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- **Algebraic equations**
- **Eigen value problems**
- **Asymptotic approximations**
- **Matching asymptotics**
- **Multiple Scales**

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- 7 Feb. 2018, 8:30-12:30: [Introduction - Algebraic equation](#)
14 Feb. 2018, 9:00-12:30: [Algebraic equations](#)
21 Feb. 2018, 9:00-12:30: [Eigen value problems, ODEs](#)
28 Feb. 2018, 9:00-12:30: [Asymptotic approx. in ODEs](#)
7 Mar. 2018, 9:00-12:30: [Matching asymptotics and boundary layers](#)
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28 Mar. 2018, 9:00-12:30: [Integrals](#)
4/11 Apr. 2018, 8:30-12:30: Spring break

21 Feb. [Quizz 1](#)

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- applied mathematicians .vs. mathematicians
- two complementary ways to get accurate solutions: numerical and analytical methods
- numerical methods \equiv all parameters of order 1, all sizes and dimensions of the same order (ex. beam theory, lubrication theory)
- perturbation methods \equiv small parameter
- what is small ? (dimensional analysis)
- very small means very large
- *finding perturbation approximations is more an art than a science*
- perturbation suggests unperturbed
- small .vs. negligible (ex. undamped oscillator)



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REGULAR .VS. SINGULAR

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- Solution of $x^2 + \varepsilon x - 1 = 0$
- Solution of $\varepsilon x^2 + x - 1 = 0$

Discuss:

- singular .vs. regular
- iterative approach,
- expansion,
- rescaling
- 2-term .vs. 3-term equation (probe existing solution by balancing term two-by-two - pairwise comparison)



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- Find the right scaling, use $\varepsilon x^2 + x - 1 = 0$ and pose $x = \delta(\varepsilon)X$
- Non-integral powers, solution of $(1 - \varepsilon)x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$

- Exercise by students : solution of $x^2 - 3x + 2 + \varepsilon = 0$
- Exercise by students : solution of $\varepsilon x^3 + x - 1 = 0$ (finish as homework)



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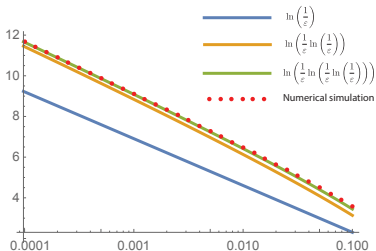
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Logarithms, illustrate with $x e^{-x} = \varepsilon$ (use iteration)

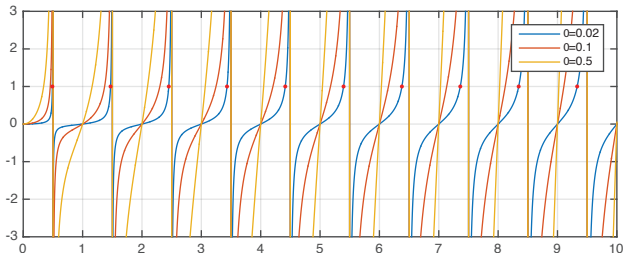


- Proposed exercise @ home : $x^2 - \varepsilon e^x - 1 = 0$



LOGARITHMS AND TRIGONOMETRIC II

- Trigonometric equation : solution of $x \tan x = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$



- To find the right balance is not easy (?)
- Do not expect to be able to develop a function in the neighborhood of a singular point



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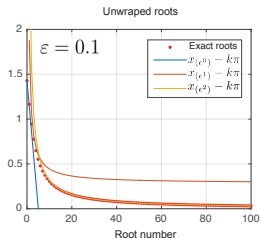
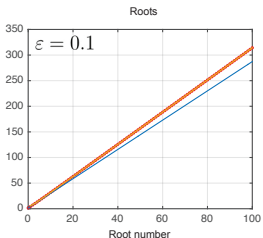
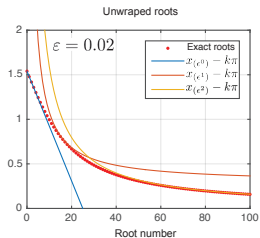
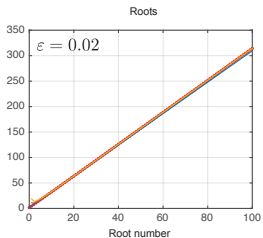
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- Proposed exercise @ home : $\tan x = \varepsilon x$



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EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS

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- Solve $\mathbf{Ax} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda \mathbf{x}$

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(Sept 2016) The dimensionless stiffness and mass matrices of a lightpole with a small mass at its top are given by

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}.$$

Assuming $\varepsilon \ll 1$, develop a perturbation method to determine 2nd-order-accurate approximations of the two eigen frequencies ω_1 and ω_2 of this structure. Remember eigen frequencies and mode shapes are determined by $(\mathbf{K} - \mathbf{M}\omega_i^2) \mathbf{x}_i = 0$.



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Perturbation of

- a term/factor in the equation,
- a boundary condition,
- the position of a boundary condition

- The projectile equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{-gR^2}{(x+R)^2}$$

- Exercise by students : projectile with a small friction

$$\frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} + \varepsilon \frac{dy}{d\tau} = -1 \quad ; \quad y(0) = 0; y'(0) = 1$$

- (An oscillator with a small stiffness) -> Remove (?)
- Potential outside a nearly spherical body
- Flow past a nearly circular cylinder
- Exercise by students : Nearly uniform inertial flow past a cylinder



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Boundary/Edge/Skin Layers

Consider $\varepsilon y'' + y' + y = 0$, with boundary conditions $y(0) = a$ and $y(1) = b$.

- Discuss unperturbed equation
- Determine scaling in boundary layers
- Introduce rescaled coordinates
- Solve for inner and outer solutions (regular ansatz)
- Use B.C. together with inner solutions & use matching to determine remaining constants of integration



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Other exercises.

Consider $\varepsilon y'' - y' + e^x = 0$, with boundary conditions $y(0) = 0$ and $y(1) = 0$ (B.L. on right side).

Solution: $y(x) = e^x - 1 - (e - 1)e^{-\frac{1-x}{\varepsilon}} + \text{ord}(\varepsilon)$

Consider $\varepsilon y'' + 2y' + 2y = 0$, with boundary conditions $y(0) = 0$ and $y(1) = 1$.

Consider $\varepsilon y'' + \sqrt{x}y' + y = 0$, with boundary conditions $y(0) = 0$ and $y(1) = 1$. (Practice with finding the right scaling)

Solution: $y(x) = e^2 \left(1 - \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \frac{x^{3/2}}{\varepsilon}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} \right)$



SINGULAR PERTURBATIONS OF ODEs/PDEs III

Debye layer $\varepsilon\psi'' = 1 - e^{-\varepsilon\psi}$, $\psi(0) = 1$, $\psi(+\infty) = 0$

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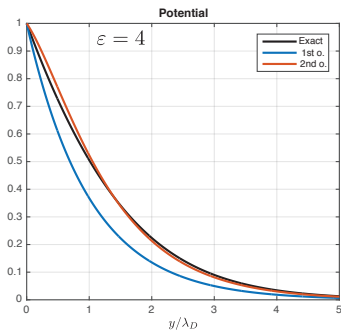
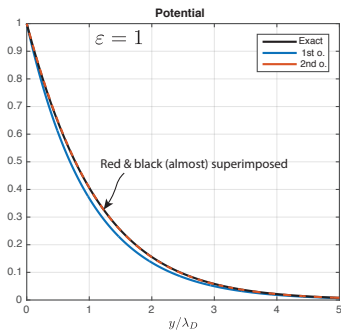
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$$\psi\left(\frac{y}{\lambda_D}\right) = e^{-\frac{y}{\lambda_D}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{6} \left(e^{-\frac{y}{\lambda_D}} - e^{-\frac{2y}{\lambda_D}} \right) \quad \varepsilon = \frac{\zeta z}{k_B T}$$



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Homework (2017):

$$\varepsilon y''(x) + \frac{y'(x)}{x} + y(x) = 0$$

on the domain $x \in [1, 2]$, for $\varepsilon \ll 1$ and with the boundary conditions $y(1) = 0$ and $y(2) = \varepsilon$.

Homework (2018):

$$\varepsilon^2 y''(x) + \varepsilon x y'(x) - y = -e^x$$

on the domain $x \in [0, 1]$, for $\varepsilon \ll 1$ and with $y(0) = 2$, $y(1) = 1$.

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- where is the boundary layer ?
- $\varepsilon^2 y'' + xy' - \varepsilon y = 0$, with boundary conditions $y(-1) = 0$ and $y(1) = 1$ (B.L. *inside* the domain).
- develop higher order approximations & match at higher orders (use other intermediate scale, not just half-way)
- the cable with the small boundary layer
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- Introduction with the shallow waves equation
- The Duffing oscillator, oscillator with pure cubic stiffness
- The van der Pol oscillator
- Synchronization under small forcing



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- Local / Global contributions
- Illustrate with multiple timescale spectral analysis



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