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Go back to  $\frac{du}{dx} = \begin{pmatrix} i\lambda & \bar{p} \\ p & -i\lambda \end{pmatrix} u$

If  $p$  is even, then we have seen that

$$+m^-(\lambda) = \frac{u_1(0, -\lambda)}{-u_2(0, -\lambda)} = -m(\lambda) \quad m = m^+$$

or  $m^-(\lambda) = -m(-\lambda)$

so that the eigenvalue function is

$$\boxed{m(\lambda) - m^-(\lambda) = m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda)} \quad \text{if } p \text{ even}$$

I was hoping this might be  $\hat{f}(\frac{1}{2} + i\lambda)$  for a suitable choice of  $p$ . But notice that  $\hat{f}$  is real for  $\lambda$  real, and  $|m(\lambda)| = 1$  so that one would have to have

$$m(-\lambda) = \overline{m(\lambda)} = \frac{1}{m(\lambda)}$$

~~and then  $m(-\lambda) = \frac{1}{m(\lambda)}$  for  $\lambda$  real, hence  $m(-\lambda) = \frac{1}{m(\lambda)}$~~  for all  $\lambda$ . Thus we would have

$$\hat{f}(\frac{1}{2} + i\lambda) = m(\lambda) + \frac{1}{m(\lambda)}$$

and we would have the contradiction that

$$\hat{f}(\frac{1}{2} + i\lambda) \in [-2, 2] \Rightarrow \lambda \text{ real}$$

Does this ~~same~~ same situation take place when we use the real form of the system?

Notice that  $p$  real  $\Rightarrow m(-\lambda) = \frac{1}{m(\lambda)}$ .

Instead of having  $\hat{f}(\frac{1}{2} + i\lambda) = m(\lambda) - m(-\lambda) = m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda)$   
 one might have instead

$$\hat{f}(\frac{1}{2} + i\lambda) = \begin{vmatrix} u_1^+(x, \lambda) & u_1^-(x, \lambda) \\ u_2^+(x, \lambda) & u_2^-(x, \lambda) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} u_1^+(x, \lambda) & -u_1^+(-x, -\lambda) \\ u_2^+(x, \lambda) & u_2^+(-x, -\lambda) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= u_1^+(0, \lambda) u_2^+(0, -\lambda) + u_1^+(0, -\lambda) u_2^+(0, \lambda)$$

This is evidently symmetric in  $\lambda$ . What does it mean for this to be real when  $\lambda$  is real? Note that when  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , the equation is symmetric under  $x \mapsto -x, \lambda \mapsto \lambda$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix}$ , hence one has a constant  $c(\lambda) \ni$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1^+(x, \lambda) \\ u_2^+(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_2^+(x, \lambda) \\ u_1^+(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} c(\lambda)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} c(\lambda) u_1^+(x, \lambda) \\ c(\lambda) u_2^+(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} c(\lambda) = c(\lambda) \overline{c(\lambda)} \begin{pmatrix} u_1^+(x, \lambda) \\ u_2^+(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

so  $|c(\lambda)| = 1$ .

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Now the solution  $u^+(x, \lambda)$  is only defined up to a holomorphic multiple, hence if I rewrite the above

$$\begin{pmatrix} f(\lambda) u_1^+(x, \lambda) \\ f(\lambda) u_2^+(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{f(\lambda)} u_2^+(x, \lambda) \\ \overline{f(\lambda)} u_1^+(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} \frac{c(\lambda) f(\lambda)}{\overline{f(\lambda)}}$$

so that  $c(\lambda)$  can be changed to  $\frac{c(\lambda) f(\lambda)}{\overline{f(\lambda)}}$  if I want.

Suppose  $c(\lambda) = 1$ , i.e.  $u_2(x, \lambda) = \overline{u_1(x, \lambda)}$  for  $\lambda$  real. 296

Then

$$\begin{vmatrix} u_1^+(0, \lambda) - u_1^+(0, -\lambda) \\ u_2^+(0, \lambda) & u_2^+(0, -\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} u_1^+(0, \lambda) & -u_1^+(0, -\lambda) \\ \overline{u_1^+(0, \lambda)} & \overline{u_1^+(0, -\lambda)} \end{vmatrix}$$

gets conjugated when we substitute  $\lambda$  for  $-\lambda$ .

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Suppose  $p$  even so that  $m(\lambda) = -m(-\lambda)$ . The condition for an eigenvalue is  $m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda) = 0$ . The function  $m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda)$  is symmetric, however, I don't think we want it to be  $\hat{f}(\frac{1}{2} + i\lambda)$  because we've seen  $m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda) \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  forces  $m(-\lambda) = \overline{m(\lambda)} = \frac{1}{m(\lambda)}$  so  $m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda) = m(\lambda) + \frac{1}{m(\lambda)} \in [-2, 2]$  forces  $\lambda$  real.

so  $\hat{f}(\frac{1}{2} + i\lambda)$  is not to be  $m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda)$ , and perhaps we can arrange for it to be the Wronskian

$$u_2^+(0, \lambda) u_2^+(0, -\lambda) [m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda)]$$

which is again symmetric. The question is whether  $u_2^+(0, \lambda)$  can be chosen so that this is real for  $\lambda$  real.

Now we know that our equation has the symmetry  $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \overline{u_2} \\ \overline{u_1} \end{pmatrix}$  for  $\lambda$  real, so suppose  $u_2^+(0, \lambda)$  can be chosen such that ~~for~~  $u^+$  is fixed under this symmetry:

$$u_1^+(x, \lambda) = \overline{u_2^+(x, \lambda)}$$

If so, then the Wronskian is

$$\begin{vmatrix} u_1^+(0, \lambda) & -u_1^+(0, -\lambda) \\ \overline{u_1^+(0, \lambda)} & \overline{u_1^+(0, -\lambda)} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= u_1^+(0, \lambda) \overline{u_1^+(0, -\lambda)} + \overline{u_1^+(0, \lambda)} u_1^+(0, -\lambda)$$

which is obviously a real number. Now the condition

$u_1^+(x, \lambda) = \overline{u_2^+(x, \lambda)}$  says that

$$m(\lambda) = \frac{u_1^+(0, \lambda)}{u_1^+(0, \lambda)} = \frac{\overline{u_2^+(0, \lambda)}}{u_2^+(0, \lambda)}$$

So all we have to do to achieve this desirable state is to take  $m(\lambda)$  and factor it

$$m(\lambda) = \frac{\overline{f(\bar{\lambda})}}{f(\lambda)}$$

where  $f$  is meromorphic.  Note

$$f(\lambda) f(-\lambda) [m(\lambda) + m(-\lambda)] = f(-\lambda) \overline{f(\bar{\lambda})} + f(\lambda) \overline{f(-\bar{\lambda})}$$

is real for  $\lambda$  real.

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To understand theory of strings (book of <sup>Dyn+</sup> McKean) due to Koein, which generalizes Stieljes' theory of continued fractions of the moment problem.

The idea: I want to try to explain this theory as a sup of two examples: smooth strings and discrete strings.

Smooth strings: Suppose given a string on  $0 \leq x \leq l$  with a variable  density function  $m'(x)$  which we supposed is smooth and  $\geq 0$ . Then we can consider the S-L system

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = \lambda m'(x) u$$

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on the intervals. This SL equation is what one obtains by separating variables in the wave eqn. describing the motion of the string:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = m' \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

and  $\lambda$  can be interpreted as  $-\omega^2$  where  $\omega$  is the frequency of vibration. We have to give boundary conditions at the endpoints. At  $x=0$  we take the boundary condition

$$\frac{du}{dx}(0) = 0$$

which means that this end of the string is free. At the other end we have to give a boundary condition which is of the form

$$u(l) + k u'(l) = 0$$

with  $k$  real to be self-adjoint. I think it turns out that one must have  $0 \leq k < \infty$  for the eigenvalues  $\lambda = -\omega^2$  to be  $\leq 0$ . Suppose  $u$  is an eigenfunction. Thus

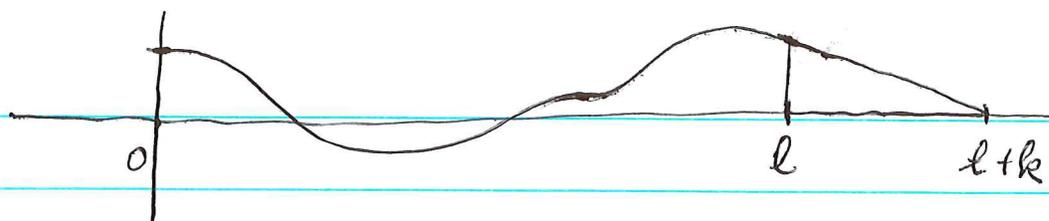
$$\int_0^l \lambda u \bar{u} m' dx = \int_0^l \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} \bar{u} dx = \left[ \frac{du}{dx} \bar{u} \right]_0^l - \int_0^l \left| \frac{du}{dx} \right|^2 dx$$
$$\lambda \int_0^l |u|^2 m' dx = -k |u(l)|^2 - \int_0^l \left| \frac{du}{dx} \right|^2 dx$$

Thus we want  $0 \leq k < \infty$  so that  $\lambda$  has to be  $\leq 0$ . ( $k = \infty$  means  $u'(l) = 0$ ).

One can interpret this boundary condition as tying onto the end of the string at  $x=l$  a weightless

string tied down to the  $x$ -axis at  $x=l+k$ :

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$$\frac{u(l)}{k} = -\mu u'(l)$$

Speed of waves: From the characteristics of  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \mu' \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$  one knows that disturbances move along the string with speed  $\mu (m')^{-1/2}$ . Better the characteristics in the forward direction is

$$dt = (m')^{1/2} dx$$

so that the time taken for a disturbance to propagate from  $x_0$  to  $x_1$  is

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} (m')^{1/2} dx.$$

Hence if  $m' \stackrel{\circ}{=} 0$  the ~~the~~ speed is very fast. Also  $m'$  approximates a  $\delta$ -function near  $x$ , i.e.

$$m' \stackrel{\circ}{=} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \quad \text{in a interval } I \text{ of length } \varepsilon$$

then

$$\int_I (m')^{1/2} dx \stackrel{\circ}{=} \varepsilon^{1/2}$$

which goes to zero as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Thus in the limiting case of ~~the~~ a discrete string disturbances propagate instantaneously.

The spectral measure  $dp$  for the string is defined

as follows: First let  $u(x, \lambda)$  denotes the solution of  $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = \lambda m' u$  such that

$$\begin{cases} u'(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 1. \end{cases}$$

Then the eigenvalues are those  $\lambda$  such that the boundary condition at  $x=l$  is satisfied. ~~Let~~ Let  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots$  be the sequence of eigenvalues. We know that any nice function on  $[0, l]$  can be expanded in terms of the eigenfunctions

$$f(x) = \sum a_j u(x, \lambda_j)$$

where 
$$\int_0^l f(x) u(x, \lambda_j) m'(x) dx = a_j \int_0^l u(x, \lambda_j)^2 m'(x) dx$$

(The reason we integrate with respect to  $dm = m'(x) dx$  is to insure orthogonality of eigenfunctions:

$$L u_i = \lambda_i M u_i \quad i=1, 2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (L u_1, u_2) &= \lambda_1 (M u_1, u_2) \\ \text{"} \\ (u_1, L u_2) &= \lambda_2 (u_1, M u_2) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow (M u_1, u_2) = 0 \quad \text{if } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

~~So now let~~

So now let 
$$d\mu(\lambda) = \sum r_j^{-1} \delta(\lambda - \lambda_j)$$

where  $r_j = \int_0^l u(x, \lambda_j)^2 dm$ . One gets

$$f(x) = \int a(\lambda) u(x, \lambda) d\mu(\lambda) \quad \text{where} \quad a(\lambda) = \frac{1}{h(\lambda)} \int_0^l f(x) u(x, \lambda) dm$$

$\lambda \in \{\lambda_j\}$ .

In other words one has an isometry

$$L^2(\mathbb{R}, d\mu) \xrightarrow{\sim} L^2([0, \ell], dm)$$

$$a(\lambda) \longmapsto \int_0^\ell a(\lambda) u(x, \lambda) d\mu(\lambda)$$

$$\frac{1}{h(\lambda)} \int_0^\ell f(x) u(x, \lambda) dm \longleftarrow f(x)$$

Let  $M$  denote multiplication by  $m'$  and let  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  so that the equation defining the eigenvalues is

$$Lu = \lambda Mu$$

or  $M^{-1}Lu = \lambda u$

Note that with respect to the inner product

$$(Mu, u) = \int |u|^2 m' dx$$

the operator  $M^{-1}L$  is formally self-adjoint.

$$(MM^{-1}Lu, v) = (Lu, v) = (u, Lv) = (Mu, M^{-1}Lv)$$

so therefore we are really dealing with the operator  $M^{-1}L = \frac{1}{m'} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dm} \frac{d}{dx}$  and its eigenvalues. The Green's function should be

$$(\lambda - M^{-1}L)^{-1}u = \sum_j \frac{u_j}{\lambda - \lambda_j} (Mu, u_j)$$

which is represented by the kernel

$$\sum_j \frac{u_j(x, \lambda_j) u_j(y, \lambda_j)}{\lambda - \lambda_j} = \int \frac{u(x, \lambda) u(y, \lambda)}{\lambda - \lambda} d\mu(\lambda)$$

However one also has the representation for the Green's function described in terms of the solution  $u(x, \lambda)$  and the solution  $v(x, \lambda)$  satisfying the boundary condition at  $x=l$  and normalized so the Wronskian

$$\begin{vmatrix} u & v \\ u' & v' \end{vmatrix} = -1$$

i.e.  $v'(0, \lambda) = -1$ . This defines  $v$  except for the eigenvalues.

~~One has  $f(y) = \int \delta(x-y) f(x) dx = \int \frac{\delta(x-y)}{m'(x)} f(x) dm(x)$~~   
~~and  $(\lambda - \frac{1}{m'} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}) g(x, y) = \frac{\delta(x-y)}{m'(y)}$~~

To find the kernel for the operator  $(\lambda - M^{-1}K)^{-1}$ , i.e. the function  $g(x, y)$  such that

$$\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{m'} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) \int g(x, y) f(y) dm(y) = f(x) = \int \frac{\delta(x-y)}{m'(y)} f(y) dm(y)$$

Thus we want  $\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{m(x)} \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right)^{-1} g(x, y) = \frac{\delta(x-y)}{m'(x)}$  so

$g(x, y)$  is continuous in  $x$  satisfying both b.dry conditions and  $\frac{d}{dx} g(x, y)$  jumps by  $-1$  at  $y$ .

$$g_\lambda(x, y) = \begin{cases} a u(x, \lambda) & x < y \\ b v(x, \lambda) & x > y \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} a u(y, \lambda) - b v(y, \lambda) = 0 \\ a u'(y, \lambda) - b v'(y, \lambda) = +1 \end{cases}$$

Solution is  $a = v(y, \lambda)$   $b = u(y, \lambda)$ . Thus

$$g_{\lambda}(x, y) = \begin{cases} u(x, \lambda) v(y, \lambda) & x < y \\ v(x, \lambda) u(y, \lambda) & x > y \end{cases}$$

~~Assume~~ 
$$= \int \frac{u(x, \lambda) u(y, \lambda)}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} d\mu(\hat{\lambda})$$

(3 problems with ~~assumption~~)

this if  $x, y$  are in same mass-free interval)

So we can recover the spectral measure by putting  $x=y=0$ , whence we get

$$v(0, \lambda) = \int \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}$$

Example:  $m'(x) = 1$  on  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  with the boundary condition  $u'(\pi) = 0$ . Then ~~assumption~~

$$u(x, \lambda) = \cos(\omega x) \quad \lambda = -\omega^2$$

and 
$$v(x, \lambda) = \frac{\cos \omega(x-\pi)}{\omega \sin(\omega\pi)} = -\frac{\cos \omega(\pi-x)}{\omega \sin(\omega\pi)}$$

$$v'(x, \lambda) = \frac{+\sin(\omega\pi - \omega\pi)(+\omega)}{\omega \sin(\omega\pi)} = -1 \quad \text{at } x=0$$

so 
$$v(0, \lambda) = -\frac{\cos \pi\omega}{\omega \sin \pi\omega} = -\frac{1}{\omega} \cot(\pi\omega)$$

Now 
$$\pi \cot(\pi\omega) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{\omega - n} = \frac{1}{\omega} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\omega}{\omega^2 - n^2}$$

so 
$$-\frac{1}{\omega} \cot(\pi\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi\omega} (\pi \cot(\pi\omega))$$

$$= \frac{+1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{-\omega^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{-\omega^2 + n^2} \right]$$

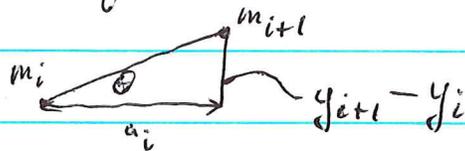
$$\text{or } v(0, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\lambda - n^2} \right]$$

Now eigenvalues ~~are~~ occur when  $u'(\pi, \lambda) = -\omega \sin(\omega\pi) = 0$ , hence when  $\omega = n$ ,  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

$$\int_0^{\pi} \cos(nx)^2 dx = \begin{cases} \pi & n=0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & n=1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So } \int \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{\lambda - \lambda} = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\lambda} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\lambda + n^2} \quad \text{so it works!}$$

discrete string: One has masses  $m_0, m_1, m_2, \dots$  located at  $x_0=0, x_1=a_1, x_2=a_1+a_2, \dots$ . Let  $y_n$  be the displacement of the  $n$ -th mass.



The string between the masses is considered weightless, and under a uniform tension  $T=1$ . So the force on  $m_i$  due to the  $i$ -th segment is

$$= T \sin \theta = T \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{a_i} = k_i (y_{i+1} - y_i)$$

where  $k_i = \frac{1}{a_i}$ . Equation of motion:

$$m_i \ddot{y}_i = k_i (y_{i+1} - y_i) + k_{i-1} (y_{i-1} - y_i)$$

which leads to the eigenvalue problem

$$\lambda m_i u_i = k_i u_{i+1} + (-k_i - k_{i-1}) u_i + k_{i-1} u_{i-1}$$

which I will write  $\lambda Mu = Ku$ . I work in the Hilbert space with inner product  $(Mu, u) = \sum m_i |u_i|^2$  in which the operator  $M^{-1}K$  is self-adjoint. Denote by  $u(\lambda)$  the solution with the initial value  $u(\lambda)_0 = 1$ .

~~Suppose~~ Suppose there are only  $n+1$  masses ~~with~~  $m_0, \dots, m_n$  and  $m_{n+1}$  is tied down, i.e. ~~the~~ the other boundary condition is  $y_{n+1} = 0$ . Then for  $\lambda$  not an eigenvalue, one can define  $v(\lambda)$  to be the solution such that

$$\lambda m_0 v(\lambda)_0 = k_0 v(\lambda)_1 - k_0 v(\lambda)_0 + 1$$

$$v(\lambda)_{n+1} = 0.$$

(as if one had  $k_{-1} v_{-1} = 1$ ). Rewrite the equations

$$\frac{k_{i-1} v_{i-1}}{v_i} = k_{i-1} + \lambda m_i + k_i - \frac{k_i^2}{\frac{k_i v_i}{v_{i+1}}}$$

Then 
$$v_n(\lambda)_0 = \frac{1}{\lambda m_0 + k_0} \frac{k_0^2}{k_0 + \lambda m_1 + k_1} \dots \frac{k_{n-1}^2}{k_{n-1} + \lambda m_n + k_n}$$

or 
$$v(\lambda)_0 = \frac{1}{\lambda m_0 + a_0} \frac{1}{\lambda m_1 + a_1} \dots \frac{1}{\lambda m_n + a_n}$$

On the other hand we have  $v = (\lambda M - K)^{-1} e_0$ .

The spectral measure is defined as follows. Let  $\lambda_0 > \lambda_1 > \dots > \lambda_n$  be the eigenvalues. Then one can expand any vector  $y$  into eigenfunctions

$$y = \sum a_j u(\lambda_j) \quad \text{where} \quad (My, u(\lambda_j)) = a_j \underbrace{(Mu(\lambda_j), u(\lambda_j))}_{r_j}$$

so that if we put

$$d\mu(\lambda) = \sum_j \frac{1}{r_j} \delta(\lambda - \lambda_j)$$

then we get an isometry

$$L^2(\mathbb{R}, d\mu) \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ (y_i)_{\text{osism}} \text{ with } (M_{y, y}) \text{ inner} \}_{\text{mod.}}$$

$$a(\lambda) \longmapsto \int a(\lambda) u(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda)$$

Check:  $\varphi = \int a(\lambda) u(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda) = \sum_j a(\lambda_j) u(\lambda_j) \frac{1}{r_j}$

$$\begin{aligned} (M\varphi, \varphi) &= \sum_j \frac{a(\lambda_j)^2}{r_j^2} (Mu(\lambda_j), u(\lambda_j)) = \sum_j a(\lambda_j)^2 \frac{1}{r_j} \\ &= \int a(\lambda)^2 d\mu(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

~~To invert the isometry, we need to know the inverse of the isometry is given by~~

Suppose

$$e_0 = \sum a_j u(\lambda_j)$$

Then  $m_0 = (Me_0, u(\lambda_j)) = a_j r_j$  so  $a_j = \frac{m_0}{r_j}$  so

$$e_0 = \sum m_0 \frac{u(\lambda_j)}{r_j} = m_0 \int u(\lambda) d\mu(\lambda)$$

Hence  $v(\lambda) = (\lambda M - K)^{-1} e_0 = (\lambda - M^{-1}K)^{-1} M^{-1} e_0 = \int \frac{u(\lambda)}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} d\mu(\hat{\lambda})$

and so taking the component of degree 0, we get:

$$v(\lambda)_0 = \int \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{\lambda - \lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{m_0+}} \frac{1}{a_0+} \dots \frac{1}{\lambda_{m_n+}} \frac{1}{a_n}$$

Dual string: Let  $y_i^+ = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{a_i} = k_i \frac{(y_{i+1} - y_i)}{a_i}$  be the slope of the  $i$ -th segment. Then

$$\lambda m_i y_i = y_i^+ - y_{i-1}^+$$

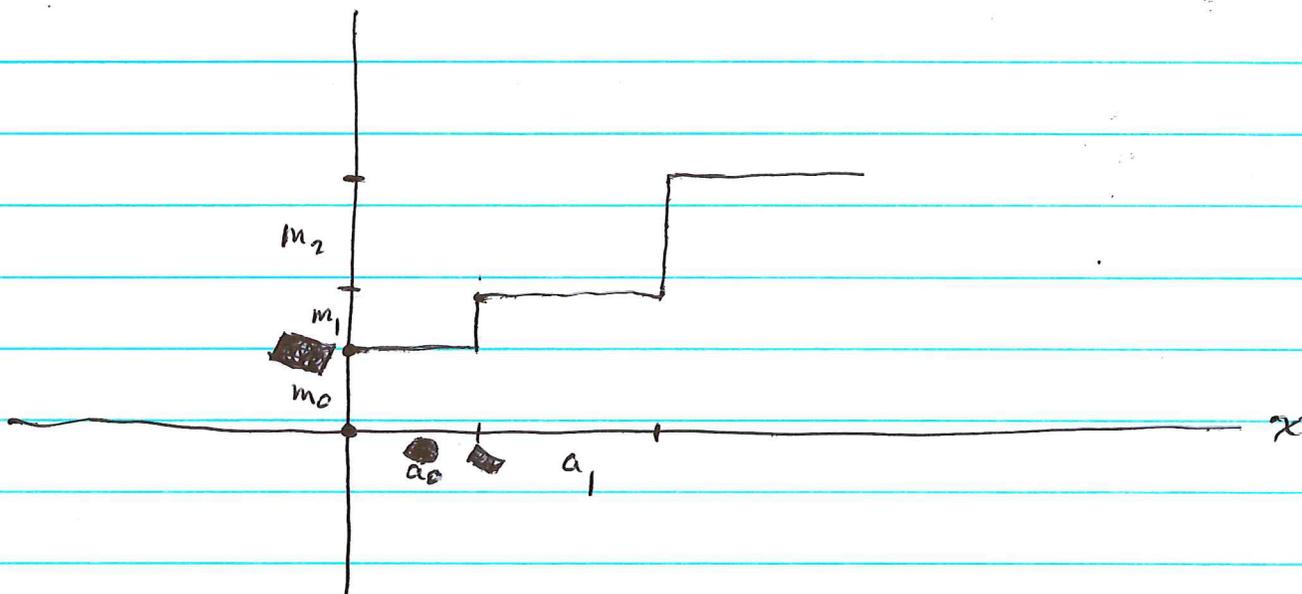
so

$$\lambda (y_{i+1} - y_i) = \frac{y_{i+1}^+ - y_i^+}{m_{i+1}} + \frac{y_{i-1}^+ - y_i^+}{m_i}$$

or

$$\lambda a_i y_i^+ = \frac{1}{m_{i+1}} (y_{i+1}^+ - y_i^+) + \frac{1}{m_i} (y_{i-1}^+ - y_i^+)$$

which is the equation for a string with the masses  $a_i$  and the separation  $m_{i+1}$  between  $a_i$  and  $a_{i+1}$ .



In the smooth string case the equation is

$$\frac{d}{dm} \frac{du}{dx} = \lambda u$$

which leads to

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{d}{dm} \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right) = \lambda \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)$$

so you get a new string with  $x, m$  interchanged and  $u$  replaced by  $\frac{du}{dx}$ .

Now the ~~old~~ boundary conditions

$$u'(0) = 0$$

$$u(l) + k u'(l) = 0$$

for the original string become for the dual string

$$w(0) = 0$$

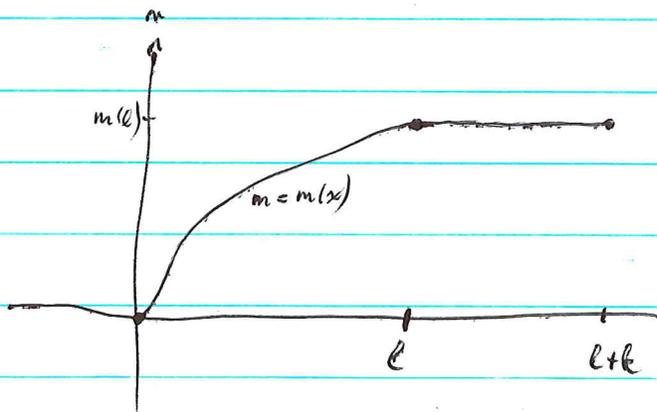
and  $k w(m(l)) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{dw}{dm}(m(l)) = 0$ . So at least

for  $k=0$  and  $k=\infty$  these boundary conditions are nice:

$$k=0: \begin{cases} u'(0) = 0 \\ u(l) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} w(0) = 0 \\ \frac{dw}{dm}(m(l)) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$k=\infty \quad \begin{cases} u'(0) = 0 \\ u'(l) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} w(0) = 0 \\ w(m(l)) = 0 \end{cases}$$

But I have seen that  $k$  can be interpreted as putting on a weightless piece of length  $k$  from  $l$  to  $l+k$ , so this should be the same as attaching to the dual string a point mass of mass  $k$  at the point  $m(l)$ :



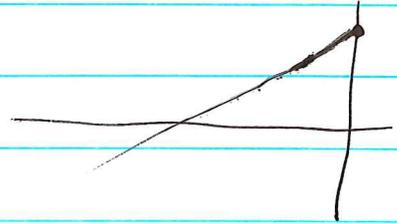
Interesting case is that of a smooth string of length  $l$  with a point mass  $m[l]$  at  $x=l$ .

Then the equation of motion is still

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = m' \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{in } 0 \leq x < l$$

but at  $l$  we want

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}(l) = -m[l] \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}(l)$$



Hence we get the SL problem

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = \lambda m'(x) u \quad 0 \leq x < l$$

$$u'(0) = 0$$

$$u'(l) + \lambda m[l] u(l) = 0$$

since  $\lambda = -\omega^2 < 0$   
this means both ~~the~~  
~~the~~  $u, u'$  have same sign.

where  $\lambda$  also appears in the boundary conditions. If  $u$  is an eigenfunction

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^l \lambda u^2 m' dx &= \int_0^l \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} u dx = \left[ \frac{du}{dx} u \right]_0^l - \int_0^l \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx \\ &= -\lambda m[l] u(l)^2 - \int_0^l \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lambda \left( \int_0^l u^2 m' dx + m[l] u(l)^2 \right) = - \int_0^l \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx \leq 0$$

so the eigenvalues are  $\leq 0$ .

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Definition: A de Branges function is an entire function  $E(\lambda)$  such that

$$\operatorname{Im}(\lambda) > 0 \implies |E(\lambda)| > |E^\#(\lambda)|$$

where  $E^\#(\lambda) = \overline{E(\bar{\lambda})}$ .

Example: Let  $u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, \lambda) \\ u_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix}$  be the solution of

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \begin{pmatrix} i\lambda & \bar{p} \\ p & -i\lambda \end{pmatrix} u$$

starting with ~~the~~ values

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1(0, \lambda) \\ u_2(0, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha} \\ e^{-i\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\alpha$  does not depend on  $\lambda$ . Notice that the DE has the symmetry  $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_2 \\ \bar{u}_1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\lambda \mapsto \bar{\lambda}$ , hence one has

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, \lambda) \\ u_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} \overline{u_2(x, \bar{\lambda})} \\ \overline{u_1(x, \bar{\lambda})} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $c$  is a constant one can evaluate by setting  $x=0$ :

$$e^{i\alpha} = c e^{-i\alpha} \quad \therefore c = 1.$$

Hence  $u_2(x, \lambda) = \overline{u_1(x, \bar{\lambda})}$ . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (|u_1|^2 - |u_2|^2) &= (i\lambda u_1 + p u_2) \bar{u}_1 + (-i\bar{\lambda} \bar{u}_1 + p \bar{u}_2) u_1 \\ &\quad - (p u_1 - i\lambda u_2) \bar{u}_2 - (p \bar{u}_1 + i\bar{\lambda} \bar{u}_2) u_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= i(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})(|u_1|^2 + |u_2|^2) = -2(\text{Im } \lambda)(|u_1|^2 + |u_2|^2) < 0$$

if  $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$ . Hence  $|u_1|^2 - |u_2|^2$  decreases as  $x$  increases, so that ~~that~~  $|u_1(x, \lambda)| < |u_2(x, \lambda)|$  for any  $x > 0$ . Therefore if we put

$$E(\lambda) = u_2(x, \lambda)$$

for some  $\lambda$  we have

$$|E(\lambda)| = |u_2(x, \lambda)| > |u_1(x, \lambda)| = |\overline{u_2(x, \bar{\lambda})}| = |E^\#(\lambda)|$$

hence  $E(\lambda)$  is a de Branges function for any  $x > 0$ .

Notice also that if we had taken initial values:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1(0, \lambda) \\ u_2(0, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

~~with~~ with ~~that~~  $|c_1| = |c_2| > 0$ , then we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} \bar{c}_2 \\ \bar{c}_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{hence} \quad \begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, \lambda) \\ u_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} \overline{u_2(x, \bar{\lambda})} \\ \overline{u_1(x, \bar{\lambda})} \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $c = \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{c_1 c_2}{|c_2|^2} = \frac{c_1 c_2}{|c_1|^2} = \frac{c_2}{c_1}$ . Then again we

have that  $u_2(x, \lambda)$  is a de Branges function, since

$$|u_2(x, \lambda)| > |u_1(x, \lambda)| = |c| |\overline{u_2(x, \bar{\lambda})}| = |\overline{u_2(x, \bar{\lambda})}|$$

Reality condition for a de Branges function is:

$$E^\#(\lambda) = E(-\lambda)$$

i.e.  $\overline{E(\lambda)} = E(-\lambda)$  if  $\lambda$  real. This means that

$$E(\lambda) = A(\lambda) - iB(\lambda)$$

where  $A(\lambda)$  is even  $B(\lambda)$  is odd and both are real for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Example. Assume  $p$  is real-valued; ~~then~~ then the system has the symmetry  $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\lambda \rightarrow -\lambda$ . Hence if we have the initial condition

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1(0, \lambda) \\ u_2(0, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

stable under this symmetry:  $\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{c_2}{c_1}$  or  $c_1 = \pm c_2$ , then we have

$$(*) \quad \begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, \lambda) \\ u_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{c} \begin{pmatrix} u_2(x, -\lambda) \\ u_1(x, -\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$\tilde{c} = \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{c_2}{c_1}$$

~~the reality condition for the de Branges function~~

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, \lambda) \\ u_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} u_2^\#(x, \lambda) \\ u_1^\#(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

In general we have

$$c = \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{c_2}{c_1} \in \mathbb{S}^1$$

$$c_i = u_i(0, \lambda)$$

and (\*) above when  $p = \bar{p}$ , so to ~~get~~ get the reality condition for the de Branges fn.  $u_2(x, \lambda)$  we need to have

$$c = \tilde{c} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{c_1}{\overline{c_2}}$$

hence  $c_1, c_2$  are real and  $c_2 = \pm c_1$ .

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Consider  $\frac{du}{dx} = \begin{pmatrix} i\lambda & \bar{p} \\ p & -i\lambda \end{pmatrix} u$  on  $0 \leq x \leq l$

and let  $u(x, \lambda)$  be the solution starting with  $u(0, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $|c_1| = |c_2| = 1$ . Then we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, \lambda) \\ u_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} \overline{u_2(x, \bar{\lambda})} \\ u_1(x, \bar{\lambda}) \end{pmatrix} \quad c = \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{c_2}{\bar{c}_1}$$

and we have seen that  $|u_1(x, \lambda)| > |u_2(x, \bar{\lambda})|$  for  $\text{Im} \lambda > 0$  and any  $x > 0$ .

If we specify a boundary condition at  $x = l$  of the type  $u_1(l, \lambda) = e^{-i\alpha} u_2(l, \lambda) \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

then we get a self-adjoint bdy value problem, and hence a sequence of eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$ , and an expansion thm.

$$y(x) = \int u(x, \lambda) (y, u(\cdot, \lambda)) d\mu(\lambda)$$

where  $(u(\cdot, \lambda), y) = \int_0^l y^*(x) u(x, \lambda) dx$  is an entire function of  $\lambda$  such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(u(\cdot, \lambda), y)|^2 d\mu(\lambda) = \int_0^l |y(x)|^2 dx$$

Thus we get an isomorphism of  $(L^2([0, l]))^2$  with a Hilbert space <sup>consisting</sup> of entire functions whose norm depends on the values of these functions on the real line. Hopefully this will turn out to be a de Branges space. Note that this space doesn't depend on the bdy condition at  $x = l$ .

Example:  $p=0$ ; and  $c_1=c_2=1$ . Then

$$u(x, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\lambda x} \\ e^{-i\lambda x} \end{pmatrix}$$

If the boundary condition at  $x=l$  is  $u_1=u_2$ , then the eigenvalues are determined by

$$e^{i\lambda l} = e^{-i\lambda l} \quad \text{or} \quad e^{2i\lambda l} = 1.$$

Suppose  $l=\pi$ , so that the eigenvalues are  $\lambda=n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Expansion: Given  $y_1, y_2$  on  $[0, \pi]$  you want:

$$y_1 = \sum a_n e^{inx}$$

$$y_2 = \sum a_n e^{-inx} = \sum a_{-n} e^{inx}$$

~~$$\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (a_n + a_{-n}) \cos nx$$

$$\frac{y_1 - y_2}{2i} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (a_n - a_{-n}) \sin nx$$~~

Rewrite the second as  $y_2(-x) = \sum a_n e^{inx}$  for  $-\pi \leq x \leq 0$ .

Then it is clear that we get the Fourier series of the function  $\tilde{y}$  which is  $y_1(x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  and  $y_2(-x)$  for  $-\pi \leq x \leq 0$ :

$$2\pi a_n = \int_0^\pi (y_1 e^{-inx} + y_2 e^{-inx}) dx = \int_{-\pi}^\pi \tilde{y}(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

In this case the entire function is

$$f(\lambda) = \int_{-\pi}^\pi \tilde{y}(x) e^{-i\lambda x} dx$$

which is exponential type  $\leq \pi$ . By Paley-Weier the space of these transforms consists of all entire functions of type  $\leq \pi$  square-integrable on the real line.

Probability interpretation: Suppose one is given a measure  $d\mu(\lambda)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then one gets a Hilbert space  $Z = L^2(\mathbb{R}, d\mu)$  which comes equipped with a 1-parameter group of unitary operators, namely,  $U_t =$  multiplication by  $e^{i\lambda t}$ . (Recall this is the continuous version of having a Hilbert space & unitary operator  $U$  & cyclic vector. Here one gets the model  $L^2(S^1, d\mu)$  with  $U =$  mult. by  $z$  and cyclic vector given by  $1$ .)

Fix  $T > 0$  and let  $Z^T$  be the span of the functions  $e^{i\lambda t} = U_t \cdot 1$  for  $|t| \leq T$ . The problem is to "construct" the orthogonal projection of  $e^{i\lambda t}$  on  $Z^T$ .

Suppose that  $d\mu(\lambda)$  is the spectral measure belonging to a string which I will suppose to be smooth with the boundary condition  $u'(l) = 0$ . As usual  $A(x, \lambda)$  denotes the solution of

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = -\lambda^2 p y \quad p = m'(x)$$

satisfying  $A(0, \lambda) = 1, A'(0, \lambda) = 0$  and  $B(x, \lambda) = -\frac{1}{\lambda} A'(x, \lambda)$

Thus 
$$\frac{dB}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{d^2 A}{dx^2} = \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) (-\lambda^2 p A) = \lambda p A.$$

hence  $A, B$  satisfy the system:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda B = -\frac{dA}{dx} \\ \lambda A = \frac{dB}{dm} \end{cases} \quad dm = \rho dx$$

Now it's known that any  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, d\mu)$  can be represented

$$f(\lambda) = \int_0^l A(x, \lambda) \alpha(x) dm(x) + \int_0^l B(x, \lambda) \beta(x) dx$$

where  $\alpha \in L^2([0, l], dm)$  and  $\beta \in L^2([0, l], dx)$  and the first summand is the even part  $\frac{f(\lambda) + f(-\lambda)}{2}$  and the second is the odd part. We compute the effect of multiplying by  $\lambda$  on  $f$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^l \lambda A(x, \lambda) \alpha(x) dm(x) &= \int_0^l \frac{dB}{dm}(x, \lambda) \alpha(x) dm(x) = \int_0^l \frac{dB}{dx} \alpha dx \\ &= [B \alpha]_0^l - \int_0^l B \frac{d\alpha}{dx} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= B(l, \lambda) \alpha(l) - \int_0^l B(x, \lambda) \frac{d\alpha}{dx} dx$$

$$\int_0^l \lambda B(x, \lambda) \beta(x) dx = - \int_0^l \frac{dA}{dx} \beta dx = - [A \beta]_0^l + \int_0^l A \frac{d\beta}{dx} dx$$

$$= -A(l, \lambda) \beta(l) + \int_0^l A(x, \lambda) \frac{d\beta}{dx} dx$$

when  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue

so if  $\alpha(l) = \beta(l) = 0$ , then multiplication by  $\lambda$  corresponds to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\beta}{dm} \\ -\frac{d\alpha}{dx} \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose  $l = \infty$ . Then I have identified  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, d\mu)$  with pairs  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$   $\alpha \in L^2([0, \infty), dm)$ ,  $\beta \in L^2([0, \infty), dx)$  in such a way that multiplication by  $\lambda$  corresponds to the operator  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\beta}{dm} \\ -\frac{d\alpha}{dx} \end{pmatrix}$

~~Thus the operator~~ so what seems to be the case is that we have in the Hilbert space  $L^2([0, \infty), dm) \times L^2([0, \infty), dx)$  a self-adjoint operator given by  $\textcircled{*}$  and the boundary condition

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = 1 \\ \beta = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{at } x=0$$

Also corresponding to the virtual element  $\mathbf{1}$  of  $L^2(d\mu)$  one has the ~~virtual~~ virtual element  $\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{m'(0)} \delta(x)$ ,  $\beta = 0$ .

~~The~~ The 1-parameter family of multiplication by  $e^{i\lambda t}$  corresponds to time evolution of the solutions of the wave equation

$$\frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\beta}{dm} \\ -\frac{d\alpha}{dx} \end{pmatrix}$$

(I notice now that in the prediction problem one assumes  $\int d\mu < \infty$  so that  $\mathbf{1} \in L^2(d\mu)$ . This means the corresponding string has a point mass at  $x=0$ .)

We can mimic the above in the case of  $\frac{du}{dx} = \begin{pmatrix} i\lambda & \bar{p} \\ p & -i\lambda \end{pmatrix} u$   
Rewrite this equation in the form:

$$i\lambda u = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & -\bar{p} \\ p & -\frac{d}{dx} \end{pmatrix} u$$

$$\text{or } \lambda u = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{dx} & \left(\frac{p}{i}\right)^{-} \\ \frac{p}{i} & -\frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{dx} \end{pmatrix} u \quad \blacksquare$$

and call the latter operator  $P$ . Provided boundary conditions at  $x=0, x=l$  are given we get a self-adjoint operator  $\hat{P}$  on  $L^2([0, l])^2$ . The eigenfunction expansion

$$y = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, \lambda) \overline{(u(\cdot, \lambda), y)} d\mu(\lambda)$$

provides an isomorphism between  $L^2(\mathbb{R}, d\mu)$  and  $L^2([0, l])^2$  such that multiplying by  $\lambda$  corresponds to the operator  $\hat{P}$ .

The next thing to understand is how the de Branges Hilbert spaces fit into this picture. For each  $0 \leq x \leq l$  we consider the subspace of  $L^2(d\mu)$  we get consisting of transforms  $(u(\cdot, \lambda), y) = \int_0^x y(x)^* u(x, \lambda) dx$  where  $y$  vanishes to the right of  $x$ . This gives one a subspace  $K^x$  which ought to be a de Branges space, i.e. a Hilbert space of entire functions satisfying de Branges axioms.

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Return to  $\frac{du}{dx} = \begin{pmatrix} i\lambda & \bar{p} \\ p & -i\lambda \end{pmatrix} u$  suppose boundary conditions at  $x=0$  and  $x=l$  are given.

Let  $u(x, \lambda)$  be the solution with initial conditions  $u(0, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $|c_1| = |c_2| = 1$ . We let  $v(x, \lambda)$  be the solution satisfying the boundary condition at  $x=l$  and normalized so that

$$\begin{vmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \quad \text{change to } +1$$

$v(x, \lambda)$  is defined when  $\lambda$  is not an eigenvalue. I want to construct the Green's matrix. Write the equations in the form

$$\lambda u = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & -\bar{p} \\ p & -\frac{d}{dx} \end{pmatrix} u = Lu$$

Then the Green's matrix satisfies

$$(\lambda - L)g(x, y, \lambda) = I\delta(x-y)$$

~~and~~ and the boundary conditions (with  $x$ ;  $y$  is fixed). Thus for  $x < y$ , ~~one~~ one has

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1(x)a_1 & u_1(x)a_2 \\ u_2(x)a_1 & u_2(x)a_2 \end{pmatrix} = u(x)a^t$$

and similarly  $g(x, y, \lambda) = v(x)b^t$  for  $x > y$ . No matter what  $a, b$  are  $(\lambda - L)g$  is a distribution supported at  $x=y$ , and the point is to choose  $a, b$  so that one gets  $I\delta(x-y)$ . (To be a bit more precise, we take  $g(x, y, \lambda)$  to be the distribution defined by the ~~function~~ function  $u(x)a^t$   $x < y$  and  $v(x)b^t$  for  $x > y$ , then try to rig  $a, b$  so that  $(\lambda - L)g = I\delta(x-y)$ )

Look at the first column of  $g$ . It should be clear that the second entry has to be continuous at  $y$

$$u_2(y) a_1 = v_2(y) b_1$$

and that the first entry jumps by  $i$  ( $by - i$ )

$$u_1(y) a_1 + i = v_1(y) b_1$$

$$u_1(y) a_1 - v_1(y) b_1 = -i$$

hence

$$a_1 = i v_2(y) \quad b_1 = i u_2(y)$$

similarly

$$u_1(y) a_2 = v_1(y) b_2$$

$$u_2(y) a_2 - i = v_2(y) b_2$$

$$\text{or } u_2(y) a_2 - v_2(y) b_2 = i$$

hence

$$a_2 = i v_1(y) \quad b_2 = i u_1(y)$$

Thus

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \begin{cases} i \begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, \lambda) \\ u_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_2(y, \lambda) & v_1(y, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} & x < y \\ i \begin{pmatrix} v_1(x, \lambda) \\ v_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_2(y, \lambda) & u_1(y, \lambda) \end{pmatrix} & x > y \end{cases}$$

Now one also has

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{u(x, \lambda_j) u(y, \lambda_j)^*}{\lambda - \lambda_j} \frac{1}{\|u(\cdot, \lambda_j)\|^2}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{u(x, \hat{\lambda}) u(y, \hat{\lambda})^*}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} d\mu(\hat{\lambda})$$

In this formula put  $x=0$  and let  $y \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} g(0, y, \lambda) &= i \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} (v_2(0, \lambda) \quad v_1(0, \lambda)) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} (\bar{c}_1 \quad \bar{c}_2) \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$i c_1 v_2(0, \lambda) = c_1 \bar{c}_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}$$

so it seems we get

$$\begin{aligned} i v_2(0, \lambda) &= \bar{c}_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} \\ i v_1(0, \lambda) &= \bar{c}_2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

which doesn't make sense. So obviously we've run into the discontinuity of  $g$  on the diagonal. However we might be able to argue this way for the components off the main diagonal which are continuous. e.g. for  $x \neq y$

$$\begin{aligned} i u_2(x, \lambda) v_2(y, \lambda) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{u_2(x, \hat{\lambda}) \overline{u_1(y, \hat{\lambda})}}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} d\mu(\hat{\lambda}) \\ i u_1(x, \lambda) v_1(y, \lambda) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{u_1(x, \hat{\lambda}) \overline{u_2(y, \hat{\lambda})}}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} d\mu(\hat{\lambda}) \end{aligned}$$

Same problem seems to arise. So we need an example to sort out the difficulty.

Let's begin with the operator

$$Lu = \frac{1}{i} \frac{du}{dx} = \lambda u$$

on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$  with ~~□~~ periodic boundary conditions:  $u(0) = u(2\pi)$ . The eigenfunctions are  $e^{inx}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

~~□~~ so

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \sum \frac{e^{inx} \overline{e^{iny}}}{\lambda - n} \frac{1}{2\pi} \quad \square \quad \square$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_n \frac{e^{-in(x-y)}}{\lambda - n}$$

On the other hand

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \begin{cases} a e^{i\lambda x} & x < y \\ b e^{-i\lambda x} & x > y \end{cases}$$

and one has

$$a = b e^{2\pi i \lambda} \quad \text{boundary condition}$$

$$\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{dx}\right) g(x, y, \lambda) = \delta(x-y)$$

hence

$$-\frac{1}{i} (b-a) e^{i\lambda y} = 1$$

$$a(e^{-2\pi i \lambda} - 1) e^{i\lambda y} = -i$$

$$\text{or } a = \frac{i e^{-i\lambda y}}{-e^{-2\pi i \lambda} + 1}$$

Thus

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \frac{i e^{i\lambda(x-y)}}{1 - e^{-2\pi i \lambda}} \quad x < y$$

$$= \frac{i e^{i\lambda(x-y)} e^{-2\pi i \lambda}}{1 - e^{-2\pi i \lambda}} \quad x > y$$

or finally

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{i e^{-i\lambda(x-y)}}{1 - e^{-2\pi i \lambda}} & x < y \\ \frac{i e^{i\lambda(x-y)}}{e^{2\pi i \lambda} - 1} & x > y \end{cases}$$

By residues one gets the expansion

$$\frac{i e^{i\lambda(x-y)}}{1 - e^{-2\pi i \lambda}} = \sum_n \frac{i}{2\pi i} \frac{e^{-in(x-y)}}{\lambda - n} \quad x < y$$

and similarly for  $x > y$ .

Now consider  $\frac{du}{dx} = \begin{pmatrix} -i\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -i\lambda \end{pmatrix} u$  on  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  with boundary conditions  $u_1 = u_2$  at both ends.

One has  $u(x, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\lambda x} \\ e^{-i\lambda x} \end{pmatrix}$  and the eigenvalues are  $\lambda = n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\lambda - n} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\lambda x} \\ e^{-i\lambda x} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-iny} & e^{iny} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\lambda - n} \begin{pmatrix} e^{in(x-y)} & e^{+in(x+y)} \\ e^{-in(x+y)} & e^{-in(x-y)} \end{pmatrix}$$

But we have  $u(x, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\lambda x} \\ e^{-i\lambda x} \end{pmatrix}$

$$v(x, \lambda) = c \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\lambda(x-\pi)} \\ e^{-i\lambda(x-\pi)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} = c \begin{vmatrix} e^{i\lambda x} & e^{i\lambda x} e^{-i\pi\lambda} \\ e^{-i\lambda x} & e^{-i\lambda x} e^{+i\pi\lambda} \end{vmatrix} = c (e^{i\pi\lambda} - e^{-i\pi\lambda}) = +1$$

$$c = \frac{+1}{e^{\pi i \lambda} - e^{-\pi i \lambda}} \quad \text{so}$$

$$g(x, y, \lambda) = \frac{+1}{e^{\pi i \lambda} - e^{-\pi i \lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\lambda(x-y+\pi)} & e^{i\lambda(x+y-\pi)} \\ e^{i\lambda(-x-y+\pi)} & e^{i\lambda(-x+y-\pi)} \end{pmatrix} \quad x < y$$

$$= \frac{i}{e^{\pi i \lambda} - e^{-\pi i \lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\lambda(x-y-\pi)} & e^{i\lambda(x+y-\pi)} \\ e^{i\lambda(-x-y+\pi)} & e^{-i\lambda(-x+y+\pi)} \end{pmatrix} \quad x > y$$

So the problem seems to be this: In what sense is

$$(*) \quad g(x, y, \lambda) = \sum_j \frac{u(x, \lambda_j) u(y, \lambda_j)^*}{\lambda - \lambda_j} \frac{1}{\|u(\cdot, \lambda_j)\|^2} ?$$

What I wanted to do was to put  $x=y=0$ .

Example of  $L = \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{dx}$  on  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ , periodic conditions  
In what sense is

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{e^{in(x-y)}}{\lambda - n} = \begin{cases} \frac{ie^{i\lambda(x-y)}}{1 - e^{-2\pi i \lambda}} & 0 \leq x < y \\ \frac{ie^{i\lambda(x-y)}}{e^{2\pi i \lambda} - 1} & y < x \leq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

~~$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{e^{in(x-y)}}{\lambda - n} = \frac{1}{2} \cot(\pi \lambda) \quad 0 \leq x=y \leq 2\pi ?$$~~

From Fourier series this should hold for  $x, y$  fixed, provided the sum  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is taken  $\sum_{|n| \leq N}$  then  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

Conjecture: The equality (\*) holds as for Fourier series. Thus

when  $x=y$  the series on the right converges to the average of the diagonal limits.

Test this out in the example.

$$g(0, 0+, \lambda) = \frac{i}{e^{\pi i \lambda} - e^{-\pi i \lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\lambda\pi} & e^{-i\lambda\pi} \\ e^{+i\lambda\pi} & e^{-i\lambda\pi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g(0+, 0, \lambda) = \frac{i}{e^{\pi i \lambda} - e^{-\pi i \lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\lambda\pi} & e^{-i\lambda\pi} \\ e^{i\lambda\pi} & e^{i\lambda\pi} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{g(0, 0+, \lambda) + g(0+, 0, \lambda)}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cot(\pi\lambda) & \frac{i}{e^{2\pi i \lambda} - 1} \\ \frac{i}{1 - e^{-2\pi i \lambda}} & \cot(\pi\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

However the series for  $g(x, y)$  converges for  $x=y=0$  to

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cot(\pi\lambda) & \cot(\pi\lambda) \\ \cot(\pi\lambda) & \cot(\pi\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

so the conjecture doesn't hold.

Perhaps I should ask for a formula relating  $\nu(0, \lambda)$  to the spectral measure  $d\mu(\lambda)$ .

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Consider  $\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} + (\lambda - q)u = 0$  on  $0 \leq x \leq l$   
with the boundary condition

$$\frac{u(0)}{u'(0)} = \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}$$

and let  $\psi(x, \lambda), \varphi(x, \lambda)$  be the solutions with initial values

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi & \varphi \\ \psi' & \varphi' \end{pmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Any solution not satisfying the boundary condition at  $x=0$  is proportional to  $m\psi + \varphi$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{C}$ . If the boundary condition ~~is~~ at  $x=l$ :

$$\frac{u(l)}{u'(l)} = \cot \beta$$

is given then  $u = m\psi + \varphi$  satisfies this iff

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi & \varphi \\ \psi' & \varphi' \end{pmatrix}_{x=l} (m) = \cot \beta$$

or

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} \psi & \varphi \\ \psi' & \varphi' \end{pmatrix}_{x=l}^{-1} (\cot \beta) = \frac{\varphi'(l, \lambda) \cot \beta - \psi(l, \lambda)}{-\psi'(l, \lambda) \cot \beta + \varphi'(l, \lambda)}$$

As  $\cot(\beta)$  runs over  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $m$  runs around a circle  $C(\lambda)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Put

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi & \varphi \\ \psi' & \varphi' \end{pmatrix}_{x=l} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}, \quad x = \cot \beta = \frac{Am+B}{Cm+D}$$

~~Then  $m \in C(\lambda) \Leftrightarrow \frac{Am+B}{Cm+D} = x$  iff  $(Cm+D)x = Am+B$~~

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The center of  $C(\lambda)$  is the reflection through  $C(\lambda)$  of  $m = \infty$  which goes to  $x = A/C$ . Reflecting through  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  gives  $x = \frac{\bar{A}}{\bar{C}}$  which corresponds to the center. Thus

$$\text{center of } C(\lambda) = \frac{D\left(\frac{\bar{A}}{\bar{C}}\right) - B}{-C\left(\frac{\bar{A}}{\bar{C}}\right) + A} = \frac{\bar{A}D - B\bar{C}}{\bar{A}\bar{C} - \bar{A}C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{radius of } C(\lambda) &= \left| \frac{\bar{A}D - B\bar{C}}{\bar{A}\bar{C} - \bar{A}C} - \left(\frac{D}{-C}\right) \right| = \left| \frac{\bar{A}C\bar{D} - B\bar{C}C + A\bar{C}D - \bar{A}C\bar{D}}{(\bar{A}\bar{C} - \bar{A}C)C} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{\bar{A}\bar{C} - \bar{A}C} \right| \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$  center                       $\uparrow$  pt. corresp to  $x = \infty$

The ~~points~~ <sup>points</sup> of  $C(\lambda)$  are those  $m$  such that  $X = m\psi + \varphi$  has real boundary values at  $x = b$  i.e. such that

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & \bar{x} \\ x' & \bar{x}' \end{vmatrix}_{x=b} = 0$$

~~The coefficient of  $m$  in this equation is~~ The coefficient of  $m$  in this equation is  $\frac{|\psi \bar{\psi}|}{|\psi' \bar{\psi}'|}(b)$ , so

$$\text{interior of } C(\lambda) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & \bar{x} \\ x' & \bar{x}' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \psi & \bar{\psi} \\ \psi' & \bar{\psi}' \end{vmatrix}}(b) < 0$$

Now since  $g$  is real if  $u$  is a soln. of the DE

$$\frac{d}{dx} \begin{vmatrix} u & \bar{u} \\ u' & \bar{u}' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} u & \bar{u} \\ (g-\lambda)u & (g-\lambda)\bar{u} \end{vmatrix} = (1-\lambda)|u|^2 = 2i \operatorname{Im}(\lambda)|u|^2.$$

~~rad(C(A))~~ If  $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$ , then

$$\text{rad}(C(A))^{-1} = \left\| \begin{array}{c} \psi \\ \psi' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{\psi}} = 2 \text{Im}(\lambda) \int_0^l |\psi|^2 dx$$

Also  $\left\| \begin{array}{c} x \\ x' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{x}} = \left\| \begin{array}{c} m\psi + \varphi \\ m\psi' + \varphi' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{m}\psi + \varphi} = \left\| \begin{array}{c} (m - \bar{m})\psi \\ (m - \bar{m})\psi' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{m}\psi + \varphi}$

$$= (m - \bar{m}) \left\| \begin{array}{c} \psi \\ \psi' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\varphi} = m - \bar{m} = 2i \text{Im}(m)$$

So

$$\frac{1}{2i} \left\| \begin{array}{c} x \\ x' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{x}} = \text{Im}(m) + \text{Im}(\lambda) \int_0^l |x|^2 dx$$

So interior of  $C(\lambda)$  is determined by

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2i} \left\| \begin{array}{c} x \\ x' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{x}}}{\frac{1}{2i} \left\| \begin{array}{c} \psi \\ \psi' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{\psi}}} = \frac{\text{Im}(m) + \text{Im}(\lambda) \int_0^l |x|^2 dx}{\text{Im}(\lambda) \int_0^l |\psi|^2 dx} < 0$$

or simply

$$\int_0^l |x|^2 dx < -\frac{\text{Im}(m)}{\text{Im}(\lambda)} \quad \text{for the interior of } C(\lambda).$$

As a check I note that for  $\text{Im}(\lambda) > 0$ , one has

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{2i} \left\| \begin{array}{c} u \\ u' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{u}} = \text{Im}(\lambda) |u|^2 > 0$$

hence  $\frac{1}{2i} \left\| \begin{array}{c} x \\ x' \end{array} \right\|_{x=l}^{\bar{x}}(0) < 0$  if  $\frac{x}{x'}$  real at  $x=l$

$$\frac{1}{2i} \left[ \frac{x(0)}{x'(0)} - \frac{\bar{x}(0)}{\bar{x}'(0)} \right] |x'(0)|^2 = \text{Im}(m(\lambda)) \cdot |x'(0)|^2$$

So the equation of  $C_0(\lambda)$  is

$$\int_0^l |m\psi(x, \lambda) + \varphi(x, \lambda)|^2 dx = -\frac{\text{Im}(m)}{\text{Im}(\lambda)}$$

~~Let's apply the Parseval thm.~~ Notice that  $\chi(x, \lambda) = m\psi(x, \lambda) + \varphi(x, \lambda)$  is the solution satisfying the left boundary condition (here  $m = m(\lambda)$  corresp. to the boundary condition given at  $x = l$ ) whose Wronskian with  $\psi$  is 1:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \psi & m\psi + \varphi \\ \psi' & m\psi' + \varphi' \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \psi & \varphi \\ \psi' & \varphi' \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

Let's apply the Parseval thm. to  $\chi(x, \lambda) = m(\lambda)\psi(x, \lambda) + \varphi(x, \lambda)$  where  $\lambda$  is fixed not an eigenvalue

$$\int_0^l |\chi(x, \lambda)|^2 dx = \sum_j |a_j|^2 \frac{1}{r_j}$$

where

$$a_j = \int_0^l \chi(x, \lambda) \psi(x, \lambda_j) dx \quad r_j = \int_0^l \psi(x, \lambda_j)^2 dx$$

Now since  $(l - \lambda)\chi(x, \lambda) = 0$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^l L\chi(x, \lambda) \psi(x, \lambda_j) dx - \int_0^l \chi(x, \lambda) L\psi(x, \lambda_j) dx \\ &= (\lambda - \lambda_j) a_j = -\left[ \chi'(x, \lambda) \psi(x, \lambda_j) - \chi(x, \lambda) \psi'(x, \lambda_j) \right]_0^l \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \chi & \psi \\ \chi' & \psi' \end{vmatrix} (0) = +1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_j = \frac{1}{\lambda - \lambda_j}$$

so that

$$\int_0^l |x(x, \lambda)|^2 dx = \sum_j \frac{1}{|\lambda - \lambda_j|^2} \frac{1}{r_j} = \int \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}|^2}$$

Consider  $L = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & -p \\ p & -\frac{d}{dx} \end{pmatrix}$  with boundary

conditions given at  $x=0$  and  $x=l$ . Let  $u(x, \lambda)$  be the solution with the initial condition  $u(0, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$  where recall:  $|c_1| = |c_2| > 0$ . If  $\lambda$  is not an eigenvalue there is a solution  $v(x, \lambda)$  independent of  $u(x, \lambda)$  which satisfies the bdy condition at  $x=l$  and we can choose it so that

$$\begin{vmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} = i$$

for all  $x$ . Let's expand  $v$  in eigenfunctions

$$v = \sum_j a_j u_j \quad u_j = u(x, \lambda_j) \quad r_j = \|u_j\|^2$$

$$r_j a_j = (v, u_j). \quad \text{Now}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda - \lambda_j)(v, u_j) &= (Lv, u_j) - (v, Lu_j) \\ &= \int_0^l [u_j^* Lv - (Lu_j)^* v] dx \\ &= [u_j^* Av]_0^l \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The boundary conditions at  $x=l$  are of the form  $\frac{v_1(l)}{v_2(l)} = e^{-i\beta}$

Hence  $(u_j^* A v)(l) = \frac{1}{i} [\overline{u_1(l)} v_1(l) - \overline{u_2(l)} v_2(l)]$   
 $= \frac{1}{i} [\overline{u_2(l)} e^{-i\beta} e^{i\beta} v_2(l) - \overline{u_2(l)} v_2(l)] = 0$

and  $(u_j^* A v)(0) = \frac{1}{i} [\overline{c_1} v_1(0) - \overline{c_2} v_2(0)]$

But by the choice of  $v$  we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & v_1(0) \\ c_2 & v_2(0) \end{vmatrix} = c_1 v_2(0) - c_2 v_1(0) = i$$

Since  $|c_1| = |c_2|$  we have  $\frac{\overline{c_2}}{c_1} = \frac{\overline{c_1}}{c_2} = c$ ,  $|c| = 1$   
 and up to a scalar we could have arranged that  
 $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha/2} \\ e^{-i\alpha/2} \end{pmatrix}$  so that  $c_1 = \overline{c_2}$ . If this is the case then

$$(u_j^* A v)(0) = \frac{1}{i} (-i) = -1$$

so  $(\lambda - \lambda_j)(v, u_j) = -u_j^* A v(0) = 1$

and hence

$$(v, u_j) = \frac{1}{\lambda - \lambda_j}$$

Thus in the  $l^2$ -sense we have

$$v(x, \lambda) = \int \frac{u(x, \hat{\lambda}) d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}$$

$v = v_2$  etc:

Example: For  $p=0$   $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\wedge$   $l=\pi$  we found  
 $u(x, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\lambda x} \\ e^{-i\lambda x} \end{pmatrix}$   $v(x, \lambda) = \frac{i}{e^{i\pi i} - e^{-i\pi i}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\lambda x} e^{-i\pi} \\ e^{-i\lambda x} e^{i\pi} \end{pmatrix}$

Now  $\int \frac{u(x, \hat{\lambda}) d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{\lambda - n} \begin{pmatrix} e^{inx} \\ e^{-inx} \end{pmatrix}$

and so where the problem encountered on p. 327 arises, namely this Fourier series for  $x=0$  does not converge to  $v(0, \lambda)$ . For:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{\lambda - n} = \frac{1}{2} \cot(\pi\lambda) = \frac{i}{2} \frac{e^{\pi i \lambda} + e^{-\pi i \lambda}}{e^{\pi i \lambda} - e^{-\pi i \lambda}}$$

and  $v(0, \lambda) = \frac{i}{e^{\pi i \lambda} - e^{-\pi i \lambda}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\lambda\pi} \\ e^{-i\lambda\pi} \end{pmatrix}$

Question: What does the series  ~~$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{\lambda - n}$~~   $\int \frac{u(x, \lambda) d\mu(\lambda)}{\lambda - \lambda}$  actually converge to?

My idea here is that ~~this~~ this series should make sense as a distribution of some sort. I should maybe think of  $C_0^\infty$  as being those  $C^\infty$  functions on  $[0, l]$  which satisfy the boundary conditions. Such functions should have Fourier coefficients which decay rapidly.

$$(f, u_j) = \frac{1}{\lambda_j} (f, Lu_j) = \frac{1}{\lambda_j} (Lf, u_j)$$

because  $f$  satisfies bdy conditions

not quite - see below:

~~the tower of Hilbert spaces~~

We ought to get a tower of Hilbert spaces

$$\dots \subset H_2 \subset H_1 \subset H_0 \subset \dots$$

where  $H_0 = L^2([0, l])^2$  and  $H_n = G^n H_0$  where  $G = (\lambda - L)^{-1}$  for some regular value  $\lambda$ , and we ought to have

$$C_0^\infty([0, l]) = \bigcap H_n \quad \bigcup H_n = \text{Distributions on } [0, l]$$

means the extension by 0 to  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $C^\infty$ . ← not quite

Example: Take  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  on  $[0, \pi]$  with bdy conditions  $u(0) = u(\pi) = 0$ . Eigenfunctions are  $\sin(nx)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .  
 Suppose  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(nx)$  converges rapidly

enough so that we can differentiate term by term as many times as we please. Then we see that  $\forall k \geq 0$

$D^{2k+1}f$  vanishes at 0 and  $\pi$

i.e.  $L^k f$  satisfies the boundary conditions for every  $k \geq 0$ . The converse is obvious from:

$$\begin{aligned} (f, \sin(nx)) &= \frac{1}{(-n^2)^k} (f, L^k \sin(nx)) \\ &= \frac{1}{(-n^2)^k} (L^k f, \sin(nx)) \end{aligned}$$

which shows the coefficients go to zero faster than  $n^{-2k}$  for any  $k \geq 0$ . Hence the space  $H_{\infty}$  consists of all  $C^{\infty}$  odd periodic functions.  $H_{-\infty}$  is a quotient of the space of distributions on  $[0, \pi]$  where one kills the even derivative distributions supported at 0 and at  $\pi$ .  $\square$

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Let  $u(x, \lambda)$  satisfy  $\frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & -\bar{p} \\ p & \frac{d}{dx} \end{pmatrix} u = \lambda u$  with  $u(0, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \bar{c}_1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Choose  $\tilde{c}_1, \tilde{c}_2$  so that  $\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & \tilde{c}_1 \\ \bar{c}_1 & \tilde{c}_2 \end{vmatrix} = i$ .

For example, suppose  $c_1 = e^{-i\alpha}$ . ~~Then~~ Then

$$\begin{vmatrix} e^{i\alpha} & \frac{1}{2} i e^{i\alpha} \\ e^{-i\alpha} & \frac{1}{2} i e^{-i\alpha} \end{vmatrix} = i$$

so I can arrange  $\tilde{c}_2 = \bar{\tilde{c}}_1$  if I want. Let  $\tilde{u}(x, \lambda)$  be the solution with  $\tilde{u}(0, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{c}_1 \\ \tilde{c}_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $v = mu + \tilde{u}$  then we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} = i$$

For  $\lambda$  not an eigenvalue we get a unique  $m(\lambda)$  such that  $v(x, \lambda)$  satisfies the bdy condition at  $x=l$ . Then  $m(\lambda)$  is a meromorphic function with simple poles at the eigenvalues.

Calculate the eigenfunction expansion of  $v$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda - \lambda_j) (v, u_j) &= (Lv, u_j) - (v, Lu_j) = \int_0^l [u_j^* Lv - (Lu_j)^* v] dx \\ &= \int_0^l [u_j^* Av] dx \quad A = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -(u_j^* Av)(0) = -\frac{1}{i} [\bar{c}_1 (m c_1 + \tilde{c}_1) - \bar{c}_2 (m c_2 + \tilde{c}_2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{i} [c_1 \tilde{c}_2 - c_2 \tilde{c}_1] = 1 \quad c_2 = \bar{c}_1 \end{aligned}$$

Parseval's relation is  $\int_0^l |v|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{A - \lambda^2}$

On the other hand, one has

$$\frac{d}{dx} (v^* A v) = v^* L v - (L v)^* v = (\lambda - \bar{\lambda}) |v|^2$$

so

$$2i \operatorname{Im}(\lambda) \int_0^l |v|^2 dx = [v^* A v]_0^l = -(v^* A v)(0)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{i} (|m c_1 + \tilde{c}_1|^2 - |m c_2 + \tilde{c}_2|^2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{i} (|m|^2 (|c_1|^2 - |c_2|^2) + m(c_1 \tilde{c}_1 - c_2 \tilde{c}_2) + \bar{m}(\tilde{c}_1 \bar{c}_1 - \tilde{c}_2 \bar{c}_2) + |\tilde{c}_1|^2 - |\tilde{c}_2|^2)$$

want  $|\tilde{c}_1| = |\tilde{c}_2|$

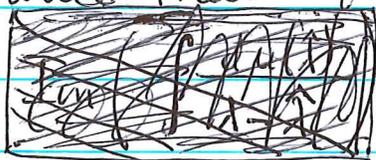
$$= -\frac{1}{i} (m i + \bar{m}(-i)) = -(m - \bar{m})$$

$$= -2i \operatorname{Im}(m).$$

so

$$-\frac{\operatorname{Im}(m)}{\operatorname{Im}(\lambda)} = \int_0^l |v|^2 dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}|^2}$$

Next notice that for  $\hat{\lambda}$  real



$$\operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}\right) = \operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}|}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}\right) \frac{1}{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}|}$$

$$= -\operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}|}\right) \frac{1}{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}|} = -\operatorname{Im}(\lambda) \frac{1}{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}|^2}$$

hence ~~the integral~~

$$\int \operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}\right) d\mu(\hat{\lambda}) = -\operatorname{Im}(\lambda) \int \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{|\lambda - \hat{\lambda}|^2} = \operatorname{Im}(m)$$

Now I want to prove that  $m(\lambda) = \int \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}$ . Now I know that  $m(\lambda)$  is meromorphic with simple poles at the eigenvalues, so if the integral exists ~~in a region~~ in ~~the~~ a region of the complex plane, then the difference  $m(\lambda) - \int \frac{d\mu(\hat{\lambda})}{\lambda - \hat{\lambda}}$

is an analytic function with zero imaginary part and hence it is a real constant. The trouble with

this approach is that it involves estimating the growth of the eigenvalues.

~~However, the Sturm comparison~~

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~~Another approach would be to show that  $m(\lambda)$~~

But it ought to be the case that for large  $\lambda$ , since we are working on a finite interval, the effect of  $p$  should be negligible. So it seems then that the integral  $\int \frac{du(\lambda)}{\lambda-1}$  ought to be Eisenstein convergent and hence should differ from  $m(\lambda)$  by a real constant.

Example again:  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 & \tilde{c}_1 \\ c_2 & \tilde{c}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{i}{2} \\ 1 & \frac{i}{2} \end{pmatrix}$   $u = \begin{pmatrix} e^{ix} \\ e^{-ix} \end{pmatrix}$

$\tilde{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{i}{2} e^{ix} \\ \frac{i}{2} e^{-ix} \end{pmatrix}$ . So  $mu + \tilde{u} = \begin{pmatrix} (m - \frac{i}{2}) e^{-ix} \\ (m + \frac{i}{2}) e^{-ix} \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies

the ~~right~~ right-hand bdy condition  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m - \frac{i}{2} \\ m + \frac{i}{2} \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\lambda\pi} = \begin{pmatrix} m + \frac{i}{2} \\ m - \frac{i}{2} \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\lambda\pi}$$

$$m(e^{i\lambda\pi} - e^{-i\lambda\pi}) = \frac{i}{2}(e^{i\lambda\pi} + e^{-i\lambda\pi})$$

$$m = \frac{i}{2} \frac{e^{i\lambda\pi} + e^{-i\lambda\pi}}{e^{i\lambda\pi} - e^{-i\lambda\pi}}$$

and the formula

$$m(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_n \frac{1}{\lambda - n} \quad \text{holds,}$$

We've used above that  $c_2 = \overline{c_1}$   $|\tilde{c}_2| = |\tilde{c}_1|$   $\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & \tilde{c}_1 \\ c_2 & \tilde{c}_2 \end{vmatrix} = 1$

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say  $c_1 = e^{-i\alpha}$ ,  $\tilde{c}_1 = re^{-i\beta}$ ,  $\tilde{c}_2 = re^{i\gamma}$ ,  $r > 0$ . Then

$$re^{i(\alpha+\gamma)} - re^{-i(\alpha+\beta)} = i$$

Now two points on the unit circle with difference a positive imaginary must be conjugate:

$$e^{i(\alpha+\gamma)} = e^{-i(\alpha+\beta)}$$

so  $e^{i\gamma} = e^{-i\beta}$ , i.e.  $\tilde{c}_2 = \overline{\tilde{c}_1}$ . This last condition persists if we add a real multiple of  $\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$  to  $\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{c}_1 \\ \tilde{c}_2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Therefore we see that changing  $\tilde{u}$  by a real multiple of  $u$  doesn't affect any of the eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  or their masses  $\|u_j\|^2$ , but it does change  $m$  by an additive real constant.

By choosing  $\tilde{u}$  suitably, one can arrange for the additive constant to disappear. Question: Does the good choice for  $\tilde{u}$  depend on the boundary condition at  $x=l$ ?

Try a more invariant viewpoint: Idea is that we have a real projective line of possible boundary values at  $x=0$  described by

$$(u^* A u)(0) = 0.$$

~~By describing the choices of boundary values at  $x=0$~~   
By describing  $v$  as  $mu + \tilde{u}$  we coordinatize this real projective line so that the bdry value at  $x=0$  corresponds to  $m = \infty$ .

Let  $d\mu(\lambda)$  be a measure on the line such that

$$(*) \quad \int_{|\lambda| \geq 1} \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{\lambda^2} < \infty$$

I'd like to define an analytic function in the complement of  $\text{Supp}(d\mu)$  by

$$(1) \quad f(z) = \int \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{z-\lambda}$$

However this integral might <sup>not</sup> converge. Notice however that the imaginary part does converge absolutely

$$(2) \quad \int \text{Im}\left(\frac{1}{z-\lambda}\right) d\mu(\lambda) = -\text{Im}(z) \int \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{|z-\lambda|^2}$$

by the hypothesis (\*). Hence the problem is that the real part of (1) doesn't converge. ~~Next~~ Next notice that for any ~~z~~  $z_0 \notin \text{Supp}(d\mu)$  the integral

$$(3) \quad \int \left[ \frac{1}{z-\lambda} - \frac{1}{z_0-\lambda} \right] d\mu(\lambda)$$

converges absolutely since

$$\frac{1}{z-\lambda} - \frac{1}{z_0-\lambda} = \frac{z_0-z}{(z-\lambda)(z_0-\lambda)} \sim (z_0-z) \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

We can improve (3) in some sense ~~so that it gives an analytic function with the imaginary part (2).~~ so that it gives an analytic function with the imaginary part (2). We want to ~~add~~ add to (3) the imaginary part of the correction term, so we want:

$$f(z) = \int \left[ \frac{1}{z-\lambda} - \text{Re}\left(\frac{1}{z_0-\lambda}\right) \right] d\mu(\lambda)$$

simplest choice for  $z_0$  is  $i$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{i-\lambda} \right) = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(-i-\lambda)}{\lambda^2+1} = -\frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda^2}$$

and the final formula for the desired analytic fn. is

$$(4) \quad f(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{z-\lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda^2} \right] d\mu(\lambda)$$

Summary: (4) gives an analytic function on  $\mathbb{C}$  - supp  $d\mu$  having

$$\operatorname{Im} f(z) = -(\operatorname{Im} \lambda) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\mu(\lambda)}{|\lambda-\lambda|^2}$$

Suppose again we look at  $Lu = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & -p \\ p & -\frac{d}{dx} \end{pmatrix} u = \lambda u$  on  $0 \leq x \leq l$  with a boundary condition

$$u(0, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad c_2 = \bar{c}_1 \quad |c_1| = 1$$

and denote the solution by  $u_1(x) = u(x, \lambda)$ . If a self-adj. boundary condition is given at  $x=l$ , then we get a spectral measure  $d\mu(\lambda)$ .

Given  $f = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix} \in L^2([0, l])^2$  we put

$$\hat{f}(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix} (f, u_1) = \int_0^l u_1(x)^* f(x) dx$$

so that  $\hat{f}(\lambda)$  is an entire function of  $\lambda$  and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(\lambda)|^2 d\mu(\lambda) = \int_0^l |f|^2 dx$$

by the Plancherel formula. Thus as  $f$  runs over

$L^2([0, l])^2$  we get a Hilbert space of analytic fns.  
Fix  $\lambda_0$  and try to represent the point evaluation:

$$\hat{f}(\lambda) \mapsto \hat{f}(\lambda_0) \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$$\hat{f}(\lambda_0) = (f, u_{\bar{\lambda}_0}) = (\hat{f}, \hat{u}_{\bar{\lambda}_0})$$

So this linear functional is represented by  $\hat{u}_{\bar{\lambda}_0}$ :

$$\hat{u}_{\bar{\lambda}_0}(\lambda) = (u_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, u_{\bar{\lambda}})$$

$$\text{But } (\bar{\lambda}_0 - \lambda)(u_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, u_{\bar{\lambda}}) = (L u_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, u_{\bar{\lambda}}) - (u_{\bar{\lambda}_0}, L u_{\bar{\lambda}})$$

$$= (u_{\bar{\lambda}_0}^* A u_{\bar{\lambda}}) \Big|_0^l$$

$$= (u_{\bar{\lambda}_0}^* A u_{\bar{\lambda}})(l)$$

$$= \frac{1}{i} \left[ \overline{u_1(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)} u_1(l, \lambda) - \overline{u_2(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)} u_2(l, \lambda) \right]$$

$$= \left[ u_{\bar{\lambda}}^* A u_{\bar{\lambda}_0} \right]_0^l$$

$$= u_{\bar{\lambda}}^* A u_{\bar{\lambda}_0}(l)$$

$$= \frac{1}{i} \left[ \overline{u_1(l, \bar{\lambda})} u_1(l, \bar{\lambda}_0) - \overline{u_2(l, \bar{\lambda})} u_2(l, \bar{\lambda}_0) \right]$$

Thus the point evaluation  $\hat{f} \mapsto \hat{f}(\lambda_0)$  is represented by

$$\hat{u}_{\bar{\lambda}_0} : \lambda \mapsto i \frac{u_1^\#(l, \lambda) u_1(l, \bar{\lambda}_0) - u_2^\#(l, \lambda) u_2(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)}{\lambda - \bar{\lambda}_0}$$

Notice that this doesn't depend upon the boundary condition at  $x=l$ .

~~Paradox~~: We know that  $L^2([0, l])^2$  is isomorphic to  $L^2(d\mu)$  by the transform  $f \leftrightarrow \hat{f}$ . On the other hand we have seen how to extend each transform to an entire function of  $\lambda$ , and we have seen that the resulting Hilbert space structure on these entire functions doesn't depend on the boundary condition at  $x=l$ . Thus we seem to get lots of measures on  $\mathbb{R}$  describing the inner product.

Recall the D.E. is symmetric under  $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_2 \\ \bar{u}_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda \mapsto \bar{\lambda}$

hence 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_2(x, \bar{\lambda}) \\ \bar{u}_1(x, \bar{\lambda}) \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} u_1(x, \lambda) \\ u_2(x, \lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

and one has  $c = 1$  if one assumes  $c_2 = \bar{c}_1$ . Then

$$u_2(x, \lambda) = u_1^\#(x, \lambda) = \overline{u_1(x, \bar{\lambda})}.$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_{\lambda_0}(\lambda) &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_{\lambda_0} \\ \hat{u}_{\lambda_0} \end{pmatrix} = i \frac{u_2(l, \lambda)u_1(l, \bar{\lambda}_0) - u_1(l, \lambda)u_2(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)}{\lambda - \bar{\lambda}_0} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{\lambda - \bar{\lambda}_0} \begin{vmatrix} u_1(l, \lambda) & u_1(l, \bar{\lambda}_0) \\ u_2(l, \lambda) & u_2(l, \bar{\lambda}_0) \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(Note that ~~the formula~~ the formula for  $\hat{u}_{\lambda_0}$  on p. 340 implies

$$0 < \hat{u}_{\lambda_0}(\lambda_0) \diamond = \frac{|u_1(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)|^2 - |u_2(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)|^2}{\text{Im } \lambda_0}$$

hence  $\text{Im}(\lambda_0) > 0 \implies |u_2(l, \lambda_0)| = |u_1(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)| > |u_2(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)|$  showing  $u_2(l, \bar{\lambda}_0)$  is a de Branges function.

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Def: A de Branges function is an entire fn.  $E(\lambda)$  such that  $\text{Im } \lambda > 0 \Rightarrow |E(\lambda)| > |E(\bar{\lambda})|$ . The de Branges space  $B(E)$  based on  $E$  is the set of entire functions  $f$  such that

$$\|f\|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{f(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \right|^2 d\lambda < \infty$$

~~||f||~~  $\left| \frac{f(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \right| \leq \frac{c(f)}{(\text{Im } \lambda)^{1/2}} \quad \text{Im } \lambda > 0$

$$\left| \frac{f(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \right| \leq \frac{c(f)}{(\text{Im } \lambda)^{1/2}} \quad \text{Im } \lambda < 0.$$

Clearly  $B(E)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and it is a pre-Hilbert space.

The condition on  $E$  implies that  $E(\lambda) \neq 0$  for  $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$ . If  $E(\lambda) = 0$  with  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then any  $f$  in  $B(E)$  also vanishes at  $\lambda$ , otherwise  $\|f\|$  would not be finite. Hence  $\frac{f(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)}$  is analytic for  $\text{Im } \lambda \geq 0$ . Since

$$\int_0^\pi \left| \frac{f}{E}(R e^{i\theta}) \right| d\theta \leq c(f) \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{(R \sin \theta)^{1/2}} d\theta \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

one gets by Cauchy's formula:

~~||f||~~  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda - z} = \begin{cases} \frac{f(z)}{E(z)} & \text{Im } z > 0 \\ 0 & \text{Im } z < 0 \end{cases}$

similarly

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(\lambda)}{E^\#(\lambda)} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda - z} = \begin{cases} -\frac{f(z)}{E^\#(z)} & \text{Im } z < 0 \\ 0 & \text{Im } z > 0 \end{cases}$$

hence

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(\lambda) \left[ \frac{E(z)}{E(\lambda)} - \frac{E^\#(z)}{E^\#(\lambda)} \right] \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda - z} = f(z) \quad \text{Im } z \neq 0.$$

same formula has to hold for  $z$  real (can move the contour a bit to avoid the zero in ~~the~~ deriving the formula and then use the fact that the integrand is defined at  $z = \lambda$ ). to rewrite the above as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(\lambda) \frac{E(z)E^\#(\lambda) - E^\#(z)E(\lambda)}{2\pi i(\lambda - z)} \frac{d\lambda}{|E(\lambda)|^2} = \int f(\lambda) \overline{J_z(\lambda)} \frac{d\lambda}{|E(\lambda)|^2}$$

~~where~~ where

$$J_z(\lambda) = \frac{\overline{E(z)}E(\lambda) - E(\overline{z})\overline{E(\lambda)}}{-2\pi i(\lambda - \overline{z})}$$

It remains to show  $J_z$  belongs to  $B(E)$ .

$$\frac{J_z(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i(\lambda - \overline{z})} \left( \overline{E(z)} - E(\overline{z}) \frac{E^\#(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \right)$$

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bounded for  $\text{Im}(\lambda) \geq 0$

Clear that  $\int \left| \frac{J_z(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \right|^2 d\lambda \leq C \int \frac{d\lambda}{|1 + \lambda^2|} < \infty.$

Also one has by Cauchy:

$$\frac{J_2(\omega)}{E(\omega)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{J_2(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda - \omega}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(\omega) > 0.$$

$$\text{so } \left| \frac{J_2(\omega)}{E(\omega)} \right|^2 \leq \text{const.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{J_2(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \right|^2 d\lambda \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d\lambda}{|\lambda - \omega|^2}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d\lambda}{|\lambda - a - bi|^2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d\lambda}{|\lambda - bi|^2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{b d\lambda}{|b\lambda - bi|^2} = \frac{1}{b} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{d\lambda}{1 + \lambda^2}$$

so one gets that  $J_2 \in B(E)$ .

From  $f(\omega) = (f, J_\omega)$  we get

$$|f(\omega)|^2 \leq \|f\|^2 \|J_\omega\|^2 = \|f\|^2 J_\omega^*(\omega) = \|f\|^2 \frac{|E(\omega)|^2 - |E^*(\omega)|^2}{4\pi \operatorname{Im} \omega}$$

Let's do things in reverse. Start with

$$Lu = \frac{1}{i} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dx} & -\bar{p} \\ p & -\frac{d}{dx} \end{pmatrix} u = \lambda u$$

and let  $u(x, \lambda)$  be the solution with initial value  $\begin{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha} \\ e^{-i\alpha} \end{pmatrix}$  so that one has  $u_2^\#(x, \lambda) = \overline{u_2(x, \bar{\lambda})} = u_1(x, \lambda)$

Working on the interval  $0 \leq x \leq l$  we can associate to each  $f \in L^2([0, l])^2$  an entire function

$$\hat{f}(\lambda) = (f, u_\lambda) = \int_0^l u_\lambda(x, \bar{\lambda})^* f(x) dx = \int_0^l (u_1^\#(x, \lambda) f_1(x) + u_2^\#(x, \lambda) f_2(x)) dx$$

If I select a boundary condition at  $x=l$ , then I get a sequence of eigenvalues and a spectral measure  $d\mu(\lambda)$  such that the Plancherel formula:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(\lambda)|^2 d\mu(\lambda) = \int_0^l |f(x)|^2 dx$$

$$\sum_j \frac{\delta(\lambda - \lambda_j)}{\|u_j\|^2}$$

holds. Moreover we get an isomorphism between  $L^2([0, l])^2$  and  $L^2(d\mu)$ , which means that in the Hilbert space of analytic functions  $\hat{f}(\lambda)$  we get an orthonormal basis formed by the unique elements  $\hat{f}_j$  such that

$$\hat{f}_j(\lambda) = \delta_{ij} r_j^{1/2} \quad r_j = \|u_j\|^2$$

~~Suppose the boundary value at  $x=l$  is~~ suppose the boundary value at  $x=l$  is  $\frac{u_1(l, \lambda)}{u_2(l, \lambda)} = e^{i\beta}$  or  $\frac{E^\#(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} = e^{i\beta}$ .

Compute the point evaluator:

$$\hat{f}(\lambda) = (f, u_{\lambda_0}) = (\hat{f}, \hat{u}_{\lambda_0})$$

Calculate  $\hat{u}_{\lambda_0}(\lambda) = (u_{\lambda_0}, u_\lambda)$  and we find:

$$\hat{u}_{\lambda_0}(\lambda) = i \frac{E(\lambda) \overline{E(\lambda_0)} - E^\#(\lambda) \overline{E^\#(\lambda_0)}}{\lambda - \lambda_0}$$

where  $E(\lambda) = u_2(l, \lambda)$ . Now if I write  $J_{\lambda_0}$  for the point evaluator at  $\lambda_0$ , i.e.  $J_{\lambda_0} = \hat{u}_{\lambda_0}$ , then

$$J_{\lambda_0}(\lambda_0) = \|\hat{u}_{\lambda_0}\|^2 = \frac{|E(\lambda)|^2 - |E^\#(\lambda_0)|^2}{2 \operatorname{Im} \lambda_0}$$

This shows  $|E(\lambda)| > |E^\#(\lambda)|$  if  $\operatorname{Im} \lambda > 0$  since  $u_2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow J_\lambda \neq 0$ .

Take an  $\hat{f}$ :

$$\hat{f}(\lambda) = (f, u_{\lambda}) \leq \|f\|^2 \|u_{\lambda}\|^2 = \|f\|^2 \frac{|E(\lambda)|^2 - |E^{\#}(\lambda)|^2}{2 \operatorname{Im} \lambda}$$

Hence we have an estimate

$$\left| \frac{\hat{f}(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \right| \leq \frac{c(f)}{\operatorname{Im} \lambda}$$

in the upper half plane. This allows us to establish the Cauchy formula

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\hat{f}(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda - z} = \begin{cases} \frac{\hat{f}(z)}{E(z)} & \operatorname{Im}(z) > 0 \\ 0 & \operatorname{Im}(z) < 0 \end{cases}$$

and similarly

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\hat{f}(\lambda)}{E^{\#}(\lambda)} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda - z} = \begin{cases} 0 & \operatorname{Im}(z) > 0 \\ -\frac{\hat{f}(z)}{E^{\#}(z)} & \operatorname{Im}(z) < 0 \end{cases}$$

hence

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int \hat{f}(\lambda) \left[ \frac{E(z)}{E(\lambda)} - \frac{E^{\#}(z)}{E^{\#}(\lambda)} \right] \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda - z} = \hat{f}(z)$$

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$$\int \hat{f}(\lambda) \left[ \frac{E(z)E(\lambda) - E^{\#}(z)E^{\#}(\lambda)}{(2\pi i)(\lambda - z)} \right] \frac{d\lambda}{|E(\lambda)|^2}$$

conclude the bracket represents the point evaluator at  $z$

still need to prove  $\int \left| \frac{\hat{f}(\lambda)}{E(\lambda)} \right|^2 d\lambda < \infty$ . However one <sup>should</sup> win by showing that  $\cdot$  is in  $B(E)$ .

What is the limit of  $i \frac{\overline{E(z)}E(\lambda) - E^\#(z)\overline{E^\#(\lambda)}}{\lambda - \bar{z}} = (\mathcal{J}_z, \mathcal{J}_\lambda) = \mathcal{J}_z(\lambda)$  347

when  $z = \lambda$  is real?

$$(\mathcal{J}_\lambda, \mathcal{J}_\lambda) = \frac{|E(\lambda)|^2 - |E^\#(\lambda)|^2}{2 \operatorname{Im} \lambda} = \frac{|E(a+ib)|^2 - |E(a-ib)|^2}{2b}$$

if  $a+ib = \lambda$ . Now let  $b \rightarrow 0$ , you get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{db} |E(a+ib)|^2 &= E(a) i \overline{E'(a)} + E(a) i E'(a) \\ &\stackrel{b=0}{=} |E(a)|^2 i \left[ \frac{E'(a)}{E(a)} - \frac{\overline{E'(a)}}{E(a)} \right] \\ &= |E(a)|^2 (-2) \operatorname{Im} \frac{d}{da} \log E(a) \\ &= -2 |E(a)|^2 \frac{d}{da} (\arg E(a)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have for  $\lambda$  real:

$$(\mathcal{J}_\lambda, \mathcal{J}_\lambda) = (u_\lambda, u_\lambda) = -2 |E(\lambda)|^2 \frac{d}{d\lambda} (\arg E(\lambda))$$