

Homework 4: Oscillations and waves II

PHY250 - Fall 2021

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Exercise 1

Consider a simple pendulum of length $\ell = 2$, simulate its motion considering that it is not damped. Do not consider small oscillations.

Which numerical method is the best choice. What happens when you use the Euler Method?

Exercise 2

Consider the motion of a mass attached to a spring ($m = 1, k = 1, x_0 = 1, v_0 = 0$), simulate the motion of the particle for the following cases:

1. SHO motion.
2. Damped motion with $b = 0.1, b = 1.1, b = b_{cri}$.
3. Compare the motion of both: plot the position, velocity and acceleration vs. time for all the cases.
4. Now consider that there is also an external force with angular frequency ω that is acting on the system. Plot the the position vs. time for different frequencies ω , make an animation.

Exercise 3

Calculate the first 40 terms of the Fourier expansion for a square wave (Fig.1). Make an animation in which you plot both, the function and the Fourier expansion.

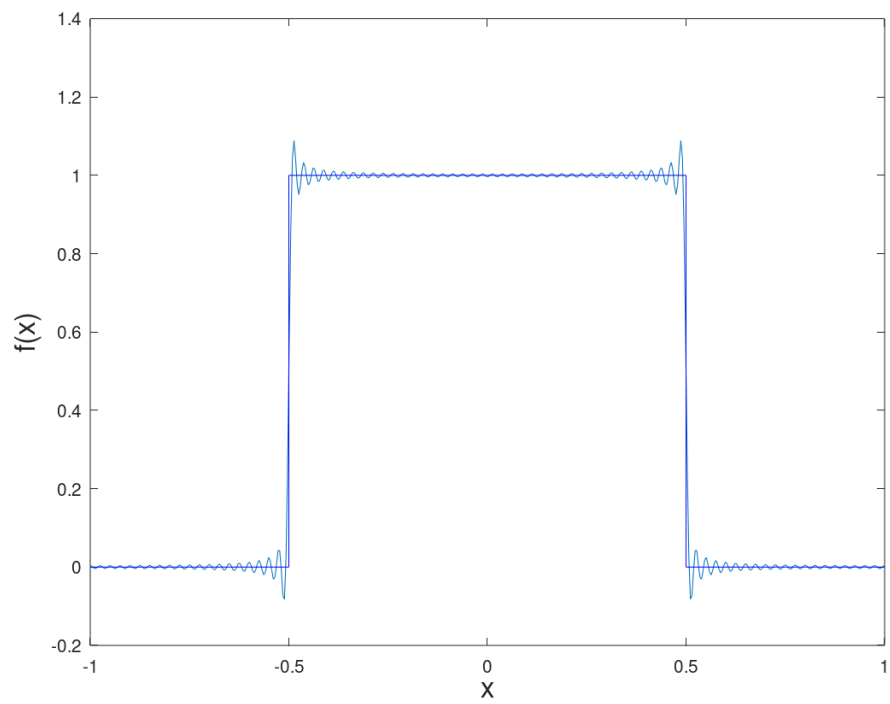


Figure 1: Square function + Fourier expansion.