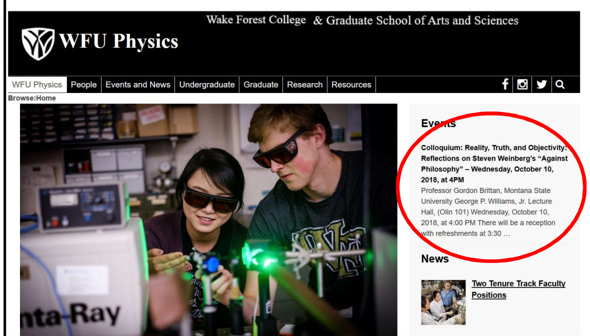
PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and Mathematical Methods
10-10:50 AM MWF Olin 103

Plan for Lecture 17:

Start reading Chapter 7

1. Comments on linear vs. non-linear equations
2. Masses coupled by springs ←→masses coupled by string
3. Mechanics one-dimensional continuous system
4. The wave equation



	Date	F&W Reading	Topic	Assignment	Due
1	Mon, 8/27/2018	Chap. 1	Introduction	#1	9/7/2018
	Wed, 8/29/2018	No class			
2	Fri, 8/31/2018	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	#2	9/7/2018
3	Mon, 9/03/2018	Chap. 1	Scattering theory		
4	Wed, 9/05/2018	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	#3	9/10/2018
5	Fri, 9/07/2018	Chap. 2	Non-inertial coordinate systems	#4	9/12/2018
6	Mon, 9/10/2018	Chap. 3	Calculus of Variation	#5	9/12/2018
7	Wed, 9/12/2018	Chap. 3	Calculus of Variation	#6	9/17/2018
	Fri, 9/14/2018	No class	University closed due to weather.		
8	Mon, 9/17/2018	Chap. 3	Lagrangian Mechanics	#7	9/19/2018
9	Wed, 9/19/2018	Chap. 3 and 6	Lagrangian Mechanics and constraints	#8	9/24/2018
10	Fri, 9/21/2018	Chap. 3 and 6	Constants of the motion		
11	Mon, 9/24/2018	Chap. 3 and 6	Hamiltonian formalism	#9	9/28/2018
12	Wed, 9/26/2018	Chap. 3 and 6	Liouville theorem	#10	10/3/2018
13	Fri, 9/28/2018	Chap. 3 and 6	Canonical transformations		
14	Mon, 10/1/2018	Chap. 4	Small oscillations about equilibrium	#11	10/5/2018
15	Wed, 10/3/2018	Chap. 4	Normal modes of vibration		
16	Fri, 10/5/2018	Chap. 1-4, 6	Review		
17	Mon, 10/8/2018	Chap. 7	Strings		
18	Wed, 10/10/2018	Chap. 7	Wave equation		
	Fri, 10/12/2018	No class	Fall break		
19	Mon, 10/15/2018	Chap. 7	Wave equation		

Linear oscillator equations (example from one dimension)

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \equiv \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$$

$$L(x,\dot{x}) = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$$

Euler-Lagrange equations: $\ddot{x} = -\omega^2 x$

Superposition property of linear equations: --

Suppose that the functions $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ are solutions

$\Rightarrow Ax_1(t) + Bx_2(t)$ are also solutions (all A, B)

Non - linear oscillator equations (example from one dimension)

$$V(x) \approx V(x_{eq}) + \frac{1}{2}(x - x_{eq})^2 \left.\frac{d^2V}{dx^2}\right|_{x_{eq}} + \frac{1}{4!}(x - x_{eq})^4 \left.\frac{d^4V}{dx^4}\right|_{x_{eq}} + \cdots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon x^4\right)$$

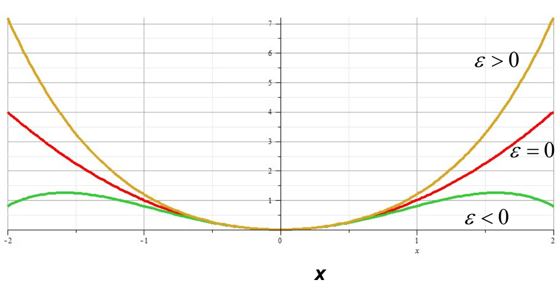
$$L(x,\dot{x}) = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon x^4\right)$$

Euler - Lagrange equations :

$$\ddot{x} = -\omega^2(x + \varepsilon x^3)$$

Superposition - - no longer applies

$$V(x) \approx \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2(x^2 + \varepsilon x^4)$$



Non - linear example - - continued

$$L(x,\dot{x}) = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon x^4\right)$$

Euler - Lagrange equations :

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2\left(x + \varepsilon x^3\right) = 0$$

Perturbation expansion :

$$x(t) = x_0(t) + \varepsilon x_1(t) + \ldots$$

Euler - Lagrange equations :

zero order : $\ddot{x}_0 + \omega^2 x_0 = 0$

first order : $\ddot{x}_1 + \omega^2 x_1 + \omega^2 x_0^3 = 0$

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Non - linear example - - continued

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2\left(x + \varepsilon x^3\right) = 0$$

Initial conditions : $x(0) = X_0 \qquad \dot{x}(0) = 0$

Perturbation expansion :

$$x(t) = x_0(t) + \varepsilon x_1(t) + \ldots$$

Euler - Lagrange equations :

zero order : $\ddot{x}_0 + \omega^2 x_0 = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow x_0(t) = X_0 \cos(\omega t)$

first order : $\ddot{x}_1 + \omega^2 x_1 + \omega^2 x_0^3 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x}_1(t) + \omega^2 x_1(t) = -X_0^3 \cos^3(\omega t) = -\frac{X_0^3}{4}\left(3\cos(\omega t) + \cos(3\omega t)\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(t) = -\frac{X_0^3}{8\omega^2}\left\{3\omega t \sin(\omega t) + \frac{1}{4}\left[\cos(\omega t) - \cos(3\omega t)\right]\right\}$$

$$x(t) = X_0 \cos(\omega t) - \varepsilon\frac{X_0^3}{8\omega^2}\left\{3\omega t \sin(\omega t) + \frac{1}{4}\left[\cos(\omega t) - \cos(3\omega t)\right]\right\} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

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Non - linear example - - continued

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2\left(x + \varepsilon x^3\right) = 0$$

Initial conditions : $x(0) = X_0 \qquad \dot{x}(0) = 0$

Perturbation expansion :

$$x(t) = x_0(t) + \varepsilon x_1(t) + \ldots$$

Previous result (blows up at large t):

$$x(t) = X_0 \cos(\omega t) - \varepsilon\frac{X_0^3}{8\omega^2}\left\{3\omega t \sin(\omega t) + \frac{1}{4}\left[\cos(\omega t) - \cos(3\omega t)\right]\right\} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

By rearranging terms (allowing effective frequency to vary):

$$x(t) = X_0 \cos\left(\omega\left(1 + \varepsilon\frac{3X_0^2}{8\omega}\right)t\right) - \varepsilon\frac{X_0^3}{32\omega^2}\left\{\cos(\omega t) - \cos(3\omega t)\right\} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

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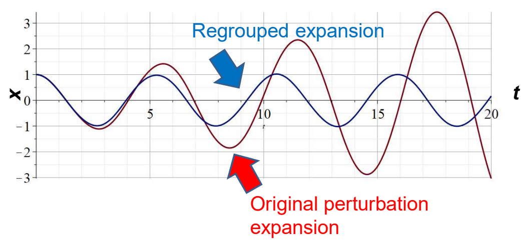
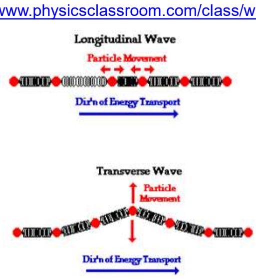
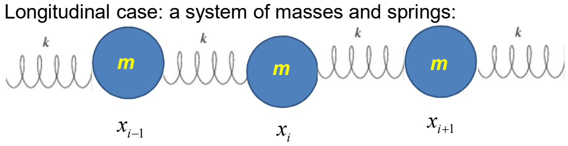
For $\omega = 1, \quad X_0 = 1, \quad \epsilon = 0.5$



Returning to linear case; continuum limit --
Longitudinal versus transverse vibrations
Images from web page:
http://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/waves/u10l1c.cfm



Longitudinal case: a system of masses and springs:



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

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

Now imagine the continuum version of this system :

$$x_i(t) \Rightarrow \mu(x_i, t) \qquad \ddot{x}_i \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2}$$

$$x_{i+1} - 2x_i + x_{i-1} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2} (\Delta x)^2$$

Discrete equation : $m\ddot{x}_i = k\left(x_{i+1} - 2x_i + x_{i-1}\right)$

Continuum equation : $m\dfrac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} = k\left(\Delta x\right)^2 \dfrac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2}$

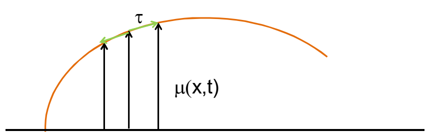
$$\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} = \left(\frac{k\Delta x}{m/\Delta x}\right)\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2}$$

system parameter with units of (velocity)^2

For transverse oscillations on a string with tension τ and mass/length σ :

$$\left(\frac{k\Delta x}{m/\Delta x}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\tau}{\sigma}$$

Transverse displacement:



Wave equation :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2}$$

Lagrangian for continuous system :

Denote the generalized displacement by $\mu(x,t)$:

$$L = L\left(\mu, \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t}; x, t\right)$$

Hamilton's principle :

$$\delta \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \int_{x_i}^{x_f} dx\, L\left(\mu, \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t}; x, t\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\frac{\partial L}{\partial\left(\partial \mu/\partial x\right)} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\frac{\partial L}{\partial\left(\partial \mu/\partial t\right)} = 0$$

Euler - Lagrange equations for continuous system :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mu} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial \mu / \partial x)} - \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\frac{\partial L}{\partial(\partial \mu / \partial t)} = 0$$

Example :

$$L = \frac{\sigma}{2}\left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t}\right)^2 - \frac{\tau}{2}\left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} - \tau \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad c^2 = \frac{\tau}{\sigma}$$

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General solutions $\mu(x,t)$ to the wave equation :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

Note that for any function $f(q)$ or $g(q)$:

$$\mu(x,t) = f(x - ct) + g(x + ct)$$

satisfies the wave equation.

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Initial value solutions $\mu(x,t)$ to the wave equation;
attributed to D'Alembert :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2} = 0 \qquad \text{where } \mu(x,0) = \phi(x) \text{ and } \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t}(x,0) = \psi(x)$$

Assume :

$$\mu(x,t) = f(x - ct) + g(x + ct)$$

then : $\mu(x,0) = \phi(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t}(x,0) = \psi(x) = -c\left(\frac{df(x)}{dx} - \frac{dg(x)}{dx}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - g(x) = -\frac{1}{c}\int^{x} \psi(x')dx'$$

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Solution -- continued: $\mu(x,t) = f(x-ct) + g(x+ct)$

then: $\mu(x,0) = \phi(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

$$\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t}(x,0) = \psi(x) = -c\left(\frac{df(x)}{dx} - \frac{dg(x)}{dx}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - g(x) = -\frac{1}{c}\int^{x} \psi(x')dx'$$

For each x, find $f(x)$ and $g(x)$:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\phi(x) - \frac{1}{c}\int^{x} \psi(x')dx'\right)$$

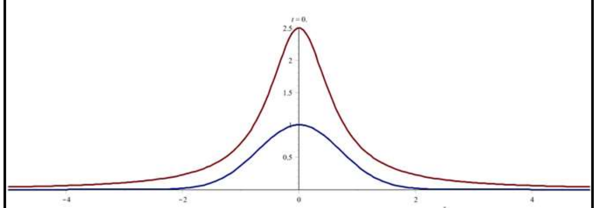
$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\phi(x) + \frac{1}{c}\int^{x} \psi(x')dx'\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x,t) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\phi(x-ct) + \phi(x+ct)\right) + \frac{1}{2c}\int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(x')dx'$$

Example:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{where } \mu(x,0) = e^{-x^2/\sigma^2} \text{ and } \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t}(x,0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(\mathrm{x,t}) = \frac{1}{2}\left(e^{-(x+ct)^2/\sigma^2} + e^{-(x-ct)^2/\sigma^2}\right)$$



Example:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \mu}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{where } \mu(x,0) = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t}(x,0) = -\frac{2x}{\sigma^2} e^{-x^2/\sigma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(x,t) = \frac{1}{2c}\left(e^{-(x+ct)^2/\sigma^2} - e^{-(x-ct)^2/\sigma^2}\right)$$

Note that $\dfrac{\partial \mu(x,t)}{\partial t} = -\dfrac{1}{\sigma^2}\left((x+ct)e^{-(x+ct)^2/\sigma^2} + (x-ct)e^{-(x-ct)^2/\sigma^2}\right)$