

§1.3

#1  $X'' + \lambda X = 0, X(0) = X(L) = 0.$

Case 1:  $\lambda < 0$  ( $\lambda = -\sigma^2$ ):  $X'' - \sigma^2 X = 0$  ( $r^2 - \sigma^2 = 0, r = \pm\sigma$ )  
 ( $\sigma > 0$ )  $X(x) = c_1 e^{\sigma x} + c_2 e^{-\sigma x}$   
 ( $X'(x) = c_1 \sigma e^{\sigma x} - c_2 \sigma e^{-\sigma x}$ )

$X(0) = c_1 + c_2 = 0$        $X'(L) = c_1 \sigma e^{\sigma L} - c_2 \sigma e^{-\sigma L} = 0$   
 $c_2 = -c_1$        $\Rightarrow c_1 \sigma (e^{\sigma L} + e^{-\sigma L}) = 0$   
 $\therefore \sigma = 0$  - but  $\sigma > 0$ .  
 so no nontrivial solutions.

Case 2:  $\lambda = 0$  :  $X'' = 0$  ( $r^2 = 0, r = \pm 0$ )

$X(x) = c_1 x + c_2$   
 ( $X'(x) = c_1$ )

$X(0) = c_2 = 0$        $X'(L) = c_1 = 0$   $\therefore$  no nontrivial solutions for  $\lambda = 0$

Case 3:  $\lambda > 0$  ( $\lambda = +\sigma^2$ ):  $X'' + \sigma^2 X = 0$  ( $r^2 + \sigma^2 = 0, r = \pm i\sigma$ )  
 ( $\sigma > 0$ )  $X(x) = c_1 \cos(\sigma x) + c_2 \sin(\sigma x)$

( $X'(x) = -c_1 \sigma \sin(\sigma x) + c_2 \sigma \cos(\sigma x)$ )

$X(0) = c_1 = 0$        $X'(L) = -c_1 \sigma \sin(\sigma L) + c_2 \sigma \cos(\sigma L) = c_2 \sigma \cos(\sigma L) = 0$

To get nontrivial sol'n, choose  $\sigma > 0$  so that  $\cos(\sigma L) = 0$ ,  
 that is  $\sigma L = (2k-1)\frac{\pi}{2}$  for  $k=1, 2, \dots$

so  $\sigma = \frac{(2k-1)\pi}{2L}$

Eigenvalues  $\lambda_k = + \left( \frac{2k-1}{2} \frac{\pi}{L} \right)^2$

Eigenfunctions:  $X_k = \sin\left(\frac{2k-1}{2} x\right)$

Ex 4.  $X'' + \lambda X = 0, X(0) = 0, X(L) + 2X'(L) = 0.$

Case 1:  $\lambda < 0 (\lambda = -\sigma^2) : X'' - \sigma^2 X = 0$   
 $(\sigma > 0) \quad X(x) = c_1 e^{\sigma x} + c_2 e^{-\sigma x}$   
 $X'(x) = c_1 \sigma e^{\sigma x} - c_2 \sigma e^{-\sigma x}$   
 $X(0) = 0 : c_1 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = -c_1$   
 $X(L) + 2X'(L) = 0 : 0 = c_1 e^{\sigma L} - c_1 e^{-\sigma L} + 2(c_1 \sigma e^{\sigma L} + c_2 \sigma e^{-\sigma L})$   
 $= c_1 \left( (1+2\sigma) e^{\sigma L} + (-1+2\sigma) e^{-\sigma L} \right)$

if  $c_1 \neq 0$ , then  $(1+2\sigma) e^{\sigma L} = (1-2\sigma) e^{-\sigma L}$   
 but not that the LHS is greater than 1 ( $1+2\sigma > 1, e^{\sigma L} > 1$ )  
 while the RHS is less than 1 ( $1-2\sigma < 1, e^{-\sigma L} < 1$ ).

Bottom line: there are no nontrivial solutions with  $\lambda < 0$ .

Case 2:  $\lambda = 0 : X'' = 0 : X(x) = c_1 x + c_2 \quad (X'(x) = c_1)$   
 $X(0) = 0 : c_2 = 0$   
 $X(L) + 2X'(L) = 0 : 0 = (c_1 L + c_2) + 2c_1 = (L+2)c_1 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$  (because  $L > 0$ ).  
 Again, no nontrivial solutions.

Case 3:  $\lambda > 0 (\lambda = \sigma^2) : X'' + \sigma^2 X = 0 : X(x) = c_1 \cos(\sigma x) + c_2 \sin(\sigma x)$   
 $(\sigma > 0) \quad (X'(x) = -c_1 \sigma \sin(\sigma x) + c_2 \sigma \cos(\sigma x))$   
 $X(0) = 0 : \underline{0 = c_1}$  (so  $X(x) = c_2 \sin \sigma x, X'(x) = c_2 \sigma \cos(\sigma x)$ )  
 $X(L) + 2X'(L) = 0 : 0 = c_2 \sin(\sigma L) + 2c_2 \sigma \cos(\sigma L)$   
 $= c_2 (\sin(\sigma L) + 2\sigma \cos(\sigma L)).$

Notice that  $\sin(\sigma L) + 2\sigma \cos(\sigma L) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sin(\sigma L) = -2\sigma \cos(\sigma L)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \tan(\sigma L) = -2\sigma.$

Now, there are an  $\infty$  of values of  $\sigma$  for which  $\tan(\sigma L) = -2\sigma$ .

but we can't write them down explicitly.

For each of these values of  $\sigma, \sigma_n$ , there is a corresponding eigenfunction is  $(\lambda_n = \sigma_n^2)$

$X_n(x) = \sin(\sigma_n x).$

