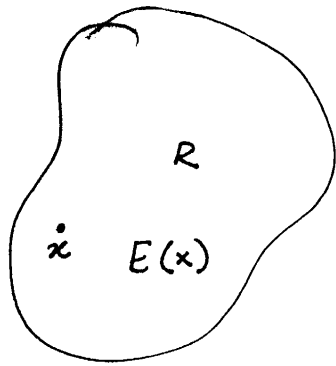


BASIC CONCEPTS OF APPROXIMATE ANALYSIS



R = Region or domain

B = Boundary

x = Point in region R

$E(x)$ = Exact response or solution to a given input

$L(x)$ = Differential Equations

APPROXIMATION: Assume that $E(x)$ can be approximated by a linear combination of suitably chosen coordinate functions: $\phi_1(x), \phi_2(x), \dots, \phi_n(x)$, i.e.,

$$E(x) \cong F(x, A) \quad \longrightarrow (1)$$

where,

$$F(x, A) = a_1 \phi_1(x) + a_2 \phi_2(x) + \dots + a_n \phi_n(x) \quad \longleftarrow (2)$$

In Eq. (2), A stands for a collection of parameters (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) which are to be determined.

- $F(x, A)$ has to satisfy certain admissibility and compatibility conditions to approximate exact solution.
- And, we have to satisfy in some approximate sense:
 - (1) the differential equation $L(E) = 0$
 - (2) the boundary conditions $B(E) = 0$

CHOICE OF $F(x, A)$

► Two important factors

(a) Limit of Error: Measure (Norm) or tolerance of error permissible for the problem.

(b) Method of Approximation:

- Point wise approximation

- "r" points in the domain which satisfy $L(E)=0$

- "s" points on the boundary which satisfy $B(E)=0$

- Let, $r+s=n$

∴ End up with n linear equations which involve a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n

- Solution of Equations give us (A)

► Choose $F(x, A)$ in the following ways:

(a) The differential equation is satisfied exactly in R and the a_i are selected to make F fit the boundary condition on B in the "best" way in some sense

- Called the Boundary Method.

- ϕ_i are chosen so that the trial function satisfies the differential equation at all interior points ($L(E)=0$)

- Choose n points on the boundary such that $B(E)=0$

i.e., select a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n such that $B(E) = 0$

- Reduced the size of the problem from $3D \rightarrow 2D$
& $2D \rightarrow 1D$

(b) The boundary conditions are satisfied exactly on B and the a_i are selected so that F satisfies the differential equation in the interior R . in some "best" sense (norm).

- called INTERIOR METHOD
- e.g. include Rayleigh-Ritz, Methods of Weighted residuals (collocation, subdomain, Galerkin, least squares)

(c) Neither the differential equation is satisfied exactly in R nor the boundary conditions are satisfied exactly on B .

- The a_i are chosen to satisfy the differential equation at " r " points, and the boundary condition at " s " points.

- called MIXED METHOD

- Eg. FINITE ELEMENT
FINITE DIFFERENCE } METHODS

1.2 INTERIOR METHODS:

Method of Weighted Residuals

- Consider the governing differential equation for a problem

$$L(y) - g(x) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow (1)$$

where, $y = f(x)$ is to be found (i.e, the response)

- Let the boundary conditions be given by

$$B(y) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow (2)$$

- Note that $L(y)$ can be linear or nonlinear

e.g. $L(y) = C_1 y'' + C_2 y' + C_3 y$

If C_i are $f(y) \rightarrow$ then $L(y)$ is nonlinear

- Assume an approximate trial solution y^* that satisfies the boundary conditions identically

$$y^*(x, A) = y^*(x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \phi_i(x) \quad \longrightarrow (3)$$

- When substituted into governing diff. eq. get differential residual

$$R(x) = L(y^*) - g(x) \quad \longrightarrow (4)$$

- This residual vanishes for $y^* = y$

- Adjust a_i so that $R(x)$ stays close to zero in the domain.

\therefore the integral of residuals $R(x)$ approximately weighted by function $w_i(x)$ vanishes over region.

i.e., for $x = [0, L]$

$$\int_0^L w_i(x) R(x) dx = 0 \quad \rightarrow (5)$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

- For each i , the solution obtained for the integral gives a set of n analytical expressions that can be solved for a_i
- Depending on the weightage system used
 - i) collocation method
 - ii) sub domain method
 - iii) least square method
 - iv) Galerkin's method

1.2.1 Collocation method

- Select as many points in the interior region $[0, L]$ as parameters a_i
- Adjust the values of a_i to make the residual zero at these points.
- Thus the weighing function is:

$$w_i(x) = \delta(x - x_i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where, $\delta(x - x_i)$ is the delta function that

satisfies
$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(x - x_i) R(x) dx = R(x_i)$$

- Equation (5) reduces to

$$\int_0^L w_i(x) R(x) dx = R(x_i) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

↳ (7)

- Thus, in the collocation method we select as many locations as a_i , and then adjust the values of a_i until the residual vanishes at these locations
- Presumption: residual does not get very far from zero in between the locations

Example:

$$y'' + y + x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{D.E.}$$

$$y(0) = y(1) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{B.C.}$$

- Try a one family parameter approx. solⁿ

$$y^*(x, A) = a_1 x(1-x) = a_1 x - a_1 x^2$$

This is an admissible solution since it satisfies the boundary conditions.

- $y' = a_1 - 2a_1 x$

$$y'' = -2a_1$$

$$\therefore R(x) = -2a_1 + a_1 x(1-x) + x$$

- You can select only one point in the region $[0, 1]$.

- Pick $x = 1/2$

\therefore residual must vanish here

$$\therefore R(1/2) = -2a_1 + a_1 \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{2}{7} = 0.2857$$

$$\therefore \text{solution is } y = \frac{2}{7} x(1-x)$$

$$\therefore y = 0.2857x(1-x)$$

$$\therefore y_{\max} \Big|_{x=1/2}$$

Exact solution:

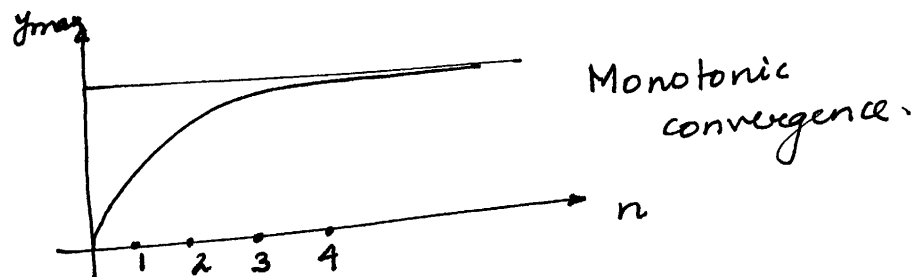
$$y = \frac{\sin x}{\sin 1^\circ} - x$$

y_{\max} occurs @ $x=0.57$

- Try 2 or 3 parameter family approximations

$$y^*(x, A) = a_1 x(1-x) + a_2 x^2(1-x)$$

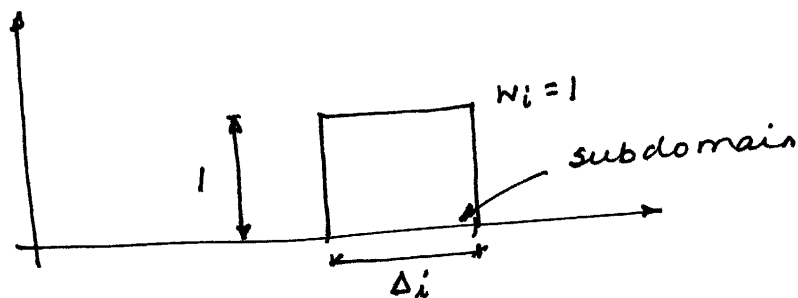
$$y^*(x, A) = a_1 x(1-x) + a_2 x^2(1-x) + a_3 x^3(1-x)$$



1.2.2 SUBDOMAIN METHOD

- Divide the region or domain into many segments or subdomains as there are a_i and choose these parameters so that the average values of the residual over each segment

$$\int_{\Delta_i} R(x) dx / \int_{\Delta_i} dx = 0$$



Or we have

$$w_i(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \text{ in subdomain } i$$

$$w_i(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \text{ outside subdomain } i$$

where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\therefore \int_0^L w_i(x) R(x) dx = \int_{\Delta_i} R(x) dx = 0$$

$\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

- Here we have to integrate the residual, which can get complicated. In such cases, use numerical integration.

Example:

$$y'' + y + x = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad L(y) = 0$$

$$y(0) = y(1) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad B(y) = 0$$

$$y^*(x, A) = a_1 x(1-x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Assume.}$$

One parameter a_1 ,

\therefore whole region is one subdomain

$$0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$R(x) = -2a_1 + a_1 x(1-x) + x$$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 R(x) dx = -2a_1 x + a_1 \frac{x^2}{2} - a_1 \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = 0$$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{3}{11} = 0.2727$$

\therefore approximate solution is

$$y \approx \frac{3}{11} x(1-x) = 0.2757 x(1-x)$$

1.2.3 LEAST SQUARES METHOD

- parameter a_i are chosen to minimize the square of the residual over the region.

$$0 \leq I = \int_0^L p(x) R^2(x) dx \longrightarrow (1)$$

weightage square error.

For this to be minimum. $\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_i} = 0$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$

- Generally $p(x) = 1$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial I}{\partial a_i} = \int_0^L R(x) \cdot \frac{\partial R(x)}{\partial a_i} dx = 0 \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

\therefore weighing function is $w_i(x) = \frac{\partial R(x)}{\partial a_i}$

Example: Same as before.

$$L(y) = y'' + y + x = 0$$

$$B(y) = y(0) = y(1) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y^* = a_1 x(1-x)$$

$$\therefore R(x) = -2a_1 + a_1 x(1-x) + x$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial R}{\partial a_1} = -2 + x(1-x)$$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 (-2a_1 + a_1 x(1-x) + x) (-2 + x(1-x)) dx = 0$$

$$\therefore a_1 = 0.2753$$

$$\therefore y = 0.2753 x(1-x)$$

1.2.4 GALERKIN'S METHOD

- In this method, the weightage function is taken

$$w_i(x) = \phi_i(x) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

→ coordinate functions

- \therefore weighted residual equation is

$$\int_0^L w_i(x) R(x) dx = \int_0^L \phi_i(x) R(x) dx$$

- \therefore this method requires orthogonality of $R(x)$ with each of the coordinate functions $\phi_i(x)$

EXAMPLE:

$$L(y) = y'' + y + x = 0$$

$$B(y) = y(0) = y(1) = 0$$

$$\text{let } y^*(x, A) = a_1 x(1-x)$$

$$\therefore R(x) = -2a_1 + a_1 x(1-x) + x$$

let

$$w_1(x) = x(1-x)$$

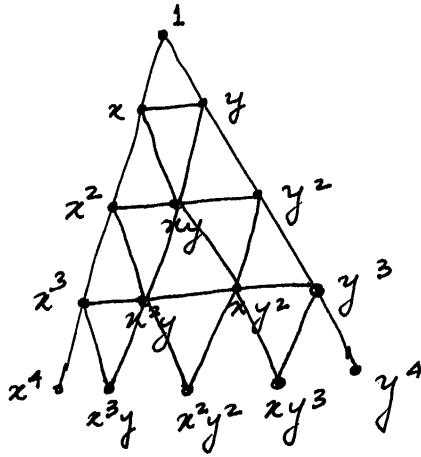
$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \int_0^L w_i(x) R(x) dx &= \int_0^1 \phi_i(x) R(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 [-2a_1 + a_1 x(1-x) + x] x(1-x) dx = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{5}{18} = 0.2778$$

approx. solution is $y = \frac{5}{18} x(1-x) = 0.2778 x(1-x)$

Pascal's triangle:

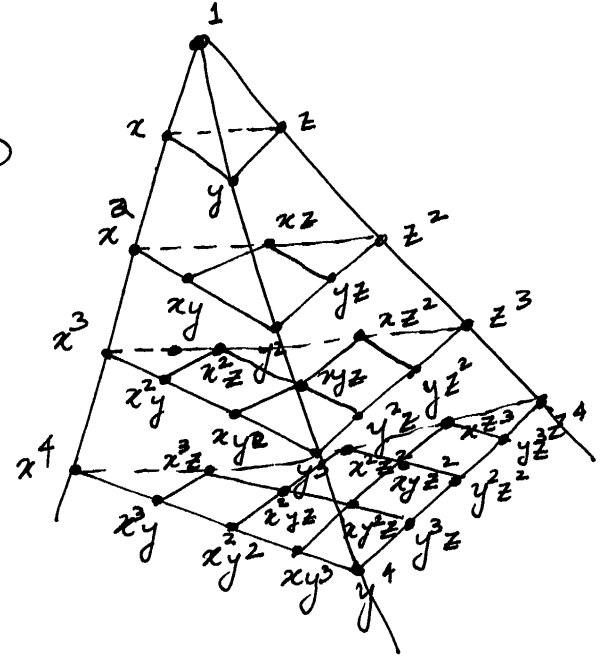
2D



Linear: $a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 y$

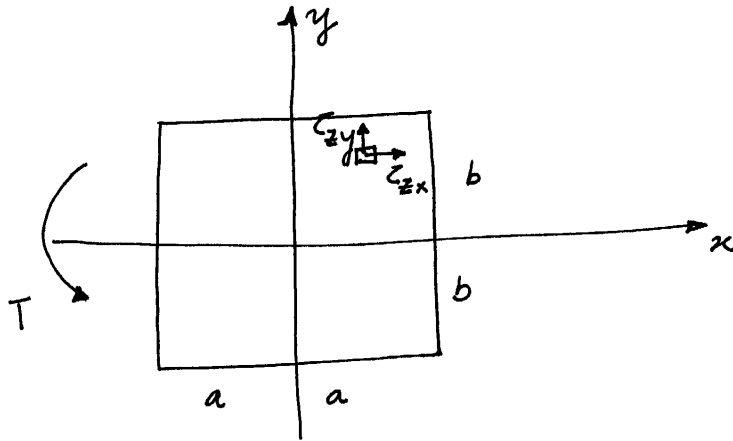
Quadratic: $a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 x^2 + a_4 xy + a_5 y^2$

3D



Quadratic: $a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 y + a_3 z + a_4 x^2 + a_5 xy + a_6 yz + a_7 z^2 + a_8 xz$

Consider a 2D problem:



Poisson's equation: $-k \nabla^2 \phi = f$ on Region R
 $\phi = 0$ on Boundary B

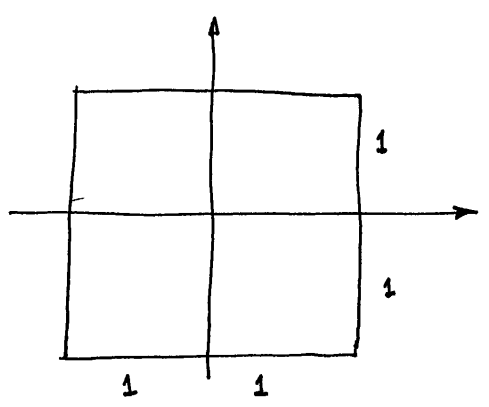
For the torsion problem: $\phi =$ stress function
 $f = \tau$ (twist per unit length) $= \tau \cdot \theta$
 $k = \frac{1}{G}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tau_{zx} &= G\theta \cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \\ \tau_{zy} &= G\theta \left(-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right) \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow \tau = \sqrt{\tau_{zx}^2 + \tau_{zy}^2}$$

τ_{max} also

$$T = 2G\theta \iint \phi \, dx \, dy$$

Let us look at:



$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \phi &= -2 && \text{on } R \\ \phi &= 0 && \text{on } B \end{aligned}$$

$\left\{ \begin{aligned} x &= \pm 1 \\ y &= \pm 1 \end{aligned} \right\}$

Look at the construction of the admissible polynomial
 Since there is symmetry, ϕ should contain even powers of x and y .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x, y, A) = & a_0 + a_1(x^2 + y^2) + a_2 x^2 y^2 + a_3(x^4 + y^4) \\ & + a_4(x^4 y^2 + x^2 y^4) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider the first three terms

$$\phi = a_0 + a_1(x^2 + y^2) + a_2 x^2 y^2$$

@ $x = \pm 1, \phi = 0 \quad \therefore a_0 + a_1 + (a_1 + a_2)y^2 = 0$

@ $y = \pm 1, \phi = 0 \quad \therefore a_0 + a_1 + (a_1 + a_2)x^2 = 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \therefore a_0 + a_1 = 0 \\ \& a_1 + a_2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \therefore a_0 = a \\ a_1 = -a_0 = -a \\ a_2 = -a_1 = a \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \phi(x, y, A) &= a (1 - x^2 - y^2 + x^2 y^2) \\ &= a (1 - x^2) (1 - y^2) \\ &= a \phi_1(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= a_1 \phi_1(x, y) + a_2 \phi_2(x, y) + a_3 \phi_3(x, y) + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + a_n \phi_n(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

where, $\phi_1(x, y) = (1 - x^2) (1 - y^2)$

$$\phi_2(x, y) = x^2 \phi_1(x, y)$$

$$\phi_3(x, y) = y^2 \phi_1(x, y)$$

$$\phi_4(x, y) = x^2 y^2 \phi_1(x, y)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\phi_n(x, y) = x^{2i} y^{2i} \phi_1(x, y)$$

You can also build a two parameter family approx.

- consider 5 terms in the beginning.

- Collocation method:

$$R(x_i, y_i) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad i=1 \text{ for one parameter}$$

- Subdomain method:

$$4 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 R(x, y) dx dy = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{for one parameter}$$

- Least squares method:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 R \cdot \frac{dR}{da} \cdot dx dy = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{for one parameter}$$

- Galerkin's method:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \phi_i(x, y) R(x, y) dx dy = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{for one parameter}$$

As the function ϕ becomes complex, we have to resort to numerical integration

1.2.5 NUMERICAL INTEGRATION

- Numerical evaluation can proceed in two ways:
 - function is evaluated at equal spaced points
 - If there are n points, then a polynomial of order $(2n-1)$ can be passed through n values.
 - gives rise to trapezoidal rule if $n=2$ and Simpson's rule if $n=3$.
 - known as Newton-Cotes quadratures
 - general formula in interval $[a, b]$ is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b-a) \sum_{i=1}^n H_i f(x_i)$$

where, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ denotes sampling points
and H_i are weighting coefficients

n	H_1	H_2	H_3	H_4
2	$1/2$	$1/2$		
3	$1/6$	$2/3$	$1/6$	
4	$1/8$	$3/8$	$3/8$	$1/8$

- The second approach to numerically integrate is to LOCATE THE SAMPLING POINTS such as to achieve the best accuracy.

- The interval will be changed from $[a, b]$ to $[-1, 1]$ by transformation of variable.

$$a \leq x \leq b \implies -1 \leq z \leq 1$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{2x - (a+b)}{b-a} \implies x = \frac{(b-a)z + (a+b)}{2}$$

- Define new function $f(z)$ so that

$$f(x) = f\left(\frac{(b-a)z + (a+b)}{2}\right) = f(z)$$

- Evaluate a line integral as follows:

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(z) dz = \sum_{i=1}^n H_i f(z_i)$$

n = number of sampling points

H_i = weighting coefficients

z_i = coordinates of sampling points

- This is known as Gauss-Quadrature formula.

- For any given n , H_i and z_i can be obtained from Tables.

- For n sampling points, we have $2n$ unknowns (f_i & z_i) for which a polynomial order $(2n-1)$ can be constructed and integrated exactly

- For $n=3$, a polynomial of degree 5 can be integrated exactly using this method

- Sampling points are

$$z_1 = -0.77459 \quad z_2 = 0 \quad z_3 = 0.77459$$

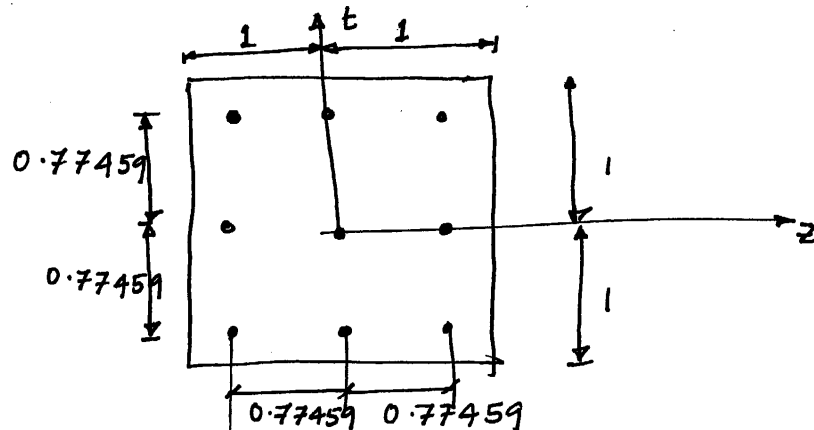
$$\& \quad H_1 = 0.55555 \quad H_2 = 0.88888 \quad H_3 = 0.55555$$

$$\therefore I = 0.5555 f(-0.77459) + 0.88888 f(0) + 0.5555 f(0.77459)$$

- For a 2-D area, we integrate as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 f(z, t) dz dt = \int_{-1}^1 \sum_{i=1}^n H_i f(z_i, t) dt \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n H_i H_j f(z_i, t_j) \end{aligned}$$

e.g. for $n=3$, we select 9 points ~~using the~~ ^{in the} directions z and t shown below:



1.3 APPLICATION OF WEIGHTED RESIDUALS FOR

Natural Boundary Value Problem:

- So far, we have seen problems with forced boundary conditions, i.e., the dependent variable at the boundary has forced values (zero or otherwise).
 - These are called essential boundary conditions
- But there might be other boundary conditions, which involve the derivatives of the dependent variable w.r.t the independent variable.
 - Such types of boundary conditions are called natural or unessential boundary conditions.
- What happens if the problem involves both "forced" and natural boundary conditions?

u = dependent variable (for example, displacement)

x = independent variable (e.g. coordinates of point)

$L(u) = f$ → differential equation to be satisfied in the region R .

$B(u) = g$ → differential equation to be satisfied on the boundary B

f, g → functions of x , or constants, or zero.

Let, $u^*(x, A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \phi_i(x)$ be the approx. trial solution

- If u^* is substituted into the equations $L(u) = f$ and $B(u) = g$, we will obtain two residuals

$$R_L = R_L(x, A) = L(u^*) - f \quad \rightarrow \text{interior residual}$$

$$R_B = R_B(x, A) = B(u^*) - g \quad \rightarrow \text{boundary residual.}$$

- The residuals R_L and R_B are functions of x and a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n .

- We must now find the values of a_i such that the exact solution u and the approximate solution u^* are "close" in some sense.

1.3.1 COLLOCATION METHOD.

For n different values of x , the residuals are set to zero as follows:

$$R_L(x_i, A) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, j-1$$

$$R_B(x_i, A) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = j, j+1, \dots, n$$

Thus $(j-1)$ points are selected in the region R and the remaining points are selected on the B .

1.3.2 LEAST SQUARES METHOD.

- The a_i are chosen to minimize the integral of the square of the residual.
 - A large w_B makes R_B more important than R_L .
 - Integral of the square of the residuals

$$I = \int_R [R_L(x, A)]^2 dR + w_B \int_B [R_B(x, A)]^2 dB$$

- For this to be minimum, we must satisfy:

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_i} = 0 \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

- Note that w_B can be so selected that the dimensions of the two terms are the same.
 - w_B is applied to R_B , which can be applied arbitrarily.
 - A large w_B makes R_B more important than R_L

1.3.3 GALERKIN'S METHOD.

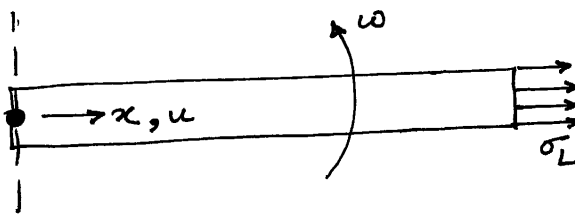
- We select "weight functions," $w_i(x)$ and set the weighted averages of the residual to zero.
- For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$R_i = \int_R w_i(x) R_L(x, A) dR$$

where, $w_i(x) = \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial a_i} = \phi_i(x)$

1.3.4 Example.

- uniform axial bar of cross-section area, A elastic modulus E , and mass density ρ , that rotates with an angular velocity ω about the end $x = 0$



- The governing d.e. is

$$E \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + \rho \omega^2 x = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad 0 < x < L$$

- The forced boundary condition is

$$u(0) = 0$$

- The natural boundary condition is:

$$E \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)_{x=L} = \sigma_L$$

- Let the trial function be:

$$u^* = a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

This satisfies the forced boundary condition.

Note: The trial function should be chosen to satisfy the forced boundary conditions

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$$R_L = E \frac{d^2 u^*}{dx^2} + f w^2 x$$

$$R_L = E \cdot (2a_2) + f w^2 x.$$

$$R_B = E \left. \frac{du^*}{dx} \right|_{x=L} - \sigma_L$$

$$R_B = E (a_1 + 2a_2 L) - \sigma_L$$

- COLLOCATION METHOD SOLUTION

- we can select upto two points: one in R and one in B
- let us arbitrarily select $x = L/3$ to evaluate R_L
- and $x = L$ to evaluate R_B

$$\therefore R_L \Big|_{x=L/3} = 0 \Rightarrow 2Ea_2 + f\omega^2 L/3 = 0$$

$$R_B \Big|_{x=L} = 0 \Rightarrow E(a_1 + 2a_2 L) - \sigma_L = 0$$

Solve for a_1, a_2

$$a_1 = \frac{\sigma_L}{E} + \frac{f\omega^2 L^2}{3E} \quad \& \quad a_2 = -\frac{f\omega^2 L}{6E}$$

— x —

- LEAST SQUARES METHOD SOLUTION:

Assume $w_B = \frac{1}{L}$ → something simple...

$$I = \int_R R_L^2 dR + w_B \int_B R_B^2 dB$$

$$\therefore I = \int_0^L (2Ea_2 + f\omega^2 x)^2 A dx + \frac{1}{L} [E(a_1 + 2a_2 L) - \sigma_L]^2 dA$$

$$\text{Take } \frac{\partial I}{\partial a_1} = 0 \quad \therefore a_1 + 2La_2 = \sigma_L/E$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_2} = 0 \quad \therefore 2a_1 + 8La_2 = \frac{2\sigma_L}{E} - \frac{f^2\omega^2 L^2}{E}$$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{\sigma_L}{E} + \frac{f\omega^2 L^2}{2E} \quad \& \quad a_2 = -\frac{f\omega^2 L}{4E}$$

— x —

GALERKIN'S METHOD

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_i &= \int_V w_i R_L(x, A) dR \\
 &= \int_0^L w_i \left(E \frac{d^2 u^*}{dx^2} + f w^2 x \right) A dx \\
 &= \int_0^L w_i \left(E \frac{d^2 u^*}{dx^2} \right) A dx + \int_0^L w_i \cdot f w^2 x A dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrate 1st term by parts

$$\therefore \int_0^L w_i \left(E \frac{d^2 u^*}{dx^2} \right) A dx = EA \left[w_i \frac{du^*}{dx} \right]_0^L - EA \int_0^L \frac{dw_i}{dx} \cdot \frac{du^*}{dx} dx$$

where, $w_i = u$ & $dv = \frac{d^2 u^*}{dx^2}$

$$\therefore R_i = EA \left[w_i \frac{du^*}{dx} \right]_0^L - EA \int_0^L \frac{dw_i}{dx} \cdot \frac{du^*}{dx} dx + \int_0^L w_i \cdot f w^2 x A dx$$

boundary condition terms.

$$EA w_i \frac{du^*}{dx} \Big|_{x=L} - EA w_i \frac{du^*}{dx} \Big|_{x=0}$$

natural boundary condition stated earlier.

$$\therefore R_i = w_i \sigma_L A \Big|_{x=L} - EA \left[w_i \frac{du^*}{dx} \right]_{x=0} - EA \int_0^L \frac{dw_i}{dx} \cdot \frac{du^*}{dx} \cdot dx + \int_0^L w_i \cdot f w^2 x \cdot A dx$$

But $w_1 = \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial a_1} = x \longrightarrow$ substitute in $R_1 = 0$

$w_2 = \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial a_2} = x^2 \longrightarrow$ substitute in $R_2 = 0$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{\sigma_L}{E} + \frac{7}{12} \frac{f w^2 L^2}{E} \quad \text{and} \quad a_2 = - \frac{f w^2 L}{4E}$$

VARIATIONAL METHOD

- Calculus of variation is concerned primarily with the extreme value of functions and function of functions - called functional.

- Technique concerned with the determination of a function $y = u(x)$ that makes stationary a certain definite integral

$J(u)$ = functional = function of a function

$$J(u) = \int_a^b u(x) dx$$

where,

$u(x)$ → continuously differentiable function

- In calculus of variations, we determine what conditions are imposed on $y = u(x)$ such that $J(u)$ is either a minimum or maximum, i.e., stationary.
- This is referred as the extremum principle. These conditions result in the governing differential equations, called Euler equations.

THE VARIATION SYMBOL δ

- FUNCTION $y = u(x)$ augmented by infinitesimal function $\alpha \eta(x)$

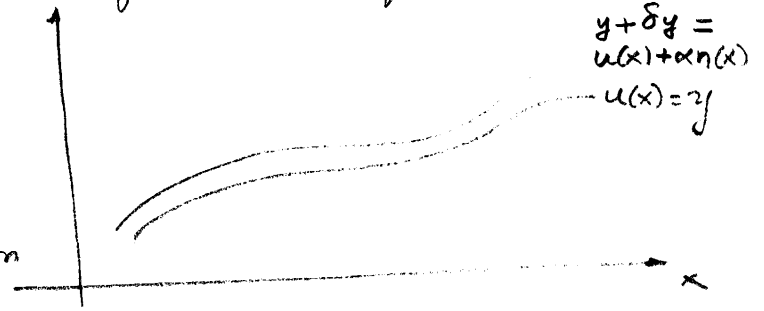
where, $\alpha \rightarrow$ infinitesimal number

$\eta(x) \rightarrow$ continuously differentiable function

$$y = u(x) + \alpha \eta(x)$$

$$+\delta y = \alpha \eta(x)$$

First variation of function



$$\delta y = \alpha \eta(x)$$

$$\delta y' = \frac{d}{dx} (\alpha \eta(x)) = \alpha \eta'(x) = \delta \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$\delta y'' = \alpha \eta''(x) = \delta \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right)$$

The operators δ and $\frac{d}{dx}$ are interchangeable.

- F is a functional \rightarrow function of $y, y',$ etc. that are already functions of x

$$F = F(x, y, y')$$

- If y is subjected to the variation δy , then F goes through a variation ΔF

$$\Delta F = F(x, y + \alpha \eta, y' + \alpha \eta') - F(x, y, y')$$

∴ Using Taylor series expansion of the first term

$$\Delta F = \delta F + \frac{1}{2!} \delta^2 F + \dots$$

where $\delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \cdot \delta y + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \cdot \delta y'$ ← First Variation

$$\delta^2 F = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} \cdot \delta y^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y \partial y'} \cdot \delta y \delta y' + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y'^2} \cdot \delta y'^2$$
 ← Second Variation

Sidenote:

Laws of variation are analogous to those for differentiation:

$$\delta(F_1 F_2) = F_1 \delta F_2 + F_2 \delta F_1$$

$$\delta(F_1/F_2) = (F_2 \delta F_1 + F_1 \delta F_2) / F_2^2$$

Further, the variational operator can be interchanged with partial differential operators:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\delta y) = \delta \frac{dy}{dx}$$

- So, when we apply an infinitesimal variation to the function y in the form of δy .
 - It produces a variation in the corresponding functional F , which is equal to $\Delta F = \delta F + \frac{1}{2!} \delta^2 F + \dots$
 - Now, the functional has become stationary, or achieved an extremum, if for any and all arbitrary $\delta y \longrightarrow \Delta F$ is always ≥ 0

$$\Delta F = \delta F + \frac{1}{2!} \delta^2 F + \dots \geq 0$$

If the variation δy is infinitesimal, then if $\delta y \rightarrow 0$
then $\Delta F \rightarrow 0$

$\therefore \delta F = 0 \rightarrow$ for stationary or extremum

& the sign of the first non-zero $\delta^n F$ determines
whether it is a minimum or max.

If $\delta^2 F > 0 \rightarrow$ minimum

$\delta^2 F < 0 \rightarrow$ maximum

• DEVELOPMENT OF EULER EQUATIONS

Consider the problem of finding $y = u(x)$ in the
region $R [x_0, x_1]$ such that the following functional
is minimized:

$$J(y) = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} F(x, y, y', y'') dx$$

$$\therefore \delta J = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \delta F dx$$

$$\delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \cdot \delta y + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \cdot \delta y' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \cdot \delta y''$$

$$\delta J = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \cdot \delta y' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \cdot \delta y' + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \cdot \delta y'' \right) \cdot dx$$

Integrate by parts: $\int_{x_0}^{x_1} u dv = uv \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1} - \int_{x_0}^{x_1} v du$

$$\therefore \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \cdot \delta y' = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \cdot \delta y \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1} - \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) \cdot \delta y$$

And, $\int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \cdot \delta y'' = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \cdot \delta y' \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1} - \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) \cdot \delta y'$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \cdot \delta y'' = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \cdot \delta y' \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \cdot \delta y \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1} + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{d}{dx^2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) \cdot \delta y$$

$$\therefore \delta J = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \delta y \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) + \frac{d}{dx^2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) \right)$$

$$+ \frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \cdot \delta y \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \cdot \delta y' \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) \cdot \delta y \Big|_{x_0}^{x_1}$$

Since $\delta J = 0$

Euler equation:
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) + \frac{d}{dx^2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) = 0$$

differential equation
for region $[x_0, x_1]$

and Boundary conditions:

either, $\delta y = 0$ @ x_0, x_1 Forced
 $\delta y' = 0$ @ x_0, x_1 Forced

or, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = 0$ @ x_0, x_1 Natural
 $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} = 0$ @ x_0, x_1 Natural
 $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) = 0$ @ x_0, x_1 Natural

• The Euler equation is the governing differential equation of the problem.

• If $F = F(x, y, y')$ then the corresponding Euler equation is:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) = 0$$

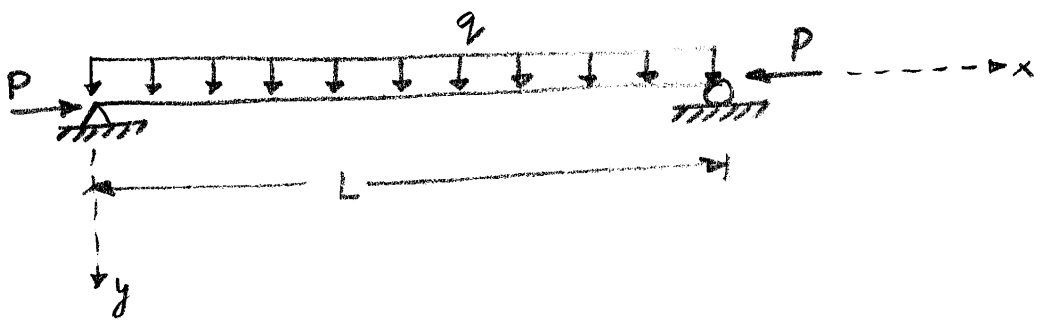
• If $F = F(x, y, u, v, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y})$, i.e. F depends on two dependent variables (u, v) then the corresponding Euler equations are:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u_y} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial v_x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial v_y} \right) = 0$$

EXAMPLE:

• Beam-column subjected to uniform lateral load q and axial load P . It is simply supported.



- The potential energy functional of the beam-column can be derived as

$$V(y) = \frac{1}{2} EI \int_0^L (y'')^2 dx - \frac{1}{2} P \int_0^L (y')^2 dx - q \int_0^L y dx$$

$$\therefore V(y) = \int_0^L F(x, y, y', y'') dx$$

where, $F = \frac{EI}{2} (y'')^2 - \frac{P}{2} (y')^2 - qy$

The boundary conditions are $y(0)=0$
 $y(L)=0$

$\therefore \left[\delta y = 0 \text{ @ } x=0 \text{ and } x=L \text{ are the forced b.c.} \right]$

& Moment @ $x=0$ and $x=L$ are equal to zero.

$$y''(0) = y''(L) = 0$$

which imply that $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} = EI y'' = 0$ @ $x=0$ & $x=L$ are the natural boundary conditions.

- The Euler equation for the problem, which yields a minimum $V(y)$ to assume equilibrium is:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) = 0$$

But,

$$F = \frac{EI}{2} (y'')^2 - \frac{P}{2} (y')^2 - qy$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = -q$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} = -Py'$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} = EI y''$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) = -Py''$$

\therefore Euler equation is:

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) = 0$$

Becomes:

$$-q + Py'' + EI y'''' = 0$$

$$\therefore y'''' + \frac{P}{EI} y'' = \frac{q}{EI}$$

Wow!

Found the beam-column differential equation without a single FBD

• RAYLEIGH-RITZ

- general method for obtaining approximate solution of a problem, which admit the construction of functionals.
- Minimizing the functional establishes equilibrium and allows solving the problem.

$$J(y) = \int_a^b F(x, y, y') dx$$

Let $\bar{y} \rightarrow$ exact solution | If $y^* \rightarrow$ admissible solution

$\therefore \bar{J} = J(\bar{y})$ is minimum | $J^* = J(y^*)$

$J^* > \bar{J}$

← Think about it!

If $J^* \xrightarrow{\text{close to}} \bar{J}$, then good approx.

- If there exists a convergent sequence $\{y_n^*\}$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J_n^* = \bar{J}$ & $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n^* = \bar{y}$

$$y^* = \phi_0(x) + a_1 \phi_1(x) + a_2 \phi_2(x) + \dots + a_n \phi_n(x)$$

where, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are approximating functions and $\phi_i(x)$ are approximating functions.

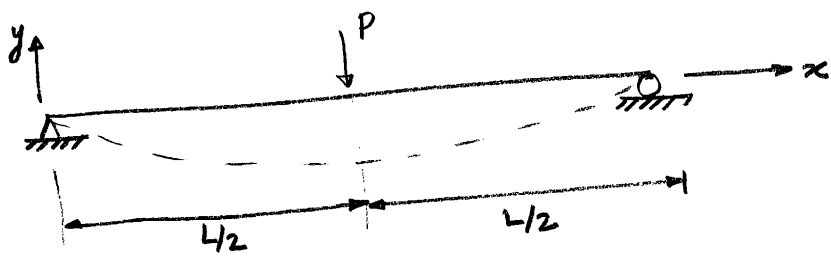
y^* becomes an admissible function

- It is continuously differentiable
- satisfies the boundary conditions
- and has order of the highest derivative in the d.e.

• Determine a_i such that

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_n} \Big|_{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)} = 0 = \int_a^b \frac{\partial F}{\partial a_n} \Big|_{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n}$$

EXAMPLE:



$$\therefore V = \int_0^L \frac{EI}{2} (y'')^2 dx - Py\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore F = \frac{EI}{2} (y'')^2 - Py\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)$$

Euler equation: $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y'} \right) + \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y''} \right) = 0$

Boundary: $y(0) = y(L) = 0$
 $y''(0) = y''(L) = 0$

Assume: $y^* = a_1 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$ → satisfies admissibility conditions

$$V = \int_0^L \frac{EI}{2} \times \left(-\frac{a_1 \pi^2}{L^2} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)^2 dx - Pa_1$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{\pi^4 EI}{4 L^3} a_1^2 - Pa_1$$

But $\frac{dV}{da_1} = 0 \quad \therefore a_1 = \frac{2 PL^3}{\pi^4 EI} = 0.0205 \frac{PL^3}{EI}$

$$\therefore y^* = 0.0205 \frac{PL^3}{EI} \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)$$

• Exact solution $y = \frac{PL^2 x}{16EI} - \frac{Px^3}{12EI}$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{L}{2}$

$$\therefore y_{max} = 0.0208 \frac{PL^3}{EI}$$

• Comparing y^* with y_{max} → error only 1.6%

• Comparing the moment

$$M = -EI \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$$

$$\therefore M^* = 0.2026 PL \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$$

- $M^*_{max} = 0.2026 PL$ compare with $M_{max} = 0.25 PL$

- error about 19%. [wow!]

V. V. Imp: Note that the error for M^* is much larger than the error for y^* . This is because it is a function of y'' .

• The SOLUTION converges slowly for higher derivatives of y .

• Try a 3-parameter family approximation

$$y^* = a_1 \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} + a_2 \sin \frac{2\pi x}{L} + a_3 \sin \frac{3\pi x}{L}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V &= \int_0^L \frac{EI}{2} (y'')^2 dx - Py \frac{L}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^4 EI}{4 L^3} (a_1^2 + 16a_2^2 + 8a_3^2) - P(a_1 - a_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial a_1} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \therefore a_1 = \frac{2 PL^3}{\pi^4 EI}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial a_2} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \therefore a_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial a_3} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \therefore a_3 = \frac{-2 PL^3}{81 \pi^4 EI}$$

$$\therefore y^* = \frac{2 PL^3}{\pi^4 EI} \left(\sin \frac{\pi x}{L} - \frac{1}{81} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{L} \right)$$

$$\therefore y_{\max}^* = 0.0208 \frac{PL^3}{EI} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{v. good}$$

$$\Delta M_{\max}^* = 0.2252 PL \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{still 10\% error (wow!).}$$