

Homework 12

Problem 1: Consider for $\lambda \gg 1$:

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

(a) Substitute $\phi = A(x) \exp\left[i\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz\right]$
Determine a differential equation for $A(x)$.

Answer:

$$\phi' = A' \exp[\dots] + A i\lambda^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2} \exp[\dots]$$

$$\phi'' = A'' \exp[\dots] + A' i\lambda^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2} \exp[\dots] + \cancel{A' i\lambda^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2}} \exp[\dots] + i\lambda^{1/2} A' \sigma^{1/2} \exp[\dots] + i\lambda^{1/2} A \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' \exp[\dots] + A i\lambda \sigma \exp[\dots]$$

$$= \left[A'' + 2i\lambda^{1/2} A' \sigma^{1/2} + \frac{i}{2} \lambda^{1/2} A \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' + A \lambda \sigma \right] \exp\left[i\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \left[A'' + 2i\lambda^{1/2} A' \sigma^{1/2} + \frac{i}{2} \lambda^{1/2} A \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' + A \lambda \sigma + qA \right] \exp\left[i\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz\right]$$

Therefore, the differential equation for A is:

$$A'' + 2i\lambda^{1/2} A' \sigma^{1/2} + \frac{i}{2} \lambda^{1/2} A \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' + qA = 0.$$

(b) Let $A(x) = A_0(x) + \lambda^{-1/2} A_1(x) + \dots$ Solve for $A_0(x)$ and $A_1(x)$.
 Verify equation (5.9.8) from the book.

Answer:

Substituting this (asymptotic) ansatz in the differential equation for A above, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & A_0'' + \lambda^{-1/2} A_1'' + \lambda^{-1} A_2'' + \dots \\
 & + 2i \lambda^{1/2} \sigma^{1/2} (A_0' + \lambda^{-1/2} A_1' + \lambda^{-1} A_2' + \dots) \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} \lambda^{1/2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' (A_0 + \lambda^{-1/2} A_1 + \lambda^{-1} A_2 + \dots) \\
 & + q (A_0 + \lambda^{-1/2} A_1 + \lambda^{-1} A_2 + \dots)
 \end{aligned}$$

Collecting terms in λ with the same power, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & \lambda^{+1/2} \left[2i \sigma^{1/2} A_0' + \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' A_0 \right] \\
 & + \lambda^0 \left[A_0'' + 2i \sigma^{1/2} A_1' + \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' A_1 + q A_0 \right] \\
 & + \lambda^{-1/2} \left[\cancel{A_0''} A_1'' + 2i \sigma^{1/2} A_2' + \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' A_2 + q A_1 \right] \\
 & + \dots \\
 & + \lambda^{-k/2} \left[A_k'' + 2i \sigma^{1/2} A_{k+1}' + \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' A_{k+1} + q A_k \right] \\
 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

We want to get a zero in that equation.
 We can proceed in an asymptotic way by first killing the leading order term. This is done if

$$2i\sigma^{1/2} A_0' + \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' A_0 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A_0' = -\frac{1}{4} \sigma^{-1} \sigma' A_0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{A_0'}{A_0} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\sigma'}{\sigma}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\log A_0)' = -\frac{1}{4} (\log \sigma)' \Leftrightarrow \log A_0 = -\frac{1}{4} \log \sigma + \text{const.}$$

Assuming the constant is zero (otherwise it will change the e-function by a multiple constant) we get

$$A_0 = e^{-\frac{1}{4} \log \sigma} = \sigma^{-1/4}$$

This verifies equation (5.9.8) for $\rho=1$.

With this choice of A_0 , the right hand side will be of order $O(1)$ at most.

We can kill that term by equating:

$$A_0'' + 2i\sigma^{1/2} A_1' + \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' A_1 + q A_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1' + \frac{1}{4} \sigma^{-1} \sigma' A_1 = \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} [A_0'' + q A_0]$$

where $A_0 = \sigma^{-1/4}$ is now known.

This is an equation for A_1 only!

We can use integrating factors to solve it:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (e^f A) = e^f [A' + f' A] \Rightarrow f' = \frac{1}{4} \sigma^{-1} \sigma' = \frac{1}{4} (\log \sigma)'$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{choose } f = \frac{1}{4} \log \sigma$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} (e^{\frac{1}{4} \log \sigma} A_1) = e^{\frac{1}{4} \log \sigma} (A_1' + \frac{1}{4} (\log \sigma)' A_1)$$

$$= \sigma^{1/4} \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} [A_0'' + q A_0]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^{1/4}(x) A_1(x) = \frac{i}{2} \int_0^x \sigma^{-1/4}(z) [A_0''(z) + q(z) A_0(z)] dz + \text{const.}$$

The constant of integration above can be determined using the boundary conditions.

(c) Suppose that $\phi(0) = 0$. Use A_1 to improve (5.9.9)

Answer:

With this boundary condition, the constant above is zero.

$$\Rightarrow A_1(x) = \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{1/4}(x) \int_0^x \sigma^{-1/4}(z) [A_0''(z) + q(z) A_0(z)] dz$$

$$\text{Let's define } B_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{1/4}(x) \int_0^x \sigma^{-1/4}(z) [A_0''(z) + q(z) A_0(z)] dz$$

\Rightarrow The eigenfunction $\phi(x)$ is now better approximated

as:

$$\phi(x) \approx (A_0(x) + i B_1(x) \lambda^{-1/2}) \exp \left[i \lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right]$$

Take linear combinations of real and imaginary parts:

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) = C_1 \left(A_0(x) \cos \left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right) - B_1(x) \lambda^{-1/2} \sin \left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right) \right) \\ + C_2 \left(A_0(x) \sin \left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right) + B_1(x) \lambda^{-1/2} \cos \left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \phi(0) = C_1 A_0(0) + C_2 \cdot B_1(0) \lambda^{-1/2} = C_1 \sigma^{-1/4}(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

Assume $C_2 = 1$ (multiplicative constants)

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x) = A_0(x) \sin \left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right) + B_1(x) \lambda^{-1/2} \cos \left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right)$$

$$= \sigma^{-1/4}(x) \sin \left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right) \\ + \lambda^{-1/2} \cos \left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^x \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz \right) \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{-1/4}(x) \int_0^x \sigma^{-1/4} [A_0''(z) + q(z)A_0(z)] dz$$

The first term coincides with equation (5.9.9) for the case $p=1$. The second term ~~is~~ improves the approximation by including this next order correction term.

We now know that the error is $O(\lambda^{-1})$ which decays to zero as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$.

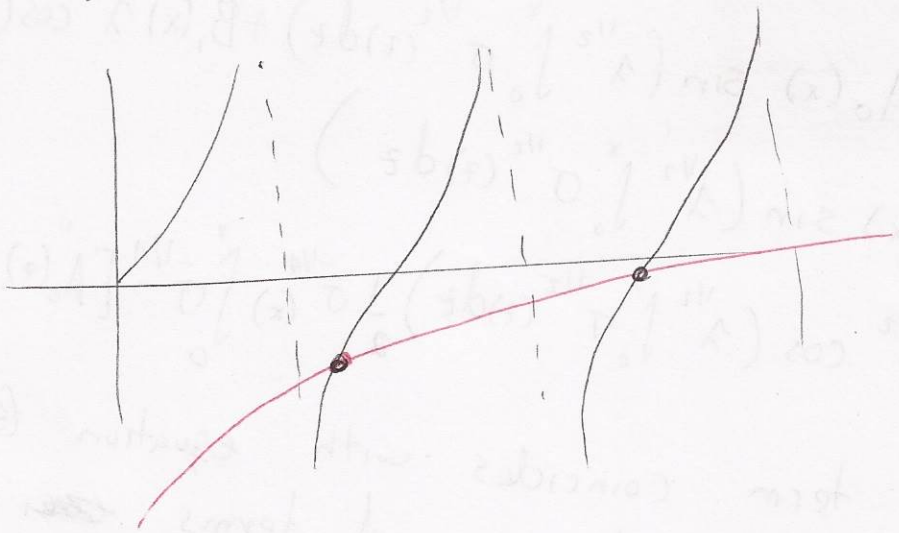
(d) Use part (c) to improve (5.9.10) if $\phi(L) = 0$.

Answer:

$$0 = \phi(L) = \sigma^{-1/4}(L) \sin\left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^L \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz\right) + B_1(L) \lambda^{-1/2} \cos\left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^L \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\left(\lambda^{1/2} \int_0^L \sigma^{1/2}(z) dz\right) = -B_1(L) \sigma^{1/4}(L) \lambda^{-1/2}$$

We need to solve for λ in this equation to improve λ . We can do it numerically.



(e) Obtain a recursion formula for $A_n(x)$

Answer: We can observe the pattern in part (b)

and get: $2i \sigma^{1/2} A_n' + \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/2} \sigma' A_n + A_{n-1}'' + q A_0 = 0$

whose solution is:

$$\sigma^{1/4}(x) A_n(x) = \frac{i}{2} \int_0^x \sigma^{-1/4}(z) [A_{n-1}''(z) + q(z) A_{n-1}(z)] dz + \text{const}$$

if $\phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0 \Rightarrow$ we get: $\text{const} = 0$ and

$$A_n(x) = \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{-1/4}(x) \int_0^x \sigma^{-1/4}(z) [A_{n-1}''(z) + q(z) A_{n-1}(z)] dz$$

Problem 2: Suppose that we didn't know equation (6.2.15) in the textbook, but thought it possible to approximate $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$ by an unknown linear combination of three function values, $f(x_0 - \Delta x)$, $f(x_0)$ and $f(x_0 + \Delta x)$:

$$\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}(x_0) \approx a f(x_0 - \Delta x) + b f(x_0) + c f(x_0 + \Delta x).$$

Determine $a, b,$ and c by expanding the right hand side in a Taylor series around x_0 and equating coefficients through $\frac{d^2f}{dx^2}$.

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2f}{dx^2}(x_0) &\approx a \left(f(x_0) - \Delta x f'(x_0) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x_0) + O(\Delta x^3) \right) \\ &\quad + b f(x_0) \\ &\quad + c \left(f(x_0) + f'(x_0) \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} f''(x_0) \Delta x^2 + O(\Delta x^3) \right) \\ &= (a+b+c) f(x_0) + f'(x_0) \Delta x \left(\frac{1}{2} c - a \right) + f''(x_0) \Delta x^2 \left(\frac{a+c}{2} \right) + O(\Delta x^3) \end{aligned}$$

Matching the terms in the Taylor expansion we get:

$$a + b + c = 0$$

$$c - a = 0$$

$$\Delta x^2 \left(\frac{a+c}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c = a, \text{ and } 1 = \Delta x^2 \cdot a \Rightarrow a = c = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$b = -a - c = -\frac{2}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } a = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$b = -\frac{2}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$c = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - 2f(x_0) + f(x_0 - \Delta x)}{\Delta x^2}$$

Problem 3:

(a) Show that the truncation error for our numerical scheme (6.3.3), becomes much smaller

$$\text{if } \frac{k \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Hint: u satisfies the partial differential equation in (6.3.1).

Answer: ~~Take~~ Assume u is an exact sol. to the heat eqn. The truncation error in our numerical scheme is:

$$E = \frac{u(x_0, t_0 + \Delta t) - u(x_0, t_0)}{\Delta t} - k \frac{u(x_0 + \Delta x, t_0) - 2u(x_0, t_0) + u(x_0 - \Delta x, t_0)}{\Delta x^2}$$

Taking the Taylor expansion and using the notation

$$u = u(x_0, t_0), \quad u_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x_0, t_0), \quad u_{tt} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(x_0, t_0), \quad \cancel{u_x} \quad u_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} u(x_0, t_0), \text{ etc.} \therefore$$

we get:

$$E = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[\cancel{u(x_0, t_0)} + \cancel{u_t} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \cancel{u_{tt}} \Delta t^2 + O(\Delta t^3) - \cancel{u(x_0, t_0)} \right]$$

$$- \frac{k}{\Delta x^2} \left[\cancel{u(x_0, t_0)} + \cancel{\Delta x} \cancel{u_x} + \cancel{u_{xx}} \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} + \cancel{u_{xxx}} \frac{\Delta x^3}{6} + \cancel{u_{xxxx}} \frac{\Delta x^4}{24} + O(\Delta x^5) \right]$$

$$- 2 \cancel{u(x_0, t_0)}$$

$$+ \cancel{u(x_0, t_0)} - \cancel{\Delta x} \cancel{u_x} + \cancel{u_{xx}} \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} - \cancel{u_{xxx}} \frac{\Delta x^3}{6} + \cancel{u_{xxxx}} \frac{\Delta x^4}{24} - O(\Delta x^5) \Big]$$

$$= \cancel{u_t} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t \cancel{u_{tt}} + O(\Delta t^2)$$

$$- k \cancel{u_{xx}} - k \Delta x^2 \frac{\cancel{u_{xxxx}}}{16} + O(\Delta x^4)$$

Since $u_t = k u_{xx}$, then $u_{tt} = k \partial_x^2 u_t = k^2 u_{xxxx}$ and

$$E = \frac{k^2}{2} \Delta t u_{xxxx} + O(\Delta t^2) - \frac{k \Delta x^2}{16} u_{xxxx} + O(\Delta x^4)$$

If $k \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{k^2 \Delta t}{2 \Delta x^2} = \frac{k}{16}$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{k}{16} \cancel{u_{xxxx}} + O(\Delta t^2) - \frac{k \Delta x^2}{16} \cancel{u_{xxxx}} + O(\Delta x^4)$$

$$= O(\Delta t^2) + O(\Delta x^4)$$

(b) If $\frac{k \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} = 1/6$, determine the order of magnitude of the truncation error.

Answer: Second order in time and fourth order in space.

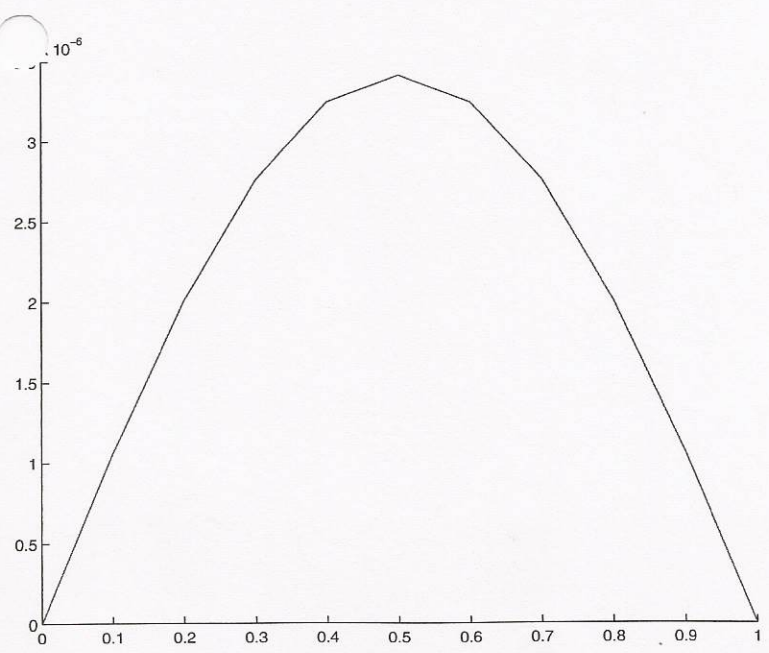
Problem 4: Numerically compute solutions to the heat equation with the temperature initially given in Fig. 6.3.4. Use (6.3.16) - (6.3.18) with $N=10$. Do for various s (discuss stability):
 $s=0.49, s=0.50, s=0.51, s=0.52$.

Answer:

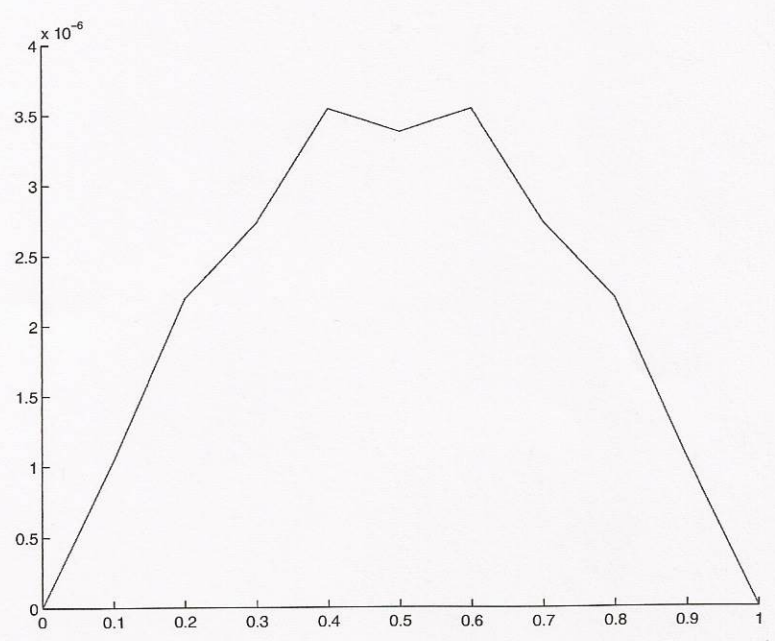
You can see the numerical results in the next page for $k=1, l=1, N=10$ and 0.25 as the height of the triangle.

If we pay attention to the scale, we see clear instabilities for $s=0.51$ and $s=0.52$.

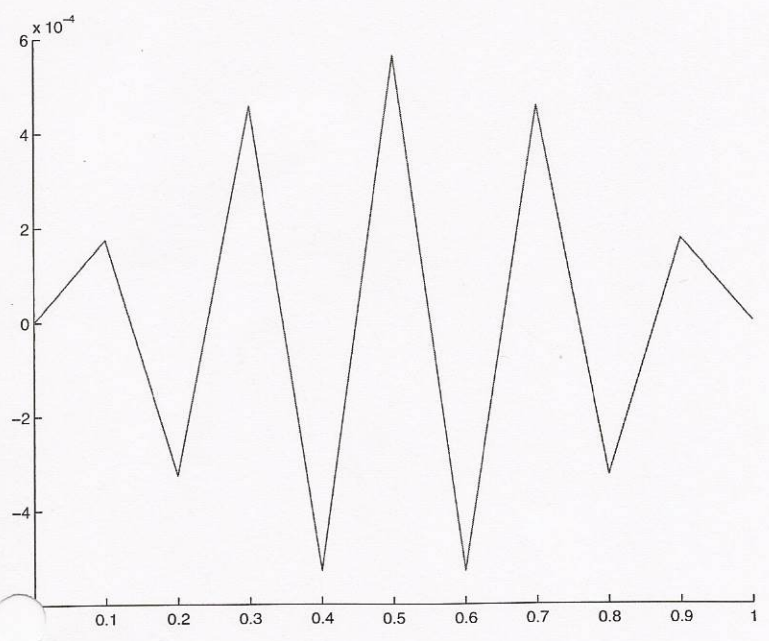
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