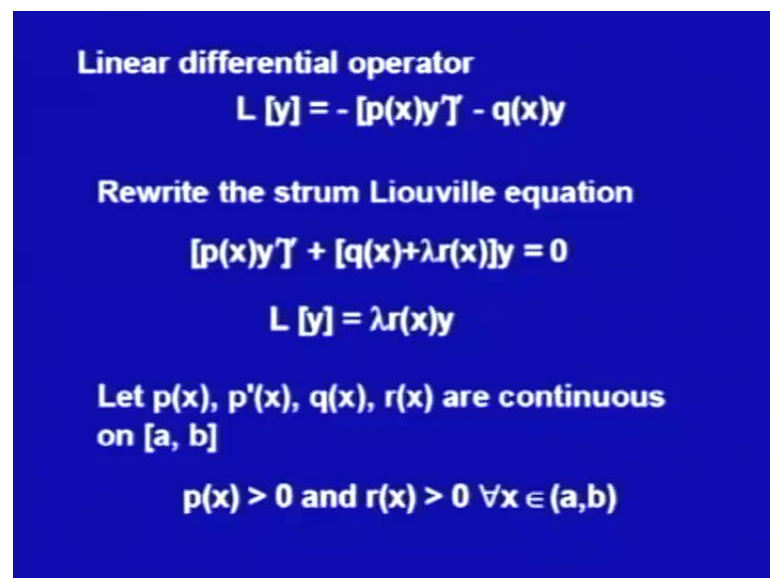


Mathematics - III
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Lecture - 10
Sturm Liouville Boundary Value Problems

Welcome to the lecture series on differential equations for under graduate students, today's lecture is in continuation of the Sturm Liouville Boundary Value Problems. In this lecture we will discuss the properties of Sturm Liouville Boundary Value Problems.

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Linear differential operator
$$L[y] = -[p(x)y'] - q(x)y$$

Rewrite the Sturm Liouville equation
$$[p(x)y'] + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y = 0$$

$$L[y] = \lambda r(x)y$$

Let $p(x)$, $p'(x)$, $q(x)$, $r(x)$ are continuous on $[a, b]$

$p(x) > 0$ and $r(x) > 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$

For properties let us, for convenience define a linear differential operator as $L y$ is equal to minus $p x y$ dash whole derivative minus $q x$ into y . Here this L is actually an operator which is when operate it on the function y gives me the derivative of $p x y$ dash with minus sign minus $q x$ times y . Now, we can rewrite the Sturm Liouville differential equation as $p x y$ dash whole derivative plus $q x + \lambda r x$ y is equal to 0 in the terms of this linear differential operator as $L y$ is equal to $\lambda r x$ times y .

Now, let us assume that these coefficients $p x$, $q x$, $r x$ they are all continuous as well as p dash x is also continuous on the whole interval $a b$ on this differential equation is being defined. Moreover, we would be assuming that the $p x$ and $r x$ to be positive on the whole interval that is for all x belonging to a and b .

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Properties of Sturm Liouville Problem

Lagrange's Identity

Let u and v be two functions on $a \leq x \leq b$ having continuous second derivatives on $a \leq x \leq b$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b L[u]v dx &= \int_a^b [-[pu']' - qu]v dx \\ &= \int_a^b [-[pu']'v - quv] dx \\ &= - \int_a^b (pu')'v dx - \int_a^b quv dx \end{aligned}$$

Then, an important property of the Sturm Liouville problem is known as Lagrange's identity. Let us first find it out that how we are obtaining it and what it is. Let u and v be two functions on interval a to b having continuous second derivatives on the whole interval a to b . Then we can write this integral $L[u]v$ integrated over x for the interval a to b , now since $L[u]$ is that is L is an operator which is operated on v , so just by the definition of that operator, we can write it as integral a to b minus $p u'$ dash whole dash minus $q u v$ dx . Now, rewrite it as minus $p u'$ dash its whole derivative v minus $q u v$ dx . Now, separating both the integrals we get minus a to b the derivative of $p u'$ dash into v integrated with respect to x minus integral of $q u v$ with respect to x on the limits a to b .

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= - \int_a^b (pu')v dx - \int_a^b quv dx \\
 &= -(pu')v \Big|_a^b + \int_a^b pu'v' dx - \int_a^b quv dx \\
 &= -pu'v \Big|_a^b + pu'v \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b u(pv)' dx - \int_a^b quv dx \\
 &= -p[u'v - uv'] \Big|_a^b + \int_a^b [-(pv)' - qv] u dx \\
 \Rightarrow \int_a^b L[u]v dx &= -p(x)[u'v - uv'] \Big|_a^b + \int_a^b L[v]u dx \\
 \Rightarrow \int_a^b (L[u]v - L[v]u) dx &= -p(x)[u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)] \Big|_a^b
 \end{aligned}$$

Green's identify (general on [a, b])

Now, if I integrate this first integral by part, we do get $p u'$, because I have taken this $p u'$ and its whole derivative as the integrable function and into v evaluated from a to b plus integral a to b $p u' v' dx$ and the second integral is as such integral $q u v dx$ from with respect to x on a to b .

Now, the first integral here again we are going to do by with the integral with parts and the taking first function as u' . So, what we will get the first thing as such $p u' v$ from evaluate from a to b plus $p u v' dx$ evaluate a to b minus integral $u p v'$ and its whole derivative integrated with respect to x on a to b minus the last integral as such $q v$ with respect to x on the interval a to b .

Now, again what we are getting is sub making this rewriting the first two lines $p u' v$ and $p u v'$ we can write $p v$ as common and we are getting it as $u' v$ minus $u v'$ evaluated from a to b plus this integral we are writing as one integral again. So, what we would get the derivative of $p v'$ with minus sign minus $q v$ and u has been taken common integrated with respect to x on the interval a to b .

Now, you see this is what we are getting is as the operator L operated on the function v . Lets write it in this next line, so what we are getting is we have started with the integral $L u v$ with respect to x on the interval a to b and we are getting it as minus $p x u' v$ minus $u v'$ evaluated from a to b plus a to b L of $v u$ integrated with respect to x . This says if I am taking this both operator one and integrals on the one side.

This simply says is integral a to b L u v minus L v u d x is same as minus p x u dash v x minus u x v dash x evaluated from a to b. Now, this in general is also known as green's identity and this we are evaluating on the general interval a to b.

Now, we are talking about the properties of Sturm Liouville problem, so not only Sturm Liouville differential equation, but also the boundary conditions. So, we have assumed that u and v are such that they are being operated on this Sturm Liouville or this linear operator. Now, let us assume that they are satisfying the boundary value conditions of Sturm Liouville problem.

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∴ Sturm Liouville problem satisfy boundary conditions, so u and v will satisfy

$$a_1 u(a) + a_2 u'(a) = 0, \quad b_1 u(b) + b_2 u'(b) = 0$$

$$\& a_1 v(a) + a_2 v'(a) = 0, \quad b_1 v(b) + b_2 v'(b) = 0$$

now let $a_2 \neq 0$ & $b_2 \neq 0$ then

$$u'(a) = -\frac{a_1}{a_2} u(a), \quad u'(b) = -\frac{b_1}{b_2} u(b)$$

$$v'(a) = -\frac{a_1}{a_2} v(a), \quad v'(b) = -\frac{b_1}{b_2} v(b)$$

So, what we do say, that says is $a_1 u(a) + a_2 u'(a)$ should be 0, $b_1 u(b) + b_2 u'(b)$ should be 0. And similarly, for v $a_1 v(a) + a_2 v'(a)$ should be 0 and $b_1 v(b) + b_2 v'(b)$ should be 0. Now here, we will assume that at least actually one of these a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 must not be 0. So, we are assuming that a_2 is not 0 and b_2 is not 0 that says is we can write $u'(a)$ and $v'(a)$ in the terms of u and v. Let us, see how $u'(a)$, from the first equation can be written as $-\frac{a_1}{a_2} u(a)$ and $u'(b)$ as $-\frac{b_1}{b_2} u(b)$. Similarly, $v'(a)$ as $-\frac{a_1}{a_2} v(a)$ and $v'(b)$ as $-\frac{b_1}{b_2} v(b)$.

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Thus in

$$\int_a^b (L[u]v - L[v]u) dx = -p(x)[u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)] \Big|_a^b$$

The RHS:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -p(x)[u'(x)v(x) - u(x)v'(x)] \Big|_a^b \\
 & = -p(b) [u'(b)v(b) - u(b)v'(b)] \\
 & \quad + p(a)[u'(a)v(a) - u(a)v'(a)] \\
 & = -p(b) \left[-\frac{b_1}{b_2} u(b)v(b) + \frac{b_1}{b_2} u(b)v(b) \right] \\
 & \quad + p(a) \left[-\frac{a_1}{a_2} u(a)v(a) + \frac{a_1}{a_2} u(a)v(a) \right] = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Now let us, come back to our u h green's property which says is that integral a to b L u v minus L v u d x is minus p x u dash x v x minus u x v dash x a to b. Now, the right hand side we are just write putting the values that is evaluation. So, it would be minus p b u dash b v b minus u b v dash b plus pa u dash a v a minus u a v dash a. Now, for u dash v dash at a and at b both places we will replace by the just now we had used that boundary conditions and from there the values that in the terms of u and v.

So, we can write as minus b 1 upon b 2 u b v b plus b 1 upon b 2 u b v b with multiplication as minus v b. And, the second term also p a minus a 1 upon a 2 u a v a plus a 1 upon a 2 u a v a. Now, we see the terms in the bracket both the terms in the bracket here, this is 0 as well as this is 0 this says is this whole right hand side will come out to be 0.

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Thus, Lagrange's Identity, says

If u and v are two functions on $a \leq x \leq b$ having continuous second derivatives on $a \leq x \leq b$. Then,

$$\int_a^b \{L[u]v - L[v]u\} dx = 0$$

$a_2 \neq 0$ & $b_2 \neq 0$,

Inner Product $\langle u, v \rangle = \int_a^b u \bar{v} dx$

then Lagrange's identity says

$$\langle L[u], v \rangle = \langle u, L[v] \rangle$$

Now what we have got, thus we summarise the Lagrange's identity says if u and v are two functions defined on the interval a to b having continuous second derivatives on the same interval a to b . Then, integral of $L[u]v$ minus $L[v]u$ with respect to x on the whole interval a to b would be equal to 0 when in the boundary condition a_2 and b_2 are not 0. So, we are talking about Sturm-Liouville boundary value problem that is the differential equation as well as the boundary conditions and in the boundary condition we are assuming that when a_2 and b_2 is not 0.

This thing we can also say in the terms of inner products, What are the inner products? Inner products we are defining as inner product u and v is defined as integral of $u \bar{v}$ with respect to x on the interval a to b . You see here in this one, we are having this \bar{v} , \bar{v} is we are assuming that u and v actually the complex functions and \bar{v} is nothing but the complex conjugate. So of course, when u and v are not complex they are real \bar{v} would be same as v , but notion of the inner product is defined in the terms of complex functions.

Now, let us rewrite this Lagrange's identity in the terms of this inner product, then what we are saying is inner product of $L[u]$ comma v is same as inner product of u comma $L[v]$ that is we can interchange this operator L and this is what Lagrange's identity is saying. Let us, see the implication of this Lagrange's identity on our Sturm-Liouville boundary value problems.

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Reality of eigen values

Theorem 1: All the eigen values of Sturm – Liouville problem $L[y] = \lambda r y$,

$a_1 y(a) + a_2 y'(a) = 0$, $b_1 y(b) + b_2 y'(b) = 0$

are real.

Proof: Let λ is a complex eigen value with eigen function $\phi(x)$, let $\lambda = \mu + i\nu$ and

$\phi(x) = U(x) + iV(x)$

where μ, ν, U and V are all real.

Applying Lagrange's identity on $u = v = \phi$

So, implication of Lagrange's identity the first implication is that reality of Eigen values what it is see, this is defined here as theorem all the Eigen values of Sturm Liouville problem $L y$ is equal to $\lambda r y$ with boundary conditions $a_1 y(a) + a_2 y'(a) = 0$, $b_1 y(b) + b_2 y'(b) = 0$ has are real.

So, how to show it we would be showing it using a Lagrange's identity see the proof, let λ is a complex Eigen value with Eigen function $\phi(x)$, here what we are assuming we are starting with that λ and ϕ both are complex that says is let λ is of the form $\mu + i\nu$. Now, what we would show we would show using the Lagrange's identity that this ν term that is ν is 0, so that we get λ is equal to μ that is only real one since we had assumed that λ and ϕ to be complex. So, ϕ also we are assuming of the form $U + iV(x)$.

Now, with μ, ν, U and V all we are assuming as real now applying this Lagrange's identity on U and V that in Lagrange's identity we are having inner product of $L u$ comma v is same as inner product of v comma $L u$ there u and v if I assume same as ϕ .

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we get

$$\langle L[\phi], \phi \rangle = \langle \phi, L[\phi] \rangle \Rightarrow \int_a^b L[\phi] \bar{\phi} dx = \int_a^b \phi \bar{L[\phi]} dx$$

ϕ is eigen function for λ hence $L[\phi] = \lambda r \phi$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b \lambda r \phi \bar{\phi} dx = \int_a^b \phi \bar{\lambda r \phi} dx$$

since r is real

$$\therefore (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) \int_a^b r \phi \bar{\phi} dx = 0 \Rightarrow i\nu \int_a^b r(U^2 + V^2) dx = 0$$

$\therefore r > 0, U^2 > 0, V^2 > 0$

$\Rightarrow \nu = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \mu \Rightarrow \lambda$ is real

Then, what we would get? We get the inner product of $L\phi$ comma ϕ is same as inner product of ϕ comma $L\phi$, let us expand it this says is integral a to b $L\phi \phi$ bar dx should be same as integral a to b ϕL bar ϕdx where bar is denoting the complex conjugate. Now, since this ϕ is Eigen function for λ , so $L\phi$ would be $\lambda r \phi$ and L . So, let us substitute it in this identity, what we get, $\lambda r \phi \phi$ bar dx is equal to integral a to b $\phi \lambda$ bar $r \phi$ bar dx . Because, $L\phi$ is $\lambda r \phi$ its complex conjugate we would get λ bar $r \phi$ bar.

Now, we are knowing is that Sturm Liouville problem r is real function. So, r bar would be same as r . Thus rewriting this and taking both the things on the one side we would get λ minus λ bar integral a to b $r \phi \phi$ bar dx is equal to 0.

Now, ϕ we had assume say of the form of u plus iv , so ϕ bar would be u minus iv , if you multiply both the I will get it as r times U square plus V square dx in the integral part and λ minus λ bar what it would be λ we had assumed as μ plus $i\nu$. So, λ bar would be μ minus $i\nu$ when we are taking this subtraction we would be getting as minus $2i\nu$.

And, that we would be plus and that two part we have taken as the 0 side. So, we would be getting this one. Now, you see here u and v were real function and r we had already assumed that it is a positive on the whole interval a to b . So, what we are having, r is

positive U square is positive and V square is positive, we are integrating a positive function on interval a to b finite interval.

Of course, this integral cannot be 0, so what would be 0 in this identity, that nu should be 0. If nu is 0 my lambda would be nu plus 0 that is mu only that is lambda is real, so we had got using this LaGrange's identity that my Eigen value of Sturm Liouville problems are real this is the first property. The second property is again related with this Eigen values and Eigen function that requires one more definition, that property is belonging to orthogonality.

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ORTHOGANLITY

Definition
Function y_1, y_2, \dots defined on some interval $[a, b]$ are called orthogonal on $[a, b]$ with respect to weight function $r(x) > 0$ if

$$\int_a^b r(x) y_n(x) \bar{y}_m(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{for } m \neq n$$

The norm of y_m

$$\|y_m\| = \left(\int_a^b r(x) y_m^2(x) dx \right)^{1/2}$$

Let us, first see the definition what we call orthogonality, functions y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n would be defined which are defined on some interval a to b are called orthogonal on a to b with respect to a weight function r x that weight function has to be positive. If the integral $\int_a^b r(x) y_n(x) \bar{y}_m(x) dx$ and a to b is 0 for all m not equal to n that is whenever we do have two different y_m and y_n . Then, y_m into \bar{y}_m multiplied with r x this if I integrate over the whole range a to b it should give me 0, then we are calling that the function y_n and y_m are orthogonal with respect to r on the interval a to b.

Also, we are defining one more term here that is called the norm of the function y_m , this we are denoting by the this notation $\|y_m\|$. This is defined as $\int_a^b r(x) y_m^2(x) dx$ integrated with respect to x on the whole interval a to b and its square root. So, this term is defined as the norm of y_m , one more from here if we take that norm of y_m is to be 1.

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Orthonormal

The functions are called orthonormal on $[a, b]$, if they are orthogonal on $[a, b]$ and all have norm 1

orthogonal with respect to $r(x) = 1$

functions y_1, y_2, \dots are orthogonal on some interval $[a, b]$

$$\int_a^b y_m(x) \bar{y}_n(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{for } m \neq n$$

The norm

$$\|y_m\| = \left(\int_a^b y_m^2(x) dx \right)^{1/2}$$

Then, we say the functions are called orthonormal on a b if they are orthogonal on a b again we are talking with respect to x and all have norm 1. So, if they are having norm one we are calling the functions to be normal and if they are normal and orthogonal we are calling them to be orthonormal.

Now, if $r(x)$ that is the weight function is one uniformly all over there, then what we say is that we are not saying orthogonal with respect to our orthonormal with respect to we simply say orthogonal and the definition is also revise, so see the revised definition. The functions y_1, y_2 are orthogonal on some interval a, b if $\int_a^b y_m(x) \bar{y}_n(x) dx$ that is with respect to x on the a, b is 0 for m not equal to n .

And, the norm now has been we defined as $\int_a^b y_m^2(x) dx$ with respect to x on a to b and its whole square root. So, we have taken r to be 1 and here we are not using that with respect to $r(x)$ as one that term we are deleting. So, now, before moving to the properties of Sturm-Liouville problem, let us first do one example to understand this orthogonality.

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Example

The functions $y_m(x) = \sin mx$, $m = 1, 2, \dots$ form an orthogonal set on interval $[-\pi, \pi]$

Solution

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin mx \sin nx dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m-n)x dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(m+n)x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(m-n)x}{(m-n)} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \frac{\sin(m+n)x}{(m+n)} \Big|_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0$$

The norm

$$\|y_m\|^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin^2 mx dx = \pi \Rightarrow \|y_m\| = \sqrt{\pi}$$

The functions sine $m x$ for m as integer 1 2 and so on form an orthogonal set on the interval minus pi to plus pi. We see that says is that we have to show that this $y_m x$ for m is equal to 1 2 3 and so on is orthogonal. So, integral minus pi to pi $\sin m x \sin n x$ with respect to x , now we do know $\sin m x \sin n x$ we can write as half $\cos m$ minus $n x$ minus half $\cos m$ plus $n x$, so we are substituting it and putting this in the integral and breaking it into two integrals. Now, integrating the both the integrals from minus pi to plus pi, we do get it that half $\sin m$ minus $n x$ d x upon m minus n evaluated from minus pi to plus pi minus $\sin m$ plus $n x$ upon m plus n minus pi to plus pi again evaluated.

Now, we see that m and n both are integers, so what we would be getting is that $\sin x$ with the multiple integer multiple here also $\sin x$ with n multiple as an integer and we do know that $\sin n \pi$ plus or minus is always 0, that we are getting is that is integral is 0. So, we have been through that $\sin m x \sin n x$ its integral from minus pi to plus pi d x is 0, so they are orthogonal. And of course, we are taking that m and n are not equal.

The norm more over we can find it out we see the norm of this function $y_m x$ that is minus pi to plus pi \sin square m d x . If you evaluate with the simple ones we do get is equal to pi, so the norm of this y_m that is $\sin m x$ is square root pi.

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ORTHOGONALITY OF EIGAN FUNCTIONS

Theorem 2:

Let ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are two eigan functions of strum – Liouville problem

$[p(x)y'] + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y = 0$ and

$a_1y(a) + a_2y'(a) = 0, \quad b_1y(b) + b_2y'(b) = 0,$

corresponding to the eigan values λ_1 and λ_2 respectively and if $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, then

$$\int_a^b r(x) \phi_1(x) \phi_2(x) dx = 0$$

Now let us, come to the property of strum Liouville boundary value problem, it says is orthogonality of Eigen functions, what is this property again, we are writing in the terms of theorem. Let phi 1 and phi 2 are 2 Eigen functions of strum Liouville problem $p(x)y' + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y = 0$. With boundary conditions $a_1y(a) + a_2y'(a) = 0$ $b_1y(b) + b_2y'(b) = 0$ with respect corresponding to the Eigen values λ_1 and λ_2 respectively.

That is, phi 1 is Eigen function for λ_1 and phi 2 is Eigen function for λ_2 . And, if λ_1 and λ_2 are not same then phi 1 and phi 2 are orthogonal or in other words a to b with respect to $r(x)$, this $r(x)$ is the same which is coming in the strum Liouville differential equation. That is, integral a to b $r(x) \phi_1(x) \phi_2(x) dx$ would be 0, when your λ_1 is not equal to λ_2 and phi 1 and phi 2 are corresponding Eigen functions.

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Proof:

Given that: $L[\phi_1] = \lambda_1 r \phi_1$ and $L[\phi_2] = \lambda_2 r \phi_2$

In Lagrange's identity using $u = \phi_1$ & $v = \phi_2$

$$\int_a^b L[\phi_1] \phi_2 dx = \int_a^b \phi_1 L[\phi_2] dx$$
$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b \lambda_1 r \phi_1 \phi_2 dx = \int_a^b \phi_1 \lambda_2 r \phi_2 dx \Rightarrow (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \int_a^b r \phi_1 \phi_2 dx = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b r(x) \phi_1(x) \phi_2(x) dx = 0 \quad \because \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

Thus ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are orthogonal with respect to $r(x)$.

Proof of this theorem, let us see again we would be using this LaGrange's identity you see. We are been given that lambda 1 and lambda 2 are Eigen values and phi 1 and phi 2 are Eigen functions that is Lphi 1 is equal to lambda 1 r phi 1 and L phi 2 is equal to lambda 2 r phi 2 that is lambda 1 phi 1 lambda 2 phi 2 will satisfy our strum liouville equation.

Now, again we are going to use the LaGrange's identity what we will use in LaGrange's identity the two functions u and v now we will take them as phi 1 and phi 2. Then, LaGrange's identity says that inner product of L phi 1 with phi 2 is same as inner product of phi 1 L phi 2. Now, substitute this L phi 1 as lambda 1 r phi 1 and L phi 2 as lambda 2 r phi 2 we are getting lambda 1 r phi 1 phi 2 d x is equal to phi 1 lambda 2 r phi 2 d x.

Now, rewriting this we get lambda 1 minus lambda 2 times integral r phi 1 phi 2 d x is equal to 0. Now, we are knowing is that we have taken lambda 1 and lambda 2 distinct that is lambda 1 minus lambda 2 is not 0 that says is that integral r phi 1 phi 2 with respect to x on the integral on the interval a to b would be 0 that says phi 1 and phi 2 are orthogonal. So, they are orthogonal with respect to r x.

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Legendre's Equation:

$$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + n(n+1)y = 0$$
$$\left[(1-x^2)y' \right]' + n(n+1)y = 0 \quad \lambda = n(n+1), r(x) = 1$$

Solution of this equation: $p_n(x)$

Legendre polynomials

$$\int_0^1 p_n p_m dx = 0 \text{ when } n \neq m$$

NOTE:
Similarly for Bessel's equation also, Bessel functions are orthogonal.

Now, let us see one more property or rather the use of this property you had already seen that Legendre equation, you had already done in the example this is actually Sturm Liouville differential equation.

Now, if we use the boundary conditions on 0 and 1, you had known that the solution of this equation one solution you had denoted it by as $p_n(x)$ and you called it Legendre polynomials. You had already proved that Legendre polynomials are orthogonal on the interval 0 1. Here, what I am not going to prove it here I am just telling you that you can see that because it is a Sturm Liouville differential equation using suitable boundary conditions, because, you are given they are the initial values.

You can show that this property can be find out from here also. Similarly you can, so this what you had already proved 0 to 1 integral $p_n p_m dx$ is 0, whenever n is not equal to m. Moreover, you had already done that is Bessel's equation is also a special form of the Sturm Liouville equation and its solution you call the Bessel's functions you had already proved that the Bessel's functions are orthogonal, again you can show them using this LaGrange's identity.

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Theorem 3:
The eigen values of the sturm – Liouville problem
 $[p(x)y']' + [q(x)+\lambda r(x)]y = 0$
 $a_1y(a) + a_2y'(a) = 0, \quad b_1y(b) + b_2y'(b) = 0$
are all simple, that is, to each eigen value there corresponds only one linearly independent eigen function. Further, the eigen values form an infinite sequence, and can be ordered according to the increasing magnitude so that
$$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots < \lambda_n < \dots$$

and $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Now let us come to one more property, the Eigen values of the sturm-Liouville problem $p(x)y'' + q(x)y + \lambda r(x)y = 0$ with boundary conditions $a_1y(a) + a_2y'(a) = 0$ and $b_1y(b) + b_2y'(b) = 0$. And, certainly all a_1, a_2 and b_1, b_2 should not be 0. They are simple that is to each Eigen value there as corresponds only one linearly independent Eigen function. Further, Eigen values form an infinite sequence and can be ordered according to the increasing magnitude. So, that we can write as $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots$ and so on.

Moreover as, n is increasing λ_n is also increasing infinitely, let us see, what this theorem is saying? This theorem is saying that phi sturm Liouville problem, it is all Eigen values are simple. You had understood the terms that simple you have got in the terms of roots and the corresponding solutions. So, multiple roots means is you are able to get two linearly independent solutions, so here what they are saying is all Eigen values are simple that is with respect to every Eigen value we will get only one linearly independent Eigen function. And moreover, one more thing we are saying that they are infinite many Eigen values for sturm Liouville problem and they can be ordered in the increasing magnitude.

That is we can rename that is the smallest as λ_1 then the λ_2 and so on and they can increase still infinite. The proof of this theorem we are not going to do because

it requires little bit mathematics which is beyond the course of this particular one. We would see that is so what we have learn the properties of strum Liouville problem.

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Summary

For Strum - Liouville problem

$$[p(x)y']' + q(x)y + \lambda r(x)y = 0 \quad \forall a < x < b$$
$$a_1 y(a) + a_2 y'(a) = 0, \quad b_1 y(b) + b_2 y'(b) = 0$$

- 1. Reality: All the eigen value of strum – Liouville problem are real.**
- 2. Orthogonality: If $\phi_1(x)$ and $\phi_2(x)$ are two eigen function of strum Liouville problem corresponding to the distinct eigen values λ_1 and λ_2 respectively, then**
$$\int_a^b r(x) \phi_1(x) \phi_2(x) dx = 0$$

Let me, summarise it again we had learn that is for strum-Liouville problem, the problem I am writing again on the interval a b with the boundary conditions at a and at b. First property we have done is reality that all the Eigen values of strum-Liouville problem are real, second property we had learn about orthogonality. That, if phi 1 and phi 2 are two Eigen functions corresponding to the distinct Eigen values then they are orthogonal with respect to r, the r is the function which we are getting in this strum-Liouville equation.

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3. Simplicity: The eigen values of Sturm – Liouville problem are all simple, i.e. to each eigen value, there corresponds only one linearly independent eigen function. Further, the eigen values form an infinite sequence, and can be ordered in increasing magnitude so that

$$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots < \lambda_n < \dots$$

$$\text{and } \lambda_n \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

The third property just now we have done, that is called the simplicity, the Eigen values of Sturm-Liouville problem are simple that is each Eigen value there corresponds only one linearly independent Eigen function. And, this Eigen values form an infinite sequence and can be ordered in increasing magnitude.

As this one moreover as n approaches to infinity λ_n also approaches to infinity that says they can go as large as possible. Because, we are saying here, so we have said here that is all Eigen values are simple and corresponds only one linearly independent solution. But, we have seen in our previous examples that we are getting thus linearly independent solution that we can always write general solution is c times that solution. So, this c that is multiplicative constant we are talking about little bit that one.

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Associated with the eigen value λ_n is a corresponding eigen function ϕ_n , determined upto a multiplicative constant.

It is often convenient to choose the arbitrary constant multiplying each eigen function so as to satisfy the condition of normality i.e

$$\int_a^b r(x) \phi_n^2(x) dx = 1, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Then the eigen function are said to form "orthonormal set"

So, associated with each Eigen value λ_n , there is corresponding Eigen function ϕ_n determined up to a multiplicative constant. It is often convenient to choose this constant such that it satisfy the condition of normality that is its norm is 1. So, that multiplicative constant many times we are choosing a particular value that is we are not talking about general solution, we have to talk about that particular solution and for that the constant we choose such that the function becomes normal.

Because, we already know the, for distinct Eigen values the Eigen functions are orthogonal, so we come as orthonormal set. So, normality means simply $\int_a^b r(x) \phi_n^2(x) dx$ should be 1. Let us, try one of our examples, so what we are saying is that we just want them to form a orthonormal set. So, let us repeat our examples which we have done in the boundary value problem and Sturm Liouville problem and see that is how we are obtaining them.

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Example

Determine the normalized eigen functions of the boundary value problem

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

Solution

The differential equation: $y'' + \lambda y = 0$

Characteristic equation: $m^2 + \lambda = 0$

Characteristic roots: $m = \pm i\sqrt{\lambda}$

The general solution:

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

Determine the normalized Eigen functions of the boundary value problem $y'' + \lambda y = 0$, $y(0) = 0$ and $y(1) = 0$. You remember that this example we have already done and we had already shown that here, this can be written as $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ and its derivative plus $\lambda y = 0$. So, we can write it as the p as 1 and q as 0 and λ is Eigen value and r as 1. So, this is again Sturm Liouville problem we want normalized Eigen functions.

Again, we will just try to solve it the complete here, because we had done it in the last lecture. So, the differential equation given is $y'' + \lambda y = 0$, the characteristic equation would be $m^2 + \lambda = 0$ giving me the characteristic roots as plus minus i root λ . So, the general solution would be $c_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$.

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The boundary conditions give:
 $y(0) = c_1 = 0, y(1) = c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$ for $c_2 \neq 0$
 $\Rightarrow \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = n\pi$
or $\lambda = n^2 \pi^2, n = 1, 2, \dots$

Hence the eigen values are
 $\lambda_1 = \pi^2, \lambda_2 = 4\pi^2, \dots, \lambda_n = n^2 \pi^2, \dots$

corresponding eigen function are
 $\phi_1 = k_1 \sin \pi x, \phi_2 = k_2 \sin 2\pi x, \dots,$
 $\phi_n = k_n \sin n\pi x, \dots$

Now, satisfying the boundary conditions would give me at $0 < x < 1$ is 0 at $x = 1$ $c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}$ is 0 , because c_1 is already 0 . So, for c_2 to be non 0 , so that we get nontrivial solution we require $\sin \sqrt{\lambda}$ should be 0 . This says $\sqrt{\lambda}$ should be of the form $n\pi$ or λ should be of the form $n^2 \pi^2$ for n integer $1, 2$ and so on.

So, what we have got our Eigen values at $\pi^2, 4\pi^2, n^2 \pi^2$ and so on and what is our Eigen function you see, $c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda}$. So, corresponding Eigen functions would be ϕ_1 as $k_1 \sin \pi x$ ϕ_2 as $k_2 \sin 2\pi x$. So, this c_2 I have changed as according to this λ_1 and λ_2 we are writing k_1 and k_2 and so on. Thus ϕ_n would be $k_n \sin n\pi x$, now we have to choose these k_n such that these functions ϕ_n are normal that is...

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given weight function $r(x) = 1$, so choose k_n

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 (k_n \sin n\pi x)^2 dx = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow k_n^2 \int_0^1 \sin^2 n\pi x dx = \frac{k_n^2}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - \cos 2n\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{2} k_n^2$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} k_n^2 = 1 \Rightarrow k_n^2 = 2 \Rightarrow k_n = \sqrt{2}$$

$\therefore \phi_n(x) = \sqrt{2} \sin n\pi x, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

are orthonormal eigen functions

Now, given the weight function $r(x) = 1$ we want to choose k_n , such that $\int_0^1 k_n \sin n\pi x$ whole square with respect integral with respect to x should be 1. Now, integrate this left hand side that is find out this integral, this says is this integral would be k_n square $\int_0^1 \sin^2 n\pi x dx$ which we could write as $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - \cos 2n\pi x) dx$ that is $\sin^2 n\pi x$ is written as $\frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2n\pi x)$. Now, integrated with respect to x on the range 0 to 1, we do get it to be half k_n square this integral you can do by yourself.

Thus, we get that half k_n square should be 1 or k_n square should be 2 or k_n should be square root 2. This value of square root 2 this will give us the normal values or normal functions, so our $\phi_n(x)$ should be of the form square root 2 $\sin n\pi x$ for n is equal to 1 2 3 and so on. We already know that they are orthogonal now we have substituted for this k_n as square root 2. So, they are normal as well. So, these $\phi_n(x)$ are forming the orthonormal Eigen functions or the set of orthonormal Eigen functions for this given boundary value problem which is our Sturm Liouville problem as well.

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Example

Determine the normalized eigen functions of the problem

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

Solution

The eigen values of this problem satisfy the equation

$$\sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} + \sqrt{\lambda_n} \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} = 0$$

and corresponding eigen functions are

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

Now let us, do one more example, determine the normalized Eigen function of the problem $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(1) + y(1) = 0$. So, we are getting again this Sturm Liouville problem we had already seen this example and we had found out that the Eigen function or Eigen values of this problem are those which are satisfying the equation $\sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} + \sqrt{\lambda_n} \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} = 0$, those λ_n are forming the Eigen values of this problem. And the corresponding Eigen functions also we had seen that were of the form $k_n \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$.

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$$\int_0^1 k_n^2 \sin^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n} x dx = 1$$
$$k_n^2 \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - \cos 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x) dx = k_n^2 \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{\sin 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{2\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \right) \Big|_0^1$$
$$= \frac{k_n^2}{2} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x - \sin 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{2\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \Big|_0^1$$
$$= \frac{k_n^2}{2} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_n} - \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n}}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}}$$

Now, we have to determine the normalized Eigen functions, that is we have to find out this k_n such that, $\int_0^1 k_n^2 \sin^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n} x \, dx = 1$. Now, this integrate this integral it says is $k_n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{1 - \cos 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{2} \, dx$, which is we can write as $k_n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{x - \frac{\sin 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{2\sqrt{\lambda_n}}}{2} \, dx$ that is the integral of this evaluated from 0 to 1. Now, if I rewrite this one we are getting $k_n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x - \sin 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{4\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \, dx$. Now, two we are taking common and this 1.

And, when we are putting the value of 1, we are getting is that is $k_n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x - \sin 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{4\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \, dx = 1$, because $\sin 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x$ we are writing as $2 \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} x \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$ and $\sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$ at $x=1$ is equal to 1 and at 0 because \sin is 0 is 0 and x at 0 is 0 we are getting 0 there.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{k_n^2}{2} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_n} - \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n}}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \\
 &= \frac{k_n^2}{2} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_n} + \sqrt{\lambda_n} \cos^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n}}{\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \\
 &\quad \because \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} + \sqrt{\lambda_n} \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} = 0 \\
 &= \frac{k_n^2}{2} (1 + \cos^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n})
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, this thing we can write as $k_n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x - \sin 2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{4\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \, dx = 1$ why since we do know that the λ_n are the Eigen functions which are satisfying this equation $\sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x + \sqrt{\lambda_n} \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} x = 0$. So, substituting $\sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$ as $-\sqrt{\lambda_n} \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$ we do get this one which says is that we are getting $k_n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda_n} x + \sqrt{\lambda_n} \cos^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{4\sqrt{\lambda_n}} \, dx = 1$.

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$$\frac{k_n^2}{2}(1 + \cos^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n}) = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow k_n = \left(\frac{2}{1 + \cos^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n}} \right)^{1/2}$$

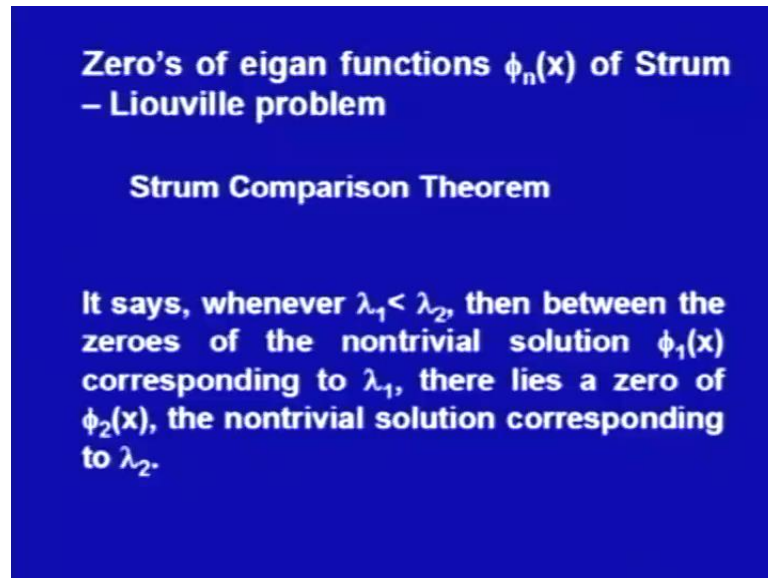
\therefore normalized eigen function are

$$\phi_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2} \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x}{(1 + \cos^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n})^{1/2}}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Now, we want that this has to be equal to 1, this says is my k_n square must be equal to 2 upon $1 + \cos^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n}$ and whole square root. So, what would be our normalized Eigen function, normalized Eigen functions are $\phi_n(x)$ is equal to $\sqrt{2} \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$ upon $(1 + \cos^2 \sqrt{\lambda_n})^{1/2}$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. They are forming orthonormal set.

Because, we had already shown that these problems are nothing but the Sturm Liouville problems and they are satisfying this condition that a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 are not 0. So, they are having that real Eigen values as well as that Eigen functions are orthogonal. And here, we are choosing these multiplicative constants such that we do get the norm as 1. So, this is also forming our normalized this 1.

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Zero's of eigen functions $\phi_n(x)$ of Sturm - Liouville problem

Sturm Comparison Theorem

It says, whenever $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$, then between the zeroes of the nontrivial solution $\phi_1(x)$ corresponding to λ_1 , there lies a zero of $\phi_2(x)$, the nontrivial solution corresponding to λ_2 .

Now, let us see one more result about the zeros of Eigen functions $\phi_n(x)$ of Sturm Liouville problem, what we mean by the zero? Zeros means is that where this $\phi_n(x)$ the function is 0 for which values of x I have be wherever it is crossing the x axis if I draw the graph of $\phi_n(x)$.

This is very interesting result and this is known as the Sturm comparison theorem, rather than giving you exactly what is the result here I would just give you some point or some part of it that what is Sturm comparison theorem. It says is that whenever λ_1 is less than λ_2 .

Then, between the zeros of nontrivial solution ϕ_1 corresponding to λ_1 , there lies a 0 of ϕ_2 , the nontrivial solution corresponding to λ_2 , what we are saying is, we had already find it out that Sturm Liouville problem has real Eigen values, its Eigen functions corresponding to the distinct Eigen values are orthogonal and they are simple.

Now, what we are saying is one more result we have got that they can be ordered also. Now here, if i take any two Eigen values such that λ_1 is less than λ_2 and their corresponding Eigen functions if we plot. Then, corresponding to the smaller Eigen value the Eigen function would have zeros and the zeros of the second Eigen function what certainly lie between them lets have this more nice explanation over here.

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Let Sturm – Liouville equation be

$$[p(x)y'(x)]' + [q(x) + \lambda r(x)]y = 0$$

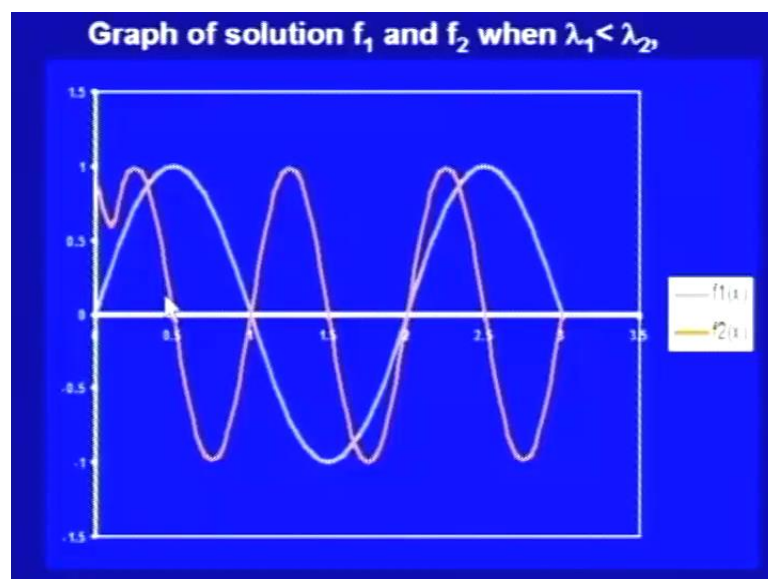
With boundary conditions:

$$a_1 y(a) + a_2 y'(a) = 0, \quad b_1 y(b) + b_2 y'(b) = 0$$

Graph of solution ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 when $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$,

Let the Sturm-Liouville equation be this as usual one, with our boundary conditions $a_1 y(a) + a_2 y'(a) = 0$ and $b_1 y(b) + b_2 y'(b) = 0$. And let us have that, some λ_1 and λ_2 are its two Eigen values and let us have corresponding Eigen functions as ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 . Then this theorem is saying is that ϕ_1 is the Eigen function corresponding to the smaller Eigen value and ϕ_2 is the Eigen function corresponding to the larger Eigen value.

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Then, you see that graph what it is saying is, it is simply telling us you see this lighter line this is corresponding to the larger or this smaller Eigen value we are having the 0 over here 0 over here 0 over here. And, you see this another coloured line this is for the graph of ϕ^2 that is corresponding to the larger Eigen value. You see its 0 is here that is between the zeros of these two similarly of course, the another 0 we are matching here.

Here, again we are getting the zeros of these function or these two and in between them there is a 0 of this, one that says is basically as we are increasing our Eigen values, because they can be ordered corresponding Eigen functions are giving as the zeros more nearly or we could get more kind of this kind of structure. Let us see with the help of one example of our this one also,

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Example

Let the Sturm – Liouville problem be
 $y'' + \lambda y = 0, y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0$

Then we know the general solution of this is

$y(x) = c_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x, \lambda > 0$

The boundary conditions give $y(0) = c_1 = 0,$
and for nontrivial solution $\phi_\lambda(x) \neq 0,$

we require $c_2 \neq 0$ in $c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = \pm n\pi$ or $\lambda = n^2 \pi^2, n = 1, 2, \dots$

Let our Sturm-Liouville problem as first one we have already discussed $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ $y(0) = 0$ and $y(1) = 0$. Then, we do know that general solution of this we had already done as $c_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$ $\lambda > 0$, because for this we do know that for λ positive only this has Eigen values. And, corresponding boundary conditions had given as nontrivial solution $\phi_\lambda(x) \neq 0$, as you see you do remember this just now we have done $c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$ or we do require $\sin \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$. This says $\sqrt{\lambda}$ should be of the form $\pm n\pi$ this is the Eigen value or $\lambda = n^2 \pi^2$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

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Thus, eigen value of given Boundary value problem are

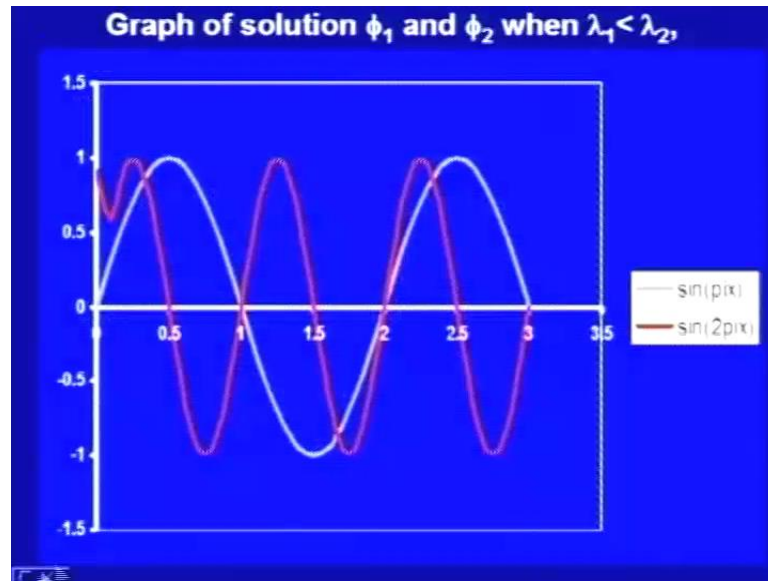
$$\lambda_n = n^2\pi^2, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$
$$\lambda_1 = \pi^2, \quad \lambda_2 = 2^2\pi^2 = 4\pi^2, \quad \lambda_3 = 9\pi^2$$
$$\therefore \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots$$

Corresponding eigen functions:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_n(x) &= k_n \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x \\ &= k_n \sin n\pi x\end{aligned}$$
$$\therefore \phi_1 = k_1 \sin \pi x, \quad \phi_2 = k_2 \sin 2\pi x, \dots,$$

So, Eigen values of the given boundary value problems are $n^2 \pi^2$ corresponding that is π^2 , $4\pi^2$ and so on. And, let us take we see that is how we had ordered them, π^2 is certainly smaller than $4\pi^2$ is certainly smaller than $9\pi^2$ and so on. So, we can order them. Corresponding Eigen functions, $k_n \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} x$ just now we had find it out, now let us take $\sqrt{\lambda_n}$ should be $n\pi$, so $k_n \sin n\pi x$. Let us take the first two Eigen values λ_1 and λ_2 , and the first two corresponding Eigen functions $k_1 \sin \pi x$ and $k_2 \sin 2\pi x$.

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Now, let us see the zeros of these two function in the graph, this is the graph of $\sin \pi x$ this is the graph of $\sin 2 \pi x$. Now, again you are seeing is $\sin \pi x$ means is that is I would be having the at x is equal to 0 at x is equal to 1 at x is equal to 2 that is $\sin n \pi$ is 0. Similarly, for $\sin 2 \pi x$ we do know certainly that it should be n is equal to 0, n is equal to half, n is equal to 1, n is equal to 3 by 2, because it is $2 n$. So, $2 n$ is integer or rather we do will get all those half values also we would be getting zeros. So, we would be getting of course, some points we are matching the zeros, but certainly between the 2 0es we are getting this one.

Basically, this result is saying is that as we are getting more higher Eigen values our corresponding Eigen functions will become more dense or the zeros would be more near on the real line we would have more alterations, this is all we do have for our strum Liouville boundary value problems.

So, today we had learnt properties of strum Liouville boundary value problem, the last lecture we had learnt boundary value problems. So, basically these two lectures of forming one unit for the boundary value, problems are more specifically we have done strum Liouville boundary value problems.

For this, we had learn that they are not as simple as the initial value problems we are not guaranteeing that is when they are going to have the solutions. So, we had generated

from there that is they are having Eigen values and Eigen functions or rather when they are having a solution non trivial solution we call them Eigen values and Eigen functions.

So, first we try to find out the Eigen values corresponding Eigen functions those are the solutions of the boundary value problem. And, for this we have done the special kind of equations those we called Sturm Liouville equations and there we had used the simple linear boundary values and we called in complete Sturm Liouville boundary value problems. We have learnt certain properties of these problems they are remaining in the real line that is all the solutions are existing on the real numbers itself, that is all for this one.

Thank you.