

1.

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$$\begin{aligned}\rho_0 X(x)T''(t) &= T_0 X''(x)T(t) - \beta X(x)T'(t) \\ \implies X(x)(\rho_u T''(t) + \beta T'(t)) &= T_0 X''(x)T(t) \\ \implies \frac{\rho_u T''(t) + \beta T'(t)}{T_0 T(t)} &= \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} u(0, t) = 0 \implies X(0) = 0 \\ u(L, t) = 0 \implies X(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus for every integer  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$X_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

and

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$$

Now we need to solve for

$$\rho_u T''(t) + \beta T'(t) + T_0 \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} T(t) = 0$$

which has no solution as

$$\beta^2 - 4\rho_u \frac{T_0 n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} < \beta^2 - \frac{4\rho_u \pi^2 T_0}{L^2} < 0$$

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Therefore,

$$T'(0) = \frac{cn\pi}{L} c_2 \cos \frac{cn\pi 0}{L} = \frac{cn\pi c_2}{L} = 0 \implies c_2 = 0$$

Thus  $c_1 \neq 0$  to avoid trivial solution

$$T_n(t) = \cos \frac{cn\pi t}{L}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{cn\pi t}{L} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n}{2} \left( \sin \frac{n\pi(x+ct)}{L} + \sin \frac{n\pi(x-ct)}{L} \right) \\ &= \frac{F(x+ct) - F(x-ct)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

As

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

from

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} = f(x)$$

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as we can get  $A_n$  to match

$$u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{cn\pi}{L} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{cn\pi t}{L} d\bar{x}$$

Thus as  $u_t(x, 0) = f(x)$ , we have

$$\frac{n\pi c}{L} A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

4.

1.

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L u_t^2(x, t) dx + \frac{c^2}{2} \int_0^L u_x^2(x, t) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L u_t^2(x, t) + c^2 u_x^2(x, t) dx \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L 2u_t u_{tt} + 2c^2 u_x u_{xt} dx \\ &= c^2 \int_0^L u_t u_{xx} + u_x u_{xt} dx \\ &= c^2 (u_x u_t)|_0^L \end{aligned}$$

2.

a.

Since  $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$ ,  $u_t(0, t) = u_t(L, t) = 0$

$$E'(t) = c^2 u_x(L, t) u_t(L, t) - c^2 u_x(0, t) u_t(0, t) = 0$$

Thus energy is conserved.

b.

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c, d.

Since  $u(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u_t(0, t) = 0$

$$E'(t) = -c^2 \gamma u(L, t) u_t(L, t) = -\frac{c^2 \gamma}{2} \frac{d}{dt} u_t^2(L, t)$$

Thus integrating

$$E(t) - E(0) = -\frac{\gamma c^2}{2} u^2(L, t')|_{t'=0}^t$$

and therefore

$$E(t) = E(0) + \frac{\gamma c^2}{2} (u^2(L, 0) - u^2(L, t))$$

If  $\gamma > 0$ , we have that  $E$  increase at time  $t$  if  $u(L, 0) > u(L, t)$  and decrease if  $u(L, 0) < u(L, t)$ . Similarly, for  $\gamma < 0$ ,  $E$  decrease at time  $t$  if  $u(L, 0) > u(L, t)$  and increase if  $u(L, 0) < u(L, t)$ .

5.

We have that

$$H\phi'' + \alpha H\phi' + (H\lambda\beta + H\gamma)\phi = 0$$

We want to find  $H$  so that the DE is of the form

$$p'(x)\phi'(x) + p(x)\phi''(x) + (\lambda\sigma + q)\phi = 0$$

Thus we have the conditions

$$\begin{cases} p' = \alpha H \\ p = H \\ H\lambda\beta = \lambda\sigma \\ H\gamma = q \end{cases}$$

The first 2 equations give us

$$H'(x) = \alpha(x)H(x)$$

Thus

$$H(x) = \exp\left(\int \alpha(x)dx\right)$$

and

$$p(x) = \exp\left(\int \alpha(x)\right), q(x) = \gamma(x) \exp\left(\int \alpha(x)\right), \sigma(x) = \beta(x) \exp\left(\int \alpha(x)\right)$$

**6.**

**a.**

We know that the eigenfunction and eigenvalue are

$$\phi_n(x) = \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

Thus the smallest eigenvalue is  $\lambda_0 = 0$  and there is no largest eigenvalue as

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_n = \infty$$

**b.**

$$\cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} = 0 \implies \frac{n\pi x}{L} = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$x = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi\right) \frac{L}{n\pi} = \frac{L}{2n} + \frac{kL}{n} = L \left(\frac{1+2k}{2n}\right)$$

which means that as  $0 < x < L$ ,

$$0 < \frac{1+2k}{2n} < 1 \implies 0 \leq k \leq n-1$$

But since the eigenfunction starts at  $n = 0$ , we have that this is the  $n+1$ -th eigenfunction which has  $n$  zeros.

**c.**

Since, the domain is  $0 < x < L$ , every function  $f(x)$  can be represented by the Fourier cosine series thus the eigenfunctions are complete. It is also obviously orthogonal from the material in class.

**d.**

Since  $\phi'(0) = \phi'(L) = 0$ , and we can see that

$$p(x) = 1, \quad q(x) = 0, \quad \sigma(x) = 1$$

Thus the Rayleigh quotient is

$$\lambda = \frac{\int_0^L \phi'(x)^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi(x)^2 dx} \geq 0$$

0 can be an eigenvalue as else  $\phi''(x) = \phi'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (0, L)$  and therefore  $\phi(x) = C$  for some constant  $C$  since this satisfies the equation

$$\phi''(x) = -\lambda\phi(x)$$

7.

This is a Sturm-Liouville problem where

$$p(x) = 1, \quad q(x) = -x^2, \quad \sigma(x) = 1$$

Thus we have the Rayleigh quotient

$$\frac{-\phi(x)\phi'(x)|_0^1 + \int_0^1 \phi'(x)^2 + x^2\phi^2(x)dx}{\int_0^1 \phi^2(x)dx} = \frac{\int_0^1 \phi'(x)^2 + x^2\phi^2(x)dx}{\int_0^1 \phi^2(x)dx}$$

If the quotient = 0 then  $\phi'(x)^2 + x^2\phi^2(x) = 0$  a.e. in  $(0,1)$ , which means that  $\phi'(x) = \phi(x) = 0$  in  $(0,1)$  as  $\phi(x)$  and  $\phi'(x)$  is continuous. But that is a trivial solution thus 0 is not an eigenvalue.



**8.**

**a.**

Multiplying, we have

$$x\phi''(x) + \phi'(x) + \frac{\lambda}{x}\phi(x) = (\phi'(x)x)' + \frac{\lambda}{x}\phi(x) = 0$$

is indeed a Sturm-Liouville with

$$p(x) = x, \quad q(x) = 0, \quad \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

**b.**

The Rayleigh quotient thus is

$$\frac{-x\phi(x)\phi'(x)|_1^b + \int_1^b x\phi'(x)^2 dx}{\int_1^b \phi^2(x) \frac{1}{x} dx} = \frac{\int_1^b x\phi'(x)^2 dx}{\int_1^b \phi^2(x) \frac{1}{x} dx}$$

We have that for all  $1 < x < b$

$$x > 0, \phi'(x)^2 \geq 0, \phi^2(x) \geq 0, \frac{1}{x} > 0$$

thus

$$\frac{\int_1^b x\phi'(x)^2 dx}{\int_1^b \phi^2(x) \frac{1}{x} dx} \geq 0$$

**c.**

If 0 is an eigenvalue then there is  $\phi(x)$  such that  $\phi'(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (1, b)$  but since  $\phi(1) = \phi(b) = 0$ . This means that  $\phi(x) = 0$  and is a trivial solution thus 0 is not an eigenvalue. Since it is equidimensional, let  $\phi(x) = x^r$ . Plugging in we have that

$$x^2 r(r-1)x^{r-2} + xrx^{r-1} + \lambda x^r = x^r(r(r-1) + r + \lambda) = 0$$

which has the characterisic function

$$r^2 + \lambda = 0$$

Thus

$$r = \pm i\sqrt{\lambda}$$

Since  $\lambda > 0$ , we have that

$$\phi(x) = x^{\pm i\sqrt{\lambda}} = \exp(\pm i\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(x))$$

The solution is thus

$$\phi(x) = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln x)$$

Applying the boundary conditions, we have  $c_1 = 0$  and

$$\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \ln(b)) = 0$$

Therefore, for all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\lambda_n = \left( \frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \right)^2$$

and

$$\phi_n(x) = \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln x \right)$$

**d.**

The weight is found to be

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

And let  $y = \ln x$ , we have  $dy = \frac{1}{x} dx$  and thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^b \phi_n(x) \phi_m(x) \sigma(x) dx \\ &= \int_1^b \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln x \right) \sin \left( \frac{m\pi}{\ln b} \ln x \right) \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\ln b} \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{\ln b} y \right) \sin \left( \frac{m\pi}{\ln b} y \right) dy \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

if  $n \neq m$ .

**e.**

Let the  $n$ -th eigenfunction be 0

$$\phi_n(x) = \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln x \right) = 0$$

We have

$$\frac{n\pi}{\ln b} \ln x = k\pi \implies x = \exp \left( \frac{k \ln b}{n} \right) = b^{k/n}$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $1 < x < b$ , we have that

$$0 < \frac{k}{n} < 1$$

and

$$1 \leq k \leq n-1$$

Thus  $n-1$  zeros.

9.

a.

Assume solution of the form  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$  then

$$c\rho XT' = (K_0 X')'T + \alpha XT \implies \frac{(K_0 X')'}{c\rho X} + \frac{\alpha}{c\rho} = \frac{T'}{T} = -\lambda$$

Thus we have the ODE for  $X$  to be

$$(K_0 X')' + (c\rho\lambda + \alpha)X = 0$$

which is a Sturm-Liouville with

$$p(x) = K_0, \quad q(x) = \alpha, \quad \sigma(x) = c\rho$$

Thus, the Rayleigh quotient is

$$\lambda = \frac{-K_0 \phi(x) \phi'(x) \Big|_0^L + \int_0^L K_0 \phi'(x)^2 - \alpha \phi(x)^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi(x)^2 \rho c dx} = \frac{\int_0^L K_0 \phi'(x)^2 - \alpha \phi(x)^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi(x)^2 \rho c dx}$$

which is  $\geq 0$  if  $\alpha < 0$ .

b.

We have that the eigenfunction for  $t$  is

$$T_n(t) = \exp(-\lambda_n t)$$

Assume the appropriate eigenfunctions for  $x$  is  $X_n$ . Then

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \exp(-\lambda_n t) X_n(x)$$

To solve for  $A_n$ , we have that

$$f(x) = u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n X_n(x)$$

Multiplying by  $X_m(x)c\rho$  and integrating on  $[0, L]$ . Then

$$\int_0^L f(x) X_m(x) c\rho dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \underbrace{\int_0^L X_n(x) X_m(x) \sigma(x) dx}_{=0 \text{ if } m \neq n}$$

Thus

$$A_n = \frac{\int_0^L f(x) \phi_n(x) c\rho dx}{\int_0^L \phi_n^2(x) c\rho dx}$$

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and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho X(x)T''(t) &= T_0 X''(x)T(t) + \alpha X(x)T(t) \\ \implies \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} &= \frac{T_0 X''(x) + \alpha X(x)}{\rho X(x)} = -\lambda \end{aligned}$$

Let's first rewrite the equation for  $x$ ,

$$T_0 X''(x) + X(x)(\alpha + \lambda \rho) = 0$$

Thus is a Sturm-Liouville equation with

$$p(x) = T_0, \quad q(x) = \alpha, \quad \sigma(x) = \rho$$

As  $X(0) = X(L) = 0$ , the Rayleigh quotient will then be

$$\lambda = \frac{\int_0^L T_0 X'(x)^2 - \alpha X(x)^2 dx}{\int_0^L X(x)^2 \rho dx} \geq 0$$

as  $\alpha < 0, \rho > 0$  and the assumption we made  $T_0 > 0$ . Also note that if 0 is an eigenvalue then  $X'(x) = X(x) = 0$  and thus 0 is not an eigenvalue. Since  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$T(t) = c_1 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}t) + c_2 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}t)$$

Thus

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n X_n(x) \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n X_n(x) \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t)$$

and

$$u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n X_n(x) \sqrt{\lambda_n} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n X_n(x) \sqrt{\lambda_n} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}t)$$

Now, we need to solve for  $A_n, B_n$

$$\begin{cases} u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n X_n(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n X_n(x) \sqrt{\lambda_n} \end{cases}$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{cases} \int_0^L f(x)X_m(x)\rho(x)dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \int_0^L X_n(x)X_m(x)\rho(x)dx \\ \int_0^L g(x)X_m(x)\rho(x)dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sqrt{\lambda_n} \int_0^L X_n(x)X_m(x)\rho(x)dx \end{cases}$$

and therefore,

$$\begin{cases} A_n = \frac{\int_0^L g(x)X_n(x)\rho(x)dx}{\sqrt{\lambda_n} \int_0^L X_n(x)^2 \rho(x)dx} \\ B_n = \frac{\int_0^L f(x)X_n(x)\rho(x)dx}{\int_0^L X_n(x)^2 \rho(x)dx} \end{cases}$$