

6.1 differential equations

$$w'' + pw' + qw = 0, \quad w = w(z), \quad p = p(z), \quad q = q(z)$$

convergent series, $w(z) = \dots$ for $|z - z_0| < R$

asymptotic expansions, $w(z) \sim \dots$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$

ex

$$-\nabla^2 \phi = \phi \text{ in 2D}$$

$$\phi_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}\phi_r + \frac{1}{r^2}\phi_{\theta\theta} = -\phi, \quad \text{look for } \phi(r, \theta) = R(r)T(\theta)$$

$$R''T + \frac{1}{r}R'T + \frac{1}{r^2}RT'' = -RT \Rightarrow \frac{R''}{R} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{R'}{R} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{T''}{T} = -1$$

$$r^2\frac{R''}{R} + r\frac{R'}{R} + r^2 = -\frac{T''}{T} = c \Rightarrow T'' + cT = 0, \quad \text{PBC} \Rightarrow c = n^2, \quad T(\theta) = e^{\pm in\theta}$$

$$r^2R'' + rR' + (r^2 - n^2)R = 0 : \text{ Bessel equation}$$

$$w'' + pw' + qw = 0 : \text{ eliminate } pw'$$

$$w = uv$$

$$w' = uv' + u'v$$

$$w'' = uv'' + 2u'v' + u''v$$

$$uv'' + 2u'v' + u''v + p(uv' + u'v) + quv = 0$$

$$uv'' + (2u' + pu)v' + (u'' + pu' + qu)v = 0$$

$$\text{set } 2u' + pu = 0 \Rightarrow u' = -\frac{1}{2}pu \Rightarrow \frac{du}{u} = -\frac{1}{2}pdz \Rightarrow \log u = -\frac{1}{2}\int^z p$$

$$u = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\int^z p}$$

$$u' = -\frac{1}{2}pu$$

$$u'' = -\frac{1}{2}(pu' + p'u) = -\frac{1}{2}(p \cdot -\frac{1}{2}pu + p'u) = \frac{1}{4}p^2u - \frac{1}{2}p'u$$

$$uv'' + (\frac{1}{4}p^2u - \frac{1}{2}p'u - \frac{1}{2}p^2u + qu)v = 0$$

$$\text{summary : } w = uv, \quad v'' + (q - \frac{1}{4}p^2 - \frac{1}{2}p')v = 0, \quad u = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\int^z p}$$

Hence we consider $w'' + fw = 0$.

ex: $z^2 w'' + zw' + (z^2 - n^2)w = 0$: Bessel equation

$$w'' + \frac{1}{z}w' + \left(1 - \frac{n^2}{z^2}\right)w = 0, \quad p = \frac{1}{z}, \quad q = 1 - \frac{n^2}{z^2}$$

$$u = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int^z p} = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int^z \frac{1}{z}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \log z} = z^{-1/2}$$

$$w = z^{-1/2}v$$

$$w' = z^{-1/2}v' - \frac{1}{2}z^{-3/2}v = z^{-1/2}(v' - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}v)$$

$$w'' = z^{-1/2}v'' - z^{-3/2}v' + \frac{3}{4}z^{-5/2}v = z^{-1/2}(v'' - z^{-1}v' + \frac{3}{4}z^{-2}v) : \text{Liebniz rule}$$

$$\text{cancel } z^{-1/2} \Rightarrow v'' - \cancel{z^{-1}v'} + \frac{3}{4}z^{-2}v + \cancel{z^{-1}v'} - \frac{1}{2}z^{-2}v + \left(1 - \frac{n^2}{z^2}\right)v = 0$$

$$v'' + \left(1 - \frac{(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{z^2}\right)v = 0, \quad q - \frac{1}{4}p^2 - \frac{1}{2}p' = 1 - \frac{n^2}{z^2} - \frac{1}{4z^2} + \frac{1}{2z^2} = 1 - \frac{(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{z^2} \quad \underline{\text{ok}}$$

$$w'' + fw = 0, \quad \text{assume } f(z) \sim a_0 + \frac{a_1}{z} + \frac{a_2}{z^2} + \dots \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty, \quad a_0 \neq 0$$

$$\underline{\text{ex}} : f(z) = 1 - \frac{(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{z^2} : \text{Bessel equation}, \quad a_0 = 1, \quad a_1 = 0, \quad a_2 = -(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})$$

method 0

$$w \sim \alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \frac{\alpha_2}{z^2} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_n}{z^n} + \dots \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{need to solve for } \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$$

$$w' \sim -\frac{\alpha_1}{z^2} - \frac{2\alpha_2}{z^3} - \dots - \frac{n\alpha_n}{z^{n+1}} - \dots$$

$$w'' \sim \frac{2\alpha_1}{z^3} + \frac{6\alpha_2}{z^4} + \dots + \frac{n(n+1)\alpha_n}{z^{n+2}} - \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} fw &\sim \left(a_0 + \frac{a_1}{z} + \dots\right) \left(\alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \dots\right) \\ &\sim a_0\alpha_0 + \frac{1}{z}(a_0\alpha_1 + a_1\alpha_0) + \frac{1}{z^2}(a_0\alpha_2 + a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_0) \\ &\quad + \dots + \frac{1}{z^n}(a_0\alpha_n + \dots + a_n\alpha_0) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$w'' + fw = 0$$

$$z^0 : a_0\alpha_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_0 = 0$$

$$z^{-1} : a_0\alpha_1 + a_1\cancel{\alpha_0} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$$

$$z^{-2} : a_0\alpha_2 + a_1\cancel{\alpha_1} + a_2\cancel{\alpha_0} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_2 = 0$$

$$z^{-3} : 2\cancel{\alpha_1} + a_0\alpha_3 + a_1\cancel{\alpha_2} + a_2\cancel{\alpha_1} + a_3\cancel{\alpha_0} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_3 = 0$$

$$z^{-n} : (n-2)(n-1)\cancel{\alpha_{n-2}} + a_0\alpha_n + \dots + a_n\cancel{\alpha_0} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_n = 0, \quad n \geq 4$$

This method fails to find a nonzero solution.

method 1

$$w \sim e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma \left(\alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \frac{\alpha_2}{z^2} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_n}{z^n} + \dots \right) \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} w' &\sim e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma \left(-\frac{\alpha_1}{z^2} - \frac{2\alpha_2}{z^3} - \dots - \frac{n\alpha_n}{z^{n+1}} - \dots \right) \\ &\quad + \left(e^{\lambda z} \sigma z^{\sigma-1} + \lambda e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma \right) \left(\alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \frac{\alpha_2}{z^2} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_n}{z^n} + \dots \right) \\ &= e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma \left(\alpha_0 \lambda + \frac{1}{z} (\alpha_1 \lambda + \alpha_0 \sigma) + \frac{1}{z^2} (\alpha_2 \lambda + \alpha_1 (\sigma - 1)) + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{z^n} (\alpha_n \lambda + \alpha_{n-1} (\sigma - (n-1))) + \dots \right) : \text{ same form as } w \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w'' &\sim e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma \left(\alpha_0 \lambda^2 + \frac{1}{z} (\alpha_1 \lambda^2 + 2\alpha_0 \lambda \sigma) + \frac{1}{z^2} (\alpha_2 \lambda^2 + 2\alpha_1 \lambda (\sigma - 1) + \alpha_0 \sigma (\sigma - 1)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + \frac{1}{z^n} (\alpha_n \lambda^2 + 2\alpha_{n-1} \lambda (\sigma - (n-1)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \alpha_{n-2} (\sigma - (n-1)) (\sigma - (n-2))) + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$fw \sim \left(a_0 + \frac{a_1}{z} + \dots \right) \cdot e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma \left(\alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \dots \right)$$

$$\text{recall : } w'' + fw = 0$$

$$z^0 : \alpha_0 \lambda^2 + a_0 \alpha_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_0 (\lambda^2 + a_0) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm i a_0^{1/2}$$

$$z^{-1} : \cancel{\alpha_1} \lambda^2 + 2\alpha_0 \lambda \sigma + a_0 \cancel{\alpha_1} + a_1 \alpha_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_0 (2\lambda \sigma + a_1) = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma = -\frac{a_1}{2\lambda}$$

$$z^{-2} : \cancel{\alpha_2} \lambda^2 + 2\alpha_1 \cancel{\lambda} (\cancel{\sigma} - 1) + \alpha_0 \sigma (\sigma - 1) + a_0 \cancel{\alpha_2} + a_1 \cancel{\alpha_1} + a_2 \alpha_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \frac{\alpha_0 (\sigma (\sigma - 1) + a_2)}{2\lambda}$$

$$z^{-n} : \cancel{\alpha_n} \lambda^2 + 2\alpha_{n-1} \cancel{\lambda} (\cancel{\sigma} - (n-1)) + \alpha_{n-2} (\sigma - (n-1)) (\sigma - (n-2))$$

$$+ a_0 \cancel{\alpha_n} + a_1 \cancel{\alpha_{n-1}} + a_2 \alpha_{n-2} + a_3 \alpha_{n-3} + \dots + a_n \alpha_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{n-1} = \frac{\alpha_{n-2} ((\sigma - (n-1)) (\sigma - (n-2)) + a_2) + a_3 \alpha_{n-3} + \dots + a_n \alpha_0}{2\lambda (n-1)}$$

check $n = 2$ ok

note

1. set $s_n(z) = e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma \left(\alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_n}{z^n} \right)$, then $s_n'' + f s_n = O\left(\frac{e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma}{z^{n+2}}\right)$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$
 2. $w(z) \sim e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma = z^{\pm ia_1/2a_0^{1/2}} e^{\pm ia_0^{1/2} z}$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$
 3. If $a_0 = 0, a_1 \neq 0$, then $w(z) \sim z^{1/4} e^{\pm 2ia_1^{1/2} z^{1/2}}$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$. pf ...
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ex

$x^2 w'' + x w' + (x^2 - n^2)w = 0$: Bessel equation

recall : $w = x^{-1/2} v \Rightarrow v'' + \left(1 - \frac{(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{x^2}\right)v = 0$

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{x^2}$$

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 0, a_2 = -(n^2 - \frac{1}{4}), a_3 = \dots = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm ia_0^{1/2} = \pm i, \sigma = -\frac{a_1}{2\lambda} = 0$$

$$e^{\lambda x} x^\sigma = e^{\pm ix}$$

choose $\alpha_0 = 1$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\alpha_0(\sigma(\sigma - 1) + a_2)}{2\lambda} = \frac{-(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{\pm 2i} = \pm \frac{i(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{2}$$

$$v(x) \sim A e^{ix} \left(1 + \frac{i(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{2x} + \dots\right) + B e^{-ix} \left(1 - \frac{i(n^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{2x} + \dots\right)$$

$$\text{set } A = (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}(n + \frac{1}{2})}, B = \bar{A}$$

$$w(x) \sim \left(\frac{2}{\pi x}\right)^{1/2} \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi n}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + O(x^{-3/2}) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{recall : } J_n(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(nt - \lambda \sin t) dt \sim \left(\frac{2}{\pi \lambda}\right)^{1/2} \cos\left(\lambda - \frac{\pi n}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

note

$$w \sim e^{\lambda z} z^\sigma \left(\alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \dots\right) = \exp\left(\lambda z + \sigma \log z + \log\left(\alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \dots\right)\right)$$

$$\sim \exp\left(\lambda z + \sigma \log z + \log \alpha_0 + \log\left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0 z} + \dots\right)\right)$$

$$\sim \exp\left(\lambda z + \sigma \log z + \log \alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0 z} + \dots\right)$$

method 2 : “more fundamental and general”

$$w \sim \exp(\phi_0 + \phi_1 + \dots)$$

$\phi_0(z), \phi_1(z), \dots$ is an asymptotic sequence as $z \rightarrow \infty$

$$w'' + fw = 0, \quad f \sim a_0 + \frac{a_1}{z} + \dots, \quad a_0 \neq 0$$

$$w' \sim (\phi'_0 + \phi'_1 + \dots) \exp(\phi_0 + \phi_1 + \dots)$$

$$w'' \sim (\phi''_0 + \phi''_1 + \dots + (\phi'_0 + \phi'_1 + \dots)^2) \exp(\phi_0 + \phi_1 + \dots)$$

$$\phi''_0 + \phi''_1 + \dots + (\phi'_0 + \phi'_1 + \dots)^2 + f \sim 0$$

$$\cancel{\phi''_0} + \cancel{\phi''_1} + \dots + (\phi'_0)^2 + 2\cancel{\phi'_0\phi'_1} + (\phi'_1)^2 + 2\cancel{\phi'_0\phi'_2} + \dots + \cancel{a_0} + \cancel{\frac{a_1}{z}} + \frac{a_2}{z^2} + \dots \sim 0$$

need to balance terms at each order

order z^0

$$\text{try } \phi''_0 + a_0 \sim 0 \Rightarrow \phi''_0 \sim -a_0 \Rightarrow \phi'_0 \sim -a_0 z \Rightarrow (\phi'_0)^2 \sim a_0^2 z^2 \dots : \text{ fails}$$

$$\text{try } \phi''_0 + (\phi'_0)^2 + a_0 \sim 0$$

$$\text{try } \phi_0 = O(z^\beta), \text{ where } \beta > 0$$

$$\text{then } \phi''_0 = O(z^{\beta-2}), \quad (\phi'_0)^2 = O(z^{2\beta-2}) \Rightarrow \phi''_0 = o((\phi'_0)^2) \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow (\phi'_0)^2 + a_0 \sim 0 \Rightarrow (\phi'_0)^2 \sim -a_0 \Rightarrow \phi'_0 \sim \pm i a_0^{1/2} = \lambda$$

$$\text{set } \phi_0 = \lambda z + \log \alpha_0, \quad \text{note : } \beta = 1, \quad \phi''_0 = 0$$

order z^{-1}

$$2\phi'_0\phi'_1 + \frac{a_1}{z} \sim 0 \Rightarrow \phi'_1 \sim -\frac{a_1}{2\lambda z} = \frac{\sigma}{z}, \quad \sigma = -\frac{a_1}{2\lambda}, \quad \phi_1 = \sigma \log z$$

order z^{-2}

$$\phi''_1 + (\phi'_1)^2 + 2\phi'_0\phi'_2 + \frac{a_2}{z^2} \sim 0$$

$$-\frac{\sigma}{z^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{z^2} + 2\lambda\phi'_2 + \frac{a_2}{z^2} \sim 0$$

$$\phi'_2 \sim -\frac{(\sigma^2 - \sigma + a_2)}{2\lambda z^2} \Rightarrow \phi_2 = \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0 z}, \quad \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0} = \frac{\sigma^2 - \sigma + a_2}{2\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_0 + \phi_1 + \phi_2 \dots = \lambda z + \log \alpha_0 + \sigma \log z + \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0 z} + \dots$$

$$w \sim \exp(\phi_0 + \phi_1 + \dots) = \exp(\lambda z + \log \alpha_0 + \sigma \log z + \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_0 z} + \dots) : \text{ same as before}$$

ex

$w'' - z^2 w = 0$: parabolic cylinder functions

Our previous assumption that $f \sim a_0 + \frac{a_1}{z} + \dots$ doesn't apply, but we can still try $w \sim \exp(\phi_0 + \phi_1 + \dots)$.

$$\phi_0'' + \phi_1'' + \dots (\phi_0' + \phi_1' + \dots)^2 \sim z^2$$

$$\cancel{\phi_0''} + \cancel{\phi_1''} + \cancel{\phi_2''} + \dots + (\phi_0')^2 + 2\cancel{\phi_0'}\phi_1' + (\phi_1')^2 + 2\cancel{\phi_0'}\phi_2' + 2\cancel{\phi_1'}\phi_3' + 2\cancel{\phi_1'}\phi_2' \\ + (\phi_2')^2 + 2\cancel{\phi_0'}\phi_4' + 2\cancel{\phi_1'}\phi_3' + \dots \sim \cancel{z^2}$$

order z^2

$$\text{try } \phi_0'' \sim z^2 \Rightarrow \phi_0' \sim \frac{1}{3}z^3 \Rightarrow (\phi_0')^2 \sim \frac{1}{9}z^6 \dots : \text{ fails}$$

$$\text{try } (\phi_0')^2 \sim z^2 \Rightarrow \phi_0' \sim \pm z \Rightarrow \phi_0'' \sim \pm 1, \phi_0 = \pm \frac{1}{2}z^2$$

order z

$$2\phi_0'\phi_1' \sim 0 \Rightarrow \pm 2z\phi_1' \sim 0, \text{ set } \phi_1 = 0$$

order 1

$$\phi_0'' + 2\phi_0'\phi_2' \sim 0 \Rightarrow \pm 1 + 2(\pm z)\phi_2' \sim 0 \Rightarrow \phi_2' \sim -\frac{1}{2z}, \phi_2 = -\frac{1}{2}\log z$$

order z^{-1}

$$2\phi_0'\phi_3' \sim 0, \text{ set } \phi_3 = 0$$

order z^{-2}

$$\phi_2'' + (\phi_2')^2 + 2\phi_0'\phi_4' \sim 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2z^2} + \frac{1}{4z^2} + 2(\pm z)\phi_4' \sim 0 \Rightarrow \phi_4' \sim \mp \frac{3}{8z^3}, \phi_4 = \pm \frac{3}{16z^2}$$

summary

$$\phi_0 + \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \dots = \pm \frac{1}{2}z^2 - \frac{1}{2}\log z \pm \frac{3}{16z^2} + \dots$$

$$w \sim e^{\pm \frac{1}{2}z^2} z^{-1/2} (1 \pm \frac{3}{16z^2} + \dots) \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty$$

$$w \sim e^{\lambda z^2} z^\sigma (\alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_1}{z} + \dots) \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty$$

plan

6.1 : $w'' + f(z)w = 0, z \rightarrow \infty$

6.2 : $w'' + f(x, \lambda)w = 0, \lambda \rightarrow \infty, f(x, \lambda) \neq 0$: WKB method

6.3 : $w'' + f(x, \lambda)w = 0, \lambda \rightarrow \infty, f(x_0, \lambda) = 0$: turning points

6.2 WKB method : Wentzel, Kramers, Brillouin

$$w'' + f(x, \lambda)w = 0, \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty, \quad f(x, \lambda) \neq 0$$

assume $f(x, \lambda) \sim \lambda^2 \phi_0(x) + \lambda \phi_1(x) + \phi_2(x) + \dots$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

$$w(x, \lambda) \sim e^{\lambda W(x)} U(x) \left(1 + \frac{V_1(x)}{\lambda} + \frac{V_2(x)}{\lambda^2} + \dots \right) : \text{WKB (hw6)}$$

$$w(x, \lambda) \sim \exp(g_0(\lambda)\psi_0(x) + g_1(\lambda)\psi_1(x) + \dots) : \text{Murray}$$

we expect $\{g_n(\lambda)\}$ to be an asymptotic sequence as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

$$g_0(\lambda)\psi_0''(x) + g_1(\lambda)\psi_1''(x) + \dots + (g_0(\lambda)\psi_0'(x) + g_1(\lambda)\psi_1'(x) + \dots)^2 + \lambda^2\phi_0(x) + \lambda\phi_1(x) + \phi_2(x) + \dots \sim 0$$

$$\cancel{g_0\psi_0''} + \cancel{g_1\psi_1''} + \dots + \cancel{g_0^2(\psi_0')^2} + 2\cancel{g_0g_1}\psi_0'\psi_1' + \cancel{g_1^2(\psi_1')^2} + 2\cancel{g_0g_2}\psi_0'\psi_2' + \dots + \cancel{\lambda^2\phi_0} + \cancel{\lambda\phi_1} + \cancel{\phi_2} + \dots \sim 0$$

order λ^2

$$g_0^2(\psi_0')^2 + \lambda^2\phi_0 \sim 0 \Rightarrow g_0(\lambda) = \lambda, \quad \psi_0' = \pm i\sqrt{\phi_0} \Rightarrow \psi_0(x) = \pm i \int^x \sqrt{\phi_0}$$

order λ

$$g_0\psi_0'' + 2g_0g_1\psi_0'\psi_1' + \lambda\phi_1 \sim 0$$

$$g_1(\lambda) = 1, \quad \psi_1' = -\frac{(\psi_0'' + \phi_1)}{2\psi_0'} \Rightarrow \psi_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \log \psi_0' - \int^x \frac{\phi_1}{2\psi_0'}$$

$$\psi_1(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(\pm i) - \frac{1}{2} \log \sqrt{\phi_0(x)} \pm i \int^x \frac{\phi_1}{2\sqrt{\phi_0}}$$

order 1

$$g_1\psi_1'' + g_1^2(\psi_1')^2 + 2g_0g_2\psi_0'\psi_2' + \phi_2 \sim 0$$

$$g_2(\lambda) = \lambda^{-1}, \quad \psi_2' = -\frac{(\psi_1'' + (\psi_1')^2 + \phi_2)}{2\psi_1'} = \dots$$

summary

$$g_0\psi_0 + g_1\psi_1 + \dots = \pm i\lambda \int^x \sqrt{\phi_0} + \log \phi_0^{-\frac{1}{4}}(x) \pm i \int^x \frac{\phi_1}{2\sqrt{\phi_0}} + O(\lambda^{-1})$$

$$w(x, \lambda) \sim \phi_0^{-\frac{1}{4}}(x) \exp\left(\pm i \int^x \left(\lambda\sqrt{\phi_0} + \frac{\phi_1}{2\sqrt{\phi_0}}\right) + O(\lambda^{-1})\right) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

special case : $w'' + \lambda^2\phi_0(x)w = 0$: Liouville equation

$$w(x, \lambda) \sim \phi_0^{-\frac{1}{4}}(x) \exp\left(\pm i\lambda \int^x \sqrt{\phi_0} + O(\lambda^{-1})\right) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

note

1. The sign of $\phi_0(x)$ determines the form of $w(x, \lambda)$ (oscillatory/exponential).
2. Unlike the approximations in section 6.1, which were valid for $x \rightarrow \infty$, the WKB approximation can be used to satisfy IC/BC at finite values of x .
3. The expansion fails if $\phi_0(x) = 0$, but the idea still works.

ex: $w'' + (\lambda + x)w = 0$, $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, $x \geq 0$, $w(0, \lambda) = a$, $w'(0, \lambda) = b$

$f(x, \lambda) = \lambda + x \Rightarrow \phi_0(x) = 0$, $\phi_1(x) = 1$, $\phi_2(x) = x$

recall: $w''(\lambda) - \lambda w(\lambda) = 0$: $\text{Ai}(\lambda)$, $\text{Bi}(\lambda) \rightarrow \text{Ai}(-(\lambda + x))$, $\text{Bi}(-(\lambda + x))$

case 1: $x = O(1)$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

$w(x, \lambda) \sim \exp(g_0(\lambda)\psi_0(x) + g_1(\lambda)\psi_1(x) + \dots)$

~~$g_0\psi_0'' + g_1\psi_1'' + g_2\psi_2'' + g_3\psi_3'' + \dots + g_0^2(\psi_0')^2 + 2g_0g_1\psi_0'\psi_1' + g_1^2(\psi_1')^2 + 2g_0g_2\psi_0'\psi_2'$~~
 ~~$+ 2g_0g_3\psi_0'\psi_3' + 2g_1g_2\psi_1'\psi_2' + g_2^2(\psi_2')^2 + 2g_0g_4\psi_0'\psi_4' + 2g_1g_3\psi_1'\psi_3' + \dots + \lambda + x \sim 0$~~

order λ

$g_0^2(\psi_0')^2 + \lambda \sim 0 \Rightarrow g_0(\lambda) = \lambda^{1/2}$, $\psi_0' = \pm i$, $\psi_0(x) = \pm ix$

order $\lambda^{1/2}$

$2g_0g_1\psi_0'\psi_1' \sim 0 \Rightarrow g_1(\lambda) = 1$, $\psi_1' = 0$, $\psi_1(x) = 0$

order 1

$2g_0g_2\psi_0'\psi_2' + x \sim 0 \Rightarrow g_2(\lambda) = \lambda^{-1/2}$, $\psi_2' = \frac{-x}{2\psi_0'} = \pm \frac{ix}{2}$, $\psi_2(x) = \pm \frac{ix^2}{4}$

order $\lambda^{-1/2}$

$g_2\psi_2'' + 2g_0g_3\psi_0'\psi_3' \sim 0 \Rightarrow g_3(\lambda) = \lambda^{-1}$, $\psi_3' = \frac{-\psi_2''}{2\psi_0'} = -\frac{1}{4}$, $\psi_3(x) = -\frac{x}{4}$

order λ^{-1}

$g_2^2(\psi_2')^2 + 2g_0g_4\psi_0'\psi_4' \sim 0 \Rightarrow g_4(\lambda) = \lambda^{-3/2}$, $\psi_4' = \frac{-(\psi_2')^2}{2\psi_0'} = \mp \frac{ix^2}{8}$, $\psi_4(x) = \mp \frac{ix^3}{24}$

summary

$g_0\psi_0 + g_1\psi_1 + \dots = \pm i\lambda^{1/2}x \pm \frac{ix^2}{4\lambda^{1/2}} - \frac{x}{4\lambda} + O\left(\frac{ix^3}{\lambda^{3/2}}\right)$

$w(x, \lambda) \sim e^{-x/4\lambda} \exp\left[\pm ix\left(\lambda^{1/2} + \frac{x}{4\lambda^{1/2}} + O\left(\frac{x^2}{\lambda^{3/2}}\right)\right)\right]$

$\sim \left(1 - \frac{x}{4\lambda} + \dots\right) \exp\left[\pm ix\left(\lambda^{1/2} + \frac{x}{4\lambda^{1/2}} + \dots\right)\right]$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, $x = O(1)$

The solution satisfying the IC at $x = 0$ has the following approximation.

$$w(x, \lambda) \sim \left(1 - \frac{x}{4\lambda}\right) \left(a \cos x \left[\lambda^{1/2} + \frac{x}{4\lambda^{1/2}} \right] + \lambda^{-1/2} \left(b + \frac{a}{4\lambda} \right) \sin x \left[\lambda^{1/2} + \frac{x}{4\lambda^{1/2}} \right] \right)$$

as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, $x = O(1)$

$$w(0, \lambda) \sim \left(1 - \frac{x}{4\lambda}\right) \left(a(1 + O(x^2)) + \lambda^{-1/2} \left(b + \frac{a}{4\lambda} \right) \left(x \left[\lambda^{1/2} + \frac{x}{4\lambda^{1/2}} \right] + O(x^3) \right) \right)$$

$$= a + bx + O(x^2) \quad \underline{\text{ok}}$$

case 2 : $x = O(\lambda)$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, the previous result is not valid in this case

$$w'' + (\lambda + x)w = 0, \text{ set } y = \frac{x}{\lambda}, W(y, \lambda) = w(x, \lambda) \Rightarrow w' = \frac{dw}{dx} = \frac{dW}{dy} \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda} W'$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda^2} W'' + (\lambda + \lambda y)W = 0 \Rightarrow W'' + \lambda^3(1 + y)W = 0$$

$$\text{recall : } W'' + \tilde{\lambda}^2 \phi_0(y)W = 0 \Rightarrow W(y, \tilde{\lambda}) \sim \phi_0^{-1/4}(y) \exp(\pm i \tilde{\lambda} \int^y \sqrt{\phi_0} + O(\tilde{\lambda}^{-1}))$$

$$\text{set } \tilde{\lambda}^2 = \lambda^3, \phi_0(y) = 1 + y$$

$$W(y, \lambda) \sim (1 + y)^{-1/4} \exp(\pm i \lambda^{3/2} \int^y \sqrt{1 + \tilde{y}} d\tilde{y} + O(\lambda^{-3/2})) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty, y = O(1)$$

return to original problem

$$w(x, \lambda) \sim \left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{-1/4} \exp\left[\pm \frac{2i}{3} \lambda^{3/2} \left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{3/2} + O(\lambda^{-3/2})\right] \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty, x = O(\lambda)$$

The solution satisfying the IC at $x = 0$ has the following approximation.

$$w(x, \lambda) \sim \left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{-1/4} \left(a \cos \left[\frac{2}{3} \lambda^{3/2} \left(\left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{3/2} - 1 \right) \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + \lambda^{-1/2} \left(b + \frac{a}{4\lambda} \right) \sin \left[\frac{2}{3} \lambda^{3/2} \left(\left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{3/2} - 1 \right) \right] \right) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty, x = O(\lambda)$$

note : The approximation is uniformly valid for $0 \leq x \leq \lambda$.

Consider $x \rightarrow 0$.

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{-1/4} = 1 - \frac{x}{4\lambda} + \dots$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \lambda^{3/2} \left(\left(1 + \frac{x}{\lambda}\right)^{3/2} - 1 \right) = \frac{2}{3} \lambda^{3/2} \left(1 + \frac{3x}{2\lambda} + \frac{3x^2}{8\lambda^2} + \dots - 1 \right) = x \left(\lambda^{1/2} + \frac{x}{4\lambda^{1/2}} + \dots \right)$$

Hence case 2 reduces to case 1 for $x \rightarrow 0$.

ex

$$w'' + (1 + \epsilon t)w = 0, \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0, \quad w(0, \epsilon) = c, \quad w'(0, \epsilon) = d$$

This equation describes an oscillation with slowly varying frequency.

case 1 : $t = O(1)$

$w(t, \epsilon) \sim F_0(t) + \epsilon F_1(t) + \epsilon^2 F_2(t) + \dots$: regular perturbation series

$$F_0'' + \epsilon F_1'' + \dots + (1 + \epsilon t)(F_0 + \epsilon F_1 + \dots) \sim 0$$

order 1

$$F_0'' + F_0 = 0, \quad F_0(0) = c, \quad F_0'(0) = d \Rightarrow F_0(t) = c \cos t + d \sin t$$

order ϵ

$$F_1'' + F_1 + tF_0 = 0 \Rightarrow F_1'' + F_1 = -t(c \cos t + d \sin t), \quad F_1(0) = 0, \quad F_1'(0) = 0$$

$$F_1(t) = f(t) \cos t + g(t) \sin t, \quad f(0) = 0, \quad f'(0) + g(0) = 0$$

ODE theory ensures that $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are quadratic polynomials. (pf ...)

$$F_1 = f \cos t + g \sin t$$

$$F_1' = (f' + g) \cos t + (-f + g') \sin t$$

$$F_1'' = (f'' + 2g' - f) \cos t + (g'' - 2f' - g) \sin t$$

$$F_1'' + F_1 = (f'' + 2g') \cos t + (g'' - 2f') \sin t$$

$$f'' + 2g' = -ct \Rightarrow f'' + 2g'' = -c \Rightarrow g'' = -\frac{1}{2}c$$

$$g'' - 2f' = -dt \Rightarrow f' = \frac{1}{2}dt - \frac{1}{4}c \Rightarrow f = \frac{1}{4}dt^2 - \frac{1}{4}ct \Rightarrow f'(0) = -\frac{1}{4}c$$

$$g' = -\frac{1}{2}ct - \frac{1}{4}d \Rightarrow g = -\frac{1}{4}ct^2 - \frac{1}{4}dt + \frac{1}{4}c$$

$$F_1(t) = \frac{1}{4}(dt^2 - ct) \cos t - \frac{1}{4}(ct^2 + dt - c) \sin t$$

summary

$$w(t, \epsilon) \sim \left(c + \frac{\epsilon}{4}(dt^2 - ct) \right) \cos t + \left(d - \frac{\epsilon}{4}(ct^2 + dt - c) \right) \sin t + O(\epsilon^2)$$

as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0, t = O(1)$

Note that the approximation is not valid for $t = O(\epsilon^{-1})$, because then the terms containing ϵt are no longer $O(\epsilon)$; these terms (e.g. $\epsilon t \cos t, \dots$) are called secular terms; they are unbounded as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Let us derive an approximation that is uniformly valid for $0 \leq t \leq O(\epsilon^{-1})$.

case 2 : $t = O(\epsilon^{-1})$

$$\text{set } s = \epsilon t, \lambda = \frac{1}{\epsilon}, W(s, \lambda) = w(t, \epsilon) \Rightarrow w' = \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dW}{ds} \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda} W'$$

$$w'' + (1 + \epsilon t)w = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda^2} W'' + (1 + s)W = 0 \Rightarrow W'' + \lambda^2(1 + s)W = 0$$

$$\text{recall : } W'' + \lambda^2 \phi_0(x)W = 0 \Rightarrow W(x, \lambda) \sim \phi_0^{-\frac{1}{4}}(x) \exp\left(\pm i \lambda \int^x \sqrt{\phi_0} + O(\lambda^{-1})\right)$$

$$W(s, \lambda) \sim (1 + s)^{-1/4} \exp\left(\pm i \lambda \int^s \sqrt{1 + \tilde{s}} d\tilde{s} + O(\lambda^{-1})\right) \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty, s = O(1)$$

$$w(t, \epsilon) \sim (1 + \epsilon t)^{-1/4} \exp\left(\pm \frac{i}{\epsilon} \frac{2}{3} (1 + \epsilon t)^{3/2} + O(\epsilon)\right) \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0, t = O(\epsilon^{-1})$$

note : this approximation has no secular terms

The solution satisfying the IC at $t = 0$ has the following approximation.

$$w(t, \epsilon) \sim (1 + \epsilon t)^{-1/4} \left(c \cos \frac{2}{3\epsilon} ((1 + \epsilon t)^{3/2} - 1) + \left(d + \frac{\epsilon c}{4} \right) \sin \frac{2}{3\epsilon} ((1 + \epsilon t)^{3/2} - 1) \right) \\ \text{as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0, t = O(\epsilon^{-1})$$

Consider $t \rightarrow 0$, omit terms of order $O(\epsilon^2)$.

$$(1 + \epsilon t)^{-1/4} = 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{4} t + \dots$$

$$\frac{2}{3\epsilon} ((1 + \epsilon t)^{3/2} - 1) = \frac{2}{3\epsilon} \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \epsilon t + \frac{3}{8} (\epsilon t)^2 + \dots - 1 \right) = t + \frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 + \dots$$

$$\cos \frac{2}{3\epsilon} ((1 + \epsilon t)^{3/2} - 1) \sim \cos \left(t + \frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$\sim \cos t \cos \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 + \dots \right) - \sin t \sin \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 + \dots \right) \sim \cos t + \dots - \frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 \sin t + \dots$$

$$\sin \frac{2}{3\epsilon} ((1 + \epsilon t)^{3/2} - 1) \sim \sin \left(t + \frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$\sim \sin t \cos \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 + \dots \right) + \cos t \sin \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 + \dots \right) \sim \sin t + \dots + \frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 \cos t + \dots$$

$$w(t, \epsilon) \sim \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{4} t \right) \left(c \left(\cos t - \frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 \sin t \right) + \left(d + \frac{\epsilon c}{4} \right) \left(\sin t + \frac{\epsilon}{4} t^2 \cos t \right) \right)$$

$$\sim \left(c + \frac{\epsilon}{4} (dt^2 - ct) \right) \cos t + \left(d - \frac{\epsilon}{4} (ct^2 + dt - c) \right) \sin t + O(\epsilon^2)$$

Hence case 2 reduces to case 1 for $t \rightarrow 0$.

ex: $u_{tt} = c^2(x)u_{xx}$: wave equation in non-uniform medium in 1D

$u(x, t) = v(x, \omega)e^{i\omega t}$, ω : frequency

$v'' + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2(x)}v = 0$, $\omega \rightarrow \infty$: high-frequency waves

$v(x, \omega) \sim \sqrt{c(x)} \exp\left(\pm i\omega \int^x \frac{d\tilde{x}}{c(\tilde{x})}\right)$

$u(x, t) \sim \sqrt{c(x)} \exp\left(i\omega\left(t \pm \int^x \frac{d\tilde{x}}{c(\tilde{x})}\right)\right)$ as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$

note : amplitude is proportional to square root of wave speed

ex: $u_{tt} = c^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy})$: wave equation in uniform medium in 2D

$u(x, y, t) = v(x, y, \omega)e^{i\omega t} \Rightarrow v_{xx} + v_{yy} + \lambda^2 v = 0$, $\lambda = \frac{\omega}{c}$: Helmholtz equation

$v(x, \omega) \sim \exp(ig_0(\lambda)\psi_0(x, y) + \dots)$

$g_0(\psi_{0xx} + \psi_{0yy}) + \dots + (g_0\psi_{0x} + \dots)^2 + (g_0\psi_{0y} + \dots)^2 \sim \lambda^2$

order λ^2

$g_0^2(\psi_{0x}^2 + \psi_{0y}^2) \sim \lambda^2 \Rightarrow g_0(\lambda) = \lambda$, $\psi_{0x}^2 + \psi_{0y}^2 = 1$: eikonal equation

$u(x, y, t) \sim \exp\left(i\frac{\omega}{c}(\psi_0(x, y) + ct)\right)$ as $\omega \rightarrow \infty$: geometrical optics

ex: $i\hbar\psi_t = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\psi_{xx} + V(x)\psi$: Schrödinger equation

\hbar : Planck constant , m : particle mass , $V(x)$: potential

$\psi(x, t)$: wavefunction , $|\psi(x, t)|^2$: particle pdf

$\psi(x, t) = u(x)e^{-i\omega t} \Rightarrow \hbar\omega u = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}u'' + V(x)u$, $\hbar\omega = E$: energy , $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

$u'' + \lambda^2(E - V(x))u = 0$: eigenvalue problem , $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

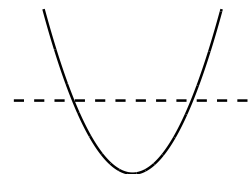
$u(x) \sim (E - V(x))^{-\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(\pm i\lambda \int^x \sqrt{E - V(\tilde{x})} d\tilde{x}\right)$: $\begin{cases} V(x) < E : \text{oscillatory} \\ V(x) > E : \text{exponential} \end{cases}$

example : $V(x) \sim x^2$: harmonic oscillator

classical mechanics : particle is confined to $V(x) < E$

quantum mechanics : tunneling

def : A point x_0 at which $V(x_0) = E$ is called a turning point.



6.3 turning points

consider $w'' + \lambda^2 \phi(x)w = 0$, $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

recall : $w(x, \lambda) \sim \phi^{-\frac{1}{4}}(x) \exp\left(\pm i\lambda \int^x \sqrt{\phi}\right)$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$: WKB approximation

$$\phi(x) > 0 : w(x, \lambda) \sim w_+(x, \lambda) = \phi^{-\frac{1}{4}}(x) \left(c \cos\left(\lambda \int^x \sqrt{\phi}\right) + d \sin\left(\lambda \int^x \sqrt{\phi}\right) \right)$$

$$\phi(x) < 0 : w(x, \lambda) \sim w_-(x, \lambda) = \left| \phi^{-\frac{1}{4}}(x) \right| \left(A \exp\left(\lambda \int^x \sqrt{|\phi|}\right) + B \exp\left(-\lambda \int^x \sqrt{|\phi|}\right) \right)$$

These expressions are valid for $\phi(x) \neq 0$ in the limit $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$.

Now assume that $\phi(x) \sim \nu^2 x$ as $x \rightarrow 0$, $\nu > 0$, $x_0 = 0$: turning point.

goals

1. For a given solution $w(x, \lambda)$, find the relation between c, d and A, B .
2. Find an approximation of $w(x, \lambda)$ valid in a neighborhood of $x = 0$.

“There is a transition solution valid near $x = 0$.”

$x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \phi(x) \sim \nu^2 x \Rightarrow w''_0 + \lambda^2 \nu^2 x w_0 = 0$: a form of Airy's equation

plan

$$x > 0 : \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} w_+(x, \lambda) \sim \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} w_0(x, \lambda)$$

$$x < 0 : \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} w_-(x, \lambda) \sim \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} w_0(x, \lambda)$$

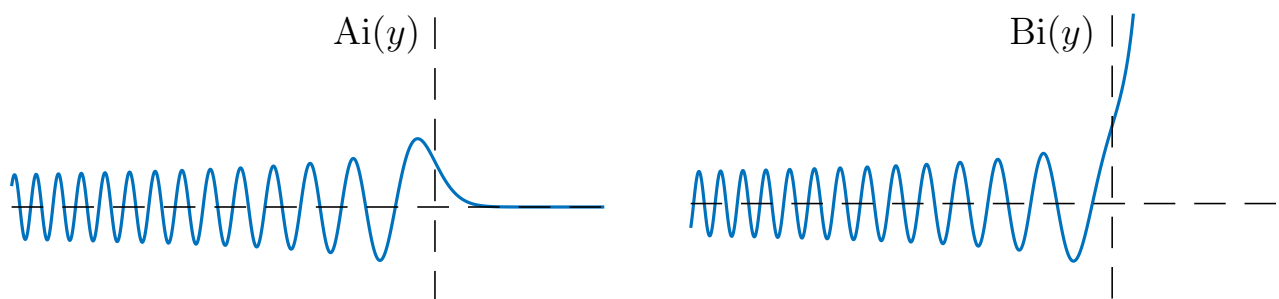
inner limit of outer solution \sim outer limit of inner solution

“This is a splendid example of an asymptotic matching process.”

recall : $w''(y) - yw(y) = 0$: Airy equation , “of fundamental importance”

$$\text{Ai}(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_1} e^{yz - \frac{1}{3}z^3} dz \sim \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} y^{-\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(-\frac{2}{3}y^{3/2}\right) & \text{as } y \rightarrow \infty \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} |y|^{-\frac{1}{4}} \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}|y|^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) & \text{as } y \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Bi}(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\int_{C_2} - \int_{C_3} \right) e^{yz - \frac{1}{3}z^3} dz \sim \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} y^{-\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left(\frac{2}{3}y^{3/2}\right) & \text{as } y \rightarrow \infty \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} |y|^{-\frac{1}{4}} \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}|y|^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) & \text{as } y \rightarrow -\infty \end{cases}$$



return to equation for w_0

set $y = -(\lambda\nu)^{2/3}x$, $w_0(x, \lambda) = w(y)$

$$w_0'' = w'' \cdot (\lambda\nu)^{4/3} = -(\lambda\nu)^{2/3}x \cdot w \cdot (\lambda\nu)^{4/3} = -\lambda^2\nu^2xw = -\lambda^2\nu^2xw_0 \quad \underline{\text{ok}}$$

$$w_0(x, \lambda) = a \text{Ai}(-(\lambda\nu)^{2/3}x) + b \text{Bi}(-(\lambda\nu)^{2/3}x)$$

1. outer limit of inner solution , use approximations of $\text{Ai}(y), \text{Bi}(y)$ as $y \rightarrow \pm\infty$

$$w_0(x, \lambda) \sim \begin{cases} x > 0 : \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}(\lambda\nu)^{-\frac{1}{6}}x^{-\frac{1}{4}}\left(a \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}\lambda\nu x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + b \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}\lambda\nu x^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) \\ x < 0 : \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}(\lambda\nu)^{-\frac{1}{6}}|x|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\left(\frac{1}{2}a \exp\left(-\frac{2}{3}\lambda\nu|x|^{3/2}\right) + b \exp\left(\frac{2}{3}\lambda\nu|x|^{3/2}\right)\right) \end{cases}$$

2. inner limit of outer solutions , let $x \rightarrow 0$ in WKB approximations

$$x > 0 : w_+(x, \lambda) \sim \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}x^{-\frac{1}{4}}\left(c \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}\lambda\nu x^{3/2}\right) + d \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}\lambda\nu x^{3/2}\right)\right)$$

$$x < 0 : w_-(x, \lambda) \sim \nu^{-\frac{1}{2}}|x|^{-\frac{1}{4}}\left(A \exp\left(\frac{2}{3}\lambda\nu|x|^{3/2}\right) + B \exp\left(-\frac{2}{3}\lambda\nu|x|^{3/2}\right)\right)$$

now apply asymptotic matching to obtain connection formulas

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x > 0 : c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\lambda^{-\frac{1}{6}}\nu^{\frac{1}{3}}(a + b) , d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\lambda^{-\frac{1}{6}}\nu^{\frac{1}{3}}(a - b) \\ x < 0 : A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\lambda^{-\frac{1}{6}}\nu^{\frac{1}{3}}b , B = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\lambda^{-\frac{1}{6}}\nu^{\frac{1}{3}}a \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(A + 2B) \\ d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2B - A) \end{cases}$$

The goals have been achieved.

1. Given A, B , we can determine c, d , and vice versa.

2. Given either A, B or c, d , we can determine a, b , and then $w_0(x, \lambda)$ is the required asymptotic approximation of $w(x, \lambda)$ which is uniformly valid in a neighborhood of the turning point.

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$$w'' + \lambda^2(x^2 - 1)w = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2, \quad w(0) = 0, \quad w'(0) = 1$$

turning point : $x_0 = 1$, numerical solution by trapezoid method

