

On the curvature and torsion effects in one and twodimensional waveguides

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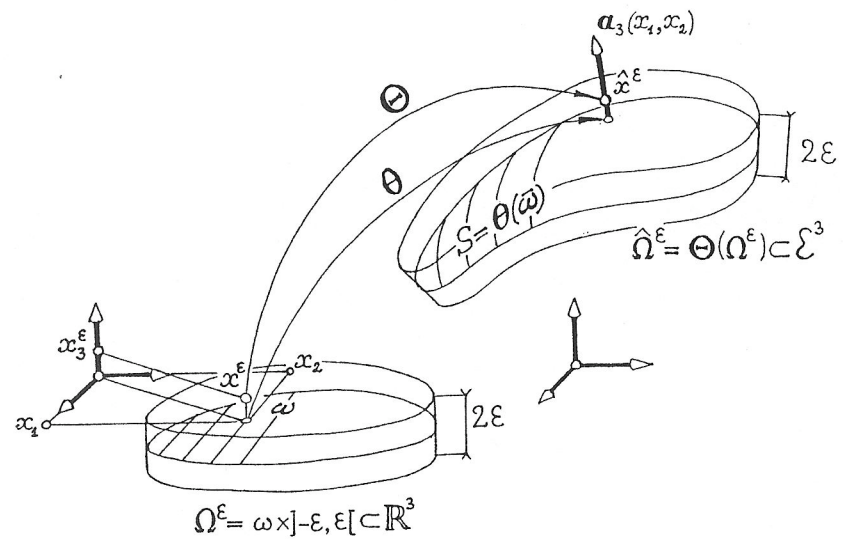
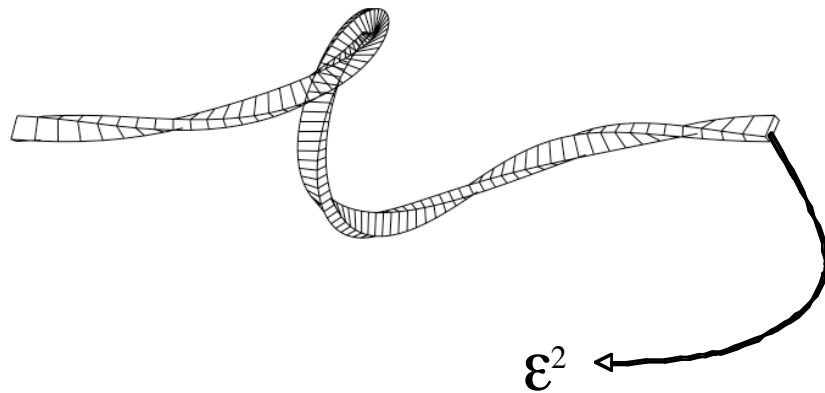
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The problem under study :

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u_\varepsilon = \lambda_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon, & \Omega_\varepsilon \\ u_\varepsilon = 0, & \partial\Omega_\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (\lambda_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon) = ?$$



The Physical Motivation

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Schrödinger's equation for the time dependent wave function $\bar{\Psi}$ associated to a particle :

$$i \hbar \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}}{\partial t} = \bar{H} \bar{\Psi},$$

$$\hbar = h/2\pi,$$

h – Plank's constant ($h = 6.6262 \times 10^{-27}$ erg s = 6.6262×10^{-34} J s)

\bar{H} is the Hamiltonian operator

For a three-dimensional problem one has :

$$\bar{H} \bar{\Psi} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \bar{\Psi} + V \bar{\Psi},$$

$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta$ – Kinetic energy operator

V – potential operator

m – the mass of the particle

The Physical Motivation (cont.)

H1 : V is independent of time

$$\bar{\Psi}(x, t) = \Psi(x) T(t)$$

$$T(t) = e^{-i(E/\hbar)t}$$

E – Energy of the system

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \Psi + V \Psi = E \Psi$$

Time independent Schrödinger's equation

The Physical Motivation (cont.)

H2 :

$$V = \begin{cases} +\infty & \text{if } x \notin \Omega_\varepsilon, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \Omega_\varepsilon, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \Psi_\varepsilon = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E \Psi_\varepsilon, & \Omega_\varepsilon \\ \Psi_\varepsilon = 0, & \partial\Omega_\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u_\varepsilon = \lambda_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon, & \Omega_\varepsilon \\ u_\varepsilon = 0, & \partial\Omega_\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

Since Ω^ε is bounded one has a discrete spectrum :

$$\sigma^\varepsilon = \{\lambda_i^\varepsilon : i \in \mathbb{N}\}, \quad 0 < \lambda_0^\varepsilon \leq \lambda_1^\varepsilon \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_i^\varepsilon \leq \lambda_{i+1}^\varepsilon \cdots$$

The Result

$$\lambda_i^\varepsilon = \frac{\lambda_0}{\varepsilon^2} + \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\varepsilon} \right) + \mu_i^\varepsilon, \quad \mu_i^\varepsilon \longrightarrow \mu_i$$

$$-w'' + q(s) w = \mu w, \quad w \in H_0^1(0, L).$$

Geometry of the domain (1D waveguide)

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The “axis” of the domain :

$r : s \in [0, L] \rightarrow r(s) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ – a curve in \mathbb{R}^3 s – arc length parameter

The “cross section” of the domain :

$\omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ – an open bounded, simply connected subset of \mathbb{R}^2

$$\begin{aligned}T &= \frac{dr}{ds} = r', \quad \|r'\|_{\mathbb{R}^3} = 1, \\N &= T' / \|T'\|_{\mathbb{R}^3}, \quad T'(s) \neq 0, \\B &= T \times N.\end{aligned}$$

$k : s \in [0, L] \rightarrow k(s) \in \mathbb{R}$ – curvature function

$\tau : s \in [0, L] \rightarrow \tau(s) \in \mathbb{R}$ – torsion function

$$\begin{aligned}T' &= k N, \\N' &= -k T + \tau B, \\B' &= -\tau N.\end{aligned}$$

Geometry of the domain (1D waveguide) – Ω^F

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$$\Omega^F = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x = r(s) + y_1 N(s) + y_2 B(s), s \in [0, L], y = (y_1, y_2) \in \omega\}$$

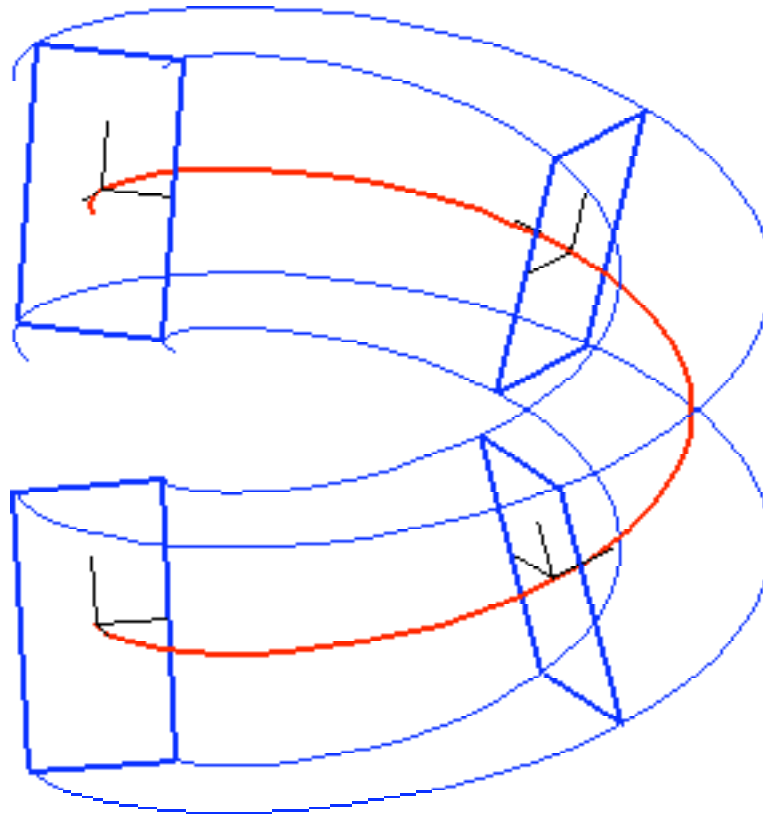


Figure 1.1 - Reference domain associated with Frenet's system

- i) The Frenet system may not be defined for all $s \in [0, L]$ for one may have points for which $T' = 0$.
- ii) In each point $s \in [0, L]$, the cross section of the domain Ω^F has a prescribed rotation with respect to curve r , given by the value of the torsion function τ at that point.

$$\begin{aligned} X' &= \lambda T, \\ Y' &= \mu T, \\ T' &= -\lambda X - \mu Y, \end{aligned}$$

where λ and μ are functions of the arclength parameter s .

For each $s \in [0, L]$ Tang's reference system is such that (X, Y) can be seen as a two dimensional basis, in ω , rotated from (N, B) , around T , of an angle $\alpha = \alpha(s)$. In fact if :

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \cos \alpha N + \sin \alpha B = N_\alpha, \\ Y &= -\sin \alpha N + \cos \alpha B = B_\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

using Frenet's formulas, one obtains :

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha' &= -\tau, \\ \lambda &= -k \cos \alpha, \\ \mu &= k \sin \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

Geometry of the domain (1D waveguide) – Ω^T

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$$\Omega^T = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x = r(s) + y_1 X(s) + y_2 Y(s), s \in [0, L], y = (y_1, y_2) \in \omega\}$$

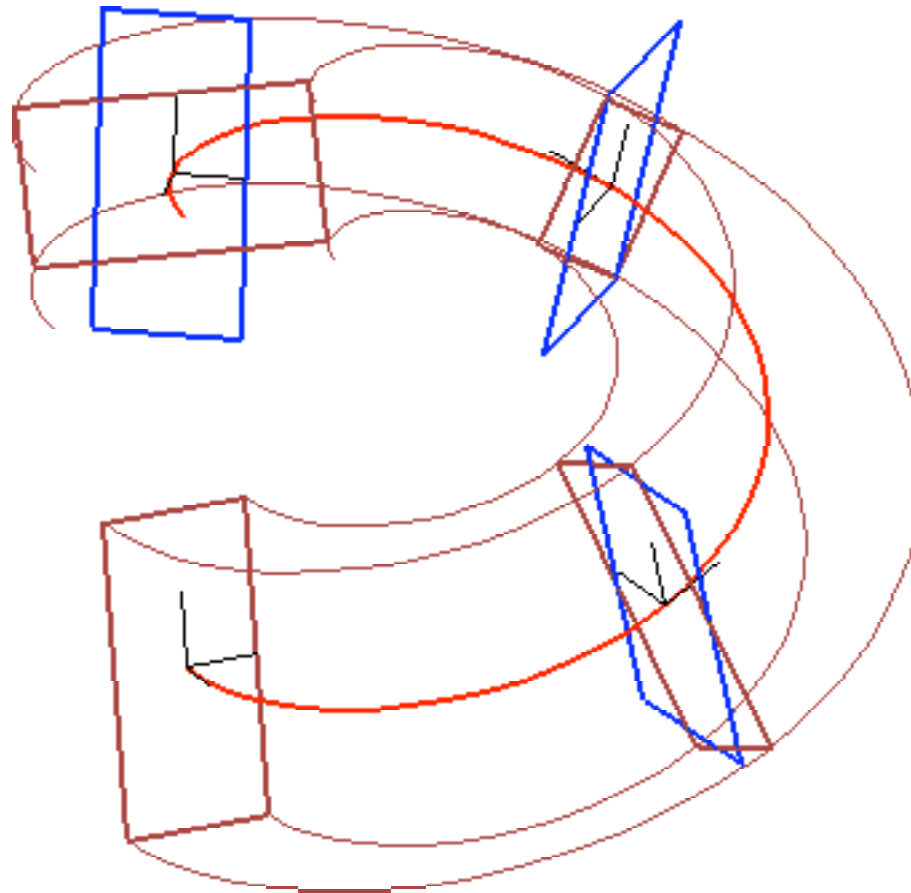


Figure 1.2 - Reference domain associated with Tang's system

We are then faced with three possible choices for the reference set, namely :

- i) We may follow Tang's reference system and obtain a domain Ω^T , without torsion with respect to the central axis r ;
- ii) We may follow Frenet's reference system and obtain a domain Ω^F , rotated of the same amount as Frenet's system (τ), with respect to the central axis r ;
- iii) We may follow yet another reference system (T, N_α, B_α) , and obtain a generic domain Ω^α defined through :

$$\Omega^\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x = r(s) + y_1 N_\alpha(s) + y_2 B_\alpha(s), s \in [0, L], y = (y_1, y_2) \in \omega\}, \quad (1.1)$$

whose cross section presents an arbitrary rotation of an angle α with respect Frenet's domain.

If for every $s \in [0, L]$, $\alpha = 0$ then $\Omega^\alpha \equiv \Omega^F$ and if α is such that $\alpha' = -\tau$, then $\Omega^\alpha = \Omega^T$.

We are interested in the eigenvalue problem posed in a domain for which the diameter of the cross section ω is much smaller than its length L . Specifically, we consider a real parameter $\varepsilon > 0$ and a cross section, obtained from the reference one, by an homothety of ratio ε . That is we define the thin domain :

$$\Omega_\varepsilon^\alpha := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x = r(s) + \varepsilon y_1 N_\alpha + \varepsilon y_2 B_\alpha, s \in [0, L], y = (y_1, y_2) \in \omega\}, \quad (1.2)$$

and study the behavior of the eigensolution $(\lambda_\varepsilon, u_\varepsilon)$, associated with problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u_\varepsilon = \lambda_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon, \\ u_\varepsilon \in H_0^1(\Omega_\varepsilon^\alpha). \end{cases}$$

as ε goes to zero, and hope to see the influence of the curvature ($k(s)$) and torsion ($\tau(s)$) functions in the limit problem.

If for every $s \in [0, L]$, $\alpha = 0$ then $\Omega_\varepsilon^\alpha \equiv \Omega_\varepsilon^F$ and if α is such that $\alpha' = -\tau$, then $\Omega_\varepsilon^\alpha = \Omega_\varepsilon^T$.

$$F_\varepsilon(w) := \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon^\alpha} \left(|\nabla w|^2 - \lambda_\varepsilon |w|^2 \right) dx.$$

Consider, then, the following transformation, for each $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : [0, L] \times \omega &\longrightarrow \Omega_\varepsilon^\alpha \\ (s, (y_1, y_2)) &\mapsto x = r(s) + \varepsilon y_1 N_\alpha + \varepsilon y_2 B_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

and define, for each $w \in H_0^1(\mathcal{V}_\varepsilon^\alpha)$, $v(s, (y_1, y_2)) := w(\psi(s, (y_1, y_2)))$.

Recalling that

$$\begin{aligned} N_\alpha &:= \cos \alpha(s) N(s) + \sin \alpha(s) B(s) \\ B_\alpha &:= -\sin \alpha(s) N(s) + \cos \alpha(s) B(s), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain, in the Frénet system (T, N, B) :

Variational Formulation and change of variable (cont.)

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$$\nabla\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_\varepsilon & 0 & 0 \\ -\varepsilon(\tau + \alpha')(z_\alpha^\perp \cdot y) & \varepsilon \cos \alpha & -\varepsilon \sin \alpha \\ \varepsilon(\tau + \alpha')(z_\alpha \cdot y) & \varepsilon \sin \alpha & \varepsilon \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det \nabla\psi = \varepsilon^2 \beta_\varepsilon,$$

where :

$$z_\alpha := (\cos \alpha, -\sin \alpha), \quad z_\alpha^\perp := (\sin \alpha, \cos \alpha), \quad \beta_\varepsilon := 1 - \varepsilon k(z_\alpha \cdot y)$$

Then

$$\nabla\psi^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\beta_\varepsilon} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{(\tau + \alpha')y_2}{\beta_\varepsilon} & \frac{\cos \alpha}{\varepsilon} & \frac{\sin \alpha}{\varepsilon} \\ \frac{-(\tau + \alpha')y_1}{\beta_\varepsilon} & \frac{-\sin \alpha}{\varepsilon} & \frac{\cos \alpha}{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix}$$

Variational Formulation in the fixed domain

$$G_\varepsilon(v) := \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} F_\varepsilon(w) = \int_0^L \int_\omega \left\{ \frac{1}{\beta_\varepsilon} \left| v' + \nabla_y v \cdot R y (\tau + \alpha') \right|^2 + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\beta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2} \left(|\nabla_y v|^2 - \varepsilon^2 \lambda_\varepsilon |v|^2 \right) \right\} dy ds,$$

where

$()'$ – derivative of $()$ with respect to s ,

$\nabla_y v$ – the derivative of v with respect to y ,

R – rotation matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies R y = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ -y_1 \end{pmatrix}$.

The main result

The sequence $\{G_\varepsilon\}$ of functionals defined in $H_0^1((0, L) \times \omega)$ Γ -converges, to the functional G , defined by

$$G(v) := \begin{cases} G_0(w) & \text{if } v(s, y) = w(s) u_0(y) \\ +\infty & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

$$G_0(w) := \int_0^L \left\{ |w'(s)|^2 + \left[(\tau(s) + \alpha'(s))^2 C(\omega) - \frac{k^2(s)}{4} \right] |w(s)|^2 \right\} ds,$$

where $C(\omega) := \int_\omega |\nabla_y u_0 \cdot R y|^2 dy$,

$$R - \text{rotation matrix } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies R y = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ -y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and where u_0 is the normalized eigenfunction corresponding to the first eigenvalue of problem

$$-\Delta u = \gamma u, \quad u \in H_0^1(\omega). \quad \longrightarrow \quad (\lambda_0, u_0)$$

Some remarks on the main result

- i) The infimum for λ_2 is always attained and it corresponds to the first eigenvalue of the following Sturm-Liouville problem :

$$-\varphi'' + q \varphi = \mu \varphi, \quad \varphi \in H_0^1(0, L), \quad q(s) := (\tau(s) + \alpha'(s))^2 C(\omega) - \frac{(k(s))^2}{4}.$$

- ii) It is possible to prove that μ_1 coincides with the second order term (λ_2) of the asymptotic expansion

$$\varepsilon^2 \lambda_\varepsilon = \lambda_0 + \varepsilon \lambda_1 + \varepsilon^2 \lambda_2 + \dots,$$

where λ_0 is the first eigenvalue of the eigenvalue problem in ω and λ_1 is zero.

- iii) It is clear that if q is constant, then $\lambda_2 = \frac{\pi^2}{L^2} + q$ and, consequently,

$$G_0(w) := \int_0^L \left(|w'|^2 - \frac{\pi^2}{L^2} |w|^2 \right) ds.$$

- iv) Due to the definition of λ_2 , $G_0(w) \geq 0$ for all $w \in H_0^1(0, L)$ and the minimizers of G_0 coincide, up to a multiplying constant, with the minimizers of λ_2 .

i) The Euler-Lagrange equation associated $G_0(w)$ is of the form :

$$-w'' + \underbrace{\left[(\tau + \alpha')^2 C - \frac{k^2}{4} \right]}_q w - \lambda_2 w = 0.$$

As mentioned before, this is a problem of the Sturm-Liouville type and it is exactly the same problem for λ_2 . The only difference being that the minimum for w is zero and for λ_2 is, obviously, λ_2 .

ii) This equation may be interpreted as a onedimensional problem for the spatial wave equation with :

$$\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V - E) = \left[(\tau + \alpha')^2 C - \frac{k^2}{4} - \lambda_2 \right],$$

that is, although we have started from a threedimensional problem without a potential in the interior of the domain under consideration, in the limit, in a onedimensional curved waveguide, the particle sees the curvature, the torsion and the influence of the cross section as a (nonhomogeneous) potential function in an equivalent straight waveguide of the same total length.

Some remarks on the main result (cont.)

$k(s)$ – influence of the curvature,

$\tau(s) + \alpha'(s)$ – influence of the torsion,

C – the influence of the shape of the cross section.

- iii) If, from the start, we have a straight waveguide then $k \equiv 0$, $\tau \equiv 0$, $\alpha' \equiv 0$ and one obtains the classical onedimensional result :

$$w(x) = \varphi_0(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}, \quad \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E = \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

.

- iv) If k and $\tau + \alpha'$ are constants then, once again, one obtains the classical onedimensional result.

Some remarks on the main result (cont.)

- v) For a circular cross section of radius R , the ground state (u_0) is radial, associated with the eigenproblem $-\Delta u = \gamma u$ and of the form :

$$u_0(r) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{R J_1(\sqrt{\gamma_0} R)} J_0(\sqrt{\gamma_0} r), \quad \gamma_0 = \left(\frac{r_n}{R}\right)^2, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where,

r – radial direction,

J_0 and J_1 – first and second Bessel functions of the first kind,

r_0 – first zero of J_0 .

Since u_0 is a radial function, its gradient is also radial and, therefore, orthogonal to the direction defined by $R y = (y_2, -y_1)$.

Consequently, for the circular cross section, $C \equiv 0$.

Some ideas about the proof

$$-\Delta_y u_0 = \lambda_0 u_0, \quad u_0 \in H_0^1(\omega)$$

$$-\Delta_y u_1 - \lambda_0 u_1 = -k (z_\alpha \cdot \nabla_y u_0), \quad u_1 \in H_0^1(\omega), \quad (s \text{ fixed})$$

Fredholm orthogonality condition

$$k \int_{\omega} (z_\alpha \cdot \nabla_y u_0) u_0 \, dy = 0,$$

ensuring the existence of a solution u_1 .

Some properties of u_0 and u_1 , for example :

$$\int_{\omega} \left(|\nabla_y u_0|^2 - \lambda_0 |u_0|^2 \right) dy = 0, \quad \int_{\omega} (z_\alpha \cdot y) \left(|\nabla_y u_0|^2 - \lambda_0 |u_0|^2 \right) dy = 0$$

Some ideas about the proof (cont.)

Lemma. *Let*

$$\gamma_2 := \inf_{v \in H_0^1(\omega)} \int_{\omega} \left[|\nabla_y v|^2 - \lambda_0 |v|^2 + 2k (z_{\alpha} \cdot \nabla_y u_0) v \right] dy.$$

Then, the infimum is attained in u_1 and

$$\gamma_2 = -\frac{k^2}{4}.$$

Proof : Use the properties of u_0 , u_1 and integration by parts successively.

Some ideas about the proof (cont.)

$$G_\varepsilon(v) := \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} F_\varepsilon(w) = \int_0^L \int_\omega \left\{ \frac{1}{\beta_\varepsilon} \left| v' + \nabla_y v \cdot R y (\tau + \alpha') \right|^2 + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\beta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2} \left(|\nabla_y v|^2 - \varepsilon^2 \lambda_\varepsilon |v|^2 \right) \right\} dy ds,$$

Lemma. Let γ_ε be given by

$$\gamma_\varepsilon := \inf_{\substack{v \in H_0^1(\omega) \\ v \neq 0}} \frac{\int_\omega \beta_\varepsilon |\nabla_y v|^2 dy}{\int_\omega \beta_\varepsilon |v|^2 dy}.$$

Then

$$\gamma_2(s) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma_\varepsilon - \lambda_0}{\varepsilon^2} = -\frac{k^2(s)}{4}, \quad \text{uniformly in } [0, L]$$

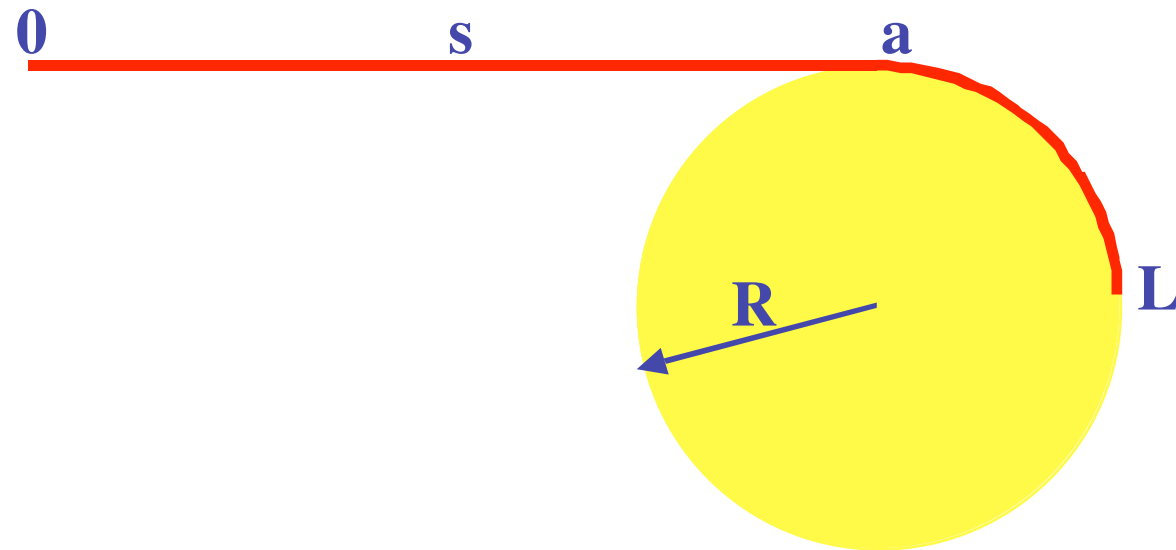
Some ideas about the proof (cont.)

Lemma. *Let λ_ε be the first eigenvalue of the problem under study and recall the definition of λ_2 , introduced in the theorem, then the following convergence holds*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varepsilon^2 \lambda_\varepsilon - \lambda_0}{\varepsilon^2} = \lambda_2.$$

Example

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$$(\tau + \alpha')^2 C \equiv 0$$

k is constant in a certain interval $[a, L] \subset [0, L]$ and zero in $[0, a[$.

Example (cont.)

$w \in H^1(0, L)$, such that :

$$w(s) = \begin{cases} w_1(s) & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq a, \\ w_2(s) & \text{if } a \leq s \leq L, \end{cases}$$

solving :

$$\begin{cases} -w_1'' - \lambda_2 w_1 = 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq a, \\ -w_2'' - (\lambda_2 - q) w_2 = 0 & \text{if } a \leq s \leq L, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

subjected to the boundary conditions :

$$w_1(0) = 0, \quad w_2(L) = 0,$$

and to the compatibility conditions :

$$w_1(a) = w_2(a), \quad w_1'(a) = w_2'(a). \quad (1.4)$$

Example (cont.)

Let $k_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_2}$ and $k_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2 - q}$, therefore :

$$\begin{aligned} & (e^{ik_1 a} - e^{-ik_1 a}) [e^{ik_2(L-a)} + e^{-ik_2(L-a)}] + \\ & + \frac{k_1}{k_2} (e^{ik_1 a} + e^{-ik_1 a}) [e^{ik_2(L-a)} - e^{-ik_2(L-a)}] = 0 \quad \implies \quad \lambda_2 = \dots \end{aligned}$$

In the present case, solving this equation is equivalent to solving :

$$\sinh(\bar{k}_1 a) \cos[k_2(L-a)] + \frac{\bar{k}_1}{k_2} \cosh(\bar{k}_1 a) \sin[k_2(L-a)] = 0,$$

$$\bar{k}_1 = \sqrt{-\lambda_2}, \quad k_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2 - q}, \quad \text{if } q < \lambda_2 < 0,$$

or

$$\sin(k_1 a) \cos[k_2(L-a)] + \frac{k_1}{k_2} \cos(k_1 a) \sin[k_2(L-a)] = 0,$$

$$k_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_2}, \quad k_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2 - q}, \quad \text{if } q < 0 < \lambda_2.$$

Example (cont.)

$$q = -6 \text{ and } L = 2$$

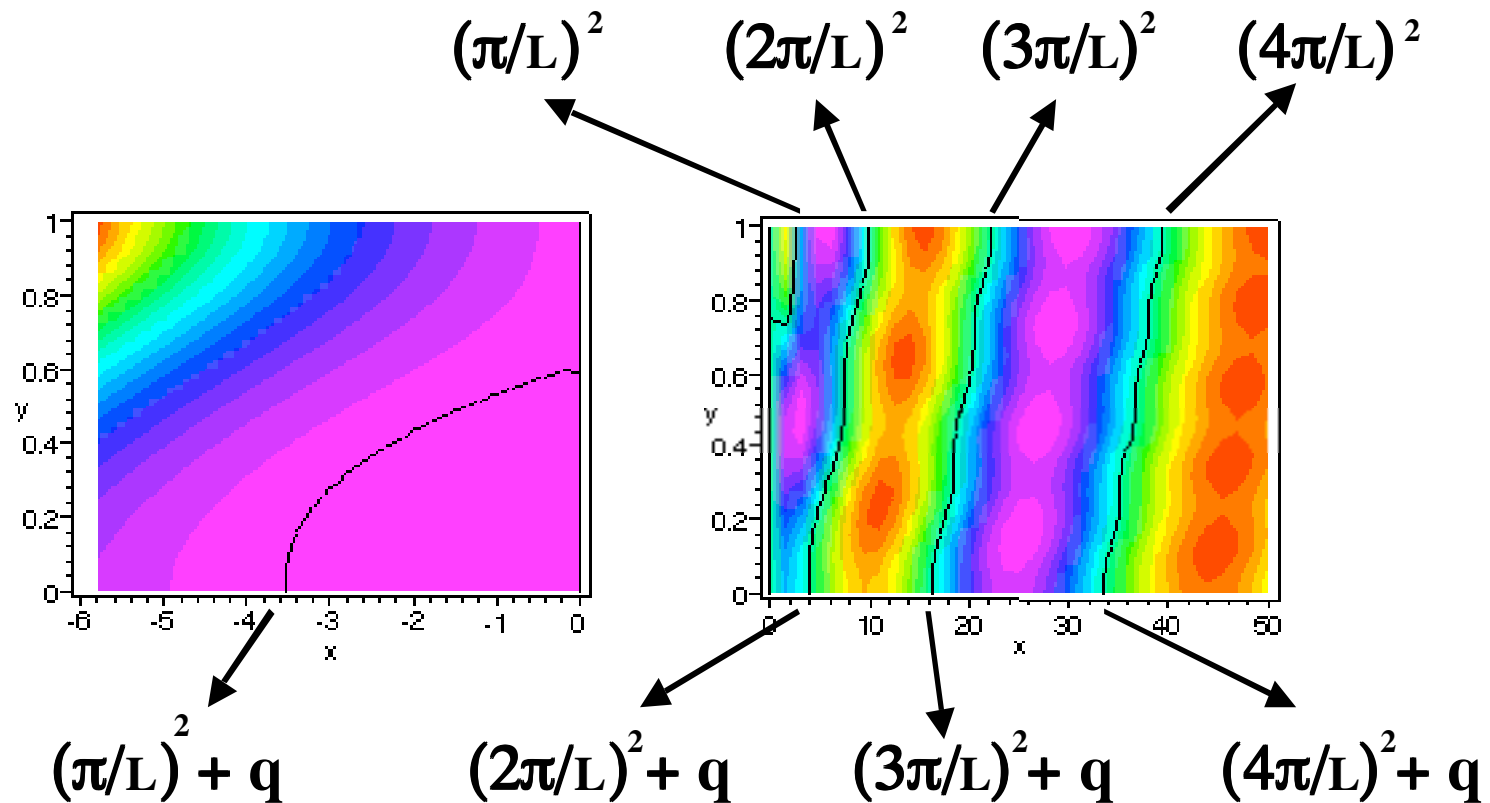


Figure 1.3 - λ_n vs. a/l for $q = -6$ and $L = 2$.

Example (cont.)

$$a/L = 1 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$a/L = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 + q, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$q = -6 = -k^2/4, \quad a = 1, \quad L = 2, \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \lambda_2 \approx -1.363855334$$

Example (cont.)

$P(s) = w^*(s)w(s)$ becomes :

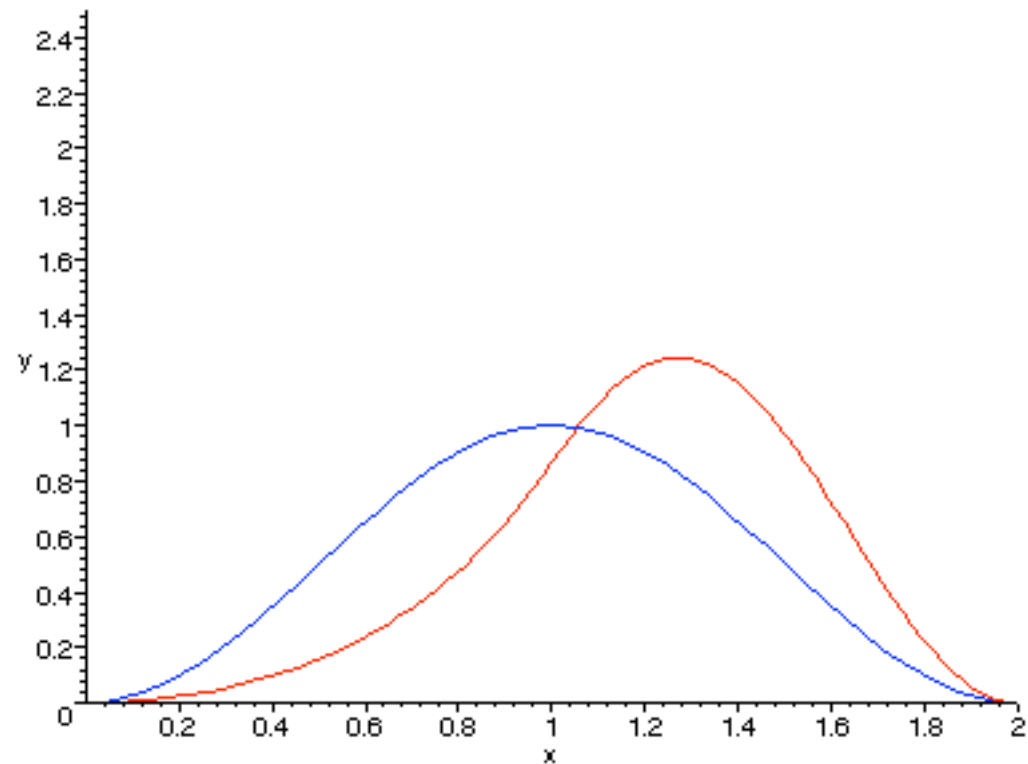


Figure 1.4 - Probability density function (in red) and for the classical case (in blue)
($q = -6 = -k^2/4$, $a = 1$ and $L = 2$)

Example (cont.)

$$q = -80 = -k^2/4, \quad a = 1.8, \quad L = 2.$$

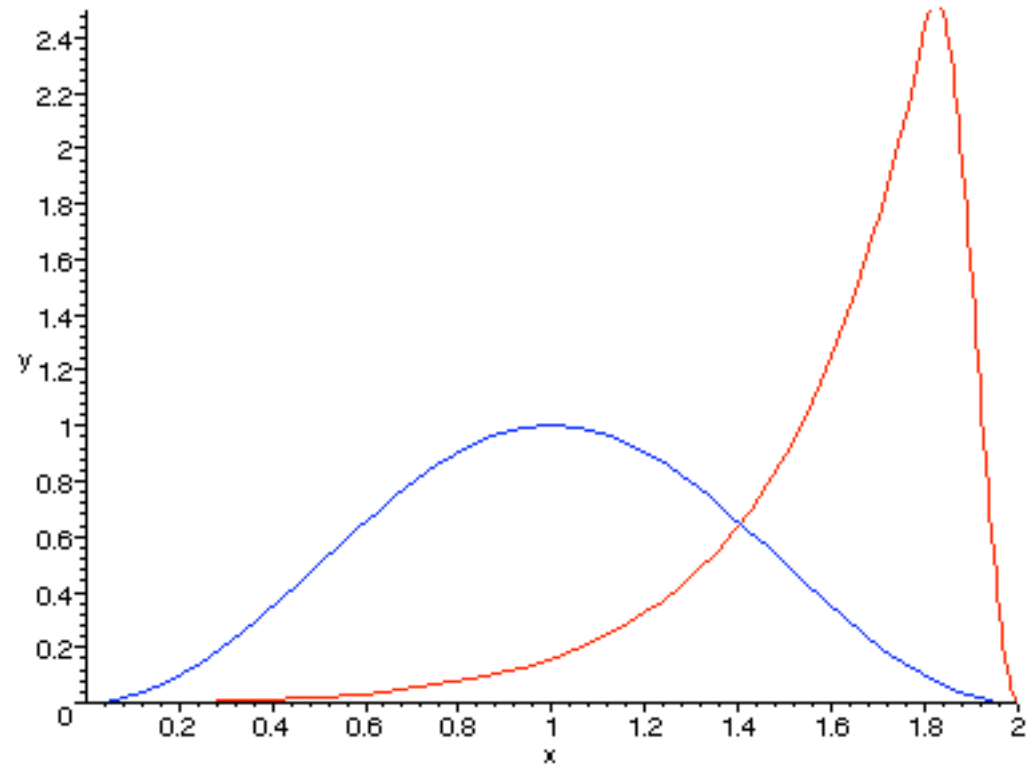
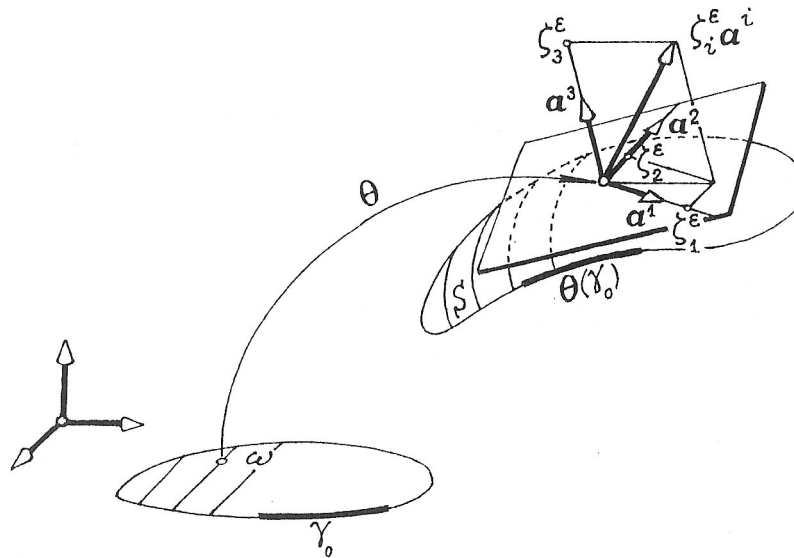


Figure 1.5 - Probability density function (in red) and for the classical case (in blue)
($q = -80 = -k^2/4$, $a = 1.8$ and $L = 2$)

Geometry of the domain (2D waveguide)

The “reference middle surface” – a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$\tilde{\omega} = \{ \tilde{x} = (x_1, x_2, \theta(x_1, x_2)) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x_1, x_2) \in \omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \theta \in C^3(\bar{\omega}) \}$$

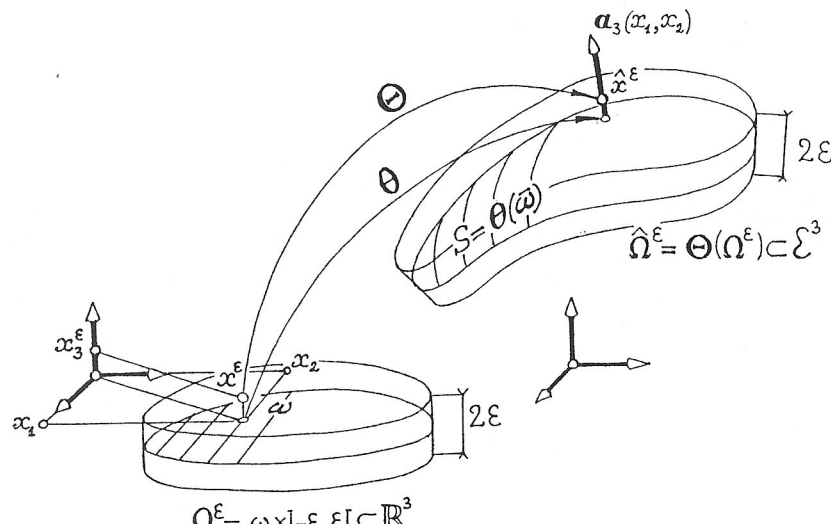


Geometry of the domain (2D waveguide)

The curvilinear reference system :

$$a_\alpha = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}}{\partial x_\alpha}, \quad a_1 = (1, 0, \partial_1 \theta), \quad a_2 = (0, 1, \partial_2 \theta)$$

$$a_3 = n = \frac{a_1 \times a_2}{|a_1 \times a_2|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}} (-\partial_1 \theta, -\partial_2 \theta, 1), \quad \alpha = 1 + |\partial_1 \theta|^2 + |\partial_2 \theta|^2$$



Geometry of the domain (2D waveguide)

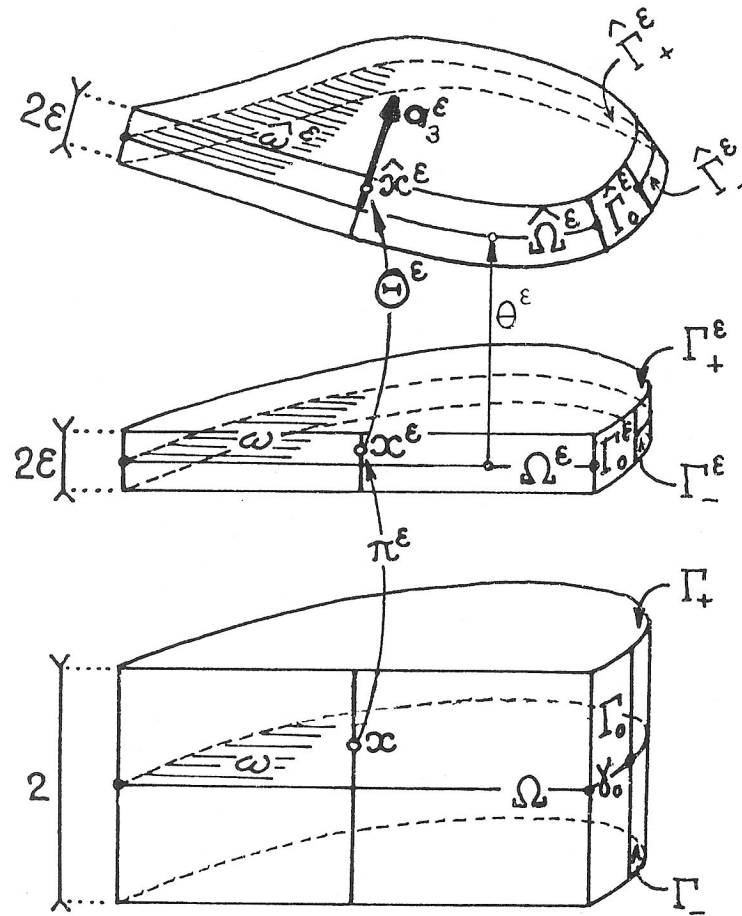
The “shell” :

$$\tilde{\Omega}^\varepsilon = \{ \tilde{x}^\varepsilon = ((x_1, x_2, \theta(x_1, x_2)) + x_3^\varepsilon n(x_1, x_2)) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x_1, x_2) \in \omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \}$$

The thickness of the shell : $2 \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon > 0$

The thickness variable : $x_3^\varepsilon = \varepsilon x_3$

Geometry of the domain (2D waveguide)



Fundamental Forms (2D waveguide)

The first fundamental form matrix $[a] = (a_{\alpha\beta})$, $a_{\alpha\beta} = a_\alpha \cdot a_\beta$:

$$a_{11} = 1 + |\partial_1 \theta|^2, \quad a_{22} = 1 + |\partial_2 \theta|^2, \quad a_{12} = a_{21} = \partial_1 \theta \partial_2 \theta$$

The second fundamental form matrix $[b] = (b_{\alpha\beta})$, $b_{\alpha\beta} = -n \cdot a_{\alpha,\beta}$:

$$b_{11} = -\frac{\partial_{11}\theta}{\sqrt{\alpha}}, \quad b_{22} = -\frac{\partial_{22}\theta}{\sqrt{\alpha}}, \quad b_{12} = b_{21} - \frac{\partial_{12}\theta}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

Remark : $|a| = \alpha$

Curvature Functions (2D waveguide)

The Mean Curvature function H is given by :

$$H = \frac{b_{11}a_{22} + b_{22}a_{11} - 2b_{12}a_{12}}{2|a|}$$

The Gaussian Curvature function K is given by :

$$K = \frac{|b|}{|a|}$$

Remark : $\det[a] = \alpha$

Variational Formulation

$$\tilde{F}_\varepsilon(\tilde{w}^\varepsilon) := \int_{\tilde{\Omega}^\varepsilon} \left(|\nabla \tilde{w}^\varepsilon|^2 - \lambda_\varepsilon |\tilde{w}^\varepsilon|^2 \right) d\tilde{x}^\varepsilon.$$

The Limit (eigenvalue) Problem

$$-\partial_\beta \left(\frac{A_{\alpha\beta}}{\sqrt{|a|}} \partial_\alpha w \right) + (K - H^2) w \sqrt{|a|} = \lambda_2 w \sqrt{|a|}.$$

Remarks :

$$K = k_1 k_2, \quad H = \frac{(k_1 + k_2)}{2} \quad \implies \quad K - H^2 = -\frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2}{4}$$

If $k_1 \equiv 0$ or $k_2 \equiv 0$ then $K - H^2 = -k^2/4$ as in the 1D case!

The Limit (eigenvalue) Problem

The first term represents the Laplacian written in the curvilinear coordinates. In fact from the variational formulation of this limit problem one has :

$$\lambda_2 = \inf \frac{\int_{\omega} \frac{A_{\alpha\beta}}{\sqrt{|a|}} \partial_{\alpha} w \partial_{\beta} w \, dx_1 dx_2 + (K - H^2) w \sqrt{|a|} \, dx_1 dx_2}{\int_{\omega} w \sqrt{|a|} \, dx_1 dx_2}$$

but :

$$\frac{A_{\alpha\beta}}{|a|} \partial_{\alpha} w \partial_{\beta} w = |\partial_{\tau} w|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{|a|} \, dx_1 dx_2 = ds_1 ds_2$$

therefore, in curvilinear coordinates, the limit problem is :

$$-\partial_{\tau\tau} w + (K - H^2) w = \lambda_2 w$$

$$K = k_1 k_2, \quad H = \frac{(k_1 + k_2)}{2} \quad \implies \quad K - H^2 = -\frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2}{4}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div} (a(y) \nabla u_\varepsilon) = \lambda_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon, & \Omega_\varepsilon \\ u_\varepsilon = 0, & \partial\Omega_\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_\varepsilon(s) = \gamma_0(s) + \varepsilon \gamma_1(s) + \varepsilon^2 \gamma_2(s) + \dots$$

$$\lambda_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \lambda_0 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots$$

But now

$$\gamma_1(s) \neq 0, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 0, \quad \gamma_2(s) \neq -k^2(s)/4, \quad \text{etc.}$$

In fact, if :

$$-\operatorname{div} (a(y) \nabla u_0) - \lambda_0 u_0 = 0, \quad u_0 \in H_0^1(\omega)$$

$$-\operatorname{div} (a(y) \nabla u_1) - \lambda_0 u_1 = k \int_\omega a(y) (z \cdot \nabla u_0) u_0 \, dy - a(y) (z \cdot \nabla u_0), \quad u_1 \in H_0^1(\omega)$$

Under study (cont.)

Then :

$$\gamma_0(s) = \lambda_0,$$

$$\gamma_1(s) = k(s) \int_{\omega} a(y) (z \cdot \nabla u_0) u_0 \, dy \neq 0,$$

$$\gamma_2(s) = k^2(s) \left[\int_{\omega} a(y) (z \cdot \nabla u_1) u_0 \, dy - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega} a(y) |u_0|^2 \, dy \right] \neq -\frac{k^2(s)}{4},$$

$$\lambda_1 = \inf_{\substack{\varphi \in H_0^1(0,L) \\ \|\varphi\|_{L^2(0,L)}=1}} \int_0^L k(s) [a(y) (z \cdot \nabla u_0) u_0] |\varphi|^2 \, ds \neq 0, \quad \text{etc.}$$

Under study (cont.)

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div} (A(y) \nabla u_\varepsilon) = \lambda_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon, & \Omega_\varepsilon \\ u_\varepsilon = 0, & \partial\Omega_\varepsilon \end{cases}$$

Neumann boundary conditions, *etc.*

Elasticity operator, *etc.*

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