

Week 7 : Lecture 23 : Green's Functions
for 1D problem

→ Consider:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + Q(x)y = F(x)$$

Boundary Conditions:

$$y(a) = 0$$

$$y(b) = 0$$



Suppose we have y_1 & y_2
as solutions of the homogeneous
equation:

Choose them such that

$$y_1(a) = 0$$

$$y_2(b) = 0$$

Previously, we explained

that $G(x, x')$ obeys

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \int_x G(x, x') = \bar{\sigma}(x - x')$$

Now we will specify body conditions

$$\textcircled{2} \quad G(a, x') = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad G(b, x') = 0$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad G(x, a) = 0$$

* Continuity of $G(x, x')$:

$$\textcircled{5} \quad G(x, x') \text{ is continuous at } x = x'$$

* discontinuity of $\frac{dG}{dx}$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \frac{dG(x, x')}{dx} \text{ has a discontinuity at } x = x'$$

For $a < a'$:

$$\frac{d^2 G}{da^2} + P \frac{dG}{da} + QG = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow G(x, a') = A(a') y_1(x)$$

to ensure $G(b, a') = 0$

For $a > a'$:

you have homogeneous eq.

$$G(x, a') = B(a') y_2(x)$$

to ensure $G(b, a') = 0$

Continuity:

$$A(a') y_1(a') = B(a') y_2(a')$$

$$\frac{A(a')}{B(a')} = \frac{y_2(a')}{y_1(a')}$$

Discontinuity

$$\int_{x'-\epsilon}^{x'+\epsilon} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dG}{dx} \right) dx \rightarrow \int_{x'-\epsilon}^{x'+\epsilon} P(x) \frac{dG}{dx} dx$$
$$+ \int_{x'-\epsilon}^{x'+\epsilon} q(x) G dx$$
$$= \int \delta(x-x') dx$$
$$= 1$$

By continuity:

$$\int q G = 0 \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\int P(x) \frac{dG}{dx} dx = \int \frac{d(PG)}{dx} dx - \int G \frac{dP}{dx} dx$$
$$= [PG]_{x'-\epsilon}^{x'+\epsilon} - \int_{x'-\epsilon}^{x'+\epsilon} G \frac{dP}{dx} dx$$

by continuity of PG \rightarrow zero.

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dG}{dx} \right)_{x' \in E} - \left(\frac{dG}{dx} \right)_{x' \in F} = 1$$

$$\left. \frac{dG}{dx} \right| = A(x') y_1'(x')$$

$$\left. \frac{dG}{dx} \right| = B(x') y_2'(x')$$

$$\Rightarrow B(x') y_2'(x') - A(x') y_1'(x') = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow B y_2' - A y_1' = 1$$

$$A y_1 = B y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{A y_1}{y_2} \right) y_2' - A y_1' = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow A (y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1') = y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{y_2}{(y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1')} = \frac{y_2}{W(y_1, y_2)}$$

$$B = \frac{y_1}{W(y_1, y_2)}$$

$$A(x') = \frac{y_2(x')}{W(x')}$$

$$B(x') = \frac{y_1(x')}{W(x')}$$

$$W(x') = y_1(x')y_2'(x') - y_1'(x')y_2(x')$$

$$G(x, x') = \begin{cases} \frac{y_2(x')y_1(x)}{W(y_1(x'), y_2(x'))} & x < x' \\ \frac{y_1(x')y_2(x)}{W(y_1(x'), y_2(x'))} & x > x' \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) = \int_a^b G(x, x') F(x') dx'$$

$$= y_2(x) \int_a^b \frac{y_2(x') F(x')}{W(x')} dx'$$

$$+ y_1(x) \int_a^x \frac{y_1(x') F(x')}{W(x')} dx'$$

Example:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + y = \cos x.$$

in the interval: $[0, \pi/2]$

Boundary conditions: $y(0) = 0$
 $y(\pi/2) = 0$

Homogeneous of:

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -y$$

Sol: $\begin{cases} \cos x \\ \sin x \end{cases}$

$$y_1(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1(x) = \sin x$$

$$y_2(\pi/2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2(x) = \cos x.$$

$$y(x) =$$

Solutoe:

$$y(x) = y_1(x) \int_x^{\pi/2} \frac{y_2(x') F(x')}{W(x')} dx' + y_2(x) \int_0^x \frac{y_1(x') F(x')}{W(x')} dx'$$

$$W(x') = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2$$

$$= \sin x' \cdot (-\cos x') - (\cos x') \cos x'$$

$$= -1$$

$$y(x) = \sin x \cdot \int_x^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos(x')}{-1 \cdot \sin(x')} dx'$$

$$+ \cos x \int_0^x \frac{(\sin x')}{-1 \cdot \sin x'} dx'$$

$$= -\sin x \int_x^{\pi/2} \cot(x') dx'$$

$$+ \cos x \int_0^x dx'$$

$$\int \cot x \, dx$$

$$= \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \, dx$$

$$= \int \frac{+ \frac{d(\sin x)}{dx}}{\sin x} \, dx$$

$$= \int \frac{d}{dx} \ln(\sin x) \, dx$$

$$= \ln(\sin x)$$

$$\int y(x) = -\sin x \left[\ln(\sin x) \right]_a^{\pi/2}$$

$$- x \dots$$

$$= -\sin x \times 0 + \sin a \cdot \ln(\sin a)$$

$$- a \cos x$$

$$= \underbrace{(\sin x) \ln(\sin x)} - a \cos x$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$$

• String vibrating between
2 fixed points.

$$-y'' - \ddot{y} = F(x) e^{i\omega t}$$

Try $y(x, t) = u(x) e^{i\omega t}$

$$y'' = u'' e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\ddot{y} = -\omega^2 u e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\therefore -u'' e^{i\omega t} - \omega^2 u e^{i\omega t} = F(x) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{u'' + \omega^2 u = F(x)}$$

That is at equilibrium, we have \rightarrow

→ A Green's function problem

that comes up in
electrodynamics:

$$-k^2 G(t, t') - \frac{\partial^2 G(t, t')}{\partial t^2} = \delta(t - t')$$

$$G(t, t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{G}(\omega, t') e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

$$\tilde{G}(\omega, t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(t, t') e^{-i\omega t} \frac{dt}{2\pi}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{i\omega t} \left(k^2 \tilde{G}(\omega, t') + \omega^2 \tilde{G}(\omega, t') \right)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t} \delta(\omega - t') \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}$$

$$\therefore \tilde{G}(\omega, t') = \frac{e^{-i\omega t'}}{(\omega^2 - k^2)}$$

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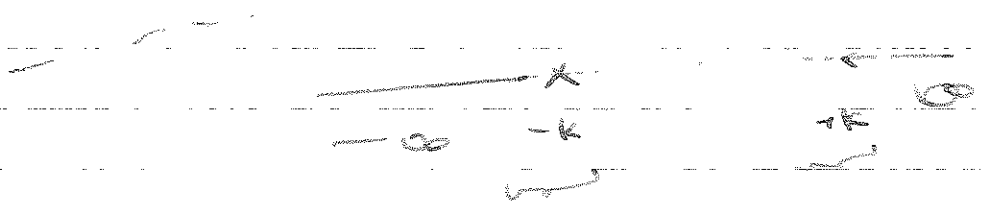
$$G(k, t')$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i\omega t'} \cdot e^{i\omega t}}{(\omega^2 - k^2)} d\omega$$



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integral over



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contour deformation



Diff. by conditions :

↪ effect at a time t
should come after
cause rather than before;