

Scattering Theory: Id Meromorphic Continuation

Study of Open Systems

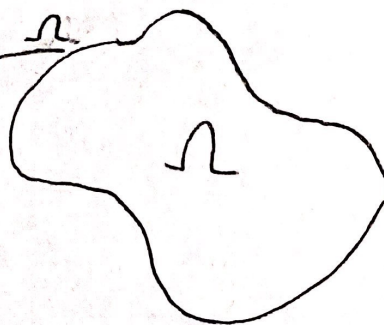
Closed system example: Wave eq. on Ω

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ bounded

$$(\partial_t^2 + \Delta)u = 0 \quad (\Delta = -\sum_j \partial_{x_j}^2; \text{convention})$$

$$u|_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times \partial\Omega} = 0$$

$$u|_{t=0} = f, \quad \partial_t u|_{t=0} = f_1$$



Solution: Δ_x has compact inverse, so discrete spectrum $\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2, \dots \rightarrow \infty$

ONB of eigenfunctions $u_1, u_2, \dots$

Then:

$$u(t, x) = \sum_j a_j e^{-it\lambda_j} u_j(x)$$

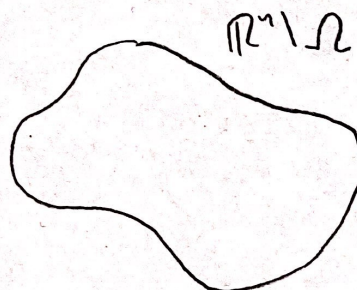
eigenfunction expansion

Open system example: Wave eq. on $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$

$$(\partial_t^2 + \Delta)u = 0$$

$$u|_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times \partial\Omega} = 0$$

$$u|_{t=0} = f_0, \quad \partial_t u|_{t=0} = f_1 \quad f_0, f_1 \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$$



No eigenvalues this time!

Goal: "Expand" as

$$w(t, x) \sim \sum_j e^{-it\lambda_j} v_j(x) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ on compact sets}$$

Have $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$ are resonances

$\text{Re } \lambda_j$ gives rate of oscillation

$-\text{Im } \lambda_j$ gives rate of decay

Consider 1d wave equation with potential

$$P_V = D_x^2 + V(x) \quad \text{where } D_x = \frac{1}{i} \partial_x, \quad V \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$$

Wave Equation: $\boxed{(-\partial_t^2 - P_V)v = F}$ $F \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}; L^2(\mathbb{R}))$

$v|_{t=0} = v_0$ $v_0, v_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$\partial_t v|_{t=0} = v_1$

Stationary wave equation is

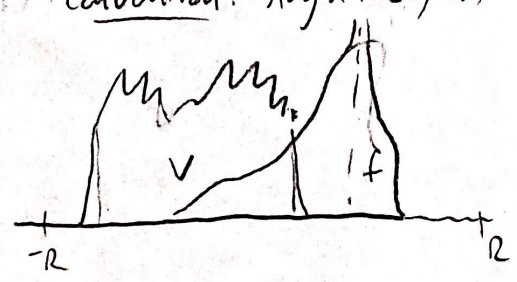
$$\boxed{(P_V - \lambda^2)u = f} \quad f \in L^2_0(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{Convention: } \text{Arg } \lambda \in [0, \pi)$$

Note: We do not ask that $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$.

Let $\text{supp } V, \text{supp } f \in (-R, R)$

For $|x| > R$:

$$u(x) = a_+ e^{-i\lambda|x|} + b_+ e^{i\lambda|x|}$$



Outgoing Solutions

$$u(x) = a_- e^{-i\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x < -R$$

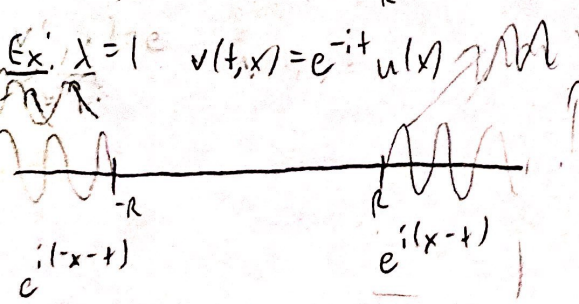
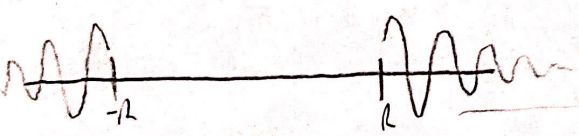
$$= a_+ e^{i\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x > R$$

Incoming Solutions

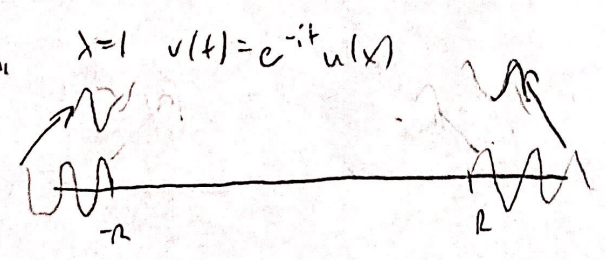
$$u(x) = b_- e^{i\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x < -R$$

$$= b_+ e^{-i\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x > R$$

Ex: $\lambda = 1+i$



Explanation of names "outgoing" & "incoming"



Note: If $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$, u outgoing, then $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

If $f=0$, λ is an actual eigenvalue of P_V .

3) Motivation (Not rigorous)

Recall we want to solve

$$(-\partial_t^2 - P_V)u = F$$

Fourier transform in time (actually IFT) ~

$$(P_V - \lambda^2)u(x, \lambda) = f(x, \lambda) \quad \text{where } u = \check{v} \quad f = \check{F}$$

"Invert" $P_V - \lambda^2$ with $R_V(\lambda)$ (called resolvent)

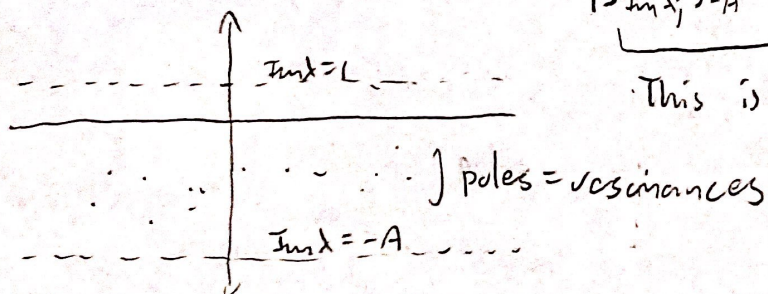
$$u(x, \lambda) = R_V(\lambda) f(x, \lambda)$$

Use meromorphic continuation to extend u to all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\text{Then } v(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\text{Im } \lambda = 1} e^{-it\lambda} u(\lambda, x) \quad (\text{Fourier inversion on } e^{-t} v(t, x))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\text{Im } \lambda = 1} e^{-it\lambda} R_V(\lambda) f(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\text{Im } \lambda = -A} e^{-it\lambda} R_V(\lambda) f(\lambda) d\lambda + \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{\lambda_j \text{ pole} \\ 1 > \text{Im } \lambda_j > -A}} 2\pi i \text{Res}_{\lambda_j} (e^{-it\lambda} R_V(\lambda) f(\lambda))}_{\text{This is resonance expansion}}$$



But... None of this was rigorous, because we don't know how to extend $R(\lambda)$ meromorphically!

That will be the subject of the rest of the talk.

$V=0$ case (The free resolvent)

Want to invert $D_x^2 - \lambda^2$

Use Fourier methods

$$(\partial_x^2 - \lambda^2)u = f \xleftrightarrow{\text{Fourier}} (\xi^2 - \lambda^2)\hat{u} = \hat{f}$$

$$\hat{u} = \frac{1}{\xi^2 - \lambda^2} \hat{f}$$

$$u(x) = \frac{i}{2\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i\lambda|x-y|} f(y) dy \quad (\text{for } \text{Im} \lambda > 0)$$

$$R_0(\lambda, x, y) = \frac{i}{2\lambda} e^{i\lambda|x-y|} \quad \text{for } \text{Im} \lambda > 0$$

This has meromorphic continuation to $\mathbb{C}$, with pole at 0.

(Note: Meromorphic continuation is not same as L^2 inverse.)
for $\text{Im} \lambda < 0$, $R_0(-\lambda)$ inverts $\partial_x^2 - \lambda^2$

Remark: $\text{spec } \partial_x^2$ is $[0, \infty)$ by applying Fourier transform

* Thm (Meromorphic Continuation of Free Resolvent):

The free resolvent R_0 extends to meromorphic family of operators

$$R_0(\lambda): L^2 \rightarrow L^2 \text{ with } \lambda \in \mathbb{C},$$

$$\|R_0(\lambda)\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} = \frac{1}{d(\lambda^2, [0, \infty))} \leq \frac{1}{|\lambda| |\text{Im} \lambda|} \quad \text{for } \text{Im} \lambda > 0 \quad (\text{In fact, } \|R_0(\lambda)\|_{L^2 \rightarrow H^j} \leq \frac{\langle \lambda \rangle^j}{|\lambda| |\text{Im} \lambda|} \text{ for } j \in [0, 2])$$

and for $\rho \in C_0^\infty(-L, L)$:

$$\|\rho R_0(\lambda) \rho\|_{L^2 \rightarrow H^j} \lesssim e^{2L(\text{Im} \lambda_-)} |\lambda|^{-1} \langle \lambda \rangle^j \quad \text{where } j \in [0, 2] \quad (\text{here } x_- = \max(0, -x) \text{ and } \langle x \rangle = \sqrt{1+x^2})$$

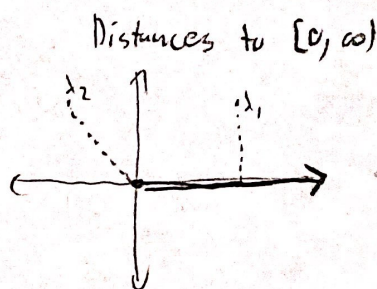
Proof: Extend meromorphically with Schwartz kernel

$$R_0(\lambda, x, y) = \frac{i}{2\lambda} e^{i\lambda|x-y|}$$

For $\text{Im} \lambda > 0$:

$$\|R_0(\lambda)u\|_{L^2} = \left\| \frac{1}{\xi^2 - \lambda^2} \hat{u} \right\|_{L^2} \quad (\text{Plancherel})$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{d(\lambda^2, [0, \infty))} \|u\|_{L^2}$$



For general λ :

Use Schur test: $\int |\rho(x)\rho(y)R_0(\lambda, x, y)| dx = |\lambda|^{-1} \int |\rho(x)\rho(y)| e^{-\text{Im} \lambda |x-y|} dx$

$$\leq |\lambda|^{-1} e^{2L(\text{Im} \lambda_-)}$$

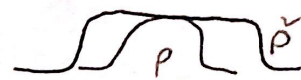
similarly $\int |\rho(x)\rho(y)R_0(\lambda, x, y)| dy \leq |\lambda|^{-1} e^{2L(\text{Im} \lambda_-)}$

By Schur's test $\|R_0(\lambda)\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq |\lambda|^{-1} e^{2L(\text{Im} \lambda_-)}$

5) For $j=2$, use elliptic regularity

$$\|u\|_{H^2(U)} \approx \|u\|_{L^2(W)} + \|D_x^2 u\|_{L^2(W)} \quad \text{for } U \subset \subset W$$

so $\|p u\|_{H^2(U)} \approx \|\tilde{p} u\|_{L^2(W)} + \|\tilde{p} D_x^2 u\|_{L^2(W)} \quad \text{for } \tilde{p} = 1 \text{ on } \text{supp } p$



$$\|p R_0(\lambda) p u\|_{H^2(\mathbb{R})} \approx \|\tilde{p} u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} + \|p u + \tilde{p} \lambda^2 R_0(\lambda) p u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \quad (\text{as } p \tilde{p} = p, D_x^2(R_0(\lambda) u) = u + \lambda^2 R_0(\lambda) u)$$

$$\approx |\lambda|^{-1} e^{2L(\text{Im } \lambda)} \langle \lambda \rangle^2$$

for other $j \in [0, 2]$, interpolate with Hölder's inequality.

This completes the proof.

Interesting and surprising (to me) fact:

This also works for nonzero V !

But requires much more theory without an explicit formula

* Thm (Meromorphic Continuation)

Let $V \in L^\infty_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$. Then the resolvent

$R_V = (D_x^2 + V(x) - \lambda^2)^{-1}$ extends to meromorphic family of operators

$$R_V(\lambda): L^2_0(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{with } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

For $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$, we have

$$R_V(\lambda): L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{with finitely many poles.}$$

Proof Strategy:

1. Construct for $\text{Im } \lambda$ large with Neumann series
2. Construct for $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$ with analytic Fredholm theorem
3. Construct for all λ using cutoff functions
4. Show finitely many poles in upper half plane with bound on R_0 .

Proof:

1. Let $\text{Im } \lambda \gg 1$.

Then $R_0(\lambda)$ is "approximate inverse":

$$(P_V - \lambda^2) R_0(\lambda) = (D_x^2 - \lambda^2 + V) R_0(\lambda)$$

$$= I + V R_0(\lambda)$$

But $\|V R_0(\lambda)\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq \|V\|_{L^\infty} (\text{Im } \lambda)^{-2}$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{for } \text{Im } \lambda \text{ large enough.}$$

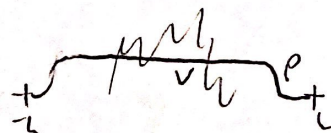
Invert $I + VR_0(\lambda)$ with Neumann series:

$$(I + VR_0(\lambda))^{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^j (VR_0(\lambda))^j$$

Then $\boxed{R_V(\lambda) = R_0(\lambda)(I + VR_0(\lambda))^{-1}}$

2. Let $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$.

Then pick cutoff function $p \in C_0^\infty(-L, L)$, with $p=1$ on $\text{supp } V$
 $pR_0(\lambda): L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H_0^2(-L, L)$



This is compact operator on L^2 by Rellich-Kondrakov.

$VR_0(\lambda)$ also compact

$I + VR_0(\lambda) = I + pVR_0(\lambda)$ Fredholm

Review of Fredholm Operators

Fredholm = "almost invertible"

P Fredholm $\Leftrightarrow \dim \ker P$ & $\dim \text{coker } P$ are finite

Index is $\text{ind } P = \dim \ker P - \dim \text{coker } P$

Constant on connected sets of Fredholm operators (in norm topology)

*Thm (Fredholm Alternative)

If K is compact, $I + K$ is Fredholm and $\text{ind}(I + K) = 0$

Note about function spaces:

This all works on Banach spaces, but we only need in the case of Hilbert spaces
 Also, we only need the $\text{ind } P = 0$ case.

Def: $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$
 $z \mapsto B(z) \in \mathcal{L}(X, X)$ is holomorphic family $\Leftrightarrow z \mapsto \langle B(z)u, v \rangle$ is holomorphic for all $u, v \in X$

$z \mapsto B(z) \in \mathcal{L}(X, X)$ is meromorphic family $\Leftrightarrow$ For each $z_0 \in \Omega$,

$$B(z) = \underbrace{B_0(z)}_{\text{holomorphic near } z_0} + (z - z_0)^{-1} \underbrace{B_1}_{\text{finite rank}} + \dots + (z - z_0)^{-J} \underbrace{B_J}_{\text{finite rank}}$$

If for every z_0 , B_0 is Fredholm, call B a meromorphic family of Fredholm operators.

7] * Thm (Analytic Fredholm Thm)

If $A(z)$ is meromorphic family of Fredholm operators on connected Ω and $A(z_0)^{-1}$ exists for some z_0 , then $A(z)^{-1}$ is meromorphic family.

Proof (in holomorphic case & bad $A(z)=0$ case)

Pick $z_1 \in \Omega$. just a convenience,
& all we need anyway

If $A(z_1)$ invertible:

$$\partial_z (A(z)^{-1}) = -A(z)^{-1} (\partial_z A(z)) A(z)^{-1} \quad (0 = \partial_z I = \partial_z (AA^{-1}) = (\partial_z A)A^{-1} + A(\partial_z A^{-1}))$$

Let $u = \dim \ker A(z) = \text{codim } \text{ran } A(z)$

(construct Grushin operator $\tilde{A}(z): X \times \mathbb{C}^u \rightarrow X \times \mathbb{C}^u$ to be invertible at $z=z_1$)

$$\tilde{A}(z) = \begin{pmatrix} A(z) & A_- \\ A_+ & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{array}{l} A_-: \mathbb{C}^u \rightarrow X \\ A_+: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^u \end{array}$$

How to construct A_- , A_+ ?

Let $e_1, \dots, e_n$ be basis of $\ker A(z_1)$

$f_1, \dots, f_n$ be basis of $\ker A(z_1)^*$

$$A_+(u) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle u, e_1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle u, e_n \rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad A_- \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} = v_1 f_1 + \dots + v_n f_n$$

Injectivity:

Let $(\tilde{u}_-) \in X \times \mathbb{C}^u$, $\tilde{A}(z_1)(\tilde{u}_-) = 0$. Then

$$A(z_1)u + A_-u_- = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A_+u = 0$$

$$A_+u = 0 \Rightarrow u \perp \ker A(z_1)$$

$$\text{Also } 0 = \langle A(z_1)u + A_-u_-, f_j \rangle$$

$$= \langle A_-u_-, f_j \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow u_- = 0, \quad A(z_1)u = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$$

Surjectivity:

Let $u = A(z_1)v + w$ for $w \in \ker A(z_1)^*$

$$w = \sum_j a_j f_j$$

$$\text{Then } \tilde{A}(z_1) \begin{pmatrix} v \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = A(z_1)v + w + A_+v$$

Subtract $\langle v, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \dots + \langle v, e_n \rangle e_n$ from v to finish

Then $\tilde{A}(z)$ holomorphic near z_1

$$\tilde{A}(z)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} B(z) & B_+(z) \\ B_-(z) & B_+(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

Schur Complement Formula: A invertible $\Leftrightarrow B_+^{-1}$ invertible

$$A(z)^{-1} = B(z) - B_+(z)B_+^{-1}(z)B_-(z) \quad (\text{Proof: Just plug in!})$$

But...

$B_{\mp}$ is meromorphic family of matrices

$\det(B_{\mp})$ is meromorphic function with discrete poles & zeros

$\Rightarrow B_{\mp}^{-1}(z)$ is meromorphic family by Cramer's rule

This gives $A(z)^{-1}$ to be meromorphic family.

Return to $R_v(\lambda)$

We had $I + VR_0(\lambda)$ Fredholm, so

$(I + VR_0(\lambda))^{-1}$ extends to meromorphic family

$R_v(\lambda) = R_0(\lambda)(I + VR_0(\lambda))^{-1} : L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})$ extends to $\text{Im} \lambda > 0$.

3. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

$K(\lambda) = VR_0(\lambda) : L^2_+ \rightarrow L^2_+$ (technically, $\rho K(\lambda) \rho$ is)

Then $(I + K(\lambda)(1-\rho))^{-1} = I - K(\lambda)(1-\rho)$ (remember $\rho V = V$)

$$(I + K(\lambda))^{-1} = \underbrace{(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}}_{\text{exists by Neumann series for } \text{Im} \lambda \text{ large enough}} (I - K(\lambda)(1-\rho))$$

exists by Neumann series for $\text{Im} \lambda$ large enough

$$\therefore R_v(\lambda) = R_0(\lambda)(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}(I - K(\lambda)(1-\rho))$$

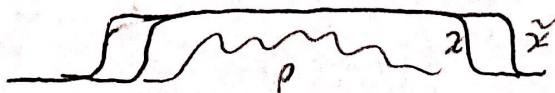
(compact by $R - K$)

Apply analytic Fredholm theorem to $(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}$

To show correct mapping properties of $(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}$:

Let $\tilde{\chi} = 1$ on $\text{supp } \chi$

$\chi = 1$ on $\text{supp } \rho$



Then $(1 - \tilde{\chi})(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}\chi = 0$ for $|\text{Im} \lambda| \gg 1$ by Neumann series

$= 0$ for all λ by analytic continuation

Therefore $(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1} : L^2_+ \rightarrow L^2_+$ as desired.

4. Let $\text{Im} \lambda > 0$.

$$\|K(\lambda)\rho\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq \frac{C}{|\lambda|}$$

$$R_v(\lambda) = R_0(\lambda) \underbrace{(I + K(\lambda)\rho)^{-1}}_{\text{invertible for } |\lambda| > 2C} (I - K(\lambda)(1-\rho))$$

invertible for $|\lambda| > 2C \Rightarrow$ poles are in $B_{2C}(0)$, so finite.

9] Poles of $R_V(\lambda)$ are called resonances. (or scattering resonances)

The multiplicity is $m_R(\lambda) = \text{rank} \oint_{\mathcal{C}_\lambda} R_V(\xi) d\xi$

Interpretation of Resonances; Solving the Helmholtz Equation

* Thm (Regular Points of R_V):

If λ is not a resonance and $f \in L^2_0(\mathbb{R})$, the equation

$$(P_V - \lambda^2)u = f$$

has unique outgoing solution $u = R_V(\lambda)f$.

Proof: Solves Equation: $(P_V - \lambda^2)R_V(\lambda)f = f$

Outgoing Condition: $(\partial_x \mp i\lambda)(R_V(\lambda)f)(\pm R) = 0$

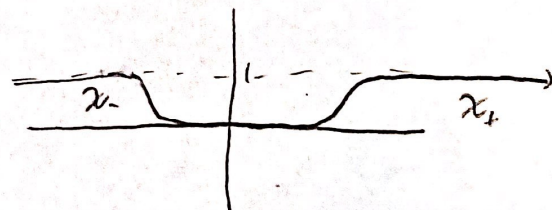
where $\text{supp } f, \text{supp } V \subseteq (-R, R)$

} Hold in $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$, so for all λ by analytic continuation

Uniqueness: Claim $R_V(\lambda)(P_V - \lambda^2)u = u$ for outgoing $u \in H^2_{loc}$

True for $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$

For general λ , write $u = \underbrace{u_0}_{\in H^2_0} + \chi_+ a_+ e^{i\lambda x} + \chi_- e^{-i\lambda x}$



Then $u_0 = R_V(\lambda)(P_V - \lambda^2)u_0$ for $\text{Im } \lambda > 0$

$(P_V - \lambda^2)u_0 \in L^2_0$, so analytic continuation of $R_V(\lambda)$ applies.

* Thm (Singular Points of R_V):

If $\lambda_0 \neq 0$ is a resonance with $m_R(\lambda_0) > 0$. Then there is outgoing u_1 with

$$(P_V - \lambda_0^2)u_1 = 0$$

Remark: In fact there are $u_2, \dots, u_{m_R(\lambda_0)}$ with

$$(P_V - \lambda_0^2)u_j = u_{j-1} \text{ for } j \leq m_R(\lambda_0)$$

Here u_1 is called a resonant state (and $u_2, \dots$ are generalized resonant states).

Proof for simple resonances

We have $R_V(\lambda) = (\lambda - \lambda_0)^{-1}B_1 + B_0(\lambda)$

$$I = (\lambda - \lambda_0)^{-1}(P_V - \lambda_0^2)B_1 + H(\lambda) \Rightarrow (P_V - \lambda_0^2)B_1 = 0$$

$\downarrow$
 holomorphic

Pick some ψ with $B_1(\psi) \neq 0$, so

$$(P_V - \lambda_0^2)(B_1, \psi) = 0$$

To show B_1, ψ is outgoing.

$$(D_x^2 - \lambda^2)R_0(\lambda) = I - V R_0(\lambda)$$

$$R_V(\lambda) = R_0(\lambda) - R_0(\lambda) V R_0(\lambda)$$

Integrate in small circle about λ_0 to get

$$B_1 = -R_0(\lambda_0) V B_1$$

$$B_1, \psi = -R_0(\lambda_0) \underbrace{(V B_1, \psi)}_{\text{in } L^2_0}$$

so B_1, ψ outgoing solution.

Where are the resonances?

Consider now real-valued V

*Prop. If λ is resonance and $\text{Im} \lambda > 0$, λ is eigenvalue and $\lambda = ir$ for $r \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. We have for x large

$$u(x) = a_{\pm} e^{\pm i \lambda x} \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

so λ is eigenvalue.

As $P_V = D_x^2 + V$ is self-adjoint, $\lambda^2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\Rightarrow \lambda = ir$

*Prop. There are no resonances on $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

Proof. If $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ were resonance, would have outgoing u with

$$(P_V - \lambda^2)u = 0 \quad (P_V - \lambda^2)\bar{u} = 0$$

$$\text{Wronskian } W(u, \bar{u}) = u \bar{u}' - u' \bar{u}$$

$$\partial_x W(u, \bar{u}) = u \bar{u}'' - u'' \bar{u}$$

$$= 0 \quad \Rightarrow W \text{ constant.}$$

But for $\pm x \gg 1$:

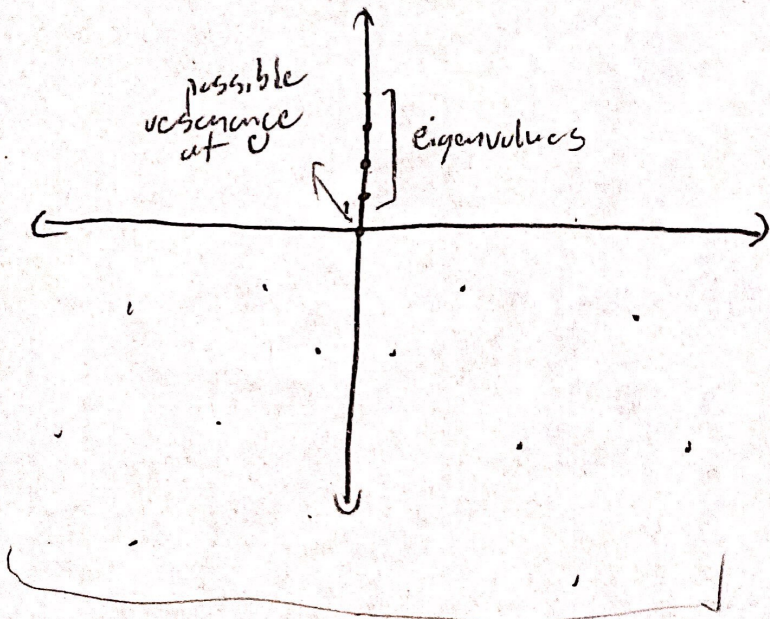
$$u(x) = a_{\pm} e^{\pm i \lambda x} \quad \bar{u}(x) = \bar{a}_{\pm} e^{\mp i \lambda x}$$

$$W(u, \bar{u}) = |a_{\pm}|^2 (-2i\lambda)$$

Gives $|a_+|^2 (-2i\lambda) = |a_-|^2 (2i\lambda) \Rightarrow |a_+|^2 + |a_-|^2 = 0$, so not a resonant state.

11)

Picture



Don't know anything yet!