

# Spatially symmetric operators of Sturm - Liouville Problems

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**Abstract:** This paper we discusses with spatially symmetric operators of Sturm-Liouville problem of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, of the differential operators  $-\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right)+P(x)$ . We simplify the proofs of theorems due to Borg, Levinson, Hochstadt and Lieberman. In the present article Sturm-Liouville operators of spatially symmetric type

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## Introduction

The spatially symmetric operators of Sturm-Liouville problem within the notations for  $P \in C^1[0,1]$ ,  $h \in R$  and  $H \in R$ ,  $A_{p,h,H}$  denotes the realization in  $L^2(0,1)$  of the differential operator, For  $P \in C^1_s[0,1]$ , and  $h \in R$   $A_{p,h,h}$  denotes the symmetric operator, for  $P \in C^1[0,1]$ ,  $h \in R$  and  $\lambda \in R$ ,  $\phi = \phi(x;p,h,\lambda)$  and  $\phi^* = \phi^*(x;p,h,\lambda)$ , for  $P \in C^1[0,1]$ ,  $A_p^*$  denotes the realization  $L^2[0,1]$  of the differential operator, For  $n_1 \geq 1$ ,  $P \in C^1[0,1]$ , and  $h \in R$ ,  $W = W(x;p,h,n_1)$ . The method of separation of variables utilized within the solutions of boundary value problems of mathematical physics frequently gives rise so called Sturm-Liouville eigenvalue problems of spatially symmetric operators ,our attention to small but significant fragment of the theory of Sturm-Liouville problems and their solutions.

## 1.1 Spatially symmetric operators

For  $P \in C^1[0,1]$ ,  $h \in R$  and  $H \in R$ ,  $A_{p,h,H}$  denotes the realization in  $L^2(0,1)$  of the differential operator

$$-\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right)+P(x)$$

With the boundary condition  $\left[-\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)+h\right] \Big|_{x=0}$

$$= \left[-\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)+h\right] \Big|_{x=0}$$

$$= 0$$

Let  $\sigma(A_{P,h,H}) = \{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$  be the eigenvalues  $A_{P,h,H}$  each  $\lambda_n$  is simple  $-\infty < \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots \rightarrow \infty$

Put 
$$C'_s[0,1] = \{P \in C'[0,1] \mid P(1-x) = P(x), 0 \leq x \leq 1\} \tag{1.1}$$

Then  $A_{P,h,H}$  is a spatially symmetric operator if and only if  $P \in C'_s[0,1]$  and a  $h = H$ .

Let a symmetric operator  $A_{P,h,h}$  be given, and let  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$

$$-\infty < \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots \rightarrow \infty \text{ be } \sigma(A_{P,h,h}), \text{ the eigenvalues of } A_{P,h,h}$$

Furthermore let  $\{\lambda_m\}_{m=0}^{\infty}$

$(-\infty < \mu_0 < \mu_1 < \dots \rightarrow \infty)$  be the eigenvalues of another symmetric operator  $A_{q,j,j}$ .

**1.2 Notation (Spatially symmetric operators)**

For  $P \in C'_s[0,1]$ , and  $h \in R$   $A_{P,h,h}$  denotes the symmetric operator

$$-\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) + P(x) \text{ in } L^2(0,1)$$

With the boundary condition

$$\left[-\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) + h\right] \Big|_{x=0} = \left[-\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) + h\right] \Big|_{x=1} = 0$$

Let 
$$\sigma(A_{P,h,h}) = \{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \quad (-\infty < \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots \rightarrow \infty)$$

the eigenvalues of  $A_{P,h,h}$  are denoted by

$$\lambda_n = \lambda_n(P, h) \quad (n=0,1,2,\dots)$$

Let a symmetric operator

$$A_{P,h,h} (P \in C'_s[0,1], h \in R)$$

and a set  $\Sigma \subset N \equiv \{0,1,2,\dots\}$

be given, and put

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{P,h,\Sigma} &= \{(q, j) \in C'_s[0,1] \times R \mid \lambda_n(q, j) \\ &= \lambda_n(p, h) (n \in N \setminus \Sigma)\} \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

$\mathcal{Q}_{p,h,\Sigma}$ , denotes the totality of symmetric operator  $A_{q,j,j}$

Whose eigenvalues  $\lambda_n(q,j)$  coincide with those of  $A_{p,h,h}$ , except for  $n \in \Sigma$ .

### 1.3 Notation (Spatially symmetric operators)

For  $P \in C^1[0,1]$ ,  $h \in R$  and  $\lambda \in R$ ,

$\phi = \phi(x; p, h, \lambda)$  and  $\phi^* = \phi^*(x; p, h, \lambda)$  denote the solution of

$$\left[ -\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) + P(x) \right] \phi = \lambda \phi \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1), \phi(0) = 1, \phi'(0) = h \quad (1.3)$$

And 
$$\left[ -\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) + P(x) \right] \phi^* = \lambda \phi^* \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1),$$

$$\phi^*(0) = 1, \phi^*(1) = 0 \quad (1.4)$$

respectively.

Hence forth, means  $\frac{d}{dx}$ .

For  $\lambda = \lambda_n(p, h) \quad n \in N$ ,

$\phi(\cdot; p, h, \lambda)$  become an eigenfunction of  $A_{p,h,h}$

On the other hand  $\langle \phi, \phi^* \rangle$  gives a fundamental system of the solution of

$$\left[ -\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) + P(x) \right] \psi = \lambda \psi$$

### 1.4 Notation (Spatially symmetric operators)

For  $P \in C^1[0,1]$ ,  $A_p^*$  denotes the realization  $L^2[0,1]$  of the differential operator

$$-\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) + P(x) \text{ with the (Dirichlet) boundary condition } \left. \psi \right|_{x=0} = \left. \psi \right|_{x=1} = 0$$

The eigenvalues of  $A_p^*$ ,  $\sigma(A_p^*) = \{\lambda_n^*\}_{n=1}^\infty \quad \{-\infty < \lambda_1^* < \lambda_2^* < \dots \rightarrow \infty\}$

are denoted by  $\lambda_n^* = \lambda_n^*(p) \text{ for } n \in N^* \equiv \{1, 2, \dots\}$

Note that in our notation,  $\sigma(A_{p,h,h})$  are numbered from 0.

while  $\sigma(A_p^*)$  are numbered from 1.

For  $\lambda = \lambda_n^*(p) \ (n \geq 1), \phi^*(.; p, \lambda)$

Becomes an eigefunction of  $A_p^*$

**1.5 Notation (Spatially symmetric operators)**

For  $n_1 \geq 1, P \in C^1[0,1]$ , and  $h \in R$

$$\begin{aligned} w &= w(x; p, h, n_1) \\ &= \phi^*(x; p, \lambda_{n_1}^*(p)) \phi(x; p, h, \lambda_{n_1}(p, h)) \\ &\quad - \phi^*(x; p, \lambda_{n_1}^*(p)) \phi'(x; p, h, \lambda_{n_1}(p, h)) \end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

As will be shown in

$$P \in C^1[0,1], \text{ implies } \left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right) \log(w) \in C^1[0,1].$$

In the case of

$$\lambda_{n_1}^*(p) = \lambda_{n_1}(p, h)$$

W becomes the wronskian for

$$-\psi'' + p\psi = \lambda\psi \ (\lambda = \lambda_{n_1}^*(p) = \lambda_{n_1}(p, h)).$$

Hence  $w' = 0$  and so

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right) \log(w) = (w''/w) = 0$$

We have conversely, that  $(w''/w) = 0$

implies  $\lambda_{n_1}^* = \lambda_{n_1}(p, h)$

**1.6 proposition**

For each  $f \in C^2(\overline{AC})$  and  $g \in C^2(\overline{BC})$  with  $f|_C = g|_C$ , there exists a unique  $k = k(x, y) \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$

$$\text{and } k|_{AC} = f, k|_{BC} = g \tag{1.6}$$

**1.7 proposition**

For each  $f \in c^2(\overline{AB})$  and  $g \in c^1(\overline{AB})$  there exists a unique  $k = k(x, y) \in c^2(\overline{\Omega})$

$$\text{and } k|_{AB} = f, \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} k|_{AB} = g \tag{1.7}$$

**1.8 proposition**

For each  $f \in c^2(\overline{AC})$ ,  $g \in c^2(\overline{BC})$  With  $f|_A = g|_A$ , there exists a unique  $k = k(x, y) \in c^2(\overline{\Omega})$

Such that  $k|_{AC} = f, k|_{AB} = g$

**1.9 proposition**

For each  $f \in c^2(\overline{AC})$  and  $g \in c^1(\overline{AB})$  and  $h \in R$ , there exists a unique  $k = k(x, y) \in c^2(\overline{\Omega})$

$$\text{Such that } k|_{AC} = f, \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} k + hk|_{AB} = g \tag{1.8}$$

By the d'Alembert formula,

We can give the solution

$$\begin{aligned} k_0 &= k_0(x, y) \in c^2(\overline{\Omega}) \text{ of} \\ k_{,xx} - k_{,yy} &= 0 \text{ on }(\overline{\Omega}) \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

Satisfying the boundary condition given in these propositions.

On the other hand, for each

$$F = F(x, y) \in c^0(\overline{\Omega}),$$

The solution  $k = k(x, y) \in c^2(\overline{\Omega})$  of

$$k_{,xx} - k_{,yy} = F(x, y) \text{ on }(\overline{\Omega}) \tag{1.10}$$

Satisfying the boundary condition for  $f = g = 0$ , is also given in a similar way

**1.10 Theorem**

Given  $p, q \in C^1[0,1]$  and  $h, j \in R$ , there exists a unique  $k = k(x, y) = k(x, y; q, j; p, h) \in c^2(\overline{D})$

$$\text{such that } k_{,xx} - k_{,yy} + p(y)k = q(x)k \text{ on }(\overline{D}) \tag{1.11}$$

$$k(x, x) = (j - h) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x (q(s) - p(s)) ds \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (1.12)$$

$$k_y(x, 0) = hk(x, 0) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (1.13)$$

**Proof**

To show the existence of  $k = k(., .; q, j; p, h)$ ,

We extend  $q \in C^1[0, 1]$  to  $q \in C^1[0, 2]$

Set  $D(x, y) | 0 < y < x < (2 - y)$

By proposition (1.9)

There exists  $k = k(x, y) \in C^2(D)$

$$\text{Such that } k_{xx} - k_{yy} + p(y)k = q(x)k(\overline{D}) \quad (1.14)$$

$$k(x, x) = (j - h) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x (q(s) - p(s)) ds \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (1.15)$$

$$k_y(x, 0) = hk(x, 0) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2 \quad (1.16)$$

The restriction  $k = k|_{\overline{D}} \in C^2(\overline{D})$  satisfies (1.10).

To verify the uniqueness, we divide D into

$$\Omega_1 = \{(x, y) | 0 < y < x < 1 - y\} \text{ and } \Omega_2 = \overline{D\Omega_1}$$

We prove that (1.11)

$$k(x, x) = 0 \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1),$$

(1.12) and  $k \in C^2(\overline{D})$  imply  $k = 0$

In fact, we first have  $k = 0$  on  $\overline{\Omega_1}$  by proposition (1.9)

so that we have  $k = 0$  on  $\overline{\Omega_2}$  by proposition (1.8)

**1.11 Theorem**

First deformation formula

The function  $\phi = \phi(., ., p, h, \lambda)$  defined in notation (1.3). Then for  $k = k(., .; q, j; p, h)$  is theorem (1.10), the identity

$$\phi(x; q, j, \lambda) = \phi(x; p, h, \lambda) + \int_0^x k(x, y; q, j; p, h) \phi(y; p, y) dy \quad (1.17)$$

holds for  $q, p \in C^1[0,1]$   $j, h \in R$  and  $\lambda \in R$

Note

We finally note the following facts on the eigenfunctions

$\{\phi(\cdot; p, h, \lambda_n(p, h))\}_{n=0}^\infty$  of a symmetric operator  $A_{p,h,h}$

Put, for the moment  $\phi_n(x) = \phi(x; p, h, \lambda_n(p, h)) \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots)$

Let  $p \in C^1[0,1]$  and  $h \in R$

**1.12 Theorem**

$$\text{We have } \phi_n(1-x) = (-1)^n \phi_n(x) \quad (n \in N, x \in [0,1]) \quad (1.18)$$

**Proof**

Since  $A_{p,h,h}$  is symmetric,

$$\phi_n(1-x) = c_n \phi_n(x) \quad (0 \leq x \leq 1)$$

Holds of the for some  $c_n \in R$  because of the uniqueness of the Cauchy problem,

From  $c_n \neq 1$  and  $c_n \neq -1$  follow

$$\phi_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_n'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

respectively, while

$$\phi_n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \phi_n'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

cannot occur simultaneously

hence  $c_n = \pm 1$  hence

By Sturm-Liouville theorem

$\phi_n$  has non-zeros an  $(0,1)$  hence (1.18) holds

### **Conclusion**

In this article we've investigated Sturm-Liouville problems in spatially symmetric operators of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions, eigenvalue and special function are discussed. Eigenvalues and eigenfunction expansion of spatially symmetric operators of Sturm – Liouville are illustrated.

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