

Illustration: $y'' + \lambda y = 0 \quad (0 < x < L)$
 $y(0) = 0, \quad h y(L) + y'(L) = 0 \quad (h > 0).$

This satisfies the hypotheses of the theorem: $p(x) = 1 > 0, r(x) = 1 > 0$
 So it satisfies clause (a). Also $q(x) = 0 \geq 0$ and $\alpha_1 = 1 \geq 0, \alpha_2 = 0 \geq 0$
 $\beta_1 = h \geq 0, \beta_2 = 1 \geq 0$ so it satisfies clause (b).

Thus we know from the theorem that there are no negative eigenvalues.

$\lambda = 0$: $y = Ax + B, \quad y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0.$
 $h y(L) + y'(L) = h \cdot AL + A = (hL + 1)A \Rightarrow A = 0$
 So $\lambda = 0$ is not an eigenvalue.

$\lambda > 0$: Write $\lambda = \alpha^2$, so $y(x) = A \cos \alpha x + B \sin \alpha x$
 $y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$ so $y(x) = B \sin \alpha x$

Now $0 = h y(L) + y'(L) = h B \sin \alpha L + \alpha B \cos \alpha L$
 $= B (h \sin \alpha L + \alpha \cos \alpha L)$

B will be forced to be zero unless

$$h \sin \alpha L + \alpha \cos \alpha L = 0$$

$$h \sin \alpha L = -\alpha \cos \alpha L$$

$$h \tan \alpha L = -\alpha$$

$$\tan \alpha L = -\frac{\alpha}{h}$$

Set $\beta = \alpha L$, the equation becomes

$$\tan \beta = -\frac{\beta}{hL}$$

This is a transcendental equation that cannot be solved analytically
 (as far as I know)