

17. Superconductivity / Linear Response

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Vortices in Superconductors

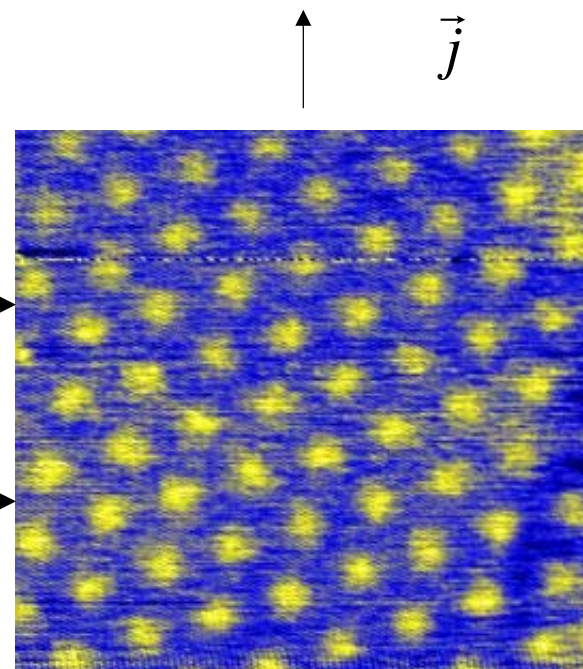
Lorentz force $\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$

$$\vec{j} = nq\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{n} \vec{j} \times \vec{B}$$

Faraday's law

$$V = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$



Defects are used to pin the vortices

Superconducting Magnets



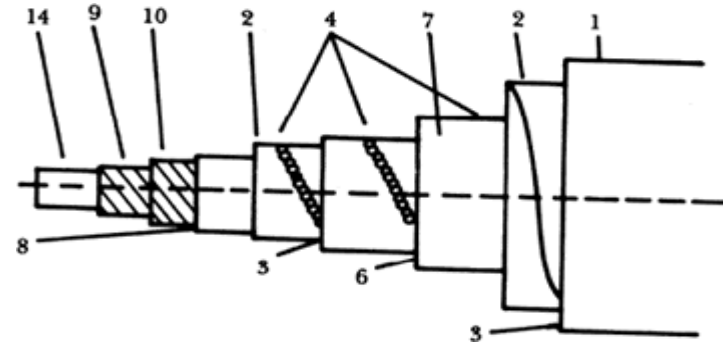
Whole body MRI



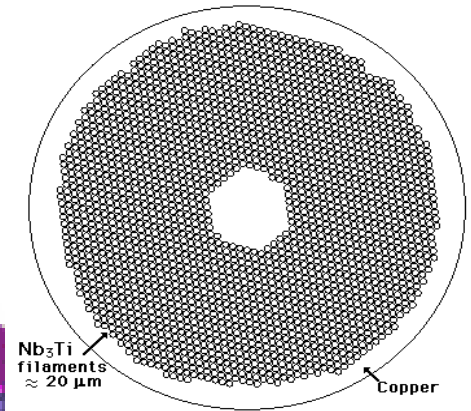
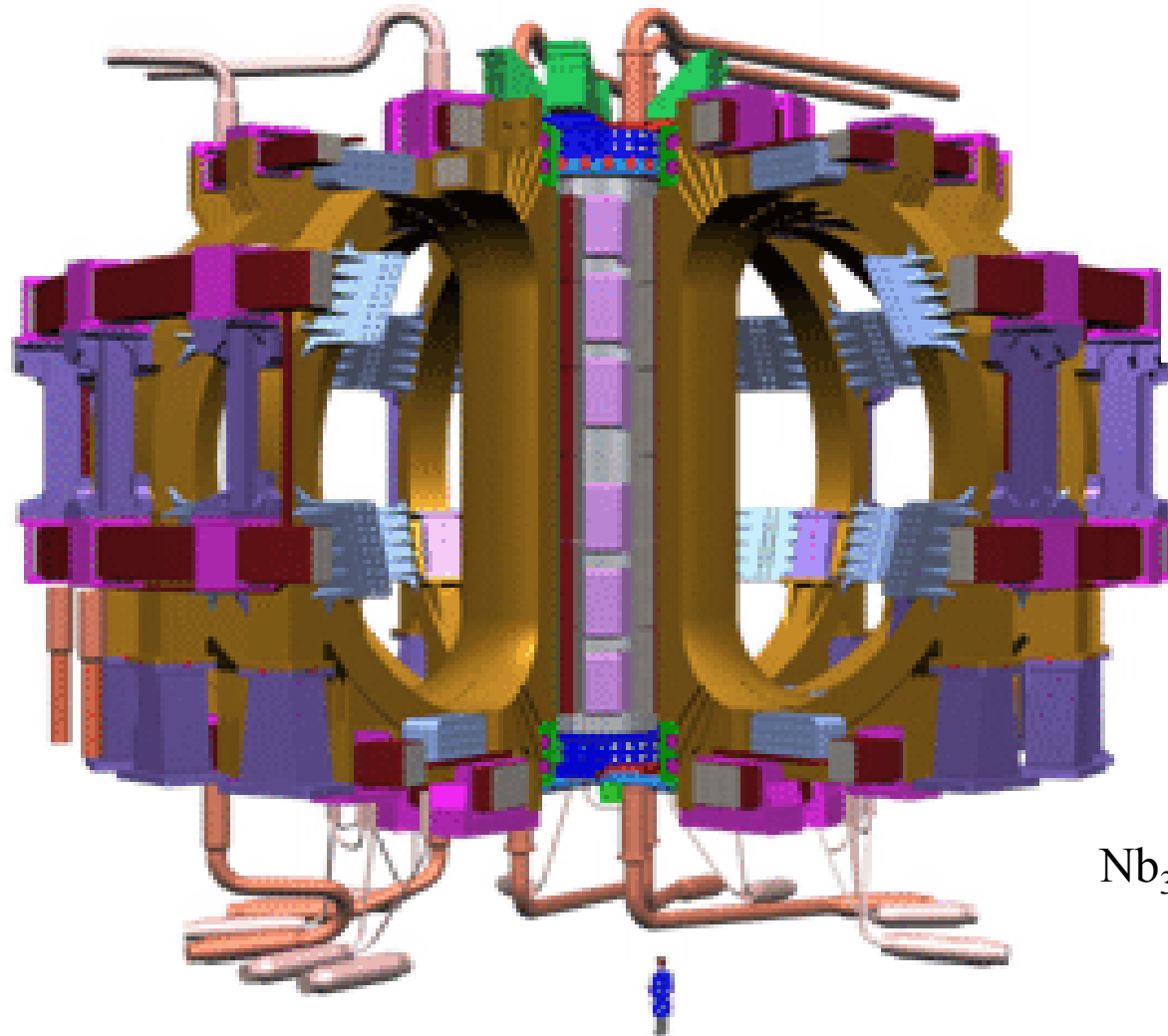
Magnets and cables



Maglev trains



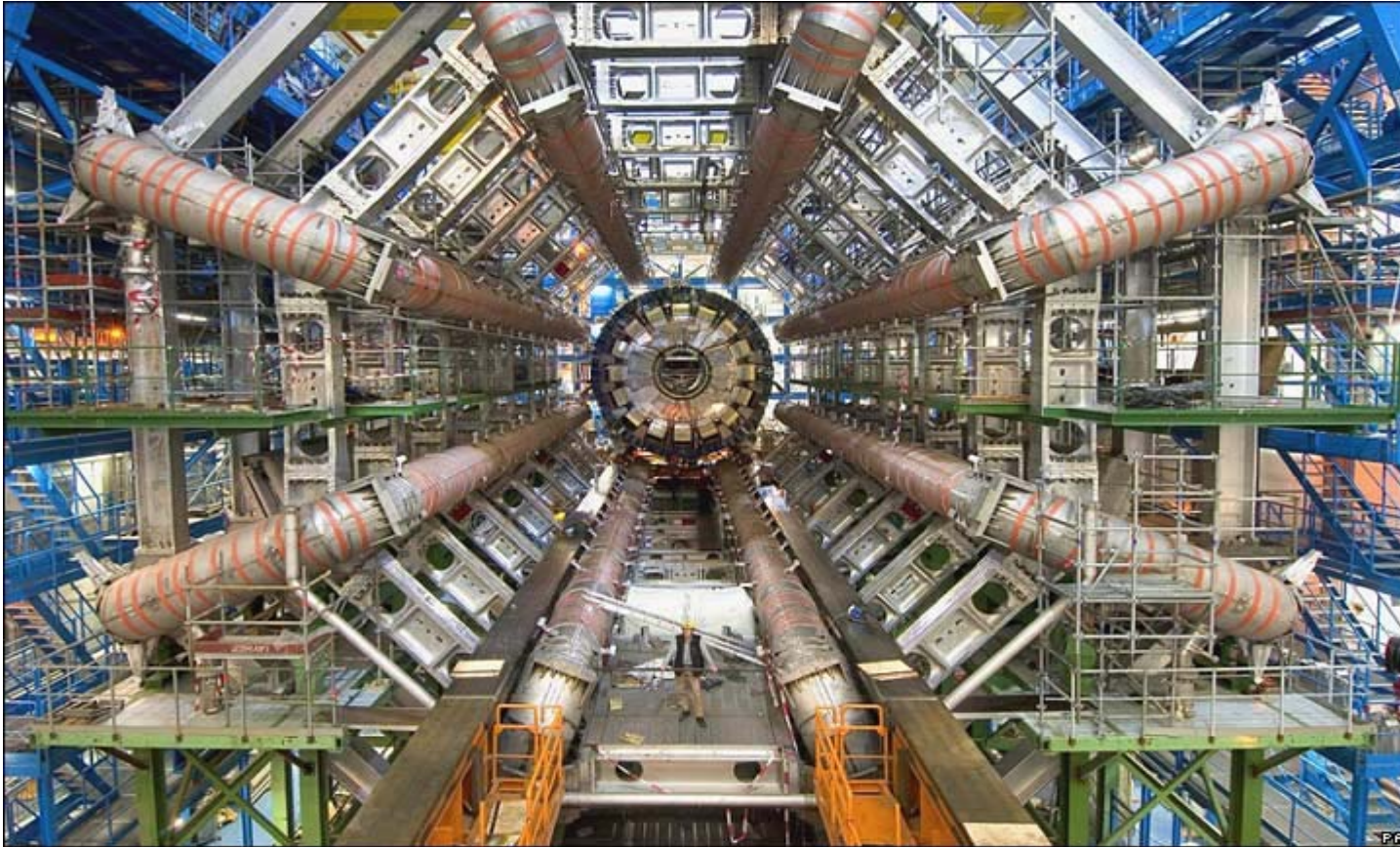
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Magnet wire

Nb₃Sn Magnet

Superconducting magnets

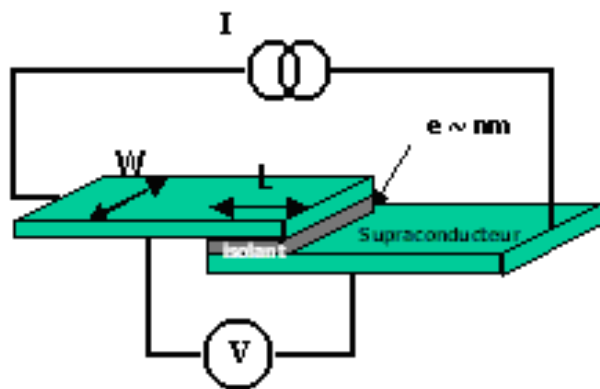


Largest superconducting magnet, CERN
21000 Amps

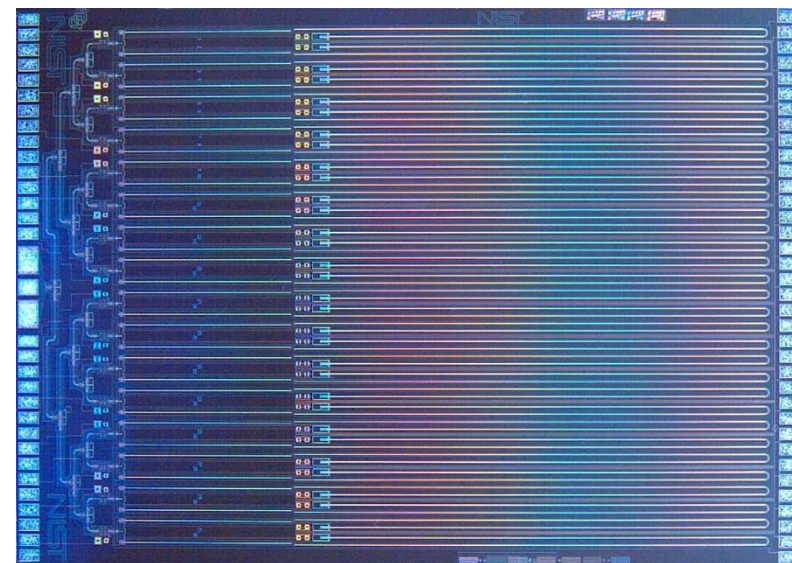
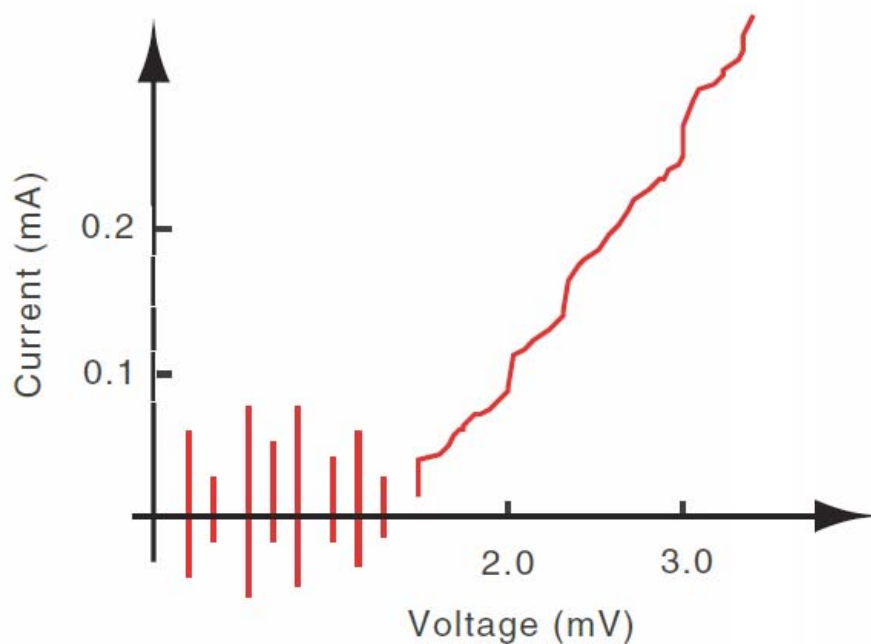
ac - Josephson effect



Brian Josephson



$$V = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt} = n\Phi_0 f = \frac{nhf}{2e}$$

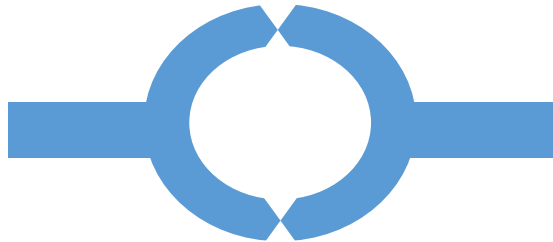


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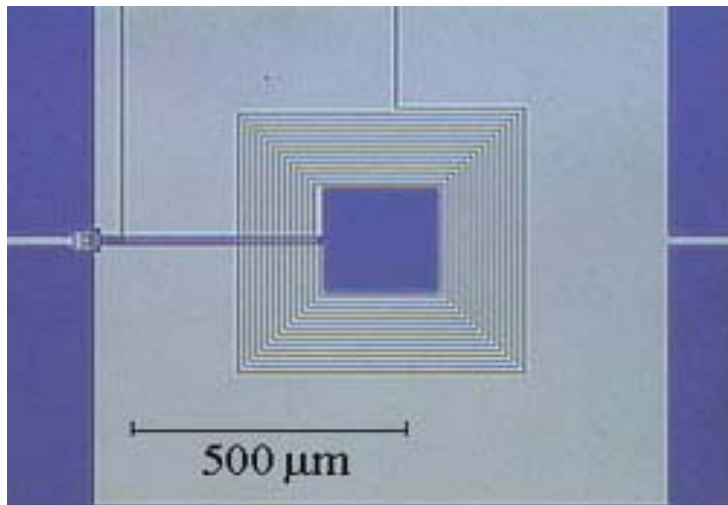
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SQUID

Superconducting quantum interference device



$$10^{-6} \Phi_0 / (\text{Hz})^{1/2}$$



Sensitive detectors

$$10^{-20} \text{ m} / (\text{Hz})^{1/2}$$



Gravity wave detector

Linear Response Theory

Classical linear response theory

Fourier transforms

Impulse response functions (Green's functions)

Generalized susceptibility

Causality

Kramers-Kronig relations

Fluctuation - dissipation theorem

Dielectric function

Optical properties of solids

Numerical Methods

Fourier analysis of real data sets

Consider a series of N measurements x_n that are made at equally spaced time intervals Δt . The total time to make the measurement series is $N\Delta t$. A discrete Fourier transform can be used to find a periodic function $x(t)$ with a fundamental period $N\Delta t$ that passes through all of the points. This function can be expressed as a Fourier series in terms of sines and cosines,

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{n < N/2} \left[a_n \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{N\Delta t}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{N\Delta t}\right) \right]. \quad ($$

Data for x_n can be input in the textbox below. When the 'Calculate Fourier Coefficients' button is pressed, the periodic function $x(t)$ is plotted through the data points. The Fourier coefficients are tabulated and plotted as well. The fft algorithm first checks if the number of data points is a power-of-two. If so, it calculates the discrete Fourier transform using a Cooley-Tukey decimation-in-time radix-2 algorithm. If the number of data points is not a power-of-two, it uses Bluestein's chirp z-transform algorithm. The fft code was taken from [Project Nayuki](#).

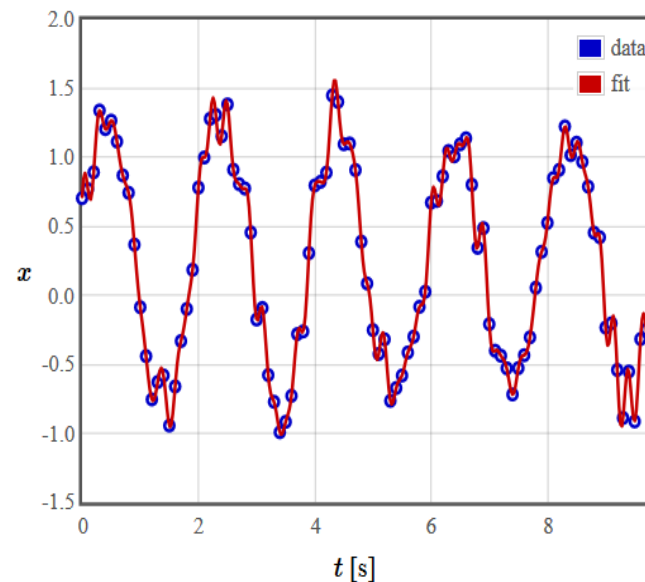
x_n

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1.2675358230469096
1.1156175628382647
0.8703050439010842
0.7442227455673327
0.3681609224807739
-0.08539320011647894
    
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$\Delta t = 0.1$ s

Calculate Fourier Coefficients



Notations for Fourier Transforms

$$F_{-1,-1}(\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int f(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{r}.$$

$$f(\vec{r}) = \int F_{-1,-1}(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} d\vec{k}.$$

$f(r)$ is built of plane waves

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| $\exp(- a x)$ | $\frac{ a }{\pi(a^2+k^2)}$ | $\frac{2 a }{a^2+k^2}$ |
| $\text{sgn}(x)$ $\text{sgn}(x) = -1$ for $x < 0$ and $\text{sgn}(x) = 1$ for $x > 0$ | $\frac{-i}{\pi\omega}$ | $\frac{-2i}{\omega}$ |
| $\text{sgn}(x) \exp(- a x)$ | $\frac{-ik}{\pi(a^2+k^2)}$ | $\frac{-i2k}{a^2+k^2}$ |
| $H(x) \exp(- a x)$ | $\frac{ a -ik}{2\pi(a^2+k^2)}$ | $\frac{ a -ik}{a^2+k^2}$ |
| $\Pi(x) = H\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)H\left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right)$ Square pulse: height = 1, width = 1, centered at $x = 0$. | $\frac{\sin(k/2)}{\pi k}$ | $\frac{2 \sin(k/2)}{k}$ |
| $\Pi\left(\frac{x-x_0}{a}\right)$ Square pulse: height = 1, width = a , centered at x_0 . | $\frac{\sin(ka/2)}{\pi k} \exp(-ikx_0)$ | $\frac{2 \sin(ka/2)}{k} \exp(-ikx_0)$ |
| $\exp(i\vec{k}_0 \cdot \vec{r})$ Plane wave | $\delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_0)$ | $(2\pi)^d \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_0)$ |
| 1 | $\delta(k)$ | $2\pi\delta(k)$ |
| $\delta(x)$ | $\frac{1}{2\pi}$ | 1 |
| $\delta\left(\frac{\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0}{a}\right)$ | $\left(\frac{a}{2\pi}\right)^d \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$ | $a^d \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$ |
| $\exp\left(-\frac{ \vec{r}-\vec{r}_0 ^2}{a^2}\right)$ | $\left(\frac{a}{2\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^d \exp\left(-\frac{a^2 k^2}{4}\right) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$ | $(a\sqrt{\pi})^d \exp\left(-\frac{a^2 k^2}{4}\right) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$ |
| $H(R - \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$ Disc of radius R centered at \vec{r}_0 , $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ | $\frac{R}{2\pi \vec{k} } J_1(\vec{k} R) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$ | $\frac{2\pi R}{ \vec{k} } J_1(\vec{k} R) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$ |
| $H(R - \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)$ Sphere of radius R centered at \vec{r}_0 , $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ | $\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3 \vec{k} ^3} \left(\sin(\vec{k} R) - \vec{k} R \cos(\vec{k} R) \right) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$ | $\frac{4\pi}{ \vec{k} ^3} \left(\sin(\vec{k} R) - \vec{k} R \cos(\vec{k} R) \right) \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0)$ |

Here $H(x)$ is the Heaviside step function, $\delta(x)$ is the Dirac delta function, $J_1(x)$ is the first order Bessel function of the first kind, and d is the number of dimension

Calculate a Fourier transform numerically.

<http://lamp.tu-graz.ac.at/~hadley/ss1/crystaldiffraction/ft/ft.php>

Properties of Fourier transforms

Linearity and superposition

$\mathcal{F}\{\alpha f(\vec{r}) + \beta g(\vec{r})\} = \alpha \mathcal{F}\{f(\vec{r})\} + \beta \mathcal{F}\{g(\vec{r})\}$ where α and β are any constants.

Similarity

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{f\left(\frac{\vec{r}}{a}\right)\right\} = |a|^d \mathcal{F}\{f(\vec{r})\}.$$

Shift

$$\mathcal{F}\{f(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0)\} = \mathcal{F}\{f(\vec{r})\} \exp\left(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0\right).$$

Convolution (Faltung)

$$f(\vec{r}) * g(\vec{r}) = \int f(\vec{r}') g(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d\vec{r}'$$

Notation [-1,-1]: $\mathcal{F}\{fg\} = \mathcal{F}\{f\} * \mathcal{F}\{g\}, \quad \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{FG\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{F\} * \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{G\}.$

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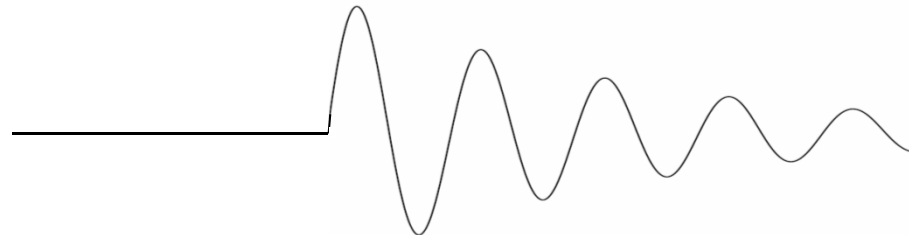
Impulse response function (Green's functions)

A Green's function is the solution to a linear differential equation for a δ -function driving force

For instance,
$$m \frac{d^2 g}{dt^2} + b \frac{dg}{dt} + kg = \delta(t)$$

has the solution

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{m} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{2m}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{4mk - b^2}}{2m} t\right) \quad t > 0$$



Green's functions

A driving force f can be thought of as being built up of many delta functions after each other.

$$f(t) = \int \delta(t - t') f(t') dt'$$

By superposition, the response to this driving function is superposition,

$$u(t) = \int g(t - t') f(t') dt'$$

For instance,
$$m \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} + b \frac{du}{dt} + ku = f(t)$$

has the solution

$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m} \exp\left(\frac{-b(t-t')}{2m}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{4mk - b^2}}{2m}(t-t')\right) f(t') dt'$$

Green's function converts a differential equation into an integral equation

Generalized susceptibility

A driving function f causes a response u

If the driving force is sinusoidal,

$$f(t) = F_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

The response will also be sinusoidal.

$$u(t) = \int g(t-t') f(t') dt' = \int g(t-t') F_0 e^{i\omega t'} dt'$$

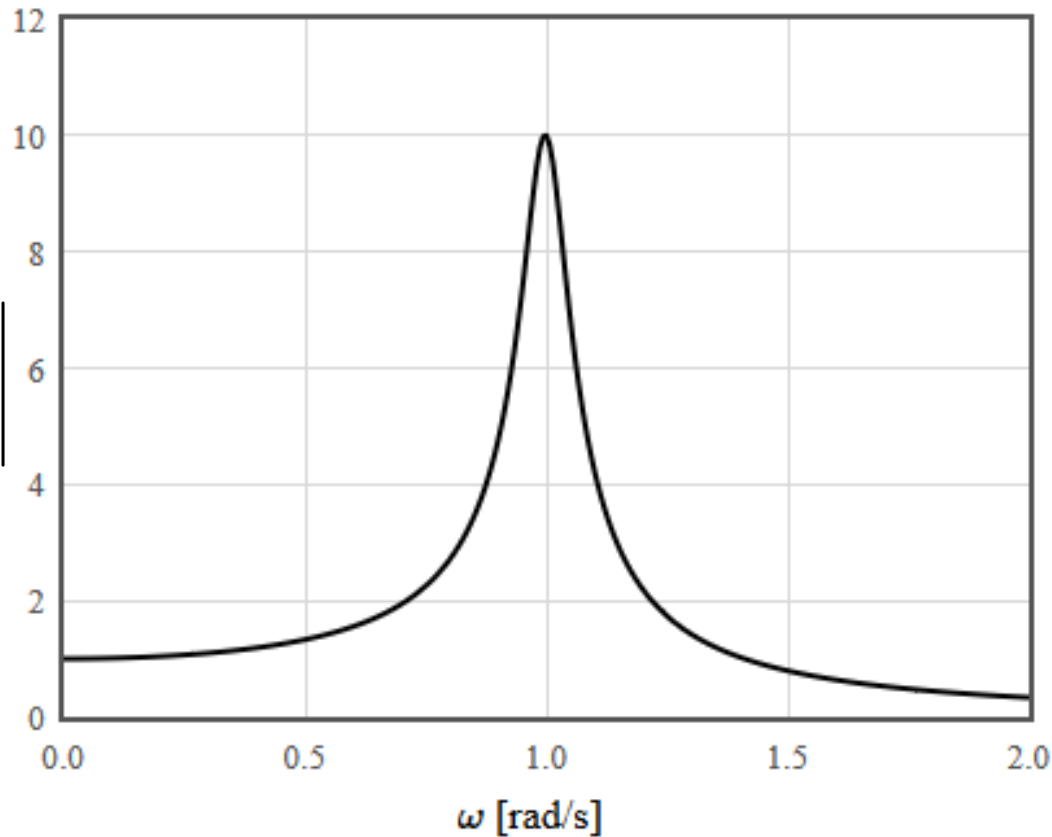
The generalized susceptibility at frequency ω is

$$\chi(\omega) = \frac{u}{f} = \frac{\int g(t-t') e^{i\omega t'} dt'}{e^{i\omega t}}$$

Generalized susceptibility

$m =$ [kg] $b =$ [N s/m] $k =$ [N/m]
 $Q = \frac{\sqrt{mk}}{b} =$

$$|\chi(\omega)| = \left| \frac{u}{f} \right|$$



Generalized susceptibility

$$\chi(\omega) = \frac{u}{f} = \frac{\int g(t-t')e^{i\omega t'} dt'}{e^{i\omega t}}$$

Since the integral is over t' , the factor with t can be put in the integral.

$$\chi(\omega) = \int g(t-t')e^{-i\omega(t-t')} dt'$$

Change variables to $\tau = t - t'$, $d\tau = -dt'$, reverse the limits of integration

$$\chi(\omega) = \int g(\tau)e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau$$

The susceptibility is the Fourier transform of the Green's function.

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \chi(\omega)e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

$F_{1,-1}$

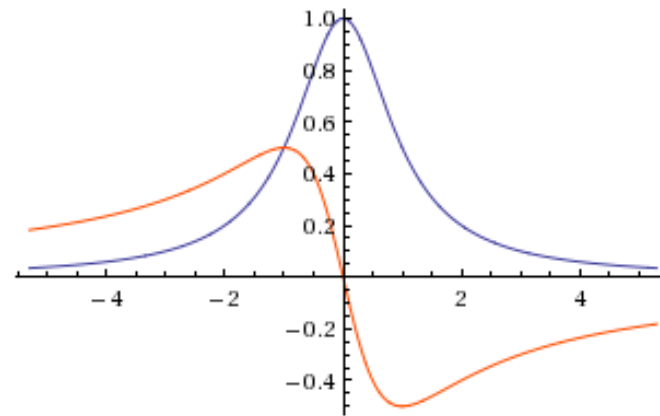
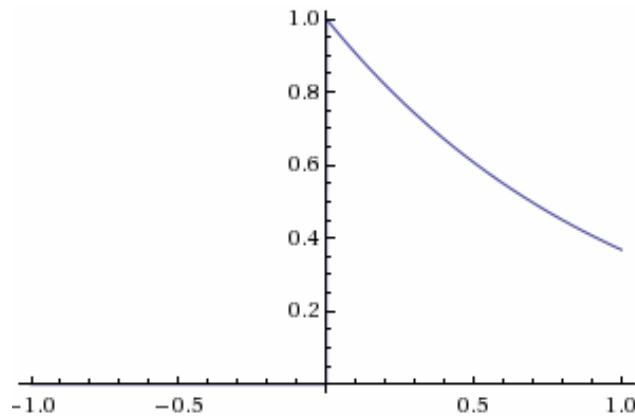
First order differential equation

$$m \frac{dg}{dt} + bg = \delta(t)$$

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{m} H(t) \exp\left(-\frac{bt}{m}\right) \quad \frac{b}{m} > 0$$

$$\chi(\omega) = \int g(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$\chi(\omega) = \frac{1}{m} \frac{\frac{b}{m} - i\omega}{\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)^2 + \omega^2}$$



The Fourier transform of a decaying exponential is a Lorentzian

Susceptibility

$$m \frac{du}{dt} + bu = F(t)$$

Assume that u and F are sinusoidal

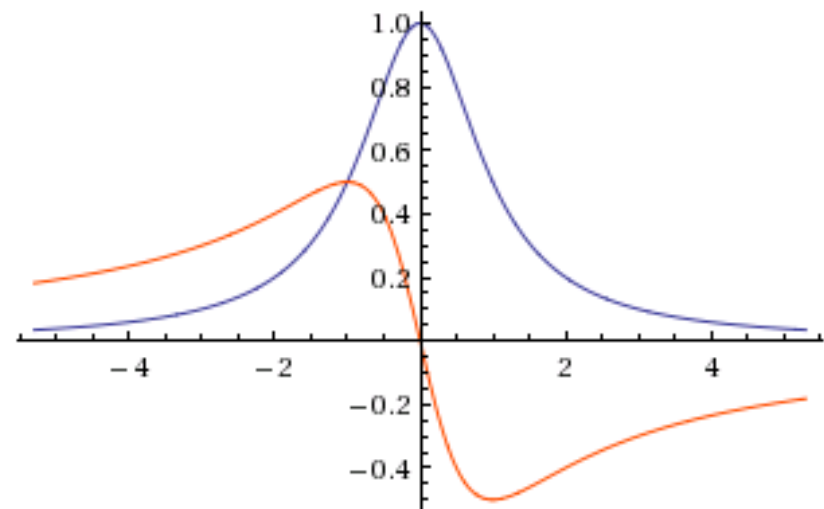
$$u = Ae^{i\omega t}$$

$$F = F_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

$$i\omega mA + bA = F_0$$

$$A = \frac{F_0}{b + i\omega m} = F_0 \frac{b - i\omega m}{b^2 + m^2 \omega^2}$$

$$\chi = \frac{u}{F} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{\frac{b}{m} - i\omega}{\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)^2 + \omega^2}$$



The sign of the imaginary part depends on whether you use $e^{i\omega t}$ or $e^{-i\omega t}$.

Susceptibility

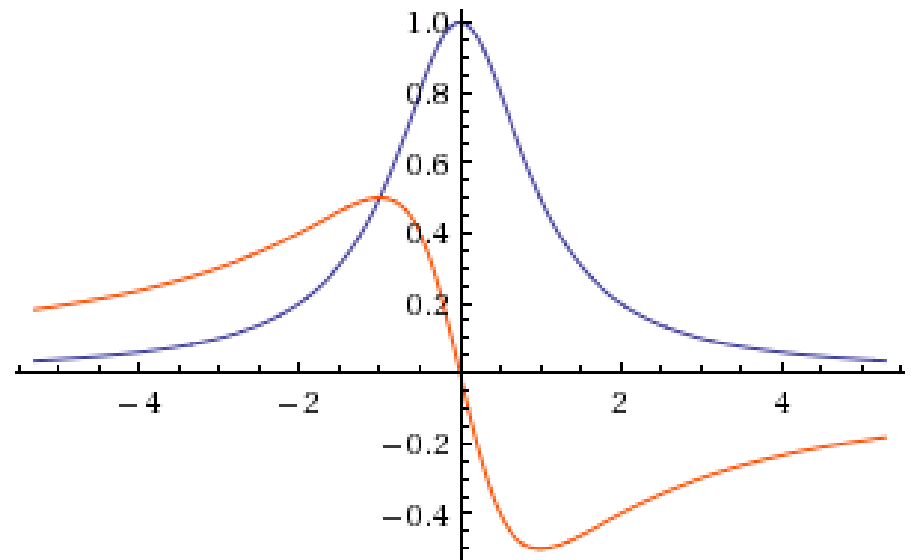
$$m \frac{dg}{dt} + bg = \delta(t)$$

Fourier transform the differential equation

$$i\omega m \chi(\omega) + b \chi(\omega) = 1$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{b + i\omega m}$$

$$\chi = \frac{1}{m} \frac{\frac{b}{m} - i\omega}{\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)^2 + \omega^2}$$

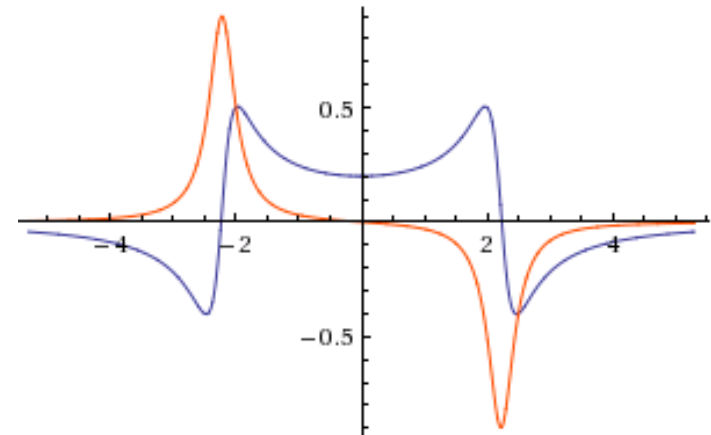
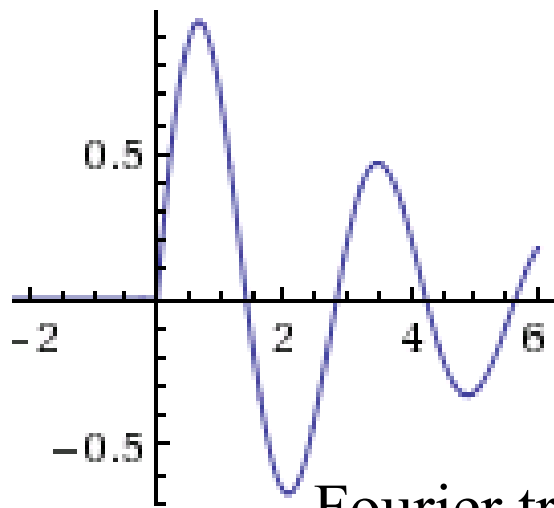


Damped mass-spring system

$$m \frac{d^2 g}{dt^2} + b \frac{dg}{dt} + kg = \delta(t)$$

$$-\omega^2 m \chi + i\omega b \chi + k \chi = 1$$

$$g = e^{\lambda t} \quad \lambda_{\pm} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4mk}}{2m}$$



Fourier transform pair

$$g(t) = H(t) \frac{1}{m} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{2m}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{4mk - b^2}}{2m} t\right)$$

$$\chi = \left(\frac{1}{m}\right) \frac{\frac{k}{m} - \omega^2 - i\omega \frac{b}{m}}{\left(\frac{k}{m} - \omega^2\right)^2 + \left(\omega \frac{b}{m}\right)^2}$$

More complex linear systems

Any coupled system of linear differential equations can be written as a set of first order equations

$$\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = M\vec{x}$$

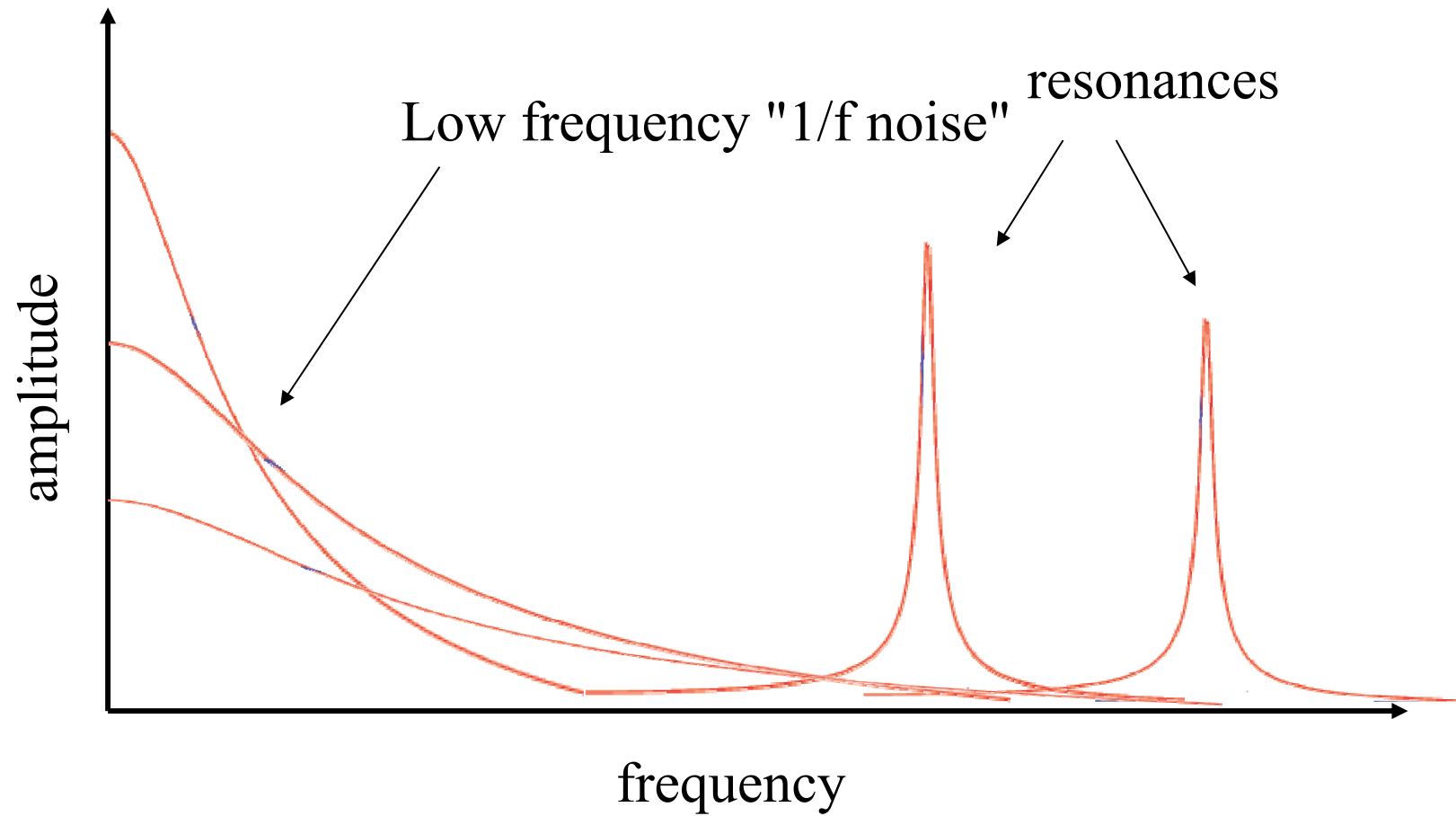
The solutions have the form $\vec{x}_i e^{\lambda_i t}$

where \vec{x}_i are the eigenvectors and λ_i are the eigenvalues of matrix M .

$\text{Re}(\lambda_i) < 0$ for stable systems

λ_i is either real and negative (overdamped) or comes in complex conjugate pairs with a negative real part (underdamped).

More complex linear systems



Odd and even components

Any function $f(t)$ can be written in terms of its odd and even components

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(t) + f(-t)]$$

$$O(t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(t) - f(-t)]$$

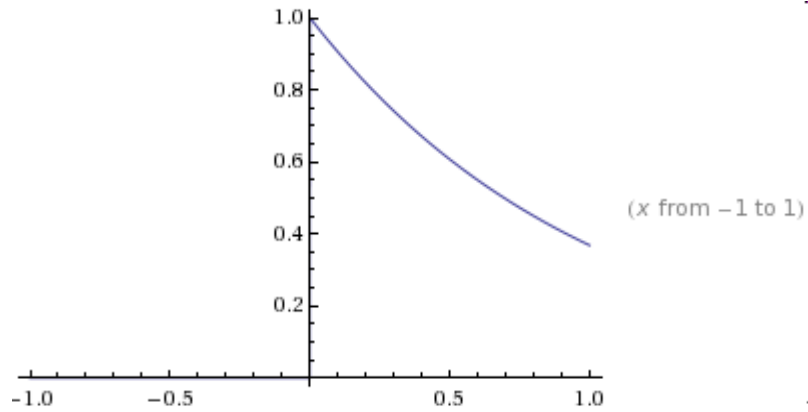
$$f(t) = E(t) + O(t)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(t) + f(-t)] + \frac{1}{2}[f(t) - f(-t)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (E(t) + O(t))(\cos \omega t - i \sin \omega t) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(t) \cos \omega t dt - i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} O(t) \sin \omega t dt \end{aligned}$$

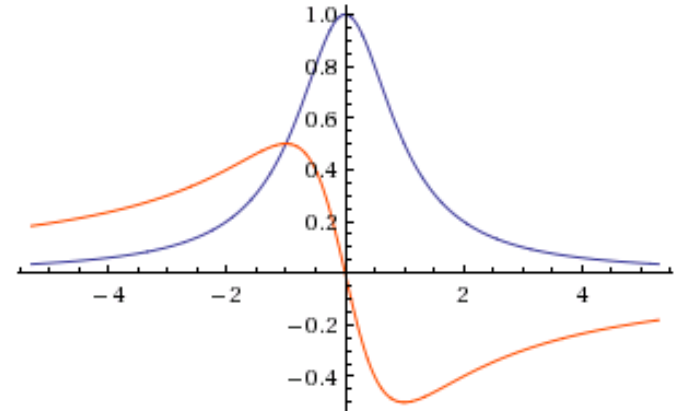
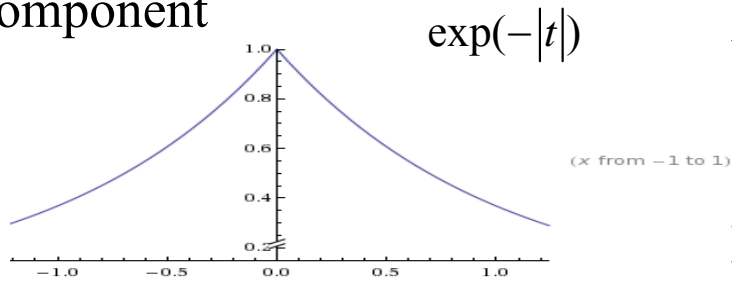
The Fourier transform of $E(t)$ is real and even

The Fourier transform of $O(t)$ is imaginary and odd

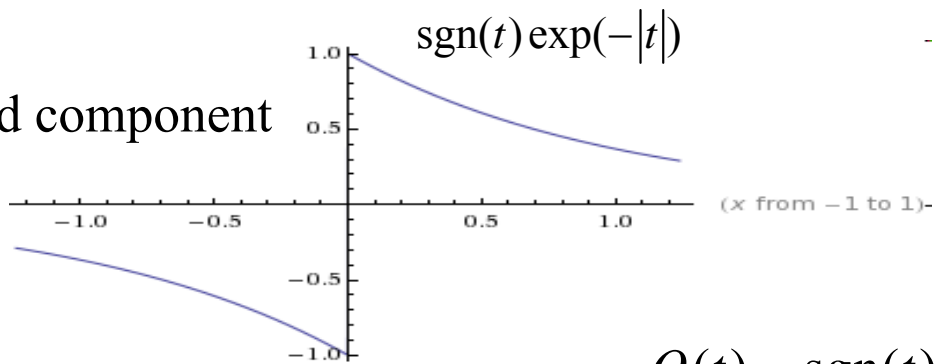


$$\chi(\omega) = \frac{1}{m} \frac{\frac{b}{m} - i\omega}{\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)^2 + \omega^2}$$

even component



odd component



$$O(t) = \text{sgn}(t)E(t)$$

$$E(t) = \text{sgn}(t)O(t)$$

Causality and the Kramers-Kronig relations (I)

$$\chi(\omega) = \int g(\tau) e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau = \int E(\tau) \cos(\omega\tau) d\tau - i \int O(\tau) \sin(\omega\tau) d\tau = \chi'(\omega) + i\chi''(\omega)$$

The real and imaginary parts of the susceptibility are related.

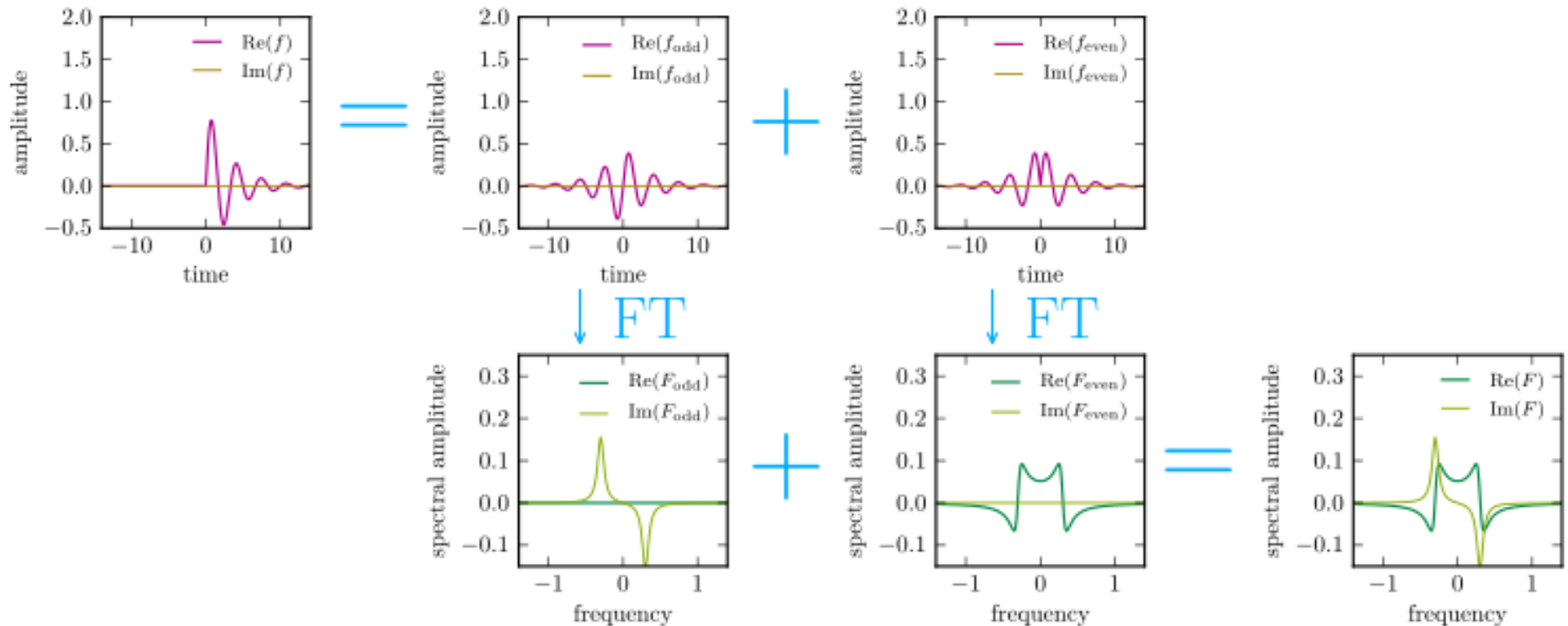
If you know χ' , inverse Fourier transform to find $E(t)$. Knowing $E(t)$ you can determine $O(t) = \text{sgn}(t)E(t)$. Fourier transform $O(t)$ to find χ'' .

$$\chi'(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(t) \cos(\omega t) dt \quad E(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi'(\omega) \cos(\omega t) d\omega$$

$$O(t) = \text{sgn}(t)E(t) \quad E(t) = \text{sgn}(t)O(t)$$

$$\chi''(\omega) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} O(t) \sin(\omega t) dt \quad O(t) = \frac{-1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi''(\omega) \sin(\omega t) d\omega$$

Kramers-Kronig relations



If you know any of these for just positive frequencies, you can calculate all the others.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kramers%E2%80%93Kronig_relations

Causality and the Kramers-Kronig relation (II)

Real space

$$E(t) = \text{sgn}(t)O(t)$$

$$O(t) = \text{sgn}(t)E(t)$$

Reciprocal space

$$\chi'(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\chi''(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega'$$

$$\chi''(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\chi'(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega'$$

$$\hookrightarrow \chi' = \frac{-i}{\pi\omega} * i\chi'', \quad i\chi'' = \frac{-i}{\pi\omega} * \chi' \hookrightarrow$$

Take the Fourier transform, use the convolution theorem.

P: Cauchy principle value (go around the singularity and take the limit as you pass by arbitrarily close)

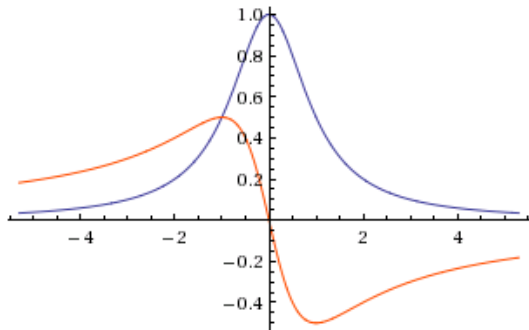
Singularity makes a numerical evaluation more difficult.

Kramers-Kronig relations (III)

$$\chi''(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\chi'(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega'$$

$$\chi'(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\chi''(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega'$$

Kramers-Kronig relations II



$$\chi'(\omega) = \chi'(-\omega)$$

$$\chi''(\omega) = -\chi''(-\omega)$$

Real part is even

Imaginary part is odd

$$\chi'(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\chi''(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega' - \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\chi''(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega'$$



change variables $\omega' \rightarrow -\omega'$

(4 minus signs)

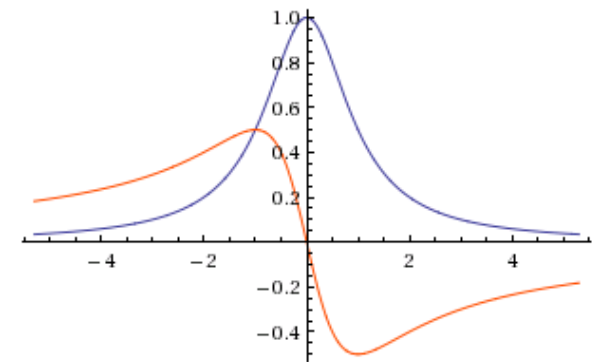
Kramers-Kronig relations (III)

$$\chi'(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\chi''(\omega')}{\omega' + \omega} d\omega' - \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\chi''(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega'$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega' + \omega} + \frac{1}{\omega' - \omega} = \frac{2\omega'}{(\omega')^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$\chi'(\omega) = \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega' \chi''(\omega')}{(\omega')^2 - \omega^2} d\omega'$$

$$\chi''(\omega) = -\frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega \chi'(\omega')}{(\omega')^2 - \omega^2} d\omega'$$



Singularity is stronger in this form.