



### 3.9 Eiewaardes en eiefunksies

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**Probleem: Gegee die DV,**

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0, \quad 0 < x < L,$$

**met randvoorwaardes  $y(0) = 0$  en  $y(L) = 0$ , bestaan daar konstantes  $\lambda$  waarvoor die DV 'n nie-triviale oplossing het?**

**NB: Die triviale oplossing is  $y \equiv 0$**

**Geval I / Case I:  $\lambda = 0$**

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = c_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = c_1x + c_2$$

$$y(0) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_2 = 0; \quad y(L) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y \equiv 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{triviale oplossing! / trivial solution!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0 \quad \text{werk nie! / does not work!}$$

### 3.9 Eigenvalues and eigenfunctions

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**Problem: Given the DE,**

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0, \quad 0 < x < L,$$

**with boundary conditions  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y(L) = 0$ , do constants  $\lambda$  exist for which the DE has a non-trivial solution?**

**NB: The trivial solution is  $y \equiv 0$**



**Geval II / Case II:**  $\lambda < 0$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \overbrace{-\lambda}^{> 0} y$$

$$y(x) = c_1 \cosh(\sqrt{-\lambda} x) + c_2 \sinh(\sqrt{-\lambda} x)$$

$$y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$y(L) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow y \equiv 0 \Rightarrow$  **triviale oplossing!** / *trivial solution!*

$\Rightarrow \lambda < 0$  **werk nie!** / *does not work!*

**Geval III / Case III:**  $\lambda > 0$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \overbrace{-\lambda}^{< 0} y$$

$$y(x) = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$



$$y(0) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_1 = 0$$

$$y(L) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 = c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L)$$

**Nou kan**  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L)$  **egter nul wees!**      *Now  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L)$  can be zero however!*

$$\Rightarrow \quad \sqrt{\lambda} L = n\pi, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad y_n = c_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

**Let wel:**  $n \neq 0$  (**vir**  $n = 0$  **word die triviale oplossing verkry!**)

*Note:  $n \neq 0$  (for  $n = 0$ , the trivial solution is obtained!)*



**Opsommend: Die differensiaalvergelyking / In summary: The differential eqn**

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(L) = 0$$

**het nie-triviale oplossings slegs wanneer  $\lambda = \lambda_n$ , waar / has non-trivial solutions only when  $\lambda = \lambda_n$ , where**

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{L^2}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \text{(Eiewaardes/Eigenvalues)}$$

$$y_n = C \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \text{(Eiefunksies/Eigenfunctions)}$$

**Die konstante  $C$  kan enige waarde aanneem, solank  $C \neq 0$**

*The constant  $C$  can take any value, as long as  $C \neq 0$*

**Neem  $C = 1$  en skets  $y_1, y_2$  en  $y_3$  / Take  $C = 1$  and sketch  $y_1, y_2$ , and  $y_3$**