

## Liu Yonglin WKB Theory

1. Find the WKB approximation correct up to  $O(\epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}})$  to the general solution of the problem

$$\epsilon y'' + (x^2 + \epsilon x)y = 0, \quad x > 0,$$

where  $\epsilon > 0$ .

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

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon y'' = -(x^2 + \epsilon x)y$$

Let  $Q(x) = -(x^2 + \epsilon x)$   $\epsilon$  不能放进  $Q$ .

$$y(x) = e^{S(x)}$$

$$S(x) \sim \frac{1}{\delta} S_0(x) + S_1(x) + \delta S_2(x) + \delta^2 S_3(x) + \dots \quad \delta \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Then } y'(x) = S'(x) e^{S(x)}$$

$$y''(x) = S''(x) e^{S(x)} + (S'(x))^2 e^{S(x)}$$

Substitute them into the equation

$$\epsilon (S'' e^S + (S')^2 e^S) = Q(x) e^S \Rightarrow \epsilon [S'' + (S')^2] + x^2 e^S + \epsilon x e^S = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon (S'' + (S')^2) = Q(x) \Rightarrow \epsilon (S')^2 + \epsilon S'' + x^2 + \epsilon x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon \left( \frac{1}{\delta} (S_0')^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} S_0'' + \frac{2S_0' S_1'}{\delta} + S_1'' + (S_1')^2 + 2S_0' S_2' + \dots \right) \sim Q(x)$$

$$\text{Since } O\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\delta}\right) \gg O\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\delta}\right) \gg O(\epsilon) \text{ \& } O(\epsilon S) \quad \epsilon \left[ \frac{1}{\delta} S_0'^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} S_0'' + \frac{2}{\delta} S_0' S_1' + S_1'' + (S_1')^2 + 2S_0' S_2' + \dots \right] + x^2 + \epsilon x = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Dominant balance } \frac{\epsilon}{\delta} = O(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^2 = \epsilon \Rightarrow \delta = \epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{Thus, } S(x) \sim \epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} S_0(x) + S_1(x) + \epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} S_2(x) + \epsilon S_3(x) + \dots, \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{The equation becomes } x^2 + (S_0')^2 + \epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} (S_0'' + 2S_0' S_1') + \epsilon [S_1'' + (S_1')^2 + 2S_0' S_2'] \sim 0$$

$$(S_0')^2 + \epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} (S_0'' + 2S_0' S_1') + \epsilon (S_1'' + (S_1')^2 + 2S_0' S_2') + \dots \sim Q(x) \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

•  $O(1)$  equation

$$(S_0')^2 = Q(x) = -(x^2 + \epsilon x) \quad \text{看 } \epsilon \text{ 进}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_0' = \pm \sqrt{Q(x)} = \pm i \sqrt{x^2 + \epsilon x}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_0(x) = \pm \int_0^x i \sqrt{t^2 + \epsilon t} dt + A_0$$



$$= \pm i \left( \left( \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \right) \sqrt{x^2 + \varepsilon x} - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{8} \ln \left| \left( x + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) + \sqrt{x^2 + \varepsilon x} \right| + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{8} \ln \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) + A_0$$

•  $O(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}})$  equation

$$S_0' = \pm i \sqrt{x^2 + \varepsilon x}$$

$$S_0'' = \pm i (x^2 + \varepsilon x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2x + \varepsilon)$$

$$= \pm i \frac{2x + \varepsilon}{2\sqrt{x^2 + \varepsilon x}}$$

$$2S_0' S_1' + S_0'' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S_1' = \frac{-S_0''}{2S_0'} = \pm \frac{2x + \varepsilon}{4(x^2 + \varepsilon x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow S_1(x) &= -\frac{1}{2} |S_0'(x)| + A_1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \log(-(x^2 + \varepsilon x)) + A_1 \end{aligned}$$

Special solution:

$$S(x) \sim \frac{i \int_0^x \sqrt{t^2 + \varepsilon t} dt + A_0}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} - \frac{1}{4} \log(-(x^2 + \varepsilon x)) + A_1$$

$$\text{or } S(x) \sim -\frac{i \int_0^x \sqrt{t^2 + \varepsilon t} dt + A_0}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} - \frac{1}{4} \log(-(x^2 + \varepsilon x)) + A_1$$

$$y(x) = e^{S(x)}$$

$$\sim C_1 (-(x^2 + \varepsilon x))^{-\frac{1}{4}} e^{\frac{i}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \int_0^x \sqrt{t^2 + \varepsilon t} dt}$$

$$\text{or } y(x) \sim C_1 (-(x^2 + \varepsilon x))^{-\frac{1}{4}} e^{-\frac{i}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \int_0^x \sqrt{t^2 + \varepsilon t} dt}$$

General solution:

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &\sim C_1 (-(x^2 + \varepsilon x))^{-\frac{1}{4}} e^{\frac{i}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \int_0^x \sqrt{t^2 + \varepsilon t} dt} \\ &+ C_2 (-(x^2 + \varepsilon x))^{-\frac{1}{4}} e^{-\frac{i}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \int_0^x \sqrt{t^2 + \varepsilon t} dt} \end{aligned}$$



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•  $O(1)$  equation

$$(s_0')^2 + x^2 \sim 0$$

$$(s_0')^2 = -x^2$$

$$s_0' = \pm i x$$

$$s_0 = \pm \frac{i}{2} x^2 + A_0$$

•  $O(\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}})$  equation

$$s_0'' + 2s_0's_1' \sim 0$$

$$s_1' = -\frac{1}{2x}$$

$$s_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \ln x + A_1$$

•  $O(\varepsilon)$  equation.

$$s_1'' + (s_1')^2 + 2s_0's_2' + x \sim 0$$

$$s_2' = \pm \left( -\frac{1}{2x} - \frac{3}{4ix^3} \right)$$

$$s_2 = \pm \left( -\frac{x}{2i} + \frac{3}{16ix^4} \right) = \pm \left( \frac{ix}{2} - \frac{3i}{16x^4} \right) + A_2$$

$$S(x) = \varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} s_0(x) + s_1(x) + \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} s_2(x) + \dots$$

$$= \varepsilon^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \pm \frac{i}{2} x^2 + A_0 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln x + A_1 \pm \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{ix}{2} - \frac{3i}{16x^4} + A_2 \right)$$

$$y = e^{S(x)} = \dots$$



### Method of strained coordinates.

2. Use the method of strained coordinates to find the leading order approximation to the solution, such that there is no secular terms at  $O(\epsilon)$  in the error.

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$$\begin{cases} y'' + 4y = \epsilon y(y')^2, & t \geq 0. \\ y(0) = 1, & y'(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Assume that  $y(\tau) \sim y_0(\tau) + \epsilon y_1(\tau) + \epsilon^2 y_2(\tau) + \dots$   $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

To eliminate secular terms up to  $O(\epsilon)$ , let

$$\tau = (1 + \omega_1 \epsilon) t$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{dy}{dt} = (1 + \omega_1 \epsilon) \frac{dy}{d\tau}$$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = (1 + \omega_1 \epsilon)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{d\tau^2}$$

Substitute them into the equation

$$(1 + \omega_1 \epsilon)^2 y'' + 4y = \epsilon (1 + \omega_1 \epsilon)^2 y (y')^2$$

$O(1)$  :

$$\begin{cases} y_0'' + 4y_0 = 0 \\ y_0(0) = 1, \quad y_0'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_0(\tau) = \cos 2\tau$$

$O(\epsilon)$  :

$$\begin{cases} y_1'' + 4y_1 = y_0 (y_0')^2 - 2\omega_1 y_0'' \\ y_1(0) = 0, \quad y_1'(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1'' + 4y_1 = y_0 (y_0')^2 - 2\omega_1 y_0'' = \cos 2\tau \cdot 4 \sin^2 2\tau + 8\omega_1 \cos 2\tau$$

$$= \cos 2\tau (1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos 4\tau) + 8\omega_1 \cos 2\tau$$

$$= (1 + 8\omega_1) \cos 2\tau - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\tau \cos 4\tau$$

If  $1 + 8\omega_1 = 0$  i.e.  $\omega_1 = -\frac{1}{8}$ , there will be no secular terms

The leading order approximation is  $y \sim \cos 2\tau$  with  $\tau = (1 - \frac{1}{8}\epsilon)t$   
 $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

