condition $G'(t + 0, t) - G'(t - 0, t) = -1/p(t)$ yields $\rho/(2 + t) - \rho/t = 1$ wherefrom $\rho = -t(t + 2)/2$. Hence finally on substitution and simplification

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} -(tx + t + 2)/2, & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ -(tx + 2x - 3t - 2)/2, & t < x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Example 7

Find Green's function for the problem defined by the equations

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

Solution

Here $p(x) = 1$

i). To construct Green's function $G(x, t)$ we first check if $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue. In this case we have to solve the the DE $D^2u = 0$ subject to the same boundary conditions.

This gives $y = A + Bx$ and $y' = B$.

Now we apply the B.Cs. The B.C. $y'(0) = 0$ gives $B = 0$, and the B.C. $y(1) = 0$ gives $A + B \cdot 1 = 0$ i.e. $A = 0$.

Hence we obtain the trivial solution $u = 0$, which implies that $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue.

ii). Green's function $G(x, t)$ as a function of x satisfies the equation $G'' = 0$ in each of the subintervals $[0, t]$ and $(t, 1]$. Therefore we can write

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

(iii). $G(x, t)$ as a function of x satisfies the given B.Cs $G'(0, t) = 0$ and $G(1, t) = 0$.

Now the condition $G'(0, t) = 0$ gives $B = 0$, and the condition $G(1, t) = 0$ gives $A' + B' = 0$ i.e. $B' = -A'$.

Therefore we can write

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

(iv). $G(x, t)$ as a function of x is continuous at all points and in particular at $x = t$. This condition gives $A = A' - A't$. Hence

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

(v) The discontinuity condition

$$G'(t-0, t) - G'(t+0, t) = 1/p(t)$$

gives $0 + A' = 1$. Hence finally we have

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

1.4.3 Exercises

1. Verify the property

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} [G'(x, x+\epsilon) - G'(x, x-\epsilon)] = \frac{1}{p(x)}$$

(Green's functions where $p(x) = 1$ and prime denotes differentiation w.r.t. x , and the Green function is given by

$$G(x, x') = \begin{cases} x^3 x' / 2 + x x'^3 / 2 - 9 x x' / 5 + x, & 0 \leq x < x' \\ x^3 x' / 2 + x x'^3 / 2 - 9 x x' / 5 + x', & x' \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

2. Verify the property

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} [G'(x, x+\epsilon) - G'(x, x-\epsilon)] = \frac{1}{p(x)}$$

(Green's functions where $p(x) = 1 - x^2$ and prime denotes differentiation w.r.t. x , and the Green function is given by

$$G(x, x') = \begin{cases} (-1/2) \ln |1-x| |1+x'| + \log 2 - 1/2, & -1 \leq x < x' \\ (-1/2) \ln |1+x| |1-x'| + \log 2 - 1/2, & x' \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Find the solution of the I.V. problem using Green's function $y''(t) - y(t) =$ with B.Cs. $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$.

Find the solution of the B.V. problem using Green's function $y'' - y = x$ with B.Cs. $y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0$.

Find the solution of the B.V. problem using Green's function $y'' + y/4 = f(x)$ with B.Cs. $y(0) = 0, y(\pi) = 0$.

To solve the problem when $f(x) = \sin 2x$ and $f(x) = x/2. f(x) = \sin 2x$

Find the solution of the B.V. problem using Green's function $y'' = f(x)$ with B.Cs. $y(0) = 0, y'(1) = 0$.

To solve the problem when $f(x) = \sin 2x$ and $f(x) = x/2. f(x) = \sin 2x$

Find the solution of the B.V. problem using Green's function $y'' + y = \sin 2\pi x$ with B.Cs. $y(0) = 0, y'(1) = 0$.

5 Solution of the B.V. Problem with Inhomogeneous B.Cs.

5.1 Solution of S L system with homogeneous B.Cs.

We start with the equations

$$Ly = f(x) \tag{8.5.1}$$

$$Ly = \delta(x-t) \tag{8.5.2}$$

where $L \equiv (d/dx) \{p(x) d/dx\} + q(x)$.

Multiplying (8.5.1) with $G(x, t)$ and (8.5.2) with $y(x)$, and subtracting we obtain

$$GLy - yLG(x, t) = G(x, t)f(x) - \delta(x-t)y(x)$$

Now we integrate both sides of the last equation w.r.t. x from a to b , and obtain

$$\int_a^b [GLy - yLG(x, t)] dx = \int_a^b G(x, t)f(x) dx - \int_a^b \delta(x-t)y(x) dx \tag{8.5.3}$$

Next we simplify both sides of (8.5.3).

$$\text{L.H.S. of (3)} = \int_a^b [GLy - yLG(x, t)] dx$$

$$y(x) = \int_a^b f(t)G(x, t) dt - \beta p(b)G(x, b) + \alpha p(a)G'(x, a)$$

We illustrate the problems with inhomogeneous B.Cs. with examples in the next subsection.

5.4 Illustrative examples

Example 1

Solve the problem

$$y'' + y = f(x), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 0 \text{ using Green's function.}$$

Solution

First we will find the associated Green's function. Regarded as a function of x it satisfies the homogeneous DE $G''(x, t) + G(x, t) = 0$, where dash denotes derivative w.r.t. x . On solving the DE, we can write

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} c_1(t) \cos x + c_2(t) \sin x & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ c_3(t) \cos x + c_4(t) \sin x & t \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

The B.C. $G(0, t) = 0$ gives $c_1 = 0$ and the B.C. $G(1, t) = 0$ gives $c_3 \cos 1 + c_4 \sin 1 = 0$ wherefrom $c_4 = -(c_3/\sin 1) \sin(x - 1)$. Therefore we can write

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

Applying the continuity condition we obtain $A(t) \sin t = B(t) \sin(t - 1)$ or $A(t)/\sin(t - 1) = B(t)/\sin t = \lambda$, say. Because of this we obtain the symmetric form of $G(0, t)$ as

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

The discontinuity condition gives $\lambda = -1/\sin 1$. Therefore

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

Using the formula

$y = \int_0^1 G(x, t) f(t) dt$, we obtain the solution as

$$y(x) = \frac{\sin(x - 1)}{\sin 1} \int_0^x \sin t f(t) dt + \frac{\sin x}{\sin 1} \int_x^1 \sin(t - 1) f(t) dt$$

Example 2

Solve the problem

$y'' = x^2$, $y(0) = 1$, $y(1) = 2$ using associated Green's function.

Solution

The problem can be solved by first general solution $y = x^4/12 + c_1x + c_2$ through direct integration. The constants c_1 , c_2 can be determined with the help of B.Cs.

Here we will solve the problem to illustrate the use of Green's function. The associated Green function is found to be

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

The solution is given by [equation (8.5.6)]

$$y(x) = \int_a^b f(t)G(x, t) dt - [p(t) \{y(t)G'(x, t) - G(x, t)y'(t)\}] \Big|_a^b$$

Here $a = 0$, $b = 1$, $f(t) = t^2$, $p(t) = 1$, $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = 2$.

On substituting the value of $f(t)$ and of different constants, we have

$$y(x) = \int_0^1 t^2 G(x, t) dt - [y(1)G'(x, 1) - G(x, 1)y'(1)] + [y(0)G'(x, 0) - G(x, 0)y'(0)]$$

8.5.5 Exercises

8.6 Modified Green's Function

8.6.1 Why modified Green's function ?

When the solution of homogeneous B.V. problem associated with an S L system $L[y] = f(x)$, $B_1(y) = 0$, $B_2(y) = 0$

is nontrivial; or in other words when $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue of the SL system defined by

$$] + \lambda r(x)y = 0, \quad B_1(y) = 0, \quad B_2(y) = 0$$

then the associated Green's function is called *modified Green's function*. It cannot be constructed by the method used in the earlier examples.

The modified Green's function, to be denoted by $G_M(x, t)$, will exist if a certain solvability condition is satisfied by the source term $f(x)$. First we state this condition and then outline the method of its construction.

Let $y_0(x)$ be the nontrivial solution of the homogeneous problem

$$Ly = 0, \quad B_1(y_0) = 0, \quad B_2(y_0) = 0$$

then

$$\langle y, Ly_0 \rangle = \langle Ly, y_0 \rangle = \langle f, y_0 \rangle \text{ i.e. } \int_a^b f(x)y_0(x) dx = 0.$$

which is the solvability condition.

The above observations can be summarized in the form of a theorem.

Theorem (Fredholm's alternative for the S L system)

Either the problem $Ly = f(x), \quad B_1(y) = 0, \quad B_2(y) = 0$ has exactly one solution,

or there is a nontrivial solution of the corresponding homogeneous problem $Ly = 0, \quad B_1(y_0) = 0, \quad B_2(y_0) = 0$.

In the case of alternative (ii) a solution exists if and only if the solvability condition $\langle f, y_0 \rangle = 0$ is satisfied. The solution in this case will be undetermined up to a multiplicative constant. follows.

Method of constructing modified Green's function

Let $y_0(x)$ be the normalized eigenfunction corresponding to $\lambda = 0$. This means that

$$\langle y_0, y_0 \rangle = \int_a^b y_0(x)y_0(x) dx = 1$$

The modified Green function $G_M(x, t)$ satisfies the equation

$$L[G_M(x, t)] = y_0(x)y_0(t) \text{ in each of the subintervals } [a, t), (t, b].$$

$G_M(x, t)$, considered as a function of x , satisfies the B.Cs.

$$B_1[G_M(a, t)] = 0, \quad B_2[G_M(b, t)] = 0$$

(iv). $G_M(x, t)$ is continuous everywhere in the interval $[a, b]$, and in particular at $x = t$.

(v). The modified Green function satisfies the discontinuity condition

$$G'_M(t+0, t) - G'_M(t-0, t) = 1/p(t)$$

(vi). The modified Green function satisfies the orthogonality condition

$$\int_a^b G_M(x, t)y_0(x)dx = 0$$

The above conditions uniquely determine the modified Green function.

8.6.2 Illustrative examples

Example 1

Construct Green's function associated with the system

$$y'' + \lambda r(x)y = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0 = y'(1)$$

Solution

1. First we check if $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue.

$$\lambda = 0 \text{ which implies } y'' = 0, \quad y = Ax + B$$

Now we apply the B.Cs. The B.C. $u'(0) = 0$ gives $A = 0$. The other boundary condition does not yield additional information. Therefore $y = B$ is the (non-trivial) solution corresponding to the eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$.

Normalized eigenfunction is therefore $y_0(x) = 1$.

(ii). $G_M(x, t)$ satisfies the DE

$G''_M(x, t) = y_0(x)y_0(t)$ in each of the intervals $[0, t]$ and $(t, 1]$. On integration

$G''_M(x, t) = x + A$ and $G'_M(x, t) = (x^2/2) + Ax + B$. Therefore we can write

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 + Ax + B, & 0 \leq x < t \\ x^2/2 + A'x + B', & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(iii). $G_M(x, t)$ satisfies the B.Cs. $G'(0, t) = 0 = G'(1, t)$. On applying these conditions we obtain $A = 0, A' = -1$.

Therefore we can write

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 + B, & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ x^2/2 + A'x + B', & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$G_M(x, t)$ is continuous at each point of the interval, and in particular at $x = t$. This condition gives

$$t^2 + B = (1/2)t^2 - t + B' \text{ or } B' = B + t.$$

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 + B, & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ x^2/2 - x + B + t, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

The discontinuity condition does not help in determining the unknown constants.

Using the orthogonality condition $\int_0^1 G_M(x, t) y_0(x) dx = 0$,

we

$$\int_0^t [(1/2)x^2 - x + B] dx + \int_t^1 [(1/2)x^2 + B + t] dx = 0$$

$$((x^3/6) + Bx)|_0^t + ((x^3/6) - (x^2/2) + Bx + tx)|_t^1 = 0$$

$$-Bt + 1/6 - 1/2 + B + t - t^3/6 + t^2/2 - Bt - t^2 = 0$$

$$+ t - (t^2/2) + 1/6 - 1/2 = 0$$

$$+ (6t - 3t^2 + 1 - 3)/6 = 0 \text{ or } B = -t + t^2/2 + 1/3.$$

Finally after simplification

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 + t^2/2 - t + 1/3, & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ t^2/2 + x^2/2 - x + 1/3, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Example 2

Green's function associated with the problem

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

show that this is a periodic SL system.

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In this problem $a = 0$, $b = 1$, $p(x) = 1$.

(i) $\lambda = 0$ implies that $y'' = 0$ whose general solution is $y = Ax + B$.

Applying the B.C. $y(0) = y(1)$, we obtain $B = A + B$, which gives $A = 0$, and the solution reduces to $y = 0$.

Now the second boundary condition $y'(0) = y'(1)$ leads to $A = A$, which does not give any new information. So in general $B \neq 0$.

Therefore we obtain a nontrivial solution corresponding to $\lambda = 0$. We denote the normalized eigenfunction corresponding to $\lambda = 0$ by $y_0(x) = 1$.

(ii) The modified Green function $G_M(x, t)$ satisfies the equation

$G_M''(x, t) = u_0(x)u_0(t)$ in each of the subintervals $[0, t)$ and $(t, 1]$. Hence we can write

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 + Ax + B, & 0 \leq x < t \\ x^2/2 + A'x + B', & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(iii) $G_M(x, t)$ satisfies the given end-point conditions

$$G_M(0, t) = G_M(1, t), \quad G_M'(0, t) = G_M'(1, t)$$

These give $B = 1/2 + A' + B'$, $A = 1 + A'$. From these equations we obtain $B' = B - 1/2 - A'$, $A' = A - 1$. Substituting for A' we have $B' = B - A + 1/2$.

Therefore we can write

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 + Ax + B, & 0 < x < t \\ x^2/2 + (A - 1)x + B - A + 1/2, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(iv) $G_M(x, t)$ is continuous for all x and in particular at $x = t$. After simplification we obtain $A = 1/2 - t$ and

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 + (1/2 - t)x + B, & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ x^2/2 - (1/2 + t)x + t + B, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

The discontinuity condition does not help because when we take derivative of $G_M(x, t)$ the constant b disappears.

To determine B we use the orthogonality condition $\int_0^1 G_M(x, t)u_0(x) dx =$

$$\int_0^t \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x - tx + B \right) dx$$

$$+ \int_t^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - tx + B + t \right) dx = 0$$

$$/4 - t^3/2 + Bt + 1/6 - 1/4 - t/2 + B + t - t^3/6 + t^2/4 + t^3/2 - Bt - t^2 = 0$$

simplification $B = t^2/2 - t/2 + 1/12$

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/2 + (1/2 - t)x + t^2/2 - t/2 + 1/12, & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ x^2/2 - (1/2 + t)x + t/2 + t^2/2 + 1/2, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Example 3
 Green's functions for the following problem

$$y'' = 0, \quad y(-1) = y(1), \quad y'(-1) = y'(1)$$

(periodic SL system.)

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to construct Green's function we first check if $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue.

This implies $y'' = 0$, whose solution is given by $y = Ax + B$.

Now we apply the B.Cs. The B.C. $y(-1) = y(1)$ gives $A = 0$. The B.C. $y'(-1) = y'(1)$ also gives $A = 0$, which means that $B \neq 0$. Hence the homogeneous problem $y = B$, i.e. nontrivial solution.

$\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue, and the normalized eigenfunction over the interval $[-1, 1]$ is given by $y_0(x) = 1/\sqrt{2}$.

$G_M(x, t)$ satisfies the DE

$$G''_M(x, t) = y_0(t) y_0(x) = 1/2$$

on the intervals $[-1, t)$ and $(t, 1]$.

$$G'_M(x, t) = (1/2)x + A \text{ and therefore } G_M(x, t) = (1/4)x^2 + Ax + B.$$

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/4 + Ax + B, & -1 \leq x \leq t \end{cases}$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^2/4 + (A - 1)x + B - 2A + 1, \quad t < x \leq 1 \end{array} \right.$$

The continuity condition at $x = t$ gives $A = (1 - t)/2$. Hence on
tution

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/4 + x(1 - t)/2 + B, & -1 \leq x \leq t \\ x^2/4 - x(1 + t)/2 + B + t, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

The discontinuity condition does not help in finding the value of B' .

In order to determine B , we use the condition $\int_{-1}^{+1} G_M(x, t)y_0(x)dx = 0$
gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^t (x^2/4 + x/2 - xt/2 + B) dx \\ & + \int_1^t (x^2/4 - x/2 - xt/2 + B + t) dx = 0 \\ & [t^3/6 + x^2/4 - x^2 t/4 + Bx] \Big|_0^t \\ & + [x^3/12 - x^2/4 + x^2 t/4 + Bx + tx] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

n simplification

$t/2 + t + 2B - 1/3 = 0$ or $B = (3t^2 - 6t + 2)/12$. Hence finally

$$G_M(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2/4 + t^2/4 - xt/2 + x/2 - t/2 + 1/6, & -1 \leq x \leq t \\ x^2/4 + t^2/4 - xt/2 - x/2 - t/2 + 1/6, & t < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

ample 4

d Green's function associated with the problem

$$y'' + \lambda y = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0, \quad y(2) = 0$$

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s a regular SL system with $p(x) = 1$.

With $\lambda = 0$, the DE becomes $y'' = 0$ whose solution is $y = Ax + B$.

w we apply the B.Cs. The B.C. $y'(0) = 0$ gives $A = 0$, and the B.C.
) = 0 gives $2A + B = 0$ or $B = 0$.

nce $u = 0$ is the only solution of the homogeneous problem. Therefore $\lambda = 0$
not an eigenvalue.

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} Ax + B, & 0 \leq x \leq t \\ A'x + B', & t < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$G(x, t)$ satisfies the B.Cs. $G'(0, t) = 0$ and $G(2, t) = 0$.

First condition gives $A = 0$. The second gives $2A' + B' = 0$ or $B' = -2A'$.

we can write

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

$G(x, t)$ is continuous for all values of x , and in particular at $x = t$.
Therefore we have $B = A't - 2A'$. and

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

The discontinuity condition

$$G(t-0, t) - G'(t+0, t) = [1/p(t)] \text{ gives } 0 - A' = 1 \text{ or } A' = -1.$$

finally

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

Exercises

Find modified Green's function for the B.V. problem.

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) - y'(1) = 0$$

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^3t/2 + xt^3/2 - 9xt/5 + x, & 0 \leq x < t \\ x^3t/2 + xt^3/2 - 9xt/5 + t, & t \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Find Green's function for the B.V. problem.

$$y'' = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = 0$$

$$y'' = 0, \quad y(-1) = 0, \quad y(1) = 0$$

$$\text{Ans. (a) } G(x, t) = \begin{cases} x & x \leq t \\ t & x > t \end{cases}$$

$$G(x, t) = \begin{cases} -(t - x + xt - 1)/2, & x \leq t \\ -(x - t + xt - 1)/2, & x > t \end{cases}$$

Find Green's function for the BV problem.

$$y' = 0, \quad y(1) = 0, \quad |y(0)| < \infty.$$

Find Green's function for the BV problem.

$$y' - \mu^2 y/x = 0, \quad y(1) = 0, \quad |y(0)| < \infty.$$

Find Green's function for the BV problem.

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(-1) - y(1) = 0, \quad y(-1) - y'(1) = 0.$$

Construct Green's function for the problem:

$$y''/4 = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(1) = 0$$

$$\text{Ans. } G(x, t) = \begin{cases} \sin 2x, & x < t \\ \cos 2(1 - x), & x > t \end{cases}$$

Construct Green's function for the problem:

$$(xy')' = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(1) = 0$$

Construct Green's function for the problem:

$$y'' + y/4 = 0, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(1) = 0$$

$$\text{Ans. } G(x, t) = \begin{cases} \sin 2x, & x < t \\ \cos 2(1 - x), & x > t \end{cases}$$

Solve each problem.

$$y'' = f(x), \quad y'(0) = a, \quad y(1) = b$$

$$y'' - k^2 y = f(x), \quad y(0) - y'(0) = a, \quad y(1) = b$$

$$(xy')' = f(x), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y'(1) = b$$

Find Green's for the problem defined by the DE $y'' + k^2 y = 0$ subject to

$$\text{B.Cs: } y(0) = y(1), \quad y'(0) = y'(1).$$

Explain that it is not possible to find Green's function for the problem defined by the DE $y'' + k^2 y = 0$ subject to the B.Cs. $y(0) = y(1), y'(0) =$

(1).