

AN EVEN ENTIRE FUNCTION OF ORDER ONE IS A SPECIAL SOLUTION FOR A CLASSICAL WAVE EQUATION IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SPACE

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In this article we consider an even entire function of order one as the solution of the classical wave equation in one-dimensional space. We suggest a conjecture that this function has only purely real zeros in the entire complex plane. This is given as a new prospective on a nice connection with number theory and wave equation.

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Introduction

It is well known that de Bruijn [1] and Newman [2] have suggested a family of the function $\Xi(x, t): \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ by the Fourier cosine integral

$$\Xi(x, t) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t\tau^2} \Phi(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\Phi(\tau) = 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ 2\pi^2 n^4 \exp\left(\frac{9}{2}\tau\right) - 3\pi n^2 \exp\left(\frac{5}{2}\tau\right) \right\} \exp[-\pi n^2 \exp(2\tau)]. \quad (2)$$

If we put $t = 0$ into (1), we obtain [3]

$$\Xi(x, t = 0) := \Xi(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \Phi(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau, \quad (3)$$

which is equal to [4]

$$\Xi(x) = 4 \int_1^{\infty} H(\chi) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2} \log \chi\right) d\chi, \quad (4)$$

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in which [4]

$$H(\chi) = \frac{d}{d\chi} \left(\chi^{\frac{3}{2}} M^{(1)}(\chi) \right) \chi^{-\frac{1}{4}} \quad (5)$$

and [4]

$$M(\chi) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-k^2 \pi \chi}. \quad (6)$$

Here, (4) is the well-known Riemann Xi function [5].

Assume that the real and imaginary parts for the complex variable $s \in \mathbb{C}$ by $\Re(s)$ and $\Im(s)$, respectively. If we set for $i = \sqrt{-1}$,

$$s = \frac{1}{2} + ix, \quad (7)$$

we obtain the Riemann xi function [5]

$$\Xi \left[\frac{1}{i} \left(s - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right] := \xi(s) = 4 \int_1^{\infty} H(\chi) \cosh \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(s - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log \chi \right] d\chi, \quad (8)$$

which is equivalent to the functional equation [5]

$$\xi(s) = \frac{s}{2} (s-1) \pi^{-\frac{s}{2}} \Gamma(s) \zeta(s), \quad (9)$$

where

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r} r^{s-1} dr \quad (10)$$

represents the gamma function [6], and

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_p \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \quad (11)$$

is denoted as the Riemann zeta function with all primes p [4].

The classical wave equation in one dimension space can be expressed as [7]

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Xi(x, t)}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \Xi(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = 0, \quad (12)$$

where $\Xi(x, t)$ represents the wave function.

In this article we consider a new family of the entire function $\aleph(x, t): \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ by the Fourier cosine integral

$$\aleph(x, t) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-t\tau) \Phi(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau, \quad (13)$$

which has the functional equation

$$\aleph(x, t) = \aleph(-x, t). \quad (14)$$

Putting $t = 0$ into (12), we obtain

$$\aleph(x, t = 0) = \Xi(x). \quad (15)$$

The main aim of this paper is to investigate the zeros of (13) and to consider the relationship between the classical wave equation (12) and a new family of the entire function (13). The structure is presented as follows. In Section 2 we investigate the properties and conjecture for the even entire function (13). In Section 3 we derive the classical wave equation from the even entire function (13). Finally, our conclusion is given in Section 4.

Properties and Conjecture

Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that (13) becomes

$$\aleph(x, t) = \int_0^{\infty} \phi(\tau, t) \cos(x\tau) d\tau, \quad (16)$$

where

$$\phi(\tau, t) = \exp(-t\tau) \Phi(\tau). \quad (17)$$

If there exists [8]

$$\Phi(\tau) > 0 \quad (18)$$

for $\tau > 0$, we obtain

$$\phi(\tau, t) = \exp(-t\tau) \Phi(\tau) > 0. \quad (19)$$

Since it is well known that

$$\Xi(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \Phi(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau \quad (20)$$

is an even entire function of order one, we also find that

$$\aleph(x, t) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-t\tau) \Phi(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} \phi(\tau, t) \cos(x\tau) d\tau \quad (21)$$

is an even entire function of order one. Clearly, $\aleph(x, t)$ is of genus one. Thus, the convergence exponent of the zeros of $\aleph(x, t)$ is one (see [9], p.19). This implies that $\aleph(x, t)$ has infinity of zeros. Thus, we have the following conjecture as follows:

Conjecture I. $\aleph(x, t)$ has purely real zeros.

Remark. When $t = 0$, the Jensen conjecture [3] reads that $\aleph(x, t = 0) = \Xi(x)$ has purely real zeros.

An Application of (13) to Derive the Classical Wave Equation

The first derivative of (13) with respect to the variable t is considered as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \aleph(x, t)}{\partial t} = \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{\partial \exp(-t\tau)}{\partial t} \right\} \Lambda(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau. \quad (22)$$

To simplify (22), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \aleph(x, t)}{\partial t} = -\int_0^{\infty} \tau \exp(-t\tau) \Lambda(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau. \quad (23)$$

The second derivative of (13) with respect to the variable t reads

$$\frac{\partial^2 \aleph(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 \exp(-t\tau)}{\partial t^2} \right\} \Lambda(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau, \quad (24)$$

which leads to

$$\frac{\partial^2 \aleph(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = \int_0^{\infty} \tau^2 \exp(-t\tau) \Lambda(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau. \quad (25)$$

The first derivative of (13) with respect to the variable x is given as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \aleph(x, t)}{\partial x} = -\int_0^{\infty} \tau \exp(-t\tau) \Lambda(\tau) \sin(x\tau) d\tau. \quad (26)$$

Also, the second derivative of (13) with respect to the variable x can be expressed as

$$\frac{\partial^2 \aleph(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = -\int_0^{\infty} \tau^2 \exp(-t\tau) \Lambda(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau. \quad (27)$$

It follows from (24) and (27) that the classical wave equation [7]

$$\frac{\partial^2 \aleph(x, t)}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \aleph(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = 0 (t \geq 0, a \leq x \leq b). \quad (28)$$

From (13) and (23) we have the initial value conditions

$$\aleph(x, t=0) = \int_0^{\infty} \Phi(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau \quad (29)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \aleph(x, t=0)}{\partial t} = -\int_0^{\infty} \tau \Lambda(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau. \quad (30)$$

From (13) we obtain the boundary value conditions

$$\aleph(x=a, t) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-t\tau) \Phi(\tau) \cos(a\tau) d\tau \quad (31)$$

and

$$\aleph(x=b, t) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-t\tau) \Phi(\tau) \cos(b\tau) d\tau. \quad (32)$$

Here, (29) can be written as

$$\aleph(x, t=0) = \Xi(x) = \int_0^{\infty} \Phi(\tau) \cos(x\tau) d\tau. \quad (34)$$

Conclusion

In this work we have proposed an even entire function of order one to structure a classical wave equation in one-dimensional space. We conjectured that this function has purely real zeros. This has the connection with the wave equation and number theory.

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Nomenclature

\mathbb{R} -set of real numbers, [-]

t -time coordinate, [s]

\mathbb{C} -set of complex numbers, [-]

x -space coordinate, [m]

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