

Vibrations and Waves by A. P. French Notes

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1 Periodic motions

- Fouriers theorem states that any repeating signal of period T can be expressed as a sum of sin waves with periods $T, T/2$, etc.
- It's important to define the domain of a SHM equation, e.g. for what values of t is the motion defined?
- SHM can be considered a projection of uniform circular motion
- That uniform circular motion can be represented by a number in the complex plane, with the projection being its real part
- Multiplication by j can be considered a counter-clockwise rotation of 90° in the complex plane
- Euler's formula states
$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$
- Multiplication of a complex number z by $e^{j\theta}$ is equivalent to a counter-clockwise rotation of z by an angle of θ