

Regular approximations for systems

With $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$, an example would be

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \epsilon) = 0$$

$$f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \epsilon) = 0$$

$$f_3(x_1, x_2, x_3, \epsilon) = 0$$

is a system of three eqns for $x_1(\epsilon), x_2(\epsilon), x_3(\epsilon)$.

Defining

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

this system can be more compactly written

$$(1) \quad F(x, \epsilon) = 0$$

Under certain circumstances the roots of $x(\epsilon)$ have a power series

$$x(\epsilon) = \bar{x}_0 + \epsilon \bar{x}_1 + O(\epsilon^2)$$

where $\bar{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $n=3$. For the planar system

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= 0 \\ g(x, y, \epsilon) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

the expansions for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ would be

$$x = x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + O(\epsilon^2)$$

EXAMPLE

(1)

$$\begin{aligned}xy - 27 - \epsilon \sqrt{x+1} &= 0 \\x^2 - y - \epsilon x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

We use the expansions

$$x = x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + O(\epsilon^2)$$

in the system (1) and expand in $\epsilon \ll 1$

$$(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots)(y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + \dots) - 27 - \epsilon \sqrt{1 + x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots} = 0$$

$$(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots)^2 - (y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + \dots) - \epsilon(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \dots) = 0$$

Collecting in powers of ϵ yields $O(1)$ and $O(\epsilon)$ problems

$O(1)$

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 y_0 - 27 &= 0 \\x_0^2 - y_0 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

"leading"

whose soln by inspection is $x_0 = 3, y_0 = 9$

$O(\epsilon)$

$$\begin{aligned}y_0 x_1 + x_0 y_1 &= \sqrt{x_0 + 1} \\2x_0 x_1 - y_1 &= x_0\end{aligned}$$

Using $x_0 = 3$, $y_0 = 9$ in the $O(\epsilon)$ problem yields the linear problem

$$(2) \quad 9x_1 + 3y_1 = 2$$

$$(3) \quad 6x_1 - y_1 = 3$$

whose solution is $x_1 = \frac{11}{27}$, $y_1 = -\frac{5}{9}$ to conclude

$$x = 3 + \frac{11}{27}\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$y = 9 - \frac{5}{9}\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

Regular expansions of definite integrals

By way of example we seek an approximation of

$$I(\epsilon) = \int_a^b F(x, \epsilon) dx \quad 0 < \epsilon \ll 1$$

where $[a, b]$ closed and bounded and F is smooth.

EXAMPLE

$$I(\epsilon) = \int_0^1 \frac{\cos(\epsilon x)}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

For fixed x , $\cos(\epsilon x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2!} \epsilon^2 x^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \epsilon^4 x^4 + O(\epsilon^6)$

$$I(\epsilon) = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{(x^2+1)} - \frac{1}{2!} \frac{x^2}{(x^2+1)} \epsilon^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{x^4}{(x^2+1)} \epsilon^4 + \dots \right) dx$$

Integrate term by term to get

$$(1) \quad I(\epsilon) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8} \right) \epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^4)$$

This integral can be expressed in terms of $\text{Si}(x)$ and $\text{Ci}(x)$ functions but such expressions have less value... the $O(\epsilon^2)$ term is very easy to understand.