

The eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of a self-adjoint matrix  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are real,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . A unitary operator has eigenvalues with unit modulus,  $|\lambda| = 1$ . The eigenvalues of an anti-Hermitian matrix are purely imaginary. For a normal matrix, the eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  related to two different eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  are orthogonal,  $\langle \mathbf{v}_1 | \mathbf{v}_2 \rangle = 0$ . Scalar product:  $\langle \mathbf{x} | \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^* y_i, \mathbf{x} = (x_i), \mathbf{y} = (y_i) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . A self-adjoint/unitary matrix is a particular case of a normal matrix. A self-adjoint matrix is positive definite if and only if all its eigenvalues are strictly positive.

**Gram Schmidt** Orthogonalization process:

*Linearly independent* vectors:  $\{\chi_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$

*Orthogonal* vectors:  $\psi_i = \chi_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \langle \phi_j | \chi_i \rangle \phi_j$

*Orthonormal* vectors:  $\phi_i = \psi_i / \|\psi_i\|$

**Operators** Definitions:

*Self-adjoint/Hermitian*:  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^\dagger \iff \langle \psi | \mathbf{H} \chi \rangle = \langle \mathbf{H} \psi | \chi \rangle$ .

The composition of two self-adjoint matrices is itself self-adjoint if and only if the two matrices commute.

*anti-Hermitian*:  $\mathbf{H} = -\mathbf{H}^\dagger$

*Unitary*:  $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \iff \langle \mathbf{U} \psi | \mathbf{U} \chi \rangle = \langle \psi | \chi \rangle$ .

*Normal*:  $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}^\dagger] = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\dagger - \mathbf{A}^\dagger \mathbf{A} = 0$ .

**Spectral Theorem** For a normal operator on an inner product space  $V$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , there always exists an associated orthonormal eigenbasis of  $V$ .  $\iff$

For a normal matrix  $\mathbf{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  there always exists a unitary matrix  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger \mathbf{M} \mathbf{U}$ .

**Existence of common orthonormal eigenbasis** Two normal matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are simultaneously diagonalizable if and only if they commute ( $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = 0$ ).

**Eigenvalue problem**  $\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = 0 \implies \{\lambda_i\},$

$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_i \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v}_i = 0 \implies \{\mathbf{v}_i\}.$

**Simultaneous diagonalisation** for  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ :

The eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$  spanning the one-dimensional eigenspace associated to  $\mathbf{A}$  relative to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_A$  must be an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{B}$  as well. Therefore,  $\mathbf{v}$  must be colinear to one of the vectors of a common eigenbasis of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ . Same reasoning applies for the eigenvector  $\mathbf{w}$  spanning the one-dimensional eigenspace associated to  $\mathbf{B}$  relative to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_B$ .  $\implies \{\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{v} / \|\mathbf{v}\|, \mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{w} / \|\mathbf{w}\|, \mathbf{u}_3 = \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2\}$  forms a common orthonormal eigenbasis of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ .

**Scalar 1<sup>st</sup> order ODE** linear:  $y' = a(x)y + b(x), y(x_0) = y_0 \implies y(x) = y_0 \exp[\int_{x_0}^x a(s)ds] + \int_{x_0}^x b(s) \exp[\int_s^x a(t)dt]ds$ . Existence and uniqueness of solution for IVP.

**System of 1<sup>st</sup> order ODEs** linear with constant matrix:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}(x)}{dx} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}(x) \implies$$

$$\mathbf{y}(x) = \exp[(x - x_0)\mathbf{A}]\mathbf{y}_0 + \int_{x_0}^x \exp[(x - s)\mathbf{A}]\mathbf{b}(s)ds.$$

Existence and uniqueness of solution for IVP.

$$\exp(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{P} \exp(\mathbf{D}_\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{P}^{-1}. \exp(x\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{P} \exp(x\mathbf{D}_\mathbf{A}) \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

If  $[\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}] = 0$ , then  $\exp(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \exp(\mathbf{A})\exp(\mathbf{B})$ .

**Scalar higher order ODE**  $\frac{d^n y(x)}{dx^n} = \phi(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$

$$\text{Linear: } \frac{d^n y(x)}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x) \frac{d^{n-1} y(x)}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_0 y(x) = b(x).$$

Cast into a system of  $n$  1<sup>st</sup> order ODE:

$$\frac{d^n \mathbf{z}(x)}{dx^n} = (z_2, \dots, z_n, \phi(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)}))^T$$

If the coefficients  $a_i$  are constants, solve the homogeneous equation with the *characteristic equation*:

$$\lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + a_1\lambda + a_0 = 0 \implies$$

If the roots are distinct:  $y_i(x) = \exp(\lambda_i x)$ .

If a root has multiplicity  $m > 1$ :  $y_j(x) = x^j \exp(\lambda x), j = 0, \dots, m-1$ .

**Wronskian** Given a set of  $n$  solutions  $\{y_i(x)\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$  to the homogeneous linear ODE of order  $n$

$$\left( \frac{d^n y(x)}{dx^n} + a_{n-1}(x) \frac{d^{n-1} y(x)}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_0 y(x) = 0 \right).$$

$$W(y_1, \dots, y_n)(x) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(x) & \dots & y_n(x) \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(x) & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

If  $W(x) \neq 0$ , the set of solutions  $\{y_i(x)\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$  are *linearly independent*. If  $W(x) = 0$ , they are *linearly dependent*.

The wronskian verifies  $\frac{dW}{dx} = -a_{n-1}(x)W(x)$ .

**Abel's identity**:  $W(x) = W(x_0) \exp[-\int_{x_0}^x a_{n-1}(s)ds]$ .

**Particular solution**:  $y_p(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i(x) \int^x \frac{W_i(s)}{W(s)} ds,$

$$\text{where } W_i(s) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1(s) & \dots & 0 & \dots & y_n(s) \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & 0 & \dots & \vdots \\ y_1^{(n-1)}(s) & \dots & \underbrace{b(s)}_{i^{\text{th}} \text{ column}} & \dots & y_n^{(n-1)}(s) \end{vmatrix}.$$

**Scalar linear 2<sup>nd</sup> order ODE**  $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x)$ .

Solution:  $y(x) = C_1 y_1(x) + C_2 y_2(x) + y_p(x), C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  Systematic procedure:

1) Obtain  $y_1(x)$  with Frobenius Method or obvious solution.

2) Deduce  $y_2(x)$  with Frobenius or the general relation:

$$y_2(x) = y_1(x) \int \frac{ds}{y_1(s)^2} \exp \left[ - \int^s p(t) dt \right].$$

3) Find  $y_p(x)$  with *variation of parameter* method:  $y_p(x) =$

$$y_2(x) \int \frac{r(s)y_1(s)}{W(y_1, y_2)(s)} ds - y_1(x) \int \frac{r(s)y_2(s)}{W(y_1, y_2)(s)} ds$$

**Frobenius method** write  $y(x)$  in the form:

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (x - x_0)^{j+s}, a_0 \neq 0, a_j \in \mathbb{C}, s \in \mathbb{C},$$

$$y'(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j+s) a_j (x - x_0)^{j+s-1},$$

$$y''(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j+s)(j+s-1) a_j (x - x_0)^{j+s-2}.$$

Plug into the homogeneous ODE and regroup by powers of  $(x - x_0)$ . All the coefficients must be 0. The coefficient of the lowest power gives the indicial equation. The  $a_j$  are determined using the recurrence relation provided by setting the coefficients of higher powers of  $(x - x_0)$  to 0.

**Fuch's theorem** Around an *ordinary* point, Frobenius gives 2 linearly independent solutions (with  $s_1 = 1, s_2 = 0$ ). Around an *regular singular* point, Frobenius gives at least 1 solution ( $s \in \mathbb{C}$ ).

*ordinary point*:  $p(x), q(x)$  are finite at  $x = x_0$  and can be expanded as positive integer power series about  $x_0$ .

$$p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j (x - x_0)^j, q(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q_j (x - x_0)^j.$$

*regular singular point*:  $p(x), q(x)$  can be expanded as  $p(x) = \sum_{j=-1}^{\infty} p_j (x - x_0)^j, q(x) = \sum_{j=-2}^{\infty} q_j (x - x_0)^j$ .

**General solution**  $I(s) = s^2 + (p_{-1} - 1)s + q_{-2} = 0$ .

$$1) s_{1,2} = \alpha \pm i\beta: y_1(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (x - x_0)^{j+\alpha+i\beta}, y_2(x) = y_1^*(x)$$

$$2) s_1 = s_2 = s: y_1(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (x - x_0)^{j+s} \\ y_2(x) = y_1(x) \log(|x - x_0|) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j (x - x_0)^{j+s}$$

$$3) s_1 > s_2 \in \mathbb{R}: y_1(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (x - x_0)^{j+s_1},$$

$$\text{If } (s_1 - s_2) \notin \mathbb{N}, y_2(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (x - x_0)^{j+s_2}.$$

$$\text{Else, } y_2(x) = C y_1(x) \log(|x - x_0|) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j (x - x_0)^{j+s_2}$$

**BCP Dirichlet**: Imposed values  $y(a) = y_a, y(b) = y_b$ .

*Neumann*: Imposed derivatives  $y'(a) = y'_a, y'(b) = y'_b$ .

*Robin*: Weighted combination of Dirichlet and Neumann.

Existence and uniqueness of the solution is not ensured.

## Sturm-Liouville eigenvalue problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{L}y = -\frac{1}{w(x)} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ p_0(x) \frac{dy}{dx} \right] + q(x)y = \lambda y \\ \text{Homogeneous BCs such that } \mathcal{L} \text{ is self-adjoint w.r.t.:} \\ \langle f|g \rangle = \int_a^b w(x) f^*(x) g(x) dx, \quad p_0(x), q(x), w(x) \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \text{continuous and } p_0(x), w(x) > 0 \text{ for } x \in [a, b]. \end{array} \right.$$

In order to prove self adjointness, show the relation  $\langle f|\mathcal{L}g \rangle = \langle \mathcal{L}f|g \rangle$  by integrating by parts two times. Positive definiteness:  $\langle f|\mathcal{L}f \rangle \geq 0$  and  $\langle f|\mathcal{L}f \rangle = 0 \iff f(r) = 0$ .

**Casting an ODE into self-adjoint form** Starting from:  $a_2(x)y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_0(x)y = \lambda y$ , one finds:

$$w(x) = \frac{C}{a_2(x)} \exp \left( \int^x \frac{a_1(s)}{a_2(s)} ds \right),$$

$$p_0(x) = -a_2(x)w(x), \quad q(x) = a_0(x).$$

with  $C$  an arbitrary constant, except for its sign chosen to ensure that the weight function  $w(x)$  is positive.  $x = \kappa r, \lambda = \kappa^2$  is a useful substitution to collapse a Sturm Liouville problem into a special ODE (Bessel, Laguerre, etc.).

## Fourier series

Full series for an interval  $[-L, L]$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx\pi/L}, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(s) e^{-ins\pi/L} ds$$

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(s) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi s}{L}\right) ds, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(s) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi s}{L}\right) ds.$$

For *even* function :  $b_n = 0$ , For *odd* function :  $a_n = 0$ .

**Half-range series of aperiodic  $f(x)$  over  $[a, b]$**  :

Set  $L = b - a, z = x - a$ .

Cosine: Define  $\tilde{f}(z) = f(z)$  if  $z \in [0, L]$  and  $\tilde{f}(z) = f(-z)$  if  $z \in [-L, 0]$ . Then,  $a_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(s) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi s}{L}\right) ds$  for  $n \geq 0$

Sine: Define  $\tilde{f}(z) = f(z)$  if  $z \in [0, L]$  and  $\tilde{f}(z) = -f(-z)$  if  $z \in [-L, 0]$ . Then  $b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(s) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi s}{L}\right) ds$ .

**Half-range series of  $f(x, y)$  over  $[0, L_x] \times [0, L_y]$**  :

$$\text{Sine: } f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} c_{k,l} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{l\pi y}{L_y}\right).$$

$$c_{k,l} = \frac{4}{L_x L_y} \int_0^{L_x} \int_0^{L_y} f(x, y) \sin\left(\frac{k\pi x}{L_x}\right) \sin\left(\frac{l\pi y}{L_y}\right) dx dy.$$

**Parseval's identity** :

$$\langle f(s)|g(s) \rangle = \int_{-L}^L g(s) f(s)^* ds = 2L \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g_n f_n^*.$$

**Parseval's theorem** :

$$\langle f(s)|f(s) \rangle = 2L \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 = L \left( \frac{|a_0|^2}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2) \right)$$

**Convolution theorems** :

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{-L}^L g(s) f(x-s) ds = 2L \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f_n g_n e^{in\pi x/L}.$$

$$f(x)g(x) = h(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h_n e^{in\pi x/L} \text{ with } h_n = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} g_m f_{n-m}.$$

**Solving PDEs with BCs using Fourier series** :

1) Obtain ODEs by *separation of variables* method.

2) Solve ODEs satisfying boundary conditions.

3) Solve PDE satisfying initial conditions:

Decompose initial conditions in half-range Fourier series.

For Dirichlet BC, choose sine series.

For Neumann BC, choose cosine series.

**Delta Function** :

$$\delta(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \neq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad f(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x) dx.$$

$$\delta_n(x) = \frac{n}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-n^2 x^2} \text{ or } \delta_n(x) = \frac{\sin(nx)}{\pi x}$$

$$\delta_n(q-k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-n}^n e^{is(q-k)} ds$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta_n(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x) dx$$

## Fourier transform

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t)] = g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) e^{i\omega s} ds.$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[g(\omega)] = f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega.$$

Of a *Gaussian* function ( $\text{Re}(a) \geq 0$ ) :

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t)] = g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-as^2} e^{i\omega s} ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2a}} \exp\left(-\frac{\omega^2}{4a}\right).$$

Of *unity* :

$$\mathcal{F}[1] = g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega s} ds = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2\pi} \delta_n(\omega).$$

Of *delta function* :

$$\mathcal{F}[\delta(t-a)] = g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-a) e^{i\omega s} ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i\omega a}.$$

In 3D space :

$$\mathcal{F}[f(\vec{r})] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(\vec{s}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{s}} d^3 s.$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[g(\vec{k})] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} g(\vec{k}) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} d^3 k.$$

**Elementary properties** : given  $\mathcal{F}[f(\vec{r})] = g(\vec{k})$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}[f(\vec{r} - \vec{R})] = e^{i\vec{R} \cdot \vec{k}} g(\vec{k}). \quad \mathcal{F}[f(\alpha \vec{r})] = \frac{1}{|\alpha|^3} g(\alpha^{-1} \vec{k}), \alpha > 0.$$

$$\mathcal{F}[f(-\vec{r})] = g(-\vec{k}). \quad \mathcal{F}[f^*(-\vec{r})] = g^*(\vec{k}).$$

$$\mathcal{F}[\vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r})] = -i\vec{k} g(\vec{k}). \quad \mathcal{F}[\nabla^2 f(\vec{r})] = -\vec{k}^2 g(\vec{k}).$$

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\int_{-\infty}^x f(s) ds\right] = -\frac{g(\omega)}{i\omega} + \pi g(0) \delta(\omega).$$

**Fourier convolution** :

$$(V * U)(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(s) V(r-s) ds.$$

$$(V * U)(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} U(\vec{s}) V(\vec{r} - \vec{s}) d^3 s.$$

**1<sup>st</sup> convolution theorem** Defining  $\hat{f}(\vec{k}) = \mathcal{F}[f(\vec{r})]$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(s) V(r-s) ds = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{U}(k) \hat{V}(k) e^{-ikr} dk.$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} U(\vec{s}) V(\vec{r} - \vec{s}) d^3 s = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{U}(\vec{k}) \hat{V}(\vec{k}) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} d^3 k.$$

This result can be proven by replacing the definition of the inverse FT of  $U$  and  $V$  on the RHS, using Fubini's theorem and the definition of the delta sequence  $\delta_n(q-k)$ .

**Parseval's theorem** :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(s) W^*(s) ds = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{U}(k) \hat{W}^*(k) dk$$

$$\iff \langle U|W \rangle = \langle \hat{U}|\hat{W} \rangle. \text{ One therefore has : } \|U\|^2 = \|\hat{U}\|^2.$$

**Solving unbounded PDEs using Fourier transforms**

1) Apply Fourier transform to both sides (with elementary properties).

2) Solve the transformed equation using transformed initial conditions:  $\hat{\psi}_0(k) = \hat{\psi}(t=0), \quad \hat{\nu}_0(k) = \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=0}.$

3) Apply inverse Fourier transform to obtain the solution.

4) Compare with the convolution theorem form. If the PDE is of higher dimension, first apply  $\mathcal{F}_y$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_x$  (or inversely). When applying  $\mathcal{F}_x$ , keep in mind the following relations:

$$\mathcal{F}_x\left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2}\right) = \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{F}_x(\psi)}{\partial y^2} \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_x\left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}\right) = -k_x^2 \mathcal{F}_x(\psi)$$

**Useful trigonometric relations** :

$$\sin(x) + \sin(y) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right).$$

$$\sin(x) \sin(y) = \frac{\cos(x-y) - \cos(x+y)}{2}.$$

$$\cos(x) - \cos(y) = -2 \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)$$