

Question

Use the method of matching to find the first terms in the outer and inner solutions of

$$\varepsilon y'' + y' = 1, \quad y(0) = \alpha, \quad y(1) = \beta.$$

given that a boundary layer of width $O(\varepsilon)$ exists near the origin. Hence write down the one-term composite expansion. Compare thus with the exact solution.

Answer

$$\varepsilon y'' + y' = 1, \quad y(0) = \alpha, \quad y(1) = \beta$$

Assume that the boundary layer exists near $x = 0$ of width $O(\varepsilon)$ ← This needs to be justified really but we follow lead from the question.

OUTER $y = y_0(x) + \varepsilon y_1(x) + O(\varepsilon^2)$

$$\varepsilon y_0'' + y_0' + \varepsilon y_1' = 1 + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

Balance at

$$O(\varepsilon^0) : y_0' = 1 \Rightarrow y_0 = x + A$$

Boundary data: only relevant one is $y(1) = \beta$. (0 is in the boundary layer).

$$\Rightarrow y_0(1) = \beta \text{ so } \underline{y_0 = \beta - 1 + x}$$

INNER

Assuming $O(\varepsilon)$ boundary layer near $x = 0$, set $X = \frac{x}{\varepsilon}$ as inner variable.

$$\partial_x = \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} \partial_X = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \partial_X \text{ etc. with } y(\varepsilon X; \varepsilon) = Y(X, \varepsilon)$$

Equation becomes:

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} Y''(X, \varepsilon) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} Y'(X, \varepsilon) = 1$$

Therefore $Y'' + Y' - \varepsilon = 0$ with $Y(0) = \alpha$

2nd order equation and only one boundary condition \Rightarrow matching is needed to find 2nd arbitrary const.

Try regular ansatz: $Y(X; \varepsilon) = Y_0(X) + \varepsilon Y_1(\varepsilon) + O(\varepsilon^2)$

$$O(\varepsilon^0) Y_0'' + Y_0' = 0; \quad Y_0(0) = \alpha$$

$\rightarrow Y_0(X) = A + C e^{-X}$ where A and C are arbitrary constants.

Therefore $\alpha = A + C$, can only find 1 constant. Pick A say.

$$A = \alpha - c$$

Therefore $Y_0(X) = (\alpha - c) + c e^{-X}$

Match up to get value of c using Van Dyke.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{One term outer expansion} &= \beta - 1 + x \\
\text{Rewritten in inner variable} &= \beta - 1 + \varepsilon x \\
\text{Expanded for } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ &= \beta - 1 + \varepsilon x \\
\text{One term } O(\varepsilon^0) &= \beta - 1 \quad (\star) \\
\text{One term inner expansion} &= \alpha - c + ce^{-X} \\
\text{Rewritten in outer variable} &= \alpha - c + ce^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} \\
\text{Expanded for } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ &= \alpha - c \\
&\quad + \text{exp. small term in } \varepsilon \\
\text{One term } O(\varepsilon^0) &= \alpha - c \quad (\star\star)
\end{aligned}$$

(\star) and ($\star\star$) must be equal:

$$\Rightarrow \beta - 1 + \alpha - c \text{ or } \underline{c = \alpha - \beta + 1}$$

Therefore outer 1-term is: $y(x; \varepsilon) = \beta - 1 + x$

Inner 1-term is $Y(X; \varepsilon) = (\alpha - \beta + 1)e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} + (\beta - 1)$

Composite is:

$$\begin{aligned}
y^{comp} &= y^{outer} + y^{inner} - \text{inner limit of } y^{outer} \\
&= \beta - 1 + x + (\alpha - \beta + 1)e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} + (\beta - 1) - (\beta - 1) + \dots \\
&= (\beta - 1) + x + (\alpha - \beta + 1)e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} + \dots, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+
\end{aligned}$$

Exact solution is given by $y = \underbrace{y^{CF}}_{(1)} + \underbrace{y^{PI}}_{(2)}$

(1) solves $\varepsilon y'' + y' = 0$

(2) PI of $\varepsilon y'' + y' = 1$ $y^{PI} = x$

After using boundary conditions we get

$$y = \frac{x + (\beta - 1) - \alpha e^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} + (\alpha - \beta + 1)e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}}}{1 - e^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}} \quad \underline{\text{exactly}}$$

so as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$, $e^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}$ is exp. small with respect to $e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}}$ $x \in [0, 1)$

so $y \sim x + (\beta - 1) + (x - \beta + 1)e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} + \text{exp. small terms}$ $\sqrt{\sqrt{\quad}}$