

# Dirac System, Sturm–Liouville equations and damped string

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This problem can be transformed into an abstract Cauchy problem on a Hilbert space.

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**Conclusion:** asymptotical behavior of solutions of Sturm–Liouville problem is important.

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- ▶ [Rz.2013] - exponential stability of  $C_0$ -semigroup.
- ▶ [Rz.2017] - basis with parentheses, Riesz basis property + additional assumptions.
- ▶ [L.2022] - Riesz basis via Dirac system,  $L_1$ -type assumptions.
- ▶ [Rz.S.2018] - coupled string with constant coefficients, polynomial stability.
- ▶ [BA.B.2020] - coupled string with variable coefficient, Riesz basis property + further works on networks...

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$$q(x) = \sigma'(x), \quad \sigma \in L_2[0, 1],$$

and the derivative is understood in the sense of distributions.



## Sturm–Liouville equation recasted

Following the regularization method we formally introduce a quasi-derivative  $y^{[1]}$  of  $y$ :

$$y^{[1]}(x) := y'(x) + \sigma(x)y(x),$$

so that

$$y'' + q(x)y + \lambda y = 0, \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

can be rewritten in the form

$$(y^{[1]})'(x) - \sigma(x)y^{[1]}(x) + \sigma^2(x)y(x) + \lambda y(x) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

Sturm–Liouville problem  $\rightarrow$  Dirac system

If we take  $\lambda = \mu^2$  and  $\mu \neq 0$  then the transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} y \\ y^{[1]} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i\mu & -i\mu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

leads to perturbed Dirac system for  $V = (v_1, v_2)^T$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$ :

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we study a general matrix Cauchy problem for the Dirac system

$$D'(x) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sigma_1(x) \\ \sigma_2(x) & 0 \end{bmatrix} D(x) = i\mu \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} D(x),$$

$$D(0) = I,$$

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  is a spectral parameter,  $|\operatorname{Im} \mu| \leq d$ ,  $|\mu| \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\sigma_j \in L_2[0, 1]$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

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- ▶ [L.M.2014] - Riesz basis property, *short* formulas for  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\operatorname{Im} \mu| \leq d$ ,  $|\mu| \rightarrow \infty$ .
- ▶ [S.S.2014] - *short* formulas for  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\operatorname{Im} \mu| \leq d$ ,  $|\mu| \rightarrow \infty$ .
- ▶ [G.Rz.2020] - results on asymptotic behavior of solutions for  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\operatorname{Im} \mu| \leq d$ ,  $|\mu| \rightarrow \infty$   $\sigma_j \in L_2[0, 1]$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  + perturbed system and applications to SL problem.
- ▶ [Rz.2021] - results on asymptotic behavior of solutions for  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\operatorname{Im} \mu| \leq d$ ,  $|\mu| \rightarrow \infty$   $\sigma_j \in L_p[0, 1]$ ,  $1 \leq p < 2$   $j = 1, 2$  and applications to SL problem.

## Sturm–Liouville problem

$$\begin{aligned}y''(x) + q(x)y(x) + \lambda y(x) &= 0, & x \in [0, 1], \\y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

where  $q = \sigma'$  and  $\sigma \in L_2[0, 1]$ .

### Theorem 3.1

If  $(\lambda_n)_{n \geq 1}$  are the eigenvalues of the spectral problem, then

$$\lambda_n = \mu_n^2, \quad \mu_n = \pi n + \mu_{0,n} + r_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{0,n} := & \int_0^1 \sin(2\pi nt) \sigma(t) dt \\ & - 2 \int_0^1 \int_0^t \sigma(t) \sigma(s) \sin(2\pi ns) \cos(2\pi nt) ds dt, \\ & - \frac{1}{2\pi n} \int_0^1 (1 - \cos(2\pi nt)) \sigma^2(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

and  $(r_n)_{n \geq 1} \in l_1$ .



### Theorem 3.2

The eigenfunctions  $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  of the spectral problem satisfy

$$\pi n y_n(x) = y_{0,n}(x) + \psi_{1,n}(x),$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{0,n}(x) = & \sin(\pi n x) \left( 1 + \int_0^x \cos(2\pi n s) \sigma(s) ds - \frac{1}{2\pi n} \int_0^x \sin(2\pi n t) \sigma^2(t) dt \right) \\ & + \cos(\pi n x) \left( \mu_{0,n} x - \int_0^x \sin(2\pi n s) \sigma(s) ds + \frac{1}{2\pi n} \int_0^x (1 - \cos(2\pi n t)) \sigma^2(t) dt \right. \\ & \left. + 2 \int_0^x \int_0^t \sigma(t) \sigma(s) \sin(2\pi n s) \cos(2\pi n t) ds dt \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\sup_{x \in [0,1]} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\psi_{1,n}(x)| < \infty, \quad j = 1, 2.$$

## Main result

### Theorem 3.3 (G. Rz.)

*The eigenfunctions of the spectral problem admit the representation*

$$\pi n y_n(x) = y_{0,n}(x) + y_{1,n}(x) + \tilde{\psi}_{1,n}(x),$$

$$y_{1,n}(x) = \sin(\pi n x) A_n(x) + \cos(\pi n x) B_n(x)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |\tilde{\psi}_{1,n}(x)| < \infty.$$

### Remark 3.4

Our results are also applicable to the equation

$$(a(x)y'(x))' + q_0(x)y(x) + \mu^2 c(x)y(x) = 0, \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

where  $q_0 = u'_0$ ,  $u \in L_2[0, 1]$ , and the coefficients  $a$ ,  $c$  are such that

$$a \in W_2^1[0, 1], \quad c \in W_2^1[0, 1], \quad a(x) > 0, \quad c(x) > 0, \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

## Dirac system with integrable potential

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$M(B)$  - Banach space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with entries from a Banach space  $B$  and norm

$$\|Q\|_{M(B)} := \sum_{k,j=1}^2 \|q_{jk}\|_B, \quad Q = [q_{jk}]_{j,k=1}^2.$$

### Lemma 3.5

If  $\sigma_j \in L_p[0, 1]$ ,  $1 \leq p < 2$  then the unique solution  $D = D(x, \mu)$  can be represented as

$$D(x, \mu) = e^{xA_\mu} + \int_0^x e^{(x-2t)A_\mu} [-J(t) + Q(x, t)] dt,$$

where  $Q \in M(B)$  is the unique solution of the integral equation

$$Q(x, t) = \int_0^{x-t} J(t + \xi) J(\xi) d\xi - \int_0^{x-t} J(t + \xi) Q(t + \xi, \xi) d\xi.$$

Moreover,

$$\|Q\|_{M(B)} \leq c_1, \quad \|D\|_{M(C[0,1])} \leq c_2.$$

## Idea of the proof

$$Q(x, t) = \int_0^{x-t} J(t + \xi)J(\xi)d\xi - \int_0^{x-t} J(t + \xi)Q(t + \xi, \xi)d\xi.$$

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$$Q(x, t) = \tilde{J}(x, t) - \int_0^{x-t} J(t + \xi) Q(t + \xi, \xi) d\xi, \quad \tilde{J} \in M(B).$$



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$$Q(x, t) = \tilde{J}(x, t) + \tilde{T}Q(x, t) \quad \tilde{J} \in M(B).$$

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$$(I - \tilde{T})Q = \tilde{J}.$$

In particular

$$\|\tilde{T}F\|_{M(B)} \leq c\|F\|_{M(B)}, \quad F \in M(B)$$

and  $Q \in M(B)$  with

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we obtain the following representation:

$$\begin{aligned} D(x, \mu) &= e^{xA_\mu} - \int_0^x e^{(x-2t)A_\mu} J(t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^x e^{(x-2t)A_\mu} (\tilde{J} + \tilde{T}\tilde{J})(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^x e^{(x-2t)A_\mu} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (\tilde{T}^n \tilde{J})(x, t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

## Main result

### Theorem 3.6

For every  $d > 0$  there exist a constant  $C_j = C_j(d, \sigma_1, \sigma_2)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2$  such that for all  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $\mu \in P_d$ , the solutions of DS admit the following representation

$$D(x, \mu) = e^{xA_\mu} + D_0(x, \mu) + R_0(x, \mu),$$

where

$$D_0(x, \mu) := \int_0^x e^{(x-2t)A_\mu} (-J(t) + \tilde{J}(x, t)) dt$$

and

$$\|R_0(x, \mu)\|_{\mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}} \leq C_2(\gamma_q(\mu)\gamma(x, \mu) + \tilde{\gamma}(\mu)), \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

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$$\|R_0(x, \mu)\|_{\mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}} \leq C \left( \gamma_q(\mu) \gamma(x, \mu) + \tilde{\gamma}(\mu) \right).$$

$$\gamma_q(\mu) := \sum_{j=1}^2 \left( \left\| \int_0^x e^{-2i\mu t} \sigma_j(t) dt \right\|_{L_q} + \left\| \int_0^x e^{2i\mu t} \sigma_j(t) dt \right\|_{L_q} \right),$$

$$\gamma(x, \mu) := \sum_{j=1}^2 \left( \left| \int_0^x e^{-2i\mu t} \sigma_j(t) dt \right| + \left| \int_0^x e^{2i\mu t} \sigma_j(t) dt \right| \right),$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}(\mu) := \int_0^1 \sigma_0(s) \gamma^2(s, \mu) ds.$$

## Spectral problem

We consider a spectral problem

$$Y'(x) + J(x)Y(x) = A_\mu Y(x), \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad (3.1)$$

associated with studied Dirac system where  $Y = [y_1, y_2]^T$  and

$$y_1(0) = y_2(0), \quad y_1(1) = y_2(1). \quad (3.2)$$

## Spectral problem - results

### Theorem 3.7

Let  $1 < p < 2$ . The eigenvalues of the spectral problem lie in a certain strip  $P_d$  and admit the representation

$$\mu_n = \pi n + \mu_{0,n} + \rho_n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{0,n} = & \frac{1}{2i} \int_0^1 e^{-2\pi i n t} \sigma_1(t) dt - \frac{1}{2i} \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i n t} \sigma_2(t) dt \\ & - i \int_0^1 \int_0^t \sigma_1(t) \sigma_2(\xi) e^{-2\pi i n t} e^{2\pi i n \xi} d\xi dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |\rho_n|^{q/2} < \infty.$$









## Spectral problem - results...

Let  $1 \leq p < 2$ , then the eigenfunctions of the spectral problem (3.1)-(3.2) admit the representation

$$\begin{aligned}y_1(x, \mu_n) &= e^{i\pi nx} \left( 1 + i\mu_{0,n}x - \int_0^x e^{-2\pi int} \sigma_1(t) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^x \int_0^s \sigma_1(s) \sigma_2(\xi) e^{-2i\mu s} e^{2i\mu \xi} d\xi ds \right) + r_1(x, n), \\ y_2(x, \mu_n) &= e^{-i\pi nx} \left( 1 - i\mu_{0,n}x - \int_0^x e^{2\pi int} \sigma_2(t) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^x \int_0^s \sigma_1(\xi) \sigma_2(s) e^{2i\mu s} e^{-2i\mu \xi} d\xi ds \right) + r_2(x, n),\end{aligned}$$

$$\sup_{x \in [0,1]} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |r_j(x, n)|^{q/2} < \infty.$$

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