

Delaunay Surface profile curves
Math 4530
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We solve the differential equations for a surface of revolution having mean curvature = 1/2. Solutions for the profile curve which start out being parameterized by arclength continue to be so.

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[ > with(DEtools):

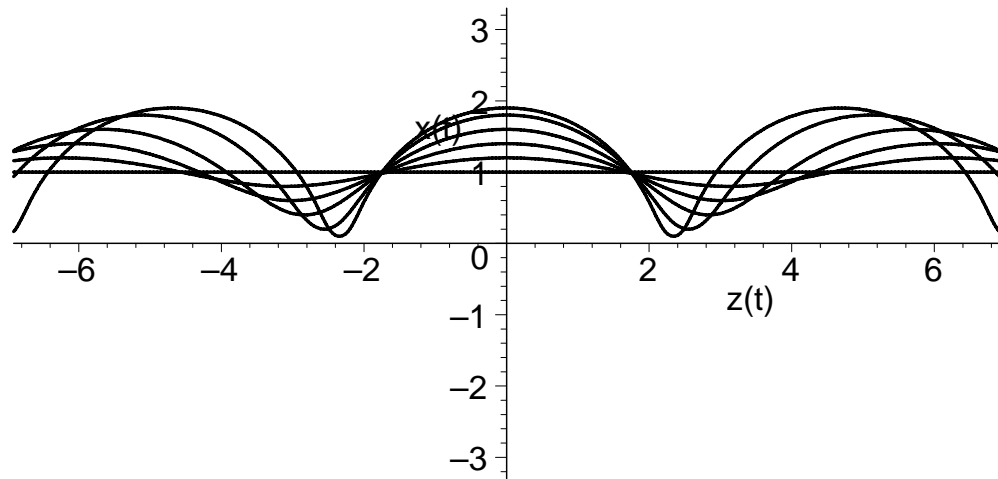
Warning, the name adjoint has been redefined

[ > deqtn:={diff(x(t),t,t)-diff(z(t),t)^2/x(t) = -diff(z(t),t),
      diff(z(t),t,t)+diff(z(t),t)*diff(x(t),t)/x(t) =
      diff(x(t),t)};

      deqtn := \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} z(t) \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} z(t) \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} x(t) \right)}{x(t)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} x(t), \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} x(t) \right) - \frac{\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} z(t) \right)^2}{x(t)} = - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} z(t) \right) \right\}

[ > ICS1:=[[x(0)=1,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
      [x(0)=1.2,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
      [x(0)=1.4,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
      [x(0)=1.6,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
      [x(0)=1.8,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
      [x(0)=1.9,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1]]:

[ > DEplot(deqtn,[x(t),z(t)],t=-20..20,ICS1,x=-3..3,z=-2*Pi..2*Pi,
      linecolor=black,scene=[z(t),x(t)],stepsize=.05);
      #embedded Delaunay surfaces
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> ICS2:=[[x(0)=2.1,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
        [x(0)=2.2,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
        [x(0)=2.3,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
        [x(0)=2.4,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1],
        [x(0)=2.5,z(0)=0,D(x)(0)=0,D(z)(0)=1]]:
> DEplot(deqtn,[x(t),z(t)],t=-20..20,ICS2,x=-3..3,z=-2*Pi..2*Pi,
linecolor=black,scene=[z(t),x(t)],stepsize=.05);
#immersed Delaunay surface profiles

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