

# Regular Perturbation Theory for differential equations

Ex:  $y'' + (1 - \epsilon x)y = 0$  ;  $y(0) = 1$   
 $y'(0) = 0$

Step-1: Let  $y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + \epsilon^2 y_2 + \dots$

Substituting, we have

$O(1)$ :  $y_0'' + y_0 = 0$  with  $y_0(0) = 1$   
 $y_0'(0) = 0$

$O(\epsilon)$ :  $y_1'' + y_1 = x y_0$  with  $y_1(0) = 0$   
 $y_1'(0) = 0$

$O(\epsilon^2)$ :  $y_2'' + y_2 = x y_1$  with  $y_2(0) = y_2'(0) = 0$

Solving the equations:-

$O(1)$ :  $y_0(x) = c_1 \cos x + c_2 \sin x$

Using  $y_0(0) = 1$ ,  $y_0'(0) = 0$ , we get

$$y_0(x) = \cos x$$

$O(\epsilon)$ :  $y_1'' + y_1 = x \cos x$

$$y_1(x) = \frac{1}{8} \left[ 2x \cos x \cos 2x - \sin x + 2x^2 \sin x + \cos 2x \cdot \sin x \right. \\ \left. - \cos x \cdot \sin 2x + 2x \sin x \cdot \sin 2x \right]$$

$$y_{\text{pert}}(x) = y_0(x) + \epsilon y_1(x) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

Submit on Tuesday:

Assignment:-

$$\frac{dv}{dx} + v(1 - \epsilon v) = 0$$

$$v(0) = 2$$

Obtain soln. till  $O(\epsilon^2)$ .

ie; determine  $v_0, v_1, v_2$  in

$$v(x) = \underline{v_0(x)} + \epsilon \underline{v_1(x)} + \epsilon^2 \underline{v_2(x)} + O(\epsilon^3)$$

Using Wolfram Alpha or any other symbolic package to determine exact soln:-

$$dv/dx + (1 - \epsilon v) \cdot v = 0 \quad ; \quad v(0) = 2$$

Plot exact & perturbation solutions for  $\epsilon = 0.1$

Submit on Friday:-

Ex:  $y'' + \lambda y + \epsilon y^2 = 0$

$$y(0) = 0; \quad y(\pi) = 0$$

Y  $y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + \epsilon^2 y_2 + \dots$

0(1):  $y_0'' + \lambda y_0 = 0 \implies$  We can find  $y_0(x)$

O(F):  $y_1'' + \lambda y_1 + y_0^{(2)} = 0 \implies$  Linear in  $y_1(\lambda)$

Hint: Treat  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\lambda < 0$  separately.

You will have to determine  $\lambda$  as well.