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# 1 4-2-12

## 1.1 Dimensional Analysis

We have a fundamental system of units:  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_r)$ .

### Example 1.1. Mechanics

- mass  $M$
- length  $L$
- time  $T$

Derived units, e.g. velocity  $V = \frac{L}{T}$  and acceleration  $A = \frac{L}{T^2}$ . We can use different sets of units as fundamental units (provided they're independent). For example, we could use mass, velocity, and acceleration. Any model of a system must be invariant under rescalings that correspond to changes in the system of units.

Let's say we have a fundamental system of (independent) units:  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_r$ . We have a set of quantities in the model:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r \quad \text{with dimension } [a_i] = d_i \\ \vdots \\ b_{r+1}, \dots, b_n \end{array} \right.$$

Let's say  $b_j$  has dimensions

$$[b_j] = d_1^{\beta_{1j}} d_2^{\beta_{2j}} \cdots d_r^{\beta_{rj}}.$$

Then the model can only depend on

$$\Pi_j = \frac{b_j}{d_1^{\beta_{1j}} d_2^{\beta_{2j}} \cdots d_r^{\beta_{rj}}}.$$

So our model has:

- $r$  independent dimensions
- $n$  independent quantities

Then dimensional analysis says it depends on  $n - r$  dimensionless variables. (This is called the Buckingham Pi Theorem.)

## 1.2 Fluids Flows, Reynold's Number

Let's say we have a sphere in a flow. What is the drag on the sphere?

Parameters:

- $u$  = speed of the fluid,  $[u] = \frac{L}{T}$
- $d$  = diameter of the sphere,  $[d] = L$
- $\mu$  = viscosity of the fluid,  $[\mu] = \frac{M}{LT}$
- $\rho_0$  = density of the fluid,  $[\rho_0] = \frac{M}{L^3}$
- Assume the fluid is incompressible (this is OK if  $u \ll c_0$ , the speed of sound in the fluid)

Fundamental units:  $M, L, T$ .

In a Newtonian fluid:

- $T$  = viscous stress tensor,

$$T = \mu(\nabla u + \nabla u^T),$$

where  $u$  = velocity. This gives the force/unit area. The dimensions of  $T$  are

$$\begin{aligned}[T] &= \frac{ML}{T^2} \cdot \frac{1}{L^2} = \frac{M}{LT^2} \\ [\nabla u] &= \frac{1}{T} \\ [\mu] &= \frac{M}{LT}\end{aligned}$$

We define the kinematic viscosity:

$$\begin{aligned}\nu &= \frac{\mu}{\rho_0} \\ [\nu] &= \frac{L^2}{T}\end{aligned}$$

The physical interpretation of this quantity is diffusivity of momentum.

$$\begin{aligned}\nu &\approx 1 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s in water} \\ \nu &\approx 15 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s in air}\end{aligned}$$

We can define the Reynold's number:

$$\text{Re} = \frac{ud}{\nu}.$$

This is the crucial dimensionless parameter that controls everything.

Back to our question about drag on a sphere.  $D$  = drag force with dimensions  $[D] = \frac{ML}{T^2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}[\rho_0 u^2 d^2] &= \frac{M}{L^3} \cdot \frac{L^2}{T^2} \cdot L^2 = \frac{ML}{T^2} \\ \frac{D}{\rho_0 u^2 d^2} &= F(\text{Re}) \\ D &= \rho_0 u^2 d^2 F(\text{Re})\end{aligned}$$

## 2 4-4-12

### 2.1 Navier-Stokes Equation

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_0(\vec{u}_t + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u}) + \nabla p &= \mu_0 \Delta \vec{u} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

- $\vec{u} = \vec{u}(\vec{x}, t)$  is the fluid velocity
- $p = p(\vec{x}, t)$  is the pressure
- $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$
- $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$
- $\nabla = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \right)$

Parameters

- $\rho_0$  = fluid density
- $\mu$  = fluid viscosity
- $U$  = “typical” flow velocity
- $L$  = “typical” flow length scale

Dimensionless variables

- $\vec{u}^* = \frac{\vec{u}}{U}$
- $\vec{x}^* = \frac{\vec{x}}{L}$
- $t^* = \frac{U t}{L}$
- $p^* = \frac{p}{\rho_0 U^2}$ 
  - $[\nabla p] = [\rho_0 \vec{u}_t]$
  - $\frac{[p]}{L} = [\rho_0] \frac{L}{T^2}$
  - $[p] = [\rho_0] \frac{L^2}{T^2}$
- $\nabla = \frac{1}{L} \nabla^*$
- $\partial_t = \frac{dt^*}{dt} \partial_{t^*} = \frac{U}{L} \partial_{t^*}$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_0 \left[ \frac{U}{L} (U \vec{u}^*)_{t^*} + \frac{U^2}{L} \vec{u}^* \cdot \nabla^* \vec{u}^* \right] + \frac{\rho_0 U^2}{L} \nabla^* p^* &= \frac{\mu U}{L^2} \Delta^* \vec{u}^* \\ \vec{u}_{t^*}^* + \vec{u}^* \cdot \nabla^* \vec{u}^* + \nabla^* p^* &= \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \Delta^* \vec{u}^* \\ \nabla^* \cdot \vec{u}^* &= 0\end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 Low Reynolds Number Flows ( $\text{Re} \rightarrow 0$ )

$$p^* = \frac{\tilde{p}}{\text{Re}}$$

$$\tilde{p} = \text{Re} \cdot p^* = \frac{UL}{\nu} \cdot \frac{p}{\rho_0 U^2} = \frac{L}{\mu U} p$$

As  $\text{Re} \rightarrow 0$ , we get Stokes equations:

$$\nabla^* \tilde{p} = \Delta^* \vec{u}^*$$

$$\nabla^* \cdot \vec{u}^* = 0.$$

These are linear!

### Example 2.1. *Drag on a Sphere as $\text{Re} \rightarrow 0$*

$$D = \rho_0 U^2 L^2 F(\text{Re})$$

Consider  $\lim_{\text{Re} \rightarrow 0} D$ . Since the drag is linear in  $U$ , we need

$$F(\text{Re}) = \frac{c}{\text{Re}}$$

$$D = \rho_0^2 U^2 L^2 \cdot \frac{c}{\text{Re}} = c \frac{\rho_0 U^2 L^2 \nu}{UL} = c \mu_0 U L$$

Stokes (1851):

$$D = 6\pi\mu_0 a U,$$

where  $a$  is the radius of a sphere.

## 2.3 High Reynolds Number Limit ( $\text{Re} \rightarrow \infty$ )

Formally, we get the Euler equations.

$$\vec{u}_{t*}^* + \vec{u}^* \cdot \nabla \vec{u}^* + \nabla^* p^* = 0$$

$$\nabla^* \cdot \vec{u}^* = 0$$

This is nonlinear!

Turbulence, Prandtl boundary layer term  $\rightarrow$  singular perturbation neglecting higher derivatives

## 2.4 Similarity Solutions

Consider the heat flow due to a point source.

$$u_t = v \Delta u$$

$$u(x, 0) = E \delta(x)$$

$u(x, t)$  = temperature of (infinite) body. Inject total heat energy  $E$  at  $x = 0$  at  $t = 0$ .

- $\theta$  = temperature dimension,  $[u] = \theta$
- $L$  = length,  $[x] = L$
- $T$  = time,  $[t] = T$

Parameters  $\nu, E$

- $[\nu] = \frac{L^2}{T}$
- $[E] = \theta L^n$ 
  - At  $t = 0$ ,  $\int u dx = \int E\delta(x) dx = E$
  - $[E] = [\int u dx] = \theta L^n$

### 3 4-6-12

#### 3.1 Heat Equation

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \nu \Delta u \\ u(x, 0) &= E\delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

$u(x, t)$  is the temperature,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Parameters

- $\nu$ : thermal diffusivity,  $[\nu] = \frac{L^2}{T}$
- $E$ : initial heat,  $[E] = \theta L^n$

Dependent variables:  $u$  ( $[u] = \theta$ ).

Independent variables:  $r$  ( $[r] = L$ ),  $t$  ( $[t] = T$ ).

So we have

- 5 quantities:  $\nu, E, u, r, t$
- 3 dimensions:  $\theta, L, T$

We can form 2 dimensionless quantities.

- Time:  $t$ 
  - There is 1 variable with dimensions of time:  $t$ . This will lead to the self-similarity of the problem. That is, a solution on one time scale is a rescale of a solution on another time scale.
- Length:  $\sqrt{\nu t}$
- Temperature:  $\frac{E}{\sqrt{\nu t}}$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} u^* &= \frac{u}{E/(\nu t)^{n/2}} \\ u &= \frac{E}{(\nu t)^{n/2}} u^*(\xi) \\ \xi &= \frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}} \end{aligned}$$

So our dimensionless temperature depends only on  $\xi = \frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}}$ .

Let  $u^* = F$ . We will look for solutions of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
u &= \frac{E}{(\nu t)^{n/2}} F\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}}\right) \\
u_t &= \nu \frac{1}{r^{n-1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^{n-1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) \\
u_t &= \frac{\left(-\frac{n}{2}\right) E}{\nu^{n/2} t^{\frac{n}{2}+1}} F + \frac{E}{(\nu t)^{n/2}} F' \left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}^{3/2}} \\
u_t &= \frac{-E}{\nu^{n/2} t^{\frac{n}{2}+1}} \left[ \frac{n}{2} F + \frac{1}{2} F' \frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}} \right] \\
&\quad = -\frac{E}{\nu^{n/2} t^{\frac{n}{2}+1}} [\xi F' + nF] \\
\Delta u &= \frac{E}{(\nu t)^{n/2}} \frac{1}{r^{n-1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^{n-1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial r} \right) \\
&\quad = \frac{E}{(\nu t)^{\frac{n}{2}+1}} \frac{1}{\xi^{n-1}} \frac{d}{d\xi} \left( \xi^{n-1} \frac{dF}{d\xi} \right) \\
-\frac{1}{2} \cancel{\frac{E}{\nu^{n/2} t^{\frac{n}{2}+1}}} [\xi F' + nF] &= \nu \cancel{\frac{E}{(\nu t)^{\frac{n}{2}+1}}} \frac{1}{\xi^{n-1}} \frac{d}{d\xi} \left( \xi^{n-1} \frac{dF}{d\xi} \right) \\
\frac{1}{\xi^{n-1}} \frac{d}{d\xi} \left( \xi^{n-1} \frac{dF}{d\xi} \right) &= -\frac{1}{2} (\xi F' + nF)
\end{aligned}$$

So we have reduced our PDE to an ODE for  $F(\xi)$ . This is a second-order, variable coefficient ODE. We have

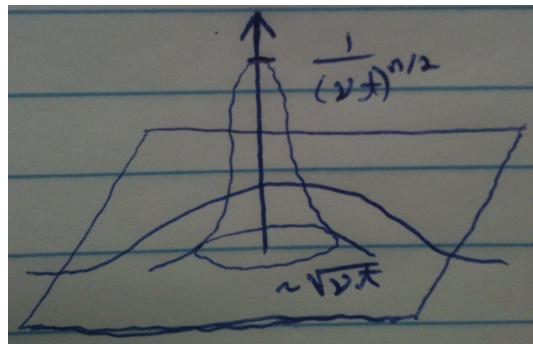
$$\begin{aligned}
F'' + \frac{n-1}{\xi} F' &= -\frac{1}{2} \xi F' - \frac{1}{2} nF \\
F'' + \left( \frac{n-1}{\xi} + \frac{1}{2} \xi \right) F' + \frac{1}{2} nF &= 0 \\
\underbrace{\left( F' + \frac{1}{2} \xi F \right)'}_G + \frac{n-1}{\xi} \left( F' + \frac{1}{2} \xi F \right) &= 0 \\
\xi^{n-1} G' + (n-1) \xi^{n-2} G &= 0 \\
(\xi^{n-1} G)' &= 0 \\
G &= \frac{c}{\xi^{n-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

Take  $c = 0$ ; otherwise  $G \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\xi \rightarrow 0$  ( $r \rightarrow 0$ ). So

$$\begin{aligned}
G &= 0 \\
F' + \frac{1}{2} \xi F &= 0 \\
(e^{\xi^2/4} F)' &= 0 \\
e^{\xi^2/4} F &= c \quad (\text{constant}) \\
F(\xi) &= ce^{-\xi^2/4}
\end{aligned}$$

Using the initial condition:

$$\int u(x, 0) dx = E$$
$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{n/2}}$$
$$u(x, t) = \frac{E}{(4\pi\nu t)^{n/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x|^2}{4\nu t}\right)$$



## 4 4-9-12

### 4.1 Heat Equation

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \nu \Delta u \\ u(x, 0) &= E\delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

Since this is a linear PDE with constant coefficients (on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), we can solve this using the Fourier transform.

#### 4.1.1 Fourier Transform

$$\begin{aligned} f(x), &\quad x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \hat{f}(k), &\quad k = (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \hat{f}(k) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-ik \cdot x} dx \\ f(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{f}(k) e^{ik \cdot x} dk \end{aligned}$$

We say that  $\hat{f} = \mathcal{F}[f]$ , where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the Fourier transform. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_\alpha}(x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} \int \hat{f}(k) e^{ik \cdot x} dk \\ &= \int \hat{f}(k) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\alpha} (e^{ik \cdot x}) dk \\ &= \int ik_\alpha \hat{f}(k) e^{ik \cdot x} dk \\ \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_\alpha}\right) &= ik_\alpha \hat{f}(k) \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\mathcal{F}[\Delta f] = -|k|^2 \hat{f}(k)$$

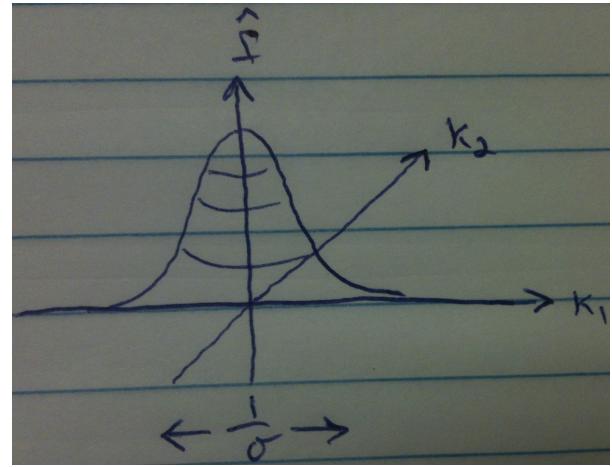
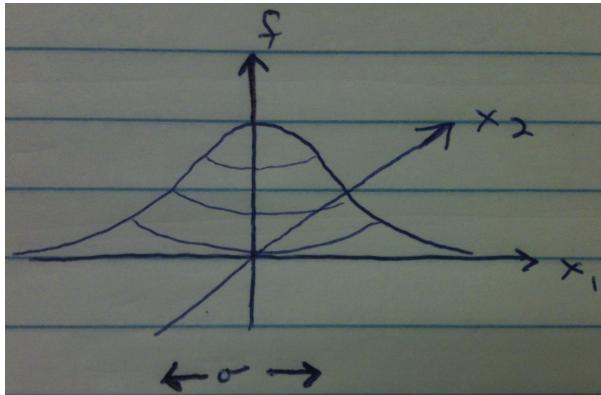
We can define  $\sqrt{-\Delta}$  by

$$\mathcal{F}[\sqrt{-\Delta} f] = |k| \hat{f}(k)$$

**Example 4.1.**

$$f(x) = e^{-|x|^2/2\sigma^2}$$

$$\hat{f}(k) = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\sigma^2|k|^2/2}$$



## 4.2 Back to the Heat Equation

$$u(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{u}(k, t) e^{ik \cdot x} dk$$

$$\hat{u} = \mathcal{F}[u]$$

$$\mathcal{F}[u_t] = \hat{u}_t$$

$$\mathcal{F}[\Delta u] = -|k|^2 \hat{u}$$

$$\mathcal{F}[\delta(x)] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int \delta(x) e^{-ik \cdot x} dx = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n}$$

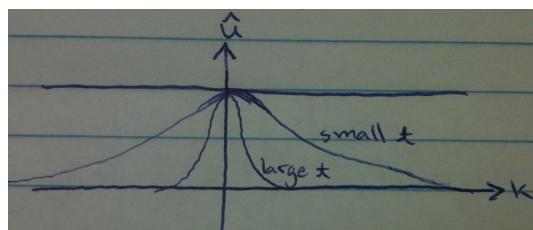
So the heat equation becomes

$$\hat{u}_t = -\nu |k|^2 \hat{u}$$

$$\hat{u}(k, 0) = \frac{E}{(2\pi)^n}$$

The solutions look like

$$\hat{u}(k, t) = \frac{E}{(2\pi)^n} e^{-\nu |k|^2 t}$$



$$u(x, t) = \frac{E}{(4\pi\nu t)^{n/2}} e^{-|x|^2/4\nu t}$$

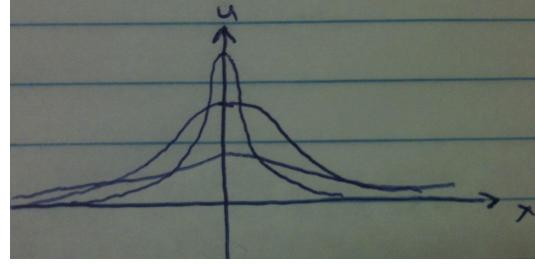


Figure 1: The heat diffuses with time.

This is a Green's function:

$$G(x, t) = \frac{1}{(4\pi\nu t)^{n/2}} e^{-|x|^2/4\nu t}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_t &= \nu \Delta G \\ G(x, 0) &= \delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

So the solution of the heat equation,

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \nu \Delta u \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x), \end{aligned}$$

is

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(x - \xi, t) f(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(4\pi\nu t)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - \xi|^2}{4\nu t}\right) f(\xi) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

### 4.3 A Porous Medium Problem

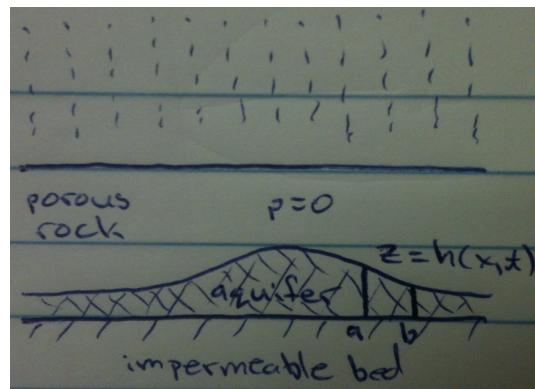


Figure 2: The aquifer is fully saturated with water.  $z = h(x, t)$  is the height of the aquifer.

Assume slow transverse flow, so the pressure is hydrostatic:

$$p = \rho g(h - z).$$

The pressure head is

$$H = p + \rho g z,$$

$$H = \rho g h \quad \text{independent of } z.$$

Assume the fluid is incompressible  $\Rightarrow$  conservation of volume. The change in the volume between  $a$  and  $b$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_a^b h \, dx &= -[hv]_{x=a}^{x=b} \\ &= - \int_a^b (hv)_x \, dx \\ \int_a^b [h_t + (hv)_x] \, dx &= 0 \quad \forall [a, b] \\ h_t + (hv)_x &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

Darcy's law:

$$v = -\frac{k}{\mu} \nabla H.$$

$k$  is the permeability, and  $\mu$  is the fluid viscosity. This is saying that the velocity is proportional to the gradient of the pressure head. In our case, we have

$$v = -\frac{k}{\mu} \rho g h_x.$$

Plugging this into (4.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} h_t &= K(hh_x)_x \\ K &= \frac{k\rho g}{\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

This is the 1D porous medium equation. This is a nonlinear, degenerate diffusion equation. When  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the diffusion drops out.

## 5 4-11-12

### 5.1 Porous Medium Equation

$$\begin{aligned} h_t &= k(hh_x)_x \\ h(x, 0) &= I\delta(x) \end{aligned}$$

(Barenblatt)

#### Dimensions

- (vertical) height  $H$
- (horizontal) length  $L$
- time  $T$

Dependent Variables:  $h$  ( $H$ )

Independent Variables:  $x$  ( $L$ ),  $t$  ( $T$ )

Parameters:  $k \left( \frac{L^2}{HT} \right)$ ,  $I$  ( $HL$ )

Use  $t, k, I$  to nondimensionalize the problem.

$$\begin{aligned} [t] &= T \\ [(kIt)^{1/3}] &= L \\ \left[ \frac{I}{(kIt)^{1/3}} \right] &= H \\ h(x, t) &= \frac{I^{2/3}}{(kt)^{1/3}} F \left( \frac{x}{(kIt)^{1/3}} \right) \\ \int h(x, t) dx &= I \int F(\xi) d\xi \\ -\frac{1}{3} \frac{I^{2/3}}{k^{1/3} t^{4/3}} F + \frac{I^{2/3}}{(kt)^{1/3}} \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) \frac{x}{(kI)^{1/3} t^{4/3}} F' \\ &= k \left[ \frac{I^{2/3}}{(kt)^{1/3}} \right]^2 \frac{1}{(kIt)^{2/3}} (FF')' \\ -\frac{1}{3} F - \frac{1}{3} \xi F' &= (FF')', \quad \xi = \frac{x}{(kIt)^{1/3}} \\ (FF')' &= -\frac{1}{3} (\xi F' + F) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} (\xi F)' \\ FF' &= -\frac{1}{3} \xi F + c \end{aligned}$$

We expect  $F \rightarrow 0$  as  $\xi \rightarrow \infty$ . Take  $c = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} FF' &= -\frac{1}{3} \xi F \\ F' &= -\frac{1}{3} \xi \\ F(\xi) &= \frac{1}{6} (a^2 - \xi^2) \end{aligned}$$

We need

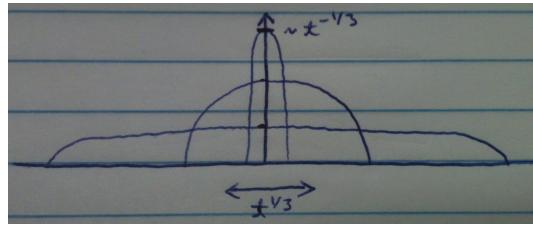
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\xi) d\xi = 1$$

$$F(\xi) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}(a^2 - \xi^2) & |\xi| < a \\ 0 & |\xi| \geq a \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-a}^a \frac{1}{6}(a^2 - \xi^2) d\xi = 1$$

$$a = \left(\frac{9}{2}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$h(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{I^{2/3}}{6(kt)^{1/3}} \left[ \left(\frac{9}{2}\right)^{2/3} - \frac{x^2}{(kt)^{2/3}} \right] & |x| < \left(\frac{9kt}{2}\right)^{1/3} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



## 5.2 Perturbation Theory

$$p^\epsilon(x) = 0$$

Problem for  $x$  depending on a small parameter  $\epsilon$ . Solution:

$$x = x(\epsilon)$$

Suppose  $p^\epsilon$  “simplifies” at  $\epsilon = 0$ . Goal: to find approximations of the solution  $x(\epsilon)$  when  $\epsilon$  is small.

### Definition 5.1. *Regular, Singular*

Classify perturbation problem as

- *regular* if the  $\epsilon = 0$  problem is “close” to the  $\epsilon \neq 0$  problem
- *singular* if the  $\epsilon = 0$  problem is “different” from the  $\epsilon \neq 0$  problem

## 6 4-13-12

### 6.1 Regular vs. Singular Perturbations

**Example 6.1.**

$$x^3 - x + \epsilon = 0$$

Look for a solutions

$$\begin{aligned} x(\epsilon) &= x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots \\ x^3 &= (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^3 \\ &= x_0^3 + 3\epsilon x_0^2 x_1 + \epsilon^2 [3x_0^2 x_2 + 3x_0 x_1^2] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$x_0^3 + 3\epsilon x_0^2 x_1 + \epsilon^2 [3x_0^2 x_2 + 3x_0 x_1^2] + \dots - x_0 - \epsilon x_1 - \epsilon^2 x_2 - \dots + \epsilon = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0^3 - x_0 &= 0 \\ 3x_0^2 x_1 - x_1 + 1 &= 0 \\ 3x_0^2 x_2 + -x_2 + 3x_0 x_1^2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 0, \pm 1 \\ x_1 &= \frac{1}{1 - 3x_0^2} \\ x_2 &= \frac{3x_0 x_1^2}{1 - 3x_0^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 = 0 : \quad x &= 0 + \epsilon + 0 \cdot \epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^3) \\ x_0 = 1 : \quad x &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon - \frac{3}{8}\epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^3) \\ x_0 = -1 : \quad x &= -1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon + \frac{3}{8}\epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

### 6.1.1 Example #2

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon x^3 - x + 1 &= 0 \\ x &= x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots \\ \epsilon(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots)^3 - (x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots) + 1 &= 0 \\ \epsilon x_0^3 + 3\epsilon^2 x_0^2 x_1 + \dots - x_0 - \epsilon x_1 - \epsilon^2 x_2 + 1 &= O(\epsilon^3)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}-x_0 + 1 &= 0 \\ x_0^3 - x_1 &= 0 \\ 3x_0^2 x_1 - x_2 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= 1 \\ x_1 &= 1 \\ x_2 &= 3 \\ x &= 1 + \epsilon + 3\epsilon^2 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

This equation is *singular*: the cubic equation degenerates to a linear equation at  $\epsilon = 0$ .

We only get one root; the other two go off to  $\infty$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . So we introduce a scaled variable:

$$x = \frac{y}{\delta(\epsilon)}, \quad y = O(1)$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\epsilon}{\delta^3} y^3}_{\textcircled{1}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\delta} y}_{\textcircled{2}} + \underbrace{1}_{\textcircled{3}} = 0$$

To get a nontrivial limit, we need a dominant balance between (at least) two terms.

#### Two-Term Balances

- $\textcircled{1} \sim \textcircled{2}$ :  $\epsilon/\delta^3 = 1/\delta$ ;  $\delta = \epsilon^{1/2}$ ;  $\textcircled{3} \sim 1$ ;  $\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2} \sim 1/\epsilon^{1/2}$ ;  $\textcircled{1} \sim \textcircled{2} \gg \textcircled{3}$
- $\textcircled{2} \sim \textcircled{3}$ :  $1/\delta = 1$ ;  $\delta = 1$ ;  $\textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3} \sim 1$ ;  $1 \gg \textcircled{1} \sim \epsilon$
- $\textcircled{3} \sim \textcircled{1}$ :  $\epsilon/\delta^3 = 1$ ;  $\delta = \epsilon^{1/3}$ ;  $\textcircled{3}, \textcircled{1} \sim 1$ ;  $1 \ll \textcircled{2} \sim 1/\epsilon^{1/3}$

The first two are dominant balances.

To get the remaining roots...  $\delta = \epsilon^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{y}{\epsilon^{1/2}} \\ \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon^{3/2}} y^3 - \frac{1}{\epsilon^{1/2}} y + 1 &= 0 \\ y^3 - y + \epsilon^{1/2} &= 0 \\ y &= y_0 + \epsilon^{1/2} y_1 + \epsilon y_2 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

As before:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 0 + \epsilon^{1/2} + O(\epsilon) \\
 y &= \pm 1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{1/2} + O(\epsilon) \\
 x &= 1 + \epsilon + 3\epsilon^2 + \dots \\
 x &= 1 + O(\epsilon^{1/2}) \\
 x &= \pm \frac{1}{\epsilon^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{2} + O(\epsilon^{1/2})
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6.2.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1 - \epsilon)x^2 - 2x + 1 &= 0 \\
 x &= x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2 + \dots \\
 x^2 &= x_0^2 + 2\epsilon x_0 x_1 + \epsilon^2 (2x_0 x_2 + x_1^2) + \dots \\
 (1 - \epsilon)[x_0^2 + 2\epsilon x_0 x_1 + \epsilon^2 (2x_0 x_2 + x_1^2) + \dots] - 2(x_0 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^2 x_2) + 1 &= O(\epsilon^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_0^2 - 2x_0 + 1 &= 0 \\
 2x_0 x_1 - x_0^2 - 2x_1 &= 0 \\
 2(x_0 - 1)x_1 &= x_0^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_0 = 1$$

There is no solution of the assumed form (perturbing off a repeated root).

$$x = 1 \pm \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

The correct expansion is

$$x = x_0 + \epsilon^{1/2} x_1 + \epsilon x_2 + \dots$$

## 7 4-16-12

### 7.1 Asymptotic and Convergent Series

Euler 1754:

$$I(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{1+xt} dt$$

How does  $I(x)$  behave as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ ? This integral is well-defined for  $x \geq 0$ .

Formally: for small  $x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1+xt} &= 1 - xt + (xt)^2 - \cdots + (-1)^n (xt)^n + \cdots \\ I(x) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-t} dt - x \int_0^\infty te^{-t} dt + \cdots + (-1)^n x^n \int_0^\infty t^n e^{-t} dt + \cdots \\ &= 1 - x + 2x^2 + \cdots + (-1)^n n! x^n + \cdots \\ I(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n n! x^n \end{aligned} \tag{7.1}$$

For example, at  $x = 1$ :

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{1+t} dt = 1 - 2! + 3! - 4! + 5! \cdots$$

The ratio test shows that (7.1) has zero radius of convergence, so it diverges for all  $x \neq 0$ . Where did we go wrong? The expansion for  $\frac{1}{1+xt}$  is only valid for  $xt < 1$ . So our expansion doesn't converge everywhere, namely when  $t$  is large. But when  $t$  is large, we have exponential decay in our integral.

For example, at  $x = 0.1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{12} (-1)^n n! x^n &= 0.91542 \\ \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{1+(0.1)t} dt &= 0.9156 \end{aligned}$$

#### Theorem 7.1.

$$x \geq 0, N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\left| I(x) - \sum_{n=0}^N (-1)^n n! x^n \right| \leq (N+1)! x^{N+1}$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
I(x) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{1+xt} dt \\
&= 1 - \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{(1+xt)^2} dt \\
&= 1 - x + \dots + (-1)^N N! x^N + R_{N+1}(x) \\
R_{N+1}(x) &= (-1)^{N+1} (N+1)! x^{N+1} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{(1+xt)^{N+2}} dt \\
|R_{N+1}(x)| &\leq (N+1)! x^{N+1} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{-t} dt}_{=1}
\end{aligned}$$

□

We write this as

$$I(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N (-1)^n n! x^n + O(x^{N+1}) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0^+$$

$O(x^{N+1})$  stands for a term bounded by a constant times  $|x|^{N+1}$ .

**Convergent:** Fix  $x, N \rightarrow \infty$

**Asymptotic:** Fix  $N, x \rightarrow 0^+$

### 7.1.1 Optimal Truncation

$$\left| I(x) - \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^N (-1)^n n! x^n}_{S_N(x)} \right| \leq (N+1)! x^{N+1}$$

As long as the  $x$  power is beating out the factorial, the error is going down. The optimal truncation is at  $N \sim [\frac{1}{x}]$ . Then the error is

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Error} &\sim \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)! x^{1/x} \\
&\sim \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{x}} e^{-1/x} \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 0^+
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used Stirling's formula:

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-n} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

So we get exponential accuracy by optimal truncation (asymptotics beyond all orders).

## 7.2 Notation for Asymptotic Behavior

$f(x), g(x)$ ,  $x \rightarrow x_0$  ( $x_0 = 0^+, \infty, \dots$ )

We write  $f(x) = O(g(x))$  as  $x \rightarrow x_0$  if there exist constants  $C, \delta > 0$  such that

$$|f(x)| \leq C|g(x)| \quad \text{for } |x - x_0| < \delta.$$

We write that  $f(x) = o(g(x))$  if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|f(x)| \leq \epsilon|g(x)| \quad \text{for } |x - x_0| < \delta.$$

If  $g(x) \neq 0$ , this is equivalent to

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right| = 0.$$

$o$  implies  $O$ .

**Example 7.2.**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x \\ g(x) &= x^2 \end{aligned}$$

As  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $x^2 = o(x)$ . As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x = o(x^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ g(x) &= x \end{aligned}$$

As  $x \rightarrow 0$ , there is no relation between  $f$  and  $g$ . But we can say that  $\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = O(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x \\ g(x) &= 10^6 \log x \end{aligned}$$

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $10^6 \log x = o(x)$ . Similarly,  $10^6 \log(\log x) = o(\log x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x \\ g(x) &= \log \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

As  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $x = o\left(\frac{1}{\log \frac{1}{x}}\right)$ .

$e^{-1/x} = o(x^n)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ .

## 8 4-18-12

### 8.1 Perturbation Theory for ODE's

1. Regular perturbation problems
2. Singular perturbation problems
  - (a) Boundary/initial layer problems. These are treated by the method of matched asymptotic expansions (MMAE)
  - (b) Oscillation problems. These are treated by the method of multiple scales (MMS)

### 8.2 Overdamped Simple Harmonic Oscillator (Logan 2.4)

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{y} + a\dot{y} + ky &= 0 \\ y(0) &= 0 \\ \dot{y}(0) &= \frac{I}{m} \end{aligned}$$

Dimensions: mass  $M$ , length  $L$ , and time  $T$

Parameters:  $m$  ( $M$ ),  $a$  ( $\frac{M}{T}$ ),  $k$  ( $\frac{M}{T^2}$ ),  $I$  ( $\frac{ML}{T}$ )

Variables:  $y$  ( $L$ ),  $t$  ( $T$ )

For large damping, choose time scale  $\frac{a}{k}$  (which has dimension  $T$ ). Choose length scale  $\frac{I}{a}$  (which has dimension  $L$ ). Set

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{I}{a} y^* \\ t &= \frac{a}{k} t^* \\ \frac{d}{dt} &= \frac{k}{a} \frac{d}{dt^*} \end{aligned}$$

(Henceforth, dots will denote derivatives with respect to  $t^*$ .) Since the equation is linear, the rescaling factor of  $y$  will cancel out. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} m \left(\frac{k}{a}\right)^2 \ddot{y}^* + a \left(\frac{k}{a}\right) \dot{y}^* + ky^* &= 0 \\ y^*(0) &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{k}{a}\right) \left(\frac{I}{a}\right) \dot{y}^*(0) &= \frac{I}{m} \\ \frac{mk}{a^2} \ddot{y}^* + \dot{y}^* + y^* &= 0 \\ y^*(0) &= 0 \\ \dot{y}^*(0) &= \frac{a^2}{mk} \\ \epsilon &:= \frac{mk}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

Nondimensionalized problem (drop the \*'s):

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon \ddot{y} + \dot{y} + y &= 0 \\ y(0) &= 0 \\ \dot{y}(0) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon}\end{aligned}$$

We want to find the approximate solution when  $\epsilon$  is small (and positive). This is a singular perturbation problem because if we set  $\epsilon = 0$  then we change the order of the ODE from 2nd order to 1st order. We can't solve a 1st order ODE with 2 initial conditions.

The solution consists of two parts:

- (a) a short initial layer where  $\ddot{y}$  is large  $\Rightarrow$  fast
- (b) long outer regions where  $\ddot{y}$  is  $O(1)$   $\Rightarrow$  slow

Idea: construct different “inner” and “outer” approximations, then match them.

Outer solution (b)

$$\begin{aligned}y &= y_0(t) + \epsilon y_1(t) + \epsilon^2 y_2(t) \dots \\ \epsilon \ddot{y}_0 + \epsilon^2 \ddot{y}_1 + \dot{y}_0 + \epsilon \dot{y}_1 + \epsilon^2 \dot{y}_2 + y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + \epsilon^2 y_2 &= O(\epsilon^3) \\ \dot{y}_0 + y_0 &= 0 \\ \ddot{y}_0 \dot{y}_1 + y_1 &= 0 \\ \dot{y}_n + y_n + \ddot{y}_{n-1} &= 0 \\ y_0(t) &= ce^{-t}, \quad t = O(1)\end{aligned}$$

This is the leading order outer solution.

Initial layer (a)

Say  $t = O(\delta)$ . Introduce the time variable

$$\begin{aligned}T &= \frac{t}{\delta} \\ \frac{d}{dt} &= \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{d}{dT} \\ y(t; \epsilon) &= Y(T; \epsilon) \\ \frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} \frac{d^2Y}{dT^2} + \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{dY}{dT} + Y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The dominant balances will be

1.  $\frac{1}{\delta} = 1, \delta = 1$  (outer)
2.  $\frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} = \frac{1}{\delta}, \delta = t$  (inner)
3. The third possibility,  $\frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} = 1$ , is not a dominant balance

We get

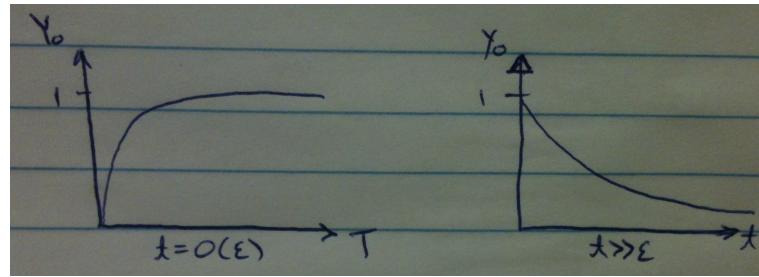
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2Y}{dT^2} + \frac{dY}{dT} + \epsilon Y &= 0 \\ Y(0) &= 0 \\ \frac{dY}{dT}(0) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

So the inner expansion is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y &= Y_0(T) + \epsilon Y_1(T) + O(\epsilon^2) \\
 \frac{d^2Y_0}{dT^2} + \frac{dY_0}{dT} &= 0 \\
 Y_0(0) &= 0 \\
 \frac{dY_0}{dT}(0) &= 1 \\
 Y_0(T) &= A + Be^{-T} = 1 - e^{-T}
 \end{aligned}$$

The leading order inner solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_0(T) &= 1 - e^{-T} \\
 T &= \frac{t}{\epsilon} = O(1)
 \end{aligned}$$



The matching condition is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} Y_0(T) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} y_0(t) \\
 1 &= C \\
 y(t, \epsilon) &\sim \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-t/\epsilon} & t = O(\epsilon) \\ e^{-t} & t = O(1) \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

## 9 4-20-12

### 9.1 Strongly Damped Oscillator

**Remark 9.1. A note on expansions**

$$\begin{aligned}(1+x)^\alpha &= 1 + \alpha x + \frac{1}{2}\alpha(\alpha-1)x^2 + \frac{1}{3!}\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)x^3 + \dots, & |x| < 1 \\ \sqrt{1+x} &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \dots \\ \frac{1}{1+x} &= 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon \ddot{y} + \dot{y} + y &= 0 \\ y(0) &= 0 \\ \dot{y}(0) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon}\end{aligned}$$

The characteristic equation,  $y = e^{rt}$ , gives

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon r^2 + r + 1 &= 0 \\ r_{\pm} &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon}}{2\epsilon} \\ r_- &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} + O(1) \\ r_+ &= \frac{-1 + (1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4\epsilon + O(\epsilon)^2)}{2\epsilon} \\ &= -1 + O(\epsilon) \\ y(t) &= Ae^{r_- t} + Be^{r_+ t} \\ y(0) &= 0 \quad A + B = 0 \\ \dot{y}(0) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \quad r_- A + r_+ B = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \\ B &= -A \\ A &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{1}{r_- - r_+} \right) \\ B &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{1}{r_+ - r_-} \right) \\ r_+ - r_- &= \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon}}{2\epsilon} - \left( \frac{-1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon}}{2\epsilon} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon}}{\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

Exact solution:  $y(t) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon}} \exp \left[ -\frac{(1 + \sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon})}{2\epsilon} t \right] + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon}} \exp \left[ -\frac{(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\epsilon})}{2\epsilon} t \right]$

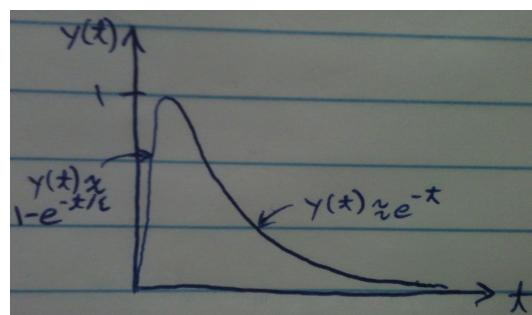
As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &\sim -e^{-t/\epsilon} + e^t \\ t &= \epsilon T \\ y &= -e^{-T} + e^{\epsilon T} \end{aligned}$$

Balancing  $\epsilon \ddot{y} + \dot{y}$  gives  $e^{-t/\epsilon}$ , while balancing  $\dot{y} + y$  gives  $e^{-t}$ .

As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ ,

$$y(t) \sim \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-t/\epsilon} & t = O(\epsilon) \\ e^t & t = O(1), t > 0 \end{cases}$$



## 9.2 Phase Plane

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon \ddot{y} + \dot{y} + y &= 0 \\ \dot{y} &= z \\ \dot{z} &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon}(y + z)\end{aligned}$$

Two regimes:

1. “Slow” manifold,  $y + z = 0$ . The approximate equation for  $y$  is then

$$\dot{y} = -y \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = ce^{-t}$$

2. “Fast” system,  $\dot{z} = O(1/\epsilon)$  and  $\dot{y} = O(1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}T &= \frac{t}{\epsilon} \\ \frac{d}{dt} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{d}{dT} \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{dy}{dT} &= z \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{dz}{dT} &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon}(y + z) \\ \frac{dy}{dT} &= \epsilon z \approx 0 \\ \frac{dz}{dT} &= -(y + z)\end{aligned}$$

$y + z \neq 0$ , so the approximate equation is

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{y} &= 0 \\ \dot{z} &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon}(z + y)\end{aligned}$$

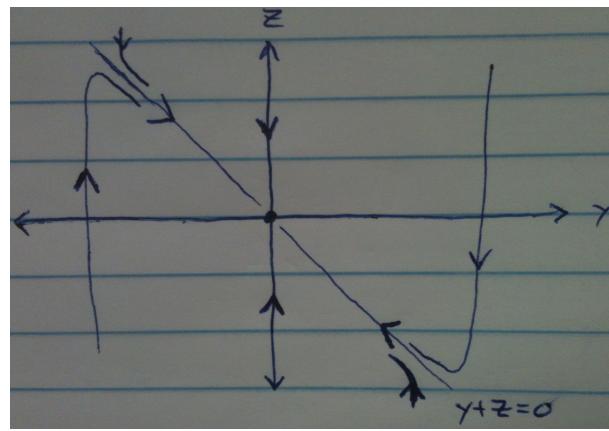
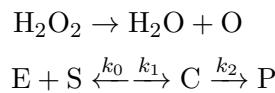


Figure 3: “Geometric Singular Perturbation Theory”

## 9.3 Michaelis-Menton Enzyme Kinetics



Law of mass actions:

rate of reaction  $\propto$  product of concentrations,

where the constant of proportionality is the rate constant.

- $e(t)$  = concentration of E
- $s(t)$  = concentration of S
- $c(t)$  = concentration of C
- $p(t)$  = concentration of P

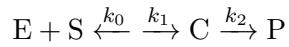
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{de}{dt} &= -k_1 e_s + (k_0 + k_2)c \\ \frac{ds}{dt} &= -k_1 es + k_0 c \\ \frac{dc}{dt} &= k_1 es - (k_0 + k_2)c \\ \frac{dp}{dt} &= k_2 c\end{aligned}$$

We see that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}(e + c) &= 0 \\ e + c &= \text{constant}\end{aligned}$$

## 10 4-23-12

### 10.1 Enzyme Kinetics (Continued)



$$\frac{de}{dt} = -k_1 e_s + (k_0 + k_2)c$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -k_1 es + k_0 c$$

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = k_1 es - (k_0 + k_2)c$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = k_2 c$$

$$e(0) = e_0$$

$$s(0) = s_0$$

$$c(0) = 0$$

$$p(0) = 0$$

$$e + c = e_0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[e + c] = 0$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = -k_1 es + (k_0 + k_2)(e_0 - e)$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -k_1 es + k_0(e_0 - e)$$

Dimensions: time  $T$ , concentration  $C$

Independent Variables:  $t$  ( $T$ )

Dependent Variables:  $e$  ( $C$ ),  $s$  ( $C$ )

Parameters:  $e_0$  ( $C$ ),  $s_0$  ( $C$ ),  $k_0$  ( $\frac{1}{T}$ ),  $k_1$  ( $\frac{1}{CT}$ ),  $k_2$  ( $\frac{1}{T}$ )

$$u(\tau) = \frac{s(t)}{s_0}$$

$$v(\tau) = \frac{c(t)}{e_0}$$

$$\tau = k_1 e_0 t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{d\tau} &= -u + (u + k - \lambda)v \\ \epsilon \frac{dv}{d\tau} &= u - (u + k)v \\ u(0) &= 1 \\ v(0) &= 0 \\ \epsilon &= \frac{e_0}{s_0} \\ k &= \frac{k_0 + k_2}{k_1 s_0} \\ \lambda &= \frac{k_2}{k_1 s_0} \end{aligned}$$

We have two regimes:

(a) Short time,  $\tau = O(\epsilon)$

(b) Long time,  $\tau = O(1)$

(b) **Long time.** Expand

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_0(\tau) + \epsilon u_1(\tau) + \dots \\ v &= v_0(\tau) + \epsilon v_1(\tau) + \dots \\ \frac{du_0}{d\tau} &= -u_0 + (u_0 + k - \lambda)v_0 \\ 0 &= u_0 - (u_0 + k)v_0 \\ v_0 &= \frac{u_0}{u_0 + k} \\ \frac{du_0}{d\tau} &= -u_0 + (u_0 + k - \lambda) \cdot \frac{u_0}{u_0 + k} \\ &= -\frac{\lambda u_0}{u_0 + k} \end{aligned}$$

(a) Short time.

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} \\
 \frac{d}{dt} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{d}{dT} \\
 U(T) &= u(t) \\
 \frac{dU}{dT} &= \epsilon[-U + (U + k - \lambda)V] \\
 \frac{dV}{dT} &= U - (U + k)V \\
 U &= U_0 + \epsilon U_1 + \dots \\
 V &= V_0 + \epsilon V_1 + \dots \\
 \frac{dU_0}{dT} &= 0 \\
 \frac{dV_0}{dT} &= U_0 - (U_0 + k)V_0 \\
 U_0(0) &= 1 \\
 V_0(0) &= 0 \\
 U_0(T) &= 1 \\
 \frac{dV_0}{dT} &= 1 - (1 + k)V_0 \\
 V_0(0) &= 0 \\
 V_0(T) &= \frac{1 - e^{-(1+k)T}}{1 + k}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Matching.

$$u_0(0) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} U_0(T) = 1$$

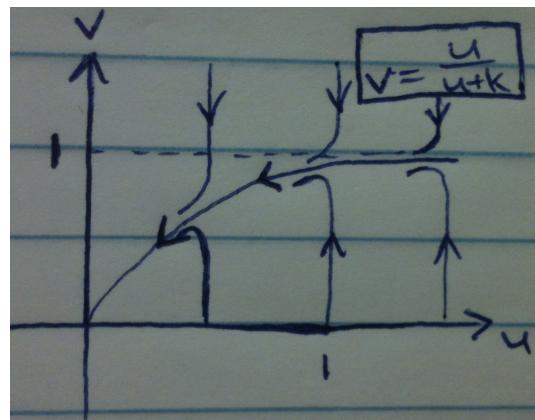


Figure 4:  $E + S \xrightleftharpoons{k_0} C \xrightarrow{k_1} P$

# 11 4-25-12

## 11.1 Geometric Singular Perturbation Theory

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon \dot{x} &= f(x, y) \\ \dot{y} &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

$x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $g : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .  $x$  contains the “fast” variables,  $y$  contains the “slow” variables. Introduce a fast time:  $T = \frac{t}{\epsilon}$ . Let  $' = \frac{d}{dT}$  and  $\cdot = \frac{d}{dt}$ . So  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{d}{dT} = \frac{d}{dt}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= f(x, y) \\ y' &= \epsilon g(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

“Slow” system:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y) &= 0 \\ \dot{y} &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}$$

“Fast” system:

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= f(x, y) \\ y' &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The slow manifold is  $f(x, y) = 0$ . We can't satisfy all of the initial data in the slow system, because the initial data for  $x$  has to be such that  $f(x, y) = 0$ . Physicists say that the  $x$  variable is a slave to the  $y$  variable.

For the fast system,  $y = y_0$  (constant) and  $x' = f(x, y_0)$ .

Simplest case:

- The slow manifold is a graph,  $x = \phi(y)$ ,  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ .

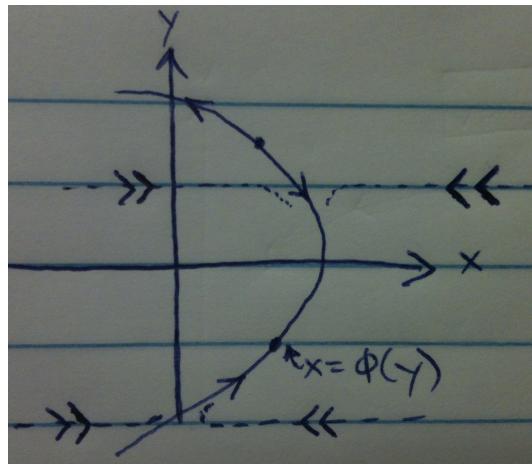
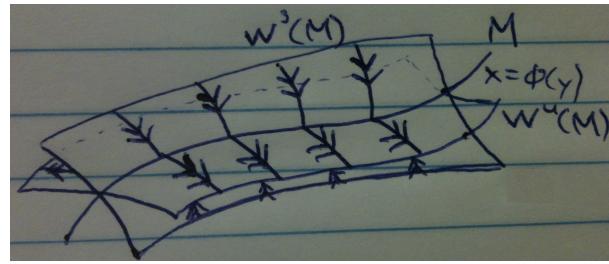


Figure 5:  $f(\phi(y), y) = 0$ ,  $\dot{y} = g(\phi(y), y)$ .

- Assume that  $x = \phi(y)$  is a globally asymptotically stable (unique) equilibrium for the “fast” equation,  $x' = f(x, y)$ .

Tikhonov (1948) and Levinson (1949) gave a theory for attracting slow manifolds in these “fast-slow” systems.

Fenichel (1971) proved that the full system has an invariant manifold close to the slow manifold for small  $\epsilon$  provided  $x = \phi(y)$  is a hyperbolic equilibrium of the “fast” system  $x' = f(x, y)$ .



## 11.2 Van der Pol Oscillator

$$\underbrace{\epsilon \ddot{x} + (x^2 - 1)\dot{x}}_{=-\dot{y}} + x = 0$$

Small mass/large damping:  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$

Negative damping/excitability:  $|x| < 1$

Positive damping:  $|x| > 1$

Lienard variables:

$$y = x - \frac{1}{3}\dot{x}^3 - \epsilon \dot{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \dot{x} &= x - \frac{1}{3}\dot{x}^3 - y \\ \dot{y} &= x \end{aligned}$$

Slow manifold:  $y = x - \frac{1}{3}\dot{x}^3$

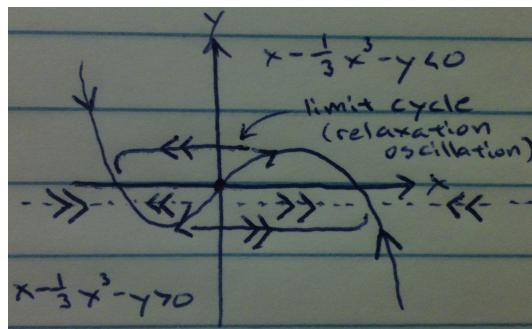


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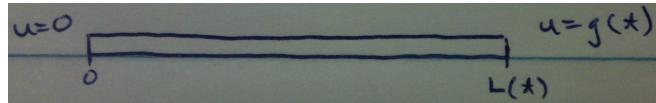
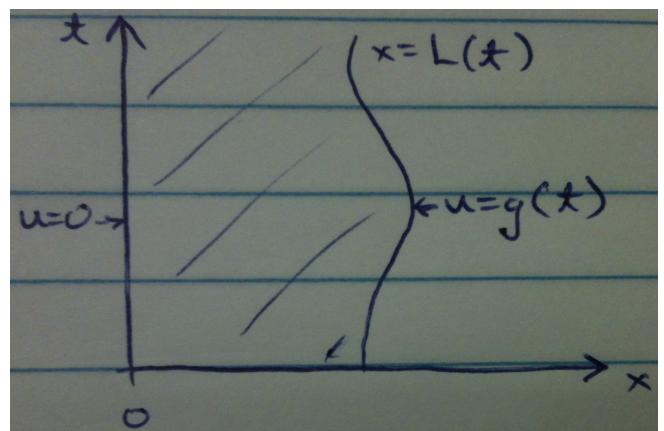
Slow system

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x - \frac{1}{3}\dot{x}^3 \\ \dot{y} &= x \end{aligned}$$

Fast system

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x - \frac{1}{3}\dot{x}^3 - y \\ y' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

## 12.1 Heat Flow in a Slowly-Varying Rod

Figure 7:  $u(x, t) = \text{temperature}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= \nu u_{xx}, & 0 < x < L(t), \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= 0 \\ u(L(t), t) &= g(t) \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

## Nondimensionalization

$$L_0 = L(0)$$

$T_0$  = time-scale of variations in  $L(t)$

$\theta$  = typical temperature

$$L(t) = L_0 L^* \left( \frac{t}{T_0} \right)$$

$$g(t) = \theta_0 g^* \left( \frac{t}{T_0} \right)$$

$$f(x) = \theta_0 f^* \left( \frac{x}{L_0} \right)$$

$$x^* = \frac{x}{L_0}$$

$$t^* = \frac{t}{T_0}$$

$$u^* = \frac{u}{\theta_0}$$

$$\partial_x = \frac{1}{L_0} \partial_{x^*}$$

$$\partial_t = \frac{1}{T_0} \partial_{t^*}$$

$$u_t = \frac{\theta_0}{T_0} u_{t^*}^*$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{\theta_0}{L_0^2} u_{x^* x^*}^*$$

$$u_t = \nu u_{xx}$$

$$\frac{\theta_0}{T_0} u_{t^*}^* = \frac{\nu \theta_0}{L_0^2} u_{x^* x^*}^*$$

$$\epsilon u_{t^*}^* = u_{x^* x^*}^*$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{L_0^2}{\nu T_0}$$

So we have

$$\epsilon u_{t^*}^* = u_{x^* x^*}^*, \quad 0 < x^* < L^*(t^*), \quad t^* > 0$$

$$u^*(0, t^*) = 0$$

$$u^*(L^*(t^*), t^*) = g^*(t^*)$$

$$u^*(x^*, 0) = f^*(x^*)$$

Interpretation of  $\epsilon$ :

- $T_d = \text{diffusion-timescale}$ , i.e. time, for heat to diffuse from one end of the rod to the other.  $L \sim \sqrt{\nu T} \Leftrightarrow T \sim L^2/\nu$ .
- $T_d = \frac{L_0^2}{\nu}$
- $\epsilon = \frac{T_d}{T_0}$

Assume  $\epsilon \ll 1$ . This means that heat diffuses rapidly over the rod relative to the timescale of variations in the length/boundary data.

Drop the \*'s.

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon u_t &= u_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < L(t), \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= 0 \\ u(L(t), t) &= g(t) \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad L(0) = 1\end{aligned}$$

Outer expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}u &= u_0(x, t) + \epsilon u_1(x, t) + O(\epsilon^2) \\ u_{0,xx} &= 0, \quad 0 < x < L \\ u_0(0, t) &= 0 \\ u_0(L, t) &= g\end{aligned}$$

We have to drop the initial condition (because we wouldn't be able to satisfy it with the outer solution).

$$\begin{aligned}u_0(x, t) &= A(t)x + B(t) \\ &= \frac{g(t)}{L(t)}x\end{aligned}$$

Inner expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}T &= \frac{t}{\epsilon} \\ u(x, t; \epsilon) &= U(x, T; \epsilon) \\ \partial_t &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_T\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}U_t &= U_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < L(\epsilon T), \quad T > 0 \\ U(0, T) &= 0 \\ U(L(\epsilon T), \epsilon T) &= g(\epsilon T) \\ U(x, 0) &= f(x), \quad 0 < x < 1\end{aligned}$$

$$U = U_0(x, T) + \epsilon U_1(x, T) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}U_{0,T} &= U_{0,xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad T > 0 \\ U_0(0, T) &= 0 \\ U_0(1, T) &= g(0) \\ U_0(x, 0) &= f(x), \quad 0 < x < 1\end{aligned}$$

Solve by separating variables.

$$U(x, T) = g(0)X + V(x, T)$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_t &= V_{xx} \\V(0, T) &= 0 \\V(1, T) &= 0 \\V(x, 0) &= f(x) - g(0)x\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V(x, T) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e^{-n^2 \pi^2 T} \sin(n\pi x) \\c_n &= 2 \int_0^1 [f(x) - g(0)x] \sin(n\pi x) dx \\U_0(x, T) &= g(0)x + V(x, T)\end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Outer solution: } u_0(x, t) &= \frac{g(t)}{L(t)}x \\\text{Inner solution: } U_0(x, T) &= g(0)x + V(x, T)\end{aligned}$$

Do they match?

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} U_0(x, T) &= g(0)x \\\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} u_0(x, t) &= g(0)x\end{aligned}$$

Uniform solution:

$$\begin{aligned}u &\sim u_{\text{inner}} + u_{\text{outer}} - u_{\text{matching}} \\&\sim \frac{g(t)}{L(t)}x + V\left(x, \frac{t}{\epsilon}\right)\end{aligned}$$

## 13 4-30-12

### 13.1 Boundary Layer Problems

Navier-Stokes equation for incompressible fluid:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u}_t \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} + \nabla p &= \epsilon \Delta \vec{u}, & \epsilon = \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} &= 0 && (\text{"no slip" condition}) \\ \vec{u}(\vec{x}, 0) &= \vec{u}_0(\vec{x}) \\ \vec{u}(\vec{x}, t) &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega\end{aligned}$$

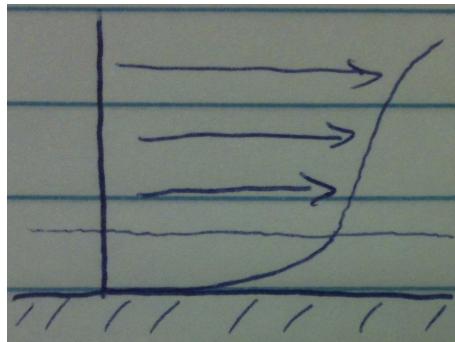
Setting  $\epsilon = 0$  (no viscosity), we get the Euler equation:

$$\vec{u}_t + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} + \nabla p = 0$$

The Euler equation with no-slip boundary condition is overdetermined. So we impose the "no-flow" condition:

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

Prandtl (1905) introduced boundary layer theory.



The velocity goes quickly from zero to something large, so the derivative is very large.

### 13.2 Model Boundary Layer Problem

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon y'' + 2y' + y &= 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ y(0) &= 0 \\ y(1) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

We want to find an asymptotic approximation of the solution for  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ .

Straightforward (outer) expansion:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= y_0(x) + \epsilon y_1(x) + \epsilon^2 y_2(x) + O(\epsilon^3) \\ 2y'_0 + y_0 &= 0 \\ 2y'_1 + y_1 + y''_0 &= 0 \\ 2y'_n + y_n + y''_{n-1} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Problem:** can't satisfy both BC's because the order of the ODE drops from 2 to 1 at  $\epsilon = 0$ . It turns out that the correct BC to impose is the BC at  $x = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}y_0(1) &= 1 \\y_1(1) &= 0 \\y_n(1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y_0(x) &= ce^{-x/2} \\&= e^{1/2}e^{-x/2}\end{aligned}$$

So we get a boundary layer near  $x = 0$  where the solution adjusts rapidly from  $\approx e^{1/2}$  to 0 at  $x = 0$ .

Inner expansion (near  $x = 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}X &= \frac{x}{\delta} \\y(x; \epsilon) &= Y(X; \epsilon) \\y'(x; \epsilon) &= \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{dY}{dX} = \frac{1}{\delta} Y' \\&\underbrace{\frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2}}_{\textcircled{1}} + \underbrace{\frac{2}{\delta} Y'}_{\textcircled{2}} + \underbrace{Y}_{\textcircled{3}} = 0\end{aligned}$$

Dominant balances:

- $\textcircled{1} \sim \textcircled{2}$ :  $\frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} = \frac{1}{\delta} \Rightarrow \delta = \epsilon$ ,  $\textcircled{3} \ll \textcircled{1} \sim \textcircled{2}$
- $\textcircled{2} \sim \textcircled{3}$ :  $\delta = 1 \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \ll \textcircled{2} \sim \textcircled{3}$
- $\textcircled{1} \sim \textcircled{3}$ :  $\frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \delta = \epsilon^{1/2}$ ,  $\textcircled{2} \gg \textcircled{1} \sim \textcircled{3}$

Take  $\delta = \epsilon$ .

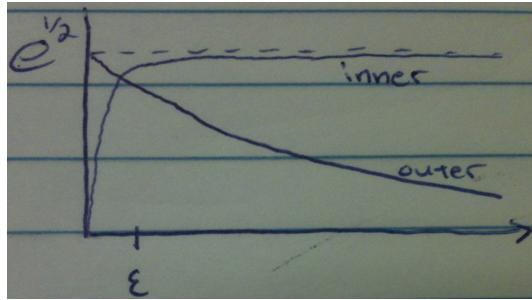
$$\begin{aligned}Y'' + 2Y' + \epsilon Y &= 0 \\Y &= Y_0(X) + \epsilon Y_1(X) + \dots \\Y_0'' + 2Y_0' &= 0 \\Y_1'' + 2Y_1' + Y_0 &= 0 \\Y_0(0) &= 0 \\Y_0' &= ce^{-2X} \\Y_0(X) &= c_1 + c_2 e^{-2X} = c(1 - e^{-2X})\end{aligned}$$

Matching condition:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} y_0(x) &= \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} Y_0(X) \\e^{1/2} &= c \\Y_0(X) &= e^{1/2}(1 - e^{-2X})\end{aligned}$$

Leading-order asymptotic solution:

$$y(x; \epsilon) \sim \begin{cases} e^{1/2}e^{-x/2} & \text{as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0^+, 0 < x \leq 1 \\ e^{1/2}(1 - e^{-2x/\epsilon}) & 0 \leq \frac{x}{\epsilon} < \infty \end{cases}$$



Uniform solution:

$$y_{\text{inner}} + y_{\text{outer}} - y_{\text{overlap}}$$

$$y(x; \epsilon) \sim e^{1/2} (e^{-x/2} - e^{-2x/\epsilon})$$

Let's compare this to the exact solution. The characteristic equation is

$$\epsilon r^2 + 2r + 1 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \epsilon}}{\epsilon}$$

$$r = -\alpha(\epsilon), -\frac{\beta(\epsilon)}{\epsilon}$$

$$\beta(\epsilon) = 2 + \dots$$

$$-1 + \sqrt{1 - \epsilon} = -1 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon\right) = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon$$

$$y(x; \epsilon) = \frac{e^{-\alpha x} - e^{-\beta x/\epsilon}}{e^{-\alpha} - e^{-\beta/\epsilon}}$$

$$\sim \frac{e^{-x/2} - e^{-2x/\epsilon}}{e^{-1/2} - e^{-2/\epsilon}}$$

This agrees with the uniform solution (to leading order in  $\epsilon$ ).

## 14 5-2-12

### 14.1 Follow-Up: Why is the boundary layer at 0?

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon y'' + 2y' + y &= 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ y(0) &= 0 \\ y(1) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Try to find the solution with the boundary layer at  $x = 1$ .

(a) Outer solution.

$$y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1(x) + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}2y'_0 + y_0 &= 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ y_0(0) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$y_0 = ce^{-x/2} \Rightarrow y_0 = 0$$

(b) Inner solution near  $x = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}X &= \frac{1-x}{\epsilon} \\ y(x; \epsilon) &= Y(X; \epsilon) \\ \frac{d}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{d}{dX} \\ Y'' - 2Y' + \epsilon Y &= 0, \quad 0 < X < \infty \quad \left( Y' = \frac{dY}{dX} \right) \\ Y(0) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}Y &= Y_0 + \epsilon Y_1 + \dots \\ Y''_0 - 2Y'_0 &= 0 \\ Y_0(0) &= 1 \\ Y_0(X) &= c_1 + c_2 e^{2X} \\ &= 1 + c(1 - e^{2x})\end{aligned}$$

(c) Matching. We want  $y_0(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow 1^-$  to match with  $Y_0(X)$  as  $X \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned}y_0(x) &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow 1^- \\ Y_0(x) &\rightarrow \begin{cases} \infty & c > 0 \\ 1 & c = 0 \\ -\infty & c < 0 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

So after going through all of this analysis, we find that it won't work.

### 14.2 General Linear 2nd Order BVP's

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y &= 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ y(0) &= \alpha \\ y(1) &= \beta\end{aligned}$$

Find an asymptotic solution as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ . Suppose  $a(x) \geq \delta > 0$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

**Claim:** we get a boundary layer at  $x = 0$ .

1.  $X = \frac{x}{\epsilon}$ . The leading order inner equation for  $Y_0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0'' + a(0)Y_0' &= 0 \\ Y_0(X) &= c_1 + c_2 e^{-a(0)X} \\ &\rightarrow c_1 \quad \text{as } X \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } a(0) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

2.  $X = \frac{1-x}{\epsilon}$  for a boundary layer at  $x = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0'' - a(1)Y_0' &= 0 \\ Y_0(X) &= c_1 + c_2 e^{a(1)X} \end{aligned}$$

We need  $a(1) < 0$  in order to permit matching.

So

1. If  $a(x) \geq \delta > 0$  we get a boundary layer at  $x = 0$ .
2. If  $a(x) \leq -\delta < 0$  we get a boundary layer at  $x = 1$

If  $a(x)$  changes sign (*turning points*), we get more complicated behavior.

3. If  $a(0) < 0, a(1) > 0$ , we get no boundary layers (maybe interior/corner layer).
4. If  $a(0) > 0, a(1) < 0$ , we can have boundary layers at both endpoints.

#### 14.2.1 Boundary Layer Example 1

$$\epsilon y'' + xy' - y = 0, \quad -1 < x < 1$$

$$y(-1) = 1$$

$$y(1) = 2$$

$$\begin{cases} a(-1) = -1 < 0 \\ a(1) = 1 > 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{no BL possible at either endpoint}$$

(a) Outer solution.

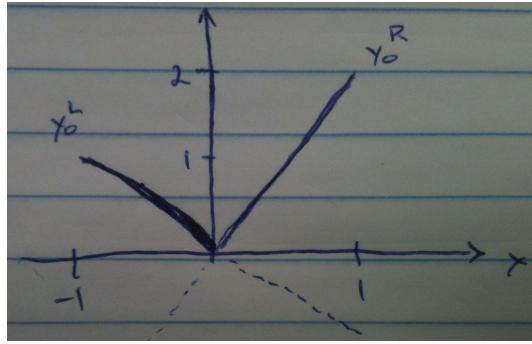
$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_0(x) + \epsilon y_1(x) + \dots \\ xy'_0 - y_0 &= 0 \\ y_0(x) &= Cx \end{aligned}$$

Impose left and right boundary conditions to get left and right outer solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} y_0^L(x) &= -x \\ y_0^R(x) &= 2x \end{aligned}$$

Try

$$y_0(x) = \begin{cases} -x & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 2x & 0 < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



(b) Inner solution. Introduce scaled variable

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{x}{\delta} \\ y(x) &= \delta Y(X) \\ \frac{d}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{d}{dX} \\ x &= \delta X \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} Y'' + \delta X \cdot \frac{1}{\delta} Y' - Y &= 0 \\ \frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2} Y'' + XY' - Y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We have a dominant three-term balance for  $\delta = \epsilon^{1/2}$ .

$$Y'' + XY' - Y = 0, \quad -\infty < X < \infty$$

Matching.

$$\begin{aligned} y_0^L(x) &= -\delta \left( \frac{x}{\delta} \right) = -\delta X \\ y_0^R(x) &= \delta \left( \frac{2x}{\delta} \right) = \delta 2X \\ Y(X) &\sim -X \quad \text{as } X \rightarrow -\infty \\ Y(x) &\sim 2X \quad \text{as } X \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

## 15 5-4-12

### 15.1 Boundary Layers (Continued)

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y &= 0 \\ y(0) &= \alpha \\ y(1) &= \beta\end{aligned}$$

A boundary layer at  $x = 0$  is possible if  $a(0) > 0$ , and a boundary layer at  $x = 1$  is possible if  $a(1) < 0$ . If  $a(x)$  changes signs, more complications may occur.

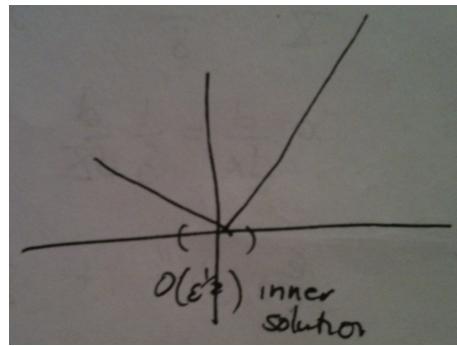
#### 15.1.1 Boundary Layer Example 1 (From Last Time)

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon y'' + xy' - y &= 0, \quad -1 < x < 1 \\ y(-1) &= 1 \\ y(1) &= 2\end{aligned}$$

There was no way to put in a boundary layer at either endpoint because as  $x$  changes signs you change from growing to decaying solutions.

Outer solution:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= y_0(x) + \epsilon y_1(x) + \dots \\ xy'_0 - y_0 &= 0 \\ y_0(x) &= Cx \\ y_0^L(x) &= -x \\ y_0^R(x) &= 2x\end{aligned}$$



The simplest, where we have a corner layer at  $x = 0$ , is the right solution because it can be matched.

Inner solution: (for the corner layer)

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \epsilon^{1/2} Y\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon^{1/2}}\right) \\ X &= \frac{x}{\epsilon^{1/2}}\end{aligned}$$

Here we have a 3-term dominant balance, and we get

$$Y_0'' + xY_0' - Y_0 = 0$$

and then we have to subject this to the matching conditions.

### Matching conditions:

$$\text{inner limit of outer solution} = \text{outer limit of inner solution}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_0^L(x) &= -x \\ &= -\epsilon^{1/2} \frac{x}{\epsilon^{1/2}} \\ &= -\epsilon^{1/2} X \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} y_0^R(x) &= 2x \\ &= 2\epsilon^{1/2} X \end{aligned}$$

The solution

$$Y_0(X) = c_1 X + c_2 \left[ e^{-\frac{1}{2}X} + X \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-t^2/2} dt \right]$$

as  $X \rightarrow -\infty$ , and this looks like  $c_1 X$ , so let  $c_1 = -1$ . As  $X \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0(X) &\sim \left[ c_1 + c_2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t^2/2} dt \right] x \\ c_2 &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \end{aligned}$$

Question: what is the uniform solution? It would look like

$$\begin{aligned} y &\sim y_{\text{inner}} + y_{\text{outer}}^L + y_{\text{outer}}^R - y_{\text{overlap}}^L - y_{\text{overlap}}^R \\ y &\sim -x + \frac{3\epsilon^{1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2\epsilon} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2\pi}} x \int_{-\infty}^{x/\epsilon^{1/2}} e^{-t^2/2} dt \end{aligned}$$

More important than using the inner solution is that it matches with respect to the boundaries and outer solution.

### 15.1.2 Boundary Layer Example 2

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon y'' - xy' + y &= 0, \quad -1 < x < 1 \\ y(-1) &= 1 \\ y(1) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

So here  $a(x) = -x$ ,  $a(-1) = 1$ , and  $a(1) = -1$  (so boundary layers are possible at both  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ ).

Outer solution: (away from any boundary layers)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_0(x) + \epsilon y_1(x) + \dots \\ -xy'_0 + y_0 &= 0 \\ y_0(x) &= cx \end{aligned}$$

We'll leave  $c$  arbitrary since it is not clear which BC to impose.

Inner solution at  $x = -1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{x+1}{\epsilon} \\ y(x; \epsilon) &= Y(X; \epsilon) \\ \frac{d}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{d}{dX} \\ x &= -1 + \epsilon X \\ \frac{1}{\epsilon} Y'' - (-1 + \epsilon X) \frac{1}{\epsilon} Y' + Y &= 0 \\ Y(0; \epsilon) &= 1 \\ Y &= Y_0(X) + \epsilon Y_1(X) + \dots \\ Y_0'' + Y_0' &= 0 \\ Y_0(0) &= 1 \\ Y_0(X) &= 1 + A(1 - e^{-X}) \end{aligned}$$

Matching condition at  $x = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} Y(X) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} y_0(x) \\ 1 + A &= -c \end{aligned}$$

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## 16.1 Boundary Layer Example 2

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon y'' - xy' + y &= 0, \quad -1 < x < 1 \\ y(-1) &= 1 \\ y(1) &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Boundary layers are possible at both endpoints.

Outer expansion:

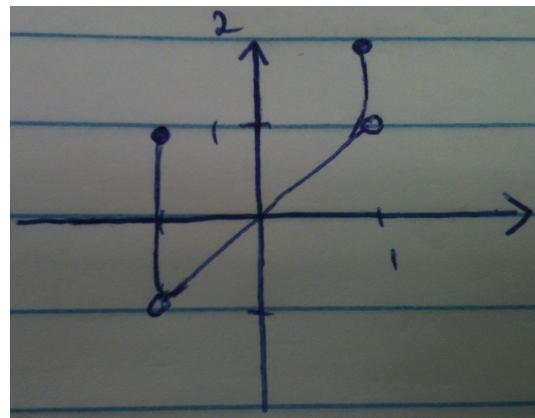
$$\begin{aligned}y &= y_0(x) + \epsilon y_1(x) + \dots \\ -xy'_0 + y_0 &= 0 \\ y_0(x) &= Cx\end{aligned}$$

Inner expansion ( $x = -1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}X &= \frac{x+1}{\epsilon} \quad \left( = \frac{x-1}{\delta} \right) \\ Y(X; \epsilon) &= y(x; \epsilon) \\ Y &= Y_0(X) + \epsilon Y_1(X) + \dots \\ Y_0'' + Y_0' &= 0 \\ Y_0(X) &= 1 + A(1 - e^{-X}) \quad (Y_0(0) = 1)\end{aligned}$$

Matching at  $x = -1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} y_0(x) &= \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} Y_0(X) \\ -C &= 1 + A\end{aligned}$$



Inner expansion ( $x = 1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= \frac{1-x}{\epsilon} \\
Y(X; \epsilon) &= y(x; \epsilon) \\
\frac{d}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{d}{dX} \\
\frac{1}{\epsilon} Y'' + \frac{1}{\epsilon}(1+\epsilon X)Y' + Y &= 0, \quad Y(0; \epsilon) = 2 \\
Y &= Y_0(X) + \epsilon Y_1(X) + \dots \\
Y_0'' + Y_0' &= 0, \quad Y_0(0) = 2 \\
Y_0(X) &= 2 + B(1 - e^{-X})
\end{aligned}$$

Matching:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} y_0(x) &= \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} Y_0(X) \\
C &= 2 + B
\end{aligned}$$

So the solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
y &\sim \begin{cases} -1 + A [1 - e^{-(1+x)/\epsilon}] \\ \qquad Cx \\ 2 + B [1 - e^{-(1-x)/\epsilon}] \end{cases} \\
-C &= 1 + A \\
C &= 2 + B
\end{aligned}$$

The problem is that  $C$  is undetermined. It remains undetermined to all orders in  $\epsilon$ .

We can find  $C$  here by using symmetry of the problem.

$$\begin{aligned}
y(x) &= \frac{1}{2}x + z(x) \\
\epsilon z'' - x \left( \frac{1}{2} + z' \right) + \frac{1}{2}x + z &= 0 \\
\epsilon z'' - xz' + z &= 0 \\
z(-1) &= \frac{3}{2} \\
z(1) &= \frac{3}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

This is invariant under  $x \rightarrow -x$ ,  $z \rightarrow z$ . So for a solution  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + z$  (assuming it's unique),  $z$  is an even function of  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
y &\sim \begin{cases} -C - Ae^{-(1+x)/\epsilon} \\ \qquad Cx \\ C - Be^{-(1-x)/\epsilon} \end{cases} \\
-C &= 1 + A \\
C &= 2 + B \\
C &= \frac{1}{2} \\
A = B &= -\frac{3}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

This holds in the leading order solution if  $C = \frac{1}{2}$ , which implies that  $A = B = -\frac{3}{2}$ .

$$y(x) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-(1+x)/\epsilon} & 1+x = O(\epsilon) \\ \frac{1}{2}x & -1 < x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-(1-x)/\epsilon} & 1-x = O(\epsilon) \end{cases}$$

The uniform solution would be

$$\begin{aligned} y_{\text{uniform}} &\sim -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-(1+x)/\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-(1-x)/\epsilon} - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2} \left[ e^{-(1+x)/\epsilon} + e^{-(1-x)/\epsilon} \right] \end{aligned}$$

## 16.2 Boundary Layer Example 3

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon y'' - yy' + y &= 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ y(0) &= 1 \\ y(1) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

A comparison with the linear equation suggests no boundary layer at  $x = 0$  or  $x = 1$ .

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### 17.1 Boundary Layer Example 3

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon y'' - yy' + y &= 0, & 0 < x < 1 \\ y(0) &= 1 \\ y(1) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Look for a solution with no boundary layers at  $x = 0$  or  $x = 1$ .

Outer solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= y_0(x) + \epsilon y_1(x) + \dots \\ -y_0 y'_0 + y_0 &= 0 \\ y_0(-y'_0 + 1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Either

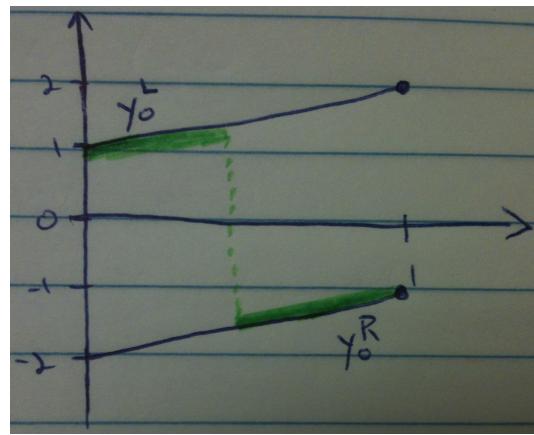
$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= 0 \\ y'_0 &= 1, & y_0 &= x + c \end{aligned}$$

The left outer solution is

$$\begin{aligned} y_0^L(x) &= x + 1 \\ y_0^L(0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The right outer solution is

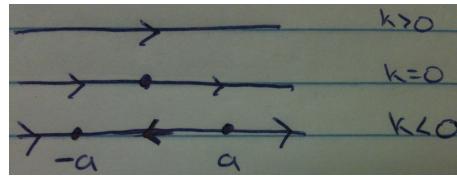
$$\begin{aligned} y_0^R(x) &= x - 2 \\ y_0^R(1) &= -1 \end{aligned}$$



Look for an interior layer of width  $O(\epsilon)$  where, at  $x_0$  ( $0 < x_0 < 1$ ), the solution jumps from the left outer

solution to the right outer solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= \frac{x - x_0}{\epsilon} \\
Y(X; \epsilon) &= y(x; \epsilon) \\
\frac{d}{dx} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{d}{dX} \\
Y'' - YY' + \epsilon Y &= 0 \\
Y &= Y_0(X) + \epsilon Y_1(X) + \dots \\
Y_0'' - Y_0 Y_0' &= 0 \\
Y_0' - \frac{1}{2} Y_0^2 &= k \\
Y_0' &= k + \frac{1}{2} Y_0^2
\end{aligned}$$



Matching:

$$\begin{aligned}
k &= -\frac{1}{2}a^2 < 0 & (a > 0) \\
Y_0' &= -\frac{1}{2}a^2 + \frac{1}{2}Y_0^2 \\
Y_0(X) &\rightarrow a & \text{as } X \rightarrow -\infty \\
Y_0(X) &\rightarrow -a & \text{as } X \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

This requires that  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$  in order to jump from  $-a$  to  $a$ .

Matching condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} Y_0(X) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} y_0^R(x) & -a = -\frac{3}{2} \\
\lim_{X \rightarrow -\infty} Y_0(X) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} y_0^L(x) & a = \frac{3}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

So  $a = \frac{3}{2}$ . The solution is

$$Y_0(x) = -\frac{3}{2} \tanh \left[ \frac{3}{4}(X - c) \right]$$

This constant  $c$  is left undetermined (to all orders in  $\epsilon$ ). Note that the system is invariant under  $x \rightarrow 1 - x$ ,  $y \rightarrow -y$  (and the boundary conditions also remain unchanged). So the solution (if unique) must be odd about  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . So  $y(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$  and therefore  $c = 0$ .

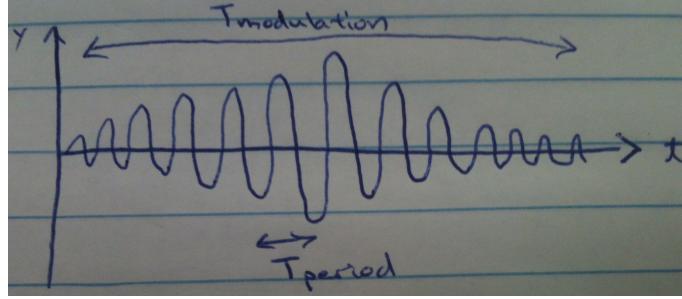
Summary:

$$y \sim \begin{cases} x + 1 & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{2} \tan \left[ \frac{3(x - \frac{1}{2})}{4\epsilon} \right] & x - \frac{1}{2} = O(\epsilon) \\ x - 2 & \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

The uniform (composite) solution is

$$y(x) \sim x - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \tan \left[ \frac{3(x - \frac{1}{2})}{4\epsilon} \right]$$

## 18.1 Method of Multiple Scales (MMS) and Oscillations



### Pendulum

$$\ddot{x} + \sin x = 0$$

Linearized equation at  $x = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{x} + x &= 0 \quad (\text{simple harmonic oscillator}) \\ x(t) &= a \cos t + b \sin t \\ &= Ae^{it} + A^*e^{-it}, \\ A &= \frac{a - ib}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Look for small-amplitude solutions of the nonlinear equation (weakly nonlinear). Introduce a small parameter  $\epsilon > 0$  and look for solutions

$$x(t, \epsilon) = \epsilon x_1(t) + \epsilon^3 x_2(t) + \epsilon^5 x_3(t) + O(\epsilon^7)$$

For example, we could have

$$\begin{aligned}x(0, \epsilon) &= \epsilon \\ \dot{x}(0, \epsilon) &= 0 \\ \sin x &= x - \frac{1}{6}x^3 + O(x^5) \\ &= \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^3 x_2 - \frac{1}{6}\epsilon^3 x_1^3 + O(\epsilon^5) \\ \epsilon \ddot{x}_1 + \epsilon^3 \ddot{x}_2 + \epsilon x_1 + \epsilon^3 \left( x_2 - \frac{1}{6}x_1^3 \right) + O(\epsilon^5) &= 0 \\ O(\epsilon) : \quad \ddot{x}_1 + x_1 &= 0 \\ O(\epsilon^3) : \quad \ddot{x}_2 + x_2 &= \frac{1}{6}x_1^3 \\ x_1(t) &= Ae^{it} + A^*e^{-it} \\ &= Ae^{it} + \underbrace{\text{c.c.}}_{\text{complex conjugate}} \\ \ddot{x}_2 + x_2 &= \frac{1}{6} [Ae^{it} + A^*e^{-it}]^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{6} [A^3 e^{3it} + 3|A|^2 Ae^{it} + 3|A|^2 A^*e^{-it} + (A^*)^3 e^{-3it}]\end{aligned}$$

Side calculation: the solution of

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{y} + y &= Ce^{3it} \\ y(t) &= De^{3it} \\ \ddot{y} + y &= (-9 + 1)De^{3it} \\ &= -8De^{3it} \\ D &= -\frac{1}{8}C\end{aligned}$$

Another side calculation: consider

$$\ddot{y} + y = Ce^{it}$$

$e^{it}$  is a solution of the homogeneous equation, so try

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= Dte^{it} \\ \dot{y} &= D(it + 1)e^{it} \\ \ddot{y} &= D(-t + i)e^{it} + iDe^{it} \\ &= D(-t + 2i)e^{it} \\ \ddot{y} + y &= 2iDe^{it} \\ D &= \frac{C}{2i}.\end{aligned}$$

Back to our problem, we have

$$x_2(t) = -\frac{A^3}{48}e^{3it} + \frac{|A|^2 A}{4i}te^{it} - \frac{|A|^2 A^*}{4i}te^{it} - \frac{(A^*)^3}{48}e^{-3it} + Be^{it} + B^*e^{-it}$$

Note: terms like  $te^{it}$  appear in  $x_2(t)$ . The actual solution is a periodic function of time! Terms like  $te^{it}$  are called *secular terms*.

The perturbation expansion becomes invalid when  $t = O(1/\epsilon^2)$  and  $\epsilon^2 x_2 = O(\epsilon x_1)$ .

### 18.1.1 Example

The origin of secular terms is the change in period/frequency of nonlinear oscillations with amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon \cos((1 + \epsilon^2)t) &= \epsilon \cos(t + \epsilon^2 t) \\ &= \epsilon \cos t - (\sin t)\epsilon^3 t + O(\epsilon^4)\end{aligned}$$

There is a nonuniformity in the expansion as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  for large  $t$ . In a sense, the largeness of  $t$  overcomes the smallness of  $\epsilon$ .

## 18.2 Poincaré-Lindstedt Method

Introduce a rescaled time,

$$\tau = \omega(\epsilon)t.$$

Expand the frequency as

$$\omega(\epsilon) = 1 + \epsilon^2 \omega_2 + \dots$$

Choose  $\omega_2$  to ensure that no secular terms appear.

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## 19.1 Poincaré-Lindstedt Method

Pendulum:

$$\ddot{x} + \sin x = 0$$

We want to obtain an asymptotic solution for small-amplitude periodic solutions. Straightforward expansion fails due to secular terms (from dependence of the period on amplitude).

**Idea:** introduce a “strained” time

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= \omega t \\ x(t) &= y(\omega t) = y(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $y(\tau)$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic in  $\tau$ . The  $2\pi$  is for convenience. The important point is that the period of  $y(\tau)$  is fixed.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} &= \omega \frac{d}{d\tau} \\ \dot{x} &= \omega \dot{y}, \quad \dot{y} = \frac{dy}{d\tau} \\ \omega^2 \ddot{y} + \sin y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Expand:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \epsilon y_1(\tau) + \epsilon^3 y_2(\tau) + \dots \\ \omega &= \omega_0 + \epsilon^2 \omega_1 + \dots \\ y(\tau + 2\pi) &= y(\tau) \\ \sin y &= y - \frac{1}{6} y^3 + O(y^5) \\ &= \epsilon y_1 + \epsilon^3 y_2 - \frac{1}{6} \epsilon^3 y_1^3 + O(\epsilon^5) \\ 2\epsilon^2 \omega_0 \omega_1 &\leftarrow \epsilon \omega_0^2 \ddot{y}_1 + \epsilon^3 [\omega_0^2 \ddot{y}_2 + 2\omega_0 \omega_1 \ddot{y}_1] + \dots \\ (\omega_0^2 + 2\epsilon^2 \omega_0 \omega_1 + \dots)(\epsilon \ddot{y}_1 + \epsilon^3 \ddot{y}_2 + \dots) + \epsilon y_1 + \epsilon^3 \left( y_2 - \frac{1}{6} y_1^3 \right) &= O(\epsilon^5) \\ O(\epsilon) : \quad \omega_0^2 \ddot{y}_1 + y_1 &= 0 \\ y_1(\tau + 2\pi) &= y_1(\tau) \\ O(\epsilon^3) : \quad \omega_0^2 \ddot{y}_2 + y_2 &= \frac{1}{6} y_1^3 - 2\omega_0 \omega_1 \ddot{y}_1 \\ y_2(\tau + 2\pi) &= y_2(\tau)\end{aligned}$$

From the leading order equation, we need  $\omega_0^2 = 1$  ( $\omega_0 = 1$ ). Then

$$y_1(\tau) = A e^{i\tau} + A^* e^{-i\tau}$$

Next order:

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{y}_2 + y_2 &= \frac{1}{6} y_1^3 - 2\omega_1 \ddot{y}_1 \\ y_2(\tau + 2\pi) &= y_2(\tau) \\ \ddot{y}_2 + y_2 &= \frac{1}{6} (A^3 e^{3i\tau} + 3A^2 A^* e^{i\tau} + 3a(A^*)^2 e^{-i\tau} + (A^*)^3 e^{-3i\tau}) + 2\omega_1 (A e^{i\tau} + A^* e^{-i\tau}) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} A^3 e^{3i\tau} + \left[ \frac{1}{2} A|A|^2 + 2\omega_1 A \right] e^{it} + \left[ \frac{1}{2} A^*|A|^2 + 2\omega_1 A^* \right] e^{-i\tau} + \frac{1}{6} (A^*)^3 e^{-3i\tau}\end{aligned}$$

The solution has the form

$$y_2(\tau) = Be^{3i\tau} + C\tau e^{i\tau} + \text{complex conjugates}$$

$C\tau e^{i\tau}$  is a secular term (non-periodic), from the resonant term  $\propto e^{i\tau}$  that solution of the homogeneous equation. We only get a periodic solution for  $y_2(\tau)$  if the coefficient of  $e^{i\tau}$  on the RHS is zero. So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}|A|^2 + 2\omega_1 &= 0 \\ \omega_1 &= -\frac{1}{4}|A|^2 \\ \ddot{y}_2 + y_2 &= \frac{1}{6}A^3e^{3i\tau} + \text{complex conjugates} \\ y_2(\tau) &= Be^{3i\tau} + \text{complex conjugates} \\ -9B + B &= \frac{1}{6}A^3 \\ B &= -\frac{1}{48}A^3 \\ y(\tau) &= Ae^{i\tau} + \text{complex conjugate} - \frac{1}{48}\epsilon^3 A^3 e^{3i\tau} + \text{complex conjugate} + O(\epsilon^3) \\ \omega &= 1 - \frac{1}{4}\epsilon^2|A|^2 + O(\epsilon^4) \\ x(t; \epsilon) &= y(\omega t; \epsilon) \\ &= \epsilon A e^{i\omega t} - \frac{1}{48}\epsilon^3 A^3 e^{3i\omega t} + \text{complex conjugate} + O(\epsilon^5) \\ \omega(\epsilon) &= 1 - \frac{1}{4}\epsilon^2|A|^2 + O(\epsilon^4) \end{aligned}$$

For example, consider the solution with

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{aligned} x &= a \\ \dot{x} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} &\quad \text{at } t = 0 \\ \epsilon(A + A^*) - \frac{1}{48}\epsilon^3[A^3 + (A^*)^3] &= a + \dots \\ i\omega\epsilon(A - A^*) + \frac{1}{48} \cdot 3i\omega\epsilon^3[A^3 - (A^*)^3] &= 0 + \dots \\ &\quad A = A^* \quad \text{is real} \\ 2\epsilon A - \frac{1}{24}\epsilon^3 A^3 &= a \\ \epsilon A &= \frac{1}{2}a + O(\epsilon^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{384}a^3 + O(a^5) \end{aligned}$$

So we are solving

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x} + \sin x &= 0 \\ x(0) &= a \\ \dot{x}(0) &= 0 \\ x(t) &= \frac{1}{2}ae^{i\omega t} + \frac{1}{2}ae^{-i\omega t} + \frac{1}{384}a^3(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t}) - \frac{1}{384}a^3(e^{3i\omega t} + e^{-3i\omega t}) + O(a^5) \\ x(t) &= a \cos(\omega t) + \frac{1}{192}a^3[\cos(\omega t) - \cos(3\omega t)] + O(a^5) \\ \omega &= 1 - \frac{1}{16}a^2 + O(a^4) \end{aligned}$$

The period of the solution is

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{16}a^2 + \dots} \right) \\ &= 2\pi \left( 1 + \frac{1}{16}a^2 + O(a^4) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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### 20.1 Poincaré-Lindstedt Method

$$\ddot{x} + x = \epsilon F(t, x, \dot{x})$$

Look for periodic solutions.

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= \omega t \\ \omega^2 \frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} + x &= \epsilon F\left(t, x, \omega \frac{dx}{d\tau}\right) \\ x(\tau + 2\pi; \epsilon) &= x(\tau; \epsilon) \\ x(\tau; \epsilon) &= x_0(\tau) + \epsilon x_1(\tau) + \dots \\ \omega &= \omega_0 + \epsilon \omega_1 + \dots \\ \omega_0^2 \frac{d^2x_0}{d\tau^2} + x_0 &= 0 \\ \omega_0 &= 1 \quad \text{to get } 2\pi\text{-periodic solutions} \\ x_0 &= Ae^{i\tau} + A^*e^{-i\tau} \\ \frac{d^2x_n}{d\tau^2} + x_n &= f_n, \quad f_n \text{ depends on } x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \text{ and } \omega_1, \dots, \omega_{n-1}\end{aligned}$$

This has the form

$$\begin{aligned}Lx_n &= f_n \\ L &= \frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} + 1 \quad \text{acting on } 2\pi\text{-periodic functions } x_n \in L^2(\mathbb{T})\end{aligned}$$

$L$  is a self-adjoint (Sturm-Liouville) operator with periodic BC's.

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f, g \rangle &= \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{f(\tau)}g(\tau) d\tau \\ \langle f, Lg \rangle &= \langle Lf, g \rangle\end{aligned}$$

The eigenvalues are

$$L\phi = \lambda\phi$$

$$\lambda_0 = 1$$

$$\lambda_n = -n^2 + 1$$

$$\phi_0 = 1$$

$$\phi_n = e^{int}, e^{-int}$$

For  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ , when is  $Lu = f$  solvable? If  $L\phi = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \phi, Lu \rangle &= \langle \phi, f \rangle \\ \langle L\phi, u \rangle &= \langle \phi, f \rangle \\ \langle \phi, f \rangle &= 0\end{aligned}$$

*Fredholm alternative:*  $Lu = f$ ,  $L^* = L$  is solvable only if

$$\langle \phi, f \rangle = 0 \quad \forall \phi \text{ such that } L\phi = 0.$$

(The eigenfunction expansion shows it is sufficient also.)

For  $L = \frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} + 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} L\phi &= 0 \\ \phi &= c_1 e^{i\tau} + c_2 e^{-i\tau} \end{aligned}$$

The solvability condition is

$$\langle e^{i\tau}, f \rangle = \langle e^{-i\tau}, f \rangle = 0$$

which says that the Fourier coefficients  $\hat{f}_1$  and  $\hat{f}_{-1}$  vanish.

$$\begin{aligned} Lx_0 &= 0 \\ x_0 &= Ae^{i\tau} + A^* e^{-i\tau} \\ Lx_n &= f_n(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, \omega_1, \dots, \omega_{n-1}) \\ x_n &= x_n^{(p)} + A_n e^{i\tau} + A_n^* e^{-i\tau} \end{aligned}$$

Determine  $\omega_{n-1}$  and (possibly)  $|A_{n-1}|$  from the solvability conditions for  $x_n$ .

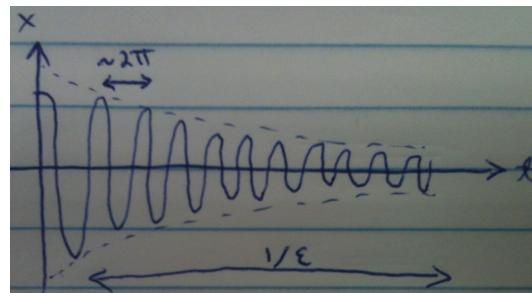
## 20.2 Weakly Damped Simple Harmonic Oscillator

$$\ddot{x} + \epsilon \dot{x} + x = 0, \quad 0 < \epsilon \ll 1$$

Straightforward expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_0(t) + \epsilon x_1(t) + \dots \\ \ddot{x}_0 + x_0 &= 0 \\ x_0 &= Ae^{it} + A^* e^{-it} \\ \ddot{x}_1 + x_1 &= -\dot{x}_0 \\ \ddot{x}_1 + x_1 &= -iAe^{it} + iA^* e^{-it} \end{aligned}$$

Get  $te^{-it}$  terms in  $x_1$  (secular). Here, introducing a variable  $\tau = \omega t$  and looking for periodic solutions in  $\tau$  doesn't help!



The solutions look like  $e^{rt}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 + \epsilon r + 1 &= 0 \\ r &= -\frac{\epsilon \pm \sqrt{\epsilon^2 - 4}}{2} \\ &= -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \pm i\sqrt{1 - \frac{\epsilon^2}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

Basic idea: we have two time-scales

1. The period of oscillations,  $O(1) \Rightarrow t = t$
2. The time-scale of the damping,  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon}) \Rightarrow T = \epsilon t$

Introduce two “multiple-scale” variables simultaneously. Look for solutions of the form

$$x = x(t, T; \epsilon)$$

and treat  $t$  and  $T$  as independent variables. (Evaluate  $T = \epsilon t$  at the end.) This *seems* crazy because we have replaced an ODE with a PDE.

## 21 5-18-12

### 21.1 Weakly Damped Oscillator

$$(\text{ODE}) \quad \ddot{x} + \epsilon \dot{x} + x = 0$$

We want to obtain an asymptotic solution that is valid for long times,  $t = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ . Straightforward expansion for  $x(t; \epsilon)$  leads to secular terms. For the method of multiple scales, we will introduce two time variables:  $t, T = \epsilon t$ . Look for a solution of the form

$$x(t; \epsilon) = y(t, \epsilon t; \epsilon).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t; \epsilon) &= y_t(t, \epsilon t; \epsilon) + \epsilon y_T(t, \epsilon t; \epsilon) \\ \ddot{x} &= y_{tt} + 2\epsilon y_{tT} + \epsilon^2 y_{TT} \\ \frac{d}{dt} &\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \quad (\text{derivative expansion}) \end{aligned}$$

$$(\text{PDE}) \quad y_{tt} + 2\epsilon y_{tT} + \epsilon^2 y_{TT} + \epsilon(y_t + \epsilon y_T) + y = 0$$

$x(t; \epsilon)$  satisfies the ODE if and only if  $y(t, T; \epsilon)$  satisfies the PDE on  $T = \epsilon t$ . The idea of the method of multiple scales is to require that  $y(t, T; \epsilon)$  satisfies the PDE for all  $(t, T)$ . So we start by introducing a lot of freedom, requiring that  $x(t; \epsilon) = y(t, \epsilon t; \epsilon)$ , and then we take it away by saying that it must satisfy the PDE for all  $(t, T)$ .

Expand:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t, T; \epsilon) &= y_0(t, T) + \epsilon y_1(t, T) + O(\epsilon^2) \\ O(1) : \quad y_{0,tt} + y_0 &= 0 \\ O(\epsilon) : \quad y_{1,tt} + y_1 + 2y_{0,tT} + y_{0,t} &= 0 \\ y_0(t, T) &= A(T)e^{it} + A^*(T)e^{-it} \\ y_{1,tt} + y_1 + 2iA_T e^{it} + \text{complex conjugate} + iAe^{it} + \text{complex conjugate} &= 0 \\ y_{1,tt} + y_1 + i(2A_T + A)e^{it} - i(2A_T^* + A^*)e^{-it} &= 0 \\ y_1(t, T) &= Cte^{it} \\ y_{1,tt} + y_1 &= C(-te^{it} + 2e^{it}) + Cte^{it} = 2iCe^{it} \\ C &= -\left(A_T + \frac{1}{2}A\right) \\ y_1(t, T) &= -\left(A_T + \frac{1}{2}A\right)te^{it} + \text{complex conjugate} \\ &\quad + Be^{it} + \text{complex conjugate} \end{aligned}$$

We require that the  $y_n(t, T)$  don't grow too fast in  $t$  (e.g. bounded functions of  $t$  or sublinear). We get that

$y_1(t, T)$  is a bounded (periodic) function of  $t$  only if the coefficient of  $e^{it}$  vanishes:

$$2A_T + A = 0$$

$$A(T) = A_0 e^{-T/2}$$

$$y_0(t, T) = A_0 e^{-T/2} e^{it} + A_0^* e^{-T/2} e^{-it}$$

$$x(t; \epsilon) = A_0 e^{-\epsilon t/2} e^{it} + \text{complex conjugate} + O(\epsilon) \quad \text{for } t = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$$

$$r^2 + \epsilon r + 1 = 0$$

$$r = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \pm i\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}\epsilon^2}$$

## 21.2 van der Pol Oscillator

We already looked at strong damping:

$$\epsilon \ddot{x} + (x^2 - 1)\dot{x} + x = 0.$$

Weak damping:

$$\ddot{x} + \epsilon(x^2 - 1)\dot{x} + x = 0.$$

Strong damping:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= y \\ \epsilon \dot{y} &= x - (x^2 - 1)y \\ \text{Slow manifold: } y &= \frac{x}{1 - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

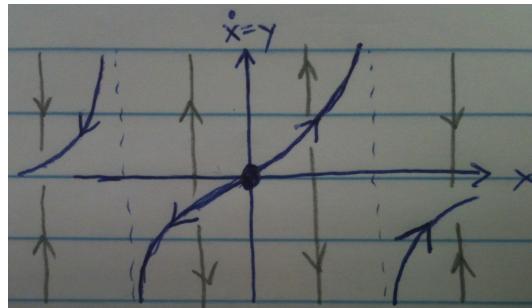


Figure 8: There is a limit cycle in here somewhere. This is why we use the Lienard variables... (See Figure 6.)

Weak damping:

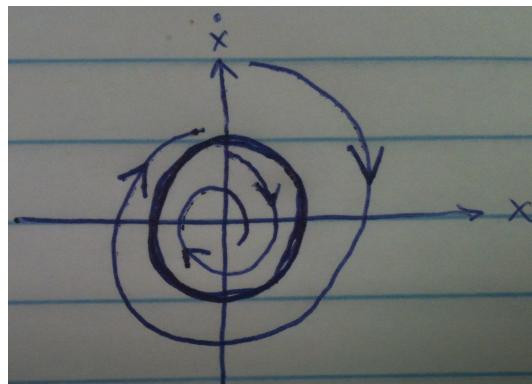


Figure 9: We spiral into the limit cycle from the outside, and we spiral away from the limit cycle on the inside.

## 22 5-21-12

### 22.1 van der Pol Equation

$$\ddot{x} + \epsilon(x^2 - 1)\dot{x} + x = 0 \quad (\text{weak damping})$$

Multiple scale variables:  $t, T = \epsilon t$ . Look for a solution of the form

$$x(t; \epsilon) = y(t, \epsilon t; \epsilon)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Big|_T + \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \Big|_t$$

$$y_{tt} + 2\epsilon y_{tT} + \epsilon^2 y_{TT} + \epsilon(y^2 - 1)(y_t + \epsilon y_T) + y = 0$$

$$y_{tt} + \epsilon [2y_{tT} + (y^2 - 1)y_t] + \epsilon^2 [y_{TT} + (y^2 - 1)y_T] + y = 0$$

$$y = y_0(t, T) + \epsilon y_1(t, T) + O(\epsilon^2)$$

$$y_{0,tt} + y_0 = 0$$

$$y_{1,tt} + y_1 + 2y_{0,tT} + (y_0^2 - 1)y_{0,t} = 0$$

$$y_0(t, T) = A(T)e^{it} + A^*(T)e^{-it}$$

$$y_{1,tt} + y_1 + 2[iA_T e^{it} - iA_T^* e^{-it}] + [A^2 e^{2it} + 2|A|^2 + (A^*)^2 e^{-2it} - 1] [iA e^{it} - iA^* e^{-it}] = 0$$

$$y_{1,tt} + y_1 + iA^3 e^{3it} + [2iA_T + i|A|^2 A - iA] e^{it} + \text{complex conjugate} = 0$$

We require that  $y_1(t, T)$  is a periodic function of “fast” time  $t$ . So we must have

$$A_T + \frac{1}{2}(|A|^2 - a)A = 0$$

$$A(T) = r(T)e^{i\phi(T)}$$

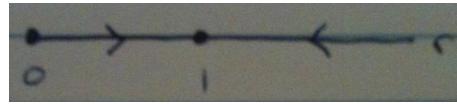
$$A_T = [r_T + ir\phi_T] e^{i\phi}$$

$$r_T + ir\phi_T + \frac{1}{2}(r^2 - 1)r = 0$$

$$r_T + \frac{1}{2}r(r^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\phi_T = 0$$

$$\phi = \phi_0$$

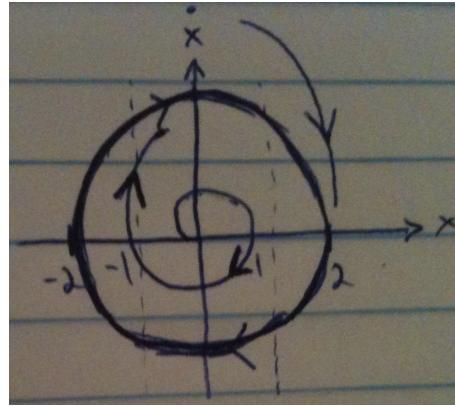


$$x(t; \epsilon) = A(\epsilon t)e^{it} + \text{complex conjugate} + O(\epsilon)$$

$$= r(\epsilon t)e^{i(t+\phi_0)} + \text{complex conjugate} + O(\epsilon) \quad \text{for times } t = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$$

$$r = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \quad (\text{equilibrium})$$

$$r = 1 \Rightarrow x = 2 \cos(t + \phi_0)$$



Let's try to formulate an energy argument for this system. Energy equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}\ddot{x} + \dot{x}x + \epsilon(x^2 - 1)\dot{x}^2 &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right) &= -\epsilon(x^2 - 1)\dot{x}^2 \quad \begin{cases} > 0 & |x| < 1 \text{ (negative damping)} \\ < 0 & |x| > 1 \text{ (positive damping)} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

For a periodic solution,

$$\oint (x^2 - 1)\dot{x}^2 dt = 0$$

For weak damping:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= a \cos t \\ \int_0^{2\pi} (a^2 \cos^2 t - 1) \cdot a^2 \sin^2 t dt &= 0 \\ \frac{a^2}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 t \cdot \sin^2 t dt &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 t dt \\ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 t dt &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos^2 t \sin^2 t) dt &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin^2 t - \sin^4 t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{8} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{a^2}{8} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ a &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

## 23 5-23-12

### 23.1 Method of Averaging

$$\begin{aligned}x_t &= \epsilon f(x, t) \\x(0) &= c \\x &= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\f(x, t + 2\pi) &= f(x, t)\end{aligned}$$

$f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f$  is periodic in time.

We introduce multiple scale variables  $t$ ,  $T = \epsilon t$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}x(t; \epsilon) &= y(t, T; \epsilon)|_{T=\epsilon t} \\ \frac{d}{dt} &\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \\ y_t + \epsilon y_T &= \epsilon f(y, t)\end{aligned}$$

We look for solutions that are periodic in  $t$  (i.e. no secular terms):

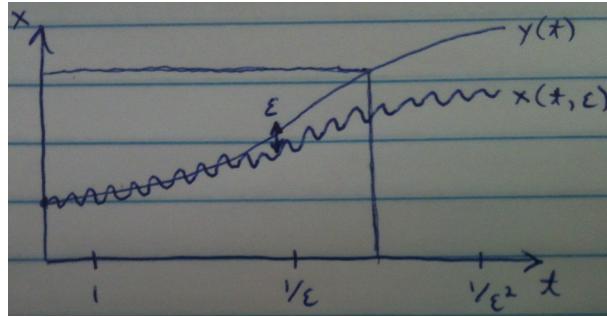
$$\begin{aligned}y(t + 2\pi, T; \epsilon) &= y(t, T; \epsilon) \\y &= y_0(t, T) + \epsilon y_1(t, T) + O(\epsilon^2) \\y_{0,t} + \epsilon y_{1,t} + \epsilon y_{0,T} &= \epsilon f(y_0, t) + O(\epsilon^2) \\O(1) : \quad y_{0,t} &= 0 \\y_0 &= y_0(T) \\O(\epsilon) : \quad y_{1,t} + y_{0,T} &= f(y_0, t) \\y_1(t + 2\pi, T) &= y_1(t, T) \\0 &= \int_0^{2\pi} y_t dt = \int_0^{2\pi} g(t) dt \\\text{Need: } \bar{g} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(t) dt = 0\end{aligned}$$

We have

$$y_{1,t} = -y_{0,T} + f(y_0, t)$$

The solvability condition is that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (-y_{0,T} + f(y_0, t)) dt = 0 \\
& y_{0,T} = \bar{f}(y_0) \\
& \bar{f}(y_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(y_0, t) dt \\
& y(t) = y_0(\epsilon t) \\
& \partial_T = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \partial_t \\
& y_t = \epsilon \bar{f}(y) \\
& \bar{f}(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(y, t) dt \\
& x_t = \epsilon f(x, t)
\end{aligned}$$



### Theorem 23.1.

For smooth  $t$ -periodic vector fields  $f(x, t)$  there exist constants  $\epsilon_0, c, k > 0$  such that for all  $\epsilon$  with  $|\epsilon| < \epsilon_0$  we have

$$|x(t; \epsilon) - y(t)| < k\epsilon$$

for  $|t| < \frac{c}{\epsilon}$ .

## 23.2 Geometrical Interpretation

$$\begin{aligned}
& x_t = \epsilon f(x, t) \\
& p^\epsilon : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad (\text{Poincar\'e map}) \\
& x(0) \mapsto x(2\pi) \\
& p^\epsilon(x_0) - x_0 = O(\epsilon)
\end{aligned}$$

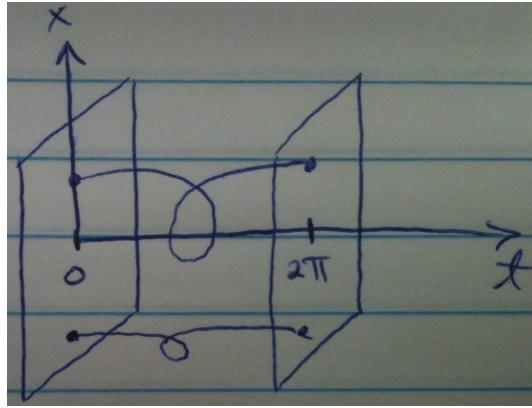


Figure 10: Poincaré map.

The flow of the averaged equation approximates the Poincaré map of the full equation (on times  $t = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$ ). Hyperbolic fixed points of the averaged equation correspond to  $2\pi$ -periodic solutions of the full equation (for  $\epsilon$  sufficiently small) with the same stability.

### 23.3 Periodic Standard Form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ddot{y} + y &= \epsilon g(y, \dot{y}, t) \quad (2\pi\text{-periodic}) \\
 y(t) &= x_1(t) \cos t + x_2(t) \sin t \\
 \dot{y}(t) &= -x_1(t) \sin t + x_2(t) \cos t \\
 \begin{pmatrix} y \\ \dot{y} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \ddot{y} &= -x_1 \cos t - x_2 \sin t - \dot{x}_1 \sin t + \dot{x}_2 \cos t \\
 &= -y - \dot{x}_1 \sin t + \dot{x}_2 \cos t \\
 -\dot{x}_1 \sin t + \dot{x}_2 \cos t &= \epsilon g(x_1 \cos t + x_2 \sin t, -x_1 \sin t + x_2 \cos t, t) = \epsilon f(x, t) \\
 \dot{x}_1 \cos t + \dot{x}_2 \sin t &= 0 \quad (\text{so 23.1 holds}) \\
 \dot{x}_1 &= -\epsilon(\sin t)f(x, t) \\
 \dot{x}_2 &= \epsilon(\cos t)f(x, t) \\
 \dot{x} &= \epsilon f(x, t)
 \end{aligned} \tag{23.1}$$

## 24 5-25-12

### 24.1 WKB Method

Simple harmonic oscillator with slowly varying frequency:

$$x_{tt} + \omega^2(\epsilon t)x = 0$$

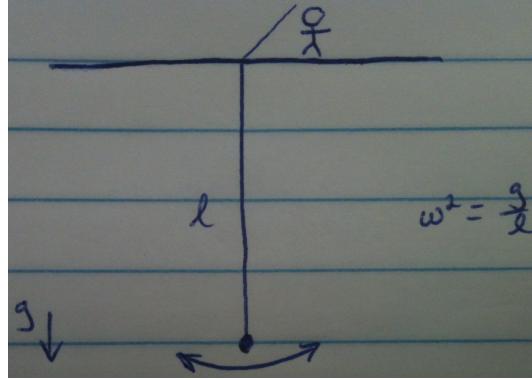


Figure 11: A pendulum system where the length of the pendulum can change.

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \epsilon t \\ \frac{d}{dt} &= \epsilon \frac{d}{dT} \\ \epsilon^2 x_{TT} + \omega^2(T)X &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Slow vs. small variations in frequency. Here, we use the fact that the variations are slow.

We want to find an approximate solution that is valid for  $t = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ . Try a multiple scale expansion:  $t, T = \epsilon t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x(t; \epsilon) &= y(t, T; \epsilon)|_{T=\epsilon t} \\ \frac{d}{dt} &\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \epsilon \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} &\rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + 2\epsilon \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial T} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial T^2} \\ y_{tt} + 2\epsilon y_{tT} + \epsilon^2 y_{TT} + \omega^2(T)y &= 0 \\ y &= y_0(t, T) + \epsilon y_1(t, T) + \dots \\ y_{0,tt} + \omega^2(T)y_0 &= 0 \\ y_{1,tt} + \omega^2(T)y_1 + 2y_{0,tT} &= 0 \\ y_0(t, T) &= A(T)e^{i\omega(T)t} + A^*(T)e^{-i\omega(T)t} \\ y_{0,t} &= i\omega A e^{i\omega t} + \text{complex conjugate} \\ y_{0,tT} &= i(\omega A)_T e^{i\omega t} - \omega \omega_T A t e^{i\omega t} + \text{complex conjugate} \\ y_{1,tt} + \omega^2 y_1 &= 2\omega \omega_T A t e^{i\omega t} - i(\omega A)_T e^{i\omega t} + \text{complex conjugate} \end{aligned}$$

We get secular terms, and the solutions is not valid for long times  $t = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ .

**Problem:** the period is changing on a slow time-scale.

We've got oscillations with phase  $\omega(T)t = \omega(\epsilon t)t$ . The right way to do this is to use a "fast" phase

$$\theta = \frac{\phi(\epsilon t)}{\epsilon}$$

$$\phi_T(T) = \omega(T).$$

WKB expansion:

$$x(t; \epsilon) = y(\theta, T; \epsilon)|_{\theta=\frac{\phi(\epsilon t)}{\epsilon}, T=\epsilon t}$$

$$x(t; \epsilon) = y\left(\frac{\phi(\epsilon t)}{\epsilon}, \epsilon t; \epsilon\right)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \phi_T \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} + \epsilon \frac{\partial y}{\partial T}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = \phi_T \left[ \phi_T \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial \theta^2} + \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial T \partial \theta} \right] + \epsilon \phi_{TT} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} + \epsilon \left[ \phi_T \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial \theta \partial T} + \epsilon \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial T^2} \right]$$

$$= \phi_T^2 y_{\theta\theta} + \epsilon [\phi_{TT} y_\theta + 2\phi_T y_{\theta T}] + \epsilon^2 y_{TT}$$

$$\phi_T^2 y_{\theta\theta} + \epsilon [\phi_{TT} y_\theta + 2\phi_T y_{\theta T}] + \epsilon^2 y_{TT} + \omega^2(T)y = 0$$

Expand:

$$y = y_0(\theta, T) + \epsilon y_1(\theta, T) + \dots$$

Require:  $y(\theta, T; \epsilon)$  is a  $2\pi$ -periodic function of  $\theta$ .

$$\phi_T^2 y_{0,\theta\theta} + \omega^2 y_0 = 0$$

$$\phi_T^2 y_{1,\theta\theta} + \omega^2 y_1 + \phi_{TT} y_{0,\theta} + 2\phi_T y_{0,\theta T} = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$y_0(\theta, T)$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic in  $\theta$  if and only if  $\phi_T^2 = \omega^2$ , or  $\phi_T = \pm\omega$ .

$$y_0 = A(T)e^{i\phi} + A^*(T)e^{-i\theta}$$

$$\omega^2(y_{1,\theta\theta} + y_1) + \phi_{TT}(iAe^{i\phi} + \text{c.c.}) + 2\phi_T(iA_T e^{i\phi} + \text{c.c.}) = 0$$

$$\omega^2(y_{1,\theta\theta} + y_1) + \underbrace{i(2\phi_T A_T + \phi_{TT} A)}_{=0 \text{ so } y \text{ is } 2\pi\text{-periodic}} e^{i\phi} + \text{c.c.} = 0$$

$$2\phi_T A_T + \phi_{TT} A = 0$$

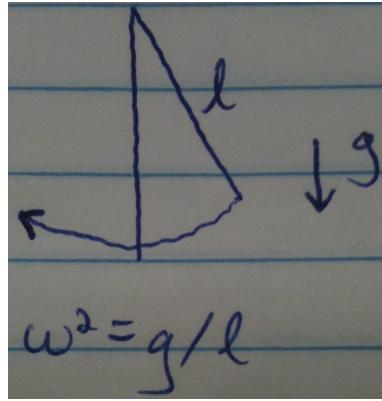
$$\phi_T = \omega$$

$$(\omega|A|^2)_T = 0$$

## 25 5-30-12

### 25.1 WKB Method

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2(\epsilon t)x = 0$$



$$x(t; \epsilon) = A(\epsilon t)e^{i\phi(\epsilon t)/\epsilon}$$

$$T = \epsilon t$$

$$\theta = \frac{\phi(\epsilon t)}{\epsilon}$$

$$\dot{x} = (i\phi' A + \epsilon A')e^{i\phi/\epsilon}$$

primes denote  $\frac{d}{dT}$

$$\ddot{x} = i\phi'(i\phi' A + \epsilon A')e^{i\phi/\epsilon} + (\epsilon i\phi'' A + \epsilon i\phi' A' + \epsilon^2 A'')e^{i\phi/\epsilon}$$

$$= [-(\phi')^2 A + i\epsilon(2\phi' + \phi'' A) + \epsilon^2 A''] e^{i\phi/\epsilon}$$

$$0 = -(\phi')^2 A + i\epsilon(2\phi' A' + \phi'' A) + \epsilon^2 A'' + \omega^2 A$$

Choose  $(\phi')^2 = \omega^2$  to eliminate leading-order terms.

$$2\phi' A' + \phi'' A = i\epsilon A''$$

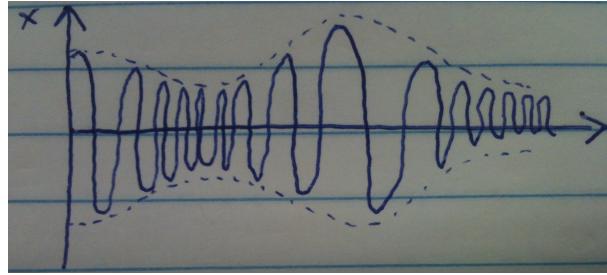
(Liouville-Green)

So far we haven't made any approximations. Let's look for an expansion

$$\begin{aligned} A &= A_0 + \epsilon A_1 + \epsilon^2 A_2 + \dots \\ 2\phi' A'_0 + \phi'' A_0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let's say we choose  $\phi' = \omega$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
A_0(T) &= \frac{1}{2}a(T)e^{i\delta} \\
2\omega a' + \omega' a &= 0 \\
\frac{a'}{a} &= -\frac{\omega'}{2\omega} \\
\log a &= -\frac{1}{2}\log(\omega) + c \\
a &= \frac{a_0}{\sqrt{\omega}} \\
x &= A_0(T)e^{i\phi/\epsilon} + \text{complex conjugate} + O(\epsilon) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}ae^{i\delta}e^{i\phi/\epsilon} + \text{complex conjugate} + O(\epsilon) \\
x &= a \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{\epsilon} + \delta\right) + O(\epsilon) \\
\phi(T) &= \int_0^T \omega(\hat{T}) d\hat{T} \\
\omega a^2 &= \text{constant}
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
x &= a(\epsilon t) \cos\left[\frac{\phi(\epsilon t)}{\epsilon}\right] & t_0 &= O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) \\
&= a(\epsilon t_0 + \epsilon s) \cos\left[\frac{\phi(\epsilon t_0 + \epsilon s)}{\epsilon}\right] & s &= O(1) \\
&= a(\epsilon t_0) \cos\left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} [\phi(\epsilon t_0) + \epsilon \phi'(\epsilon t_0)s + O(\epsilon^2)]\right] & t = t_0 + s \\
&\sim a(\epsilon t_0) \cos\left[\frac{\phi(\epsilon t_0)}{\epsilon} + \omega(\epsilon t_0)s\right]
\end{aligned}$$

$\omega a^2$  is conserved under slow variations in  $\omega$ . For this reason, we say that  $\omega a^2$  is adiabatic invariant, and we

call it the action.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Energy} &= \frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\omega^2x^2 = E \\
\dot{x} &= -a\phi' \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{\epsilon} + \delta\right) + O(\epsilon) \\
&= -a\omega \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{\epsilon} + \delta\right) + O(\epsilon) \\
x &= a \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{\epsilon} + \delta\right) + O(\epsilon) \\
\text{Energy} &= \frac{1}{2}a^2\omega^2 + O(\epsilon) \\
\text{Action} &= \frac{1}{2}\omega a^2 = \frac{E}{\omega}
\end{aligned}$$

There's an interesting quantum mechanical interpretation of the action involving energy levels.

## 25.2 Schrödinger Equation

$$\begin{aligned}
i\hbar\Psi_t &= -\frac{\hbar}{2m}\Psi_{xx} + V(x)\Psi \\
\Psi(x, t) &= \phi(x)e^{-iEt/\hbar} \\
-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\phi_{xx} + V(x)\phi &= E\phi \\
\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\phi_{xx} + [E - V(x)]\phi &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

$\hbar \rightarrow 0$  corresponds to the WKB approximation, and this is called the semiclassical limit.

## 26 6-1-12

### 26.1 WKB Method and Turning Points

$$\epsilon^2 y'' + q(x)y = 0$$

$$y \sim a(x)e^{\phi(x)/\epsilon}$$

$$(\phi')^2 + q = 0$$

$$\phi' = \pm\sqrt{-q}$$

$$q > 0 \Rightarrow \phi' = \pm i\sqrt{q}, \quad \phi = \pm iS$$

$$y \sim ae^{\pm iS(x)/\epsilon}$$

$$q < 0 \Rightarrow \phi' = \pm\sqrt{-q}, \quad \phi = \pm S$$

$$y \sim ae^{\pm S(x)/\epsilon}$$

A *turning point* is where  $q(x) = 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . At a simple zero ( $x = 0$  is a turning point):

$$q(x) = cx + O(x^2).$$

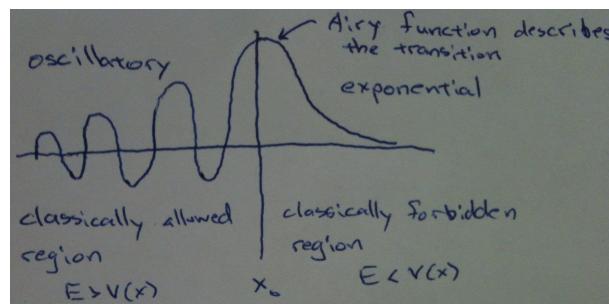
the behavior changes from oscillatory to exponential. Airy equation:

$$y'' + xy = 0$$

The solutions are Airy functions:  $Ai(x)$  and  $Bi(x)$ . Note: the  $A$  stands for area, and  $B$  follows  $A$ .

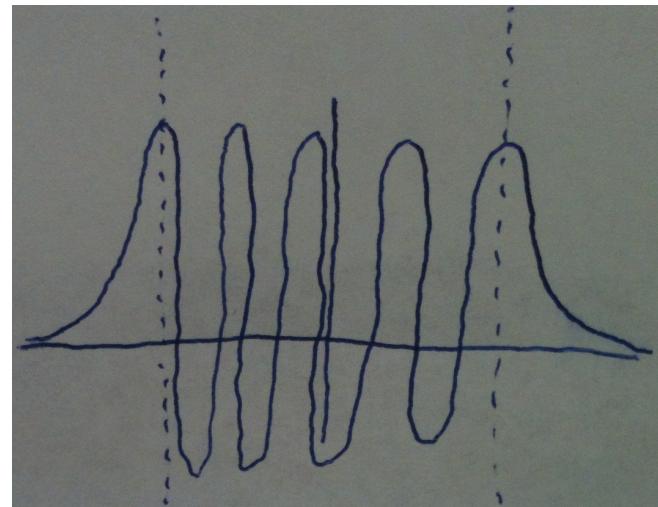
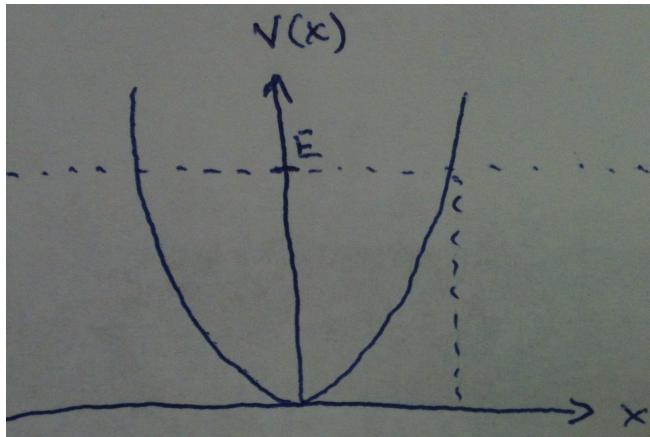
Let's say

$$\begin{aligned} q(x) &> 0 && \text{when } x < x_0 \\ q(x) &< 0 && \text{when } x > x_0 \\ \epsilon^2 y'' + q(x)y = 0 & & \end{aligned}$$



Schrödinger equation:

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar\Psi_t &= -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Psi_{xx} + V(x)\Psi \\ \Psi(x, t) &= \phi(x)e^{-iEt/\hbar} \\ -\frac{1}{2m}\phi'' + V(x)\phi &= E\phi \\ \phi'' + 2m[E - V(x)]\phi &= 0 \\ \phi(x) &= 2m[E - V(x)] \end{aligned}$$



## 26.2 A Model Bifurcation Problem for PDEs

$u(x, t)$  satisfies the following:

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} + \mu \sin u, & 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= 0 \\ u(1, t) &= 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

This is a heat equation with a nonlinear heat source,  $\mu \sin u$ .  $\mu \geq 0$  is a (dimensionless) parameter that measures the strength of the nonlinear heat sources.

Consider the equilibrium solution  $u = 0$ . Is it stable?

1. We start by linearizing the PDE around  $u = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} + \mu u, & 0 < x < 1 \\ u(0, t) &= u(1, t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Separate variables.

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= e^{\sigma_n t} \sin(n\pi x), & n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ \sigma_n &= -n^2\pi^2 + \mu \end{aligned}$$

$\sigma_n < 0$  for all  $n$  if  $\mu < \pi^2$  ( $u = 0$  is linearly stable).  $\sigma_1 > 0$  if  $\mu > \pi^2$  ( $u = 0$  is linearly unstable).

2. How does the nonlinearity affect instability?

Assume  $\mu$  is close to  $\pi^2$ . Linear growth rate:  $\sigma = \mu - \pi^2$  is small.

$$\underbrace{u_t}_{\epsilon\sigma} = u_{xx} + \mu \left( u - \frac{1}{6} \underbrace{u^3}_{\epsilon^3} + \dots \right), \quad u = O(\epsilon)$$

For a dominant balance between linear growth and nonlinearity, we expect

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon\sigma &= \epsilon^3 \\ \sigma &= O(\epsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

This suggests the following expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \epsilon u_1(x, T) + \epsilon^3 u_3(x, T) + O(\epsilon^5) \\ \mu &= \pi^2 + \epsilon^2 \mu_2 + O(\epsilon^4) \\ T &= \epsilon^2 t \end{aligned}$$

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### 27.1 Model PDE Bifurcation Problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_t &= u_{xx} + \mu \sin u, & 0 < x < 1, t > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= u(1, t) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

- $u(x, t)$  = temperature
- $\mu$  = strength of the source

$u = 0$  is

- linearly stable for  $\mu < \pi^2$
- linearly unstable for  $\mu > \pi^2$

Look at the effect of nonlinearity near the point of marginal stability,  $\mu = \pi^2$ . The dominant balance suggested

$$\begin{aligned} \mu - \pi^2 &= O(\epsilon^2) \\ u &= O(\epsilon) \\ \text{time-scales} \quad t &= O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Expand:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \pi^2 + \epsilon^2 \mu_2 + O(\epsilon^4) \\ u &= \epsilon u_1(x, T) + \epsilon^3 u_2(x, T) + O(\epsilon^5) \\ T &= \epsilon^2 t \\ \partial_t &= \epsilon^2 \partial_T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^2 u_T &= u_{xx} + (\pi^2 + \epsilon^2 \mu_2) \sin u, & 0 < x < 1, T > 0 \\ u(0, t) &= u(1, t) = 0 \\ \sin u &= u - \frac{1}{6} u^3 + O(u^5) \\ &= \epsilon u_1 + \epsilon^3 u_3 - \frac{1}{6} \epsilon^3 u_1^3 + O(\epsilon^5) \\ \epsilon^3 u_{1,T} + \dots &= \epsilon u_{1,xx} + \epsilon^3 u_{3,xx} + (\pi^2 + \epsilon^2 u_2) \left( \epsilon u_1 + \epsilon^3 \left[ u_3 - \frac{1}{6} u_1^3 \right] + \dots \right) \\ O(\epsilon) : \quad u_{1,xx} + \pi^2 u_1 &= 0 \\ u_1(0, t) &= u_1(1, t) = 0 \\ O(\epsilon^3) : \quad u_{3,xx} + \pi^2 u_3 &= u_{1,T} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} u_1^3 - \mu_2 u_1 \\ u_3(0, t) &= u_3(1, t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_1 &= a(T) \sin(\pi x) \\
 u_{3,xx} + \pi^2 u_3 &= a_{1,T} \sin(\pi x) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} a^3 \sin^3(\pi x) - \mu_2 a \sin(\pi x) \\
 u_3(0, t) &= u_3(1, t) = 0 \\
 Lu_3 &= f(x) \\
 L &= \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \pi^2
 \end{aligned}$$

This is solvable if for  $\phi$  such that  $L\phi = 0$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \phi, Lu_3 \rangle &= \langle \phi, f \rangle \\
 \langle L\phi, u_3 \rangle &= \langle \phi, f \rangle \\
 0 &= \langle \phi, f \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we must have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \sin x, f \rangle &= 0 \\
 a_T \underbrace{\left[ \int_0^1 \sin^2(\pi x) dx \right]}_{=\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} a^3 \underbrace{\left[ \int_0^1 \sin^4(\pi x) dx \right]}_{=\frac{3}{8}} - \mu_2 a \underbrace{\left[ \int_0^1 \sin^2(\pi x) dx \right]}_{=\frac{1}{2}} &= 0 \\
 \frac{1}{2} a_T + \frac{\pi^2}{16} a^3 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_2 a &= 0 \\
 a_T - \mu_2 a + \frac{\pi^2}{8} a^3 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

This is typically called an *amplitude equation* (Laundau-Stuart). The equilibria are:

$$a = 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad a^2 = \frac{8\mu_2}{\pi^2}$$

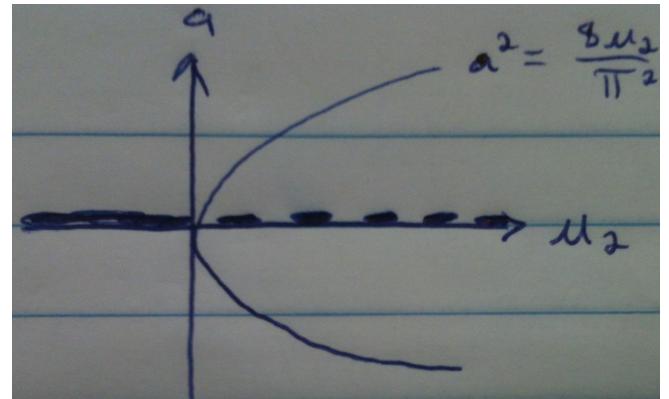
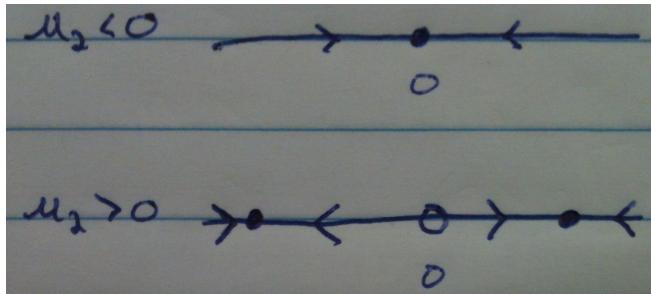


Figure 12: This is a (supercritical) pitchfork bifurcation. A rigorous analysis of the equilibrium states is obtained using Liapunov-Schmidt reduction.

Initial layer: take

$$\begin{aligned}
t &= O(1) \\
\mu &= \pi^2 + \epsilon^2 \mu_2 \\
u &= \epsilon u_1(x, t) + \epsilon^3 u_3(x, t) + \dots \\
u_{1,t} &= u_{1,xx} + \pi^2 u_1 \\
u_1(0, t) &= u_1(1, t) = 0 \\
u_1(x, 0) &= f(x) \\
u_1(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e^{-(n^2-1)\pi^2 t} \sin(n\pi x) \\
&= c_1 \sin(\pi x) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n e^{-(n^2-1)\pi^2 t} \sin(n\pi x) \\
c_n &= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx
\end{aligned}$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$u_1 \sim c_1 \sin(\pi x).$$

So we require

$$\begin{aligned}
a(T) &\rightarrow c_1 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow 0 \\
a(0) &= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(\pi x) dx
\end{aligned}$$

## 28 6-6-12

Final: Tuesday June 12 from 1:30-3:30

Office Hours: Monday 2:30-4:00

### 28.1 Outline of Topics

#### 1. Dimensional analysis and scaling

- Buckingham-Pi Theorem
- Self-similarity

#### 2. Asymptotic expansions

- $o$ ,  $O$  notation
- Asymptotic vs. convergent series
- Expansion of integrals
- (Did NOT cover the method of stationary phase or steepest descent)

#### 3. Regular vs. singular perturbation problems

- Algebraic equations (e.g. polynomials)
- Dominant balance (distinguished limits)

#### 4. Method of matched asymptotics

- Construct inner & outer solutions and match them
- Uniform solutions
- Initial layer problems (e.g. enzyme dynamics)
- Slow-fast dynamics in systems of ODE's
- Boundary layer problems

#### 5. Method of multiple scales

- Poincaré-Lindstedt method (periodic solutions)
- Multiple scales ( $t, T$ ) and applications to oscillations
- Method of averaging
- WKB method
- Fredholm alternative & solvability conditions  $\Rightarrow$  these were a unifying theme

The final will probably be 5 questions (roughly one from each topic).

1. Multiple scales
2. Boundary layers
3. Nondimensionalization
4. Asymptotics

For example:

- Nondimensionalize this equation

- Here's a polynomial involving  $\epsilon$ , find the roots

Most of this is discussed in chapters 1 and 2 of *Applied Mathematics*.

Things to know:

- Taylor expansion for tan

## 28.2 Sample Problems

**Example 28.1. Logan 2.1.4**

$$f(y, \epsilon) = \frac{1}{(1 + \epsilon y)^{3/2}}$$

$$y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + O(\epsilon^2)$$

Expand  $f(y, \epsilon)$  in  $\epsilon$  up to  $O(\epsilon^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(y, \epsilon) &= (1 + \epsilon y)^{-3/2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{3}{2}\epsilon y + \frac{1}{2}\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)(\epsilon y)^2 + O(\epsilon^3) \\ &= 1 - \frac{3}{2}\epsilon y + \frac{15}{8}\epsilon^2 y^2 + O(\epsilon^3) \\ &= 1 - \frac{3}{2}\epsilon y_0 + \epsilon^2 \left[ \frac{15}{8}y_0^2 - \frac{3}{2}y_1 \right] + O(\epsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

**Example 28.2. Logan 2.1.5h**

How does  $\exp(\tan \epsilon)$  behave as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ? We are supposed to show that  $\exp(\tan \epsilon) = O(1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(\epsilon) = O(g(\epsilon)) &\Rightarrow |f(\epsilon)| \leq C|g(\epsilon)| \quad \text{for } |\epsilon| < \delta \\ f(\epsilon) = o(g(\epsilon)) &\Rightarrow \left| \frac{f(\epsilon)}{g(\epsilon)} \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{if } g(\epsilon) \neq 0) \\ f(\epsilon) \sim g(\epsilon) &\Rightarrow \left| \frac{f(\epsilon)}{g(\epsilon)} \right| \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\sim$  and  $o$  each imply  $O$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\epsilon) &= \sin\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) \\ g(\epsilon) &= 1 \\ f &= o(g) \quad \text{as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \quad (c = 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\exp(\tan \epsilon) &\sim 1 & \text{as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \exp(\tan \epsilon) - 1 &\sim \epsilon & \text{as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\exp(\tan \epsilon) &= \exp(\epsilon + O(\epsilon^3)) \\ &= 1 + (\epsilon + O(\epsilon^3)) + O(\epsilon^2) \\ &= 1 + O(\epsilon) \\ \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \exp(\tan \epsilon) &= 1 \\ \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } & |\exp(\tan \epsilon) - 1| \leq 1 \quad \text{for } |\epsilon| < \delta \\ |\exp(\tan \epsilon)| &\leq 2 \cdot 1 \quad \text{for } |\epsilon| < \delta\end{aligned}$$

**Example 28.3. Logan 1.2.3**

$$m' = ax^2 - bx^3$$

- $m$  = biomass
- $x$  = linear dimension
- $ax^2$  is the growth term (proportional to the surface area)
- $bx^3$  is the eating term (proportional to the volume)

Assume  $m = \rho x^3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}3\rho x^2 x' &= ax^2 - bx^3 \\ x(0) &= x_0\end{aligned}$$

Nondimensionalize.

The dimensions are

- $M$  = biomass
- $L$  = length
- $T$  = time

The parameters are

- $a$ ,  $[a] = \frac{M}{TL^2}$
- $b$ ,  $[b] = \frac{M}{TL^3}$
- $\rho$ ,  $[\rho] = \frac{M}{L^3}$
- $x_0$ ,  $[x_0] = L$

The variables are

- $t, [t] = T$
- $x, [x] = L$

We have 3 dimensions and 4 parameters, so we should have 1 dimensionless parameter. Let's leave  $x_0$  alone and use  $a, b, \rho$  to nondimensionalize mass, length, and time.

$$\begin{aligned}\left[ \frac{a}{b} \right] &= L \\ \left[ \rho \frac{a^3}{b^3} \right] &= M \\ \left[ \frac{\rho}{b} \right] &= T\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x^* &= \frac{x}{a/b} \\ t^* &= \frac{t}{\rho/b} \\ (\text{think}) \quad 3(x^*)^2(x^*)' &= (x^*)^2 - (x^*)^3 \\ x^*(0) &= \frac{bx_0}{a}\end{aligned}$$

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