



# MMP I

## Solution Sheet 4

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### Exercise 1 [Vector space (4 points)]

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \mathbb{C} && \text{(vector space)} \\ \langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle &= V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C} && \text{(scalar product)} \\ \langle x | y \rangle &= \overline{\langle y | x \rangle} \\ \langle x | \lambda y \rangle &= \bar{\lambda} \langle x | y \rangle \\ \langle \lambda x | y \rangle &= \lambda \langle x | y \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Norm } \|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x | x \rangle} \quad |\langle x | y \rangle|^2 = \langle x | y \rangle \overline{\langle x | y \rangle}$$

For any system  $\{y_k \in V | \langle y_k | y_l \rangle = \delta_{kl}\}$  (orthonormal) show the following relations:

#### a) Bessel Identity (2 points)

$$\begin{aligned}& \sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x | y_k \rangle|^2 + \|x - \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x | y_k \rangle y_k\|^2 \\ &= \sum_k |\langle x | y_k \rangle|^2 + \left\langle x - \sum_k \langle x | y_k \rangle y_k \left| x - \sum_l \langle x | y_l \rangle y_l \right. \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_k |\langle x | y_k \rangle|^2 + \langle x | x \rangle - \left\langle x \left| \sum_l \langle x | y_l \rangle y_l \right. \right\rangle \\ & \quad - \left\langle \sum_k \langle x | y_k \rangle y_k \left| x \right. \right\rangle + \left\langle \sum_k \langle x | y_k \rangle y_k \left| \sum_l \langle x | y_l \rangle y_l \right. \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_k |\langle x | y_k \rangle|^2 + \|x\|^2 - \sum_l \left\langle x \left| \langle x | y_l \rangle y_l \right. \right\rangle \\ & \quad - \sum_k \left\langle \langle x | y_k \rangle y_k \left| x \right. \right\rangle + \sum_k \sum_l \left\langle \langle x | y_k \rangle y_k \left| \langle x | y_l \rangle y_l \right. \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_k |\langle x|y_k\rangle|^2 + \|x\|^2 - \sum_l \langle \overline{x|y_l}\rangle \langle x|y_l\rangle \\
&\quad - \sum_k \langle x|y_k\rangle \langle y_k|x\rangle + \sum_k \sum_l \langle x|y_k\rangle \langle y_k|y_l\rangle \langle \overline{x|y_l}\rangle \\
&= \sum_k |\langle x|y_k\rangle|^2 + \|x\|^2 - \sum_l |\langle x|y_l\rangle|^2 - \sum_k |\langle x|y_k\rangle|^2 + \sum_k |\langle x|y_k\rangle|^2 \\
&= \|x\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

b) Bessel Inequality (0.5 points)

$$\|x\|^2 \geq \sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x|y_k\rangle|^2$$

We can use a)

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x\|^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x|y_k\rangle|^2 + \|x - \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x|y_k\rangle y_k\|^2 \\
\|x - \sum_{k=1}^n \langle x|y_k\rangle y_k\|^2 &\geq 0 \text{ by definition} \\
\Rightarrow \|x\|^2 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n |\langle x|y_k\rangle|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

c) Schwarz inequality (1.5 points)

$$\|x\| \cdot \|y\| \geq |\langle x|y\rangle| \quad \forall x, y \in V.$$

If  $y = 0$ , the inequality is trivially satisfied. If  $y \neq 0$ , by definition,

$$\|x - \lambda y\|^2 \geq 0,$$

and therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \|x - \lambda y\|^2 = \langle x - \lambda y|x - \lambda y\rangle \\
&= \langle x|x\rangle - \lambda \langle y|x\rangle - \overline{\lambda} \langle x|y\rangle + |\lambda|^2 \langle y|y\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Let's choose

$$\lambda = \frac{\langle x|y\rangle}{\langle y|y\rangle}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \|x\|^2 - \frac{\langle x|y\rangle}{\langle y|y\rangle} \langle y|x\rangle - \frac{\langle \overline{x|y}\rangle}{\langle y|y\rangle} \langle x|y\rangle + \frac{|\langle x|y\rangle|^2}{|\langle y|y\rangle|^2} \langle y|y\rangle \\
&= \|x\|^2 - \frac{|\langle x|y\rangle|^2}{\|y\|^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|x\|^2 \|y\|^2 \geq |\langle x|y\rangle|^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|x\| \cdot \|y\| \geq |\langle x|y\rangle|.$$

**Exercise 2** [Fourier Transform and Fourier Integral (2 points)]

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & |x| > a \\ 2a - 2|x|, & |x| \leq a \end{cases}$$

**Cosine FT:**

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_{\cos}(k) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a f(x) \cos(kx) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a (2a - 2|x|) \cos(kx) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^a (a - x) \cos(kx) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( \left[ (a - x) \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) \right]_0^a - \int_0^a (-1) \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} k} \int_0^a \sin(kx) dx = -\frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} k^2} [\cos(ka) - 1] \end{aligned}$$

**Exponential FT:**

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_{\exp}(k) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a f(x) e^{-ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a (2a - 2|x|) e^{-ikx} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \int_{-a}^0 (2a - 2|x|) e^{-ikx} dx + \int_0^a (2a - 2|x|) e^{-ikx} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \int_0^a (a - x) e^{ikx} dx + \int_0^a (a - x) e^{-ikx} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^a (a - x) [e^{ikx} + e^{-ikx}] dx \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^a (a - x) \cos(kx) dx = -\frac{4}{\sqrt{2\pi} k^2} [\cos(ka) - 1] \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 3** [Finite Wave (4 points)]

a)

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin(\omega_0 t), & -t_0 < t < t_0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}, \quad t_0 = \frac{N\pi}{\omega_0}$$

(1)

$$\begin{aligned}
g(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-t_0}^{t_0} \sin(\omega_0 t) e^{-i\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-t_0}^{t_0} \left( \frac{e^{i\omega_0 t} - e^{-i\omega_0 t}}{2i} \right) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{2i\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-t_0}^{t_0} \left[ e^{i(\omega_0 - \omega)t} - e^{-i(\omega_0 + \omega)t} \right] dt \\
&= \frac{1}{2i\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{1}{i(\omega_0 - \omega)} e^{i(\omega_0 - \omega)t} \Big|_{-t_0}^{t_0} - \frac{1}{-i(\omega_0 + \omega)} e^{-i(\omega_0 + \omega)t} \Big|_{-t_0}^{t_0} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{i\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{\sin\left((\omega_0 - \omega)\frac{\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{(\omega_0 - \omega)} - \frac{\sin\left((\omega_0 + \omega)\frac{\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{(\omega_0 + \omega)} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

We could go on:

$$\begin{aligned}
g(\omega) &= \frac{1}{i\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{\sin\left((\omega_0 - \omega)\frac{\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{(\omega_0 - \omega)} - \frac{\sin\left((\omega_0 + \omega)\frac{\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{(\omega_0 + \omega)} \right] \\
&= \frac{-1}{i\sqrt{2\pi}} (-1)^N \sin\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \pi N\right) \left[ \frac{1}{\omega_0 - \omega} + \frac{1}{\omega_0 + \omega} \right] \\
&= i\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} (-1)^N \sin\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \pi N\right) \frac{\omega_0}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

As a physical example for such a function, consider the equation of a driven harmonic oscillator:  $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = F(t)$ , with a sinusoidal external force  $F(t) = F_0 e^{i\omega t}$ .

The solutions relax towards  $x(t) = Ae^{i\omega t}$ , where, in the case of no damping, ( $c = 0$ ),  $A = \frac{F_0/m}{|\omega_0^2 - \omega^2|}$ .

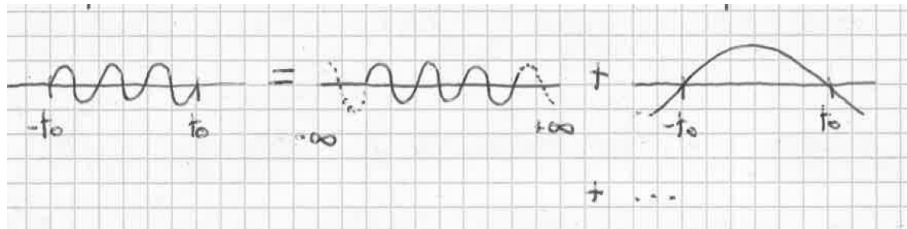
Here,  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$  is the angular frequency of the undamped, and non-driven, harmonic oscillator.

For  $\omega \rightarrow \omega_0$  the system gets into **resonance**. This presents some similarities with our curve  $g(\omega)$  for  $\omega \rightarrow \omega_0$ .

More generally, resonances are described by the so-called ‘‘Lorentzian-function’’.

b)  $g(\omega)$ : distribution of frequencies  $\omega$  of all the oscillations used to build up  $f(t)$ .

For  $f(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t)$  only one mode  $\omega = \omega_0$  is needed, but since in our problem the oscillation is restricted to  $(-t_0, t_0)$ , a whole variety of modes is needed to build up  $f(t)$ .



c) **Case 1**  $|\omega| \ll |\omega_0|$

$$g(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ \frac{\sin(\pi N)}{\omega_0} - \frac{\sin(\pi N)}{\omega_0} \right] = 0$$

**Case 2**  $|\omega - \omega_0| \ll |\omega_0|$  (or, better:  $N|\omega - \omega_0| \ll |\omega_0|$ )

consider the first term: 
$$\frac{\sin\left(\frac{(\omega - \omega_0)\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{\omega - \omega_0} = \frac{\pi N}{\omega_0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{(\omega - \omega_0)\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{\frac{(\omega - \omega_0)\pi N}{\omega_0}} \approx \frac{\pi N}{\omega_0}$$

on the other side, the second term: 
$$\frac{-\sin\left(\frac{(\omega + \omega_0)\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{\omega + \omega_0} = -\frac{1}{\omega + \omega_0} \sin\left(\left(2 + \frac{\omega - \omega_0}{\omega_0}\right)\pi N\right) \approx -\frac{1}{2\omega_0} \sin(2\pi N) = 0$$

Therefore, 
$$g(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{i\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\pi N}{\omega_0}$$

Similarly, for  $N|\omega + \omega_0| \ll |\omega_0|$  (i.e.  $\omega \approx -\omega_0$ ), 
$$g(\omega) \approx \frac{-1}{i\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\pi N}{\omega_0}$$

**Case 3:**  $|\omega| \gg |\omega_0|$  (or better:  $|\omega| \rightarrow \infty$ )

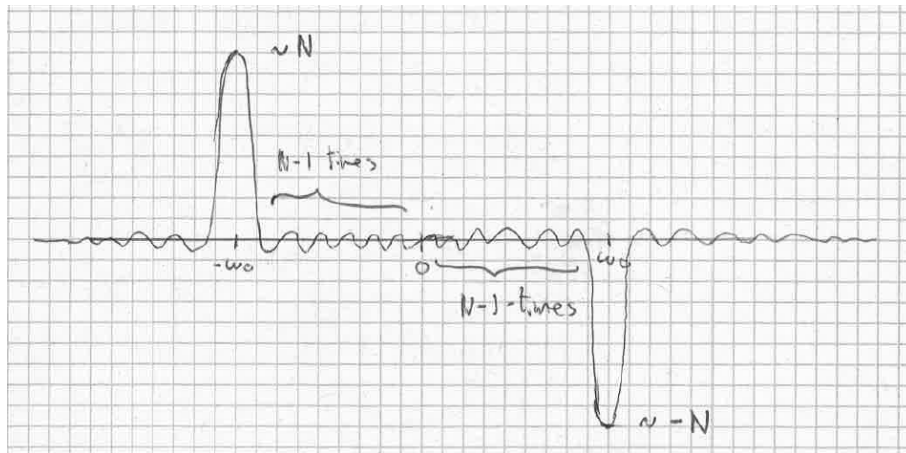
$$g(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{i\sqrt{2\pi}\omega_0} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{(\omega_0 - \omega)\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{-\omega/\omega_0} - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{(\omega_0 + \omega)\pi N}{\omega_0}\right)}{\omega/\omega_0} \right] \rightarrow 0 \text{ since both denominators } \rightarrow \infty.$$

For the other zeroes of  $g(\omega)$ , we can use the formulation 
$$g(\omega) = i\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} (-1)^N \sin\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} \pi N\right) \frac{\omega_0}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}.$$

We see that  $g(\omega) = 0$  for  $\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} N = z$ , with  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $z \neq -N, N$

In particular, there will be  $N - 1$  zeroes in the interval  $(-\omega_0, 0)$  and in the interval  $(0, \omega_0)$ , and an infinite number of zeroes in  $(-\infty, -\omega_0)$  and  $(\omega_0, +\infty)$ .

Taking into account all the collected information, we can sketch  $\text{Im}(g(\omega))$  as follows:



d) For  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $g(\omega)$  becomes more and more peaked at  $\omega = \pm\omega_0$ . The number of zeroes in  $(-\omega_0, \omega_0)$  approaches infinity  $\rightarrow$  kind of delta distribution.