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1 Problem 1

1.1 Part 1

Consider the BVP

$$\begin{cases} x^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + x \frac{df}{dx} = -\lambda f \\ f(1) = 0 \quad f(2) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

1.1.1 Show that this is a regular Sturm-Liouville problem and put it in Sturm-Liouville form.

1.1.1.1 Solution

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + x \frac{df}{dx} = -\lambda f \quad (2)$$

$$x \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} + \frac{df}{dx} = -\frac{1}{x} \lambda f \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(x \frac{df}{dx} \right) = -\lambda \frac{1}{x} f \quad (4)$$

This is an SLP with $w(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ where $w(x)$ is the weight function.

1.1.2 Find the eigenfunctions and corresponding eigenvalues.

1.1.2.1 Solution

We assume solutions of the form $f(x) = x^\alpha$ where α is complex.

$$f(x) = x^\alpha \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \alpha x^{\alpha-1} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = \alpha(\alpha-1)x^{\alpha-2} \quad (7)$$

Plugging this into (1) and solving for α we have

$$x^2 \alpha(\alpha-1)x^{\alpha-2} + x \alpha x^{\alpha-1} + \lambda x^\alpha = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\alpha^2 x^\alpha - \alpha x^\alpha + \alpha x^\alpha + \lambda x^\alpha = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\alpha^2 x^\alpha = -\lambda x^\alpha \quad (10)$$

$$\alpha^2 = -\lambda \quad (11)$$

$$\alpha = \pm i\sqrt{\lambda} \quad (12)$$

The general solution is thus

$$f(x) = x^{\pm i\sqrt{\lambda}} \quad (13)$$

$$= e^{\pm i\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(x)} \quad (14)$$

$$= c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(x)) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(x)) \quad (15)$$

Let us apply the boundary conditions $f(1) = 0$ and $f(2) = 0$

$$f(1) = 0 = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(1)) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(1)) \quad (16)$$

$$= c_1 = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$f(2) = 0 = c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(2)) \quad (18)$$

$$(19)$$

In order to satisfy the boundary condition at $x = 2$ we set $\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(2)$ equal to the zeros of the sine function.

$$\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(2) = n\pi \quad (20)$$

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln(2)} \right)^2 \quad (21)$$

Thus the eigen-function, eigen-value pair is

$$f_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)}\right) \quad \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln(2)}\right)^2 \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (22)$$

1.1.3 What is the orthogonality relationship associated with these eigenfunctions?

1.1.3.1 Solution

From Section 1.1.1.1 we know that the weight function $w(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ thus the orthogonality condition is

$$\langle f_n, f_m \rangle = \int_1^2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)}\right) \frac{1}{x} dx = A\delta_{nm} \quad (23)$$

where A is the normalization constant and

$$\delta_{nm} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ 1 & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$$

Let us find the normalization constant by computing the integral when $n = m$

$$A = \int_1^2 \sin^2 \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)} \right) \frac{1}{x} dx \quad \begin{cases} u &= \ln(x) \\ du &= \frac{1}{x} dx \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

$$= \int_0^{\ln(2)} \sin^2 \left(\frac{n\pi u}{\ln(2)} \right) du \quad (25)$$

$$= -\frac{\ln(2) (\sin(2\pi n) - 2\pi n)}{4\pi n} \quad \text{1} \quad (26)$$

1.2 Part 2

Consider the equation

$$\begin{cases} x^2 \frac{d^2 G}{dx^2} + x \frac{dG}{dx} = \delta(x - x') \\ G(1, x') = 0 \quad G(2, x') = 0 \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

1.2.1 Find the Green's function $G(x, x')$ using the method of eigenfunction expansion.

1.2.1.1 Solution

We assume solutions of the following form

$$G(x, x') = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n(x') \sin \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)} \right) \quad (28)$$

Let us find the first and second derivative with respect to x .

$$\frac{dG}{dx} = \sum_{\forall n} c_n \frac{n\pi}{\ln(2)} \frac{1}{x} \cos \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)} \right) \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dG}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2 G}{dx^2} = \sum_{\forall n} c_n \frac{n\pi}{\ln(2)} \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{x} \cos \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)} \right) \right] \quad (30)$$

$$= \sum_{\forall n} c_n \frac{n\pi}{\ln(2)} \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \cos \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)} \right) - \frac{1}{x^2} \frac{n\pi}{\ln(2)} \sin \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)} \right) \right) \quad (31)$$

¹This result is from wolfram alpha

Plugging in to (27), the cosine terms will cancel and we have

$$\sum_{\forall n} - \left(\frac{n\pi}{\ln(2)} \right)^2 c_n \sin \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)} \right) = \delta(x - x') \quad (32)$$

or in terms of the eigenfunction, eigenvalues is

$$\sum_{\forall n} -\lambda_n c_n(x') \phi_n(x) = \delta(x - x') \quad (33)$$

Let us multiply by $\phi_m(x)$ and the weight function $w(x)$ on both sides and take the integral in $[1, 2]$.

$$\sum_{\forall n} \int_1^2 -\lambda_n c_n(x') \phi_n(x) \phi_m(x) \frac{1}{x} dx = \int_1^2 \delta(x - x') \phi_m(x) \frac{1}{x} dx \quad (34)$$

$$c_m \frac{m^2 \pi^2}{\ln(2)^2} \frac{\ln(2) (\sin(2\pi m) - 2\pi m)}{4\pi m} = \int_1^2 \delta(x - x') \phi_m(x) \frac{1}{x} dx \quad (35)$$

$$c_m(x') = \frac{4 \ln(2)}{x' m \pi (\sin(2\pi m) - 2\pi m)} \sin \left(\frac{m\pi \ln(x')}{\ln(2)} \right) \quad (36)$$

the Green's function is thus

$$G(x, x') = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4 \ln(2)}{x' n \pi (\sin(2\pi n) - 2\pi n)} \sin \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x')}{\ln(2)} \right) \sin \left(\frac{n\pi \ln(x)}{\ln(2)} \right) \quad (37)$$

1.2.2 Find the Green's function $G(x, x')$ directly using the 'patching' method

1.2.2.1 Solution

For a singular point x' , the Green's function $G(x, x')$ is defined in two parts by

$$\begin{cases} G_L(x, x') & \text{if } x < x' \\ G_R(x, x') & \text{if } x > x' \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

Let us solve the homogeneous problem for equation (27)

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 G}{dx^2} + x \frac{dG}{dx} = 0 \quad (39)$$

$$x \frac{d^2 G}{dx^2} + \frac{dG}{dx} = 0 \quad (40)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(x \frac{dG}{dx} \right) = 0 \quad (41)$$

$$x \frac{dG}{dx} = c_1 \quad (42)$$

$$G(x, x') = c_1 \ln |x| + c_2 \quad (43)$$

Applying the left boundary conditions:

$$G_L(1, x') = 0 = c_1 \ln(1) + c_2 \quad (44)$$

$$c_2 = 0 \quad (45)$$

x is bounded in the positive domain so we can drop the absolute value.

$G_L(x, x')$ is thus

$$G_L(x, x') = c_1 \ln(x) \quad (46)$$

Applying the boundary conditions from the right

$$G(2, x') = 0 = k_1 \ln(2) + k_2 \quad (47)$$

$$k_2 = -k_1 \ln(2) \quad (48)$$

$G_R(x, x')$ is thus

$$G_R(x, x') = k_1 \ln(x) - k_1 \ln(2) \quad (49)$$

$$= k_1 \ln \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \quad (50)$$

at $x = x'$ we enforce continuity

$$G_L(x') = G_R(x') \quad (51)$$

$$c_1 \ln(x') - k_1 \ln \left(\frac{x'}{2} \right) = 0 \quad (52)$$

and the jump condition on the derivative

$$\int_{x'-\epsilon}^{x'+\epsilon} \frac{d}{dx} \left(x \frac{dG}{dx} \right) = \int_{x'-\epsilon}^{x'+\epsilon} \delta(x - x') \quad (53)$$

$$\left[x \frac{dG}{dx} \right]_{x'-\epsilon}^{x'+\epsilon} = 1 \quad (54)$$

$$\left(x \frac{dG_R}{dx} \right)_{x'+\epsilon} - \left(x \frac{dG_L}{dx} \right)_{x'-\epsilon} = 1 \quad (55)$$

$$(x' + \epsilon) \left(\frac{k_1}{x' + \epsilon} \right) - (x' - \epsilon) \left(\frac{c_1}{x' - \epsilon} \right) = 1 \quad (56)$$

$$-c_1 + k_1 = 1 \quad (57)$$

solving for the system of equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ln(x') & -\ln\left(\frac{x'}{2}\right) \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ k_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (58)$$

the determinant of the matrix is $\ln(x') - \ln\left(\frac{x'}{2}\right)$

we have

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\ln(x') - \ln\left(\frac{x'}{2}\right)} \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\ln\left(\frac{x'}{2}\right) \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (59)$$

$$= \frac{\ln\left(\frac{x'}{2}\right)}{\ln(x') - \ln\left(\frac{x'}{2}\right)} \quad (60)$$

$$= \frac{\ln(x') - \ln(2)}{\ln(2)} \quad (61)$$

$$k_1 = \frac{1}{\ln(x') - \ln\left(\frac{x'}{2}\right)} \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} \ln(x') & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (62)$$

$$= \frac{\ln(x')}{\ln(x') - \ln\left(\frac{x'}{2}\right)} \quad (63)$$

$$= \frac{\ln(x')}{\ln(2)} \quad (64)$$

The greens function is thus

(65)

1.2.3 Create a code that plots on the same figure the function $G(x, 5/4)$ using the two different methods. Hand in the code and the figure.

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using GLMakie

function problem123()
    # figure definition
    fig = Figure()
    ax = Axis(fig[1, 1],
        title = "patching and eigenfunction expansion method",
        xlabel = L"$x$",
        ylabel = L"$G(x, \frac{5}{4})$",
        ylabelrotation = 0)

    # function definition eigenfunction expansion solution
    Gn(x, xp, n) = (
        4*log(2) / (xp*n*π*(sin(2*π*n)-(2*π*n))) *
        sin(n*π*log(xp)/log(2)) *
        sin(n*π*log(x)/log(2))
    )

    # function definition patching method solution
    G(x, xp) = (
        x < xp ?
        log(x)*(log(xp) - log(2)) / log(2) :
        log(xp)*(log(x) - log(2)) / log(2)
    )

    x = LinRange(1.0, 2.0, 1000)
    y = Vector{Float64}(undef, length(x))
    # calculate eigenmodes for each x
    for i in eachindex(x)
        Σ = 0.0
        # keep 1000 eigen modes
        for n in 1:1000
            Σ += Gn(x[i], 5.0/4.0, n)
        end
        y[i] = Σ
    end

    # add the two plots to the figure
end

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lines!(ax, x, y, color = :blue, label = L"\phi$ expansion", linestyle = :dash)
lines!(ax, x, G.(x, 5.0/4.0), color = :red, label = "patching")
Legend(fig[1, 2], ax)
save("problem123.png", fig)
end
problem123();

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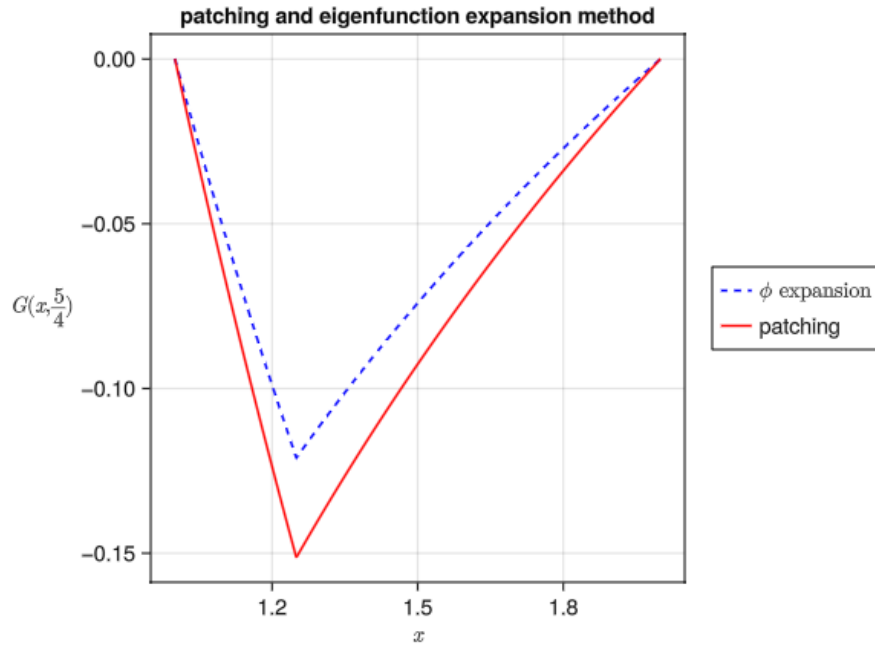


Figure 1: Plot of the Green's function over the domain $[1, 2]$ for the eigenfunction expansion solution, and the patching method solution

2 Problem 2

Consider the diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial x^2} \quad (66)$$

with boundary conditions and initial condition

$$B(0,t) = F(t) \quad B(L,t) = 0 \quad (67)$$

$$B(x,0) = 0 \quad (68)$$

where $F(t)$ is generic , but you may assume that it satisfies $F(0) = 0$.

2.0.1 Recast this problem into one that has homogeneous boundary conditions.

2.0.1.1 Solution

We introduce an auxillary function

$$\mu(x,t) = F(t) \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)$$

taking some partial derivatives we have

$$\frac{d\mu}{dt} = \frac{dF}{dt} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) \quad (69)$$

$$(70)$$

$$\frac{d^2\mu}{dx^2} = 0 \quad (71)$$

we assume the solution has the following form:

$$B(x,t) = v(x,t) + \mu(x,t) \quad (72)$$

plugging into (66)

$$v_t + \mu_t = D(v_{xx} + \mu_{xx}) \quad (73)$$

$$v_t + \frac{dF}{dt} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) = Dv_{xx} \quad (74)$$

with boundary and initial conditions

$$v(0, t) = B(0, t) - \mu(0, t) \quad (75)$$

$$= F(t) - F(t) \quad (76)$$

$$= 0 \quad (77)$$

$$v(L, t) = B(L, t) - \mu(L, t) \quad (78)$$

$$= 0 \quad (79)$$

$$v(x, 0) = B(x, 0) - \mu(x, 0) \quad (80)$$

$$= 0 - F(0) \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) \quad (81)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{assuming } F(0) = 0 \quad (82)$$

The problem thus becomes

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dV}{dt} + \frac{dF}{dt} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) = D \frac{d^2V}{dx^2} \\ v(0, t) = v(L, t) = 0 \\ v(x, 0) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (83)$$

2.0.2 Find the solution for unspecified $F(t)$.

2.0.2.1 Solution

We assume solution of the following form:

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{\forall n} \psi_n(t) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (84)$$

plugging into the DE we have

$$\sum_{\forall n} \frac{d\psi_n}{dt} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \frac{dF}{dt} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) = -D \sum_{\forall n} \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \psi_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (85)$$

let us multiply by the eigenfunction indexed by m and integrate on both sides from $[0, L]$

$$\sum_{\forall n} \int_0^L \frac{d\psi_n}{dt} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx + \int_0^L \frac{dF}{dt} \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = -D \sum_{\forall n} \int_0^L \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \psi_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad (86)$$

$$\frac{L}{2} \frac{d\psi_m}{dt} + \frac{dF}{dt} \left(\frac{L(\pi m - \sin(\pi m))}{\pi^2 m^2} \right)^2 = -\frac{Dm^2 \pi^2}{2L} \psi_m \quad (87)$$

$$\frac{d\psi_m}{dt} - D\lambda_m \psi_m = -\frac{dF}{dt} \left(\frac{L(\pi m - \sin(\pi m))}{\pi^2 m^2} \right) \quad (88)$$

Let

$$f_m = -\frac{dF}{dt} \left(\frac{L(\pi m - \sin(\pi m))}{\pi^2 m^2} \right)$$

Let us solve the IVP

$$\frac{d\psi_m}{dt} - D\lambda_m \psi_m = f_m \quad (89)$$

We use method of integrating factor.

Let

$$u(t) = e^{-\int D\lambda_m dt} \quad (90)$$

$$= e^{-D\lambda_m t} \quad (91)$$

multiply by $u(t)$ on both sides and factor

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{-D\lambda_m t} \psi_m) = f_m e^{-D\lambda_m t} \quad (92)$$

$$e^{-D\lambda_m t} \psi_m = \int f_m e^{-D\lambda_m t} dt + c_1 \quad (93)$$

$$\psi_m(t) = e^{D\lambda_m t} \int_0^t f_m(\tau) e^{-D\lambda_m(t-\tau)} d\tau + c_1 \quad (94)$$

applying the initial condition:

²the integration is from wolfram alpha

$$\psi_m(0) = 0 = \int_0^0 f_m(0) d\tau + c_1 \quad (96)$$

$$c_1 = 0 \quad (97)$$

The solution to the IVP is thus

$$\psi_m(t) = e^{D\lambda_m t} \int_0^t f_m e^{-D\lambda_m(t-\tau)} d\tau \quad (98)$$

The solution to the full problem is thus

$$B(x, t) = F(t) \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) e^{D\lambda_n t} \int_0^t f_n e^{-D\lambda_n(t-\tau)} d\tau \quad (99)$$

where

$$\lambda_n = -\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \quad (100)$$

and

$$f_n = -\frac{dF}{dt} \left(\frac{L(\pi n - \sin(\pi n))}{\pi^2 n^2} \right) \quad (101)$$

2.0.3 Create a code that plots the solution $B(x, t)$ for $F(t) = \sin(4\pi t)$, $L = 1$, $D = 1$, at representative time steps. Hand in code and figure.

$$f_n = -4\pi \cos(4\pi t) \left(\frac{L(\pi n - \sin(\pi n))}{\pi^2 n^2} \right) \quad (102)$$

```
function problem203()
    # constants
    L = 1.0
    D = 1.0

    # functions
    F(t) = sin(4*pi*t)
    lambda(n) = -n^2 * pi^2 / L^2
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fn(n, t) = -4* $\pi$  * cos(4* $\pi$ *t) * (L * ( $\pi$ *n - sin( $\pi$ *n))) / ( $\pi^2$  * n^2)

# integral solved using kronrod quadrature
function integral_term(n, t)
    integrand( $\tau$ ) = fn(n,  $\tau$ ) * exp(clamp(-D *  $\lambda$ (n) * (t -  $\tau$ ), -700, 700))
    try
        return quadgk(integrand, 0, t, rtol=1e-3, atol=1e-10)[1]
    catch e
        @warn "Integration failed for n=$n, t=$t with error: $e"
        return 0.0 # Return 0 if the integration fails
    end
end

function B(x, t)
    sum = 0.0
    # 50 eigen modes
    for n in 1:50
        sum += exp(D* $\lambda$ (n)*t)*integral_term(n, t)*sin(n* $\pi$ *x/L)
    end
    return F(t) * (1 - x/L) + sum
end

tsteps = [0.0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.6]
x = LinRange(0.0, L, 100)
fig = Figure()
ax = Axis(fig[1, 1],
    title = "The solution at representative time steps",
    xlabel = "x",
    ylabel = "B(x, t)",
    ylabelrotation = 0)
for t in tsteps
    y = [B(xi, t) for xi in x]
    lines!(ax, x, y, label = "t = $t")
end

Legend(fig[1, 2], ax)
save("problem203.png", fig)
end
problem203();

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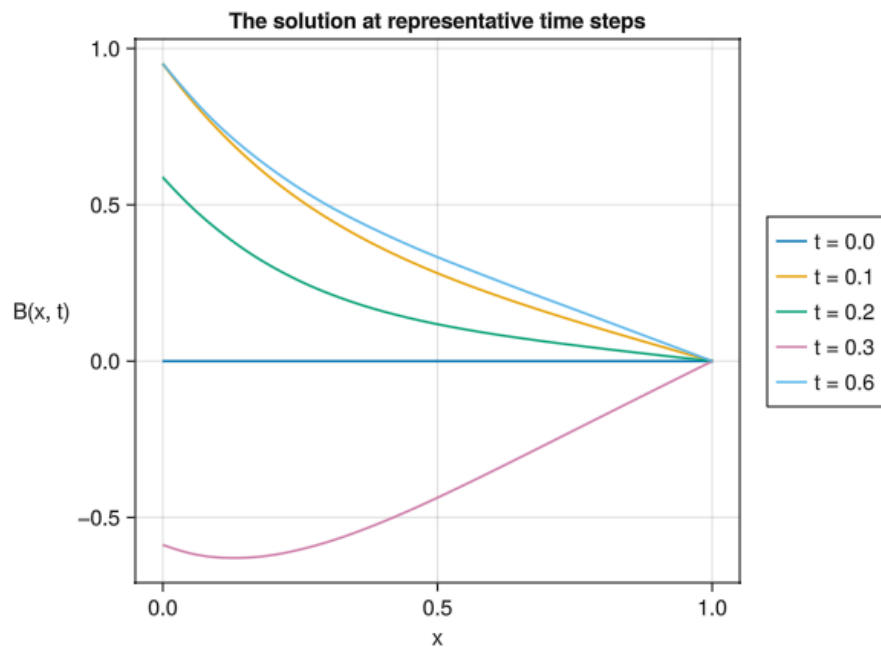


Figure 2: Plot of the solution at representative time steps