

Chapter 7 - Superposition - when waves combine at the same place at the same, the displacements add together

$$\psi = \psi_1 + \psi_2$$



$$E_1(x,t) = E_1 \cos(kx_1 - \omega t + \phi_1)$$

same frequency

$$E_2(x,t) = E_2 \cos(kx_2 - \omega t + \phi_2)$$

different phase

$$\alpha_1 = kx_1 + \phi_1$$

$$\alpha_2 = kx_2 + \phi_2$$

phase difference  $\rightarrow \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 = k(x_2 - x_1) + (\phi_2 - \phi_1)$

What if :  $\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 = 2\pi \cdot m$   $\rightarrow$  even integer of  $\pi$

any integer

$$E_R = E_1 + E_2 = E_1 \cos(\alpha_1 - \omega t) + E_2 \cos(\alpha_2 - \omega t)$$

$$= E_1 \cos(\alpha_1 - \omega t) + E_2 \cos(2\pi \cdot m + \alpha_1 - \omega t)$$

$$\cos(x) = \cos(x + 2\pi \cdot m)$$

$$= (E_1 + E_2) \cos(\alpha_1 - \omega t)$$

constructive interference

But, what if  $\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 = (2m-1)\pi$  }  $\rightarrow$  odd integers of  $\pi$ .

$\uparrow$   
any integer

$$E_+ = E_1 + E_2 = E_1 \cos(\alpha_1 - \omega t) + E_2 \cos(\alpha_2 - \omega t)$$

$$= E_1 \cos(\alpha_1 - \omega t) + E_2 \cos(\alpha_1 + (2m+1)\pi - \omega t)$$

$$-\cos x = \cos(x + (2m-1)\pi)$$

destructive interference

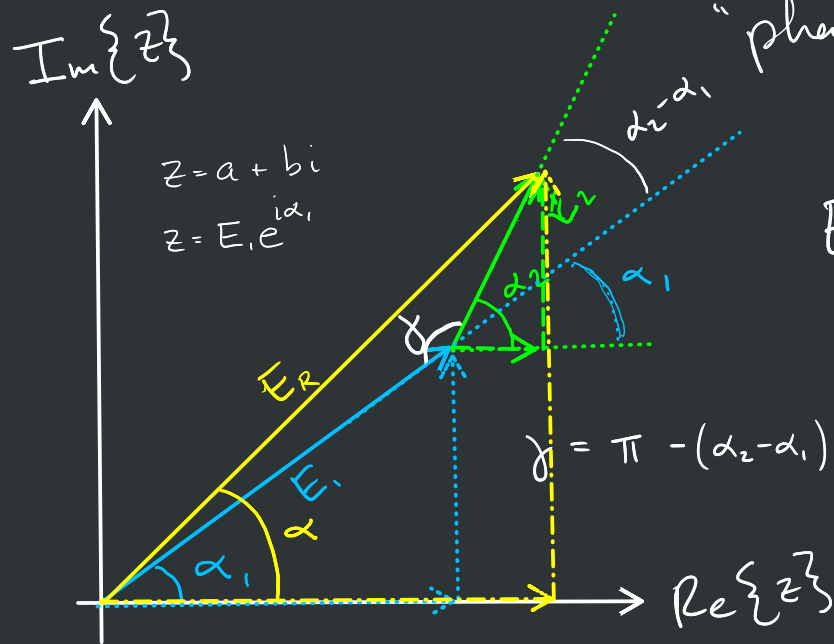
$$= (E_1 - E_2) \cos(\alpha_1 - \omega t)$$

What if any other phase shift?

↳ switch from trig to complex notation

$$E_R = E_1 + E_2 = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ E_1 e^{i(\alpha_1 - \omega t)} + E_2 e^{i(\alpha_2 - \omega t)} \right\}$$

$$= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ e^{-i\omega t} (E_1 e^{i\alpha_1} + E_2 e^{i\alpha_2}) \right\}$$



"phasor diagram" → treat complex number like vectors

$$E_R(x,t) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ E_R e^{i(\alpha - \omega t)} \right\}$$

↑                      ↑  
?                      ?

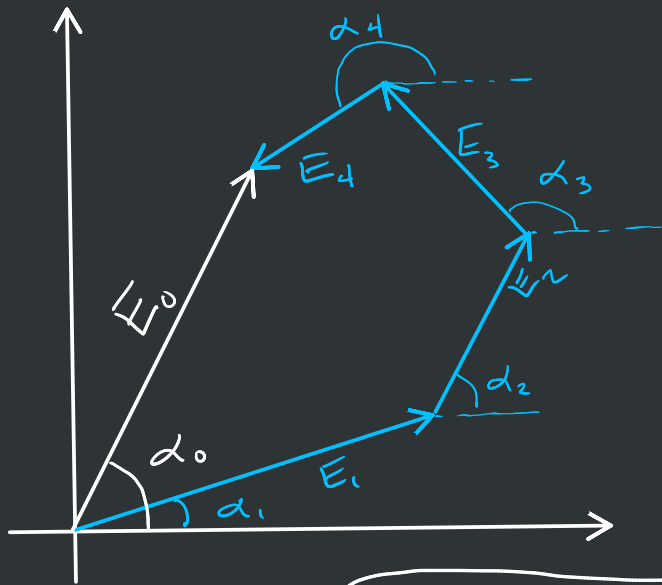
$$E_R^2 = E_1^2 + E_2^2 - 2E_1 E_2 \underbrace{\cos \gamma}_{\cos(\pi - \alpha_2 + \alpha_1)}$$

$$= \cos(-\alpha_2 + \alpha_1)$$

$$= \cos(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$$

$$\rightarrow E_R^2 = E_1^2 + E_2^2 + 2E_1E_2\cos(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$$

$$\rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{E_1 \sin \alpha_1 + E_2 \sin \alpha_2}{E_1 \cos \alpha_1 + E_2 \cos \alpha_2}$$



$$\tan \alpha_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N E_i \sin \alpha_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N E_i \cos \alpha_i}$$

$$E_0^2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N E_i \cos \alpha_i \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{i=1}^N E_i \sin \alpha_i \right)^2$$

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^N E_i \cos \alpha_i \right)^2 = \sum_i E_i^2 \cos^2 \alpha_i + \underbrace{\sum_i 2E_i \cos \alpha_i \sum_{j>i} E_j \cos \alpha_j}_{2 \sum_i \sum_{j>i} E_i E_j \cos \alpha_i \cos \alpha_j}$$

$$(a + b + c + d)^2$$

$$2 \sum_i \sum_{j>i} E_i E_j \cos \alpha_i \cos \alpha_j$$

$$E_o^2 = \underbrace{\sum_i^N E_i^2 \cos^2 \alpha_i + \sum_i^N E_i^2 \sin^2 \alpha_i}_{\sum_i^N E_i^2 (\underbrace{\cos^2 \alpha_i + \sin^2 \alpha_i}_1)} + \underbrace{2 \sum_i^N \sum_{j>i}^N E_i E_j \cos \alpha_i \cos \alpha_j + 2 \sum_i^N \sum_{j>i}^N E_i E_j \sin \alpha_i \sin \alpha_j}_{2 \sum_i^N \sum_{j>i}^N E_i E_j (\underbrace{\cos \alpha_i \cos \alpha_j + \sin \alpha_i \sin \alpha_j}_{\cos(\alpha_j - \alpha_i)})}$$

$$E_o^2 = \sum_i^N E_i^2 + 2 \sum_i^N \sum_{j>i}^N E_i E_j \cos(\alpha_j - \alpha_i)$$

if all sources are equal in magnitude  $\rightarrow E_i = E_1$

if all sources are random phases and short durations ( $< 10\text{ns}$ )

$$\sum_i^N \sum_{j>i}^N E_i E_j \cos(\alpha_j - \alpha_i) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\rightarrow E_o^2 = N E_1^2 \Rightarrow E_o = \sqrt{N} \cdot E_1$$

$$E_o \propto \sqrt{N}$$

irradiance  $\rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c E_o^2$

$I \propto N$  experimentally verified ✓

if phases are not random, but coherent

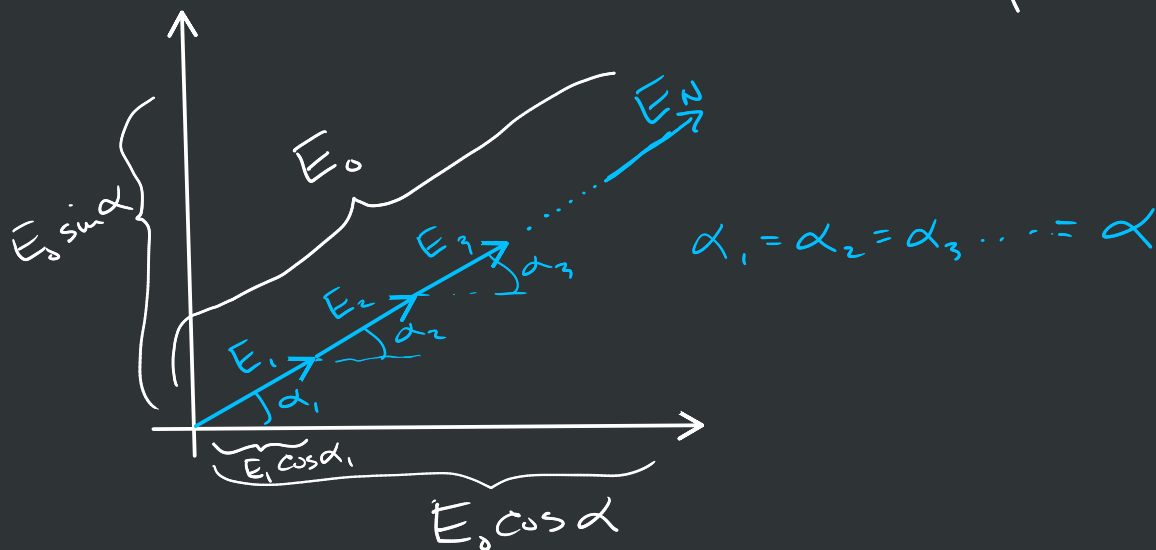
↳ same frequency + waveform

↳ same phase

$$E_o^2 = \sum_i^N E_i^2 + 2 \sum_i \sum_{j>i} E_i E_j \underbrace{\cos(\alpha_j - \alpha_i)}_{\cos(0) = 1}$$

$$E_o^2 = \sum_i^N E_i^2 + 2 \sum_i \sum_{j>i} E_i E_j$$

↳ if sources are equal in magnitude



$$E_o^2 = (N E_1 \cos \alpha)^2 + (N E_1 \sin \alpha)^2$$

$$E_0^2 = N^2 E_1^2 \underbrace{(\cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha)}_1$$

$$E_0 = N E_1$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c N^2 E_1^2$$

$$I \propto N^2$$

$$\frac{I_{\text{coherent}}}{I_{\text{random}}} = \frac{N^2}{N} = N$$

Standing wave  $\rightarrow$  interference of a wave with its own reflection

as two waves:  $E_1 = E_0 \sin(-kx + \omega t) \leftarrow$  to the right

$E_2 = E_0 \sin(kx + \omega t) \leftarrow$  to the left

$$E_R = E_0 \left( \underbrace{\sin(-kx + \omega t)}_A + \underbrace{\sin(kx + \omega t - \phi_R)}_B \right)$$

put in a phase shift  
to account for the  
reflection at the  
boundary  $\rightarrow -\phi_R$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(A+B)\right) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(A-B)\right)$$

$$E_R = E_0 \cdot 2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}(-\cancel{kx} + \omega t + \cancel{kx} + \omega t - \phi_R)\right) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(-\cancel{kx} + \omega t - \cancel{kx} - \omega t + \phi_R)\right)$$

$$E_R = 2E_0 \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\phi_R}{2}\right) \cos\left(-kx + \frac{\phi_R}{2}\right)$$

lets take the important case of  $\phi_R = \pi$

$$E_R = 2E_0 \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cos\left(-kx + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= 2E_0 (-\cos(\omega t) \cdot \sin(kx))$$



$$E_R = 2E_0 \sin(kx) \cos(\omega t)$$

spacial amplitude

→ the places where  
this are equal to 0  
will always be zero

positions are nodes

variation of that  
amplitude as time  
goes by.



When do the nodes appear?

$$kx = m\pi \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \rightarrow \text{is an integer}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot x = m\pi$$

$$x = m \cdot \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

← positions where amplitude is always zero  
positions of the nodes

$$x_2 - x_1 = \frac{2\lambda}{2} - \frac{1\lambda}{2}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

← distance between adjacent nodes

$$\lambda = 2\Delta x$$

When do the maxima occur?

$$\cos(\omega t) = 1$$

$$\omega t = 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots$$

$$\omega t = m\pi$$

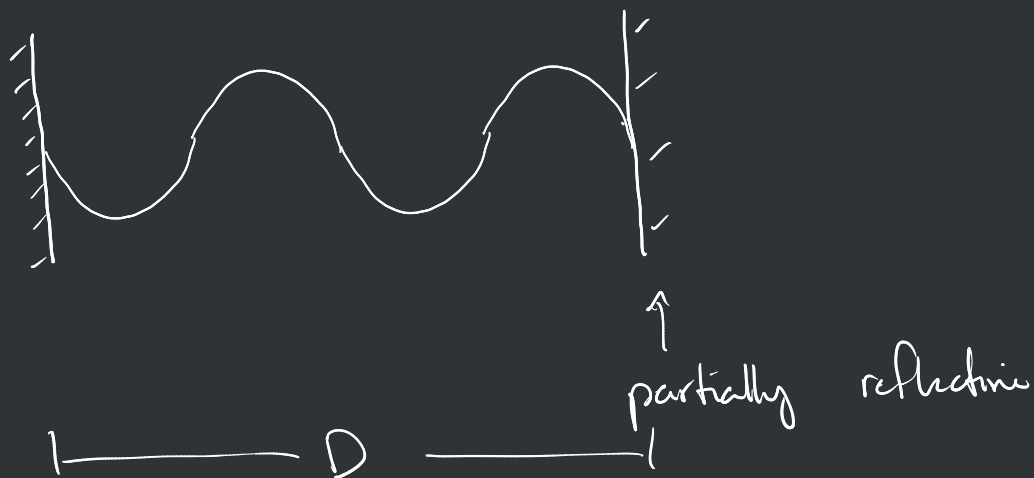
$$m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \rightarrow \text{integer}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$t_{\max} = m \frac{T}{2}$$

$$\Delta t_{\max} = \frac{T}{2}$$

How do we do this?



$$D = m \left( \frac{\lambda}{2} \right)$$

number of nodes  
 $m = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

What about waves of different frequency/wavelength?

If we have two waves, and the frequencies are close but not exact

↳ Frequency beating

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= E_0 \cos(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) \\ + E_2 &= E_0 \cos(k_2 x - \omega_2 t) \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} E_1 &= E_0 \cos(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) \\ + E_2 &= E_0 \cos(k_2 x - \omega_2 t) \end{aligned}} \right\} \cos \beta_1 + \cos \beta_2 = 2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(\beta_1 + \beta_2)\right) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}(\beta_1 - \beta_2)\right)$$

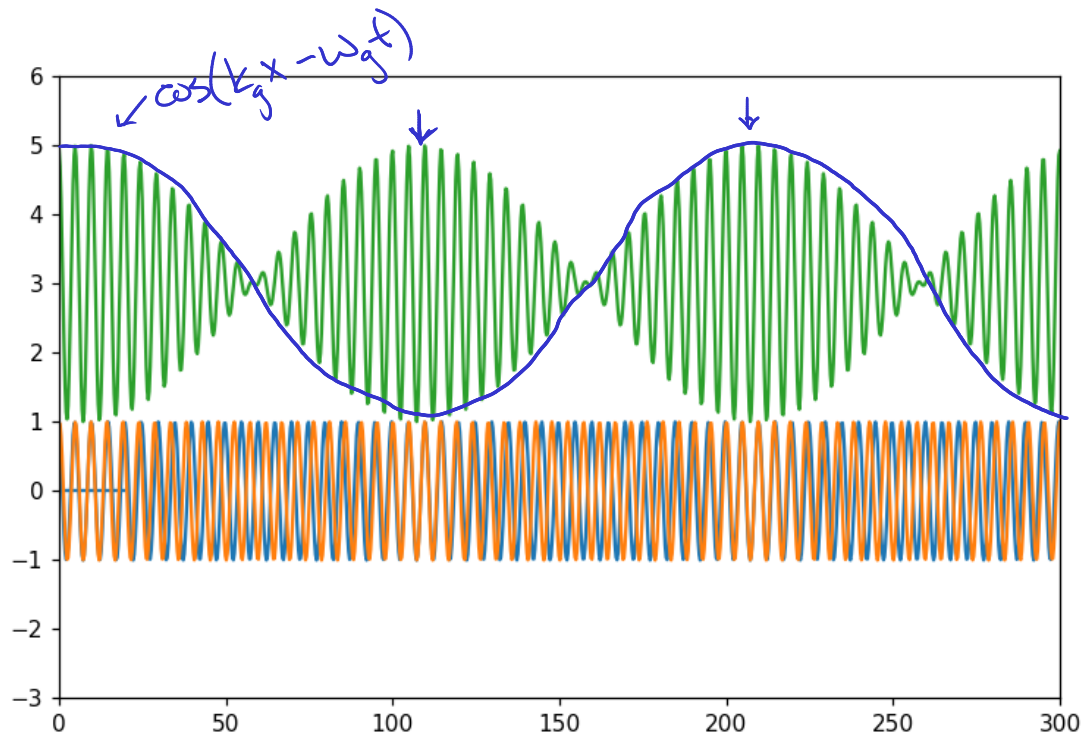
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$$E_R = 2E_0 \cos\left(\frac{(k_1 + k_2)x}{2} - \frac{(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t}{2}\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{(k_1 - k_2)x}{2} - \frac{(\omega_1 - \omega_2)t}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{k_1 + k_2}{2} = k_p \leftarrow \text{phase wave number} \quad \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} = \omega_p \leftarrow \text{phase angular frequency}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad \frac{k_1 - k_2}{2} = k_g \leftarrow \text{group wave number} \quad \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{2} = \omega_g \leftarrow \text{group angular frequency}$$

$$E_R = 2E_0 \underbrace{\cos(k_p x - \omega_p t)}_{\text{"carrier wave" or "signal"}} \cdot \underbrace{\cos(k_g x - \omega_g t)}_{\text{"envelope" or "varying amplitude"}}$$



$$T_b = \frac{T_g}{2}$$

$$\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\omega_b} = \frac{2\pi}{2 \cdot \omega_g}$$

$$\omega_b = 2\omega_g$$

$$\omega_b = \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{2}$$

beat frequency  
is the difference  
in the two freq

$$\boxed{\omega_b = \omega_1 - \omega_2}$$

$$\boxed{f_b = f_1 - f_2}$$

Dispersion - in materials, EM waves of different frequencies travel w/ different speeds

$$\frac{c}{v} = n(\lambda) \quad n(\lambda) = A + \frac{B}{\lambda^2} + \frac{C}{\lambda^4} + \dots \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{c}{v} = n(\lambda)} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{empirical formula} \\ \text{Cauchy's formula} \end{array}$$

dispersion  $\frac{dn}{d\lambda} = -\frac{2B}{\lambda^3} + \dots$

⏟  
ignore higher  
order terms

interpretation for normal materials

larger wavelengths  $\rightarrow$  smaller index

smaller wavelength  $\rightarrow$  larger index  
(higher frequency)

$\hookrightarrow$  higher frequencies  $\rightarrow$  lower speeds

$$v = \lambda \cdot \nu = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$v_p \leftarrow$  phase velocity

$v_g \leftarrow$  group velocity

higher frequency carrier wave  $\swarrow$  if these are close in value

$$v_p = \frac{\omega_p}{k_p} = \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{k_1 + k_2} \approx \frac{\omega}{k}$$

lower frequency envelope

$\hookrightarrow$  group velocity

$$v_g = \frac{\omega_g}{k_g} = \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_2}{k_1 - k_2}$$

$\swarrow$  again, these are close together

$$v_g \approx \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} \Rightarrow \omega = v_p \cdot k$$

$$v_g = \frac{d(v_p \cdot k)}{dk}$$

$$v_g = v_p + k \frac{dv_p}{dk}$$

↗ does the velocity of waves depend on wavelength?

— in a nondispersive medium, no

$$\frac{dv}{dk} = 0$$

$$\therefore v_g = v_p$$

— but, in a dispersive medium

$$v_p = \frac{c}{n} \leftarrow \text{can be a function of } \lambda \text{ so is a function of } k$$

$$V_g = V_p + k \underbrace{\frac{dV_p}{dk}}$$

$$\frac{dV_p}{dk} = \frac{d\left(\frac{c}{n}\right)}{dk} = c \frac{d(n^{-1})}{dk} = -c n^{-2} \frac{dn}{dk}$$

$$\frac{dV_p}{dk} = -\frac{c}{n^2} \cdot \frac{dn}{dk}$$

$$V_g = V_p + k \left( -\frac{c}{n^2} \frac{dn}{dk} \right) = \underbrace{\frac{c}{n}}_{\uparrow} + k \left( -\frac{c}{n^2} \frac{dn}{dk} \right)$$

$$V_g = \frac{c}{n} \left( 1 - \frac{k}{n} \frac{dn}{dk} \right)$$

transform to  $\lambda$  rather than  $k$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} \quad \frac{dn}{dk} = \frac{dn}{d\lambda} \cdot \frac{d\lambda}{dk} = \frac{dn}{d\lambda} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{d\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right)}{dk}}_{-\frac{2\pi}{k^2}}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dk} = -\frac{2\pi}{k^2} \cdot \frac{dn}{d\lambda}$$



$$\frac{dn}{dk} = -\frac{2\pi \cdot \lambda^2}{(2\pi)^2} \cdot \frac{dn}{d\lambda}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dk} = -\frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{dn}{d\lambda}$$

$$v_g = \frac{c}{n} \left( 1 + \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot \left( +\frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi} \right) \frac{dn}{d\lambda} \right)$$

$$v_g = \frac{c}{n} \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda}{n} \frac{dn}{d\lambda} \right)$$

for normal dispersion

$$\frac{dn}{d\lambda} = -\frac{2B}{\lambda^3}$$

$$\frac{dn}{d\lambda} < 0$$

$$v_g < v_p$$

$$\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$$

HW Ch7: 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 16, 18, 35, 38

# Fourier Analysis

Coherence - correlation between phases of light wave

↳ incoherent light → random phase relationship

↳ coherent light → constant phase relationship

↳ longitudinal coherence  
↳ along the length

vs. lateral or spatial coherence

↳ along the width of the beam

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$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta \neq \cos \gamma \quad \gamma(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$$

↑ not harmonic

Take a periodic but anharmonic function.  $\rightarrow f(t)$

$\hookrightarrow T$

$\hookrightarrow$  can be expressed as a sum of harmonic waves whose frequencies are multiples of  $\frac{2\pi}{T} = \omega$ .

$$\underline{f(t)} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m \cos(m \cdot \omega \cdot t) + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} b_m \sin(m \omega t) \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum_{m=0}^{\infty}} \right\} \text{Fourier series} \rightarrow \text{this is possible because sines + cosines form a complete basis set.}$$

$m=0$ ,  $b_0$  does not matter

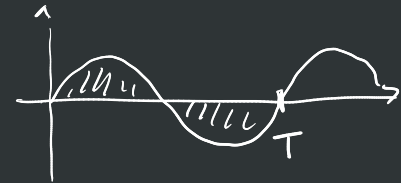
$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \cos(m \omega t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m \sin(m \omega t)$$

So, the question is what are  $a_m$  +  $b_m$ ?

$$\int_0^T f(t) dt = \underbrace{\int_0^T \frac{a_0}{2} dt}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{I know this function}}} + \underbrace{\int_0^T \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m \cos(m \omega t) dt}_{=0} + \int \underline{\underline{\text{also } 0}}$$

$$= \frac{a_0}{2} \cdot T \Rightarrow a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \cdot \int_0^T f(t) dt \quad \leftarrow \text{so that's not too bad!}$$

- Legendre polynomials
- Hermite polynomials
- Laguerre polynomials
- Bessel Functions



So now, multiply both sides by  $\cos(n\omega t)$  where  $n$  is an integer and then integrate over a period.



$$\int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt = \underbrace{\int_0^T \frac{a_0}{2} \cos(n\omega t) dt}_{=0} + \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_0^T a_m \cos(m\omega t) \cdot \cos(n\omega t) dt}_{=0 \quad m \neq n} + \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_0^T b_m \sin(m\omega t) \cdot \cos(n\omega t) dt}_{=0}$$

$$= \frac{T}{2} a_n \quad m = n$$

$$\int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt = \frac{T}{2} a_n$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt$$

So now we need to find  $b_m$ . Same strategy but multiply by  $\sin(n\omega t)$ .

$$\int_0^T f(t) \sin(n\omega t) dt = \underbrace{\int_0^T \frac{a_0}{2} \sin(n\omega t) dt}_0 + \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_0^T a_m \cos(m\omega t) \cdot \sin(n\omega t) dt}_0 + \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_0^T b_m \sin(m\omega t) \cdot \sin(n\omega t) dt}_{=0 \text{ } n \neq m}$$

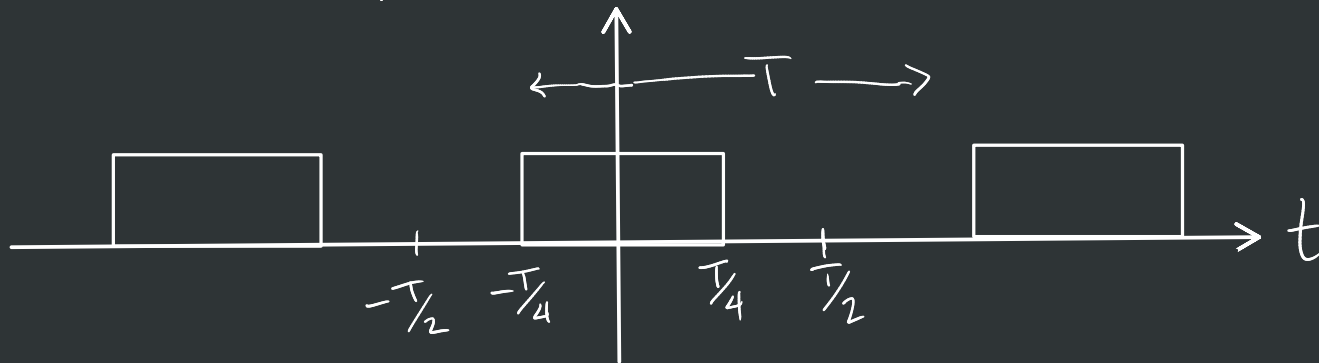
$$b_m = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin(m\omega t) dt$$

$$= \frac{T}{2} a_n \text{ } n=m$$

reminder to talk  
about Kronicker  
delta

lets try this!

rectified square wave



$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & -T/2 < t < -T/4 \\ 1 & -T/4 < t < T/4 \\ 0 & T/4 < t < T/2 \end{cases}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int f(t) dt = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{4}}^{\frac{T}{4}} 1 \cdot dt$$

$a_m$

$b_m$





























