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Lecture 34 Green's Functions

Driven string $U(x,t) = \text{Re } u(x) e^{-i\omega t}$

$$\sigma \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \tau \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - VU + \text{Re } \sigma f e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$u(x) = \int_a^b G_\omega(x, y') \sigma(y') f(y') dy'$$

$$\text{if } \sigma(y) f(y) = \delta(y - y')$$

$$u(x) = G_\omega(x, y)$$

Green's function gives response to δ func. external force. ω is external freq. in general different from ω_n

Spectral expansion

$$G_\omega(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\rho_n(x) \rho_n(y)}{\omega_n^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$[L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] G_\omega(x, y) = \delta(x - y)$$

$$L_0 \equiv -\frac{d}{dx} \tau \frac{d}{dx} + V(x)$$

$$\text{Note } [L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] \rho_n(x) = [\omega_n^2 - \omega^2] \sigma \rho_n(x)$$

because

$$[L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] \rho_n = 0$$

$$[L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] G_\omega(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho_n(x) \sigma(x) \rho_n(y)$$

$$= \delta(x - y)$$

because ρ_n form complete set.

2nd Solution for Green's function

$$(L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma) G_\omega^<(x, y) = 0 \quad a \leq x < y$$

$$G_\omega^<(x, y) = A(y) U_1(x)$$

U_1 satisfies b.c. at $x = a$

$$(L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma) G_\omega^>(x, y) = 0 \quad y < x \leq b$$

$$G_\omega^>(x, y) = B(y) U_2(x)$$

U_2 satisfies b.c. at $x = b$

Match two at $x = y$

$$\int_{y-\epsilon}^{y+\epsilon} dx \left[- \frac{d}{dx} \tau \frac{d}{dx} G + v G - \omega^2 \sigma G \right] = \int dx \delta(x - y)$$

$$- \tau \frac{d}{dx} G \Big|_{x=y-\epsilon}^{x=y+\epsilon} = 1$$

$$-\frac{1}{\tau(y)} = \frac{d}{dx} G_{\omega}^{>}(x=y+\epsilon, y) - \frac{d}{dx} G_{\omega}^{<}(x=y-\epsilon, y) \quad \textcircled{A}$$

On physical grounds $G_{\omega}(x, y)$ is a physical response to a δ func. therefore $G_{\omega}(x, y)$ is cont. at $x=y$.

$$G_{\omega}^{>}(x=y, y) = G_{\omega}^{<}(x=y, y) \quad \textcircled{B}$$

Solve \textcircled{A} , \textcircled{B} for $A(y)$, $B(y)$

$$A = -\frac{U_2(y)}{\tau(y) W[U_1(y), U_2(y)]}, \quad G_{\omega}^{<} = A \cdot U_1(x)$$

$$B = -\frac{U_1(y)}{\tau(y) W[U_1(y), U_2(y)]}, \quad G_{\omega}^{>} = B U_2(x)$$

$$W = \text{wronskian} \equiv U_1(y) U_2'(y) - U_2(y) U_1'(y)$$

Proof
independent of y $\tau(y) W[U_1(y), U_2(y)] = C$

$$[L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] U_1(x) = 0$$

$$[L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] U_2(x) = 0$$

Multiply first eq. by u_2 and subtract u_1 times second eq.

$$-u_2(x) \frac{d}{dx} \tau \frac{du_1}{dx} + u_1 \frac{d}{dx} \tau \frac{du_2}{dx} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ \tau(x) \left[u_1(x) \frac{d}{dx} u_2 - u_2(x) \frac{d}{dx} u_1 \right] \right\} = 0$$

$$\therefore \tau (u_1 u_2' - u_2 u_1') = C$$

$$G_w(x, y) = A u_1(x) \quad x < y$$

$$\boxed{G_w(x, y) = - \frac{u_2(y) \sigma_1(x)}{C} \quad x < y}$$

$$G_w(x, y) = B u_2(x)$$

$$= - \frac{u_1(y) u_2(x)}{C} \quad y < x$$

$$\boxed{G_w(x, y) = - \frac{u_1(x_{<}) u_2(x_{>})}{C}}$$

u_1 satisfies b.c. at a $x_{<} = \min\{x, y\}$
 u_2 " " " " at b

Example: Uniform string fixed ends

$$\rho_n = \left(\frac{2}{\sigma l}\right)^{1/2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \quad n=1, 2, \dots, \infty$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{c n \pi}{l} \quad c = \sqrt{\frac{c}{\sigma}}$$

$$G_\omega(x, y) = \frac{2}{\sigma l} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{l}\right)}{\left(\frac{c n \pi}{l}\right)^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$L_0 = -\tau \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$$

$$[L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] G_\omega = \frac{2\sigma}{\sigma l} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi y}{l}\right)$$

$$= \delta(x-y) \quad \text{completeness}$$

2nd solution

$$[L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] u_1(x) = 0$$

$$u_1 = \sin\left(\frac{\omega x}{c}\right) \quad u_1(0) = 0$$

$$[L_0 - \omega^2 \sigma] u_2(x) = 0$$

$$u_2 = \sin\left[\frac{\omega}{c}(l-x)\right] \quad u_2(l) = 0$$

$$C = \tau W [U_1, U_2]$$

$$= \tau \begin{bmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{\omega x}{c}\right) \left(-\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \cos\left[\frac{\omega(l-x)}{c}\right] \\ - \sin\left[\frac{\omega(l-x)}{c}\right] \cos\left(\frac{\omega x}{c}\right) \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= -\tau \frac{\omega}{c} \sin \frac{\omega l}{c}$$

$$G_{\omega}(x, y) = - \frac{U_1(x_1) U_2(x_2)}{C}$$

$$G_{\omega}(x, y) = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\omega}{c} x_1\right) \sin\left[\frac{\omega}{c} (l - x_2)\right]}{\left(\frac{\tau \omega}{c}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\omega l}{c}\right)}$$

This is equivalent to infinite sum expression.

For example $\frac{1}{\sin(\omega l/c)}$ has simple poles at $\omega = \pm \omega_n = n\pi \frac{c}{l}$