

ON A SINGULAR PERTURBATION PROBLEM
WITH MIXED CONDITION

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INTRODUCTION

In the square $\Omega =]0, \pi[\times]0, \pi[$, we consider the following Dirichlet problem for the second order elliptic equation.

$$(P_\epsilon) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\epsilon^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} u_\epsilon - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} u_\epsilon + u_\epsilon = f_\epsilon \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ & u_\epsilon(0, y) = u_\epsilon(\pi, y) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < y < \pi, \\ & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} u_\epsilon(x, 0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} u_\epsilon(x, \pi) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi, \end{aligned}$$

where f_ϵ is in the space $L^2(\Omega)$.

We begin this paper by proving that as f_ϵ converges to f in $L^2(\Omega)$, the solution of the problem (P_ϵ) converges in $L^2(\Omega)$ to the solution of the following problem:

$$(P_0) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} u + u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} u(x, 0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} u(x, \pi) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if $f_\epsilon = f$ is sufficiently smooth, we construct the asymptotic expansion of the solution u_ϵ of the problem (P_ϵ) .

1. Convergence of the solution of the problem (P_ϵ) , if f_ϵ converges in $L^2(\Omega)$

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Proposition 1:

If u_ϵ is the solution of problem (P_ϵ) and if f_ϵ converges to f in $L^2(\Omega)$ then u_ϵ converges in $L^2(\Omega)$ to the solution of the boundary problem (P_0)

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}u + u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

(P₀)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}u(x,0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}u(x,\pi) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi .$$

Proof:Let's take $(\Psi_{n,m})$ an orthonormal basis of $L^2(\Omega)$ (see[8]):

$$(1.1) \quad \Psi_{n,m}(x,y) = (2/\pi)\text{Sin}(nx)\text{Cos}(my) \text{ and } \Psi_{n,0}(x,y) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi}\text{Sin}(nx) .$$

Taking the scalar product of the two sides of (P_ε) and (P₀) by $\Psi_{n,m}$ and using the fact that $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}u_\epsilon(x,0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}u_\epsilon(x,\pi) = u_\epsilon(0,y) = u_\epsilon(\pi,y) = 0$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}u(x,0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}u(x,\pi) = 0$ one has

$$(1.2) \quad (\epsilon^2 n^2 + m^2 + 1)u_{n,m,\epsilon} = f_{n,m,\epsilon} ,$$

$$(1.3) \quad (m^2 + 1)u_{n,m} = f_{n,m} ,$$

with

$$(1.4) \quad u_{n,m,\epsilon} = \int_{\Omega} u_\epsilon(x,y)\Psi_{n,m}(x,y)dxdy; \quad f_{n,m,\epsilon} = \int_{\Omega} f_\epsilon(x,y)\Psi_{n,m}(x,y)dxdy$$

and

$$u_{n,m} = \int_{\Omega} u(x,y)\Psi_{n,m}(x,y)dxdy; \quad f_{n,m} = \int_{\Omega} f(x,y)\Psi_{n,m}(x,y)dxdy .$$

Consequently, the solution of problems (P_ε) and (P₀) are given respectively by:

$$(1.5) \quad u_\epsilon(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{f_{n,m,\epsilon}}{\mu_{n,m,\epsilon}} \right) \Psi_{n,m}(x,y)$$

and

$$(1.6) \quad u(x,y) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{m \geq 0} \left(\frac{f_{n,m}}{\mu_{n,m,0}} \right) \Psi_{n,m}(x,y) ,$$

where:

$$(1.7) \quad \mu_{n,m,\epsilon} = \epsilon^2 n^2 + m^2 + 1 .$$

We remark that for ever (n,m) in $IN^* \times IN$:

$$(1.8) \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} u_{n,m,\epsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f_{n,m,\epsilon}}{\mu_{n,m,\epsilon}} \right) = \left(\frac{f_{n,m}}{\mu_{n,m,0}} \right) = u_{n,m}$$

This prove the weak convergence of u_ϵ to u in $L^2(\Omega)$.

On the other hand, we have:

$$(1.9) \quad |u_{n,m,\epsilon}| = \left| \frac{f_{n,m,\epsilon}}{\mu_{n,m,\epsilon}} \right| \leq C \left| \frac{f_{n,m}}{\mu_{n,m,0}} \right| ,$$

where C is a constant independent of ϵ and (n,m) (this can be easily seen from the convergence of f_ϵ to f in $L^2(\Omega)$).

So we are able to apply the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem:

$$(1.10) \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \|u_\epsilon\|^2 = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{m \geq 0} \left| \frac{f_{n,m,\epsilon}}{m_{n,m,\epsilon}} \right|^2 = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{m \geq 0} \left| \frac{f_{n,m}}{m_{n,m,0}} \right|^2 = \|u\|^2,$$

which will complete the proof of the proposition 1([2]).

Remark 1:

If f_ϵ converges to f in $H^1(\Omega)$, without having $f(0,y) = f(\pi,y) = 0$, then the (u_ϵ) solution doesn't converge in $H^1(\Omega)$. Indeed, in the (P_ϵ) and (P_0) problems, let's take

$$(1.11) \quad f_\epsilon(x,y) = f(x,y) = g(x)h(y) \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and } g \notin H^1_0(]0,\pi[).$$

Then the solution (u_ϵ) of (P_ϵ) converges in $L^2(\Omega)$ to the solution of (P_0) , with

$$(1.12) \quad u(x,y) = g(x)v(y),$$

where v is the solution of the following boundary problem:

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}v + v = h \quad \text{for } 0 < y < \pi,$$

(P_1)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}v(0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}v(\pi) = 0.$$

As $g \notin H^1_0(]0,\pi[)$ implies that $u \notin E$, where

$$(1.13) \quad E = \{u \in H^1(\Omega); u(0,y) = u(\pi,y) = 0\}.$$

Consequently, if u_ϵ converges in $H^1(\Omega)$, E being a closed subset of $H^1(\Omega)$, u must be in E , which isn't the case.

2. Convergence of the solution of the problem (P_ϵ) , if $f_\epsilon = f$ is smooth

We consider again the boundary problems:

$$(P_\epsilon)_1 \quad \begin{aligned} &-\epsilon^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}u_\epsilon - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}u_\epsilon + u_\epsilon = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ &u_\epsilon(0,y) = u_\epsilon(\pi,y) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < y < \pi, \\ &\frac{\partial}{\partial y}u_\epsilon(x,0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}u_\epsilon(x,\pi) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(P_0)_1 \quad -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}u + u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$(P_0)_1$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}u(x,0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}u(x,\pi) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \pi,$$

where f belongs to $L^2(\Omega)$ and verifies

(H): For every y in $]0, \pi[$, the function $f(\cdot, y) \in C^\infty([0, \pi])$.

Proposition 2

If f verifies the hypothesis (H), and if u_ϵ and u are the respective solutions of $(P_\epsilon)_1$ and $(P_0)_1$ problems, then

$$(2.1) \quad \|u_\epsilon - u\| \leq C\sqrt{\epsilon},$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the $L^2(\Omega)$ norm and C is a constant.

Proof:

Following the first section results, u_ϵ converges to u in $L^2(\Omega)$, so there is a boundary conditions loose near $\{0\} \times]0, \pi[$ and $\{\pi\} \times]0, \pi[$, and consequently u_ϵ can be written as

$$(2.2) \quad u_\epsilon = v_\epsilon + \omega_\epsilon + \chi_\epsilon,$$

where ω_ϵ and χ_ϵ are the limits layers phenomenas near $\{0\} \times]0, \pi[$ and $\{\pi\} \times]0, \pi[$ respectively.

To determine the expansion of v_ϵ , we use the recurrent relation exposed by A. Nayfeh [6]:

$$(2.3) \quad v_\epsilon(x, y) = v_0(x, y) + \epsilon^2 v_1(x, y) + \epsilon^4 v_2(x, y) + \dots$$

Reporting the expansion in $(P_\epsilon)_1$ and gathering the terms in ϵ , we obtain:

$$(2.4) \quad \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} v_0 + v_0\right) + \sum_{k \geq 1} \epsilon^{2k} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} v_k + v_k - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} v_{k-1}\right) = f.$$

Consequently

$$(2.5) \quad -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} v_0 + v_0 = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$(2.6) \quad -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} v_k + v_k = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} v_{k-1} \quad \text{for } k \geq 1.$$

To v_k we impose the conditions

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v_k(x, 0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} v_k(x, \pi) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N}, y \in]0, \pi[.$$

So, v_0 is the solution of the $(P_0)_1$ problem (i.e. $v_0 = u$).

The problems (2.6) and (2.7) admit unique solution following the fact that f verifies the hypothesis (H). On the other hand, we have for ω_ϵ :

$$(2.8) \quad \omega_\epsilon(x, y) = \omega_0(x, y, \epsilon) + \epsilon^2 \omega_1(x, y, \epsilon) + \epsilon^4 \omega_2(x, y, \epsilon) + \dots$$

Here ω_ϵ doesn't occur near $\{0\} \times]0, \pi[$, and so, it is natural to look to (ω_k) as follows

(2.9) $\omega_k(x, y, \epsilon) = \omega_k(t, y)$ with $t = \epsilon^{-1}x$.

This variable change induces a change in the A_ϵ operator:

(2.10) $A_\epsilon = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + I_d$,

where I_d is the identity operator.

Let's apply the operator A_ϵ to the ω_ϵ expansion:

(2.11) $A_\epsilon(\omega_0 + \epsilon^2\omega_1 + \epsilon^4\omega_2 + \dots) = 0$,

which implies

(2.12) $-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\omega_k - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\omega_k + \omega_k = 0$ in Ω for $k \in N$,

with the following boundary conditions:

(2.13) $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\omega_k(t, 0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\omega_k(t, \pi) = 0$ for $t \geq 0$,
 $\omega_k(0, y) + v_k(0, y) = 0$ for $0 < y < \pi$,
 $\omega_k(t, y) \rightarrow 0$ when $t \rightarrow +\infty$.

Similarly, we have for χ_ϵ :

(2.14) $\chi_\epsilon(x, y) = \chi_0(x, y, \epsilon) + \epsilon^2\chi_1(x, y, \epsilon) + \epsilon^4\chi_2(x, y, \epsilon) + \dots$,

and operating the following variable change

(2.15) $\chi_k(x, y, \epsilon) = \chi_k(s, y), s = \epsilon^{-1}(\pi - x)$,

the operator A_ϵ will be

(2.16) $A_\epsilon = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + I_d$.

So, we find that

(2.17) $-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2}\chi_k - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\chi_k + \chi_k = 0$ in Ω for $k \in N$,

with

(2.18) $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\chi_k(s, 0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\chi_k(s, \pi) = 0$ for $s \geq 0$,
 $\chi_k(0, y) + v_k(\pi, y) = 0$ for $0 < y < \pi$.

For the case $k=0$, the solutions of the problems (2.12), (2.13) and (2.17),

(2.18) are respectively:

(2.19) $\omega_0(t, y) = -\sum_{p \geq 0} \left(\frac{f_p(0)}{1+p^2}\right) \phi_p(y) \exp(-t\sqrt{1+p^2})$

(2.20) $\chi_0(s, y) = -\sum_{p \geq 0} \left(\frac{f_p(\pi)}{1+p^2}\right) \phi_p(y) \exp(-s\sqrt{1+p^2})$

where

$$(2.21) \quad \phi_p(y) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cos(py); \quad \phi_0(y) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi}} \quad \text{and} \quad f_p(x) = \int_0^{\pi} f(x,y) \phi_p(y) dy .$$

Consequently

$$(2.21) \quad u_\epsilon = (u + \chi_0 + \omega_0) + \sum_{k \geq 1} \epsilon^{2k} (v_k + \chi_k + \omega_k) ,$$

which will complete the proof of the inequality (2.1).

Remark 2

If we consider the problem $(P_\epsilon)_1$, with f verifying the hypothesis (H) , while $f(0,y) = f(\pi,y) = 0$, for every p in N , $f_p(0) = f_p(\pi) = 0$ and consequently the solutions of problems (2.12), (2.13) and (2.17), (2.18) for $k=0$ are identically zero, then the inequality (2.1) takes the form

$$(2.22) \quad \|u_\epsilon - u\| \leq C\epsilon^2 .$$

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