

Recall: A regular Sturm-Liouville eigenvalue problem is an ODE. (assume  $p(x) > 0$ ,  $\sigma(x) > 0$ )

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

$$BCs: \begin{cases} \alpha_1 \phi(a) + \beta_1 \phi'(a) = 0 \\ \alpha_2 \phi(b) + \beta_2 \phi'(b) = 0 \end{cases} \quad x \in [a, b]. \quad \dots$$

Soon: An important theorem.  
(Existence, orthogonality)

Q: Are all eigen-values positive for

$$\begin{cases} \phi'' + \lambda\phi = 0 \\ \phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0 \end{cases} ?$$

Try to prove it by integration by parts.

Idea: Multiply both sides by  $\phi$   
and integrate.

$$\phi'' \cdot \phi + \lambda \phi^2 = 0.$$

$$\int_0^L (\phi'' \cdot \phi + \lambda \phi^2) dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^L \overset{g' f.}{\phi'' \cdot \phi} dx + \lambda \int_0^L \phi^2 dx = 0.$$

Integration by parts.

$$- \int_0^L \phi' \cdot \phi' dx + \boxed{\phi \cdot \phi' \Big|_0^L}$$

$$+ \lambda \int_0^L \phi^2 dx = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 dx} \geq 0 \text{ Rayleigh quotient}$$

$$\lambda = 0? \quad \phi' = 0 \Rightarrow \phi = \text{constant}$$

$$\phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0 \Rightarrow \phi = 0.$$

Formula above solving  $\lambda$  in terms of  $\phi$   
is called Rayleigh quotient

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Same idea works for more complicated  
SL eval problems.

Ex: show  $\lambda$  is positive for:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dx}(x^{2019} \phi') + \lambda e^x \phi(x) = 0 \\ \phi(1) = 0, \phi'(2) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

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$$1 \leq x \leq 2$$



Multiply both sides by  $\phi$ , integrate.

$$\phi (x^{2019} \phi')' + \lambda e^x \phi^2 = 0.$$

$$\int_1^2 \phi \cdot (x^{2019} \phi')' + \lambda e^x \phi^2 = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_1^2 \phi' x^{2019} \phi' + \phi \cdot x^{2019} \phi' \Big|_1^2 \\ & + \lambda \int_1^2 e^x \phi^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\int_1^2 x^{2019} (\phi')^2}{\int_1^2 e^x \phi^2} \rightarrow \text{Rayleigh quotient.}$$

$$\lambda = 0? \quad \phi' = 0, \quad \phi = \text{constant}$$
$$\phi = 0.$$

Rmk: It is possible to have negative  $\lambda$  if we have  $q(x) \neq 0$  form

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Thm: For regular S-L eval. problem,

(1) All  $\lambda$  are real

(2) There are infinitely many eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots < \lambda_n < \dots$$

$$\lambda_n \rightarrow +\infty$$

(3) Each eigenvalue is simple  
i.e. has 1-dimensional eigenspace,  
spanned by eigenfunction  $\phi_n$ .

which has exactly  $(n-1)$  zeros  
on  $(a, b)$ .

(4). The set  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty}$  is a complete orthogonal set for piecewise smooth functions  $f(x)$ , with respect to

$$f(x) \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n \phi_n(x)$$

if  $m \neq n$ ,

inner product  
with weight  
 $\sigma(x)$

$$\langle \phi_n(x), \phi_m(x) \rangle_{\sigma} = \int_a^b \phi_n \cdot \phi_m \sigma \, dx = 0.$$

(5) The Rayleigh quotient relates

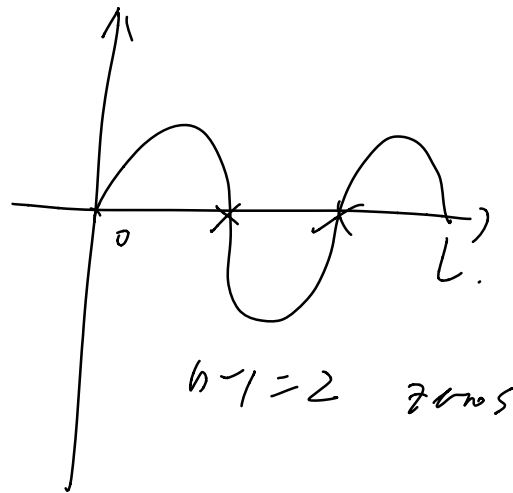
$\lambda$  to its eigenfunction  $\phi$ :

$$\lambda = \frac{[-p \phi \phi']_a^b + \int_a^b p |\phi'|^2 - q \phi^2}{\int_a^b \phi^2 \sigma \, dx}.$$

Example: 
$$\begin{cases} \phi'' + \lambda \phi = 0. \\ \phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad \phi_n = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}.$$

$$n=3, \quad \sin \frac{3\pi x}{L}$$



$$f(x) = \sum a_n \phi_n.$$

$$a_n = \frac{\langle f(x), \phi_n \rangle_\sigma}{\langle \phi_n, \phi_n \rangle_\sigma}$$

$$= \frac{\int_a^b f(x) \cdot \phi_n \sigma dx}{\int_a^b (\phi_n)^2 \sigma dx}.$$

Ex:

Solve heat equation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e^x u_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^{2019} u_x) \\ u(1, t) = u(2, t) = 0 \quad \text{BCs.} \\ u(x, t) = \phi(x) G(t). \end{array} \right.$$

$$G'(t) = -\lambda G(t)$$

$$\left( x^{2019} \phi' \right)' + \lambda e^x \phi = 0.$$

$$\phi(1) = \phi(2) = 0.$$

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \phi_n(x) e^{-\lambda_n t}.$$

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

$$a_n = \frac{\int_1^2 f(x) \cdot \phi_n e^x dx}{\int_1^2 \phi_n^2 e^x dx} \quad (\phi_n = e^{\lambda_n x})$$



Ex: Write the ODE in S-L form:

$$x^2 \phi'' + 3x \phi' + \lambda \phi = 0.$$

$$\phi'' + \frac{3}{x} \phi' + \frac{\lambda}{x^2} \phi = 0$$

Use integrating factor

$$e^{\int \frac{3}{x} dx} = e^{3 \ln x} = x^3$$

$$x^3 \phi'' + 3x^2 \phi' + \lambda \cdot x \phi = 0.$$

$$(x^3 \phi')' + \lambda x \phi = 0.$$

$$p(x) = x^3, \quad q(x) = 0, \quad \sigma(x) = x.$$