



## QUESTION 12

Nonlinear equation:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t v &= \nu \partial_x^2 v + N(v, \lambda, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) && \text{on } (-5, 5) \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ \partial_x v &= 0 && \text{on } \{-5, 5\} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ v &= \varphi && \text{on } [-5, 5] \times \{0\}.\end{aligned}$$

Where  $N(v, \lambda, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \lambda v + \alpha v^2 + \beta v^3 - \gamma v^5$

Formal derivation of linearised equation around equilibrium  $v_*$ .

$$\begin{aligned}v_* \text{ satisfies } \quad \partial_x^2 v_* + N(v_*, \lambda, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) &= 0 && \text{on } (-5, 5) \\ \partial_x v_* &= 0 && \text{on } \{-5, 5\}.\end{aligned}$$

Set  $v = v_* + v$ .

$$\partial_t v = \nu \partial_x^2 v_* + \nu \partial_x^2 v + N(v_*, \lambda, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \cancel{\nu \partial_x^2 v_*} + \nu \partial_x^2 v + \cancel{N(v_*, \lambda, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)} + (\lambda + 2\alpha v_* + 3\beta v_*^2 - 5\gamma v_*^4) v + O(\|v\|^2)$$

Hence, the linearised eqn. is

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t v &= (\lambda + 2\alpha v_* + 3\beta v_*^2 - 5\gamma v_*^4) v + \nu \partial_x^2 v && \text{on } (-5, 5) \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ \partial_x v &= 0 && \text{on } \{-5, 5\} \times \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ v &= \varphi - v_* && \text{on } [-5, 5] \times \{0\}\end{aligned}$$

Evolution equation linearised around  $v_*(x) \equiv 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t v(x, t) &= \partial_x^2 v(x, t) + \lambda v(x, t) =: \mathcal{L} v(x, t), && \mathcal{L} = \partial_x^2 + \lambda \\ \partial_x^2 v(\pm 5, t) &= 0 \\ v(x, t) &= \Psi(x)\end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{L}$ : find  $(\lambda, \Psi)$  with  $\Psi \neq 0$  st.  $(\partial_x^2 + \lambda) \Psi = \mu \Psi$ ,  $\mu$  eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{L}$   
 $\partial_x^2 \Psi = 0$  on  $\{-5, 5\}$

### Method 1:

If  $(\mu, \Psi)$  is an eigenpair for  $A = \partial_x^2$ , then  $(\mu+1, \Psi)$  is an eigenpair for  $L$ , because

$$A\Psi = \mu\Psi \Leftrightarrow A\Psi + 1\Psi = (\mu+1)\Psi \Leftrightarrow L\Psi = (\mu+1)\Psi.$$

So we can compute eigenpairs for  $A$  by solving

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \partial_x^2 \Psi(x) &= \mu \Psi(x) & x \in (-5, 5) \\ \partial_x \Psi(\pm 5) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Case 1:  $\mu > 0$   $\Psi(x) = c_1 e^{s_1 x} + c_2 e^{s_2 x}$ ,  $s_{1,2}$  satisfy  $s^2 = \mu$ .

$\Psi(x) = c_1 e^{\sqrt{\mu}x} + c_2 e^{-\sqrt{\mu}x}$  can not satisfy  $\partial_x \Psi(\pm 5) = 0$ , hence there is no solution to (1) when  $\mu > 0$

Case 2:  $\mu = 0$ .  $\Psi(x) = c_1 x + c_2$ . Which satisfy BCs only if  $c_1 = 0$ . Hence one eigenpair is

$$\mu = 0, \quad \Psi(x) \equiv 1 \quad (\text{w.l.o.g. we can take } c_1 = 1)$$

Case 3:  $\mu < 0$ . Set  $\mu = -\omega^2$ . It holds  $\Psi(x) = A \cos(\omega x) + B \sin(\omega x)$

To see why:  $\Psi(x) = C e^{i\omega x} + \bar{C} e^{-i\omega x}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{C}$ . Hence

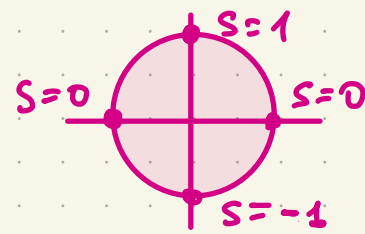
$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(x) &= C \cos(\omega x) + i C \sin(\omega x) + \bar{C} \cos(\omega x) - i \bar{C} \sin(\omega x) \\ &= \underbrace{(C + \bar{C})}_{= A \in \mathbb{R}} \cos(\omega x) + \underbrace{i(\bar{C} - C)}_{= B \in \mathbb{R}} \sin(\omega x) \end{aligned}$$

Apply BCs:  $\partial_x \Psi(x) = \omega [-A \sin(\omega x) + B \cos(\omega x)]$ , hence

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} -AS + BC = 0 \\ AS + BC = 0 \end{cases}, \quad \text{where } S = \sin(5\omega), C = \cos(5\omega)$$

System (2) is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} BC = 0 \\ AS = 0 \end{cases}$$



Sol 1: if  $B=0$ , then  $A \neq 0$  (or else  $\Psi(x) \equiv 0$ ), hence  $S=0$ ,  $C=\pm 1$

$$\Psi_k(x) = A \cos(\omega_k x) \quad 5\omega_k = k\pi, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{this comes from } S=0.$$

Sol 2: if  $C=0$  then  $S=\pm 1$  (because  $S^2+C^2=1$ ), which implies  $A=0$  and  $B \neq 0$ .

$$\Psi_k(x) = B \sin(\omega_k x) \quad 5\omega_k = (2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Sol 3: if  $A=0$ , then  $B \neq 0$ ,  $C=0$ ,  $S=\pm 1$ , that is, sol 2.

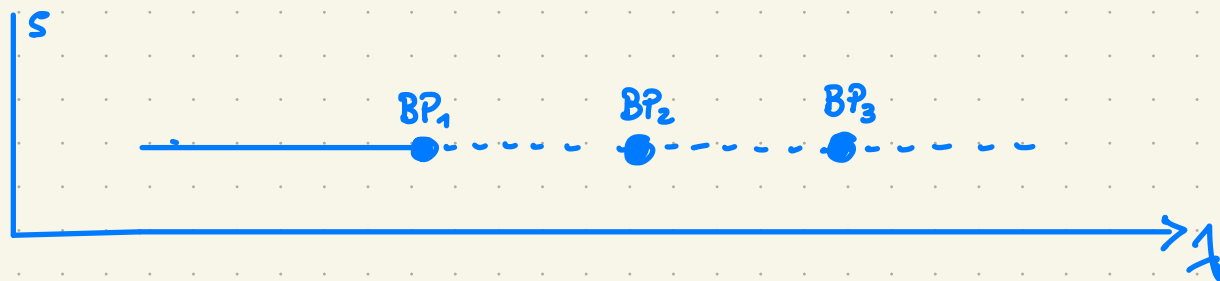
Sol 4: if  $S=0$ , then  $C=\pm 1$ ,  $B=0$ ,  $A \neq 0$ , that is, sol 1.

Putting all solutions together, using symmetries of  $\sin$ ,  $\cos$ , we have

$$\Psi_j(x) = \begin{cases} B \cos\left(j \frac{\pi}{10} x\right) & j \text{ even} \\ B \sin\left(j \frac{\pi}{10} x\right) & j \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad \text{with eigenvalue } \mu_j = -\left(j \frac{\pi}{10}\right)^2$$

Therefore we have, for  $L = A + \mu \text{Id}$

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$BP_1$ :  $\lambda = \lambda_0 := 0$ , critical eigenf.  $\Psi_0(x) \equiv C$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\Psi_0(x) \equiv 1$$

$BP_2$ :  $\lambda = \lambda_1 := \left(\frac{\pi}{10}\right)^2$ , critical eigenf.  $\Psi_1(x) = C \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{10}x\right)$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\Psi_1(x) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{10}x\right)$$

$BP_3$ :  $\lambda = \lambda_2 := \left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right)^2$ , critical eigenf.  $\Psi_2(x) = C \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{5}x\right)$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Psi_2(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{5}x\right)$$

Method 2:

$$\partial_t v(x,t) = \partial_{xx} v(x,t) + \lambda v(x,t)$$

$$\partial_x v(\pm 5) = 0$$

Supports solutions of the form  $v(x,t) = e^{ikx + \mu t} \hat{v} + \text{c.c.}$  note  $\mu = \mu(k), \hat{v} = \hat{v}(k).$

From PDE:

$$\mu e^{ikx + \mu t} \hat{v} = -k^2 e^{ikx + \mu t} \hat{v} + \lambda e^{ikx + \mu t} v \Rightarrow \mu = -k^2 + \lambda$$

From BCs:

$$ik e^{ik5} \hat{v}$$

$$\hat{v} [ik \cos(k5) - k \sin(k5)] = 0$$

$$\hat{v} [ik \cos(k5) + k \sin(k5)] = 0$$

$\leadsto$  compare this with (2) in method 1.



