

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^{\delta/\varepsilon} du \left[ \frac{1}{1+u^2} + O\left(\frac{\varepsilon^2 u^4}{(1+u^2)^2}\right) \right] \quad \text{4.8.4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\delta}{\varepsilon}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon} \cdot \varepsilon^2\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{\delta/\varepsilon} + O\left(\frac{1}{(\delta/\varepsilon)^2}\right) \right] + O(\delta)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{\delta} + O\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\delta^2}\right) + O(\delta)$$

$\ll 1$  for  $\varepsilon^{1/2} \ll \delta \ll 1$

$$\therefore I = I_1 + I_2 = -1 + \frac{1}{\delta} + \frac{\pi}{2\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{\delta} + O\left(\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\delta^3}, \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta^2}, \delta\right)$$

$\ll 1$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2\varepsilon} - 1 + \dots \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

## 5. Matched Asymptotic Expansions

### 5.1 Singular Perturbations

Example  $\epsilon y'' + y' + y = 0 \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad y(0) = a, \quad y(1) = b.$

$\epsilon = 0$

$y' + y = 0$ . Hence  $y = Ae^{-x}$ , which cannot satisfy both boundary conditions in general.

This is a singular perturbation problem.

More generally suppose  $D_\epsilon$  is a differential operator that depends on a small parameter  $\epsilon$ , e.g.  $D_\epsilon = \epsilon d^2/dx^2 + d/dx + 1$ .

Then a differential equation  $D_\epsilon y = 0$  with boundary conditions is a singular perturbation problem if

the order of  $D_0 y$  is less than the order of  $D_\varepsilon y$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

[Since the solution of  $D_0 y$  cannot satisfy BCs in general].

Suppose  $D_\varepsilon = \varepsilon \frac{d^k}{dx^k} + \text{lower order derivatives}$ .

\* Over most of the range,  $\varepsilon \frac{d^k y}{dx^k}$  is small and  $y$  satisfies  $D_0 y = 0$  to good approximation.

\* In some regions, typically near boundaries,  $\varepsilon \frac{d^k y}{dx^k}$  is not small and  $y$  adjusts to satisfy BCs.

The usual procedure for finding a solution to a singular ODE problem is:

(\*) Determine the scaling in the boundary layers e.g.

$$x = \varepsilon \hat{x} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \varepsilon^{1/2} \hat{x}$$

(\*) Find the asymptotic expansions in the boundary layers ("inner" solutions) and outside the boundary layers ("outer" solutions).

(\*) Fix the constants of integration in these solutions by

- demanding the inner solutions satisfy the BCs
- "matching" - ensuring the expansion of the inner and outer solutions agree in an overlap region between them.

This is the method of Matched Asymptotic Expansions

Previous Example

$$\varepsilon y'' + y' + y = 0 \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad y(0) = a, \quad y(1) = b.$$

Left hand Boundary Scaling

Let  $x = \varepsilon^\alpha x_L$   $y(x) = y_L(x_L)$  with  $\alpha > 0$ .

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^\alpha} \frac{dy_L}{dx_L} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon^{1-2\alpha} \frac{d^2 y_L}{dx_L^2} + \varepsilon^{-\alpha} \frac{dy_L}{dx_L} + y_L = 0$$

Dominant balance  $1-2\alpha = -\alpha \quad \therefore \alpha = 1$ . Hence boundary layer has width of  $\text{ord}(\varepsilon)$ .

Right Hand Boundary Layer: Proceeds similarly with  $x = 1 + \varepsilon^\beta x_R$ ,  $y(x) = y_R(x_R)$ .  
One finds  $\beta = 1$ .

Develop asymptotic solution

(1) Away from boundary layers (outer region), expand  $y(x) \sim y_{\text{out},0}(x) + \varepsilon y_{\text{out},1}(x) + \dots$   
as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  with  $x, 1-x = \text{ord}(1)$

(2) Left Hand Boundary. Let  $x = \varepsilon x_L$  and expand

$$y(x) = y_L(x_L) \sim y_{L,0}(x_L) + \varepsilon y_{L,1}(x_L) + \dots \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ with } x_L = \text{ord}(1).$$

(3) Right hand boundary. Let  $x = 1 + \epsilon x_R$  and expand

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$$y(x) = y_R(x_R) \sim y_{R,0}(x_R) + \epsilon y_{R,1}(x_R) + \dots \quad \text{as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ with } -x_R \sim \text{ord}(1)$$

Left hand boundary layer

$$\frac{d^2 y_L}{dx_L^2} + \frac{dy_L}{dx_L} + \epsilon y_L = 0, \quad x_L > 0.$$

$$O(\epsilon^0) \quad \frac{d^2 y_{L,0}}{dx_L^2} + \frac{dy_{L,0}}{dx_L} = 0, \quad x_L > 0.$$

$$O(\epsilon^1) \quad \frac{d^2 y_{L,1}}{dx_L^2} + \frac{dy_{L,1}}{dx_L} + y_{L,0} = 0, \quad x_L > 0.$$

$$\therefore y_{L,0} = A_{L,0} + B_{L,0} e^{-x_L}$$

$$y_{L,1} = A_{L,1} + B_{L,1} e^{-x_L} + (B_{L,0} x_L e^{-x_L} - A_{L,0} x_L)$$

$$\text{BC } y_{L,0}(0) = a, \quad y_{L,1}(0) = 0 \quad \therefore A_{L,0} + B_{L,0} = a, \quad A_{L,1} + B_{L,1} = 0.$$

## Right hand boundary layer

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$$\frac{d^2 y_R}{dx_R^2} + \frac{dy_R}{dx_R} + \epsilon y_R = 0 \quad x_R < 0$$

As with left hand layer  $y_{R,0}(x_R) = A_{R,0} + B_{R,0} e^{-x_R} \quad (x_R < 0)$

$$y_{R,1}(x_R) = A_{R,1} + B_{R,1} e^{-x_R} + (B_{R,0} x_R e^{-x_R} - A_{R,0} x_R)$$

with  $A_{R,0} + B_{R,0} = b$ ,  $A_{R,1} + B_{R,1} = 0$

## Outer region

$$\epsilon \frac{d^2 y_{out}}{dx^2} + \frac{dy_{out}}{dx} + y_{out} = 0 \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$O(\epsilon^0)$

$$\frac{dy_{out,0}}{dx} + y_{out,0} = 0$$

$O(\epsilon^1)$

$$\frac{dy_{out,1}}{dx} + y_{out,1} = -\frac{d^2 y_{out,0}}{dx^2}$$

Solve

$$y_{out,0} = A_{out,0} e^{-x}$$

$$y_{out,1} = A_{out,1} e^{-x} - A_{out,0} x e^{-x}$$

Instead of applying BCs at  $x=0,1$ , we need to match with the left and right boundary layer solutions

Idea: There is an overlap, or intermediate, region where both expansions hold and therefore be equal. 5.7

Hence Introduce an intermediate scaling,  $x = \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}$  with  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Then with  $\hat{x} > 0$ ,  $\hat{x} = \text{ord}(1)$

$$x = \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} \rightarrow 0, \quad x_L = \varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$$

Matching requires expansions to be equal as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  with  $\hat{x} > 0$ ,  $\hat{x} = \text{ord}(1)$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad y_L(\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) \sim y_{\text{out}}(\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ with } \hat{x} > 0, \hat{x} = \text{ord}(1)$$

We have

$$y_L(\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) = A_{L,0} + \underbrace{B_{L,0} e^{-\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}}}_{\text{exponentially small}} + O(\varepsilon)$$

$$y_{\text{out}}(\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) = A_{\text{out},0} e^{-\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}} + O(\varepsilon) = A_{\text{out},0} (1 - \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + O(\varepsilon^{2\gamma})) + O(\varepsilon)$$

Same expansions

$$A_{L,0} = A_{out,0} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad y_{L,0}(\infty) = y_{out,0}(0)$$

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Matching outer and right hand boundary layer

Let  $x = 1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}$  with  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ , with  $\hat{x} < 0$  and  $\hat{x} = \text{ord}(1)$

$$y_R(x_R = \varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) = A_{R,0} + \underbrace{B_{R,0} e^{-\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}}}_{\substack{\text{exponential blow} \\ \text{up as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+}} + O(\varepsilon)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{out}(x = 1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) &= A_{out,0} e^{-(1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x})} + O(\varepsilon) \\ &= \frac{A_{out,0}}{e} (1 - \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + O(\varepsilon^{2\gamma})) + O(\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Same expansions:  $B_{R,0} = 0$ ,  $A_{out,0} = e A_{R,0}$

$$\therefore \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_{L,0} + B_{L,0} = a; \quad A_{R,0} + B_{R,0} = b \\ A_{L,0} = A_{out,0}; \quad B_{R,0} = 0; \quad A_{out,0} = e A_{R,0} \end{array} \right\} \therefore \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_{L,0} = eb; \quad A_{out,0} = eb \\ B_{L,0} = a - eb; \quad A_{R,0} = b; \quad B_{R,0} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\therefore y_{L,0}(x_L) = eb + (a - eb)e^{-x_L}; \quad y_{out,0}(x) = ebe^{-x}; \quad y_{R,0}(x_R) = b.$$

Agreement with exact solution

Exact solution is  $y(x) = A_+ e^{\lambda_- x} - A_- e^{\lambda_+ x}$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

with  $A_{\pm} = \frac{ae^{\lambda_{\pm}} - b}{e^{\lambda_+} - e^{\lambda_-}}$ ,  $\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4\varepsilon}}{2\varepsilon}$

Using expansions  $\lambda_+ = -1 + O(\varepsilon)$ ;  $\lambda_- = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + 1 + O(\varepsilon)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$

can show  $y(\varepsilon x_L) = y_{L,0}(x_L) + O(\varepsilon)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  with  $x_L > 0$ ,  $x_L = \text{ord}(1)$

$y(x) = y_{\text{out},0}(x) + O(\varepsilon)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  with  $0 < x < 1$  with  $x, 1-x = \text{ord}(1)$

$y(1+\varepsilon x_R) = y_{R,0}(x_R) + O(\varepsilon)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  with  $x_R < 0$ ,  $x_R = \text{ord}(1)$ .

Higher order Matching

Using the leading order solution, the first higher order solution is given by

$$y_{L,1}(x_L) = -ebx_L + (a-eb)x_L e^{-x_L} + A_{L,1} + B_{L,1} e^{-x_L}$$

$$y_{R,1}(x_R) = -bx_R + A_{R,1} + B_{R,1} e^{-x_R}$$

$$y_{\text{out},1}(x) = -ebx e^{-x} + A_{\text{out},1} e^{-x}$$

Recall BCs

$$y_{L,1}(0) = 0 \quad y_{R,1}(0) = 0 \quad \therefore A_{L,1} + B_{L,1} = A_{R,1} + B_{R,1} = 0$$

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Matching left hand boundary layer and outer region

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  with  $\hat{x} > 0$   $\hat{x} = \text{ord}(1)$  where  $x = \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} y_L(x_L = \varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) &= y_{L,0}(\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) + \varepsilon y_{L,1}(\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) + o(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= \left( eb + (a-eb)e^{-\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}} \right) + \varepsilon \left( -ebe^{\gamma-1} \hat{x} + (a-eb)\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x} e^{-\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + A_{L,1} + B_{L,1} e^{-\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}} \right) \\ &\quad + o(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= eb - ebe^\gamma \hat{x} + \varepsilon A_{L,1} + o(\varepsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{\text{out}}(x = \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) &= y_{\text{out},0}(\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) + \varepsilon y_{\text{out},1}(\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) + o(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= \underbrace{ebe^{-\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}}}_{(1-\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + o(\varepsilon^{2\gamma}))} + \varepsilon \left( -ebe^\gamma \hat{x} (1-\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + o(\varepsilon^{2\gamma})) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + A_{\text{out},1} (1-\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + o(\varepsilon^{2\gamma})) \right) + o(\varepsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore y_{\text{out}}(x = \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) = eb - eb\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + \varepsilon A_{\text{out},1} + o(\varepsilon^{1+\gamma}, \varepsilon^{2\gamma}, \varepsilon^2) \quad \boxed{5.11}$$

↑ need  $\gamma > 1/2$  to ensure  $\varepsilon^{2\gamma}$  term subleading compared to  $O(\varepsilon)$  term

Same expansions  $A_{L,1} = A_{\text{out},1}$

Note some terms jump order eg.  $-eb\varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}$  arises from  $y_{\text{out},0}$  even though it's higher order and arises from  $y_{\text{out},1}$  in the expansion of the outer

Matching Right hand boundary layer and outer

• As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  with  $\hat{x} < 0$ ,  $\hat{x} = \text{ord}(1)$ ,  $x_R = \varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} y_R(x_R = \varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) &= y_{R,0}(\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) + \varepsilon y_{R,1}(\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}) + o(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= b + \varepsilon(-b\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x} + A_{R,1} + B_{R,1} e^{-\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}}) + o(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= \underbrace{\varepsilon B_{R,1} e^{-\varepsilon^{\gamma-1} \hat{x}}}_{\text{Exponentially leading term}} + b - \varepsilon^\gamma b \hat{x} + \varepsilon A_{R,1} + o(\varepsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  with  $\hat{x} < 0$ ,  $\hat{x} = \text{ord}(1)$ ,  $x = 1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}$

$$y_{\text{out}}(x = 1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) = y_{\text{out},0}(1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) + \varepsilon y_{\text{out},1}(1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$= e b e^{-(1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x})} + \varepsilon \left( -e b (1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x}) e^{-(1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x})} + A_{\text{out},1} e^{-(1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x})} \right) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$= b(1 - \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + O(\varepsilon^{2\gamma}))$$

$$+ \varepsilon \left( -b(1 + \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x})(1 - \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + O(\varepsilon^{2\gamma})) + \frac{A_{\text{out},1}}{e} (1 - \varepsilon^\gamma \hat{x} + O(\varepsilon^{2\gamma})) \right) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$= b - \varepsilon^\gamma b \hat{x} - \varepsilon b + \varepsilon A_{\text{out},1}/e + O(\varepsilon^{2\gamma}, \varepsilon^{1+\gamma}, \varepsilon^2)$$

As before,  $\gamma > 1/2$ .

Same expansions:

$$\boxed{A_{R,1} = A_{\text{out},1}/e - b; B_{R,1} = 0}$$

Hence

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BCs} \\ \text{Matching} \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} A_{L,1} + B_{L,1} = A_{R,1} + B_{R,1} = 0 \\ A_{L,1} = A_{\text{out},1}; B_{R,1} = 0; A_{R,1} = A_{\text{out},1}/e - b \end{array} \right\} \therefore \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_{R,1} = B_{R,1} = 0 \\ A_{\text{out},1} = A_{L,1} = -B_{L,1} \\ = e b \end{array} \right\}$$

Thus  $y_{L,1}(x_L) = -ebx_L + (a-eb)x_L e^{-x_L} + eb(1-e^{-x_L})$

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$$y_{cut,1}(x) = -ebx e^{-x} + ebe^{-x}$$

$$y_{R,1}(x) = -bx_R.$$

Note  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} y_{cut}(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (ebe^{-x} + \varepsilon eb(1-x)e^{-x} + o(\varepsilon^2)) = b + o(\varepsilon^2)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y_{cut}(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ebe^{-x} + \varepsilon eb(1-x)e^{-x} + o(\varepsilon^2)) = eb + o(\varepsilon)$$

$\therefore y_{cut}(x)$  satisfies BC at  $x=1$ , at least to  $O(\varepsilon^2)$   $\therefore$  Boundary layer not required at  $x=1$ .

However  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y_{cut}(x) \neq a$   $\therefore$  Boundary layer at  $x=0$  required.

### Van Dyke's Matching Rule

- Using the intermediate variable  $\hat{x}$  yields long calculations
- Van Dyke's matching rule is quicker and usually works:

$$\underbrace{m \text{ terms inner } [(n \text{ terms outer})]} = \underbrace{n \text{ terms outer } [(m \text{ terms inner})]}$$

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$n$  terms in the outer expansion,  
written in terms of the inner variable  
and expanded to  $m^{\text{th}}$  order in the  
inner variable

$m$  terms in the inner expansion  
written in terms of the outer  
variable and expanded to  
 $n^{\text{th}}$  order in the outer variable

Example At the left hand boundary.  $y_L(x_L) = A_{L,0} + (a - A_{L,0})e^{-x_L} + O(\epsilon)$

$$y_{\text{out}}(x) = A_{\text{out},0} e^{-x} + O(\epsilon), \quad x = \epsilon x_L$$

LHS      1 term outer

$$= A_{\text{out},0} e^{-x}$$

$$= A_{\text{out},0} e^{-\epsilon x_L}$$

$$= A_{\text{out},0} (1 + O(\epsilon x_L))$$

RHS      1 term inner

$$= A_{L,0} + (a - A_{L,0})e^{-x_L}$$

$$= A_{L,0} + (a - A_{L,0})e^{-x/\epsilon} = A_{L,0} + \text{exponentially small}$$

$$\therefore A_{\text{out},0} = \text{1 term inner} [(\text{1 term outer})] = \text{1 term outer} [(\text{1 term inner})] = A_{L,0}$$

$$\therefore A_{L,0} = A_{\text{out},0} = eb$$

↑ using BC at  $x=1$ , noting there is  
no boundary layer there