

Question

(More difficult) Consider the problem

$$\varepsilon y'' = y^2 = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y(1) = 1, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+.$$

Try to solve this when $0 \leq x \leq 1$ by using a regular perturbation scheme of the type

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

Show that it is not possible for this outer type of expansion to satisfy the boundary conditions at either end. Hence deduce that there must be a boundary layer near both $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

You are given that both boundary layers have a width of order $\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Determine one term of the inner solution near to the origin in the standard way. Repeat this for the second inner solution near to $x = 1$. Match the two inner expansions to the common outer expansion in the relevant regions.

Hint: The solution $Y'' - Y^2 = 0$ can be obtained by first reducing the order with the substitution $u = Y'$ (hence $Y'' = u' = \frac{du}{dY} \frac{dY}{dx} = u \frac{du}{dY}$), solving for u , and then resubstituting for Y in the resulting equation. Also use the fact that if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} Y = 0$ then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} Y' = 0$.

Answer

This is difficult: it has 2 boundary layers and $O(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}})$ width.

Given

$$\varepsilon y'' - y^2 = 0; \quad y(0) = 1, \quad y(1) = 1; \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$$

we try the usual ansatz anyway:

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

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon y_0'' - y_0^2 - 2\varepsilon y_0 y_1 = O(\varepsilon^2); \quad y_0(0) = 1, \quad y_0(1) = 0 \quad (r > 0)$$

$$\frac{O(\varepsilon^0)}{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow y_0 - 0 = 0 \quad \text{but } y_0(1) = 1 \text{ from boundary data.}$$

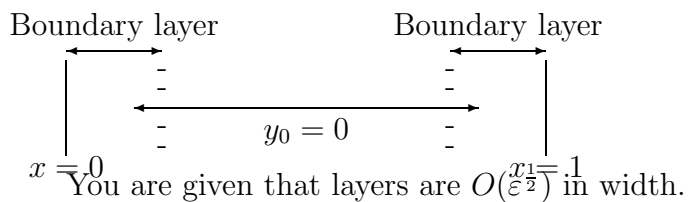
Therefore inconsistency.

Hence usual ansatz can't work at $x = 0$.

Equally, if we think of using ansatz at $x = 1$ we run into the same problem:

$$y_0 = 0 \quad \text{by } y_0(0) = 1.$$

Hence we must have a boundary layer at both ends:



Near $x = 0$

Try inner variable $X = \frac{x}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_x = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \partial_X$$

and use ansatz $y(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}X; \varepsilon) = Y(X; \varepsilon)$

$$Y(X; \varepsilon) = Y_0(X) + \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}Y_1(X) + O(\varepsilon)$$

Substitute into equation:

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}Y_0'' - \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}Y_1''(X) - Y_0^2 - 2\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}Y_0Y_1 = 0$$

$$Y_0'' - Y_0^2 = O(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

Boundary data: only $x = 0$ is relevant and we get $y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow Y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$Y_0(0) = 1, Y_{r>0}(0) = 0$$

Therefore $O(\varepsilon^0)$

$$Y_0'' - Y_0^2 = 0; Y_0(0) = 1$$

Again 2nd order equation. 1 boundary condition \Rightarrow matching.

Solve this by setting $\left. \begin{array}{l} u = Y_0' \\ u' = Y_0'' \end{array} \right\}$ by hint of question

$$u = \frac{dY_0}{dX} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2Y_0}{dX^2} = \frac{du}{dX} = \frac{du}{dY_0} \times \frac{dY_0}{dX} = \frac{du}{dY_0} Y_0' = u \frac{du}{dY_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u \frac{du}{dY_0} - Y_0^2 &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow \int u du &= \int Y_0^2 dY_0 \\
\frac{u^2}{2} &= \frac{Y_0^3}{3} + \text{const} \\
\text{Therefore} \quad \text{or } \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dY_0}{dX} \right)^2 &= \frac{Y_0^3}{3} + c \\
\text{or } \frac{dY_0}{dX} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} Y_0^3 + 2c} \quad (\star)
\end{aligned}$$

This is tricky to solve unless we start imposing boundary conditions. We know $Y_0(0) = 1$ but this doesn't tell us about $\frac{dY_0}{dX}$. Clearly though if things are to match up, we must have at leading order.

$$Y_0 \rightarrow y_0 = 0 \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$$

i.e., as $X \rightarrow +\infty$ in the outer (middle) region

Therefore $\lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} Y_0 = 0$.

Thus if $\lim_{X \rightarrow +\infty} Y_0 = 0$ the curve $Y_0(X)$ must flatten.

So $Y_0' \rightarrow 0$ as $X \rightarrow +\infty$

Therefore $0 = \pm \sqrt{0 + 2c}$ as $X \rightarrow +\infty$ from (\star) .

$$\text{Hence } \frac{dY_0}{dX} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} Y_0^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

which is variables separable

$$\begin{aligned}
\int Y_0^{-\frac{3}{2}} dY_0 &= \pm \int \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} dX \\
-2Y_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} + D &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} X
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can use the actual boundary condition: $Y_0(0) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= D - 2 \Rightarrow D = 2 \\
\text{Therefore } 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{Y_0}} &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} X \\
\Rightarrow Y_0 &= \frac{1}{(1 \mp \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}} X)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Now, if we don't want a singularity for finite X , the - sign must be discarded.

Hence

$$Y_0 = \frac{1}{(1 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}X)^2}$$

Near $x = 1$:

To determine the inner expansion.

Near $x = 1$ we use

layer near $x = 1$

$$z = \frac{\overbrace{1-x}}{\underbrace{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}}, \text{ say}$$

since $O(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}})$ width is given to you

$$\text{Therefore } \partial_x = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \partial_z = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \partial_z$$

$$\text{and } y(1 - \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}z; \varepsilon) = \bar{Y}(z; \varepsilon)$$

$$\text{and } \bar{Y}(z; \varepsilon) = \bar{Y}_0(z) + \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}\bar{Y}_1(z) + O(\varepsilon)$$

Equation becomes:

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{(-\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}})} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{Y}}{\partial z^2} - \bar{Y}^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \bar{Y}}{\partial z^2} - \bar{Y}^2 = 0$$

$$\text{so } \bar{Y}_0^2 - \bar{Y}_0^2 = O(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

This is the same equation as at $x = 0$ so we expect a solution

$$\frac{d\bar{Y}_0}{dz} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}\bar{Y}_0^3 + \bar{c}}$$

Again since $y(1) = 1$ ($x = 1 \Rightarrow z = 0$) $\Rightarrow \bar{Y}_0(0) = 1$

and since \bar{Y}_0 must match onto $y_0 = 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow +\infty$

i.e., as $z \rightarrow +\infty$

Therefore we also have $\bar{Y}_0' \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow +\infty$ as before. Hence we get an identical solution:

$$\bar{Y}_0 = \frac{1}{(1 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}z)^2}$$

(negative sign discarded to avoid singularity at finite z)

Rewrite in original variables and summarise:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y \sim \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\frac{x}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}})}, \quad x = o(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ y \sim 0, \quad o(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}) < x < O(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ y \sim \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\frac{(1-x)}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}})^2}, \quad x - 1 = O(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}) \end{array} \right.$$

Solution
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