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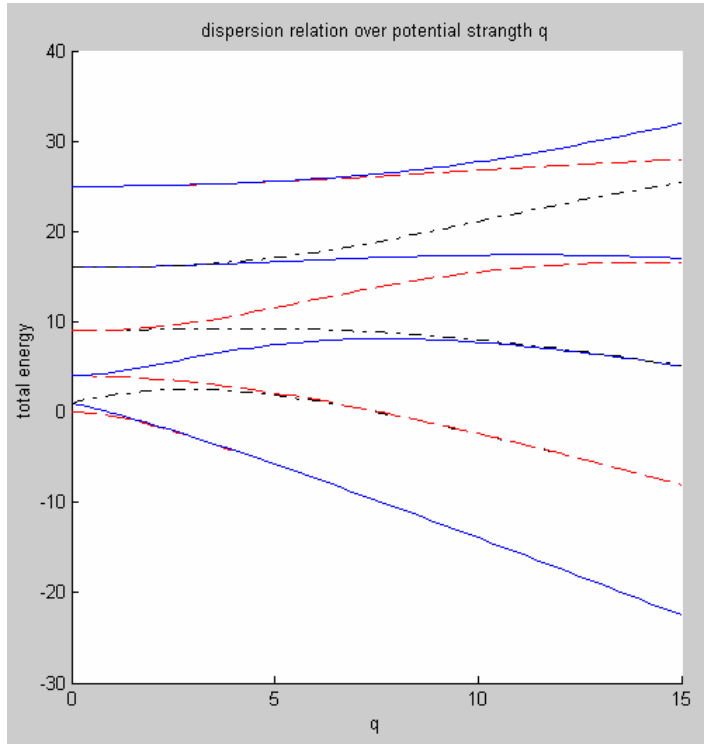


Figure 1: the first 11 eigenvalues of Mathieu equation.

### Conclusion:

- (1) We can regard potential  $V_q(x) = 2q \cos(2x)$  is a perturbation of kinetic operator  $-\Delta$ , we know eigen-pair of  $-u_{xx} = \lambda u$  with periodic B.C. is  $\lambda_k = k^2$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and eigenvector  $\{1, \cos kx, \sin kx\}$ , this system has degeneracy for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , say  $\cos kx$  and  $\sin kx$  have the same energy since combination of both corresponds to forward wave  $e^{ikx}$  and backward wave  $e^{-ikx}$ . From Figure 1, it is clear that eigen-value locates at  $\lambda_k = k^2$  for  $q = 0$  but when  $q > 0$ , the degeneracy is broken, or say splitting of eigen-value.
- (2) If we characterize curve  $\lambda_k(q)$  as eigen-value of  $k$ -th order, then can we estimate the slope of  $\frac{d}{dq} \lambda_k(0)$ , for example, from Figure 1,  $\frac{d}{dq} \lambda_1(0) < 0$  (corresponds to  $u_1(0, x) = \cos x$ ) and  $\frac{d}{dq} \lambda_2(0) > 0$  (corresponds to  $u_1(0, x) = \sin x$ ).

From Feymann theorem (see appendix A), let  $H(q) = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 2q \cos(2x)$ , then

$\frac{d}{dq} H(q) = 2 \cos(2x)$ , we have

- (1)  $\frac{d}{dq} \lambda_0(0) = \langle 1 | \frac{dH(0)}{dq} | 1 \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} 2 \cos(2x) dx = 0$
- (2)  $\frac{d}{dq} \lambda_1(0) = \langle \sin x | \frac{dH(0)}{dq} | \sin x \rangle = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ , corresponding to blue line
- (3)  $\frac{d}{dq} \lambda_2(0) = \langle \cos x | \frac{dH(0)}{dq} | \cos x \rangle = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , corresponding to black dashed line.

(4)  $\langle \cos kx | \frac{dH(0)}{dq} | \cos kx \rangle = 0$  and  $\langle \sin kx | \frac{dH(0)}{dq} | \sin kx \rangle = 0$  for  $k > 1$ , hence the slope of other  $\frac{d}{dq} \lambda_k(0) = 0$ .

**Question 1:** Can we distinguish the curve corresponds to  $\cos kx$  or  $\sin kx$ ?

<Ans> if we apply Feymann thorem again, we have

$$\frac{d^2}{d\lambda^2} E(\lambda) = \langle \psi(\lambda) | \frac{d^2}{d\lambda^2} H(\lambda) | \psi(\lambda) \rangle + \left\langle \frac{d}{d\lambda} \psi(\lambda) \left| \frac{d}{d\lambda} H(\lambda) \right| \psi(\lambda) \right\rangle + \left\langle \psi(\lambda) \left| \frac{d}{d\lambda} H(\lambda) \right| \frac{d}{d\lambda} \psi(\lambda) \right\rangle$$

In our problem  $\frac{d^2}{dq^2} \lambda_k(0) = 2 \langle \psi_k(0) | \frac{dH}{dq} \left| \frac{d}{dq} \psi_k(0) \right\rangle$ , however we don't know  $\frac{d}{dq} \psi_k(0)$ , so

we cannot estimate  $\frac{d^2}{dq^2} \lambda_k(0)$ .

If we use perturbation theorem (for non-degenerate version, in fact this version is not adequate for this problem since  $H_0 = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  is degenerated), then  $\Delta_n^{(2)} = \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{|V_{nk}|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}}$ , first we consider

$$n = 2 \text{ and } |2^{(0)}\rangle = \cos 2x, \text{ then } V_{20} = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(2x) \cos(2x) dx = \pi$$

$$V_{2k} = \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos kx \\ \sin kx \end{Bmatrix} \cos(2x) \cos(2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos kx \\ \sin kx \end{Bmatrix} \cos(4x) dx, \text{ then}$$

$$V_{24}, \cos 4x = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2(4x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } V_{2k} = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

$$\Delta_2^{(2)}, \cos 2x = \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{|V_{nk}|^2}{E_2^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}} = \frac{|V_{20}|^2}{2^2 - 0^2} + \frac{|V_{24}|^2}{2^2 - 4^2} = \frac{11}{48} \pi^2 > 0.$$

Similarly for  $|2^{(0)}\rangle = \sin 2x$ , we have

$$V_{2k} = \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos kx \\ \sin kx \end{Bmatrix} \cos(2x) \sin(2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos kx \\ \sin kx \end{Bmatrix} \sin(4x) dx, \text{ then } V_{24}, \sin 4x = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$V_{2k} = 0 \text{ otherwise. } \Delta_2^{(2)}, \sin 2x = -\frac{\pi^2}{48} < 0.$$

Hence we know curve of even function  $|2^{(0)}\rangle = \cos 2x$  is increasing and curve of odd function  $|2^{(0)}\rangle = \sin 2x$  is decreasing.

However for  $n > 2$ , we have

$$V_{nk}, \cos(nx) = \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos kx \\ \sin kx \end{Bmatrix} \cos(2x) \cos(nx) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos kx \\ \sin kx \end{Bmatrix} [\cos((n+2)x) + \cos((n-2)x)] dx = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2}, & k = n+2, k = n-2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$V_{nk}, \sin(nx) = \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos kx \\ \sin kx \end{Bmatrix} \cos(2x) \sin(nx) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos kx \\ \sin kx \end{Bmatrix} [\sin((n+2)x) + \sin((n-2)x)] dx = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2}, & k = n+2, k = n-2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta_n^{(2)} = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n^2 - (n-2)^2} + \frac{1}{n^2 - (n+2)^2} \right) = \frac{2\pi^2}{(4n-4)(4n+4)} > 0, \text{ we only know both curves of}$$

$|n^{(0)}\rangle = \cos nx$  and  $|n^{(0)}\rangle = \sin nx$  are increasing locally but we cannot distinguish which is higher one.

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Next we explicit calculate eigenmodes

Let  $u = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nx$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2x)u &= a_0 \cos(2x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) \cos(2x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx) \cos(2x) \\ &= a_0 \cos(2x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{2} [\cos((n+2)x) + \cos((n-2)x)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{2} [\sin((n+2)x) + \sin((n-2)x)] \\ &= \frac{a_2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_3) \cos x + \left( a_0 + \frac{a_4}{2} \right) \cos(2x) + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2}(a_{n-2} + a_{n+2}) \cos(nx) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(-b_1 + b_3) \sin x + \frac{b_4}{2} \sin(2x) + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2}(b_{n-2} + b_{n+2}) \sin(nx) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute into  $-u_{xx} + 2q \cos(2x)u = \lambda u$ , we have

$$\text{(Eq. 7)} \quad \begin{cases} qa_2 = \lambda a_0 \\ 1^2 a_1 + q(a_1 + a_3) = \lambda a_1 \\ 2^2 a_2 + q(2a_0 + a_4) = \lambda a_2 \\ n^2 a_n + q(a_{n-2} + a_{n+2}) = \lambda a_n \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} 1^2 b_1 + q(-b_1 + b_3) = \lambda b_1 \\ 2^2 b_2 + qb_4 = \lambda b_2 \\ n^2 b_n + q(b_{n-2} + b_{n+2}) = \lambda b_n \end{cases}$$

If we set  $\bar{a} = (a_0 | a_1 | a_2 | \dots | a_n | \dots)$  and  $\bar{b} = (b_0 | b_1 | b_2 | \dots | b_n | \dots)$ , then we can abbreviate

(Eq. 7) as  $\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & \\ & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ , say system is decompose into modes of even function (related

to  $\bar{a}$ , i.e.  $\cos nx$ ) and modes of odd function (related to  $\bar{b}$ , i.e.  $\sin nx$ ). Moreover if we look at (Eq. 7) carefully, it is not difficult to find further decomposition

$$\begin{cases} qa_2 = \lambda a_0 \\ 2^2 a_2 + q(2a_0 + a_4) = \lambda a_2 \\ (2k)^2 a_{2k} + q(a_{2k-2} + a_{2k+2}) = \lambda a_{2k} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} 1^2 a_1 + q(a_1 + a_3) = \lambda a_1 \\ (2k+1)^2 a_{2k+1} + q(a_{2k-1} + a_{2k+3}) = \lambda a_{2k+1} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 1^2 b_1 + q(-b_1 + b_3) = \lambda b_1 \\ (2k+1)^2 b_{2k+1} + q(b_{2k-1} + b_{2k+3}) = \lambda b_{2k+1} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} 2^2 b_2 + q b_4 = \lambda b_2 \\ (2k)^2 b_{2k} + q(b_{2k-2} + b_{2k+2}) = \lambda b_{2k} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 1:** such sub-decomposition holds even in truncated matrix. For example, if we denote

kinetic operator  $Ku = -\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2}$  and potential operator  $Vu = 2 \cos(2x)u$ , then for  $N = 4$ ,

$$K_a = \text{diag}(0, 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2), \quad K_b = \text{diag}(1^2, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2),$$

$$V_a = \begin{pmatrix} & & 1 & & \\ & 1 & & 1 & \\ 2 & & & & 1 \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V_b = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & & \\ & 1 & & & \\ & & & & \\ 1 & & & & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and then} \quad \begin{cases} (K_a + qV_a)a = \lambda a \\ (K_b + qV_b)b = \lambda b \end{cases}$$

**Question 2:** It is easy to show that  $(K_b + qV_b)$  is symmetric but  $(K_a + qV_a)$  is not symmetric, we know eigenvalue of  $(K_b + qV_b)$  is real, can you show me that eigenvalue of  $(K_a + qV_a)$  also real?

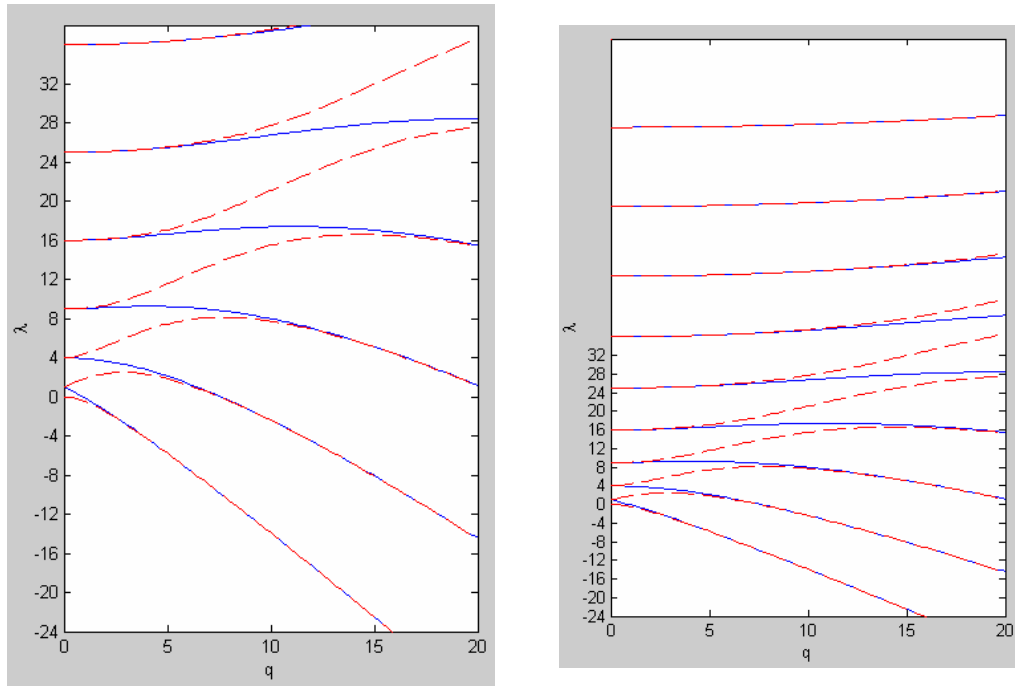


Figure 2: eigenmodes of (Eq. 7), red color is even function and blue color is odd function. This figure is the same as Figure 1. For high oscillatory modes, its kinetic energy dominant the system,  $\cos kx$  and  $\sin kx$  are also near eigenmodes, as seen in right panel, we may called them scattering mode.

**Table 1:** choose  $N = 4$ ,  $\lambda_k(a)$  denotes eigenvalue computed by  $(K_a + qV_a)$  and  $\lambda_k(b)$  denotes eigenvalue computed by  $(K_b + qV_b)$ . This table shows  
(1) sub-decomposition is correct.

(2) Large  $q$  deviate  $\cos kx$  or  $\sin kx$  to its neighbor

(3) Splitting of degenerate eigenmodes at  $q = 0$

	0	1	2	3	4
$q = 0.1, \lambda_k(a)$	-0.0050	4.0042	16.0008	9.0013	1.0987
$q = 0.1$ $u_k = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_4)$	0.9988 0 -0.0499 0 0.0003	0 -0.9999 0 0.0127 0	-0.0250 0 -0.9997 0 0.0083	0 0.0127 0 0.9999 0	0.0001 0 0.0083 0 1.0000
$q = 15, \lambda_k(a)$	-22.1808	10.1268	32.0540	-2.9029	27.9029
$q = 15$ $u_k = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_4)$	0.5327 0 -0.7877 0 0.3095	0 0.6216 0 -0.7833 0	-0.4752 0 -0.3208 0 0.8193	0 0.7833 0 0.6216 0	0.3235 0 0.6914 0 0.6460
$q = 0.1, \lambda_k(b)$		0.8988	3.9992	9.0012	16.0008
$q = 0.1$ $u_k = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_4)$		-0.9999 0 0.0123 0	0 1.0000 0 -0.0083	-0.0123 0 -0.9999 0	0 0.0083 0 1.0000
$q = 15, \lambda_k(b)$		-21.4011	-6.1555	16.4011	26.1555
$q = 15$ $u_k = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_4)$		-0.8968 0 0.4425 0	0 0.8281 0 -0.5606	0.4425 0 0.8968 0	0 0.5606 0 0.8281

Choose  $N = 42$ , and  $q = 15$ , we plot first 4 eigenmode in even configuration  $(K_a + qV_a)a = \lambda a$  and odd configuration  $(K_b + qV_b)b = \lambda b$  in frequency space and also in physical space. In Figure 4, support of dominant frequency components only locates near neighbor and the root of eigenmode is 0, 2, 4, 6 in order. In Figure 5, support of dominant frequency components only locates near neighbor also and the root of eigenmode is 1, 3, 5, 7 in order.

	0	1	2	3	4
$q = 15, \lambda_k(a)$	-22.5130	-8.1011	5.0780	16.5874	25.3751
$q = 15, \lambda_k(b)$		-22.5130	-8.0993	5.1166	17.0373

**Observation 1:** even eigenmode  $u_{k,even}(\pi) \sim 0$  (odd eigenmode is odd symmetric with respect to  $x = \pi$ , so  $u_{k,odd}(\pi) = 0$ ), when eigenvalue  $\lambda_k < \max V = 2q = 30$ , why?

From Figure 3, the first 4 eigenvalue is smaller than  $\max V$ , but we know  $\langle E \rangle = \langle T \rangle + \langle V \rangle$  for

average  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  over any domain where  $\langle T \rangle = \langle u_k | \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right) | u_k \rangle$  is kinetic energy and

$\langle V \rangle = \langle u_k | 2q \cos 2x | u_k \rangle$  is potential energy, since  $\langle T \rangle > 0$ , we must have  $\lambda_k = \langle E \rangle > \langle V \rangle$ , but  $V$  attains maximum at  $x = \pi$  and then we must have  $u_k(\pi) \sim 0$  to guarantee

$$\lambda_k > \int_{\pi-\delta}^{\pi+\delta} V u_k^2 dx.$$

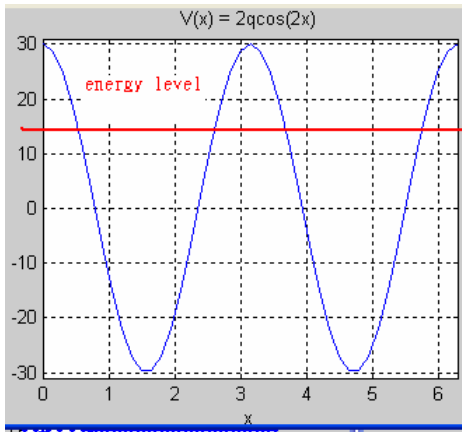


Figure 3: for first 4 eigenmode, eigenvalue (energy) is smaller than maximum of potential energy, so eigen-function must be near zero at midpoint where potential energy attains maximum.

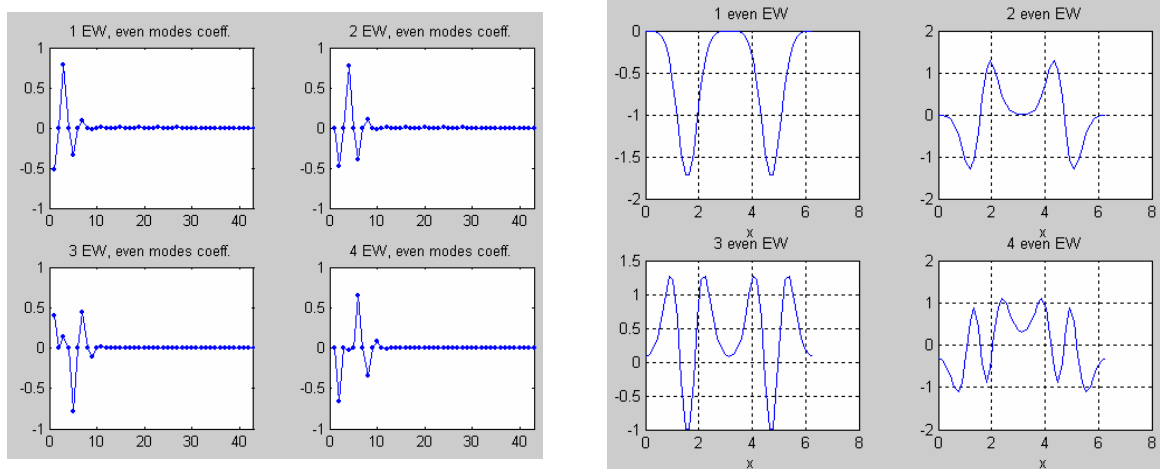


Figure 4: even eigenmode, left panel is eigenmode of combination of frequency space, right panel is eigenmode in physical space.

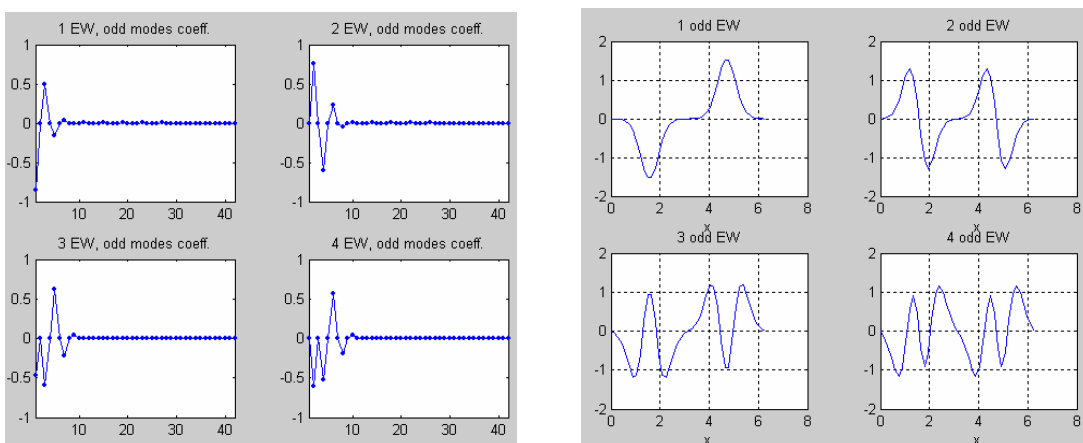
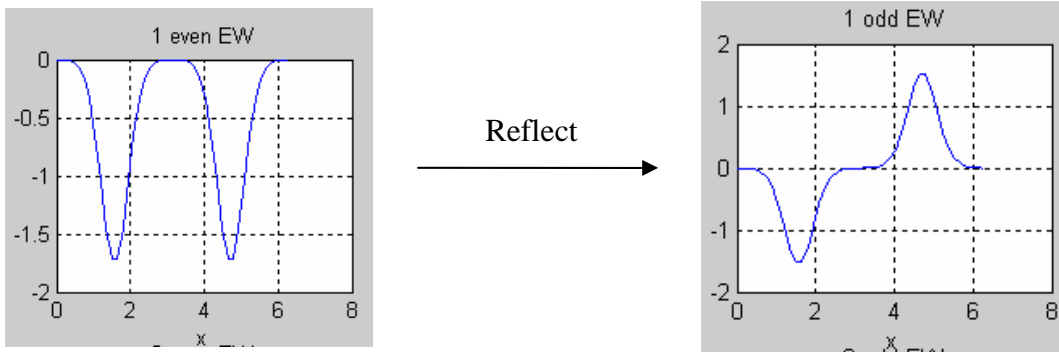


Figure 5: odd eigenmode, left panel is eigenmode of combination of frequency space, right panel is eigenmode in physical space.

**Observation 2:** if we reflect graph ( $x < \pi$ ) of first even eigenmode, then the graph is the same as first odd eigenmode. I think this is due to

- (1) sub-decomposition, say  $\{1, \cos(2kx)\}$  corresponding to  $\{\sin((2k+1)x)\}$  and  $\{\cos((2k+1)x)\}$  corresponding to  $\{\sin(2kx)\}$ .
- (2) When  $q \gg k^2$  for  $k$ : eigenmode, then potential dominants  $\lambda_k$  and
- (3) Nodal set matching, say “if we reflect  $\cos(2kx)$  about  $x = \pi$ , then we must have one more nodal point  $x = \pi$ , this would match  $\sin((2k+1)x)$ ”. Of course we need Sturm-Liouville theorem to make sure nodal set is increasing without jump.



**Example 2 (Airy function):** From [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airy\\_function](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airy_function)

In [mathematics](#), the **Airy function**  $Ai(x)$  is a [special function](#) named after the British astronomer [George Biddell Airy](#). The function  $Ai(x)$  and the related function  $Bi(x)$ , which is also called an Airy function, are solutions to the [differential equation](#)  $u_{xx} = xu$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  known as the Airy equation or the Stokes equation. This is the simplest second-order [linear differential equation](#) with a turning point (a point where the character of the solutions changes from oscillatory to exponential).

**Question 3:** Why Airy function is exponential decay for  $x > 0$  and oscillates at  $x < 0$ , like Figure 6?

<ans> Informally, we can relate  $u_{xx} = xu$  (Airy’s governing equation) to two kinds second order

$$\text{equation } (u_{xx} = xu) \sim \begin{cases} u_{xx} + k^2 u = 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ u_{xx} = k^2 u & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases} \sim \begin{cases} u \in \{\sin x, \cos x\} & \text{for } x < 0 \\ u \in \text{sp}\{e^x, e^{-x}\} & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}. \text{ However formally}$$

we require Sturm-Liouville comparison theorem.

$$\text{(Eq. 8) } Ai(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \cos\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + xt\right) dt$$

$$\text{(Eq. 9) } Bi(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \exp\left(-\frac{t^3}{3} + xt\right) + \sin\left(\frac{t^3}{3} + xt\right) dt$$

Asymptotic behavior for  $x \gg 1$

$$\text{(Eq. 10) } Ai(x) \sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} \exp\left(-\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2}\right) \text{ and } Ai(-x) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\text{(Eq. 11) } Bi(x) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} \exp\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2}\right) \text{ and } Bi(-x) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$



Further function value at tuning point  $x = 0$

$$(Eq. 12) \quad Ai(0) = \frac{1}{3^{2/3}\Gamma(2/3)}, \quad \frac{d}{dx}Ai(0) = \frac{1}{3^{1/3}\Gamma(1/3)}$$

$$(Eq. 13) \quad Bi(0) = \frac{1}{3^{1/6}\Gamma(2/3)}, \quad \frac{d}{dx}Bi(0) = \frac{3^{1/6}}{\Gamma(1/3)}$$

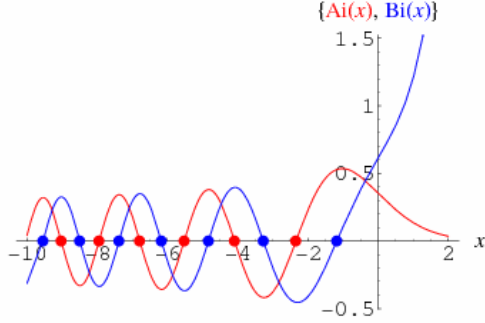


Figure 6: airy function  $Ai(x)$  is exponential decay for  $x > 0$  but has infinite number of oscillations that decay with algebraically in amplitude  $x^{-1/4}$  for  $x < 0$ .

**Table 2:** zero of Airy function from <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/AiryFunctionZeros.html>

root	1st	2nd	3th	4th	5th	6th
$Ai(x)$	-2.33811	-4.0875	-5.52056	-6.7867144	-7.94413	-9.02265
$Bi(x)$	-1.17371	-3.27109	-4.83074	-6.16985	-7.37676	-8.49195

If we want to use Chebyshev node to interpolate Airy function, then it has difficulty since domain of Airy function is  $x \in R$ , even we can truncate  $x > 0$  for  $x = L$  since Airy function decays exponentially for  $x > 0$ , however we cannot truncate  $x < 0$  for  $x = -L$  since Airy function is oscillates for  $x < 0$  and decay slowly about  $x^{-1/4}$ . Now if we sample  $x = -L$  is root of airy function and image  $Ai(L) \sim 0$ , then we can approximate Airy function by solving

$$(Eq. 14) \quad u_{xx} = xu, \quad u(L) = u(-L) = 0$$

The existence of solution of (Eq. 14) is equivalent to following:

Let  $x = Ly$ ,  $y \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $u(x) = U(y)$ , then (Eq. 14) is equivalent to

$$(Eq. 15) \quad U_{yy} = L^2 yU, \quad u(1) = u(-1) = 0$$

At first glance, (Eq. 15) is generalized eigenvalue problem  $Au = \lambda Bu$ , why? Let us discretize (Eq. 15) under Chebyshev node, then  $A = \tilde{D}_N^2$ ,  $B = \text{diag}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1})$ ,  $\lambda = L^3$ .

Let eigen-pair be  $\{\lambda_k, U_k\}$ , and  $u_k(x) = U_k(y)$ , define  $L_k = \lambda_k^{1/3}$ .

**Remark 2:** In fact,  $Ai(L) > 0$  and  $Bi(L) > 0$ , hence our eigen-function  $u_k$  is combination of

$Ai(x), Bi(x)$ , say  $u_k(x) = Ai(x) - \beta_k Bi(x)$  satisfying  $u_k(L_k) = 0$ . So  $\beta_k = \frac{Ai(L_k)}{Bi(L_k)}$ , in order

to estimate coefficient  $\beta_k$ , we use asymptotic estimate of  $Ai(x), Bi(x)$  (i.e (Eq. 10) and (Eq.

$$11)), \quad \frac{Ai(x)}{Bi(x)} \sim \frac{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} \exp\left(-\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2}\right)}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}x^{1/4}} \exp\left(\frac{2}{3}x^{3/2}\right)} \sim \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{4}{3}x^{3/2}\right), \quad \beta_k \sim \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\lambda_k}\right). \text{ Moreover since}$$

$u_k(-L_k) = 0$ , we have  $Ai(-L_k) = \beta_k Bi(-L_k)$ , from Figure 6, we know  $|Bi(x)| \leq |Bi(0)| \leq 0.5$ , hence  $|Ai(-L_k)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \beta_k$ . This means the value of  $\beta_k$  determine the accuracy of approximation to Airy function.

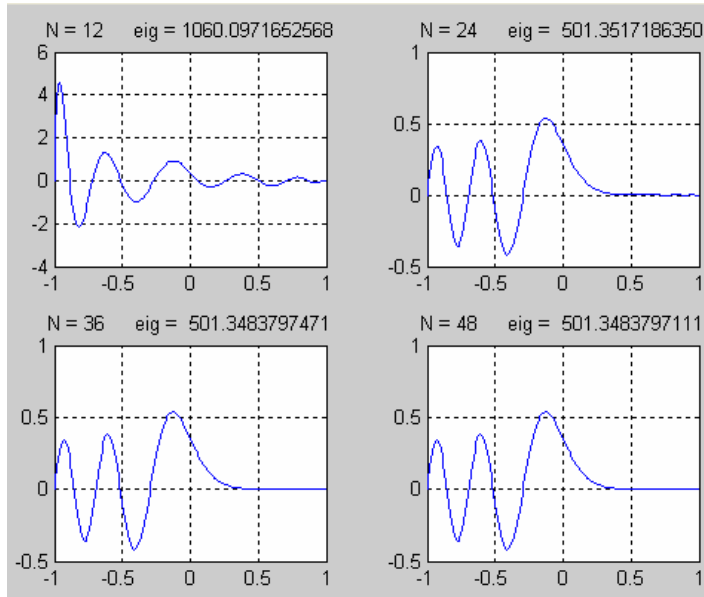


Figure 7: the more grids, the more accurate airy function is. When  $N = 12$ , the shape of eigen-function is far away from Airy function.

**Question 4:** If we don't scale eigen-function  $u_5$ , then  $u_5$  is multiple of  $Ai$ , see Figure 8, why?

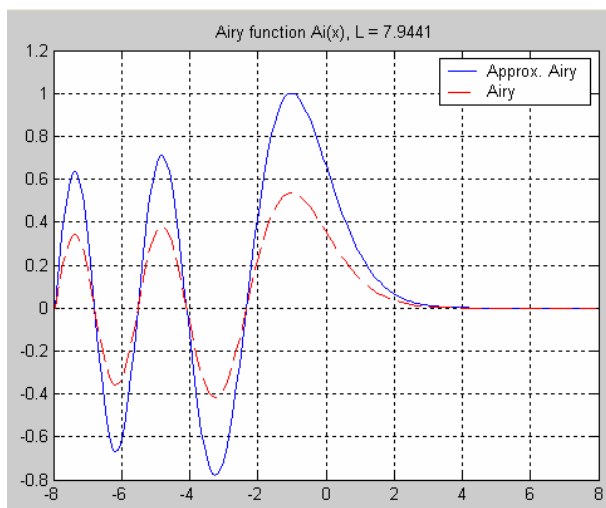


Figure 8:  $u_5(0) = 0.6629$  but  $Ai(0) = 0.355$ . Eigen-function is multiple of Airy function.

**<ans>** As far as equation is concerned,  $u_5$  is also eigen-function when we do scaling, in MATLAB, it do norm normalization such that  $\|u_5\| = 1$ , this is a degree of freedom since

$$Ai(0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{t^3}{3}\right) dt . \text{ after we do scaling } u_5 \leftarrow u_5 \frac{Ai(0)}{u_5(0)}, \text{ then } \|Ai - u_5\|_{\infty} = 5.5117e-008$$

$$\text{and } \|Ai - u_5\|_{l^{\infty}} = 5.2487e-008 .$$

**Table 3:**  $N = 48$ , we use MATLAB built-in function AIRY to compute  $Ai(L_k) = \text{airy}(L_k)$  and  $Bi(L_k) = \text{airy}(2, L_k)$ , then compute true  $\beta_k = \frac{Ai(L_k)}{Bi(L_k)}$ .

	1st	2nd	3th	4th	5th	6th
$\lambda_k$	12.8239	68.3153	168.2478	312.5917	501.3484	734.5180
$L_k = \lambda_k^{1/3}$	2.3407	4.0880	5.5206	6.7867	7.9441	9.0227
$\beta_k$	0.0042	8.1822e-006	1.5416e-008	2.8910e-011	5.4121e-014	1.0123e-016
$Ai(L_k)$	0.0204	7.9326e-004	3.2070e-005	1.3215e-006	5.5033e-008	2.3073e-009
$Bi(L_k)$	5.1675	99.4736	2.1142e+003	4.6254e+004	1.0264e+006	2.2969e+007
True $\beta_k$	0.004	7.9746e-006	1.5169e-008	2.8570e-011	5.3618e-014	1.0045e-016

### Example 3 (Laplace eigenvalue with Dirichlet B.C.)

(Eq. 16)  $-\Delta u + f(x, y)u = \lambda u$ ,  $-1 < x, y < 1$  and  $u = 0$  on the boundary

**Case 1:**  $f = 0$ , then  $\lambda_{k,m} = \frac{\pi^2}{4}(k^2 + m^2)$ ,  $u_{k,m} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}k(x+1)\right)\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}m(y+1)\right)$

We plot first 4 eigen-pair in Figure 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> eigenmode are degenerated due to 2-fold symmetry in domain and Laplacian operation is rotational symmetry. Here 2-fold symmetry means that if we rotate domain by 90 degree, then the problem is the same.

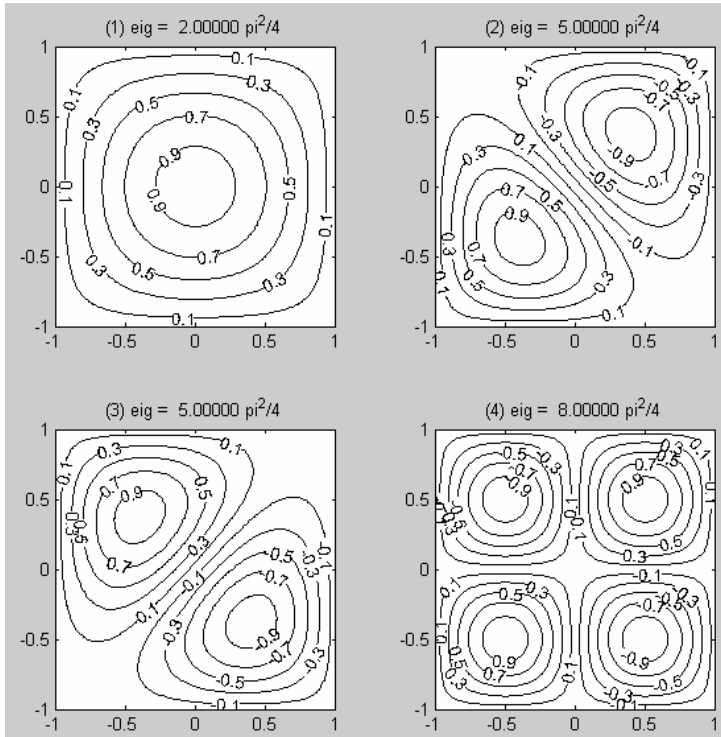


Figure 9:  $f = 0$ , 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> eigenvalues are degenerated since 2-fold symmetry.

In mathematical language, we define  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}_{\theta=\pi/2} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ , then we still have

$$-\Delta_{u,v} u = \lambda u, \text{ for } -1 < u, v < 1 \text{ and } u = 0 \text{ on the boundary.}$$

**Remark 3:** in case of degenerate eigenmodes, the choice of eigenvector is arbitrary. Here MATLAB choose eigenvector with nodal line approximately along diagonal, due to orthogonality property of degenerate eigenmode, both eigenvector has nodal line along diagonal.

**Case 2:**  $f = \exp(y - x - 1)$ , since  $f$  is not 2-fold symmetry, so degeneracy is broken, in fact,  $\text{supp}(f) \approx \{(x, y) \in [-1, 1]^2 : y \geq x + 1\}$  is left upper corner, see Figure 10.

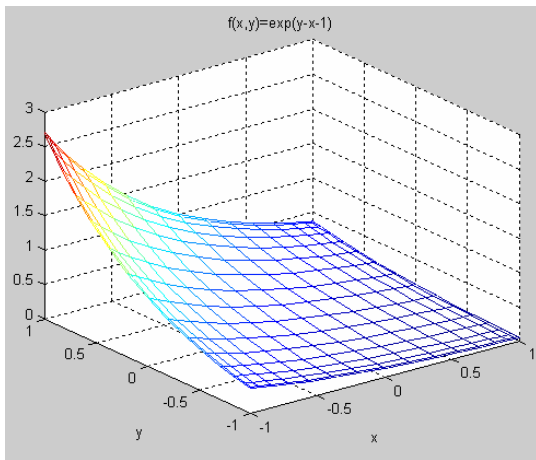


Figure 10: support of  $f$  is concentrated at upper left corner, with 1/8 of the domain.  $f$  is not 2-fold symmetry, so we expect that degeneracy does not happen.

From Courant-Fisher theorem (minimum property of spectrum of Hermitain operator), we expect that eigenvector would avoid fall into  $\text{supp}(f)$ , see Figure 11.

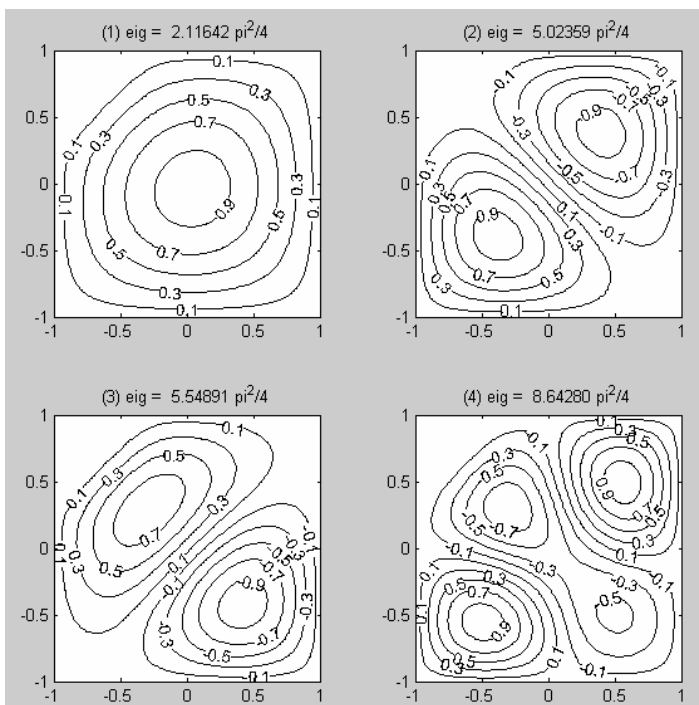


Figure 11: first 4 eigenmodes for  $f = \exp(y - x - 1)$ , eigenvalues are distinct.

**Remark 4:** such barrier function  $f$  is equivalent to solve eigenvalue problem in  $\text{non-supp}(f)$ , say  $-\Delta u = \lambda u$ ,  $(x, y) \in [-1, 1]^2 - \text{supp}(f)$  and  $u = 0$  on the boundary.

**Remark 5:** If we regard  $f$  is a perturbation of  $-\Delta u = \lambda u$  and regard it as a parameter, then we expect to connect (2) in in Figure 9 and (2) in Figure 11, also connect (3) in in Figure 9 and (3) in Figure 11. Since 3<sup>rd</sup> eigenvector in  $-\Delta u = \lambda u$  has large portion in  $\text{supp}(f)$ , so it has large deviation in eigenvalue (from 5 to 5.54891) since it need to suppress eigenvector in  $\text{supp}(f)$ , see Figure 12.

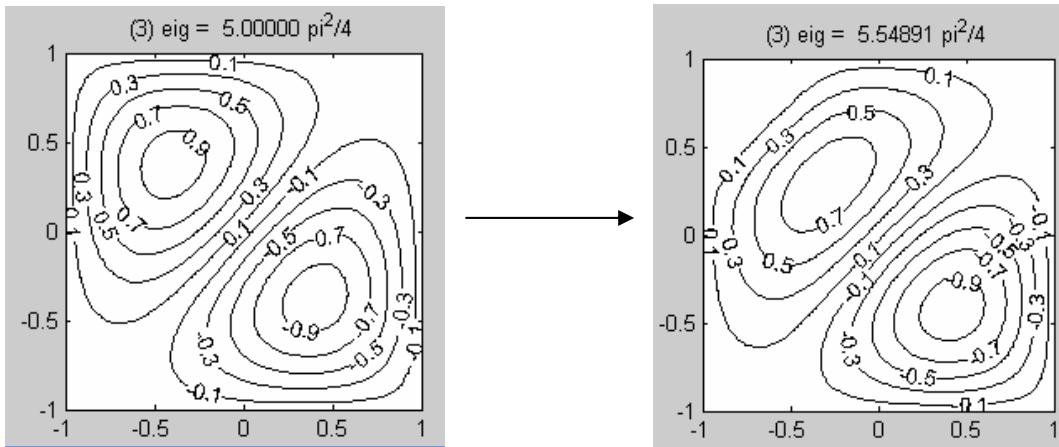


Figure 12: due to barrier  $f$ , eigenvector of left panel is suppressed in  $\text{supp}(f)$  to become eigenvector in right panel.

**Question 5 (Exercise 1):** for  $f = 0$ , we can first report 4 eigenvalues, the first 4 eigenvalues has 12 digits accuracy even simulation grid is  $16 \times 16$ , but 5-th eigenvalue has only 9 digits, why?

**Table 4:** eigenvalues of  $-\Delta u = \lambda u$  on grid  $16 \times 16$ .

	1	2	3	4
$\lambda_{k,m} \frac{4}{\pi^2}$	2.000000000000006	5.000000000000337	5.000000000000355	8.000000000000668
exact $\lambda_{k,m} \frac{4}{\pi^2}$	$2 = (1,1)$	$5 = (1,2)$	$5 = (2,1)$	$8 = (2,2)$
	5	6	7	8
$\lambda_{k,m} \frac{4}{\pi^2}$	10.00000000131679	10.00000000131718	13.00000000132017	13.00000000132038
exact $\lambda_{k,m} \frac{4}{\pi^2}$	$10 = (1,3)$	$10 = (3,1)$	$13 = (2,3)$	$13 = (3,2)$

Recall interpolation theorem

**Theorem 1 (Newton Approximation, see p224, p213[1]):** Assume that  $P_n(x)$  is Lagrange

polynomial (or Newton polynomial) to interpolate  $f(x)$  such that  $f(x) = P_n(x) + E_n(x)$ . If  $f \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$ , then for each  $x \in [a, b]$ , there corresponds a number  $c = c(x) \in (a, b)$  such that error term

$$(Eq. 17) \quad E_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(c)}{(n+1)!} \prod_{j=0}^n (x - x_j).$$

If we choose Chebyshev nodes, that  $\max \left| \prod_{j=0}^n (x - x_j) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$ , then error formula (Eq. 17) becomes

$$(Eq. 18) \quad |E_n(x)| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{\infty}}{2^n (n+1)!}$$

In our problem, eigenmodes are  $\sin(\tau x)$ , if we set  $f(x) = \sin(\tau x)$ , then  $\|f^{(n+1)}\| = \tau^{n+1}$ , so

$$|E_n(x)| \leq \frac{\tau^{n+1}}{2^n (n+1)!}.$$

**Table 5:** Let  $n = 16$ , we compute  $|E_{16}(x)|$  with several parameter  $\tau = \frac{\pi}{2}k$ . This shows that good approximation to  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}kx\right)$  for  $k = 1, 2$  up to 12 digits.

k	1	2	3	4	5
$ E_{16}(x) $	9.2574e-017	1.2134e-011	1.1955e-008	1.5904e-006	7.0628e-005
k	6	7	8	9	10
$ E_{16}(x) $	0.0016	0.0215	0.2085	1.5439	9.2574

**Question 6 (exercise 2):**  $A \otimes (B \otimes C) = (A \otimes B) \otimes C$ , true or false?

<ans> from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kronecker\\_product](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kronecker_product)

$$A \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}B & \cdots & a_{1n}B \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}B & \cdots & a_{mn}B \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{for } A \in R^{m \times n}, B \in R^{p \times q}, A \otimes B \in R^{mp \times nq}$$

The Kronecker product is a special case of the tensor product, so it is [bilinear](#) and [associative](#)

- (1)  $A \otimes (B + C) = (A \otimes B) + (A \otimes C)$
- (2)  $(A + B) \otimes C = (A \otimes C) + (B \otimes C)$
- (3)  $(kA) \otimes B = A \otimes (kB) = k(A \otimes B)$
- (4)  $A \otimes (B \otimes C) = (A \otimes B) \otimes C$

But The Kronecker product is not [commutative](#),  $A \otimes B \neq B \otimes A$  in general.

**Question 7 (exercise 3) :** Find lowest eigenvalue of  $-\Delta u = \lambda u$  in  $[-1, 1]^3$  with  $u = 0$  on the boundary, estimate size of matrix, accuracy of eigenvalue and time to do “eig”. We know

eigenmode is  $\lambda_{k,m,l} = \frac{\pi^2}{4}(k^2 + m^2 + l^2)$  and  $u_{k,m,l} = \sin(kx)\sin(my)\sin(lz)$  for  $k,m,l = 1,2,\dots$

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$$L = -\text{kron}(\text{kron}(D2,I), I) - \text{kron}(\text{kron}(I,D2), I) - \text{kron}(I, \text{kron}(I,D2)).$$

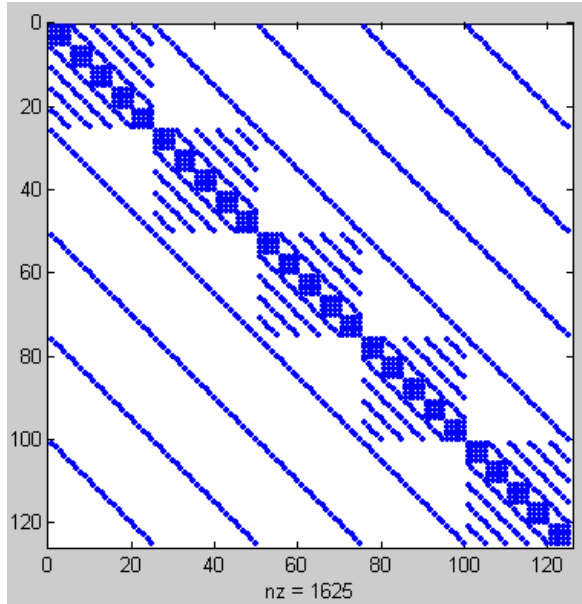


Figure 13: sparse pattern of matrix  $L$ , with  $N = 6$ , dimension of  $L$  is  $5^3 = 125$

**Table 6:** experiment platform is quartet 1.

	$N = 6$	$N = 8$	$N = 12$
dimension	125	343	1331
Time to eig	0.024341 s	0.206931 s	7.321695 s
$\lambda_{\min} \frac{4}{\pi^2}$	3.000024016211470	2.999999862669497	2.999999999998820
$(\lambda_{\min} - \lambda_{1,1,1}) \frac{4}{\pi^2}$	2.4016e-005	1.373305034135797e-07	1.179500941361766e-12

**Table 7:** we estimate  $|E_n(x)|$  for  $\tau = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (lowest eigenvalue  $\lambda_{1,1,1}$ ). This is consistent with

$(\lambda_{\min} - \lambda_{1,1,1}) \frac{4}{\pi^2}$  filed in **Table 6**.

	$N = 6$	$N = 8$	$N = 12$
$ E_{16}(x) $	7.3152e-005	6.2672e-007	1.3897e-011

**Question 8 (exercise 4):** continue exercise 3, but use “eigs” in MATLAB to solve eigenvalue of large sparse matrix, we can replace “eye” by “speye” to generate sparse identity matrix, then matrix  $L$  becomes sparse also.

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**Table 8:** experiment platform is quartet 1.

	$N = 6$	$N = 8$	$N = 12$
Time to eigs	0.244953 s	0.031894 s	0.248721 s

$\lambda_{\min} \frac{4}{\pi^2}$	3.000024016211436	2.999999862669430	2.999999999998738
$(\lambda_{\min} - \lambda_{1,1,1}) \frac{4}{\pi^2}$	2.401621143599542e-05	1.373305700269611e-07	1.261657445184028e-12

EIGS Find a few eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a matrix using ARPACK  
EIGS(A,K,SIGMA) return K eigenvalues based on SIGMA  
'LM' or 'SM' - Largest or Smallest Magnitude  
For real symmetric problems, SIGMA may also be:  
'LA' or 'SA' - Largest or Smallest Algebraic  
'BE' - Both Ends, one more from high end if K is odd  
For nonsymmetric and complex problems, SIGMA may also be:  
'LR' or 'SR' - Largest or Smallest Real part  
'LI' or 'SI' - Largest or Smallest Imaginary part

**Example 4 (harmonic oscillator with complex coefficient):**

(Eq. 19)  $Lu = -u_{xx} + cx^2u, \quad c \in \mathbb{C}$

Although we have analytical solution  $\lambda_k = \sqrt{c}(2k+1)$  and  $u_k = \exp(-\sqrt{c}x^2/2)H_k(c^{1/4}x)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  where  $H_k$  is the kth Hermite polynomial, operator  $L$  is not normal and then we don't expect that eigenfunctions form an orthonormal basis, this means that eigenfunctions form ill-conditioned basis. Under such operator, system may be ill-conditioned (like ill-conditioned matrix), we need to consider deviation of perturbation. In operator sense, we call **pseudo-spectra**.

**Definition 1:** for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the  $\varepsilon$ -pseudospectrum of matrix  $A$  is the subset of the complex plane  $\Lambda_\varepsilon(A) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \|(zI - A)^{-1}\| \geq 1/\varepsilon\}$  for some physical norm. When  $z_0$  is eigenvalue of  $A$ , we adopt  $\|(z_0I - A)^{-1}\| = \infty$ , say  $z_0 \in \Lambda_\varepsilon(A)$ . Alternatively  $\Lambda_\varepsilon(A)$  can be characterized by eigenvalues of perturbed matrix  $\Lambda_\varepsilon(A) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : z = \text{eig}(A + E) \text{ for some } \|E\| \leq \varepsilon\}$

**Remark 6:** if we use 2-norm, then  $\Lambda_\varepsilon(A) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \sigma_{\min}(zI - A) \leq \varepsilon\}$  since  $\|A\|_2 = \sqrt{\rho(A^H A)}$ .

Now we choose  $c = 1 + 3i$  and compute contour plot of  $\sigma_{\min}(zI - L) = \varepsilon$  for  $\varepsilon = 10^{-0.5}, 10^{-1}, 10^{-1.5}, \dots, 10^{-4}$ . In Figure 14, eigenvalues distributed along a ray with angle  $\arg(c)$  but distribution of pseudo-spectra is broad for large eigenvalues. We may say such large eigenvalues are doubtful since smaller perturbation of system would cause large deviation of eigenvalue.



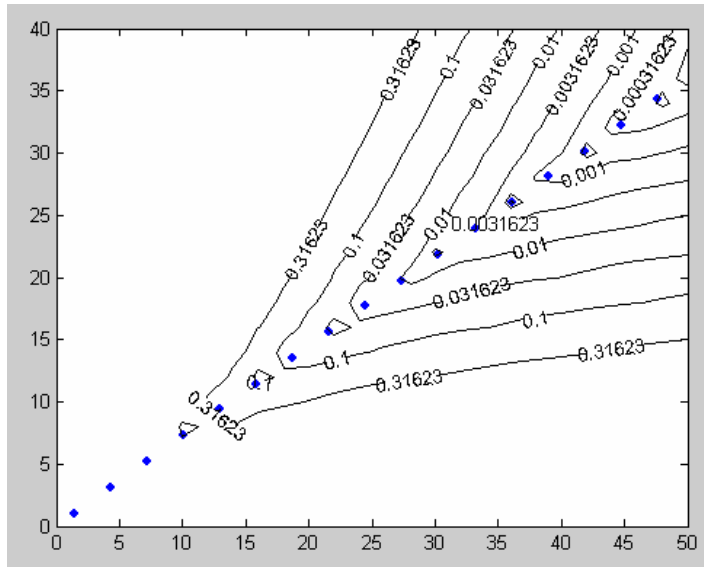


Figure 14:  $c = 1 + 3i$ ,  
 $\sigma_{\min}(zI - L) = \varepsilon$  for  
 $\varepsilon = 10^{-0.5}, 10^{-1}, 10^{-1.5}, \dots, 10^{-4}$

**Question 9 (exercise 7):** in exercise 6.8 we consider  $D_N^{N+1} = 0$  theoretically, but in numerically we don't have such property, our experimental data is

**Table 9:** use MATLAB, first number is double precision, second number is double-double and third number is quad-double.

	$N = 5$	$N = 10$	$N = 15$	$N = 20$
$\ (D^N)^{N+1}\ _2$	9.8017E-011 3.7644E-27 5.1923E-60	4.8672E-002 3.3708E-18 6.6438E-51	1.0941E+009 2.7839E-8 3.2691E-40	4.8124E+019 1.7886E+2 4.6363E-31
$cond(D^N, 2)$	1.6810E+017	2.1488E+017	6.8901E+016	3.0900E+017
$det(D^N)$	1.0232E-012	1.3201E-006	-2.5372E+001	4.0785E+009
$\max(\max(D^N))$	10.4721	40.8635	91.5231	162.4476

When  $N = 20$ , we require quad-double precision to avoid accumulation of rounding error. Now we plot eigenvalue of  $D_{20}$  and its pseudospectra for  $\varepsilon = 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, \dots, 10^{-16}$ , then  $\max|\Lambda(D_{20})| = 3.5025$  and  $\min|\Lambda(D_{20})| = 31.8496$ . If we write  $D_{20} = E\Lambda E^{-1}$ , then  $\min(svd(E)) = 4.1688e-015$ ,  $\max(svd(E)) \sim 3$ .  $E$  is ill-conditioned basis.  $cond(E^{-1}E) = 1.03$  is still good but  $cond(EE^{-1}) = 393$ . If we set  $M = E\Lambda^{21}E^{-1}$ , then  $cond(M) = 1.9E + 13$  and  $\|M\|_2 = 1.1E + 20$ . Even we set  $\Delta = D_{20} - E\Lambda E^{-1}$ , then  $cond(\Delta) = 1.7E + 5$  and  $\|\Delta\|_2 = 68$ . This means that result of "eig" may not be convinced.

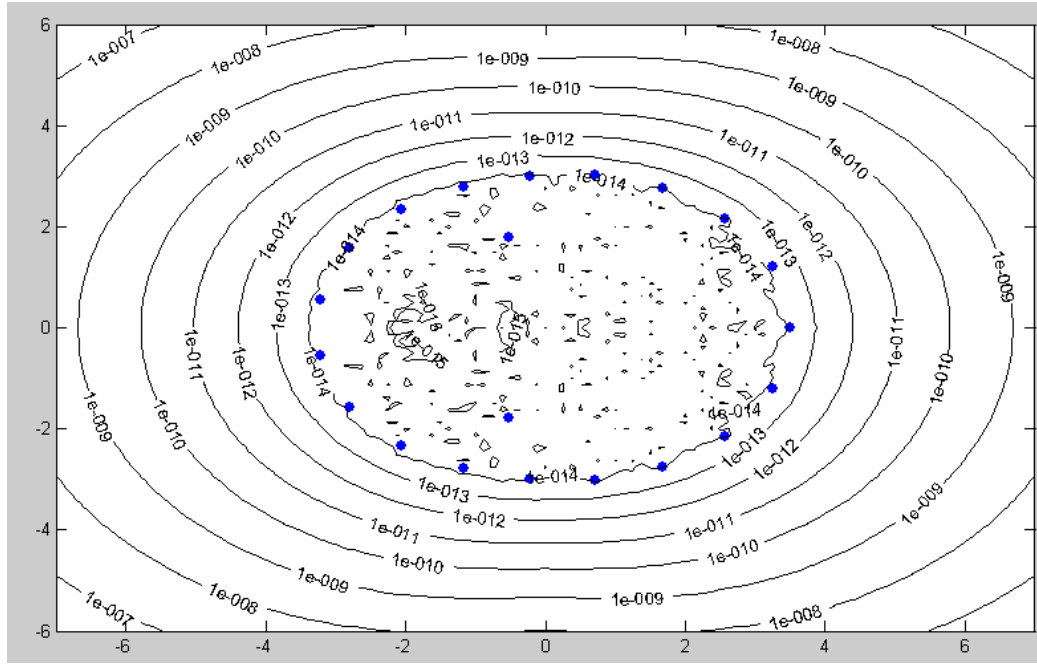


Figure 15: eigenvalue of  $D_{20}$  is blue points, which is distributed around a circle with radius about 3.5025 but pseudo-spectra is broad.

In <http://www.scholarpedia.org/article/Pseudospectrum>

**Question 10:** Why do we need pseudospectra?

Pseudospectra are of importance in connection with many problems. One of the most prominent of these problems is equations of the form  $\dot{x} = Ax$  or  $x_{n+1} = Ax_n$ , which lead to the study of the semi-groups  $e^{tA}$  and  $A^n$ . Eigenvalues and spectra can be employed to understand  $e^{tA}$  and  $A^n$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , respectively. However, the behavior of the norms  $\|e^{tA}\|_2$  and  $\|A^n\|_2$  over the entire range of  $t, n$  is controlled through theorems of the type of the [Kreiss matrix theorem](#) by the resolvent norm  $\|(A - \lambda I)^{-1}\|_2$ .

**Case 1:**  $A$  is normal, satisfying  $A^*A = AA^*$ , then  $\|(A - \lambda I)^{-1}\|_2 = 1/\text{dist}(\lambda, \sigma(A))$  and so  $\|(A - \lambda I)^{-1}\|_2$  is completely determined by  $\sigma(A)$  alone.

**Case 2:**  $A$  is not normal, then from [1], let the spectral abscissa of  $A$  be defined by  $\alpha(A) = \sup\{\text{Re } z : z \in \Lambda(A)\}$ , then  $e^{t\alpha(A)} \leq \|e^{tA}\|_2 \leq \kappa(V)e^{t\alpha(A)}$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Here  $\kappa(V) = \|V\|\|V^{-1}\|$  denotes condition number of a “matrix of eigenvector”  $V$  of  $A$ .

From [2], if  $A$  is diagonalizable, then  $\|A^k\|_p \leq \kappa_p(V)\rho(A)^k$  and also if one use Cauchy integral representation of  $A^k$  (which involves a contour integral of the resolvent), then one can show that

$$\text{(Eq. 20)} \quad \|A^k\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \rho_\varepsilon(A)^{k+1}$$

where  $\varepsilon$  - pseudospectral radius

$$(Eq. 21) \quad \rho_\varepsilon(A) = \max \{ |z| : z \in \Lambda_\varepsilon(A) \}$$

**Remark 7:** physical interpretation of pseudospectra from [1]

Consider a time-dependent driven system  $\frac{du}{dt} = Au + e^{zt} f$ , the solution is  $u(t) = e^{zt} (zI - A)^{-1} f$ ,

if  $z \in \Lambda_\varepsilon(A)$ , this means or certain choices of  $f$ ,  $\frac{\|u(t)\|}{\|e^{zt} f\|} \sim \|(zI - A)^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . In other words, a

system governed by a normal operator exhibits **resonance** only if the forcing frequency is close to the spectrum, however a system governed by a nonnormal operator may exhibit resonance or **pseudo-resonance** at frequencies far from the spectrum, like Figure 14.

**Question 11 (exercise 5):** consider a circular membrane of radius 1 that vibrates according to the

second-order wave equation  $y_{tt} = \Delta y = \frac{1}{r}(ry_r)_r + \frac{1}{r^2}y_{\theta\theta}$ ,  $y(r=1, t) = 0$ , written in polar

coordinate. Separating variable leads to consideration of solution  $y(r, \theta, t) = u(r)e^{im\theta}e^{i\omega t}$  with  $u(r)$  satisfying

$$(Eq. 22) \quad -\frac{1}{r}(ru_r)_r + \frac{m^2}{r^2}u = w^2u, \quad u_r(0) = u(1) = 0.$$

This is a form of Bessel's equation, and solution are Bessel function  $J_m(wr)$  where  $w$  has property  $J_m(w) = 0$ .

**Remark 8:** If we define  $x = wr$ , then (Eq. 22) becomes

$$(Eq. 23) \quad x^2 \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + x \frac{du}{dx} + (x^2 - m^2)u = 0, \quad u_x(0) = u(w) = 0.$$

Solution is Bessel function  $J_m(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(mt - x \sin t) dt$  normalized by  $\int_0^\infty J_m(x) dx = 1$ .

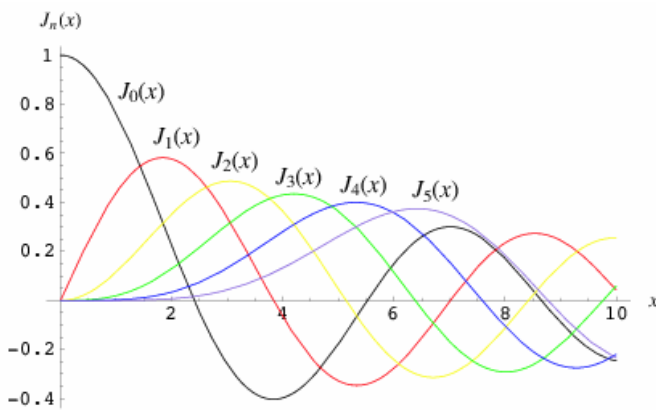


Figure 16:  $J_1(x)$  don't has vanished

flux component at origin.

From [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bessel\\_function](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bessel_function)

$J_m(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\Gamma(m+1)} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^m$  for  $x \rightarrow 0$ , hence  $\frac{d}{dx} J_m(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2(m-1)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{m-1}$ . This means that

$\frac{d}{dx} J_m(0) = 0$  for  $m \neq 1$ , see Figure 16.

Now we want to use spectral method to find eigenvalue  $w$  under given  $m$ .

First we scale domain into  $[-1,1]$ , let us define  $x = -1 + 2r$  or say  $r = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)$ , then

$$(Eq. 24) \quad -\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} - \frac{1}{x+1} \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{m^2}{(x+1)^2} u = \left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 u, \quad u_x(-1) = u(1) = 0.$$

Next we need to impose Neumann condition  $u_x(-1) = 0$ . As usual, we sample Chebyshev grid on  $x_j = \cos(j\pi/N)$  for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

At  $x = 1$  ( $j = 0$ ), we delete a row and a column of the differentiation matrix

At  $x = -1$  ( $j = N$ ), we impose B.C  $u_x(-1) = 0$  according to  $D_N$ .

Then we will solve  $N \times N$  linear system which  $N-1$  equations enforce

$$-\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} - \frac{1}{x+1} \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{m^2}{(x+1)^2} u = \left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 u \quad \text{on interior point } j = 1, 2, \dots, N-1 \quad \text{and 1 equation is } u_x(-1) = 0.$$

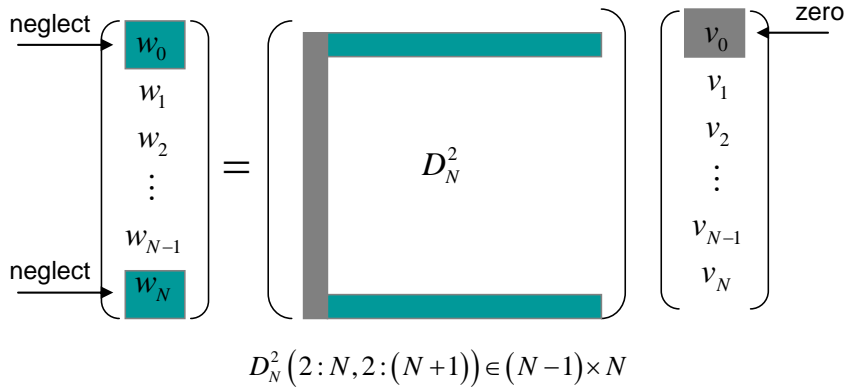


Figure 17: we fix  $v_0 = 0$  and for each interior point, we have equation, at final point at  $x = -1$ , we must impose constraint  $u_x(-1) = 0$ . The same setting holds for  $D_N$ .

$$\frac{1}{x+1} \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_{x_1 \dots x_{N-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1+1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{x_{N-1}+1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D_N(2:N, 2:(N+1)) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_{N-1} \\ v_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Figure 18: compute interior point of  $\frac{1}{x+1} \frac{du}{dx}$ .



**Table 11:** compute first 6 eigenvalues  $w_1 \sim w_6$  by  $w_k = 2\sqrt{\lambda_k}$  where  $\lambda_k$  is eigenvalue of (Eq. 26), we list eigenvalue for different grid points  $N = 5, 10, 15, 20$

$m = 0$	$N = 5$	$N = 10$	$N = 15$	$N = 20$
$w_1$	2.4048	2.4048	2.4048	2.4048
$w_2$	5.4961	5.5201	5.5201	5.5201
$w_3$	9.1697	8.6537	8.6537	8.6537
$w_4$	12.2953	11.7931	11.7915	11.7915
$w_5$		14.8901	14.9309	14.9309
$w_6$		18.4337	18.0711	18.0711

$m = 1$	$N = 5$	$N = 10$	$N = 15$	$N = 20$
$w_1$	3.8283	3.8312	3.8317	3.8317
$w_2$	6.8948	7.0148	7.0153	7.0155
$w_3$	11.9241	10.1703	10.1731	10.1733
$w_4$	13.7284	13.3299	13.3227	13.3235
$w_5$		16.3106	16.4696	16.4702
$w_6$		20.4061	19.6132	19.6154

**Question 12:** We know  $\frac{d}{dx} J_1(0) \neq 0$ , but our eigenvalue of  $m = 1$  is so close to root of  $J_1$ ?

**Question 13 (exercise 6):** continue exercise 5, we want to design a membrane with radius dependent physical properties such that these  $w_2 = 2w_1$  (or say  $\lambda_2 = 4\lambda_1$ ). Consider the modified boundary value problem

$$\text{(Eq. 27)} \quad -\frac{1}{r}(p(r)ru_r)_r + \frac{m^2}{r^2}u = w^2u, \quad u_r(0) = u(1) = 0$$

where  $p(r) = 1 + \alpha \sin^2(\pi r) > 1$  on  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

We rewrite (Eq. 27) as  $-p(r)u_{rr} - \frac{q(r)}{r}u_r + \frac{m^2}{r^2}u = w^2u$  where  $q(r) = \frac{d}{dr}(rp) = p + rp'$ ,

$p' = \pi\alpha \sin(2\pi r)$ . Again set  $x = -1 + 2r$  ( $r = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)$ ), then

$$\text{(Eq. 28)} \quad -p(r)u_{xx} - \frac{q(r)}{x+1}u_x + \frac{m^2}{(x+1)^2}u = \left(\frac{w}{2}\right)^2 u$$

First, we plot first eigenvalue  $w_1(\alpha)$  and second 1/2 times eigenvalue  $\frac{1}{2}w_2(\alpha)$  as function of  $\alpha$ , (here we choose  $\alpha = 0:0.01:1$ ) and find intersection point  $\alpha \approx 0.77$ , see Figure 21. (source code: [F:\course\2008spring\spectral\\_method\matlab\chap9\\_ex6.m](F:\course\2008spring\spectral_method\matlab\chap9_ex6.m))

Second we use Bisection method to determine critical value of  $\alpha$  up to 6 digits, then  $\alpha = 0.7695318$ .

Source code: [F:\course\2008spring\spectral\\_method\matlab\chap9\\_ex6\\_v2.m](F:\course\2008spring\spectral_method\matlab\chap9_ex6_v2.m)

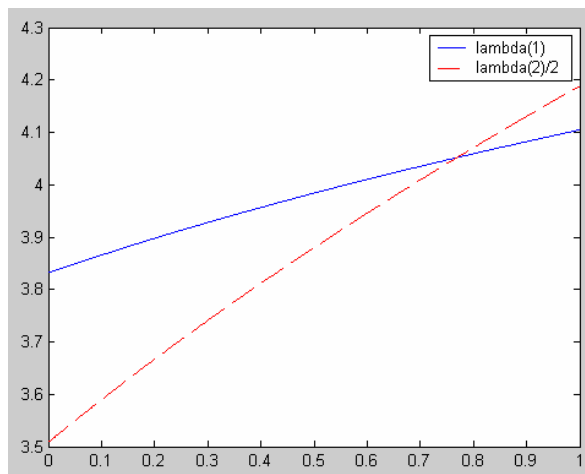


Figure 21: two curves intersect at  $\alpha \approx 0.77$

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## Appendix A perturbation

**Theorem 2** (Hellmann-Feynman): let  $H(\lambda)$  be a Hermitian operator which depends on a real parameter  $\lambda$ , let  $|\psi(\lambda)\rangle$  be the normalized eigenket of  $H(\lambda)$  with  $E(\lambda)$ :

$$(Eq. 29) \quad H(\lambda)|\psi(\lambda)\rangle = E(\lambda)|\psi(\lambda)\rangle \quad \text{under} \quad \langle\psi(\lambda)|\psi(\lambda)\rangle = 1$$

$$\text{Then} \quad \frac{d}{d\lambda} E(\lambda) = \langle\psi(\lambda)| \frac{d}{d\lambda} H(\lambda) |\psi(\lambda)\rangle$$

<proof>

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} E(\lambda) = \frac{d}{d\lambda} \langle\psi(\lambda)| H(\lambda) |\psi(\lambda)\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{d}{d\lambda} \psi(\lambda) \middle| H(\lambda) |\psi(\lambda)\rangle + \langle\psi(\lambda)| \frac{d}{d\lambda} H(\lambda) |\psi(\lambda)\rangle + \langle\psi(\lambda)| H(\lambda) \middle| \frac{d}{d\lambda} \psi(\lambda) \right\rangle$$

$$= E(\lambda) \left\langle \frac{d}{d\lambda} \psi(\lambda) \middle| \psi(\lambda) \right\rangle + \langle\psi(\lambda)| \frac{d}{d\lambda} H(\lambda) |\psi(\lambda)\rangle + E(\lambda) \left\langle \psi(\lambda) \middle| \frac{d}{d\lambda} \psi(\lambda) \right\rangle$$

$$\langle\psi(\lambda)|\psi(\lambda)\rangle = 1 \quad \text{implies} \quad 0 = \frac{d}{d\lambda} \langle\psi(\lambda)|\psi(\lambda)\rangle = \left\langle \frac{d}{d\lambda} \psi(\lambda) \middle| \psi(\lambda) \right\rangle + \left\langle \psi(\lambda) \middle| \frac{d}{d\lambda} \psi(\lambda) \right\rangle$$

**Theorem 3 (time-independent perturbation theorem, non-degenerate case):** consider  $|n^{(0)}\rangle$  is eigenket of  $H_0 |n^{(0)}\rangle = E_n^{(0)} |n^{(0)}\rangle$  with eigenvalue  $E_n^{(0)}$  and assume  $|n^{(0)}\rangle$  is complete, say  $I = |n^{(0)}\rangle\langle n^{(0)}|$ . Assume spectrum of  $H_0$  is non-degenerate, then consider perturbed problem

$$(Eq. 30) \quad (H_0 + \lambda V) |n\rangle_\lambda = E_n^{(\lambda)} |n\rangle_\lambda$$

We assume  $|n\rangle_\lambda$  and  $E_n^{(\lambda)}$  are analytic over  $\lambda$  under following sense

$$(Eq. 31) \quad |n\rangle_\lambda = |n^{(0)}\rangle + \lambda |n^{(1)}\rangle + \lambda^2 |n^{(2)}\rangle + \dots$$

$$(Eq. 32) \quad \Delta_n = E_n - E_n^{(0)} = \lambda \Delta_n^{(1)} + \lambda^2 \Delta_n^{(2)} + \dots$$

Then we have correction

$$(Eq. 33) \quad \Delta_n^{(1)} = V_{nn} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_n^{(2)} = \sum_{k \neq n} \frac{|V_{nk}|^2}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}}$$

$$(Eq. 34) \quad |n^{(1)}\rangle = \sum_{k \neq n} |k^{(0)}\rangle \frac{V_{kn}}{E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)}} \quad \text{and}$$

$$(Eq. 35) \quad |n^{(2)}\rangle = \sum_{k \neq n} \sum_{l \neq n} |k^{(0)}\rangle \frac{V_{kl} V_{ln}}{(E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)})(E_n^{(0)} - E_l^{(0)})} - \sum_{k \neq n} |k^{(0)}\rangle \frac{V_{nn} V_{kn}}{(E_n^{(0)} - E_k^{(0)})^2}$$