

# $L^2$ function spaces -

$\{F(x)\}$  all functions of 1 parameter



define "norm" via scalar product

$$\int_a^b f(\xi)^\dagger g(\xi) M(\xi) d\xi = (f, g) = \text{number}$$

$$\text{norm} = \|f\| = \sqrt{(f, f)} \quad \text{or} \quad \|f\|^2 = (f, f)$$

properties:

$$(f, g)^\dagger = (g, f)$$

$$(f, a g_1 + b g_2) = a (f, g_1) + b (f, g_2)$$

Minkowski  $\|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$

Schwarz  $\|(f, g)\| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|g\|$



$\{\text{normalizable functions } f(x)\} \equiv L^2 \text{ space.}$

Define convergence in mean

$$\{f_n\} \xrightarrow{\text{in mean}} f \quad \text{iff} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\| = 0$$

$f(x)$



$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$

$f(x) \neq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$  for a countable # of points.

$L^2$  space (Normed vector space  $\int |f|^2 dx \geq 0$ )

Define orthonormal sequence of functions as:

$$\left\{ \varphi_n \mid (\varphi_n, \varphi_m) = \delta_{mn} \right\}$$

Properties:

1)  $\sum_{i=1}^n |(f, \varphi_i)|^2 \leq \|f\|^2$

2) Complete means

$$\forall f \exists \{a_n\} = \{(f, \varphi_n)\} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \varphi_n \xrightarrow{\text{mean}} f$$

3) Must be countably infinite # of  $\varphi_n$

4) Complete set exists:

Generate via:

$$\varphi_1 = \frac{f_1}{\|f_1\|}$$

$$\varphi_{n+1} = \frac{f_{n+1} - \sum_{i=1}^n (f_{n+1}, \varphi_i) \varphi_i}{\|f_{n+1} - \sum_{i=1}^n (f_{n+1}, \varphi_i) \varphi_i\|}$$

[ 5) Closure  $\sum \varphi_i^*(x) \varphi_i(x') = \delta(x-x')$  ]

## Eigen values and Eigen vectors:

Given an operator  $Q$  that operates on an  $L^2$  space

If:

- 1)  $Q$  is self adjoint ("Hermitian") (i.e.  $(f^* Q f)$  is real),
- 2)  $Q$  is positive definite, (i.e.  $(f^* Q f) \geq 0$  for all  $f$ ),  
and

3) The eigenfunctions of  $Q$

$$Q \cdot E_n = a E_n$$

can be found by some variational principle

(i.e. minimize  $(f^* Q f) / (f^* f)$ )

Then:

Eigen vectors form a complete set for vector space.

## Examples -

Scalar product:  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) g(x) dx$

(1)  $f_n(x) = x^{n-1}$   $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Ortho-normal functions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \varphi_0 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \varphi_3 &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left( \frac{3}{2} x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ \varphi_2 &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} x & \varphi_4 &= \sqrt{\frac{7}{2}} \left( \frac{5}{2} x^3 - \frac{3}{2} x \right) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Normalized} \\ \text{Legendre} \\ \text{Polynomials} \end{array}$$

$$\left[ -\frac{d}{dx} (1-x^2) \frac{d}{dx} \right] \varphi_l = +l(l+1) \varphi_l$$

Hermitian operator

eigen value  $\geq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  complete

(2)  $f_n(x) = e^{i\pi n x}$   $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\pi n x}$$

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right] \varphi_n = +n^2 \pi^2 \varphi_n$$

$\Rightarrow$  complete

usually

$$\varphi_{n+} = \frac{\varphi_n + \varphi_{-n}}{\sqrt{2}} = \cos n\pi x$$

$$\varphi_{n-} = \frac{\varphi_n - \varphi_{-n}}{\sqrt{2}i} = \sin n\pi x$$

Fourier expansion.

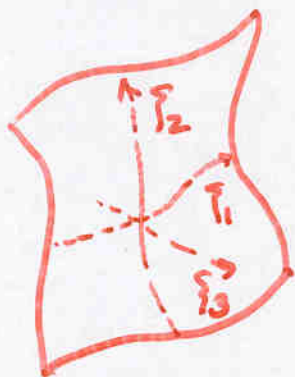
# Separation of Variables

[treatment: Morse & Feshbach]

Helmholtz Eqn.

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -k\phi \text{ subject to}$$

$$\phi_s = f(\xi_1, \xi_2)$$



We have parameterized surface with  $\xi_1$  &  $\xi_2$  = surface variables &  $\xi_3 \perp$  surface plus surface  $\Rightarrow \xi_3 = x$

$$(ds)^2 = h_1^2 d\xi_1^2 + h_2^2 d\xi_2^2 + h_3^2 d\xi_3^2$$

$$dV = h_1 h_2 h_3 d\xi_1 d\xi_2 d\xi_3$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} \frac{h_1 h_2 h_3}{h_1^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} \frac{h_1 h_3}{h_2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3} \frac{h_1 h_2}{h_3} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi_3} \right]$$

Want: - solve one dimensional equations

$$\phi = U_1(\xi_1) U_2(\xi_2) U_3(\xi_3)$$

Three equations of only one variable:

$$(0) \quad \frac{1}{f_i(\xi_i)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} f_i(\xi_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} U_i(\xi_i) + \left[ k_1 \frac{\phi}{f_1(\xi_1)} + k_2 \frac{\phi}{f_2(\xi_2)} + k_3 \frac{\phi}{f_3(\xi_3)} \right] U_i = 0$$

For what coordinate systems can this be done?

# Separation of Variables:

## Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \frac{h_1 h_2 h_3}{h_1^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} \frac{h_1 h_2 h_3}{h_2^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial q_3} \frac{h_1 h_2 h_3}{h_3^2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial q_3} \right] = 0$$

$$\text{If } \phi = U_1(q_1) U_2(q_2) U_3(q_3)$$

$$\text{and if: } \underline{h_1 h_2 h_3 = h_i^2 f_i(q_i) g_i(q_j, q_k)}^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{1}{h_i^2 f_i U_i(q_i)} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} f_i \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i} U_i(q_i) = 0$$

*i can get separation*

\* very, very special requirement:  
most functions won't work.  
eg.  $h_1 = \log(q_1 \cdot q_2)$

— This is trick of how to separate.

# SEPARATION OF VARIABLES

$$\nabla^2 \varphi + k_2 \varphi = 0$$

After adding:

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{M_i}{S} \frac{1}{f_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial f_i} f_i \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial f_i} + k_1 \varphi = 0$$

$$\frac{h_1 h_2 h_3}{h_i^2} = f_1(f_1) f_2(f_2) f_3(f_3) M_i$$

these are minors  
of a matrix -  
very specific form

then:  $\det \frac{M_i}{S} = \frac{1}{h_i^2}$  and  $\det S = \frac{h_1 h_2 h_3}{f_1(f_1) f_2(f_2) f_3(f_3)}$

and separation works!!

[ 11 types of coordinate systems + 2 more  
for Laplace equation ]

Reminder: Solution to separation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \frac{\partial}{\partial f_i} f_i \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial f_i} \\ U_i f_i & \frac{\partial}{\partial f_i} f_i \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial f_i} & \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_i \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$f_i$  parts  
of Laplace's eqn.

$U_i$  functions  
of one parameter

$k_1 =$  constant  
in eqn.

$k_2 \rightarrow n =$   
separation  
constants

$S$  define by determinants

and minors [  $n^2$  elements,  $n+1$  constraints ]  
+ "more"

# Separation of Variables

$$\nabla^2 \phi + k\phi = 0$$

Stäckel determinant:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{11}(\xi_1) & \Phi_{21}(\xi_1) & \Phi_{31}(\xi_1) \\ \Phi_{12}(\xi_2) & \Phi_{22}(\xi_2) & \Phi_{32}(\xi_2) \\ \Phi_{13}(\xi_3) & \Phi_{23}(\xi_3) & \Phi_{33}(\xi_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

Define:

$$S = \det[\Phi_{ij}] = \Phi_{11} M_1 + \Phi_{12} M_2 + \Phi_{13} M_3 \quad (1)$$

↑  
minors of determinant.

e.g.  $M_1 = \Phi_{22} \Phi_{33} - \Phi_{23} \Phi_{32}$

det[Matrix] = 0  
if 2 columns  
are the same

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0 &= \Phi_{21} M_1 + \Phi_{22} M_2 + \Phi_{23} M_3 \\ 0 &= \Phi_{31} M_1 + \Phi_{32} M_2 + \Phi_{33} M_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \quad (2)$$

Take equation (1) for  $U_1(\xi_1)$  & multiply by  $\frac{M_1}{S} U_2 U_3$

$$\frac{M_1}{S} \frac{1}{f_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} f_1 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi_1} + \left[ \underbrace{k_1 \frac{M_1}{S} \Phi_{11}}_{\Sigma=1} + \underbrace{k_2 \frac{M_1}{S} \Phi_{21}}_{\Sigma=0} + \underbrace{k_3 \frac{M_1}{S} \Phi_{31}}_{\Sigma=0} \right] \phi = 0$$

add equations for  $U_2$  and  $U_3$

## Cartesian Coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} + k\phi = 0$$

$$f_i = 1 \quad h_i = 1$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + kX - k_y X - k_z X = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + k_y Y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} + k_z Z = 0$$

## Cylindrical Coordinates

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} + k\phi = 0$$

$$f_1 = r$$

$$f_2 = 1$$

$$f_3 = 1$$

$$h_1 = 1$$

$$h_2 = r$$

$$h_3 = 1$$

$$\det S = \frac{h_1 h_2 h_3}{f_1 f_2 f_3} = 1$$

$$M_1 = \frac{1}{h_1^2} = 1$$

$$M_2 = \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$M_3 = 1$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/r^2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + kR - \frac{k_\theta}{r^2} R - k_z R = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial \theta^2} + k_\theta \Theta = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} + k_z Z = 0$$

# SEPARATION OF VARIABLES

Example: Spherical:

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} + k\psi = 0$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$f_1(r) = r^2$$

$$h_1 = 1$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$f_2(\theta) = \sin \theta$$

$$h_2 = r$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$f_3(\phi) = 1$$

$$h_3 = r \sin \theta$$

$$\det S = \frac{h_1 h_2 h_3}{f_1 f_2 f_3} = \frac{r^2 \sin \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} = 1$$

$$M_1 = \frac{\det S}{h_1^2} = 1$$

$$M_2 = \frac{1}{r^2}$$

$$M_3 = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{r^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r}$$

$$- \frac{k_0 R}{r^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} + k_\theta \Theta - \frac{k_\phi}{\sin^2 \theta} \Theta = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + k_\phi \Phi = 0$$