

Key ideas

Completeness ppty of  $\{P_i\}$

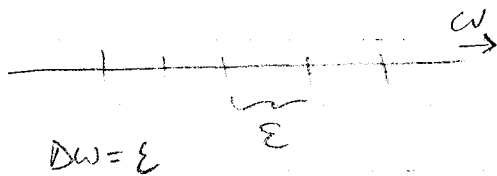
O.N. " "  $\{P_i\}$

Degrees of freedom  $\|f\|_{L^2}^2 = \text{energy}$

phase space

phase space cells

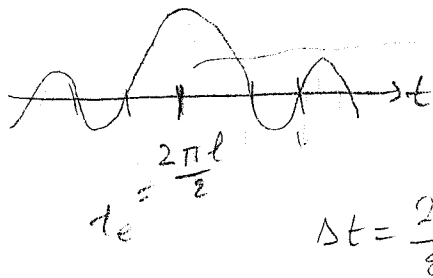
signal rep'n in phase space



$$F_j(\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{otherwise} \\ \frac{e^{-2\pi i \ell / \epsilon \omega}}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} & \text{if } \epsilon \leq \omega \leq \epsilon + \ell \end{cases}$$

$$P_j(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_j(\omega) \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \epsilon}} e^{i(t - \frac{2\pi \ell}{\epsilon})} \frac{\sin(t - \frac{2\pi \ell}{\epsilon}) \frac{\epsilon}{2}}{t - \frac{2\pi \ell}{\epsilon}}$$

equally spaced zeroes:



Re  $P_j(t)$   
Localized in  $t$ !

(N.B.)  $\mathcal{F}(e^{i\omega t}) = \sqrt{2\pi} \delta(\omega - \omega')$

Fourier Integral Rep'n + Fourier Series Rep'n  $\Rightarrow$   
 G.N. wave packet rep'n. -1-

We know that the set of wave packets

$$\{P_{j\omega}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_{j\omega}(w) e^{i\omega t} dw, j, \omega = \dots, \pm 1, 0, \pm 1, \dots\}$$

form an orthonormal set,

$$\langle P_{j\omega}, P_{k\omega'} \rangle = \delta_{jk} \delta_{\omega\omega'}$$

Q. But do these packets form a complete set, i.e.

is it true that any  $f(t) \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$

can be represented by means of a

series

$$f(t) = \sum_j \sum_{\omega} \alpha_{j\omega} P_{j\omega}(t)$$

for an appropriately chosen set of

coefficients  $\{\alpha_{j\omega}\}$ ?

A. The Fourier Integral Theorem together

with the Fourier Series Theorem not only tell

that the answer is "yes", but also

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 tell us what the  $\alpha_{j\omega}$  coefficients are.

The validation of these claims is a three-step process.

1. Start with the Fourier spectral representation -

then,

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \hat{f}(\omega) d\omega$$

which is based on the Fourier Integral Theorem.

Break up this rep'n into its Fourier

window subintervals:

$$f(t) = \dots \int_{j\pi}^{(j+1)\pi} \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \hat{f}(\omega) d\omega + \int_{(j+1)\pi}^{(j+2)\pi} \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \hat{f}(\omega) d\omega + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{j\pi}^{(j+1)\pi} d\omega \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \hat{f}(\omega)$$

2. Apply the Fourier Series Theorem to  $\hat{f}(\omega)$  on each subinterval  $[j\pi, (j+1)\pi]$  and obtain

$$f(t) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i\omega l}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\omega l}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \hat{f}(\omega) d\omega$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{P_{j,l}(t)}$

The Fourier coefficient is given by  $\alpha_{j,l} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\omega) f(\omega) d\omega$  where  $\hat{f}(\omega)$  is the  $L^2$  Fourier series basis function whose support is confined to  $[j\pi, (j+1)\pi]$ . We therefore have

$$\alpha_{j,l} = \langle \hat{P}_{j,l}, \hat{f} \rangle = \langle \hat{P}_{j,l}, \hat{f} \rangle = \langle P_{j,l}, f \rangle$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\hat{P}(\omega)}$

consequently

$$f(t) = \sum \sum P_{j,l}(t) \alpha_{j,l}; \quad \alpha_{j,l} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{P}_{j,l}(\omega) f(\omega) d\omega$$

3. Introduce the definition of  $P_{j,l}(t)$ , namely

$$P_{j,l}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{F}_{j,l}(\omega) \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} d\omega$$

so that

$$\hat{P}_{j,l}(\omega) = \hat{F}_{j,l}(\omega)$$

Using Parseval's identity

$$\langle \hat{P}_{j,l}, \hat{f} \rangle = \langle P_{j,l}, f \rangle$$

one obtain

$$\alpha_{j,l} = \langle \hat{F}_{j,l}, \hat{f} \rangle = \langle P_{j,l}, f \rangle$$

consequently

$$f(t) = \sum \sum \alpha_{j,l} P_{j,l}(t)$$

$$\alpha_{j,l} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{P}_{j,l}(\omega) f(\omega) d\omega$$

and upon taking the Fourier transform, one also obtains

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \sum \sum \alpha_{j,l} \hat{P}_{j,l}(\omega)$$

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Thus one has the following theorem

Given: 1)  $f \in L^2(-\infty, \infty)$

$$2.) \left\{ F_{j\ell}(\omega) \right\} = \left\{ \frac{e^{-2\pi i j \ell \omega}}{\sqrt{\ell}} \right\}_{\ell=1, \infty}$$

on each frequency window  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $j \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}, \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}, j, \ell = 0, \pm 1, \dots$

Conclusion:

The set of wave packets

$$p_{j\ell}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} F_{j\ell}(\omega) d\omega$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi \ell}} e^{i\ell \left( t - \frac{2\pi \ell}{\ell} \right) \left( \frac{t}{\ell} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ell} \frac{\sin \left( t - \frac{2\pi \ell}{\ell} \right) \frac{\ell}{2}}{t - \frac{2\pi \ell}{\ell}}$$

$$j, \ell = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

is a complete set of o.m. of basis fns for  $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ .

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Corollary:

$$\sum_j \sum_{\ell} P_{j\ell}(t) P_{j\ell}(t') = \delta(t - t') \quad (*)$$

Proof: From page 4 one has

$$f(t) = \sum_j \sum_{\ell} P_{j\ell}(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{j\ell}(t') f(t') dt'$$

Interchange the summation and the integrals yields

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_j \sum_{\ell} P_{j\ell}(t) P_{j\ell}(t') f(t') dt'$$

R.E.D.

Note that, upon multiplying both sides of Eq. (\*) at the top of this page by  $f(t')$  and integrating, one obtains

$$\sum_j \sum_{\ell} P_{j\ell}(t) \alpha_{j\ell} = f(t).$$

Thus Eq. (\*) is a restatement of the fact

that  $\{P_{j\ell}\}$  is a spanning set for  $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ .

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i.e.  $\{P_n\}$  is a complete set of basis

functions.

Degrees of Freedom

Relative to  $\{P_{ij}\}$ , an orthon basis for  $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ , a function is identified by specifying the complex parameters  $\alpha_{ij}$ .

$$\hat{f}(t) = \sum \sum \alpha_{ij} P_{ij}(t)$$
$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \sum \sum \alpha_{ij} P_{ij}(\omega)$$

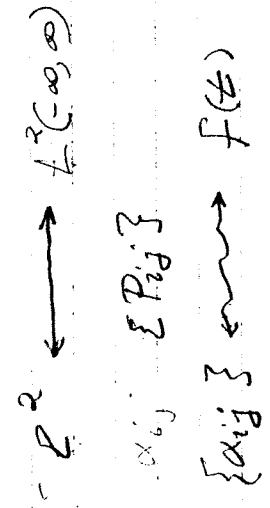
In light of the orthonormality of these basis fns, one finds that the total energy of the signal function

$$\langle \hat{f}, \hat{f} \rangle = \langle \sum \sum \alpha_{ij} P_{ij}, \sum \sum \alpha_{ij} P_{ij} \rangle$$
$$= \sum \sum |\alpha_{ij}|^2 = \langle \hat{f}, \hat{f} \rangle$$

Thus each  $|\alpha_{ij}|^2$  is the energy associated with the  $(ij)$ <sup>th</sup> component

$$\alpha_{ij} P_{ij}(t)$$

of the signal  $f(t)$  synthesized in terms the wave packets  $\{P_{ij}\}$ . These wave packet constitute an isometric mapping between square summable series and square integrable functions



In physics and engineering each complex  $\alpha_{ij} \in C$  is the  $(ij)$ <sup>th</sup> degree of freedom for the system of signals  $f \in L^2$ . By varying the complex parameter

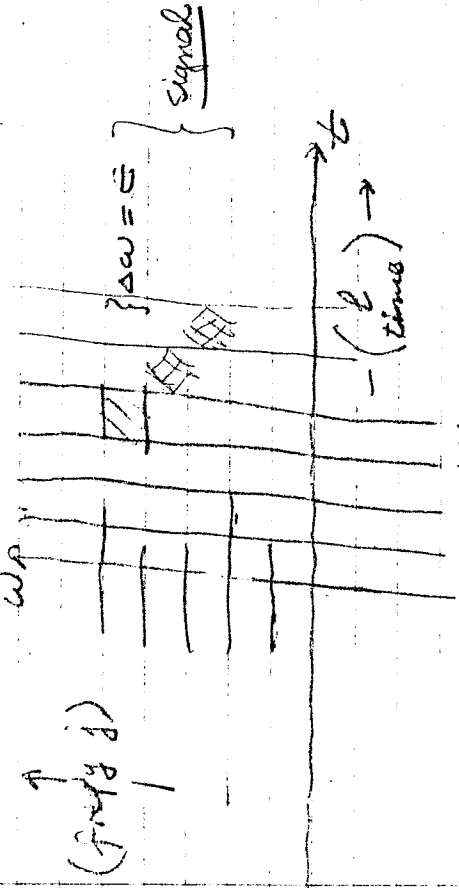
The phase space rep'n of

$$f = \sum \sum \alpha_{ij} P_{ij}(z)$$

$$\hat{f} = \sum \sum \alpha_{ij} P_{ij}(\omega)$$

consists of the domain spanned by  $z$  and  $\omega$ , but each one partitioned into discrete subintervals of

size  $\Delta t = \frac{2\pi}{\epsilon}$ ,  $\Delta \omega = \epsilon$ .



$$\frac{\omega}{\Delta t} = \frac{2\pi}{\epsilon}$$

(area of phase space cell) =  $\Delta t \Delta \omega = \frac{2\pi}{\epsilon} \epsilon = 2\pi$   $\forall (i,j)$  cells  
 (incompressible, i.e. independent of  $\epsilon$ )

$$\langle f, f \rangle = \sum \sum |\alpha_{ij}|^2$$

$$\langle \hat{f}, \hat{f} \rangle = \sum \sum |\alpha_{ij}|^2$$

$|\alpha_{ij}|^2$  = energy in  $(i,j)$ <sup>th</sup> degree of freedom  
 = " "  $(i,j)$ <sup>th</sup> phase space cell

There are exactly as many phase space cells as there are degrees of freedom.

Q: How many degrees of freedom are there in a system of particles

functions with support  $(\frac{1}{2})^d$

$f_{max} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta x$

$\Delta x$

and duration

$T = \frac{\Delta t}{c}$

$\frac{\Delta x}{c} = 2(f_{max} + \frac{1}{2}) \Delta t = 2(f_{max} + \frac{1}{2}) \frac{\Delta t}{c}$

$\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = c_{max}$

# of degrees of freedom =  $(2(f_{max} + \frac{1}{2})) \times c_{max} \times$

accessible amount of phase space  $\frac{1}{(2\pi)^d}$

$= \frac{\Delta x \cdot \Delta t}{c \cdot \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d}} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot T}{2\pi}$