

Introduction to interfacial waves
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Lecture - 26
Floquet theorem (contd.)

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= (\underbrace{1 + \sin t})x \\ \Rightarrow x &= c_0(e^{t - \cos t}) \quad x(0) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= c_0(e^{0-1}) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{c_0}{e} &= 1 \Rightarrow c_0 = e \\ \therefore x(t) &= e[e^{t - \cos t}] = e^{t - \cos t + 1} = \boxed{e^{1 - \cos t} e^t} \end{aligned}$$

Floquet's Theorem :- The system $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A(t) \cdot \vec{x}$ where $A(t)$ is a $N \times N$ matrix with period T , has at least one non-trivial soln $\vec{x}(t)$ with $\vec{x}(t+T) = \mu \vec{x}(t)$

↳ In general a complex constant



We were looking at the proof of Floquet's theorem. Recall the Floquet's theorem says that if you have a first order system $dx/dt = A(t)x$, where A is a N by N periodic matrix with period T then this system has at least one non trivial solution $\chi(t)$, where $\chi(t)$ satisfies this relation that $\chi(t+T) = \mu \chi(t)$ where μ is a complex constant.

Note that μ in general is a complex constant. We had started by looking out at the proof of this theorem.

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Proof:- Let $\Phi(t)$ be the fundamental matrix

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Phi = A(t) \cdot \Phi$$

Suppose $\vec{\chi}(t)$ is a solⁿ to $\boxed{\frac{d\vec{\chi}}{dt} = A(t) \cdot \vec{\chi}}$ $\leftarrow$

$\vec{\chi}(t+T)$ is also a solⁿ to the same eqⁿ

$t \rightarrow t+T$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{\chi}(t+T) = A(t+T) \cdot \vec{\chi}(t+T) \quad A(t+T) = A(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \vec{\chi}(t+T) = A(t) \cdot \vec{\chi}(t+T) \quad \vec{\chi}(t+T) = \underline{\underline{\vec{g}(t)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d\vec{g}}{dt} = A(t) \cdot \vec{g}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \vec{\chi}(t) \text{ is a sol}^n \\ \vec{\chi}(t+T) \text{ is also a sol}^n \end{array}$$


So, for that we introduced the notion of a fundamental matrix of a system and then we showed that if χ of t is a solution to this equation then χ of t plus T is also a solution. So, now, recall that the definition of the fundamental matrix of our system is just that if we have N linearly independent solutions if we place them column wise side by side in a matrix then that gives us the fundamental matrix of our system.

So, now let us look at these solutions χ of t and χ of t plus δT .

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{N L.I. solutions } \vec{\chi}_1(t), \vec{\chi}_2(t) \dots \vec{\chi}_N(t) \\
 & \Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \chi_{11}(t) & \chi_{12}(t) & \dots & \chi_{1N}(t) \\ \chi_{21}(t) & \chi_{22}(t) & & \chi_{2N}(t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \chi_{N1}(t) & \chi_{N2}(t) & & \chi_{NN}(t) \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \quad \uparrow \\
 & \quad \vec{\chi}_1(t+T), \vec{\chi}_2(t+T) \dots \vec{\chi}_N(t+T) \\
 & \Phi(t+T) = \begin{bmatrix} \chi_{11}(t+T) & \dots & \chi_{1N}(t+T) \\ \chi_{21}(t+T) & \dots & \chi_{2N}(t+T) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \chi_{N1}(t+T) & \dots & \chi_{NN}(t+T) \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \quad \uparrow \\
 & \Phi(t+T) = \Phi(t) \cdot C \leftarrow \text{must be true} \\
 & \quad = \quad = \quad =
 \end{aligned}$$

So, suppose we have found N linearly independent solutions N linearly independent solutions and I will call them chi 1 of t, chi 2 of t and so on up to chi N of t. We can form a fundamental matrix of our system and this would be phi of t which would basically just be all the chis arranged side by side as a column.

So, chi 1 if I write it chi 1 written out as a matrix we will have N rows and one column. So, I will write it write out the elements of chi 1, so, chi. So, this is all elements of chi 1. So, this will be chi 11. So, it is all the second element of chi 1 and then the nth element of chi 1.

Similarly, chi 2 the first element, chi 2 the second element and then nth element and then the last one chi N, the first element the second element of chi N and the nth element of chi n. So, we have our N by N system and this is the fundamental matrix of our system. we also know that if chi 1, chi 2, chi 3 up to chi N are solutions to our system we have just proved then that

$\chi_1(t+T)$, $\chi_2(t+T)$ up to $\chi_N(t+T)$ each of these is also a solution to our system.

We can form one more fundamental matrix and we will call this $t+T$ and this will be arranged by arranging each of those as columns just as we had done earlier. We took χ_1 χ_2 χ_N up and arrange them as columns. Now, I will take χ_1 at $t+T$ χ_2 at $t+T$ each of these are also solutions. So, I will arrange them as columns. So, these are all at t and the corresponding ones here would be at $t+T$.

I am not writing the second one and so, if this is a fundamental matrix then so, is this because by definition the fundamental matrix consists of all the solutions to the system all the linearly independent solutions to the system arranged as columns. Now, you can see or I will assert that the relation between $\phi(t+T)$ is $\phi(t)$ dotted with some N by N matrix c , this must be true.

Why should it be so? Let us take one simple example to understand and you can immediately generalize that. So, I will take a simple 2 by 2 example and then we can immediately generalize them to this N by N case. So, let us take a 2 by 2 example.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2 \times 2 \quad \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A(t) \cdot \vec{x} \\
 & \vec{x}_1(t), \vec{x}_2(t) \quad \Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \overset{\textcircled{1}}{x_{11}(t)} & \overset{\textcircled{2}}{x_{12}(t)} \\ x_{21}(t) & x_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \vec{x}_1(t+T), \vec{x}_2(t+T) \quad \Phi(t+T) = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t+T) & x_{12}(t+T) \\ x_{21}(t+T) & x_{22}(t+T) \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t+T) \\ x_{21}(t+T) \end{bmatrix} = \alpha_1 \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t) \\ x_{21}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \beta_1 \begin{bmatrix} x_{12}(t) \\ x_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_{12}(t+T) \\ x_{22}(t+T) \end{bmatrix} = \alpha_2 \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t) \\ x_{21}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \beta_2 \begin{bmatrix} x_{12}(t) \\ x_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

So, my system is 2 by 2. So, then we will have so, $d\mathbf{x} \text{ by } dt$ is equal to A of t dot $\mathbf{x}$ where A of t is a 2 by 2 matrix ok. So, there will be two linearly independent solutions to this system in general. So, I will call them χ_1 of t and χ_2 of t . The fundamental matrix Φ of t for this system would be just a 2 by 2 matrix like before and we know that if χ_1 χ_2 are solutions then so, are χ_1 at t plus T and χ_2 also at t plus T . So, I can again get one more fundamental matrix at t plus T which is just the same things this one.

So, you can see that these two are linearly independent ok. So, I can write the column. The first column of $\chi \Phi(t+T)$, it is basically $\chi_{11}(t+T)$ and $\chi_{21}(t+T)$. Now, this is some vector. It is a solution vector to the 2 by 2 system and because this is a solution it can be expressed as a linear combination of the two linearly independent solutions that we have.

I expect this is a 2 by 2 system. There can be at most two linearly independent solutions. I have now three solutions. One solution is this and another two linearly independent solutions are this and that. So, I can express this 3rd one as a linear combination of the 1st and the 2nd linearly independent solutions that must be true. So, I will write it slightly write it down because there is no space.

Similarly, I can take the 4th one and I should be in general again be able to express because this is also a solution, this 4th column of the equations. So, in general I should be able to express it as a linear combination of 1 and 2, but the coefficients will in general be different.

So, this would be some α_2 into again χ_{11} of t into χ_{21} of t plus some β_2 into χ_{12} of t into χ_{22} of t . What does this tell us? This tells us that I can place these two columns side by side and create the matrix $\phi(t) + T$. And I can write the right hand side of these two equations as the product of two matrices. You can verify that this is true.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t+T) & x_{12}(t+T) \\ x_{21}(t+T) & x_{22}(t+T) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t) & x_{12}(t) \\ x_{21}(t) & x_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$N \times N$: $\Phi(t+T) = \Phi(t) \cdot C$

$$\text{Det}(A \cdot B) = \text{Det}(A) \cdot \text{Det}(B)$$

$$\text{Det}|\Phi(t+T)| = \text{Det}|\Phi(t)| \cdot \text{Det}|C|$$

$\uparrow$
 $\text{Det}|C| \neq 0$

$$\rightarrow C = \Phi^{-1}(t) \cdot \Phi(t+T) = \Phi^{-1}(0) \cdot \Phi(T)$$


You can verify that in this simple 2 by 2 example this is true. I am just placing the two column vector side by side and creating a square matrix on the left and then on the right what I have is just this. And the matrix that you will have to multiply it with is alpha alpha 1 beta 1 alpha 2 beta 2.

You can check that this is indeed what is the what you would get if you multiplied these two matrices and you would recover the equation that we had written in the last slide. So, this you can immediately generalize this thing to the N by N case and so, I had asserted earlier that I will be in general able to write a relation like this which connects the phi the fundamental matrix at t plus T to the fundamental matrix at t and it multiplies it by a square matrix whose dimensions is N by N.

So, now you can immediately see that ϕ in the N by N case ϕ at t plus T we will in general be able to write it as ϕ of t dotted with a matrix C . You can see that because the determinant follows the rule the determinant of $A \cdot B$ is determinant A into determinant B . Therefore, you can see that determinant of ϕ of t plus T is equal to determinant of ϕ of t into determinant of C .

And you can see that because this is a fundamental matrix and this is also a fundamental matrix their determinants cannot be equal to 0. Therefore, determinant C in general is not equal to 0. Now, what did we learn, what do we gain by doing this? You will find that the solutions to this equation the solutions to our first order system are related to the Eigen values of C . Let us see how.

So, we can see that from this matrix equation involving fundamental matrices we can obtain that C is equal to because ϕ is the has a non zero determinant; that means, it is invertible. So, I can in general write it as this is ϕ inverse t dotted with ϕ of t plus t . And if I choose the time this is this is true expected to be true at all times. So, if I choose small t is equal to 0, then this just becomes this.

And if you can adjust the initial conditions, so that ϕ inverse of 0 becomes the unit matrix then the C matrix is just obtained by taking the fundamental matrix and evaluating it at the time period of the coefficient matrix. Now, let us move onwards to completing the proof of the Floquet theorem. We need this in order to prove the Floquet theorem.

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Let μ & $\vec{S}$ be eigenvalue & eigenvector of C

$$C \cdot \vec{S} = \mu \vec{S}$$

$\Phi(t) \cdot \vec{S}$ is a solⁿ to our system $\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = A(t) \cdot \vec{x}$ $\leftarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t) & x_{12}(t) \\ x_{21}(t) & x_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore \Phi(t) \cdot \vec{S}$ is a solⁿ

$\therefore$ we can set $\vec{x}(t) = \Phi(t) \cdot \vec{S}$

$$= s_1 \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t) \\ x_{21}(t) \end{bmatrix} + s_2 \begin{bmatrix} x_{12}(t) \\ x_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{x}(t+T) = \Phi(t+T) \cdot \vec{S}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{x}(t+T) = (\Phi(t) \cdot C) \cdot \vec{S}$

$= \Phi(t) \cdot (C \cdot \vec{S})$

$= \Phi(t) \cdot (\mu \vec{S})$

$= \mu \Phi(t) \cdot \vec{S} = \mu \vec{x}(t)$

$\uparrow$ solⁿ to our system $\uparrow$ solⁿ to our system



Let μ and S be eigen value and eigen vector of the matrix C this implies that C dotted with S is equal to μ dotted with S or μS because μ is a scalar. Note that Φ the fundamental matrix evaluated at time t dot S is a solution to our original system. The system is $d x$ by $d t$ is equal to A into x .

How do we see that? Let us say let us take our simple two dimensional example. So, the two dimensional example is just the 2 by 2 example is just this this is the fundamental matrix into let us say the component of the eigen vector in this 2 by 2 system is just S_1 into S_2 .

If you multiply this I will in general get a column matrix, but note that I can write this multiplication as S_1 times the first column of the square matrix plus S_2 times the second column. Note that it is equivalent to writing like this. What does this give us? This tells us

that this product of $\phi(t)$ dotted with the S vector is just a linear combination of those two vectors.

What are those two vectors? Each of them is a solution to our system; solution to our system by definition. We had placed each solution as a column in the fundamental matrix. So, each of them is a column in the fundamental matrix and what is this is showing us is that this is just a linear combination of the columns. If I have two solutions and if I take the linear combination then what I get is again a solution. This is a property of the system.

So, this is if I go back and substitute this will be a solution to my set of equations. So, therefore, $\phi(t)$ the fundamental matrix dotted with S is a solution to our system. So, therefore, we can set $\chi(t)$, we had said that χ was a symbol for solutions to our system. We have found once a set of solutions. So, I can set $\chi(t)$ to be equal to $\phi(t)$ dotted with S .

So, this implies $\chi(t) = \chi(t + T)$ is equal to $\phi(t + T)$ I am just replacing with $t + T$. And this implies if I work on the right hand side, so, $\phi(t + T)$ is we have shown into the matrix C this we have shown earlier here we have shown. So, I am just using that.

So, this $\phi(t + T)$ is being replaced by $\phi(t)$ into C and this is $\chi(t + T)$. And now I can do this matrix multiplication later and put C inside the bracket and multiply it with S . $C \cdot S$ we have set is equal to S is by definition an eigen vector of the matrix C with eigen value μ . So, this is equal to $\phi(t)$ dotted with μS and this because μS is a scalar, so, I can write this as $\phi(t)$ dotted with S and from here we know that $\phi(t)$ dotted with S is nothing but $\chi(t)$. So, this is μ times $\chi(t)$.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \boxed{\vec{\chi}(t+T) = \mu \vec{\chi}(t)} \quad \vec{\chi}_i \ [i=1, \dots, N] \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \mu_i \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \text{Characteristic no. of the system} \\
 & \rightarrow \mu_i = e^{p_i T} \\
 & \boxed{\vec{\chi}_i(t+T)} = \mu_i \vec{\chi}_i(t) = \boxed{e^{p_i T} \vec{\chi}_i(t)} \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\
 & \vec{\chi}_i(t+T) e^{-p_i T} \cdot e^{-p_i t} = e^{-p_i t} \vec{\chi}_i(t) \\
 & \Rightarrow \vec{\chi}_i(t+T) e^{-p_i(t+T)} = \underbrace{e^{-p_i t} \vec{\chi}_i(t)}_{\vec{p}_i(t)} \\
 & \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\chi}_i(t+T) e^{-p_i(t+T)} = \vec{p}_i(t)} \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \text{periodic f'n of time} \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \vec{p}_i(t) = e^{-p_i t} \vec{\chi}_i(t) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \vec{p}_i(t+T) = e^{-p_i(t+T)} \vec{\chi}_i(t+T) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad = e^{-p_i t} e^{-p_i T} \vec{\chi}_i(t+T) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad = e^{-p_i t} \vec{\chi}_i(t) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad = \vec{p}_i(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we have proved the Floquet theorem. We have shown that if you have a solution to the linear homogeneous time periodic first order system dx by dt is equal to ax then if χ of t is a solution then it satisfies χ of t plus T is equal to μ times χ of t . This was the assertion and we have just proved it. You can go over the various steps. In case things are not clear you can go over it once more ok.

So, this number μ which I had said could be possibly complex is called a characteristic number of the system. Now, what can we use the Floquet theorem for? We can use the Floquet theorem to come with the structure for what would be the solutions to a equation whose coefficients are time periodic. Let us see how.

So, because μ is a characteristic number of the system we will set μ is equal to e to the power $\rho_i T$. In general I would have N different solutions. So, there would be χ_i , i

going from 1 up to N . So, for each of such χ_i there would be a corresponding μ_i . So, μ_i this is just a definition of ρ_i . We are doing this because we want to introduce an exponential in our final answer.

So, I define this ρ_i by this equation that e to the power ρ_i into the time period of your coefficient matrix is equal to μ_i or in other words ρ_i is equal to $1/T \log \mu_i$ ok. So, how what do we gain by doing this? So, let us say we have a solution to our first order periodic system and we know from Floquet theorem that it satisfies this.

Now, this implies I can write this as by the definition of ρ_i , I can write this as χ_i into T . Now, if I take this equal to that, so, I am basically using this equality and if I multiply both sides, so, you can see what I am multiplying with. So, I am multiplying both sides by e to the power $\rho_i T$ and then I am also multiplying minus ρ_i small t ok. So, I will get e to the power minus $\rho_i t$ χ_i of t .

Now, I can write this as we will show very easily that this is a function. Let us call it p_i this is a vector. So, this is a function of time and we can show easily that p_i of t is a periodic function of time. How do we see that? It is easy to see p_i of t is just e to the power minus ρ_i of t χ_i of t . So, p_i of t plus T is equal to e to the power minus $\rho_i t$ plus T χ_i of t plus T . I am going just going to work on the right hand side, so, this part.

So, I can write this as e to the power minus $\rho_i t$ into e to the power minus ρ_i capital T into χ_i of t plus capital T . And χ_i of t plus capital T is just. So, χ_i of t plus capital T is just e to the power plus ρ_i of capital T into χ_i of t . If you substitute it here you will see that the plus ρ_i into capital T cancels out the minus ρ_i into capital T and we are left with e to the power minus $\rho_i t$ into χ_i of t and this by definition is just p_i of t .

So, we have just managed to show that p_i of t plus T is the same as p_i of t . So, p_i is a periodic function of time. So, what do we gain by this? We gain that χ_i of t plus T into e to the power minus $\rho_i t$ plus T is equal to p_i of t . Let us take this further.

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$$\vec{\chi}_i(t+T) e^{-\rho_i T} = e^{\rho_i t} \vec{p}_i(t)$$
$$\Rightarrow \vec{\chi}_i(t) = e^{\rho_i t} \vec{p}_i(t)$$

Note the missing vector symbol on the R.H.S. The equation should be $\vec{\chi}_i(t) = \exp(\rho_i t) \vec{p}_i(t)$



I can write this as $\chi_i(t+T) e^{-\rho_i T} = e^{\rho_i t} p_i(t)$. I have just multiplied both sides by $e^{-\rho_i T}$. I have taken this equation. I have taken this equation and I have multiplied both sides by $e^{\rho_i t}$. This is what I have done. So, you will get this equation, but what is the left hand side? So, you can readily see that the left hand side is nothing but $\chi_i(t)$ and this is equal to $e^{\rho_i t} p_i(t)$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\chi}_i(t+T)e^{-\rho_i T} &= e^{\rho_i t} p_i(t) \\ \Rightarrow \vec{\chi}_i(t) &= e^{\rho_i t} p_i(t) \\ \vec{\chi}_i(t+T)e^{-\rho_i T} &= \vec{\chi}_i(t) \\ \Rightarrow \vec{\chi}_i(t+T) &= e^{\rho_i T} \vec{\chi}_i(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{A}(t) \cdot \vec{x}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$e^{\rho_i t} p_i(t) \rightarrow \text{periodic fn}$$

$\vec{p}_i(t)$ are vector functions with period T

The left hand side, so, we are basically using the fact that how do we know this? We know that $\chi_i(t+T)$ is equal to μ times $\chi_i(t)$ and μ we had written it as $e^{\rho_i T}$. So, this is. So, this is how we are able to go from here to here. So, this is being used there. Now, what did we gain by doing all this? We gain something very interesting.

We recall that χ_i is a solution to our first order system $\frac{dx}{dt} = A x$ and so, χ_i is one typical solution of this system. This analysis and this Floquet theorem is telling us at least one solution to this set of equation can be written in this form ok. Now, what is this form?

This tells us that the solution to this set of equation can be written as $e^{\rho_i t}$ into $p_i(t)$, where p_i is a periodic function with the same period as the matrix A , the

same period t . Next we will see how to apply this theorem to Mathieu equation and what do we conclude about the solutions to the Mathieu equation based on this theorem.