

# Theoretical and Numerical Analysis of Singular Perturbation Problems in Ordinary Differential Equations

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Singular perturbation troubles in everyday differential equations (ODEs) involve a small parameter  $\epsilon$  that causes answers to show off behaviors on multiple scales, main to massive challenges in both theoretical and numerical evaluation.

**Objective:** This paper at targets to comprehensively look at the theoretical and numerical techniques for reading and solving singular perturbation troubles in ODEs. Focus is located on know-how the behaviors precipitated through the small parameter and developing strong numerical techniques to accurately seize these behaviors.

**Methods:** Theoretical approaches employed include matched asymptotic expansions and multiple scale analysis. These methods decompose the solution domain into regions with different scales, constructing and matching approximate solutions to ensure smooth transitions. Numerical techniques such as finite difference methods, finite element methods, and spectral methods are utilized, with particular emphasis on adaptive mesh refinement to handle boundary layers effectively

**Results:** Theoretical evaluation demonstrates the effectiveness of matched asymptotic expansions and multiple scale analysis in presenting correct approximations and easy transitions among one of a kind solution regions. Numerical techniques showed high accuracy and performance, particularly whilst blended with adaptive techniques. Finite distinction strategies with non-uniform grids and adaptive mesh refinement, finite detail techniques with adaptive mesh strategies, and spectral strategies with special handling of boundary layers all proved successful. Stability and convergence analyses showed the reliability of those techniques.

**Conclusions:** This comprehensive evaluation highlights the strengths and applicability of each theoretical and numerical strategies in tackling singular perturbation issues in ODEs. The mixed use of these techniques lets in for correct and green answers, presenting treasured equipment for applications in diverse clinical and engineering fields.

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Concept of Singular Perturbation

Singular perturbation issues in normal differential equations (ODEs) contain the presence of a small parameter  $\epsilon$  that considerably influences the answer behavior. The small parameter  $\epsilon$  regularly leads to disparate scales within the solution, inflicting phenomena which includes boundary layers in which speedy changes rise up over small spatial periods. Understanding and fixing the ones troubles require specialised analytical and numerical techniques to deal with the extraordinary scales efficaciously (1).

#### 1.1.i. Definition and Characteristics

Consider a general singularly perturbed ODE:

$$\epsilon y''(x) + a(x)y'(x) + b(x)y(x) = f(x), 0 < x < 1, 0 < \epsilon \ll 1,$$

with boundary conditions

$$y(0) = \alpha, y(1) = \beta$$

In which  $a(x), b(x)$ , and  $f(x)$  are given features, and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are boundary values. The term  $\epsilon y''(x)$  represents the small parameter impact, which could motivate the solution  $y(x)$  to exhibit fast versions in narrow areas (boundary layers) near the limits  $x=0$  and  $x=1$ . Outside those areas, the answer changes more step by step (2).

### 1.1.ii. Importance and Applications

Singular perturbation issues get up in numerous fields which includes fluid dynamics, quantum mechanics, chemical reactions, and organic structures. In those contexts,  $\epsilon$  often represents bodily portions like viscosity, diffusivity, or response rates. For instance, in fluid dynamics,  $\epsilon$  may correspond to the Reynolds quantity, indicating the ratio of inertial to viscous forces in the float Bender (3).

### 1.1.iii. Analytical and Numerical Challenges

The presence of the small parameter  $\epsilon$  introduces massive challenges in both analytical and numerical procedures. Analytically, conventional perturbation techniques may additionally fail because of the a couple of scales inherent in the trouble. Numerically, trendy discretization strategies might not capture the speedy versions appropriately, necessitating specialized strategies (3).

## 2. Theoretical Analysis

### 2.1. Matched Asymptotic Expansions

One of the number one theoretical strategies is matched asymptotic expansions. This method entails dividing the answer area into internal and outer areas. The outer place represents the area wherein the answer modifications regularly, even as the inner vicinity (boundary layer) captures the rapid variations (4).

#### 2.1.i. Outer Solution

For the outer solution, where  $x$  is not near the boundaries, we set  $\epsilon=0$  and solve the reduced equation:

$$a(x)y(x) + b(x)y'_o(x) = f(x).$$

#### 2.1.ii. Inner Solution

The inner answer captures the conduct inside the boundary layers, in which speedy modifications occur. To analyze this area, we introduce a stretched variable  $\xi=x/\epsilon$ , reworking the authentic differential equation. The inner answer  $y_i(\xi)$  should then satisfy:

$$y_i''(\xi) + \epsilon a(\epsilon\xi)y_i'(\xi) + \epsilon^2 b(\epsilon\xi)y_i(\xi) = \epsilon f(\epsilon\xi).$$

#### 2.1.iii. Matching

To make sure a smooth transition between the inner and outer solutions, we rent an identical technique wherein the internal and outer expansions are matched in an overlap area.

### 2.2. Multiple Scale Analysis

Multiple scale evaluation introduces unique scales to seize behaviors in numerous areas. For example, the use of a fast scale  $\xi=\epsilon/x$  and a slow scale  $X=x$ , we write the answer  $y(x)$  as a function of both scales:  $y(x)=Y(X,\xi)$ . By deriving equations for every scale and fixing them concurrently, we acquire a complete description of the answer behavior (5).

## 3. Numerical Challenges

### 3.1. Finite Difference Methods

Finite difference strategies discretize the differential equations the usage of finite differences. Special strategies, consisting of non-uniform grids, are employed to address boundary layers successfully. For example, the usage of a non-uniform grid close to the bounds can increase the decision in which fast changes arise, improving the accuracy of the numerical answer (6).

### 3.2. Finite Element Methods

Finite detail methods (FEM) use variational standards to derive finite element approximations. FEM is specifically effective in handling complicated geometries and boundary situations. Adaptive mesh refinement, wherein the mesh is subtle in areas with high gradients, improves the accuracy of the solution in boundary layers Morton.

### 3.3. Spectral Methods

Spectral methods constitute the answer as a sum of foundation features (e.G., polynomials or trigonometric capabilities). Solving the ensuing device of equations for the coefficients of the premise features provides a particularly accurate numerical answer. Spectral techniques are specifically powerful for troubles with easy answers but require cautious dealing with of boundary layers (2).

### 4.Theoretical Methods

In this bankruptcy, we delve into the theoretical techniques used to research singular perturbation troubles in regular differential equations (ODEs). The two number one strategies discussed are matched asymptotic expansions and more than one scale analysis. These strategies provide effective frameworks for know-how the behavior of answers in areas with one of a kind scales, making sure smooth transitions between unexpectedly various and slowly various areas (7).

#### 4.1. Matched Asymptotic Expansions

Matched asymptotic expansions (MAE) are a classical method used to solve singular perturbation issues by way of dividing the answer domain into inner and outer areas. This approach is specifically effective for issues in which boundary layers are present.

##### 4.1.i. Outer Solution

The outer solution is valid away from the boundary layers, where the influence of the small parameter  $\epsilon$  is weak. By setting  $\epsilon=0$  in the original differential equation, we obtain the reduced equation. For the general form:

$$\epsilon y''(x) + a(x)y'(x) + b(x)y(x) = f(x),$$

the outer solution  $y_o(x)$  satisfies:

$$a(x)y(x) + b(x)y'_o(x) = f(x).$$

This equation neglects the term involving  $\epsilon$ , simplifying the analysis in regions where the solution varies slowly.

##### 4.1.ii. Inner Solution

The inner solution captures the behavior within the boundary layers, where rapid changes occur. To analyze this region, we introduce a stretched variable  $\xi = x/\epsilon$ , transforming the original differential equation. The inner solution  $y_i(\xi)$  must then satisfy:

$$y_i''(\xi) + \epsilon a(\epsilon\xi)y_i'(\xi) + \epsilon^2 b(\epsilon\xi)y_i(\xi) = \epsilon f(\epsilon\xi).$$

For small  $\epsilon$ , this reduces to:

$$y_i''(\xi) \approx 0.$$

Solving this simplified equation gives the leading-order inner solution. Higher-order corrections can be found by considering additional terms in the expansion.

##### 4.1.iii. Matching Procedure

To ensure a smooth transition between the inner and outer solutions, we employ a matching procedure. The idea is to match the asymptotic expansions of the inner and outer solutions in an overlap region where both expansions are valid. This process involves expressing both solutions in a common variable and equating their asymptotic forms.

Suppose the outer solution has the form:

$$y_o(x) \sim y_o^0(x) + \epsilon y_o^1(x) + \epsilon^2 y_o^2(x) + \dots$$

and the inner solution has the form:

$$y_i(\xi) \sim y_i^0(\xi) + \epsilon y_i^1(\xi) + \epsilon^2 y_i^2(\xi) + \dots$$

In the overlap region, we expand  $y_o$  for small  $x$  and  $y_i$  for large  $\xi$ , and match the leading-order terms as well as higher-order corrections. This ensures the overall solution is uniformly valid across the entire domain Kevorkian & Cole, 1981.

#### 4.2. Multiple Scale Analysis

Multiple scale evaluation (MSA) is some other powerful method used to address troubles with disparate scales. This technique introduces multiple unbiased variables to seize the specific behaviors going on at distinct scales.

**4.2.i. Introducing Multiple Scales**

In MSA, we introduce different scales into the problem. For example, for a singular perturbation problem, we might define a fast scale and a slow scale  $X=x$ . The solution  $y(x)$  is then expressed as a function of both scales:  $y(x)=Y(X,\xi)$ .

**4.2.ii. Deriving the Equations**

By applying the chain rule, we can express the derivatives of  $y$  in phrases of the new variables:

$$\frac{d}{dx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}$$

Substituting those into the authentic differential equation, we achieve a fixed of equations at distinct orders of  $\epsilon$ . For example, the leading-order equation may involve handiest the short scale, whilst better-order equations contain each scales.

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{2}{\epsilon} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial \xi} + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2}$$

Substituting those into the original differential equation, we obtain a fixed of equations at exceptional orders of  $\epsilon$ . For instance, the leading-order equation would possibly involve best the short scale, whilst better-order equations comprise both scales.

**4.2.iii. Solving the Equations**

The resulting device of equations is then solved sequentially. At every order of  $\epsilon$ , we remedy for the corresponding time period within the growth. The solutions are constructed such that they're constant across unique scales, supplying a comprehensive description of the conduct in each the fast and gradual regions (7).

**5.Numerical Methods**

In this chapter, we discuss numerical strategies for solving singular perturbation problems in ordinary differential equations (ODEs). These methods include finite distinction techniques, finite element strategies, and spectral methods. Each approach requires special issues to correctly capture the conduct throughout specific scales, particularly inside boundary layers. We will also explore adaptive techniques consisting of adaptive mesh refinement to beautify accuracy and performance (8).

**5.1. Finite Difference Methods**

Finite difference methods (FDM) discretize the differential equations using finite variations, approximating derivatives with difference quotients. This approach transforms the non-stop hassle into a system of algebraic equations that can be solved numerically. However, managing boundary layers accurately requires non-uniform grids or adaptive mesh refinement (9).

**5.1.i. Basic Finite Difference Scheme**

Consider the singularly perturbed ODE:

$$\epsilon y''(x) + a(x)y'(x) + b(x)y(x) = f(x), 0 < x < 1, 0 < \epsilon \ll 1$$

with boundary conditions:

$$y(0) = \alpha, y(1) = \beta.$$

A simple finite difference approximation involves discretizing the interval  $[0,1]$  into  $N$  equally spaced points  $x_i = ih$  for  $i=0,1,\dots,N$ , where  $h=1/N$ . The second derivative  $y''(x)$  and the first derivative  $y'(x)$  at point  $x_i$  can be approximated using central differences:

$$y''(x_i) \approx \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2},$$

$$y'(x_i) \approx \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h},$$

Substituting these into the ODE yields the finite difference equation:

$$\epsilon \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} + a(x_i) \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h} + b(x_i)y_i = f(x_i).$$

This can be rearranged to form a linear system of equations:

$$\epsilon \frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} + \frac{a(x_i)}{2h} y_{i+1} - \frac{a(x_i)}{2h} y_{i-1} + b(x_i)y_i = f(x_i).$$

**5.1.ii. Handling Boundary Layers**

To accurately resolve the boundary layers, where the solution changes rapidly, we can use a non-uniform grid with finer spacing near the boundaries. One common approach is to use a geometric mesh, where the spacing is denser near  $x=0$  and  $x=1$ . For example, we can generate mesh points using the transformation (10):

$$x_i = 12(1 - \cos(i\pi/N)), i = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

This clustering of points near the boundaries ensures that the finite difference scheme captures the rapid variations in the boundary layers more accurately.

**5.1.iii. Adaptive Mesh Refinement**

Adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) dynamically adjusts the grid based on the solution's behavior. The basic idea is to refine the mesh in regions where the solution has high gradients or other features that require higher resolution.

**5.1.iii.i. Error Estimation**

AMR typically involves an error estimation step, where the numerical error is estimated for each grid point. One common method is to use Richardson extrapolation:

$$E_i \approx \frac{y_{i,h} - y_{i,2h}}{2^{p-1}}$$

where  $y_{i,h}$  and  $y_{i,2h}$  are the solutions at grid points  $x_i$  with mesh sizes  $h$  and  $2h$ , respectively, and  $p$  is the order of the finite difference scheme.

**5.1.iii.ii. Refinement Strategy**

Based on the error estimates, the mesh is refined by adding more points in regions with high estimated errors. This process is iterated until the solution meets a specified accuracy criterion. The refinement can be achieved by subdividing existing grid intervals or by using more sophisticated techniques like hierarchical grids (11).

**5.2. Finite Element Methods**

Finite element methods (FEM) use variational principles to derive finite element approximations. FEM is particularly effective for problems with complex geometries and boundary conditions. The method involves discretizing the solution domain into a mesh of finite elements and constructing a piecewise polynomial solution (12).

**5.2.i. Variational Formulation**

Consider the singularly perturbed ODE in its variational form. Multiply the ODE by a test function  $v(x)$  and integrate over the domain  $[0,1]$ :

$$\int_0^1 (\epsilon y''(x) + a(x)y'(x) + b(x)y(x) - f(x))v(x) dx = 0.$$

Integrating by parts to reduce the order of the highest derivative and applying the boundary conditions, we obtain the weak form:

$$\int_0^1 (-\epsilon y'(x)v'(x) + a(x)y'(x)v(x) + b(x)y(x)v(x)) dx = \int_0^1 f(x)v(x) dx,$$

where we assume  $v(x)$  vanishes at the boundaries.

**5.2.ii. Discretization and Basis Functions**

The next step is to discretize the domain into finite elements, typically subintervals (elements) defined by nodes  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N$ . Within each element, the solution  $y(x)$  and the test function  $v(x)$  are approximated by linear combinations of basis functions. For simplicity, we use piecewise linear basis functions  $\phi_i(x)$  that are 1 at node  $x_i$  and 0 at other nodes (13).

The approximate solution is written as:

$$y(x) \approx \sum_{j=0}^N y_j \phi_j(x),$$

where  $y_j$  are the unknown coefficients to be determined.

### 5.2.iii. System of Equations

Substituting the approximations into the weak form and choosing  $v(x) = \phi_i(x)$  for each node  $x_i$ , we obtain a system of linear equations:

$$\sum_{j=0}^N (-\epsilon \int_0^1 \phi_j'(x) \phi_i'(x) dx + a(x) \int_0^1 \phi_j(x) \phi_i'(x) dx + b(x) \int_0^1 \phi_j(x) \phi_i(x) dx) y_j = \int_0^1 f(x) \phi_i(x) dx.$$

This system can be written in matrix form as:

$$Ay = F,$$

where  $A$  is the stiffness matrix,  $y$  is the vector of unknown coefficients, and  $F$  is the load vector.

### 5.2.iv. Adaptive Mesh Refinement in FEM

Adaptive mesh refinement in FEM involves modifying the mesh based on error estimates, similar to FDM. The error can be estimated using various techniques, such as the residual method or the recovery-based method.

#### 5.2.iv.i. Residual Method

The residual method estimates the error by evaluating the residual of the differential equation at each element:

$$R(x) = \epsilon y''(x) + a(x)y'(x) + b(x)y(x) - f(x).$$

The error estimate for each element is then based on the magnitude of the residual.

#### 5.2.iv.ii. Recovery-Based Method

The restoration-primarily based approach involves constructing a higher-order approximation of the solution and evaluating it to the finite detail answer. The distinction provides an estimate of the mistake. Based on those error estimates, the mesh is subtle via subdividing factors with high errors or via the usage of more subtle elements in regions with high gradients [14].

## 5.3. Spectral Methods

Spectral techniques represent the solution as a sum of foundation features, along with polynomials or trigonometric capabilities. These strategies are extraordinarily correct for issues with easy answers but require careful handling of boundary layers.

### 5.3.i. Polynomial Basis Functions

For spectral techniques using polynomial foundation features, the answer  $y(x)$  is approximated via a sequence of orthogonal polynomials, together with Chebyshev or Legendre polynomials:

$$y(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^N c_k \phi_k(x),$$

where  $c_k$  are the coefficients to be determined and  $\phi_k(x)$  are the orthogonal polynomials.

#### 5.3.ii. Chebyshev Polynomials

Chebyshev polynomials are typically used because of their favorable numerical houses. The  $k$ -th Chebyshev polynomial  $T_k(x)$  is defined by means of:

$$T_k(x) = \cos(k \cos^{-1}(x)), -1 \leq x \leq 1.$$

To apply Chebyshev polynomials to the interval  $[0,1]$ , we use an affine transformation to map the interval  $[-1,1]$  to  $[0,1]$ .

#### 5.3.iii. Collocation Method

In the collocation method, the differential equation is enforced at unique collocation points, commonly the Chebyshev-Gauss-Lobatto factors:

Substituting the polynomial approximation into the differential equation and comparing at the collocation points yields a device of equations for the coefficients  $c_k$ .

#### 5.3.iv. Handling Boundary Layers

Spectral techniques require special strategies to address boundary layers. One method is to apply a coordinate transformation that clusters collocation factors near the bounds. Another technique is to mix spectral methods with domain decomposition, wherein the domain is split into subdomains, and spectral methods are applied one at a time in every subdomain. For instance, do not forget the finite difference discretization of a simple ODE.

#### 5.4. Stability and Convergence Analysis

##### 5.4.i. Stability

Stability analysis guarantees that the numerical approach produces bounded solutions for bounded enter records. For finite distinction strategies, stability can be analyzed using strategies just like the von Neumann stability analysis, which examines the boom of Fourier modes in the numerical answer (15). For example, do not forget the finite distinction discretization of a simple ODE:

$$\epsilon y''(x) + y(x) = 0.$$

The von Neumann stability criterion requires that the amplification factor  $G$  of the Fourier modes satisfies  $|G| \leq 1$ .

##### 5.4.ii. Convergence

Convergence analysis guarantees that the numerical solution methods the exact answer because the mesh is subtle. For finite distinction methods, convergence may be analyzed through inspecting the truncation error, that is the distinction between the precise by-product and its finite difference approximation. For finite detail techniques, convergence is analyzed through examining the error within the finite detail approximation. The error may be measured in numerous norms, which include the  $L_2$  norm or the  $H_1$  norm. The convergence price depends on the order of the idea features and the mesh refinement method. For spectral methods, convergence is generally exponential for clean issues, which means the error decreases exponentially with the variety of foundation features. However, in the presence of boundary layers, the convergence rate can be reduced, necessitating special techniques to deal with the layers.

## 6. Conclusions

This study extensively investigated theoretical and numerical methods for solving singular perturbation problems in ordinary differential equations (ODEs). The small parameter  $\epsilon$  in these problems poses significant challenges due to the heterogeneous dimensions of solution. On average the solution region consists of the inner and outer regions of, allowing an asymptotic expansion of the MAE involving rapid changes in the boundary layers and slow changes in the outer regions. The matching process ensures that changes will move smoothly between these communities, providing a perfectly adequate solution. This approach effectively decomposes complex problems into manageable parts, facilitates analysis and provides accurate reasoning. Multiple scale analysis (MSA) offers some other powerful approach for coping with issues characterised with the aid of a couple of scales. By introducing extraordinary scales, MSA captures the extremely good behaviors in distinct areas of the answer place. The technique allows the derivation of solutions that comprehensively describe the conduct throughout all relevant scales, ensuring accurate and regular consequences. This technique is specifically precious for issues in which the answer well-known shows each rapid and gradual dynamics.

Finite difference strategies (FDM) installed high accuracy in fixing singular perturbation problems, specifically at the same time as advanced with non-uniform grids and adaptive mesh refinement. These strategies allowed for exceptional choice in boundary layers with out incurring immoderate computational costs. The stability and convergence analyses showed the reliability of FDM, making it a sensible choice for many programs. Finite detail techniques (FEM) excelled in coping with complicated geometries and boundary situations. Adaptive mesh refinement within FEM proved specially powerful in capturing the behavior in boundary layers. The variational technique of FEM provided a flexible and powerful framework for fixing ODEs, making sure immoderate accuracy and efficiency. The technique's adaptability to top notch problem settings further underscores its utility.

Spectral techniques, with their instance of answers as sums of foundation features, offered incredible accuracy for troubles with clean answers. Special techniques to deal with boundary layers, which include coordinate modifications and place decomposition, advanced the applicability of spectral strategies to singular perturbation issues. The exponential convergence fees of spectral techniques cause them to rather suitable for attaining specific solutions with noticeably few basis functions. This study highlights the complementary strengths of theoretical and numerical strategies in tackling singular perturbation troubles in ODEs. Theoretical strategies provide deep insights

into the problem structure and yield accurate approximations, at the same time as numerical techniques offer realistic gear for obtaining particular answers. The mixed use of these techniques ensures that both the fast variations in boundary layers and the slow changes in outer areas are correctly captured. Further research can discover the mixing of those techniques with modern computational strategies, which includes gadget learning and excessive-overall performance computing, to beautify their performance and applicability. Additionally, extending these techniques to more complicated structures, including partial differential equations and nonlinear dynamics, will expand their effect and cope with a much broader range of scientific and engineering demanding situations.

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