

**PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and
Mathematical Methods
9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 107**

Plan for Lecture 15:

Review Chapters 1-4,6

1. Scattering of pairs of particles
2. Physics of rotating reference frames
3. Calculus of variation
4. Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formalisms
5. Small oscillations about equilibrium

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Course schedule

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

Date	F&W	Reading	Topic	Assignment	Due
1 Mon, 8/28/2017	Chap. 1		Introduction	#1	9/6/2017
2 Wed, 8/30/2017	Chap. 1		Scattering theory	#2	9/6/2017
3 Fri, 9/01/2017	Chap. 1		Scattering theory		
4 Mon, 9/04/2017	Chap. 1		Scattering theory	#3	9/6/2017
5 Wed, 9/06/2017	Chap. 2		Physics in a non-inertial reference frame	#4	9/8/2017
6 Fri, 9/08/2017	Chap. 3		Calculus of variations	#5	9/11/2017
7 Mon, 9/11/2017	Chap. 3		Calculus of variations	#6	9/13/2017
8 Wed, 9/13/2017	Chap. 3		Lagrangian Mechanics	#7	9/15/2017
9 Fri, 9/15/2017	Chap. 3 and 6		Lagrangian mechanics and constraints	#8	9/20/2017
10 Mon, 9/18/2017	Chap. 3 and 6		Constants of the motion		
11 Wed, 9/20/2017	Chap. 3 and 6		Hamiltonian formalism	#9	9/27/2017
12 Fri, 9/22/2017	Chap. 3 and 6		Liouville equation		
13 Mon, 9/25/2017	Chap. 6		Canonical transformations		
14 Wed, 9/27/2017	Chap. 4		Motion from Small oscillations about equilibrium		
15 Fri, 9/29/2017	Chap. 1-4,6		Review		
Mon, 10/02/2017			Take-home exam -- No class		
Wed, 10/04/2017			Take-home exam -- No class		
16 Fri, 10/06/2017					



Next class on Fri. Oct. 6th

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Scattering of pairs of particles

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Scattering theory:

Figure 5.5 The scattering problem and relation of cross section to impact parameter.

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Differential cross section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{\text{Number of detected particles at } \theta \text{ per target particle}}{\text{Number of incident particles per unit area}}$$

= Area of incident beam that is scattered into detector at angle θ

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{d\phi b db}{d\phi \sin\theta d\theta} = \frac{b}{\sin\theta} \left|\frac{db}{d\theta}\right|$$

Figure from Marion & Thornton, Classical Dynamics

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Simple example – collision of hard spheres

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{b}{\sin\theta} \left|\frac{db}{d\theta}\right|$$

Microscopic view:

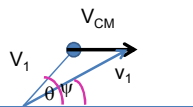
$$b(\theta) = ?$$

$$b(\theta) = D \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \frac{D^2}{4}$$

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Relationship between center of mass and laboratory frames of reference – continued (elastic scattering)



$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{V}_1 + \mathbf{V}_{CM}$$

$$v_1 \sin \psi = V_1 \sin \theta$$

$$v_1 \cos \psi = V_1 \cos \theta + V_{CM}$$

$$\tan \psi = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + V_{CM} / V_1} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + m_1 / m_2}$$

$$\text{Also: } \cos \psi = \frac{\cos \theta + m_1 / m_2}{\sqrt{1 + 2m_1 / m_2 \cos \theta + (m_1 / m_2)^2}}$$

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Differential cross sections in different reference frames

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{LAB}(\psi)}{d\Omega_{LAB}} \right) = \left(\frac{d\sigma_{CM}(\theta)}{d\Omega_{CM}} \right) \frac{d\Omega_{CM}}{d\Omega_{LAB}}$$

$$\frac{d\Omega_{CM}}{d\Omega_{LAB}} = \left| \frac{\sin \theta \, d\theta}{\sin \psi \, d\psi} \right| = \left| \frac{d \cos \theta}{d \cos \psi} \right|$$

Using :

$$\cos \psi = \frac{\cos \theta + m_1 / m_2}{\sqrt{1 + 2(m_1 / m_2) \cos \theta + (m_1 / m_2)^2}}$$

$$\left| \frac{d \cos \psi}{d \cos \theta} \right| = \frac{(m_1 / m_2) \cos \theta + 1}{(1 + 2(m_1 / m_2) \cos \theta + (m_1 / m_2)^2)^{3/2}}$$

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Differential cross sections in different reference frames – continued:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{LAB}(\psi)}{d\Omega_{LAB}} \right) = \left(\frac{d\sigma_{CM}(\theta)}{d\Omega_{CM}} \right) \left| \frac{d \cos \theta}{d \cos \psi} \right|$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{LAB}(\psi)}{d\Omega_{LAB}} \right) = \left(\frac{d\sigma_{CM}(\theta)}{d\Omega_{CM}} \right) \frac{(1 + 2m_1 / m_2 \cos \theta + (m_1 / m_2)^2)^{3/2}}{(m_1 / m_2) \cos \theta + 1}$$

For elastic scattering

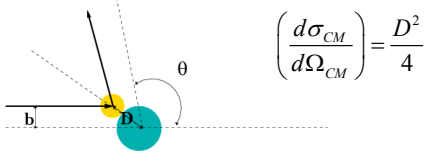
$$\text{where : } \tan \psi = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + m_1 / m_2}$$

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Example of hard spheres



$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{CM}}{d\Omega_{CM}} \right) = \frac{D^2}{4}$$

Cross section in lab frame when $m_1 = m_2$

$$\tan \psi = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta + 1} \Rightarrow \psi = \frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow \text{note that } 0 \leq \psi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

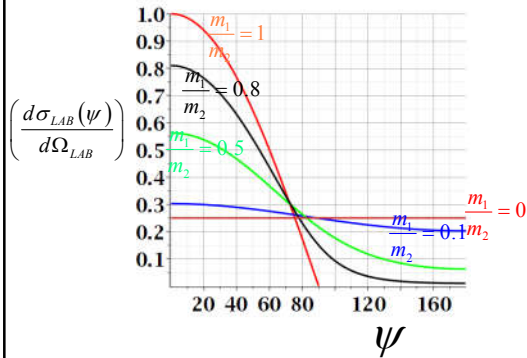
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{LAB}(\psi)}{d\Omega_{LAB}} \right) = \left(\frac{d\sigma_{CM}(2\psi)}{d\Omega_{CM}} \right) \cdot 4 \cos \psi = D^2 \cos \psi$$

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Scattering cross section for hard sphere in lab frame for various mass ratios:



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Physics in accelerated reference frames

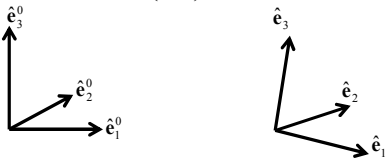
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Physical laws as described in non-inertial coordinate systems

- Newton's laws are formulated in an inertial frame of reference $\{\hat{e}_i^0\}$
- For some problems, it is convenient to transform the equations into a non-inertial coordinate system $\{\hat{e}_i(t)\}$



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Comparison of analysis in "inertial frame" versus "non-inertial frame"

Denote by \hat{e}_i^0 a fixed coordinate system
Denote by \hat{e}_i a moving coordinate system

$$\mathbf{V} = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i^0 \hat{e}_i^0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \hat{e}_i$$

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i^0}{dt} \hat{e}_i^0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i}{dt} \hat{e}_i + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

Define: $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i}{dt} \hat{e}_i$

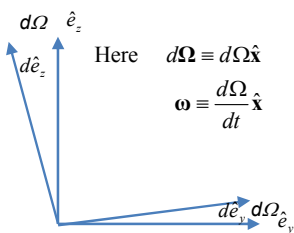
$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

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Properties of the frame motion (rotation only):



Here $d\Omega \equiv d\Omega \hat{x}$
 $\omega \equiv \frac{d\Omega}{dt} \hat{x}$

$$d\hat{e}_y = d\Omega \hat{e}_z$$

$$d\hat{e}_z = -d\Omega \hat{e}_y$$

$$\Rightarrow d\hat{e} = d\Omega \times \hat{e}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}}{dt} = \frac{d\Omega}{dt} \times \hat{e}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}}{dt} = \omega \times \hat{e}$$

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Properties of the frame motion (rotation only) -- continued

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V}$$

Effects on acceleration (rotation only):

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times\right) \left\{ \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V} \right\}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{V}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{V}}{dt^2}\right)_{body} + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{V} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V}$$

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Application of Newton's laws in a coordinate system which has an angular velocity $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ and linear acceleration $\left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{a}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial}$

Newton's laws; Let \mathbf{r} denote the position of particle of mass m :

$$m \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} = \mathbf{F}_{ext}$$

$$m \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2}\right)_{body} = \mathbf{F}_{ext} - m \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{a}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} - 2m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right)_{body} - m \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{r} - m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

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 Coriolis force Centrifugal force

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Motion on the surface of the Earth:

$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\tau} \approx 7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad/s}$
 $\mathbf{F}_{ext} = -\frac{GM_{\oplus}m}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}'$
 Earth's gravity Support force

Main contributions:

$$m \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{r}}{dt^2}\right)_{earth} = -\frac{GM_{\oplus}m}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}' - 2m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right)_{earth} - m \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{r} - m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

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Approximate motion of Foucault pendulum

$$\omega_{\perp} \equiv \omega_0 \cos \theta$$

$$x(t) = X_0 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}t\right) \cos(\omega_{\perp}t)$$

$$y(t) = -X_0 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}t\right) \sin(\omega_{\perp}t)$$

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Calculus of variation

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Functional minimization

Consider a family of functions $y(x)$, with the end points $y(x_i) = y_i$ and $y(x_f) = y_f$ and a function $L\left(\left\{y(x), \frac{dy}{dx}\right\}, x\right)$.

Find the function $y(x)$ which extremizes $L\left(\left\{y(x), \frac{dy}{dx}\right\}, x\right)$.

Necessary condition: $\delta L = 0$

Example:

$$L = \int_{(0,0)}^{(1,1)} \sqrt{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2} \, y$$

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After some derivations, we find

$$\delta L = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)_{x, \frac{dy}{dx}} \delta y + \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial (dy/dx)} \right)_{x,y} \delta \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right] \right] dx$$

$$= \int_{x_i}^{x_f} \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)_{x, \frac{dy}{dx}} - \frac{d}{dx} \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial (dy/dx)} \right)_{x,y} \right] \right] \delta y dx = 0 \quad \text{for all } x_i \leq x \leq x_f$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)_{x, \frac{dy}{dx}} - \frac{d}{dx} \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial (dy/dx)} \right)_{x,y} \right] = 0 \quad \text{for all } x_i \leq x \leq x_f$$

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Hamilton's principle; application of calculus of variation to mechanical trajectories --

Now consider the Lagrangian defined to be:

$$L \left(\left\{ y(t), \frac{dy}{dt} \right\}, t \right) \equiv T - U$$

Kinetic energy
Potential energy

Hamilton's principle states:

$$S \equiv \int_{t_i}^{t_f} L \left(\left\{ y(t), \frac{dy}{dt} \right\}, t \right) dt \quad \text{is minimized for physical } y(t)$$

Euler-Lagrange equations: $\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} = 0$

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Lagrangian picture

For independent generalized coordinates $q_\sigma(t)$:

$$L = L(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma(t)\}, t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = 0$$

⇒ Second order differential equations for $q_\sigma(t)$

Switching variables – Legendre transformation

Define: $H = H(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{p_\sigma(t)\}, t)$

$$H = \sum_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma - L \quad \text{where } p_\sigma = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$$

$$dH = \sum_\sigma \left(\dot{q}_\sigma dp_\sigma + p_\sigma d\dot{q}_\sigma - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} dq_\sigma - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} d\dot{q}_\sigma \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} dt$$

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Hamiltonian picture – continued

$$H = H(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{p_\sigma(t)\}, t)$$

$$H = \sum_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma - L \quad \text{where } p_\sigma = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$$

$$dH = \sum_\sigma \left(\dot{q}_\sigma dp_\sigma + p_\sigma d\dot{q}_\sigma - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} dq_\sigma - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} d\dot{q}_\sigma \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} dt$$

$$= \sum_\sigma \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\sigma} dq_\sigma + \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\sigma} dp_\sigma \right) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{q}_\sigma = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\sigma} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\sigma} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma} \equiv \dot{p}_\sigma = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\sigma} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$$

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Hamilton's principle continued:
Minimization integral:

$$S = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left(\sum_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma - H(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{p_\sigma(t)\}, t) \right) dt$$

$$\delta S = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left(\sum_\sigma \left(\dot{q}_\sigma \delta p_\sigma + \delta \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma - \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\sigma} \delta q_\sigma - \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\sigma} \delta p_\sigma \right) \right) dt = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{q}_\sigma = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\sigma} \quad \text{Canonical equations}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{p}_\sigma = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\sigma}$$

Detail:

$$\int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left(\sum_\sigma (\delta \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma) \right) dt = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left(\sum_\sigma \left(\frac{d(\delta q_\sigma p_\sigma)}{dt} - \delta \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma \right) \right) dt = \sum_\sigma \delta q_\sigma p_\sigma \Big|_{t_i}^{t_f} - \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left(\sum_\sigma (\delta \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma) \right) dt$$

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Recipe for constructing the Hamiltonian and analyzing the equations of motion

1. Construct Lagrangian function : $L = L(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{\dot{q}_\sigma(t)\}, t)$
2. Compute generalized momenta : $p_\sigma \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\sigma}$
3. Construct Hamiltonian expression : $H = \sum_\sigma \dot{q}_\sigma p_\sigma - L$
4. Form Hamiltonian function : $H = H(\{q_\sigma(t)\}, \{p_\sigma(t)\}, t)$
5. Analyze canonical equations of motion :

$$\frac{dq_\sigma}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_\sigma} \quad \frac{dp_\sigma}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_\sigma}$$

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Lorentz forces:

For particle of charge q in an electric field $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$ and magnetic field $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t)$:

Lorentz force: $\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$

x -component: $F_x = q(E_x + \frac{1}{c} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})_x)$

In this case, it is convenient to use cartesian coordinates

$$L = L(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, t) \equiv T - U$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$$

$$x\text{-component: } \left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Apparently: } F_x = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial U}{\partial \dot{x}}$$

$$\text{Answer: } U = q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{q}{c} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} \quad \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

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Lorentz forces, continued:

Summary of results (using cartesian coordinates)

$$L = L(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, t) \equiv T - U$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) \quad U = q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{q}{c} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} \quad \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) + \frac{q}{c} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

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Hamiltonian formulation in presence of vector potential

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t) + \frac{q}{c} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$p_x = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = m\dot{x} + \frac{q}{c} A_x(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

In step #4, find:

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left(\mathbf{p} - \frac{q}{c} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}, t) \right)^2 + q\Phi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

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Physics of small oscillations about equilibrium;
normal modes of coupled oscillators

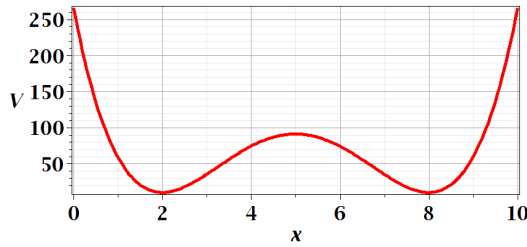
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Motivation for studying small oscillations – many interacting systems have stable and meta-stable configurations which are well approximated by:

$$V(x) \approx V(x_{eq}) + \frac{1}{2}(x - x_{eq})^2 \left. \frac{d^2V}{dx^2} \right|_{x_{eq}} = V(x_{eq}) + \frac{1}{2}k(x - x_{eq})^2$$

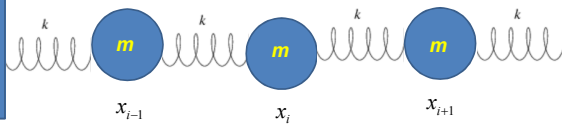


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Consider an extended system of masses and springs:



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.

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

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

From Euler - Lagrange equations :

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

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

.....

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

.....

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

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

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

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

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

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From Euler-Lagrange equations -- continued:

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

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

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

General solution:

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

Impose boundary conditions:

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

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

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Impose boundary conditions -- continued:

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

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

$$\Rightarrow B = -A$$

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

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

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

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

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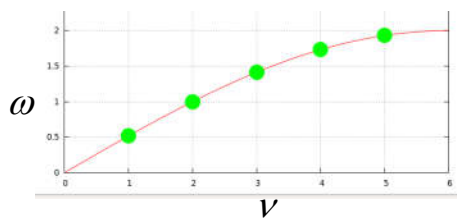
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Summary of results:

$$\Rightarrow \omega_\nu^2 = \frac{4k}{m} \sin^2\left(\frac{\nu\pi}{2(N+1)}\right) \quad x_n = \Re\left(2iA \sin\left(\frac{\nu\pi n}{N+1}\right)\right)$$

$$\nu = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

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



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