

Midterm 1 Equations sheet

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- 1 Relative coordinates: $\vec{r}_{ij} = \vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j$, $\vec{v}_{ij} = \vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_j$, $\vec{F}_{ij} = -\vec{F}_{ji}$
- 2 SHO: $m\ddot{x} + kx = 0$, $k < 0 \Rightarrow x(t) = \frac{1}{2} A e^{pt} + \frac{1}{2} B e^{-pt}$ for $p = \sqrt{-k/m}$
- $V(x) \approx \frac{1}{2} V''(0) x^2$, $x \ll \frac{V''(0)}{V'''(0)}$, $E = \frac{1}{2} k a^2$ (a : amplitude)
- $k > 0 \Rightarrow x(t) = c \cos(\omega t) + d \sin(\omega t)$ for $\omega = \sqrt{k/m}$ and $c = x(0) = x_0$, $d = \frac{v_0}{\omega} = \frac{\dot{x}(0)}{\omega}$
- $= a \cos(\omega t - \theta)$, $c = a \cos \theta$, $d = a \sin \theta$
- $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$, $\gamma = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$, $f = \frac{1}{\gamma}$
- $x(t) = \frac{1}{2} A e^{i\omega t} + \frac{1}{2} B e^{-i\omega t} = \frac{1}{2} a e^{-i\theta} e^{i\omega t} + \frac{1}{2} a e^{i\theta} e^{-i\omega t} = a \cos(\omega t - \theta) = \text{Re}(A e^{i\omega t}) = \text{Re}(a e^{-i\theta} e^{i\omega t})$

Sanity check: Units!

$$P = \dot{T} = F\dot{x}$$

$$\text{Damped SHO: } m\ddot{x} + \lambda\dot{x} + kx = 0; \quad \gamma = \frac{\lambda}{2m}, \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m} \Rightarrow \ddot{x} + 2\gamma\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

$$p = -\gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$$\text{Overdamping: } (\gamma > \omega_0); \quad \gamma_{\pm} = \gamma \pm \sqrt{\gamma^2 - \omega_0^2}; \quad x(t) = \frac{1}{2} A e^{-\gamma_+ t} + \frac{1}{2} B e^{-\gamma_- t}, \quad \frac{1}{\gamma_-} > \frac{1}{\gamma_+}, \text{ so } \gamma_- \text{ dominates as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Underdamping: } (\gamma < \omega_0); \quad \omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2} \neq \omega_0, \quad x(t) = \frac{1}{2} A e^{i\omega t - \gamma t} + \frac{1}{2} B e^{-i\omega t - \gamma t} = a e^{-\gamma t} \cos(\omega t - \theta)$$

$$\text{Critical: } (\gamma = \omega_0); \quad x(t) = (a + bt) e^{-\gamma t}$$

$$\text{Forced, Damped SHO: } \ddot{x} + 2\gamma\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F_1}{m} \cos(\omega_1 t)$$

$$\text{Half width: } \frac{a_1(\omega_0, \omega_1 \pm \delta)}{a_1(\omega_0, \omega_{res})} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$x(t) = a_1 \cos(\omega_1 t - \theta_1) + \text{transient}, \quad \tan \theta_1 = \frac{2\gamma\omega_1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega_1^2}, \quad a_1 = \frac{F_1/m}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2 - \omega_1^2)^2 + 4\gamma^2\omega_1^2}}$$

$$\text{Resonance: } a_{1,max} \text{ at } \omega_{res} = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - 2\gamma^2} \approx \omega_0, \quad Q = \frac{a_1(\omega_{res})}{a_1(\omega_0)} = \frac{\omega_0}{2\gamma} = \frac{m\omega_0}{\lambda} \quad (\text{small damping} \Leftrightarrow \text{large } Q)$$

$$\text{Resonance amplitude: } a_1(\omega_1, \omega_1) = \frac{F_1}{2\omega_1}, \quad a_1(\omega_0, \omega_{res}) = \frac{F_1}{2\omega_0} \text{ when } \omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \gamma^2}, \quad a_1(\omega_0, 0) = \frac{F_1}{m\omega_0^2}$$

3 Conservative force condition: $\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} V$, $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F} = 0$

$\vec{F} = m \ddot{\vec{r}}$, $\vec{F}_0 = m \ddot{\vec{r}}_0$

$\vec{r} = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$, $\vec{\theta} = (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$, $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $\dot{x} = \dot{r} \cos \theta - r \dot{\theta} \sin \theta$, $\dot{y} = \dot{r} \sin \theta + r \dot{\theta} \cos \theta$

Torque: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \vec{J}$, Angular momentum $\vec{J} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$, Central force: $\vec{J} = m r^2 \dot{\theta} \hat{z}$

Kepler's 2nd law: $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \dot{\theta} = \frac{J}{2m}$

Spherical forces: $F_r = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r}$, $F_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta}$, $F_\phi = -\frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi}$

Lagrangian mechanics: $L = T - V$, $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i}$, $L' = L + \frac{d}{dt} f(q_i, t) = L + \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$

Lagrange undetermined multipliers: $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j(t) \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial q_i} = 0$, $f_j(q_i, t) = 0$

4 Central conservative forces

$$2 \text{ conservation laws: } \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) + V(r) = E, \quad J = m r^2 \dot{\theta}$$

$$\text{Radial energy equation: } \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 + \frac{J^2}{2mr^2} + V(r) = E, \quad \text{Effective Potential Energy: } U(r) = \frac{J^2}{2mr^2} + V(r)$$

$$\text{Orbit equation: } \frac{J^2}{2m} \left(\frac{du}{d\theta} \right)^2 + \frac{J^2}{2m} u^2 + V(u) = E, \quad u = 1/r$$

$$\text{Inverse square law: } k > 0 \Rightarrow \text{repulsive}, \quad k < 0 \Rightarrow \text{attractive}$$

$$\text{Length scale: } l = \frac{J^2}{m|k|}, \quad U(r) = |k| \left(\frac{1}{2r^2} - \frac{1}{r} \right), \quad U\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0, \quad U_{min} = U(l) = -\frac{|k|}{2l}$$

$$4 \text{ possible trajectories based on } E: (E = U_{min}) \quad T = \frac{4\pi l}{|k|}, \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{|k|}{m}}, \quad r = l; \quad (U_{min} < E < 0) \text{ elliptical, } (E = 0) \text{ parabolic, } (E > 0) \text{ hyperbolic}$$

- Examples: $k = -GMm$, $k = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$ $\left\{ \frac{(x-ae)^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \right\}$, $a = \frac{1}{e^2 - 1} = \frac{|k|}{2E}$, $b^2 = a^2 = \frac{J^2}{2mE}$
- ($k > 0$) repulsion, $r(e \cos(\theta - \theta_0) - 1) = l$, $e^2 = \frac{2E l}{|k|} + 1$
- ($k < 0$) attraction, $r(e \cos(\theta - \theta_0) + 1) = l$, $\frac{(x+ae)^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, $a = \frac{l}{1 - e^2}$, $b = \frac{l}{\sqrt{1 - e^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{J^2}{2m|E|}} = \sqrt{a l}$
- $e = 0$ (circle), $e < 1$ (ellipse), $e = 1$ (parabola), $e > 1$ (hyperbola)
- $b = a \cot(\frac{1}{2} \theta)$

Scattering

• $dA = L^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$, $d\omega = L \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{L^2}$, $d\Omega = \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$

• $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{b}{\sin\theta} \left| \frac{db}{d\theta} \right|$

• Hard sphere: $b = R \cos(\frac{1}{2} \theta)$

• $\theta = \pi - 2 \int_{r_{\min}}^{\infty} \frac{b/r^2}{\sqrt{1 - V(r)/E - b^2/r^2}} dr$

5 Absolute vs. relative velocity: $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \dot{\vec{r}} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$, $\vec{\omega} = \omega \hat{k} = \omega \cos\theta \hat{r} + \omega \sin\theta \hat{n}$

• $m \ddot{\vec{r}} = m \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = 2m \vec{\omega} \times \dot{\vec{r}} - m \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$, $\ddot{r}_r = -g + 2\omega \sin\theta \dot{r}_\theta + \omega^2 R \sin^2\theta$

$\ddot{r}_\theta = -2\omega \cos\theta \dot{r}_r - \omega^2 R \sin\theta \cos\theta$, $\ddot{r}_\phi = 2\omega \cos\theta \dot{r}_n - 2\omega \sin\theta \dot{r}_r$

Magnetism: $\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$, $\vec{\omega} = \frac{q}{m} \vec{B}$, $r = \frac{mv}{qB}$, $\omega_c = \frac{qB}{m}$

Larmor: $\ddot{\vec{r}} = -\frac{k}{m r^3} \vec{r}$ ellipses in rotating frame!, $\omega_L = \frac{qB}{2m}$