

Lecture 21 May 11, 2021 Tue Green's functions

Linear Algebra  $Ax=y$   $x=Gy$ ,  $G=A^{-1}$

$x_n = \sum_m G_{nm} y_m$  component wise

$AG=I$   $\sum_m A_{nm} G_{mk} = \delta_{nk}$   $\leftrightarrow$

one system for every  $k$   $k=1:N$

Make it continuous

$A =$  linear operator on functions  $\downarrow$

$y$  fixed

$Ag = \delta(x-y)$

(where  $g(x) = G(x,y)$ )

$G$  is the Green's function

Why important? ① Related to eigenvalues and spectrum

② Boer's Boundary Int. methods for 1d pde

③ Another way to write it.

① Relationship with spectrum

For a matrix  $A$ , matrix valued function  $R(z) = (z-A)^{-1}$

defined for any complex  $z$  not an eigenvalue

Resolvent { Analytic  
with poles at  $(z = \lambda)$   
eigenvalues

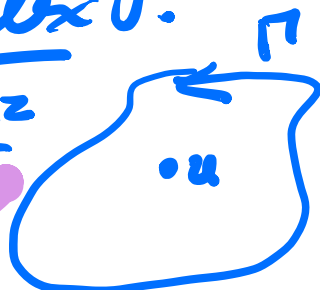
Note for operator

$R(z) = (z - A)^{-1}$  also resolvent

Why look at Green's function in Resolvent to get spectrum and not look at eigenvalues of discretized problem  
i.e. matrix  $\approx$  operator and eigenvalues of  $A$

Cauchy's theorem in Complex V.

$f(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(z) dz}{z - u}$



$\Gamma$  encloses a simple closed curve

Extension to matrices

$f(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} f(z) \underbrace{(z - A)^{-1}}_{R(z)} dz$

See  $f = \text{poly}$  would

need  $\Gamma$  to enclose all inputs of  $R(z)$ !



Now take  $f = 1$

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} R(z) dz$$

Resolution of the identity

Take any vector  $v$

$$v = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} R(z) \cdot v dz$$

do by residues write  $v$  in terms of eigenvectors of  $A$

works for  $A$

Also extends to operator

Some caveats

"Best" way to implement this is Laplace Transform

Green's function - B.V.P. for o.d.e.

Simple Case

"A" =  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$

$$u'' - u = f(x) \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\int G_{xx} - G = \delta(x-y)$$

$$u = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(x, y) f(y) dy$$

$$\Delta u = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\Delta G) f(y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x-y) f(y) dy = f(x)$$

Find  $G$  for  $(x \neq y)$   $G_{xx} - G = 0$

$$\therefore G \propto e^{-x}, e^x$$

$$\text{For } x > y \quad G(x, y) = a(y) e^{-x}$$

$$\text{For } x < y \quad G(x, y) = b(y) e^x$$

At  $y$  need (i)  $G$  continuous

and (ii)  $G_x(y+0, y) = G_x(y-0, y) + 1$

$$(i) \Rightarrow a(y) e^{-y} = b(y) e^y$$

$$(ii) -a(y) e^{-y} = b(y) e^y + 1$$

$$a(y) = b(y) e^{2y}$$

$$-b(y) e^y = b(y) e^y + 1$$

$$2b e^y = -1$$

$$\left( b = \frac{1}{2} e^{-y} \right) \quad \left( a = \frac{1}{2} e^y \right)$$

For  $x > y$   $G = \frac{1}{2} e^{y-x}$

For  $x < y$   $G = \frac{1}{2} e^{x-y}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x-y|}$$

Green's function for

$$u'' - u = f(x) \quad G = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x-y|}$$

$$\therefore u = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-|x-y|} f(y) dy$$

$$\left( u'' - u = f \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 < x < 5 \\ u \geq 0 \text{ at } x=0 \\ u = 0 \text{ at } x=5 \end{array}$$

$$G(x, y) = \alpha(y) \sinh x \quad \text{for } x < y$$

$$G(x, y) = \beta(y) \sinh(x-5) \quad \text{for } x > y$$

$$G(x, y) = \begin{cases} K \sinh x \sinh(y-5) & \text{for } x < y \\ K \sinh(x-5) \sinh y & \text{for } x > y \end{cases}$$

Symmetry  $G(x, y) = G(y, x)$

in the examples above Why?

Reason is that  $L$  is symmetric

$$L = \partial_x^2 - 1$$

$$\int f(x) g(x) dx = \int g(x) f(x) dx$$

Symmetric means  
have a scalar product

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \langle v, u \rangle$$

and

For metric means  $A = A^T$

For complex metric

$$A = A^\dagger$$

$\uparrow$  + transpose  
conjugate

$$\langle u, Av \rangle = u^T (Av)$$

$$= (\overline{Av})^T u = \overline{v}^T A^\dagger u = \langle Au, v \rangle$$

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$$Av_n = \lambda_n v_n \quad \langle v_n, v_m \rangle = \delta_{nm}$$

$$\left( \dots \perp v_n v_n^T \right)$$

$$\lambda_n \neq 0$$

$G = \sum_n \lambda_n$

$(GA) v_m = \lambda_m G v_m = \lambda_m \sum_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} v_n \frac{v_n^T v_m}{\delta_{nm}} = v_m$

→ Go with  
To get the factor

$G = \sum_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} \phi_n(x) \phi_n(y)$

<u>Pde</u> Example #1	$T_t = v^2 T_{xx}$ $T = f(x)$ at $t=0$ $-\infty < x < \infty$
Find Green's Func't	

<u>Find</u>	$G_t = v^2 G_{xx}$ for $t > 0$ $G = \delta(x-y)$ at $t=0$ $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $-\infty < y < \infty$
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#1 Can set  $y=0$  because of Translation Invariance ✓

↳ dimension of length<sup>2</sup>/time

$\xi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{vt}}$  non-dim quantity

$$G = * f(x) =$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G dx = 9$$

dimension of  $G$  are

$$\frac{9}{x}$$

$$G = 9 * f(x)$$

$$G = \frac{9}{\sqrt{vt}} f(x)$$

$$T_t = v T_{xx}, T = \delta(x) \text{ at } t=0$$