

Scattering Theory: 1d Meromorphic Continuation

Study of Open Systems

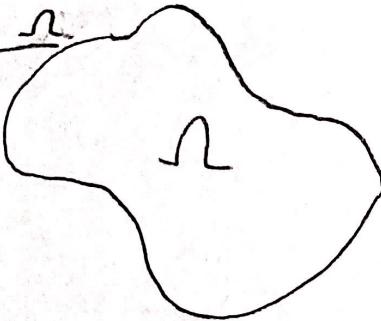
Closed system example: Wave eq. on Ω

$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ bounded

$$(\partial_t^2 + \Delta)u = 0 \quad (\Delta = -\sum_j \partial_{x_j}^2; \text{ convention})$$

$$u|_{\mathbb{R}_t \times \partial\Omega} = 0$$

$$u|_{t=0} = f_0, \quad \partial_t u|_{t=0} = f_1$$



Solution: Δ_x has compact inverse, so discrete spectrum $\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2, \dots \rightarrow \infty$

ONB of eigenfunctions u_1, u_2, \dots

Then:

$$u(t, x) = \sum_j a_j e^{-it\lambda_j^2} u_j(x)$$

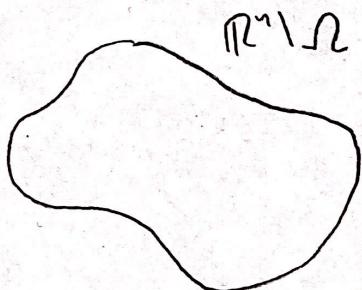
Eigenfunction expansion

Open system example: Wave eq. on $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$

$$(\partial_t^2 + \Delta)u = 0$$

$$u|_{\mathbb{R}_t \times \partial\Omega} = 0$$

$$u|_{t=0} = f_0, \quad \partial_t u|_{t=0} = f_1 \quad f_0, f_1 \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$$



No eigenvalues this time!

Gouli: "Explain" or

$$w(t, x) \sim \sum_j e^{-it\lambda_j^2} v_j(x) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ on compact sets}$$

Here $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$ are resonances

$\operatorname{Re} \lambda_j$ gives rate of oscillation

$-\operatorname{Im} \lambda_j$ gives rate of decay

Consider 1d wave equation with potential

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$$P_v = D_x^2 + V(x) \quad \text{where } D_x = \frac{1}{i} \partial_x, \quad V \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$$

Wave Equation:
$$\begin{aligned} & (-\partial_t^2 - P_v)v = f \\ & v|_{t=0} = v_0 \\ & \partial_t v|_{t=0} = v_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbb{R}))$$

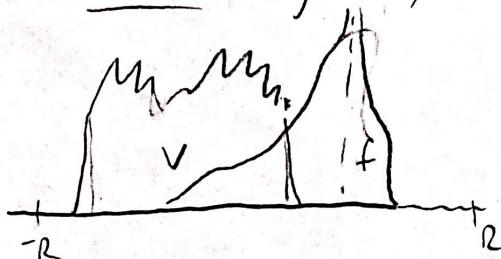
$$v_0, v_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

Stationary wave equation is

$$(P_v - \lambda^2)u = f$$

$$f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{Convention: Arg } \lambda \in [0, \pi)$$

Note: We do not ask that $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$.



Let $\text{supp } V, \text{supp } f \subset (-R, R)$

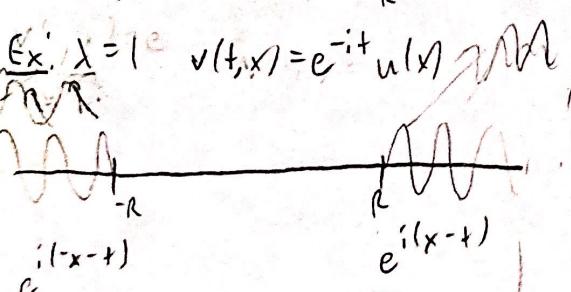
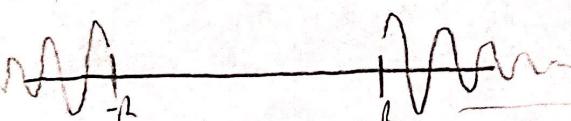
For $x > R$:

$$u(x) = a_\pm e^{i\lambda|x|} + b_\pm e^{-i\lambda|x|}$$

Outgoing Solutions

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= a_- e^{-i\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x < -R \\ &= a_+ e^{i\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x > R \end{aligned}$$

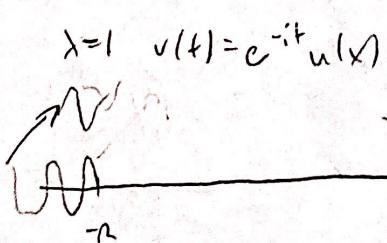
Ex: $\lambda = 1+i$



Explanation of
names "outgoing"
& "incoming"

Incoming Solutions

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= b_- e^{i\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x < -R \\ &= b_+ e^{-i\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x > R \end{aligned}$$



Note: If $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$, u outgoing, then $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

If $f = 0$, λ is an actual eigenvalue of P_v .

3) Motivation (Not rigorous)

Recall we want to solve

$$(-\partial_t^2 - P_v)v = F$$

Fourier transform in time (actually IFT)

$$(P_v - \lambda^2)u(x, \lambda) = f(x, \lambda) \text{ where } u = \tilde{v} \quad f = \tilde{F}$$

"Invert" $P_v - \lambda^2$ with $R_v(\lambda)$ (called resolvent)

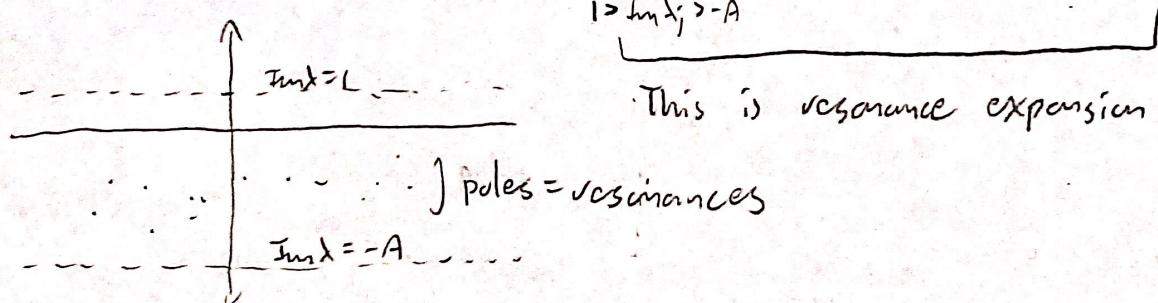
$$u(x, \lambda) = R_v(\lambda)f(x, \lambda)$$

Use meromorphic continuation to extend u to all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\text{Then } v(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\text{Im}\lambda=1} e^{-it\lambda} u(\lambda, x) \quad (\text{Fourier inversion on } e^{-t}v(t, x))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\text{Im}\lambda=1} e^{-it\lambda} R_v(\lambda)f(\lambda)d\lambda$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\text{Im}\lambda=-A} e^{-it\lambda} R_v(\lambda)f(\lambda)d\lambda + \sum_{\substack{\lambda_j \text{ pole} \\ 1 > \text{Im}\lambda_j > -A}} 2\pi i \text{Res}_{\lambda_j} (e^{-it\lambda} R_v(\lambda)f(\lambda))$$



But... None of this was rigorous, because we don't know how to extend $R(\lambda)$ meromorphically!

That will be the subject of the rest of the talk.

$V=0$ case (The free resolvent)

Want to invert $D_x^2 - \lambda^2$

Use Fourier methods

$$(D_x^2 - \lambda^2)u = f \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Fourier}} \quad (\xi^2 - \lambda^2)\hat{u} = \hat{f}$$

$$\hat{u} = \frac{1}{\xi^2 - \lambda^2} \hat{f}$$

$$u(x) = \frac{i}{2\lambda} \int e^{i\lambda|x-y|} f(y) dy \quad (\text{for } \operatorname{Im} \lambda > 0)$$

$$R_0(\lambda, x, y) = \frac{i}{2\lambda} e^{i\lambda|x-y|} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Im} \lambda > 0$$

This has meromorphic continuation to \mathbb{C} , with pole at 0.

(Note: Meromorphic continuation is not same as L^2 inverse.)
 for $\operatorname{Im} \lambda < 0$, $R_0(-\lambda)$ inverts $D_x^2 - \lambda^2$)

Remark: $\operatorname{spec} D_x^2$ is $[0, \infty)$ by applying Fourier transform.

* Thm (Meromorphic Continuation of Free Resolvent):

The free resolvent R_0 extends to meromorphic family of operators

$$R_0(\lambda) : L^2 \rightarrow L^2_{loc} \quad \text{with } \lambda \in \mathbb{C},$$

$$\|R_0(\lambda)\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} = \frac{1}{d(\lambda^2, [0, \infty))} \leq \frac{1}{|\lambda| \operatorname{Im} \lambda} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Im} \lambda > 0 \quad (\text{In fact, } \|R_0(\lambda)\|_{L^2 \rightarrow H^j} \leq \frac{c(\lambda)^j}{|\lambda|^j \operatorname{Im} \lambda} \text{ for } j \in [0, 2])$$

and for $p \in C_c^\infty(-L, L)$,

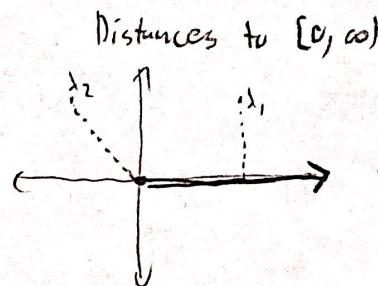
$$\|p R_0(\lambda)p\|_{L^2 \rightarrow H^j} \lesssim e^{2L(\operatorname{Im} \lambda)} |\lambda|^{-1} \langle \lambda \rangle^j \quad \text{where } j \in [0, 2] \quad (\text{here } \begin{cases} x^- = \max(0, -x) \\ \langle x \rangle = \sqrt{1 + |x|^2} \end{cases})$$

Proof: Extend meromorphically with Schwartz kernel

$$R_0(\lambda, x, y) = \frac{i}{2\lambda} e^{i\lambda|x-y|},$$

For $\operatorname{Im} \lambda > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|R_0(\lambda)u\|_{L^2} &= \left\| \frac{1}{\xi^2 - \lambda^2} \hat{u} \right\|_{L^2} \quad (\text{Plancherel}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{d(\lambda^2, [0, \infty))} \|u\|_{L^2} \end{aligned}$$



For general λ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Use Schur test: } \int |\rho(x)\rho(y)R_0(\lambda, x, y)| dx &= |\lambda|^{-1} \int |\rho(x)\rho(y)| e^{-\operatorname{Im} \lambda|x-y|} dx \\ &\leq |\lambda|^{-1} e^{2L(\operatorname{Im} \lambda)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \int |\rho(x)\rho(y)R_0(\lambda, x, y)| dy \leq |\lambda|^{-1} e^{2L(\operatorname{Im} \lambda)}.$$

$$\text{By Schur's test } \|R_0(\lambda)\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq |\lambda|^{-1} e^{2L(\operatorname{Im} \lambda)}.$$

5) For $j=2$, use elliptic regularity

$$\|u\|_{H^2(U)} \lesssim \|u\|_{L^2(W)} + \|D_x^2 u\|_{L^2(W)} \quad \text{for } U \subset W$$

$$\text{so } \|u\|_{H^2(U)} \lesssim \|\tilde{\rho}u\|_{L^2(W)} + \|\tilde{\rho}D_x^2 u\|_{L^2(W)} \quad \text{for } \tilde{\rho}=1 \text{ on } \text{supp } \rho$$



$$\begin{aligned} \|\rho R_0(\lambda)u\|_{H^2(\mathbb{R})} &\lesssim \|\tilde{\rho}u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} + \|\tilde{\rho}D_x^2 u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \quad (\text{as } \tilde{\rho}\tilde{\rho} = \rho, D_x^2 R_0(\lambda)u = u + \lambda^2 R_0(\lambda)u) \\ &\lesssim |\lambda|^{-1} e^{2\text{Im}(\lambda)} - \langle \lambda \rangle^2 \end{aligned}$$

for other $j \in [0, 2]$, interpolate with Hölder's inequality.

This completes the proof.

Interesting and surprising (to me) fact:

This also works for nonzero V !

But requires much more theory without an explicit formula

* Theorem (Meromorphic Continuation)

Let $V \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{C})$. Then the resolvent

$R_V = (D_x^2 + V(x) - \lambda^2)^{-1}$ extends to meromorphic family of operators

$R_V(\lambda): L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_{loc}^2(\mathbb{R})$ with $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

For $\text{Im} \lambda > 0$, we have

$R_V(\lambda): L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})$ with finitely many poles.

Proof Strategy:

1. Construct for $\text{Im} \lambda$ large with Neumann series
2. Construct for $\text{Im} \lambda > 0$ with analytic Fredholm theorem
3. Construct for all λ using cutoff functions
4. Show finitely many poles in upper half plane with bound on R_0 .

Proof:

1. Let $\text{Im} \lambda \gg 1$.

Then $R_0(\lambda)$ is "approximate inverse".

$$\begin{aligned} (P_V - \lambda^2)R_0(\lambda) &= (D_x^2 - \lambda^2 + V)R_0(\lambda) \\ &= I + VR_0(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

But $\|VR_0(\lambda)\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq \|V\|_{L^\infty} (\text{Im} \lambda)^{-2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ for $\text{Im} \lambda$ large enough.

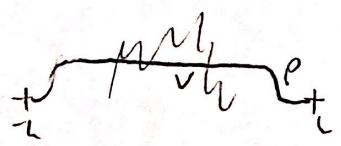
Invert $I + VR_o(\lambda)$ with Neumann series:

$$(I + VR_o(\lambda))^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j (VR_o(\lambda))^j$$

Then $R_v(\lambda) = R_o(\lambda)(I + VR_o(\lambda))^{-1}$

2. Let $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$.

Then pick cutoff function $\rho \in C_0^\infty(-L, L)$, with $\rho = 1$ on $\text{supp } V$
 $\rho R_o(\lambda) : L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^2(-L, L)$



This is compact operator on L^2 by Rellich-Kondrachov.

$V\rho R_o(\lambda)$ also compact

$$I + VR_o(\lambda) = I + \rho VR_o(\lambda) \quad \text{Fredholm}$$

Review of Fredholm Operators

Fredholm = "almost invertible"

P Fredholm $\iff \dim \ker P$ & $\dim \text{coker } P$ are finite

Index is $\text{ind } P = \dim \ker P - \dim \text{coker } P$

constant on connected sets of Fredholm operators (in norm topology)

*Thm (Fredholm Alternative)

If K is compact, $I + K$ is Fredholm and $\text{ind}(I + K) = 0$

Note about function spaces

This all works on Banach spaces, but we only need in the case of Hilbert spaces

Also, we only need the $\text{ind } P = 0$ case.

Def. $z \mapsto B(z) \in \mathcal{L}(X, X)$ is holomorphic family $\iff z \mapsto \langle B(z)u, v \rangle$ is holomorphic
 for all $u, v \in X$

$z \mapsto B(z) \in \mathcal{L}(X, X)$ is meromorphic family \iff for each $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$B(z) = \underbrace{B_0(z)}_{\text{holomorphic near } z_0} + \underbrace{(z-z_0)^{-1} B_1}_{\hookrightarrow} + \dots + \underbrace{(z-z_0)^J B_J}_{\text{finite rank}}$$

If for every z_0 , B_0 is Fredholm, call B a meromorphic family of Fredholm operators.

7] *Thm (Analytic Fredholm Thm)

If $A(z)$ is meromorphic family of Fredholm operators on connected Ω and $A(z_0)^{-1}$ exists for some z_0 , then $A(z)^{-1}$ is meromorphic family.

Proof (in holomorphic case & $\text{ind } A(z) = 0$ case)

Pick $z_0 \in \Omega$.

& just a convenience,
& all we need anyway

If $A(z_0)$ invertible:

$$\partial_z(A(z)^{-1}) = -A(z)^{-1}(\partial_z A(z))A(z)^{-1} \quad (0 = \partial_z I = \partial_z(AA^{-1}) = (\partial_z A)A^{-1} + A(\partial_z A^{-1}))$$

Let $n = \dim \ker A(z) = \text{codim } \text{Ran } A(z)$

(construct Grushin operator $\tilde{A}(z): X \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow X$) to be invertible at $z=z_0$

$$\tilde{A}(z) = \begin{pmatrix} A(z) & A_- \\ A_+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for} \quad A_-: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow X \quad A_+: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$$

How to construct A_- , A_+ ?

Let e_1, \dots, e_n be basis of $\ker A(z)$,

f_1, \dots, f_n be basis of $\ker A(z)^*$

$$A_+(u) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle u, e_1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle u, e_n \rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad A_-(v) = v_1 f_1 + \dots + v_n f_n$$

Injectivity:

Let $\begin{pmatrix} u_- \\ u_+ \end{pmatrix} \in X \times \mathbb{C}^n$, $\tilde{A}(z) \begin{pmatrix} u_- \\ u_+ \end{pmatrix} = 0$. Then

$$A(z)u_+ + A_-u_- = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A_+u = 0$$

$$A_+u = 0 \Rightarrow u \in \ker A(z)$$

$$\text{Also } 0 = \langle A(z)u + A_-u_-, f_j \rangle$$

$$= \langle A_-u_-, f_j \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow u_- = 0, \quad A(z)u = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$$

Surjectivity:

Let $u = A(z)v + w$ for $w \in \ker A(z)^*$

$$w = \sum a_j f_j$$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{A}(z) \begin{pmatrix} v \\ w \end{pmatrix} = A(z)v + w + A_+v$$

Subtract $\langle v, e_i \rangle e_i + \dots + \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n$ from v to finish

Then $\tilde{A}(z)$ holomorphic near z_0

$$\tilde{A}(z)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} B(z) & B_+(z) \\ B_-(z) & B_+(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

Schur Complement Formula: A invertible $\Leftrightarrow B_{\mp}$ invertible

$$A(z)^{-1} = B(z) - B_+(z)B_+^{-1}B_-(z) \quad (\text{Proof: Just plug in!})$$

But...
 B_{\pm} is meromorphic family of matrices
 $\det(B_{\pm})$ is meromorphic function with discrete poles & zeros
 $\Rightarrow B_{\pm}^{-1}(z)$ is meromorphic family by Cramer's rule
 This gives $A(z)^{-1}$ to be meromorphic family.

Return to $R_v(\lambda)$

We had $I + V R_o(\lambda)$ Fredholm, so

$(I + V R_o(\lambda))^{-1}$ extends to meromorphic family

$R_v(\lambda) = R_o(\lambda)(I + V R_o(\lambda))^{-1}: L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})$ extends to $\operatorname{Im}\lambda > 0$.

3. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

$K(\lambda) = V R_o(\lambda): L_o^2 \rightarrow L_o^2$ (technically, $\rho K(\lambda)\rho$ is)

Then $(I + K(\lambda)(1-\rho))^{-1} = I - K(\lambda)(1-\rho)$ (remember $\rho V = V$)

$$(I + K(\lambda))^{-1} = (I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}(I - K(\lambda)(1-\rho))$$

exists by Neumann series for $\operatorname{Im}\lambda$ large enough

$$\therefore R_v(\lambda) = R_o(\lambda)(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}(I - K(\lambda)(1-\rho))$$

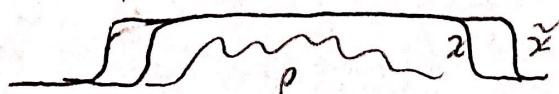
(compact by R-IC)

Apply analytic Fredholm theorem to $(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}$

To show correct mapping properties of $(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}$:

Let $\tilde{\chi} = 1$ on $\operatorname{supp} \chi$

$\chi = 1$ on $\operatorname{supp} \rho$



Then $(1 - \tilde{\chi})(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}\chi = 0$ for $\operatorname{Im}\lambda > 1$ by Neumann series

$= 0$ for all λ by analytic continuation

Therefore $(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}: L_o^2 \rightarrow L_o^2$ as desired.

4. Let $\operatorname{Im}\lambda > 0$.

$$\|K(\lambda)\rho\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq \frac{c}{|\lambda|}$$

$$R_v(\lambda) = R_o(\lambda)(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}(I - K(\lambda)(1-\rho))$$

invertible for $|\lambda| > 2c \implies$ poles are in $B_{2c}(0)$, so finite.

q) Poles of $R_v(\lambda)$ are called resonances. (or scattering resonances)

The multiplicity is $m_p(\lambda) = \text{rank } R_v(\lambda) dS$

Interpretation of Resonances: Solving the Helmholtz Equation

*Then (Regular Points of R_v):

If λ is not a resonance and $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$, the equation

$$(P_v - \lambda^2)u = f$$

has unique outgoing solution $u = R_v(\lambda)f$.

Proof: Solves Equation: $(P_v - \lambda^2)R_v(\lambda)f = f$

Outgoing Condition: $(\partial_x \mp i\lambda)(R_v(\lambda)f)(\pm R) = 0$

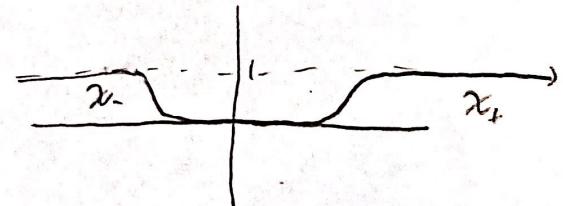
where $\text{supp } f, \text{supp } V \subseteq (-R, R)$

Mult in $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$, so for all x by analytic continuation

Uniqueness: Claim $R_v(\lambda)(P_v - \lambda^2)u = u$ for outgoing $u \in H^2_{loc}$

True for $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$

For general λ , write $u = \underbrace{u_0}_{\in H^2} + \chi_{+} e^{i\lambda x} + \chi_{-} e^{-i\lambda x}$



Then $u_{\pm} = R_v(\lambda)(P_v - \lambda^2)u_{\pm}$ for $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$

$(P_v - \lambda^2)u_{\pm} \in L^2$, so analytic continuation of $R_v(\lambda)$ applies.

*Then (Singular Points of R_v):

If $\lambda_0 \neq 0$ is a resonance with $m_p(\lambda_0) > 0$. Then there is outgoing u_1 with

$$(P_v - \lambda_0^2)u_1 = 0$$

Remark: In fact there are $u_2, \dots, u_{m_p(\lambda_0)}$ with

$$(P_v - \lambda_0^2)u_j = u_{j-1} \text{ for } j \leq m_p(\lambda_0)$$

Here u_1 is called a resonant state (and u_2, \dots are generalized resonant states).

Proof for simpler resonances

We have $R_v(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_0)^{-1}B_1 + B_0/\lambda$

$$I = (\lambda - \lambda_0)^{-1}(P_v - \lambda_0^2)B_1 + H(\lambda) \Rightarrow (P_v - \lambda_0^2)/B_1 = 0$$

holomorphic

Pick some Ψ with $B_1(\Psi) \neq 0$, so

$$(P_v - \lambda_0^2)(B, \Psi) = 0$$

To show B, Ψ is outgoing.

$$(D_x^2 - \lambda^2) R_v(\lambda) = I - V R_v(\lambda)$$

$$R_v(\lambda) = R_0(\lambda) - R_0(\lambda) V R_v(\lambda)$$

Integrate in small circle about λ_0 to get

$$B_1 = -R_0(\lambda_0) V B_1$$

$$B_1 \Psi = -R_0(\lambda_0) (\underbrace{V B_1 \Psi}_{\text{in } L^2})$$

so B, Ψ outgoing solution.

Where are the resonances?

Consider now real-valued V

*Prop: If λ is resonance and $\operatorname{Im} \lambda > 0$, λ is eigenvalue and $\lambda = ir$ for $r \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof: We have for x large

$$u(x) = a_{\pm} e^{\pm i \lambda x} \\ \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

so λ is eigenvalue.

As $P_v = D_x^2 + V$, is self-adjoint, if $\lambda^2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\Rightarrow \lambda = ir$

*Prop: There are no resonances in $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

Proof: If $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ were resonance, would have outgoing u with

$$(P_v - \lambda^2)u = 0 \quad (P_v - \lambda^2)\bar{u} = 0$$

$$\text{Wronskian } W(u, \bar{u}) = u\bar{u}' - u'\bar{u}$$

$$\partial_x W(u, \bar{u}) = u\bar{u}'' - u''\bar{u} \\ = 0 \quad \Rightarrow W \text{ constant.}$$

But for $| \pm x | \gg 1$:

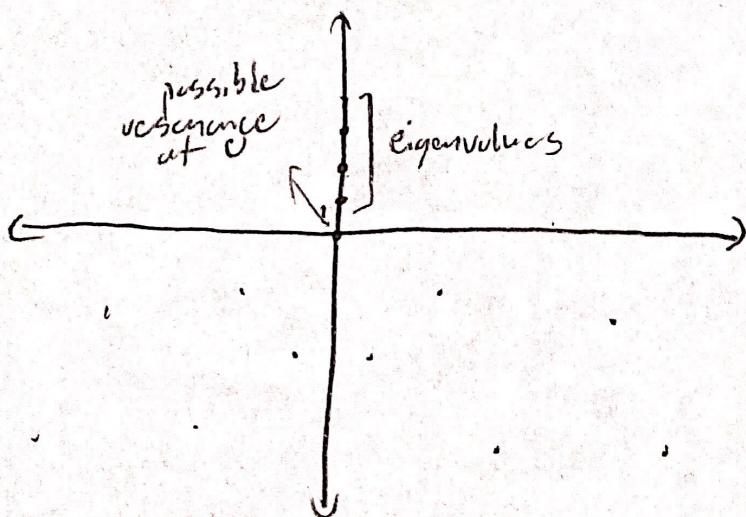
$$u(x) = a_{\pm} e^{\pm i \lambda x} \quad \bar{u}(x) = \bar{a}_{\pm} e^{\mp i \lambda x}$$

$$W(u, \bar{u}) = |a_{\pm}|^2 (-2i\lambda)$$

Gives $|a_{+}|^2 (-2i\lambda) = |a_{-}|^2 (2i\lambda) \Rightarrow |a_{+}|^2 + |a_{-}|^2 = 0$, so not a resonant state.

II

Picture



Don't know anything yet!