

**PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and  
Mathematical Methods  
10-10:50 AM MWF Olin 103**

**Plan for Lecture 16:**

**Continue reading Chapter 4**

- 1. Normal modes for extended one-dimensional systems**
- 2. Normal modes for 2 and 3 dimensional systems**

## Course schedule

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

	Date	F&W Reading	Topic	Assignment
1	Wed, 8/29/2012	Chap. 1	Review of basic principles; Scattering theory	<a href="#">#1</a>
2	Fri, 8/31/2012	Chap. 1	Scattering theory continued	<a href="#">#2</a>
3	Mon, 9/03/2012	Chap. 1	Scattering theory continued	<a href="#">#3</a>
4	Wed, 9/05/2012	Chap. 1 & 2	Scattering theory/Accelerated coordinate frame	<a href="#">#4</a>
5	Fri, 9/07/2012	Chap. 2	Accelerated coordinate frame	<a href="#">#5</a>
6	Mon, 9/10/2012	Chap. 3	Calculus of Variation	<a href="#">#6</a>
7	Wed, 9/12/2012	Chap. 3	Calculus of Variation continued	
8	Fri, 9/14/2012	Chap. 3	Lagrangian	<a href="#">#7</a>
9	Mon, 9/17/2012	Chap. 3 & 6	Lagrangian	<a href="#">#8</a>
10	Wed, 9/19/2012	Chap. 3 & 6	Lagrangian	<a href="#">#9</a>
11	Fri, 9/21/2012	Chap. 3 & 6	Lagrangian	<a href="#">#10</a>
12	Mon, 9/24/2012	Chap. 3 & 6	Lagrangian and Hamiltonian	<a href="#">#11</a>
13	Wed, 9/26/2012	Chap. 6	Lagrangian and Hamiltonian	<a href="#">#12</a>
14	Fri, 9/28/2012	Chap. 6	Lagrangian and Hamiltonian	<a href="#">#13</a>
15	Mon, 10/01/2012	Chap. 4	Small oscillations	<a href="#">#14</a>
16	Wed, 10/03/2012	Chap. 4	Small oscillations	<a href="#">#15</a>
17	Fri, 10/05/2012	Chap. 4	Small oscillations	Take Home Exam
18	Mon, 10/08/2012	Chap. 7	Wave equation	Take Home Exam
19	Wed, 10/10/2012	Chap. 7	Wave equation	Take Home Exam
20	Fri, 10/12/2012	Chap. 7	Wave equation	Exam due



**WFU Physics Colloquium**

**TITLE:** The Galactic FS CMa type stars: discovery of a new phenomenon

**SPEAKER:** Professor Anatoly Miroshnichenko,

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University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

**TIME:** Wednesday October 3, 2012 at 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Room 101 Olin Physical Laboratory

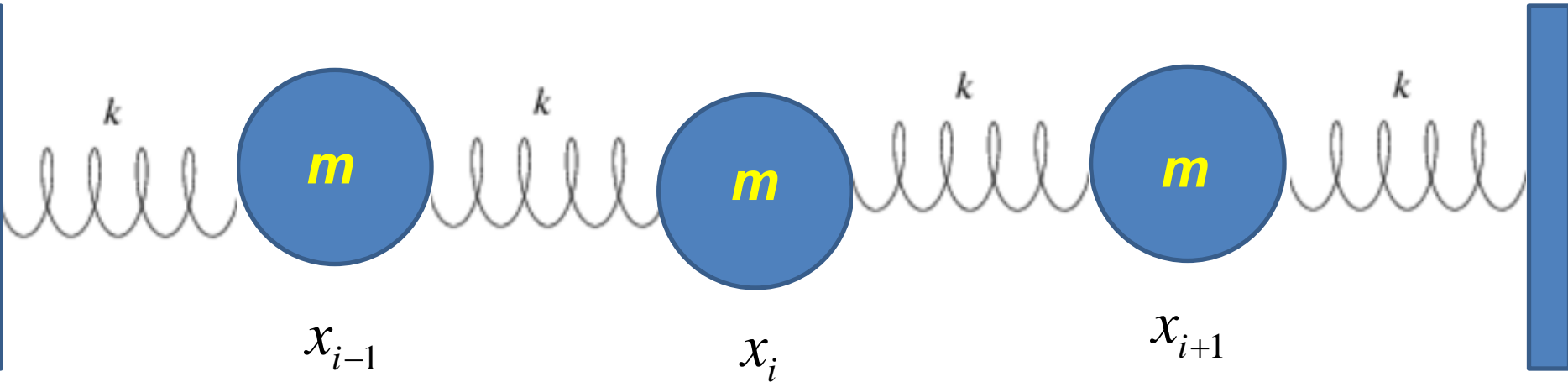
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Refreshments will be served at 3:30 PM in the Olin Lounge. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

**ABSTRACT**

Cosmic dust is very important for the evolution of the Universe, because it is used for creation of planets and ultimately life. It is partially produced in the interstellar space, but also in the immediate environments of stars. Until recently, only cool stars and very luminous hot stars were considered to be dust producers. I found a new large group of Galactic hot stars with moderately low luminosities that seem to produce even more dust than the luminous hot stars. I will review known types of stars that produce dust and describe properties of the newly discovered group. Hypotheses about the origin and evolutionary state of this group will be presented.

Consider an extended system of masses and springs:



Note: each mass coordinate is measured relative to its equilibrium position  $x_i^0$

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_{i=1}^N \dot{x}_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} k \sum_{i=0}^N (x_{i+1} - x_i)^2$$

Note: In fact, we have  $N$  masses;  $x_0$  and  $x_{N+1}$  will be treated using boundary conditions.

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_{i=1}^N \dot{x}_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} k \sum_{i=0}^N (x_{i+1} - x_i)^2$$

$$x_0 \equiv 0 \text{ and } x_{N+1} \equiv 0$$

From Euler - Lagrange equations :

$$m\ddot{x}_1 = k(x_2 - 2x_1)$$

$$m\ddot{x}_2 = k(x_3 - 2x_2 + x_1)$$

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$$m\ddot{x}_i = k(x_{i+1} - 2x_i + x_{i-1})$$

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$$m\ddot{x}_N = k(x_{N-1} - 2x_N)$$

From Euler - Lagrange equations :

$$m\ddot{x}_j = k(x_{j+1} - 2x_j + x_{j-1}) \quad \text{with } x_0 = 0 = x_{N+1}$$

Try :  $x_j(t) = Ae^{-i\omega t + iqa_j}$

$$-\omega^2 Ae^{-i\omega t + iqa_j} = \frac{k}{m} (e^{iqa} - 2 + e^{-iqa}) Ae^{-i\omega t + iqa_j}$$

$$-\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} (2 \cos(qa) - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{4k}{m} \sin^2\left(\frac{qa}{2}\right)$$

From Euler - Lagrange equations - - continued :

$$m\ddot{x}_j = k(x_{j+1} - 2x_j + x_{j-1}) \quad \text{with } x_0 = 0 = x_{N+1}$$

$$\text{Try: } x_j(t) = Ae^{-i\omega t + iqaj} \quad \Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{4k}{m} \sin^2\left(\frac{qa}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Note that: } x_j(t) = Be^{-i\omega t - iqaj} \quad \Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{4k}{m} \sin^2\left(\frac{qa}{2}\right)$$

General solution :

$$x_j(t) = \Re\left(Ae^{-i\omega t + iqaj} + Be^{-i\omega t - iqaj}\right)$$

Impose boundary conditions :

$$x_0(t) = \Re\left(Ae^{-i\omega t} + Be^{-i\omega t}\right) = 0$$

$$x_{N+1}(t) = \Re\left(Ae^{-i\omega t + iqa(N+1)} + Be^{-i\omega t - iqa(N+1)}\right) = 0$$

Impose boundary conditions -- continued :

$$x_0(t) = \Re\left(Ae^{-i\omega t} + Be^{-i\omega t}\right) = 0$$

$$x_{N+1}(t) = \Re\left(Ae^{-i\omega t + iqa(N+1)} + Be^{-i\omega t - iqa(N+1)}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -A$$

$$x_{N+1}(t) = \Re\left(Ae^{-i\omega t} \left(e^{iqa(N+1)} - e^{-iqa(N+1)}\right)\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(qa(N+1)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow qa(N+1) = \nu\pi \quad \text{where } \nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$qa = \frac{\nu\pi}{N+1}$$



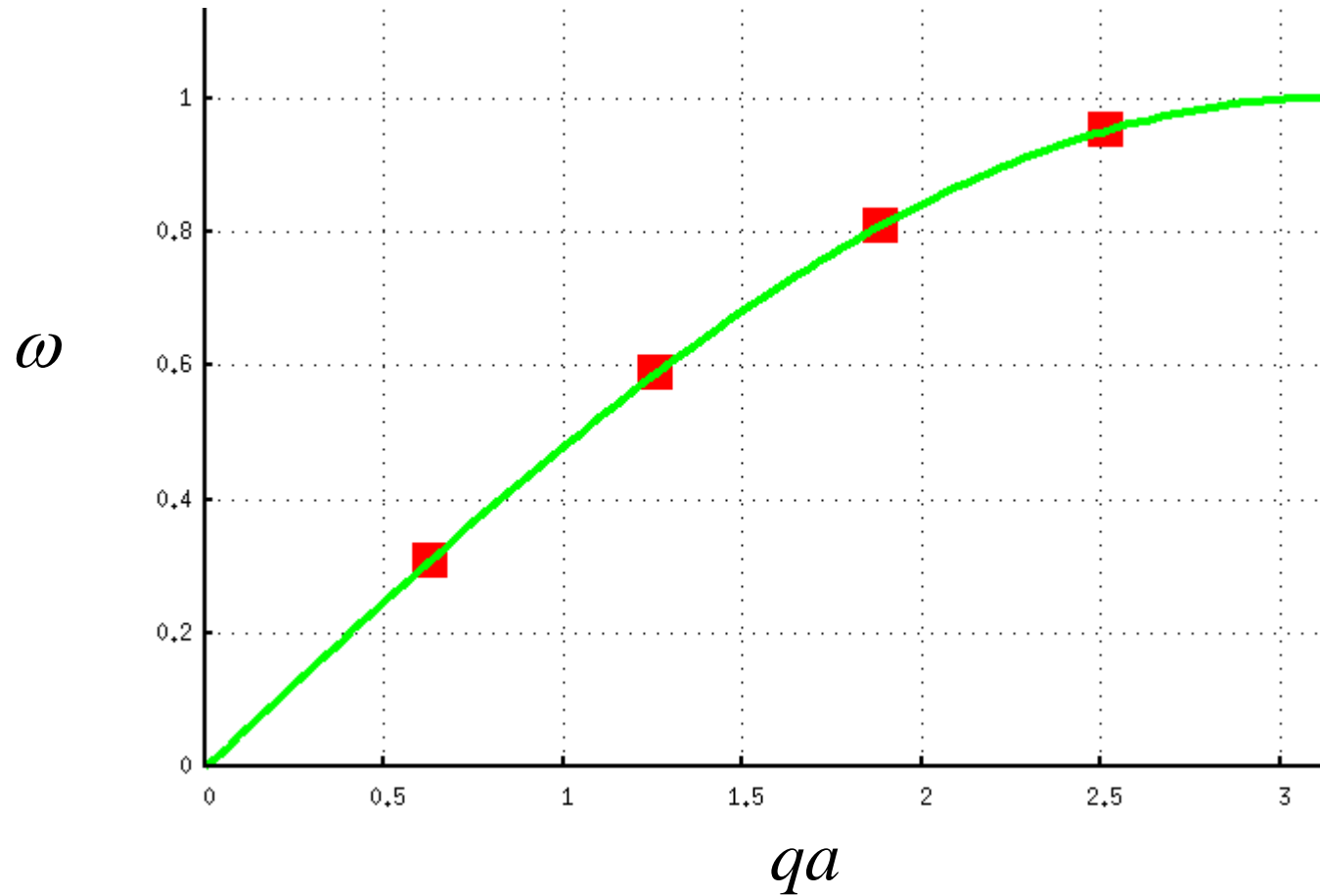
Recap -- solution for integer parameter  $\nu$

$$x_j(t) = \Re \left( 2iA e^{-i\omega_\nu t} \sin \left( \frac{\nu\pi j}{N+1} \right) \right)$$

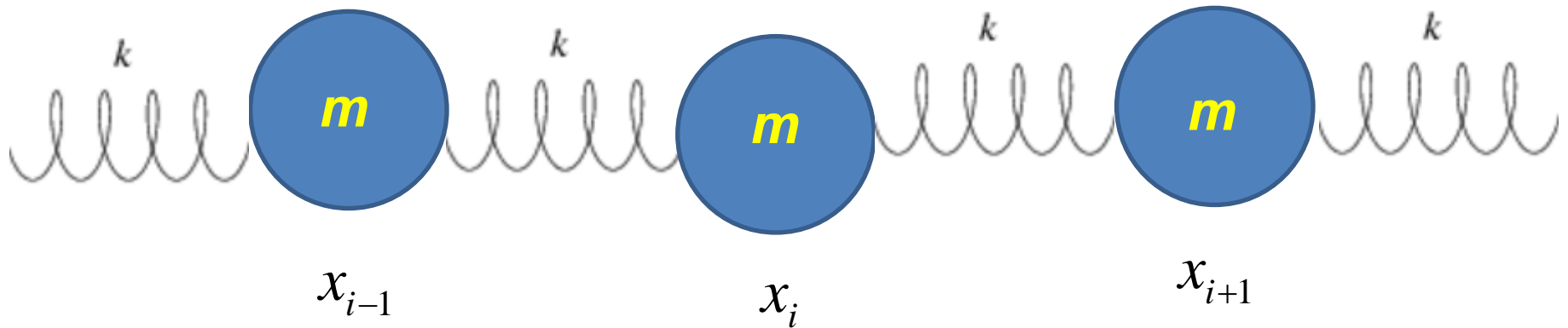
$$\omega_\nu^2 = \frac{4k}{m} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\nu\pi}{2(N+1)} \right)$$

Note that non-trivial, unique values are

$$\nu = 1, 2, \dots, N$$



Consider an infinite system of masses and springs:



Note: each mass coordinate is measured relative to its equilibrium position  $x_i^0$

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} m \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \dot{x}_i^2 - \frac{1}{2} k \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (x_{i+1} - x_i)^2$$

Note: In this case we have an infinite number of identical masses and springs.

In this case, the Euler - Lagrange equations all have the form :

$$m\ddot{x}_i = k(x_{i+1} - 2x_i + x_{i-1})$$

Again try:  $x_j(t) = Ae^{-i\omega t + iqaj}$

$$-\omega^2 Ae^{-i\omega t + iqaj} = \frac{k}{m} (e^{iqa} - 2 + e^{-iqa}) Ae^{-i\omega t + iqaj}$$

$$-\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} (2\cos(qa) - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{4k}{m} \sin^2\left(\frac{qa}{2}\right)$$

$$\omega = 2\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \sin\left(\frac{qa}{2}\right)$$