

Analogy with matrix theory

A : $n \times n$ real symmetric matrix

A has n real e-values and a complete set of orthogonal vectors

Let \vec{x} be a vector in \mathbb{R}^n . Define

$$f(\vec{x}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} : \text{Rayleigh quotient}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}^T = (x_1 \dots x_n)$$

Let \vec{x} be an e-vector of A with associated e-value λ : $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$

$$f(\vec{x}) = \frac{\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} = \lambda \quad \frac{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} = 1$$

$$\vec{x}: \text{e'vector} \Rightarrow \vec{x} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \vec{x}^T \vec{x} = \|\vec{x}\|^2 > 0 \neq 0$$

Hence $f(\vec{x}) = \lambda$ if λ, \vec{x} : e'value - e'vector pair

If α is an approximation of λ , then

$$A\vec{x} - \alpha\vec{x} \rightarrow \text{min}$$

Solve this problem using, say, the least squares method to find \vec{x} and λ (their approximations).

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More on finding e'values & e'vectors

Ex Consider vibrations of a non-uniform string with constant tension T_0 but variable density $\rho(x)$ w/o sources ($Q=0$).

$$\rho u_{tt} = T_0 u_{xx} \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0$$

$$u(x,0) = f(x), \quad u_t(x,0) = g(x)$$

Separation of variables: $u(x,t) = \phi(x) h(t)$

h-problem

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} + \lambda h = 0 \Rightarrow h(t) = C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} t + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} t$$

(assuming $\lambda > 0$)

we can show this by using PQ

ϕ -problem

$$T_0 \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + \lambda \rho(x) \phi = 0$$

$$\phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0$$

This is a regular S.-L. problem with

$$p = T_0, \quad q = 0, \quad r = \rho(x)$$

Rayleigh Quotient:

$$\lambda = \frac{-\cancel{p} \phi' \Big|_0^L + \int_0^L [p(\phi')^2 - \cancel{q} \phi^2] dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 r dx} \geq 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 \rho dx} \geq 0$$

> 0

$$\swarrow \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx = 0 \Rightarrow \phi' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \text{const} \quad \downarrow \Rightarrow \phi = 0 \quad \lambda = 0 \text{ is not an eigenvalue}$$

$$\phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0$$

$$\lambda > 0$$

λ_n : eigenvalues, $\lambda_n > 0$
 $\phi_n(x)$: associated eigenfunction

Then

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \sqrt{\lambda_n} t \cdot \phi_n(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos \sqrt{\lambda_n} t \cdot \phi_n(x)$$

ICs: $u(x,0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \phi_n(x)$

From orthogonality of $\{\phi_n(x)\}$:

$$b_n = \frac{\int_0^L f(x) \phi_n(x) \rho(x) dx}{\int_0^L \phi_n^2(x) \rho(x) dx}$$

$$u_T(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{a_n \sqrt{\lambda_n}}_{a_n} \phi_n(x) = g(x)$$

$$a_n \sqrt{\lambda_n} = \frac{\int_0^L g(x) \phi_n(x) \rho(x) dx}{\int_0^L \phi_n^2(x) \rho(x) dx}$$

Solve for a_n .

Let's find more information about e 's values using Rayleigh quotient.

$\sqrt{\lambda_1}$: lowest frequency

Assume $f_{\min} \leq f(x) \leq f_{\max}$

Multiply both sides by u^2 and integrate \int_0^L .

Here $u(x)$ is a continuous function that satisfies the same BCs: $u(0) = u(L) = 0$ as e 's functions $\phi(x)$.

$$f_{\min} \int_0^L u^2(x) dx \leq \int_0^L u^2(x) f(x) dx \leq f_{\max} \int_0^L u^2(x) dx$$

$$(1) \frac{1}{\int_0^L u^2(x) dx} \leq \frac{1}{\int_0^L u^2(x) p(x) dx} \leq \frac{1}{\int_0^L u^2(x) dx}$$

Minimization Principle:

$$\lambda_1 = \min_u RQ[u] = \min_u \frac{\int_0^L u^2 dx}{\int_0^L (p(u)')^2 - q(u^2) dx}$$

u : CTS functions

$$u(0) = u(L) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = \min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 \cdot p dx}$$

$f(x)$ does not depend on u , so we can use (1)

to write

$$\frac{T_0}{f_{\max}} \min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 dx}$$

$$\leq \lambda_1 = T_0 \min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 f(x) dx} \leq \frac{T_0}{f_{\min}} \min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 dx} \quad (2)$$

But

$$\min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 dx}$$

subject to BCs $u(0) = u(L) = 0$

can be computed as Rayleigh quotient for the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'' + \mu \phi &= 0 \\ \phi(0) = \phi(L) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$p=1, \quad g=0, \quad \delta=1$$

$$\therefore \mu_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\phi_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{and } \mu_1 = \min_x \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 dx}$$

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

Inequalities in (2) become

$$\frac{T_0}{f_{\max}} \mu_1 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \frac{T_0}{f_{\min}} \mu_1$$

$$\frac{T_0}{f_{\max}} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \frac{T_0}{f_{\min}} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

Then the fundamental frequency $\sqrt{A_1}$ is

$$\sqrt{\frac{T_0}{f_{max}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{L}} \leq \sqrt{A_1} \leq \sqrt{\frac{T_0}{f_{min}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{L}}$$

lower & upper bounds for the fundamental frequency $\sqrt{A_1}$

Ex Boundary conditions of the 3rd kind.

$$u_x = k u_{xx} \quad \text{or} \quad u_{xt} = c^2 u_{xt} \quad k, c: \text{const} \quad k \neq 0$$

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad u_x(L, t) = -k u(L, t)$$

Separation of variables:

$$u(x, t) = G(t) \Phi(x)$$

Time-problems:

$$\frac{dG}{dt} + \lambda k G = 0$$

for heat eqⁿ

$$\frac{d^2G}{dx^2} + \lambda c^2 G = 0$$

for wave eqⁿ

φ-problem (spatial problem)

This is a regular S.-L. problem

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + \lambda \phi = 0$$

w/ $p=1$, $q=0$, $\sigma=1$.

$$\phi'(L) = -\lambda \phi(L)$$

$$\phi(0) = 0,$$

$$\text{or } \phi'(L) + \lambda \phi(L) = 0$$