

Summer school lecture 2

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Linear "hyperbolic" evolutions

$$\begin{cases} (i\partial_t + A(\mathcal{D}))u = 0 & [f] \\ u(0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

$A(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow$ multiplier

$\rightarrow a(\xi)$ real valued function

Solve using F.T.:

$$\hat{u}(t, \xi) = e^{it a(\xi)} \hat{u}_0(\xi)$$

$$a \text{ real} \Rightarrow \|u(t)\|_{L^2} = \|u_0\|_{L^2}$$

Energy is conserved

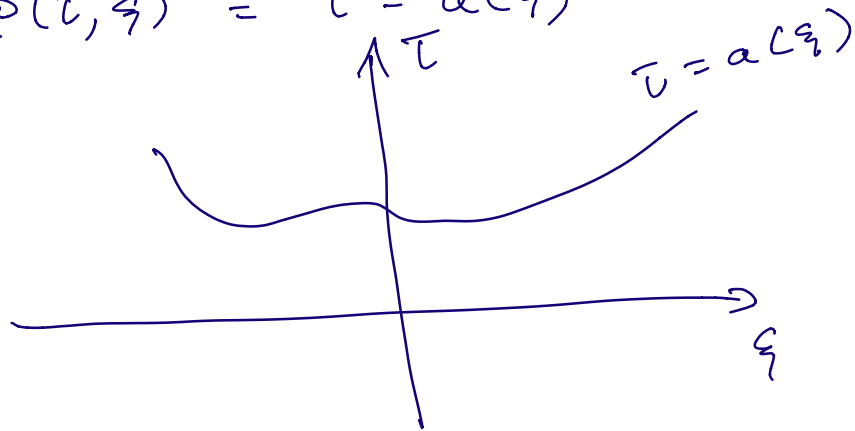
ξ = spatial Fourier variable

τ = time Fourier variable

$$\tau \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_t = \frac{1}{i} \partial_t$$

Symbol of our operator:

$$P(\tau, \xi) = \tau - a(\xi)$$



Characteristic set of P : $\{ \tau = a(\xi) \}$

$a(\xi)$ = dispersion relation for \uparrow
this evolution

Why do we care about char P ?

(1) $u(t, x) = e^{it\tau} e^{ix\xi}$

solves the eqn. iff $(\tau, \xi) \in \text{char } P.$

(2)

Solve

$$[i\partial_t + A(x)] u = f$$

\Downarrow F.T.

$$P(\tau, \xi) \hat{u}(\tau, \xi) = \hat{f}(\tau, \xi)$$

$$\hat{u}(\tau, \xi) = \hat{f}(\tau, \xi) \cdot \frac{1}{P(\tau, \xi)}$$

$$= \hat{f}(\tau, \xi) \cdot \frac{1}{-\tau + a(\xi)}$$

$$= \hat{f}(\tau, \xi) \cdot \frac{1}{-(\tau \pm i0) + a(\xi)}$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{-(\tau \pm i\varepsilon) + a(\xi)}$$

Examples

(a) $a = 0$

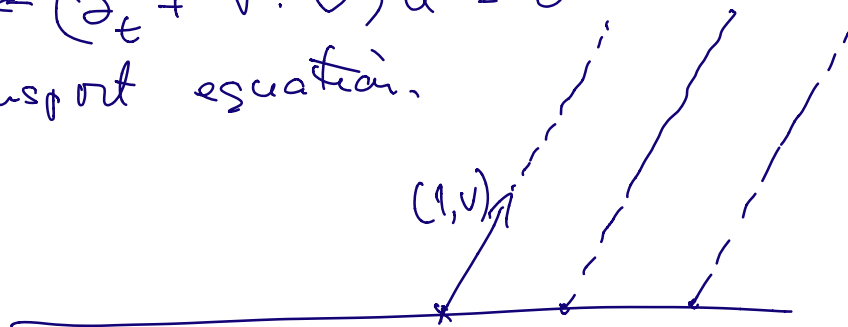
$$i \partial_t u = 0$$

(b) $a(\xi) = -v \cdot \xi$

$$(i \partial_t - v \cdot D_x) u = 0$$

directional derivative $\leftarrow (\partial_t + v \cdot \nabla) u = 0$

Transport equation.



$$u(x, t) = u_0(x - v \cdot t)$$

(c) Schrödinger equation: n -dim.

$$(i\partial_t - \Delta) u = 0$$

$$\text{Symbol of } -\Delta : a(\xi) = \xi^2$$

(d) Lin KdV equation: 1-dim

$$(\partial_t + \partial_x^3) u = 0$$

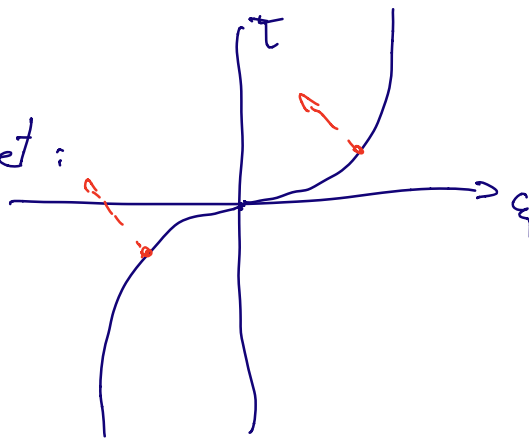
$$a(\xi) = \xi^3$$

(e) Lin Benjamin-Ono equation 1-d.

$$(\partial_t + H\partial_x^2) u = 0$$

$$a(\xi) = \xi \cdot |\xi|$$

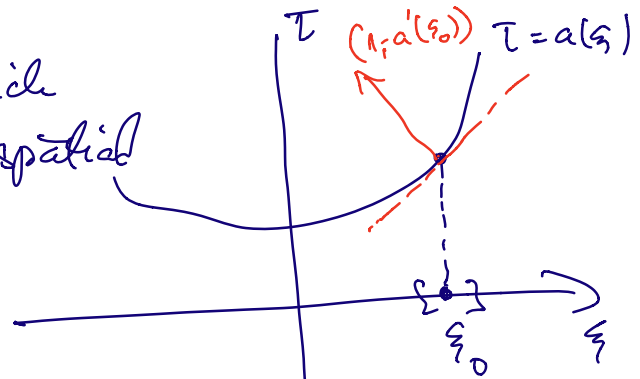
Characteristic set:



Propagation of linear waves

$$(i\partial_t + a(D)) u = 0, \quad u(0) = u_0$$

Look at waves which are localized near spatial frequency ξ_0



Near ξ_0 :

$$a(\xi) \approx a(\xi_0) + (\xi - \xi_0) a'(\xi_0)$$

Approximate the original evolution

$$(i\partial_t + a(D)) u = 0$$

with $(i\partial_t + a(\xi_0) + (D - \xi_0) a'(\xi_0)) u = 0$

$$\underbrace{(\partial_t - a'(\xi_0) \cdot \partial_x)}_{\text{transport equation}} u = i \underbrace{(a(\xi_0) - \xi_0 a'(\xi_0))}_{\text{phase shift}} u$$

$$\partial_t u = i\omega u \quad \Rightarrow \quad u(t) = u(0) e^{i\omega t}$$

transport direction \rightarrow
 \downarrow
 $\nabla_{\tau, \xi} P(\tau, \xi)$

$$(1, -a'(\xi_0))$$

$$\downarrow$$

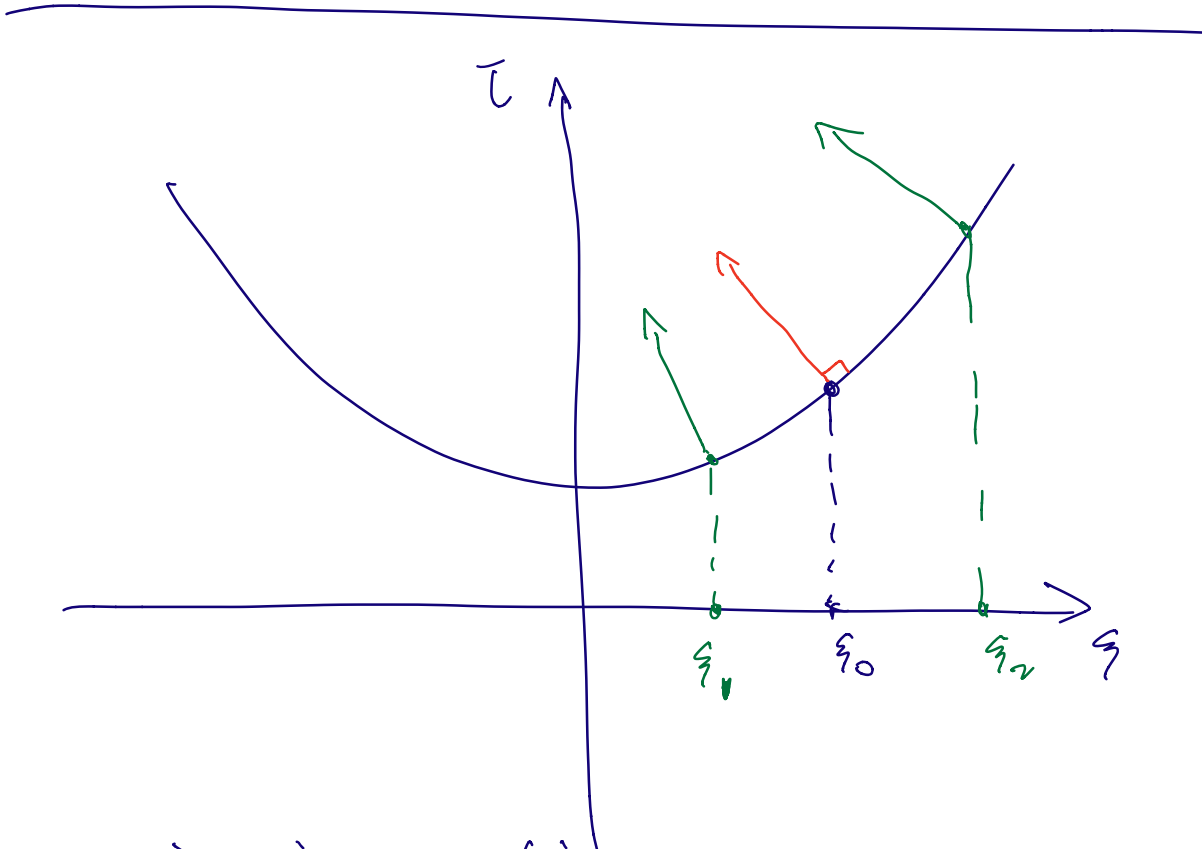
$$\omega = a(\xi_0) - \xi_0 a'(\xi_0)$$



Group velocity:

Waves with frequency $\approx \xi$,

travel with group velocity $\approx -a'(\xi_0)$



Dispersive equations

"hyperbolic eqn's" where the group velocity depends nontrivially on the frequency.

$v = v(\xi) = -a'(\xi)$, has to vary with ξ

Full dispersion $\Leftrightarrow a''(\xi) \neq 0$

Systems of equations:

$$\begin{cases} (i\partial_t + A(\Delta)) u = 0 \\ u(0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{pmatrix} \quad A \in \mathcal{M}^{m \times m}, \quad A = A(\xi)$$

Symmetric systems $\rightarrow A = \text{symmetric}$

Hyperbolic system: A real symmetric matrix

$$(i\partial_t + \lambda_j(\Delta)) u_j = 0$$

\downarrow
eigenvalues

System for which A has real eigenvalues.

Strictly hyperbolic systems:
 $\lambda_j \rightarrow$ real and distinct.

\rightarrow If eigenvalues are distinct then the system can be smoothly diagonalized in the Fourier space.

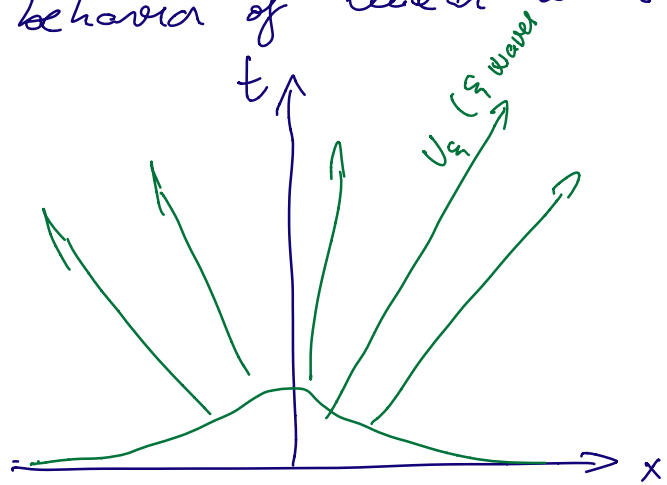
Return to scalar equations

Q: Long time behavior of linear waves.

$$(i\partial_t + A(\partial_x))u = 0$$

$$u(0) = u_0 \in \mathcal{S}$$

$$\xi \rightarrow v_\xi$$



Measure the dispersive decay:

$$\hat{u}(t, \xi) = \hat{u}_0(\xi) \cdot e^{it a(\xi)}$$

$$u(t, x) = \int e^{it a(\xi)} e^{ix\xi} \underbrace{\hat{u}_0(\xi)}_{\mathcal{S}} d\xi$$

$$v = \frac{x}{t}$$

$$= \int e^{i(t a(\xi) + x\xi)} \hat{u}_0(\xi) d\xi$$

$$= \int e^{it(a(\xi) + v\xi)} \hat{u}_0(\xi) d\xi$$

Method of stationary phase

$$I = \int e^{i\lambda \phi(\xi)} \cdot a(\xi) d\xi$$

(a) $\phi' \neq 0$

$$I = \int \frac{1}{\phi'} a(\xi) \underbrace{e^{i\lambda \phi}}_{\frac{1}{\lambda} \partial_{\xi} e^{i\lambda \phi}} d\xi$$

Repeated integrations by parts:

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I = O(\lambda^{-N}) \quad \forall N.}$$

(b) $\phi'(\xi_0) = 0$, $\phi''(\xi_0) \neq 0$

Main contribution comes from $\xi \approx \xi_0$

$$I \approx \int e^{i\lambda (\phi(\xi_0) + \frac{1}{2}(\xi - \xi_0)^2 \phi''(\xi_0))} a(\xi_0) d\xi_0$$

$$I = e^{i\lambda \phi(\xi_0)} \cdot a(\xi_0) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \cdot \frac{1}{|\phi''(\xi_0)|^{1/2}} \cdot e^{i\frac{\pi}{4} \text{sgn} \phi''}$$

$$u(t, x) = \int e^{it(a(\xi) + v\xi)} \hat{u}_0(\xi) d\xi$$

$a'(\xi_v) = -v \rightarrow$ critical points

$$u(t, vt) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \hat{u}_0(\xi_v) \cdot \frac{1}{|a''(\xi_v)|^{1/2}} \cdot e^{it(a(\xi_v) + v\xi_v)}$$

Comments about the phase:

① Different ways of writing the phase:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(\xi_v) &= [a(\xi_v) + v \xi_v] \cdot t = \psi(t, x) \\ &= \mathcal{J}(v) \cdot t\end{aligned}$$

Try to relate: $a(\xi) \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{J}(-v)$

Legendre transform \rightarrow Evans p. 120

② Connection to eikonal equation
(often seen in the context of the wave eqn)

$$(i\partial_t + a(D)) e^{i\psi(x,t)} \approx 0$$

the exponential has freq. (ω_t, ω_x)

$$\boxed{-\psi_t + a(\psi_x) = 0} \quad \text{eikonal equation}$$

It is a good exercise to verify that the eikonal equation has solutions of the form

$$\psi(t, x) = t \mathcal{J}(-v), \quad v = \frac{x}{t}$$

where \mathcal{J} is as in ① above.