

§ 2.4 (supplementary notes)

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Example
$$\begin{cases} y'' = f(x) & \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \\ y(0) = \alpha, & y(1) = \beta \end{cases}$$

OPTION 1 : DECOMPOSITION

Seek $u_1(x), u_2(x)$ s.t.
$$\begin{cases} u_1'' = f(x), & u_1(0) = 0 = u_1(1) \\ u_2'' = 0, & u_2(0) = \alpha, u_2(1) = \beta \end{cases}$$

so that $\begin{cases} u_1 \text{ solves the homog. BVP} \\ u_2 \text{ is a particular integral} \end{cases}$

It is straightforward to show that

$$u_1(x) = \sum \tilde{C}_k y_k(x) \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{C}_k = \frac{-\langle f, w_k \rangle}{\lambda_k \langle y_k, w_k \rangle}$$
$$= -\frac{2}{k^2 \pi^2} \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(k\pi x) dx$$

$$u_2(x) = \alpha + (\beta - \alpha)x$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{full solution: } y(x) = \sum_k \tilde{C}_k y_k(x) + \underbrace{\alpha + (\beta - \alpha)x}_{u_2(x)}$$

OPTION 2 : NO DECOMPOSITION

$$y(x) = \sum C_k y_k(x)$$

where (after some algebra)

$$C_k = \underbrace{-\frac{2}{k^2 \pi^2} \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(k\pi x) dx}_{\tilde{C}_k} + \frac{2}{k\pi} \left(\alpha - (-1)^k \beta \right)$$

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CLAIM : $u_2(x) = \alpha + (\beta - \alpha)x = \sum_k \frac{2}{k\pi} (\alpha - (-1)^k \beta) \sin(k\pi x)$
 $\underbrace{\sin(k\pi x)}_{y_k(x) = w_k(x)}$

Proof Let :

$$\alpha + (\beta - \alpha)x = \sum A_k \sin(k\pi x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{A_k \int_0^1 \sin^2(k\pi x) dx}_{=1/2} = \int_0^1 \{ \alpha + (\beta - \alpha)x \} \sin(k\pi x) dx$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{k\pi} [-\cos k\pi x]_0^1 + \frac{(\beta - \alpha)}{k\pi} [-x \cos k\pi x]_0^1$$

$$+ \frac{(\beta - \alpha)}{(k\pi)^2} [\sin k\pi x]_0^1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A_k}{2} = \frac{\alpha}{k\pi} (1 - (-1)^k) - \frac{(\beta - \alpha)}{k\pi} (-1)^k$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{A_k = \frac{2}{k\pi} (\alpha - (-1)^k \beta)}, \text{ as claimed.}$$