

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

## **Plan for Lecture 20:**

## **Read Chapter 7 & Appendices A-D**

**Generalization of the one dimensional wave equation → various mathematical problems and techniques including:**

1. Orthogonal function expansions
  2. Fourier series
  3. Fourier transforms
  4. Fast Fourier transforms

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## Colloquium: "The Mechanical and Structural Properties of Fibrin Fibers" – Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 4PM

Posted on [October 11, 2018](#)

Professor Martin Guthold, Department of Physics, Wake Forest University  
George P. Williams, Jr. Lecture Hall, (Olin 101)  
Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 4:00 PM

There will be a reception with refreshments at 3:30 PM in the lounge. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

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**Events**

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Colloquium: "Science and Technology Drivers in Batteries for Renewables Energy & Mobility Applications" – Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 4PM  
Dr. Ilan Ben-Horai, Distinguished Scientist and Group Leader at Oak Ridge National

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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, 9/3/2018	Chap. 1	Scattering theory	
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9 Wed, 9/19/2018	Chap. 3 and 4	Lagrangian Mechanics and constraints	#8 9/24/2018
10 Fri, 9/21/2018	Chap. 3 and 4	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. 4, 1-6	Review	
17 Mon, 10/8/2018	Chap. 7	Strings	
18 Wed, 10/10/2018	Chap. 7	Wave equation	
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## Eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of Sturm-Liouville equations

$$\left( -\frac{d}{dx} \tau(x) \frac{d}{dx} + v(x) \right) f_n(x) = \lambda_n \sigma(x) f_n(x)$$

Properties:

Eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  are real

Eigenfunctions are orthogonal:  $\int_a^b \sigma(x) f_n(x) f_m(x) dx = \delta_{nm} N_n$ ,  
 where  $N_n = \int_a^b \sigma(x) (f_n(x))^2 dx$ .

Special case:  $\tau(x) = 1 = \sigma(x)$   $v(x) = 0$ 

$$-\frac{d^2}{dx^2} f_n(x) = \lambda_n f_n(x) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq a, \quad \text{with } f_n(0) = f_n(a) = 0$$

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$$f_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) \quad \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{a}\right)^2$$

Fourier series representation of function  $h(x)$  in the interval  $0 \leq x \leq a$ :

$$h(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

$$A_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \int_0^a dx' h(x') \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x'}{a}\right)$$

\*Note that if  $h(x)$  does not vanish at  $x = 0$  and  $x = a$ , the more general

$$\text{expression applies: } h(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{a}\right)$$

(with some restrictions).

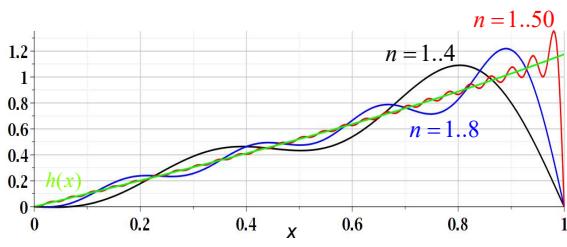
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## Example

$$h(x) = \sinh(x) \approx 2\pi \sinh(1) \left( \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi^2 + 1} - \frac{2\sin(2\pi x)}{4\pi^2 + 1} + \dots - (-1)^n n \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n^2 \pi^2 + 1} + \dots \right)$$



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**Example**

$$h(x) = (1-x)\sinh(x) \approx 4\pi \left( \frac{\sin(\pi x)(1+\sinh(1))}{(\pi^2+1)^2} + \frac{2\sin(2\pi x)(1-\sinh(1))}{(4\pi^2+1)^2} + \dots + n \frac{\sin(n\pi x)(1-(-1)^n \sinh(1))}{(n^2\pi^2+1)^2} + \dots \right)$$

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Can show that the series converges provided that  $h(x)$  is **piecewise continuous**.

**Generalization to infinite range**  
**Examples in time domain --**

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Fourier transforms

A useful identity

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i(\omega - \omega_0)t} = 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0)$$

Note that

$$\int_{-T}^{T} dt e^{-i(\omega - \omega_0)t} = \frac{2\sin[(\omega - \omega_0)T]}{\omega - \omega_0} \underset{T \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0)$$

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Definition of Fourier Transform for a function  $f(t)$ :

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega F(\omega) e^{-i\omega t}$$

Backward transform:

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt f(t) e^{i\omega t}$$

**Check :**

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' f(t') e^{i\omega t} \right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' f(t') \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{i\omega(t'-t)} \right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' f(t') \delta(t'-t)$$

Note: The location of the  $2\pi$  factor varies among texts.

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Properties of Fourier transforms -- Parseval's theorem:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \left( f(t) \right)^* f(t) = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \left( F(\omega) \right)^* F(\omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Check: } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt (f(t))^* f(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} \right)^* \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' F(\omega') e^{i\omega' t} \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega F^*(\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' F(\omega') \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i(\omega' - \omega)t} \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega F^*(\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' F(\omega') 2\pi \delta(\omega' - \omega) \\
&= 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega F^*(\omega) F(\omega)
\end{aligned}$$

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## Use of Fourier transforms to solve wave equation

$$\text{Wave equation : } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

Suppose  $u(x,t) = e^{-i\omega t} \tilde{F}(x,\omega)$  where  $\tilde{F}(x,\omega)$  satisfies the equation :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{F}(x, \omega)}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \tilde{F}(x, \omega) \equiv -k^2 \tilde{F}(x, \omega)$$

Further assume that fixed boundary conditions apply:  $0 \leq x \leq L$

with  $\tilde{F}(0, \omega) = 0$  and  $\tilde{F}(L, \omega) = 0$

For  $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

$$\tilde{F}_n(x, \omega) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad k \rightarrow k_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} \equiv \frac{\omega_n}{c}$$

$$u(x,t) = e^{-i\omega_n t} \sin(k_n x) = e^{-i\omega_n t} \frac{(e^{ik_n x} - e^{-ik_n x})}{2i} = \frac{(e^{ik_n(x-ct)} - e^{-ik_n(x+ct)})}{2i}$$

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## Use of Fourier transforms to solve wave equation -- continued

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

Using superposition: Suppose  $u(x,t) = \sum_n C_n e^{-i\omega_n t} \tilde{F}_n(x, \omega_n)$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{F}_n(x, \omega_n)}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\omega_n^2}{c^2} \tilde{F}(x, \omega_n) \equiv -k_n^2 \tilde{F}(x, \omega_n)$$

$$\text{For } \tilde{F}_n(x, \omega) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad k \rightarrow k_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} \equiv \frac{\omega_n}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = \sum_n C_n e^{-i\omega_n t} \sin(k_n x) = \sum_n \frac{C_n}{2i} e^{-i\omega_n t} (e^{ik_n x} - e^{-ik_n x})$$

$$= \sum_n \frac{C_n}{2i} (e^{ik_n(x-ct)} - e^{-ik_n(x+ct)}) \equiv f(x-ct) + g(x+ct)$$

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Fourier transform for a time periodic function:

Suppose  $f(t + nT) = f(t)$  for any integer  $n$

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt f(t) e^{i\omega t} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt f(t) e^{i\omega(t+nT)} \right)$$

Note that:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\omega T} = \Omega \sum_{v=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - v\Omega), \quad \text{where } \Omega \equiv \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

#### Details:

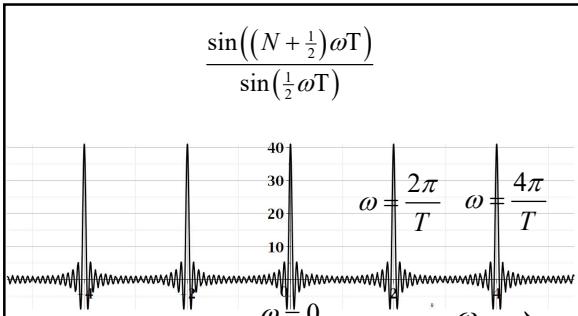
$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\omega T} = {}_N \varliminf_{\infty} \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{in\omega T} = {}_N \varliminf_{\infty} \frac{\sin((N + \frac{1}{2})\omega T)}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\omega T)}$$

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{in\omega T} = \Omega \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - n\Omega), \quad \text{where } \Omega \equiv \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Note that:

$$\infty \qquad \qquad \infty \qquad \qquad 2\pi$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\omega T} = \Omega \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \nu\Omega), \quad \text{where } \Omega \equiv \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

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Some details :

$$\sum_{n=-M}^M e^{in\omega T} = \frac{\sin((M + \frac{1}{2})\omega T)}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\omega T)}$$

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sin((M + \frac{1}{2})\omega T)}{\sin(\frac{1}{2}\omega T)} \right) = 2\pi \sum_v \delta(\omega T - v\Omega T) = \frac{2\pi}{T} \sum_v \delta(\omega - v\Omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\omega T} = \Omega \sum_{v=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - v\Omega), \quad \text{where } \Omega \equiv \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\Rightarrow F(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt f(t) e^{i\omega t} = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} \Omega \delta(\omega - \nu\Omega) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt f(t) e^{i\omega t} \right)$$

Thus, for a time periodic function

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{v=-\infty}^{\infty} F(v\Omega) e^{-iv\Omega t}$$

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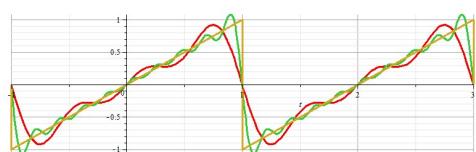
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Suppose:  $f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t-nT}{T} & \text{for } (n-1)T \leq t \leq (n+1)T; \quad n = 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Note, in this case the repeat period is  $2T$  and the convenient sample time interval is  $-T \leq t \leq T$ .

$$\bar{F}(v\Omega) = \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T \frac{t}{T} \sin\left(\frac{v2\pi t}{2T}\right) dt \quad f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2|\bar{F}(v\Omega)| \sin\left(\frac{v2\pi nt}{2T}\right)$$



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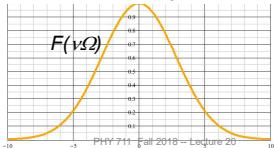
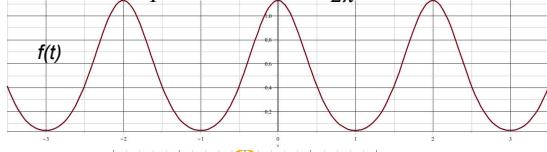
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### Example:

$$\text{Suppose: } f(t) = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(t+nT)^2/a^2} = \sum_{v=-\infty}^{\infty} F(v\Omega)e^{-iv\Omega t}$$

where  $\Omega \equiv \frac{2\pi}{T}$  and  $F(v\Omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-a^2 v^2 \Omega^2 / 4}$



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Continued:  $f(t) = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(t+nT)^2/a^2} = \sum_{v=-\infty}^{\infty} F(v\Omega)e^{-iv\Omega t}$

$\Omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$       Note:  
 $f(t) \approx \sum_{v=-M}^M F(v\Omega)e^{-iv\Omega t}$

$v = -M$        $v = M$

For  $t = \frac{m}{2M+1}T : \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{mT}{2M+1}\right) = \sum_{v=-M}^M F(v\Omega)e^{-i2\pi v m / (2M+1)}$

Thus, for a periodic function

$$f(t) = \sum_{v=-\infty}^{\infty} F(v\Omega) e^{-iv\Omega t}$$

Now suppose that the transformed function is bounded;

$$|F(v\Omega)| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for } |v| \geq N$$

Define a periodic transform function function

$$\tilde{F}(\nu\Omega) \equiv \tilde{F}(\nu\Omega + \nu'((2N+1)\Omega))$$

Effect on time domain:

$$f(t) = \sum_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(\nu\Omega) e^{-i\nu\Omega t} = \frac{2\pi}{(2N+1)\Omega} \sum_{\nu=-N}^N \tilde{F}(\nu\Omega) e^{-i\nu\Omega t} \sum_{\mu} \delta\left(t - \frac{\mu T}{2N+1}\right)$$

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## Doubly periodic functions

$$t \rightarrow \frac{\mu T}{2N+1}$$

$$\tilde{f}_\mu = \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{\nu=-N}^N \widetilde{F}_\nu e^{-i2\pi\nu\mu/(2N+1)}$$

$$\widetilde{F}_v = \sum_{\mu=-N}^N \widetilde{f}_\mu e^{i2\pi v\mu/(2N+1)}$$

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