

Question

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

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

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

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

Boundary layer of $O(\varepsilon)$ exists at origin

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

Substitute into equations:

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

Balance at

$O(\varepsilon^0)$: $+y_0' + y_0 = 0 \Rightarrow y_0 = Ae^{-x}$

Boundary condition: $y_0(0) = 1$ (Note in outer region. Therefore irrelevant),

$y_0(1) = 1$ (Only this one is relevant)

$\Rightarrow y_0 = e^{-x+1}$

INNER

Given boundary layers is $O(\varepsilon)$.

Use inner variable $X = \frac{x}{\varepsilon}$: $\partial_x = \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} \partial_X = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \partial_X$ and set $y(\varepsilon x; \varepsilon) = Y(X; \varepsilon)$

Equation becomes:

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} Y'' + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} Y' + Y = 0, \quad Y(0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow Y'' + Y' + \varepsilon Y = 0, \quad Y(0) = 1$$

2nd order equation and only one boundary condition \Rightarrow matching is needed.

Try regular ansatz: $Y(X; \varepsilon) = Y_0(X) + \varepsilon Y_1(X) + \varepsilon^2 Y_2(X) + O(\varepsilon^3)$

$$\Rightarrow Y_0'' + \varepsilon Y_1'' + Y_0' - \varepsilon Y_1' + \varepsilon Y_0 + (\varepsilon^2 Y_1) = O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$Y_0'' + Y_0' = 0; Y_0(0) = 1$$

$O(\varepsilon^0)$: $\Rightarrow Y_0' + Y_0 = \text{const} = A$ say

$$\Rightarrow Y_0 = +A + Ce^{-x} \text{ where } A \text{ and } C \text{ are arbitrary constants}$$

Use 1 boundary condition $Y_0(0) = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = A + C$,

only one constant can be determined, say $A = 1 - C$

Therefore $Y_0 = (1 - C) + Ce^{-X}$

Match up to get value of C using Van Dyke.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{One term outer expansion} &= e^{1-x} \\
\text{Rewritten in inner variable} &= e^{1-\varepsilon X} \\
\text{Expanded for small } \varepsilon &= e(1 - \varepsilon x + O(\varepsilon^2)) \\
\text{One term } O(\varepsilon^0) &= e + O(\varepsilon) \quad (\star) \\
\text{One term inner expansion} &= -(c-1) + ce^{-X} \\
\text{Rewritten in outer variable} &= -(c-1) + ce^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} \\
\text{Expanded for small } \varepsilon &= -(c-1) \\
&\quad + \text{exp. small term in } \varepsilon \\
&\quad \text{(no +ve power series in } t) \\
\text{One term } O(\varepsilon^0) &= -c + 1 \quad (\star\star)
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow e = -c + 1 \text{ or } c = 1 - e$$

Therefore outer 1-term is: $y(x; \varepsilon) = e^{1-x} + O(\varepsilon)$

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

Composite is:

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

Exact solution is given by substituting $y = Ae^{kx}$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon k^2 + k + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4\varepsilon}}{2\varepsilon}$$

$$\text{General solution is } y = Ae^{\underbrace{\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{1-4\varepsilon}}{2\varepsilon}\right)x}_{k_1}} + Be^{\underbrace{\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{1-4\varepsilon}}{2\varepsilon}\right)x}_{k_2}}$$

$$y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow A + B = 1$$

$$y(1) = 1 \Rightarrow Ae^{k_1} + Be^{k_2} = 1$$

so $A = \left(\frac{e^{k_2} - 1}{e^{k_2} - e^{k_1}}\right)$, $B = \left(\frac{1 - e^{k_1}}{e^{k_2} - e^{k_1}}\right)$ so exact solution is

$$y = \frac{(e^{k_2} - 1)e^{k_1 x} + (1 - e^{k_1})e^{k_2 x}}{e^{k_2} - e^{k_1}}$$

Small ε expansion gives $k_1 = -1 + O(\varepsilon)$, $k_2 = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + 1 + O(\varepsilon)$. e^{k_2} is therefore exp. small.

$$\Rightarrow y \sim +e^{k_1(x-1)} + (1 - e^{-k_1})e^{k_2 x} \sim e^{1-x} + (1-e)e^{-\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} \sqrt{\sqrt{\quad}}$$