

Module D1: Homogeneous 2nd Order ODEs

1. Consider a 2nd order ODE with nonzero constant coefficients: $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$. Under what conditions on a, b, c will the nontrivial solution $y(x)$ satisfy $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y(x) = 0$?

2. Suppose we have a string that is constrained to two static ends over a length L . An equation that describes the standing wave amplitude $y(x)$ of the string is given by the boundary equation $y'' + \lambda y = 0$.

- a) Formulate this problem as a boundary value problem (i.e., add constraints for y).
b) Under what conditions on λ does this equation give a nontrivial solution?
c) Draw plots of possible solutions. (These correspond to the "normal modes" of the string.)

Suppose ... $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ in case $y < 1$ $F = kx$

Dirichlet bdy. cond. $f(y) = 0$
Neumann bdy. cond. $g(y') = 0$
Candy bdy. $h(y, y') = 0$

Now we have our model $y'' + \lambda y = 0$ for a string.



$f(t) = \cos \omega t$

$$\begin{cases} y(0) = 0 \\ y(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

fixed ends at $x=0, x=L$ to $y=0$

$$\begin{cases} y'(0) = 0 \\ y'(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

free end at $x=L$.
fixed... at $x=0$ $y=0$

$$\lambda > 0 \quad \begin{cases} y = a \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + b \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) \\ y(0) = 0 \\ y(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$$

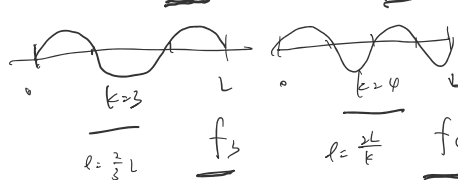
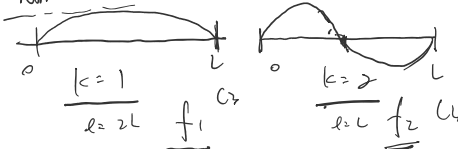
$$\sqrt{\lambda} L = n\pi k \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi k}{L} \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi k}{L}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{2\pi k}{L}\right)^2 \cdot k^2$$

base freq.

Normal modes

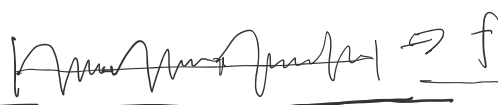


$$\left\{ \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), \sqrt{\lambda} + i\sqrt{\lambda} \right\}$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{2\pi k}{L}\right)^2 \cdot k^2 \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

period L .

$\lambda \leftrightarrow \text{freq.}$

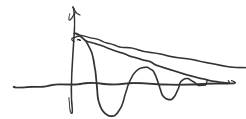


Combination of normal modes.

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_i}{i!} f_i$$

Amplitude A_i , normal modes f_i

$$Q_1. \quad y = C e^{\lambda t}$$



$$a > 0$$

$$\lambda = a + ib, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda = ib$$

$$y = C \cdot \underbrace{e^{at}}_{\cos bt + i \sin bt} \cdot e^{ibt} \rightarrow$$

$$a = b + i$$

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \Leftrightarrow |e^{i\theta}| = 1$$



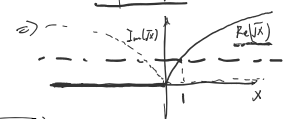
$$a\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \rightarrow \frac{-b}{2a} \pm \frac{b}{2a} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4ac}{b^2}}$$

$$\sqrt{-2i} = \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{2} = i \cdot \sqrt{2} = i\sqrt{2}$$

want $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$.

$$\text{if } ab > 0, \quad \frac{-b}{2a} < 0, \quad \text{Re}(\sqrt{1 - \frac{4ac}{b^2}}) < 1$$



$$\text{Re}\left(\sqrt{1 - \frac{4ac}{b^2}}\right) < 1 \Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{4ac}{b^2} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ac > 0$$

thus, $ab > 0 \Rightarrow ac > 0 \Rightarrow a, b, c$ same sign.

$$\text{if } ab < 0, \quad -\frac{b}{2a} > 0, \quad \text{Re}\left(\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) \pm \left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{4ac}{b^2}}\right) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \neq 0$$

$V^1 \dots V^N \dots V^N$

Combination of normal modes.

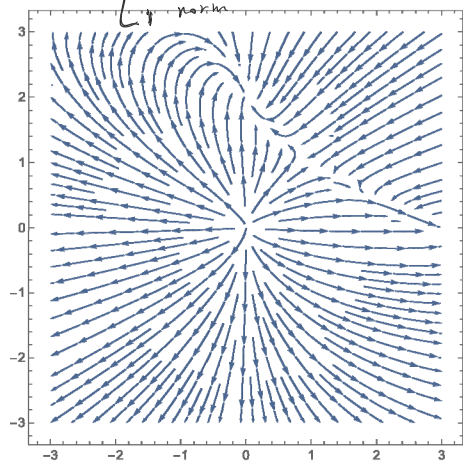
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$i \uparrow$ Amplitude
 $a_i \downarrow$ normal modes

normal

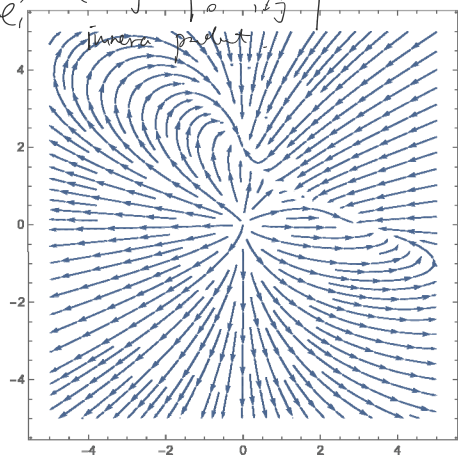
$$C \int_0^L f_i(x) f_j(x) dx = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

L normal



$$e_i \cdot e_j = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

inner product



Fourier transformation