

Separation of variables

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, & 0 < x < l, \\ \cancel{u(0,t)} u(0,t) = u(l,t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx}, & 0 < x < l \\ u(0,t) = u(l,t) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Eigenvalue problem  $\begin{cases} x'' = -\lambda x, & 0 < x < l \\ x(0) = x(l) = 0 \end{cases}$

~~Solution~~ Eigenvalue:  $\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2$ , Eigenfunction:  $X_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{l}x\right)$   
 $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Solution

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( C_{3n} \cos\left(\frac{c n \pi}{l} t\right) + C_{4n} \sin\left(\frac{c n \pi}{l} t\right) \right) \sin\left(\frac{n \pi}{l} x\right) \quad \underline{\text{wave}}$$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n e^{-k \left(\frac{n \pi}{l}\right)^2 t} \sin\left(\frac{n \pi}{l} x\right)$$

It also works for other BCs.

The difference is on the eigenvalue problems

general eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{cases} x'' + \lambda x = 0 & 0 < x < l \\ \text{Boundary conditions} \end{cases}$$

Eigenvalues ① positive ; most common

1752

② zero

③ negative

④ complex

Lemma If the boundary condition ~~is~~ satisfies  $X'X \in 0$  on boundary, (Thm 5.2-5.3) then  $\lambda$  is real and  $\lambda \geq 0$ . (no ③ or ④)

proof First we claim that if ~~is~~  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$  is an eigenvalue, then  $\bar{\lambda} = \alpha - i\beta$  is also an eigenvalue.

$$\begin{aligned} X = u + iv \quad 0 = X'' + (\alpha + i\beta)X &= (u + iv)'' + (\alpha + i\beta)(u + iv) \\ &= (u'' + \alpha u - \beta v) + i(v'' + \beta u + \alpha v) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } u'' + \alpha u - \beta v = 0 \quad \text{and } v'' + \beta u + \alpha v = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \bar{X} = u - iv \quad \bar{X}'' + \overline{(\alpha + i\beta)}\bar{X} &= (u - iv)'' + (\alpha - i\beta)(u - iv) \\ &= (u'' + \alpha u - \beta v) - i(v'' + \beta u + \alpha v) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \bar{X}'' + \overline{(\alpha + i\beta)}\bar{X} = 0$$

Multiplying  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$  by  $\bar{X}$ , and integrating on  $(0, l)$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^l (X'' \cdot \bar{X} + \lambda X \cdot \bar{X}) dx = -\int_0^l X' \cdot \bar{X}' + X' \bar{X} \Big|_0^l + \int_0^l X \cdot \bar{X} \\ &= -\int_0^l X' \cdot \bar{X}' + \lambda \int_0^l X \cdot \bar{X} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\int_0^l X' \cdot \bar{X}' dx}{\int_0^l X \cdot \bar{X} dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$X = u + iv \quad X' = u' + iv'$$

$$So \quad X' \cdot \bar{X}' = (u' + iv') \cdot (u' - iv') = (u')^2 + (v')^2$$

$$X \cdot \bar{X} = (u + iv)(u - iv) = u^2 + v^2$$

$$So \quad \lambda = \frac{\int_0^l [(u')^2 + (v')^2] dx}{\int_0^l [u^2 + v^2] dx} \rightarrow \text{real value} \geq 0$$

$$\int_0^l [u^2 + v^2] dx \rightarrow \text{real value} \quad \square$$

Dirichlet BC

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2 \quad n=1, 2, \dots \quad \text{all positive.}$$

Neumann BC

$$\begin{cases} X'' + \lambda X = 0, & 0 < x < l \\ X'(0) = X'(l) = 0 \end{cases}$$

From Lemma  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

Case 1  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $X(x) = ax + b$   $X'(x) = a = 0 \Rightarrow X(x) = b$

It is okay!  $X(x) = 1$  and  $\lambda = 0$

Case 2

$$\lambda > 0 \quad X(x) = c_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$X'(x) = -c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x + c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$X'(0) = c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$X'(l) = -c_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin \sqrt{\lambda} l = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \sqrt{\lambda} l = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} l = n\pi, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2 \quad X_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{l} x\right)$$

Eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2, \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots \quad X_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{l} x\right)$$

Other BCs

$$\begin{cases} x'' + \lambda x = 0 \\ x(0) = x'(l) = 0 \end{cases}$$

mixed

P54

Lemma  $\Rightarrow \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda > 0$  since  $x \cdot x' \leq 0$  at  $x=0$  or  $x=l$ .

Case 1  $\lambda = 0$   $x(x) = c_1 x + c_2$   $x'(x) = c_1$

$$x'(l) = c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x(x) = c_2 \text{ but } x(0) = 0 = c_2$$

$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$  no zero eigenvalue.

Case 2  $\lambda > 0$ .  $x(x) = c_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + c_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$

$$x(0) = c_1 \cdot 1 + c_2 \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$x'(x) = c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$x'(l) = c_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} l = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \sqrt{\lambda} l = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} l = (n + \frac{1}{2}) \pi \Rightarrow \lambda_n = \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})^2 \pi^2}{l^2} = \frac{(2n+1)^2 \pi^2}{4l^2}, n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$x_n(x) = \sin \left( \frac{(2n+1)\pi x}{2l} \right)$$

Robin BC

$$\begin{cases} x'' + \lambda x = 0, & 0 < x < l \\ x'(0) - a_0 x(0) = 0 \\ x'(l) + a_l x(l) = 0 \end{cases}$$



outer normal

$$-x'(0) = -a_0 x(0), \quad x'(l) = -a_l x(l)$$

radiation :  $a_0 > 0, a_l > 0$  (leaking)

absorption :  $a_0 < 0, a_l < 0$  (absorbing)

insulation :  $a_0 = a_l = 0$  (Neumann, no flux)

Eigenvalues for Robin:

P55

	$\lambda > 0$	$\lambda = 0$	$\lambda < 0$
radiation	✓	✗	✗
absorption	✓	✓	maybe ✓
insulation	✓	✓	✗

$$\lambda \geq 0 \quad X(x) = C_1 \cos \beta x + C_2 \sin \beta x \quad \sqrt{\lambda} = \beta.$$

$$X'(x) = -C_1 \beta \sin \beta x + C_2 \beta \cos \beta x$$

$$0 = X'(0) - a_0 X(0) = C_2 \beta - a_0 C_1 = 0$$

$$0 = X'(l) + a_l X(l) = (-C_1 \beta \sin \beta l + C_2 \beta \cos \beta l) + a_l (C_1 \cos \beta l + C_2 \sin \beta l)$$

$$A \equiv \begin{pmatrix} -a_0 & \beta \\ a_l \cos \beta l - \beta \sin \beta l & a_l \sin \beta l + \beta \cos \beta l \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Solvable if  $\det(A) = 0$ .

$$-a_0 a_l \sin \beta l - a_0 \beta \cos \beta l - \beta a_l \cos \beta l + \beta^2 \sin \beta l = 0. \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{divide by} \\ \cos \beta l \end{array} \right)$$

$$-a_0 a_l \tan \beta l - a_0 \beta - a_l \beta + \beta^2 \tan \beta l = 0$$

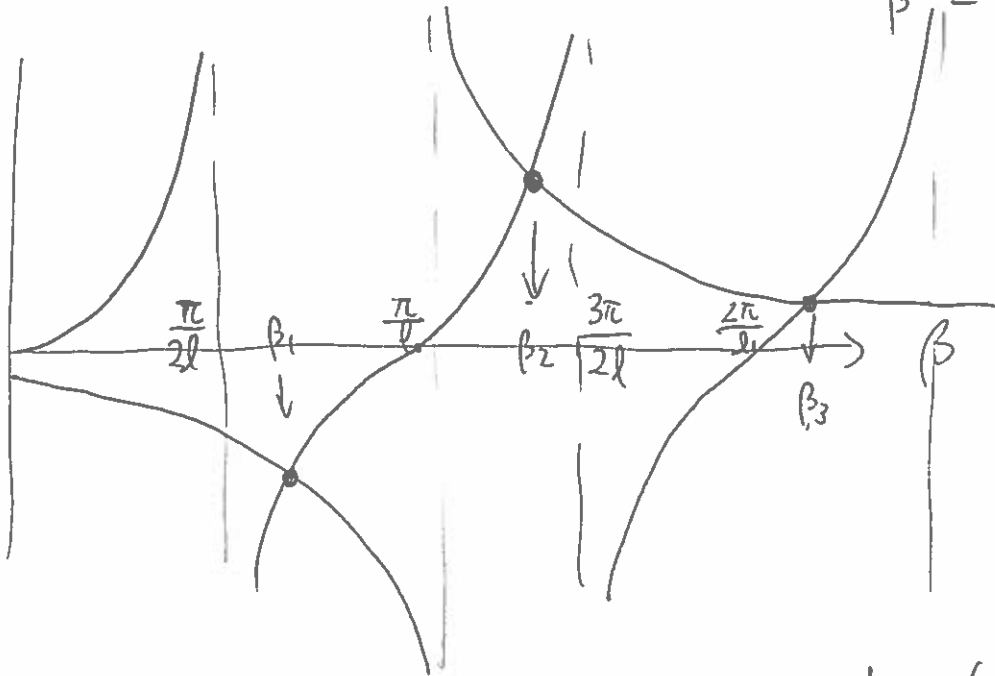
$$(\beta^2 - a_0 a_l) \tan \beta l = (a_0 + a_l) \beta$$

$$\tan \beta l = \frac{(a_0 + a_l) \beta}{\beta^2 - a_0 a_l}$$

The eigenvalues are not explicitly solvable

but  $\beta_n = \sqrt{\lambda_n}$  is the  $n$ -th intersection of  $f_1(\beta)$  and  $f_2(\beta)$

$$f_1(\beta) = \tan(\beta l) \quad f_2(\beta) = \frac{(a_0 + a_l)\beta}{\beta^2 - a_0 a_l}$$



$$X_n = \beta_n \cos \beta_n X + a_0 \sin \beta_n X$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \beta_n - \frac{n\pi}{l} \right) = 0$$

So asymptotically  $\lambda_n \sim \left( \frac{n\pi}{l} \right)^2$

negative eigenvalues for absorption case : see book.