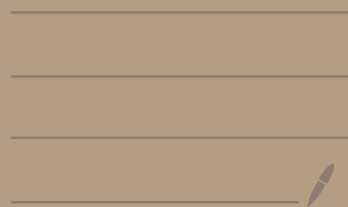
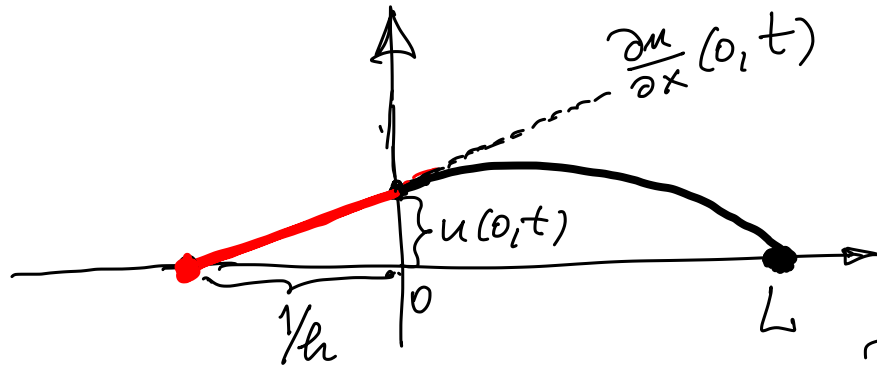


# Solving a Sturm-Liouville Problem





① Separate variables

$$u(x,t) = A(x)B(t)$$

$$A(x)B''(t) = c^2 A''(x)B(t)$$

$$\frac{B''(t)}{c^2 B(t)} = \frac{A''(x)}{A(x)} = -\lambda$$

$$B''(t) = -\lambda c^2 B(t)$$

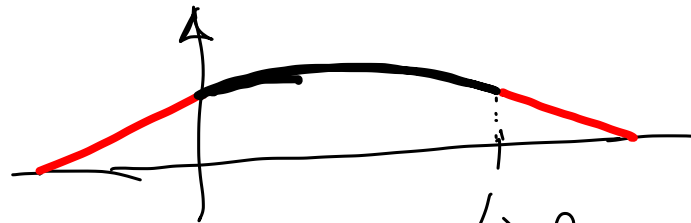
BCs

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,t) = \frac{u(0,t)}{1/2l}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,t) - h u(0,t) &= 0 \\ u(L,t) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

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IC:  $u(x,0) = f(x)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = g(x)$$

$$0 \leq x \leq L$$

The Sturm-Liouville Eigenvalue Problem is

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

BCs  $A'(0) - hA(0) = 0$   
 $A(L) = 0$

$$-y''(x) = \lambda y(x) \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

BCs  $y'(0) - h y(0) = 0$   
 $y(L) = 0$   $L > 0$

Solve this eigenvalue problem!

Case 1  $\lambda > 0$  my style  $\lambda = \mu^2, \mu > 0$

The Fundamental Solution of  $y'' + \mu^2 y = 0$  is

(all sols)

$$y(x) = C_1 c(\mu x) + C_2 s(\mu x)$$

We seek  $\mu$ -s for which  $\exists$  nonzero  $y$  which satisfies BCs. So, substitute  $y$  into BCs

and look for a nontrivial sol for  $C_1$  &  $C_2$

$$y'(x) = -\mu C_1 s(\mu x) + \mu C_2 c(\mu x)$$

Now BCs  $\mu C_2 - h C_1 = 0$

$$C_1 c(\mu L) + C_2 s(\mu L) = 0$$

Math 204: Linear system in  $C_1$  &  $C_2$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} -h & \mu \\ c(\mu L) & s(\mu L) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous  
system

has nontrivial sol.  $\Leftrightarrow \det = 0$

$$-h \sin(\mu L) - \mu c(\mu L) = 0 \quad / \quad \div \cos(\mu L) \neq 0$$

Assume  $h \neq 0$

$$-\mu = h \tan(\mu L) \quad / \quad * L > 0$$

do not lose any sols for  $\mu$

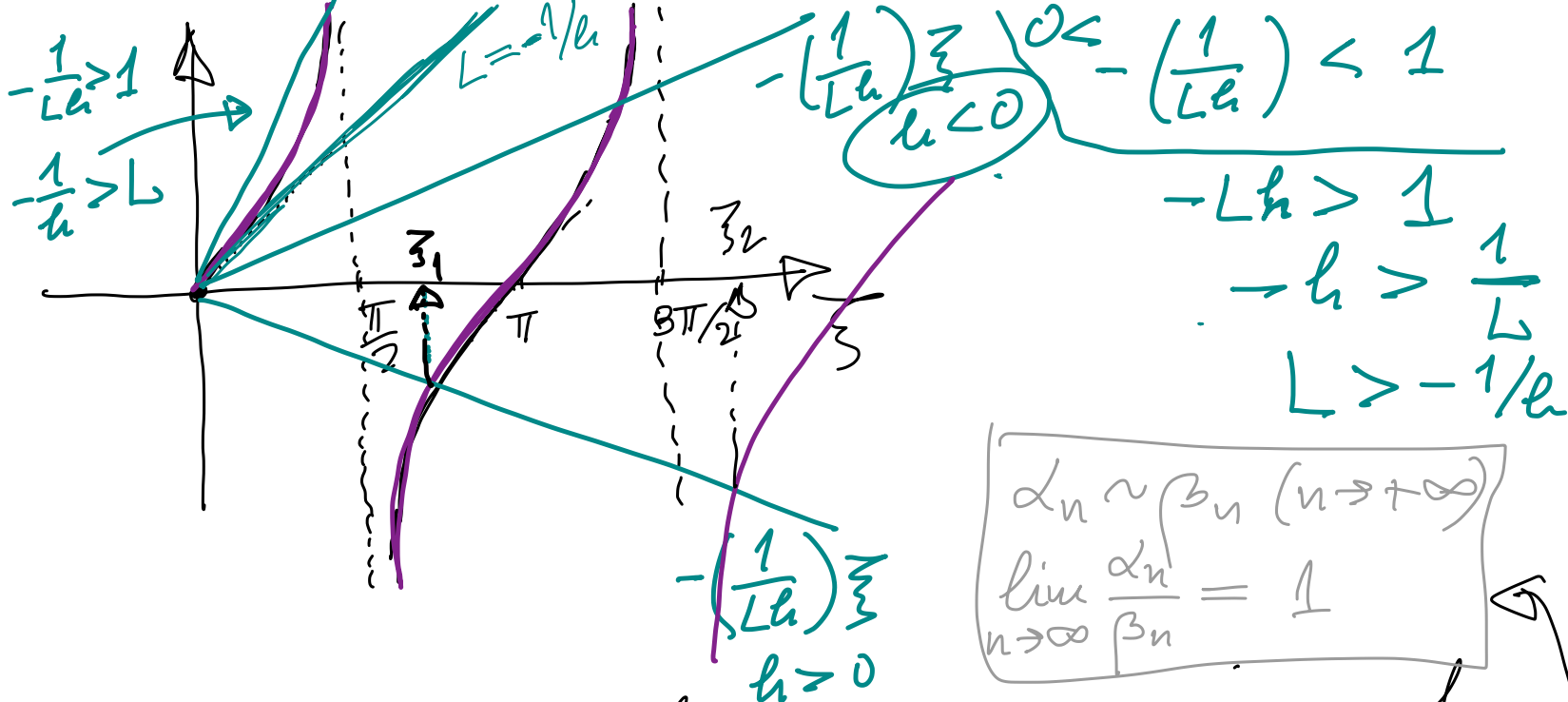
$$-\mu L = L h \tan(\mu L) \quad / \quad \div L h$$

$$L > 0 \quad \mu > 0$$

$$-\left(\frac{1}{Lh}\right) \mu L = \tan(\mu L)$$

green number  
 $h \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$   
 slope of  $\tan$

$$\mu > 0$$



We can visualize a sequence of solutions  $0 < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \xi_3 < \dots < \xi_n < \dots$   
 $h > 0$   
 $\xi_k \in \left( (2k-1)\frac{\pi}{2}, (2k+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \right)$  &  $\xi_k \sim \frac{(2k-1)\pi}{2}$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$

We obtain a sequence of  $\mu_s$

$$\mu_k = \frac{\lambda_k}{L}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$$

For these  $\mu$ -s we have nontrivial  
sol. for  $C_1$  &  $C_2$ . There are  
many sols for  $C_1$  &  $C_2$ . We choose

$$C_1 = \mu \quad C_2 = h$$

So, ~~the~~  
an eigenfunction is:

$$y_k(x) = \mu_k c(\mu_k x) + h_2 s(\mu_k x)$$

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Check:  $\int_0^L y_k(x) y_m(x) dx = 0$

(by hand this is a chore, but Mathematica can)

$k \neq m$

Case 2  $\lambda = 0$

The fund sol.  $y(x) = C_1 + C_2 x$



$$y'(x) = C_2$$

BCs

$$C_2 - hC_1 = 0$$

$$C_1 + C_2L = 0$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{c|c} 1 & -h \\ 1 & L \end{array} \right| = L + h = 0$$

So  $\lambda = 0$  is an e-value  
 $\Leftrightarrow h = -L < 0$

Case 3 Neg.  $\lambda < 0$

$$\lambda = -\mu^2$$

The Fund Sol is:

$$y(x) = C_1 \operatorname{ch}(\mu x) + C_2 \operatorname{sh}(\mu x)$$

$$y'(x) = \mu C_2 \operatorname{sh}(\mu x) + \mu C_1 \operatorname{ch}(\mu x)$$

$$y(0) = C_1 \quad y'(0) = \mu C_2$$

BCs are:  $\mu C_2 - h C_1 = 0$   
 $C_1 \cosh(\mu L) + C_2 \sinh(\mu L) = 0$

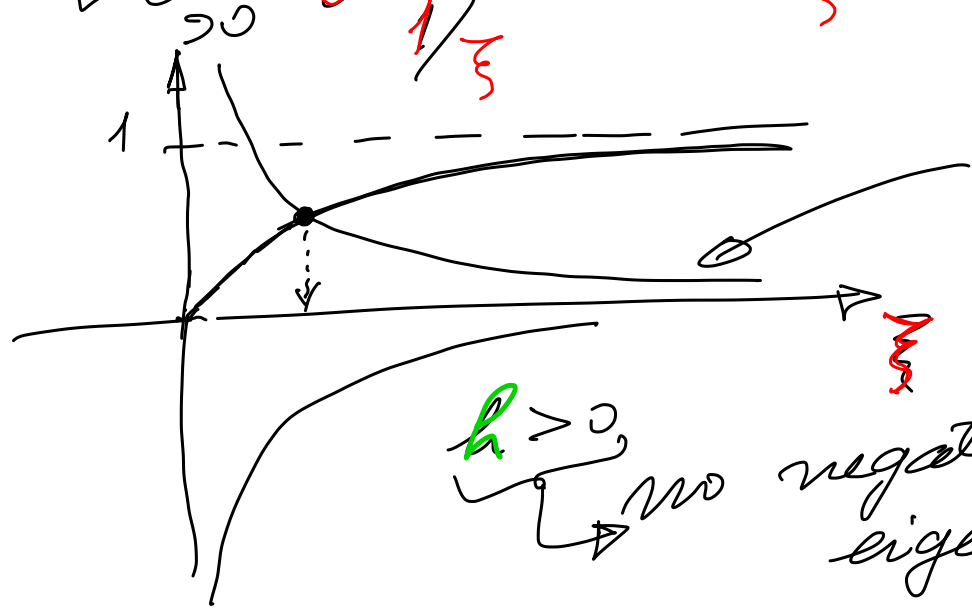
$$\det \begin{vmatrix} \mu & -h \\ \cosh(\mu L) & \sinh(\mu L) \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= \mu \sinh(\mu L) + h \cosh(\mu L) = 0$$

$$\mu \tanh(\mu L) + h = 0, \dots$$

$$-\frac{h}{\mu} = \tanh(\mu L)$$

$$\underbrace{\left(-\frac{hL}{\mu L}\right)}_{>0} \frac{1}{\frac{\mu L}{L}} = \tanh(\mu L)$$



$-hL > 0$   
 $h < 0$  } one negative eigenvalue

$h > 0$  } no negative eigenvalues