

Ex Consider vibrations of a non-uniform string with constant tension T_0 but variable density $\rho(x)$ w/o sources ($Q=0$).

$$\rho u_{tt} = T_0 u_{xx} \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$$

Separation of variables: $u(x, t) = \phi(x) h(t)$

h -problem

$$\frac{d^2 h}{dt^2} + \lambda h = 0 \Rightarrow h(t) = C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} t + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} t$$

(assuming $\lambda > 0$)

We can show this by using RQ)

ϕ -problem

$$T_0 \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + \lambda f(x) \phi = 0$$

This is a regular S.-L. problem

$$\phi(0) = \phi(L) = 0 \quad \text{w/ } p = T_0, \quad q = 0, \quad \sigma = f(x)$$

Rayleigh-Quotient: $\lambda = \frac{\int_0^L p (\phi')^2 dx - \int_0^L q \phi^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 dx}$

$$\lambda = \frac{T_0 \int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 f dx} \geq 0$$

$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx = 0 \Rightarrow \phi' \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \phi(x) \equiv \text{const}$

$\phi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{const} = 0 \Rightarrow \phi \equiv 0$: trivial solution \downarrow

$\therefore \lambda = 0$ is not an e' value $\Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda > 0}$

$$\therefore u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \sqrt{\lambda} n t \cdot \phi_n(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos \sqrt{\lambda} n t \cdot \phi_n(x)$$

$$\int_0^L \phi_m(x) \phi_n(x) dx = \delta_{mn}$$

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

$$\therefore b_n = \frac{\int_0^L f(x) \phi_n(x) dx}{\int_0^L \phi_n^2(x) dx}$$

$$u_T(x, 0) = g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{a_n \sqrt{\lambda} n}_{\text{}} \cdot \phi_n(x)$$

$$a_n \sqrt{\lambda_n} = \frac{\int_0^L g(x) \phi_n(x) p(x) dx}{\int_0^L \phi_n^2(x) p(x) dx}$$

Let's find more information about λ ' values using

Rayleigh Quotient.

$\sqrt{\lambda_1}$: lowest frequency $\int_0^L u^2$

Assume $f_{\min} \leq f \leq f_{\max}$

where $u(x)$ is a continuous function that satisfies the

same BCs: $u(0) = u(L) = 0$ as λ functions $\phi_n(x)$.

$$f_{\min} \int_0^L u^2(x) dx \leq \int_0^L p(x) u^2(x) dx \leq f_{\max} \int_0^L u^2(x) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\int_0^L u^2(x) dx} \leq \frac{1}{\int_0^L u^2(x) p(x) dx} \leq \frac{1}{\int_0^L u^2(x) dx} \quad (1)$$

Minimization Principle:

$$-\cancel{p} u x \Big|_0^L + \int_0^L (p(u')^2 - q u^2) dx$$

$$\lambda_1 = \min_u RQ[u] = \min_u \int_0^L u^2 \delta dx$$

u is CTS
 $u(0) = u(L) = 0$

ϕ -problem:

$$T_0 \frac{d^2 \phi}{dx^2} + 2 p(x) \phi = 0$$

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

$$p = T_0$$

$$q = 0$$

$$\delta = p$$

$$\therefore \lambda_1 = \min_u \frac{\int_0^L T_0 (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 p(x) dx} = T_0 \min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 p(x) dx}$$

$f(x)$ doesn't depend on u , so we could use (1) to write

$$\frac{T_0}{f_{\max}} \min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 dx} \leq \frac{T_0}{f_{\min}} \min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 dx} \quad (2)$$

But $\min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 dx}$ subject to BCs $u(0) = u(L) = 0$

can be computed (as Rayleigh Quotient) from the following S.-L. problem w/ constant coefficients:

$$\phi'' + \mu \phi = 0 \quad p=1, \quad q=0, \quad b=1$$

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

$$\therefore \mu_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\phi_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and

$$\mu_1 = \min_u \frac{\int_0^L (u')^2 dx}{\int_0^L u^2 dx}$$

$n=1$

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

\therefore inequalities in (2) become

$$\frac{T_0}{f_{\max}} \mu_1 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \frac{T_0}{f_{\min}} \cdot \mu_1$$

$$\frac{T_0}{f_{\max}} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \frac{T_0}{f_{\min}} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

Then the fundamental frequency $\sqrt{\alpha_1}$ is

$$\boxed{\sqrt{\frac{T_0}{f_{\max}}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{L} \leq \sqrt{\alpha_1} \leq \sqrt{\frac{T_0}{f_{\min}}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{L}}$$

lower and upper bounds
for the lowest frequency

$$\sqrt{\alpha_1}$$

Ex Boundary conditions of the 3rd kind

$$u_t = k u_{xx} \quad \text{or} \quad u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \quad k, c : \text{const}$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(L, t) = -h u(L, t), \quad h \neq 0$$

Separation of variables: $u(x, t) = G(t) \phi(x)$

Time:

$$\frac{dG}{dt} + \lambda k G = 0$$

for heat eqⁿ

$$\frac{d^2 G}{dt^2} + \lambda c^2 G = 0$$

for wave eqⁿ / vibrating string

ϕ -problem (spatial)

This is a regular S.-d. problem
w/ $p=1, q=0, \epsilon=1$

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + \lambda\phi = 0$$

$$\phi(0)=0, \quad \phi'(L) = -\lambda\phi(L) \quad \text{or} \quad \phi'(L) + \lambda\phi(L) = 0$$

Rayleigh Quotient:

$$\lambda = \frac{-p\phi\phi'|_0^L + \int_0^L [p(\phi')^2 - q\phi^2] dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -p\phi\phi'|_0^L &= -\phi\phi'|_0^L = -\phi(L)\phi'(L) + \cancel{\phi(0)\phi'(0)} = -\lambda\phi(L) \\ \therefore \lambda &= \frac{\lambda\phi^2(L) + \int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx}{\int_0^L \phi^2 dx}, \quad \lambda \neq 0 \text{ (count)} \end{aligned}$$

1. If $h > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda > 0$
2. If $h < 0 \Rightarrow \lambda$ is negative if $|\lambda \phi^2(L)| > \int_0^L (\phi')^2 dx$

Positive eigenvalues: $\lambda > 0$

If $h > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda > 0$ (from RQ)

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + \lambda\phi = 0$$

$$\phi(0) = 0$$

$$\phi'(L) + h\phi(L) = 0$$

$$\phi(x) = C_1 \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$\phi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \phi(x) = C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$\phi'(x) = C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$\phi'(L) + h\phi(L) = 0 \Rightarrow C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos \sqrt{\lambda} L + h C_2 \sin \sqrt{\lambda} L = 0$$