

AMS 212B, Final Exam, Spring 2009

1. Use the matched asymptotic expansion to solve the BVP (boundary value problem)

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon y'' - y' + y^2 = 0 \\ y(0) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad y(1) = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$$

Find the leading term in the composite expansion.

2. Use the method of strained variable to solve the IVP (initial value problem)

$$\begin{cases} y'' + y(1 + \varepsilon y^2) = 0 \\ y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

Find the first two terms of the asymptotic expansion.

Hint:

The solution of $\begin{cases} w'' + w = \cos(3s) \\ w(0) = 0, \quad w'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$ is $w(s) = \frac{1}{8}[\cos(s) - \cos(3s)]$.

You may need to use $\cos^3(s) = \frac{3}{4}\cos(s) + \frac{1}{4}\cos(3s)$

3. Use Watson's lemma to obtain an asymptotic expansion of

$$\int_0^3 \exp(-\lambda t^2) (1 - \sin(t)) dt, \quad \lambda \rightarrow +\infty$$

Find the first two terms of the asymptotic expansion

Hint:

Watson's Lemma: $\int_0^\infty \exp(-\lambda s) s^\alpha ds = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\lambda^{\alpha+1}}$

You may need to use $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$

4. Find the leading term expansion of

$$\int_{-1}^1 e^t \cos[\lambda(\cos(t))] dt, \quad \lambda \rightarrow +\infty$$

Hint: you may need the expansions of $\int_{-a}^b \cos(\lambda s^2) ds$ and $\int_{-a}^b \sin(\lambda s^2) ds$. If you do not remember these expansions, you can derive them from

$$\int_0^\infty \cos(x^2) dx = \int_0^\infty \sin(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$