

# Eigenfunction Expansions Method for the Integro-Differential Equations of the First Kind

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## Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to present a new numerical method for solving the integro-differential equation of the first kind, namely the eigenfunction expansions method. This method is discussed for a Hermitian and Non-Hermitian kernels and is required that the eigenfunctions form a complete set.

## Introduction

Consider the integro differential equation (IDE) of the first kind:

$$\int_a^b k(s, t) x'(t) dt = y(s) \quad (1)$$

where  $y$  is a known function of  $s$ ,  $k(s, t)$  is the kernel of the IDE (1) which is assumed to be known.

The problem here is to determine the unknown function  $x$ .

In [4], the eigenfunction expansions method is presented to solve the delay integral equation of the first kind. Here, we use this method to solve the first order ordinary integro-differential equation of the first kind.

## Eigenfunction Expansions

This method is described for two cases on the kernel associated with the IDE (1).

### Hermitian Kernels

Write the IDE (1) in operator form, that is:

$$Kx(t) = y(s)$$

$$\text{where } K = \int_a^b k(s, t) \frac{d}{dt} dt$$

Suppose first the kernel  $k(s, t)$  is Hermitian, it has real eigenvalues say  $\lambda_j$  with the corresponding eigenfunctions  $V_j$  satisfying

$$\int_a^b k(s, t) \frac{dV_j(t)}{dt} dt = \lambda_j V_j(s)$$

or in operator form:  $KV_j = \lambda_j V_j$ .

Now, if the set of eigenfunction  $\{V_j\}$  form a complete set then any function and in particular the solution  $x$  and the function  $y$  has an expansion of the form:

$$x(t) = \sum_j c_j V_j(t) \quad (2)$$

and

$$y(s) = \sum_j \alpha_j V_j(s) \quad (3)$$

Substitute eq(2) into eq.(1), we obtain:

$$Kx(t) = \int_a^b k(s, t) dx = \int_a^b k(s, t) \sum_j c_j \frac{dV_j(t)}{dt} dt = \sum_j c_j \int_a^b k(s, t) \frac{dV_j(t)}{dt} dt = \sum_j c_j \lambda_j V_j(s)$$

$$\text{But } Kx(t) = y(s) = \sum_j \alpha_j V_j(s). \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$\sum_j c_j \lambda_j V_j(s) = \sum_j \alpha_j V_j(s) \quad \text{and hence } c_j$$

Also,

$$(y, V_j) = (\sum_j \alpha_j V_j, V_j) = \alpha_j$$

Thus  $x = \sum_j (y, V_j) \lambda_j^{-1} V_j(t)$  is the solution of the IDE(1)

Note that, we can find the eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  of the operator  $K$  with the corresponding eigenfunction  $V_j$  by any suitable method, say expansion method. [2].

### Non-Hermitian kernels

If  $k$  is not Hermitian then the eigenvalues may not be real and the eigenfunction are not orthogonal in general, [1], [3]. But  $K^*K$  is Hermitian, where  $K^*$  is the adjoint of the operator  $K$ . Thus  $K^*K$  has real eigenvalues  $\hat{\lambda}_j$  with the corresponding eigenfunction  $V_j$  satisfying:

$$K^*K V_j = \hat{\lambda}_j V_j \quad (4)$$

Also, if the set of eigenfunction  $\{V_j\}$  form a complete set then any function and in particular the solution  $x$  and the function  $K^*y$  has the form:

$$x(t) = \sum_j c_j V_j(t) \quad (5)$$

and

$$K^*y(s) = \sum_j \alpha_j V_j(s) \quad (6)$$

Now,

$$K^*K x(t) = K^*y(s) \quad (7)$$

Substitute eq.(5) into eq.(7), we obtain:

$$K^*Kx(t) = K^*K \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i V_i - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i K^*K V_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i \lambda_i V_i$$

$$K^*y(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i \lambda_i V_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i V_i(s)$$

Thus,  $c_i = \frac{\alpha_i}{\lambda_i}$ .

Also,

$$(K^*y, V_i) = (\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_j V_j, V_i) = \alpha_i$$

Thus  $x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ((K^*y, V_i) \lambda_i^{-1} V_i(t))$  is the solution of the IDE(1).

Also, note that, we can find the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of the operator  $K^*K$  with the corresponding eigenfunction  $V_i$  by any suitable method, say expansion method.

**Remarks**

1. To the best of our knowledge, this method especially for non-Hermitian kernels seems to be new.
2. This method can also be applied for a Fredholm linear integral equation of the first kind (for Hermitian kernels). For more details see [2].
3. It is easy to check that this method can also be applies a Fredholm linear integral equation of the first kind (for non-Hermitian kernels).

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