

Energy bands

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“Talk is cheap. Show me the code.” – Linus Torvalds

In this note, I only present the necessary code corresponding to two files (they basically give the same content): `README.md` and `energy_bands_interpretation.pdf`. In python code, I’m going to use different `classes` to go through all we focus on, which is a typical characteristic for this powerful coding language.

We are going to three aspects here: hydrogen atom, silicon and graphene.

1 Import libraries

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[1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.animation import FuncAnimation, PillowWriter
import numpy as np

plt.rcParams["font.family"] = "Helvetica"
%matplotlib inline
%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'
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2 Energy levels of a hydrogen atom

In python programming, you can write *classes* representing objects in the real world. For example, you can write a *class* `HydrogenAtom`, and then create an instance of it to represent a specific hydrogen atom. And you can write a *method* `plot_energy_levels` in `HydrogenAtom` to plot the energy levels of the hydrogen atom.

```
[2]: class HydrogenAtom(object):
    """Class of hydrogen atom.
    """

    def __init__(self,
                  m: float = 9.10939e-31,
                  hbar: float = 1.0545718e-34,
                  e: float = 1.60218e-19,
                  epsilon0: float = 8.85419e-12):
        """Initialize the class with some attributes and fundamental constants.

        Args:
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        m (float, optional): mass of electron.
        hbar (float, optional): Planck's constant.
        e (float, optional): charge of electron.
        epsilon0 (float, optional): permittivity of space.
    """
    self.m = m
    self.hbar = hbar
    self.e = e
    self.epsilon0 = epsilon0

def plot_energy_levels(self,
                       N: int = 5):
    """Plot energy levels of a hydrogen atom.

    Args:
        N (int, optional): number of energy levels to plot.
    """

    x = [1]
    n = np.arange(1, N+1, 1)
    energy = (-self.m * self.e**3 / (2 * self.hbar **
                                     2 * 16*np.pi**2 * self.epsilon0**2 * n**2))

    # Plot the energy levels.
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(2.5, 3))
    ax.eventplot(energy, orientation='vertical',
                 lineoffsets=x, linelength=1, linewidths=0.5)
    ax.eventplot([0], orientation='vertical', lineoffsets=x,
                 linelength=1, linewidths=1, linestyle='--', colors='k')

    # axis set
    ax.set_ylabel('Energy, $E_n$ (eV)')
    ax.set(xlim=(x[0]-0.5, x[0]+0.5))
    ax.spines['right'].set_color('none')
    ax.spines['top'].set_color('none')
    ax.spines['bottom'].set_color('none')
    ax.spines['left'].set_position(('data', 0.5))
    ax.axes.xaxis.set_ticklabels([])
    ax.axes.xaxis.set_ticks([])

    fig.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

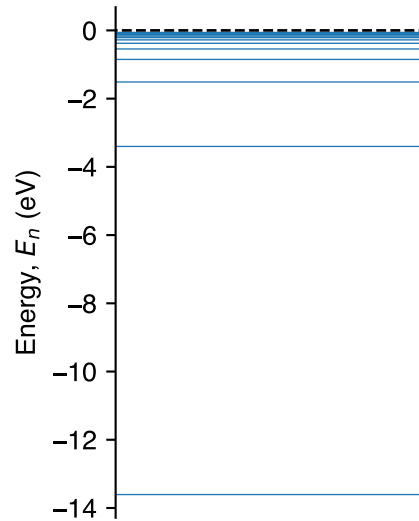
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Then we create an instance `hatom` and call a method `plot_energy_levels` of `hatom` to show the energy levels of such a hydrogen atom. And if you want to see more levels, just change the value of N . Here we choose $N = 10$.

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[3]: hatom = HydrogenAtom()
     hatom.plot_energy_levels(N=15)

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3 Interpretations of periodic potential

3.1 Nyquist–Shannon sampling theorem

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[4]: class NyShSampling(object):
    """Class of Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem.
    """

    def __init__(self,
                  freq: float = 5,
                  amplitude: float = 1,
                  plot_rate: float = 2000):
        """Initialize the class with some attributes.

        Args:
            freq (float, optional): frequency of the signal.
            amp (float, optional): amplitude of the signal.
            plot_rate (float, optional): plotting rate.
        """

        self.freq = freq
        self.amplitude = amplitude
        self.plot_rate = plot_rate

    def plot_signal_and_fft(self,
                           multiplier: float = 1):
        """Plot the signal and its FFT.

        Args:
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        multiplier (float): fs_rate/freq.
    """
    t_step = 1/self.plot_rate
    t_plot = np.arange(0, 1, t_step)
    y_signal = self.amplitude*np.sin(2*np.pi*self.freq*t_plot)

    # Sampling signal
    fs_rate = multiplier*self.freq # Hz
    t_interval = 1/fs_rate

    if multiplier <= 2:
        first_point = 1/(4*self.freq)
        t_sample = np.arange(first_point, 1, t_interval)
    else:
        t_sample = np.arange(0, 1, t_interval)
    y_sample = self.amplitude*np.sin(2*np.pi*self.freq*t_sample)

    # FFT with numpy
    y_fft = np.fft.fft(y_sample)
    N = len(y_fft)
    n = np.arange(N)
    T = N/fs_rate
    freq_fft = n/T

    # Plotting
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 2))
    ax[0].plot(t_plot, y_signal, color='k', label=f'f = {self.freq} Hz')
    ax[0].plot(t_sample, y_sample, 'o', color='royalblue',
               ms=5, label=f'fs = {multiplier}f')
    ax[0].set_xlabel('Time (s)')
    ax[0].set_ylabel('Signal')
    ax[0].legend(loc=3, ncol=1, frameon=True, framealpha=0.5)

    if multiplier <= 2:
        ax[1].plot(freq_fft, np.abs(y_fft), '-o',
                   color='royalblue', fillstyle='none')
    else:
        ax[1].plot(freq_fft[0:int(N/2)], np.abs(y_fft)
                   [0:int(N/2)], '-o', color='royalblue', fillstyle='none')
    ax[1].set_xlabel('Frequency (Hz)')
    ax[1].set_ylabel('FFT amplitude')

    fig.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

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[5]: # Oscillating signal
     freq = 5 # Hz

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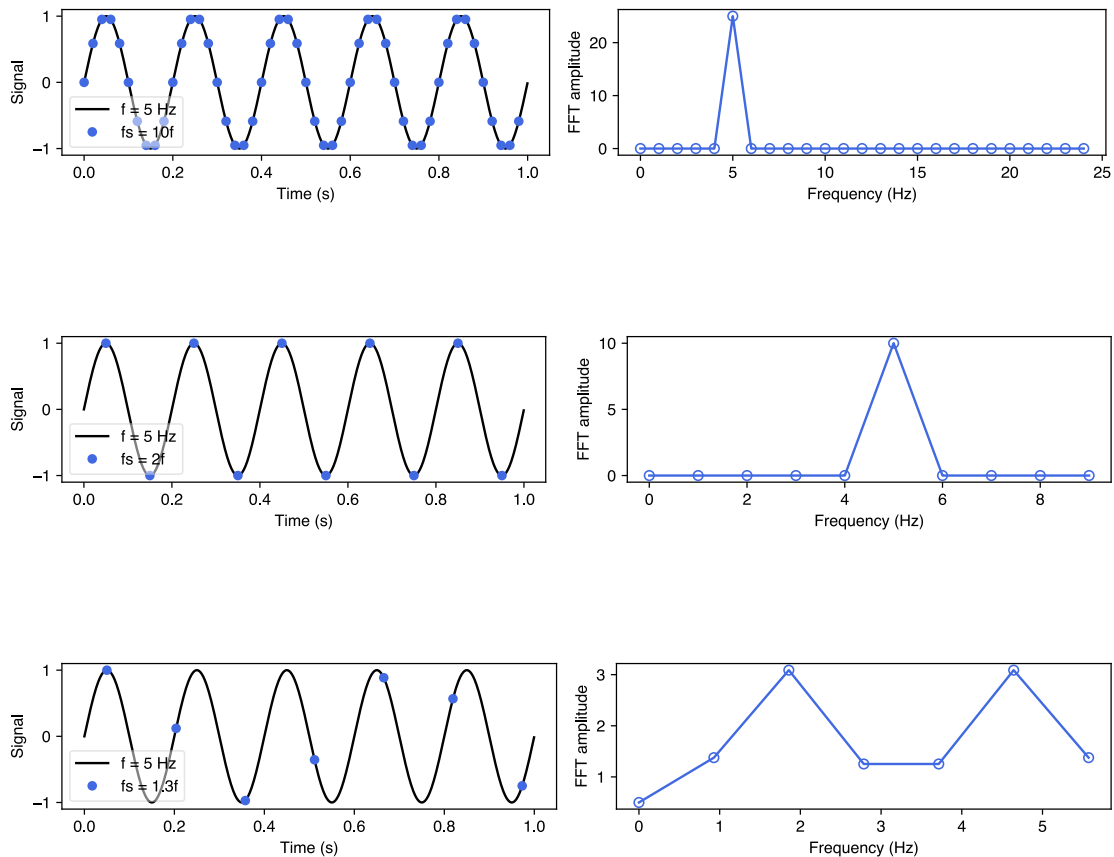
amplitude = 1
plot_rate = 2000 # Hz

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[6]: nysh_sampling = NyShSampling(
      freq=freq, amplitude=amplitude, plot_rate=plot_rate)
      multiplier_array = [10, 2, 1.3]
      for multiplier in multiplier_array:
        nysh_sampling.plot_signal_and_fft(multiplier=multiplier)

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3.2 Brillouin Zone

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[7]: class BZWave(object):
      """Class of waves in Brillouin Zone
      """

      def __init__(self,
                    a: float = 1,
                    omega: float = 1,
                    k: float = 0.5,
                    n: int = 2):

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"""Initialize the class with some attributes.

Args:
    a (float, optional): lattice period.
    omega (float, optional): angular frequency of oscillation.
    k (float, optional): wave vector coefficient in first BZ.
    n (float, optional): label of wave vector in nth BZ.
"""

self.a = a
self.omega = omega
self.k = k
self.n = n

def plot_lattice_wave(self):
    """Plot the lattice wave with wave vectors in two BZ.
    """
    k1 = self.k * np.pi/self.a
    if self.n > 0:
        k2 = k1 + (self.n-1)*2*np.pi/self.a
    elif self.n < 0:
        k2 = k1 + self.n*2*np.pi/self.a
    else:
        raise NotImplementedError("n should either > 0 or < 0")
    x0 = self.a*np.arange(0, 7, 1)

    x = np.linspace(0, 6, num=600)
    t = np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, num=50)

    x_mesh, t_mesh = np.meshgrid(x, t)
    x0_mesh, t0_mesh = np.meshgrid(x0, t)

    y1 = np.sin(k1*x_mesh - self.omega*t_mesh)
    y2 = np.sin(k2*x_mesh - self.omega*t_mesh)
    p0 = np.sin(k1*x0_mesh - self.omega*t0_mesh)

    fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(8, 2.5))

    def animate(i):
        ax.clear()
        wave1, = ax.plot(x_mesh[i], y1[i],
                        color='black', linestyle='-', lw=1)
        wave2, = ax.plot(x_mesh[i], y2[i],
                        color='royalblue', linestyle='--', lw=1)
        points, = ax.plot(x0_mesh[i], p0[i], 'o', color='black')

        ax.set_xlabel('x/a')
        ax.set_xlim([-0.2, 6.2])

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ax.set_ylim([-1.5, 1.5])
ax.spines['right'].set_color('none')
ax.spines['top'].set_color('none')
ax.spines['left'].set_color('none')
ax.axes.yaxis.set_ticklabels([])
ax.axes.yaxis.set_ticks([])

fig.tight_layout()

return wave1, wave2, points

anim = FuncAnimation(fig, animate, interval=40, repeat=True, frames=50)
anim.save(f"./figs/bz_k({self.k})_{self.n}k.gif",
          dpi=300, writer=PillowWriter(fps=25))

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[8]: bz_wave = BZWave(k=0.8, n=2)
     bz_wave.plot_lattice_wave()

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