

# LVS stuff

Consider LVS of  $f(x) = f(x+2L)$  on  $-L < x < L$

2 Hermitian operators:  $-\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  &  $-i\frac{d}{dx}$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} &: -f'' = \lambda^2 f & \rightarrow e^{i\lambda x} \\ -i\frac{d}{dx} &: -if' = \lambda f & \rightarrow e^{i\lambda x} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \\ -i\frac{d}{dx} \end{aligned}} \right\} f(x+2L) = e^{2L\lambda i} e^{i\lambda x} = e^{2L\lambda i} f(x) = 1 f(x) \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\pi}{L} \cdot n$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n |n\rangle = \sum c_n e^{i(\pi n x)/L} \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum} \right\} k_n = (\pi \cdot n)/L \quad \text{"wave number"}$$

$$\langle m | n \rangle = \int_{-L}^L dx e^{-ik_m x} e^{ik_n x} = \int_{-L}^L dx e^{i\frac{\pi}{L}(n-m)x} = 2L \delta_{nm}$$

so  $|n\rangle$  are orthogonal

to normalize instead of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2L}}$ , use  $|\hat{n}\rangle = \frac{\alpha}{L} e^{ik_n x}$

$$\text{now } \hat{f}(x) = \frac{\alpha}{L} \sum c_n e^{ik_n x} = \sum c_n |\hat{n}\rangle$$

find  $c_n$ :

$$\langle m | f \rangle = \frac{\alpha}{L} \int_{-L}^L dx e^{-ik_m x} f(x) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle m | f \rangle &= \frac{\alpha}{L} \int_{-L}^L dx e^{-ik_m x} \frac{\alpha}{L} \sum c_n e^{ik_n x} \\ \langle m | \hat{n} \rangle \langle \hat{n} | f \rangle &= \frac{\alpha^2}{L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \int_{-L}^L e^{-ik_m x} e^{ik_n x} dx \\ \frac{\alpha}{L} \langle m | n \rangle \cdot \frac{\alpha}{L} \langle n | f \rangle &= \frac{\alpha^2}{L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \langle m | n \rangle \\ \rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2}{L^2} \langle m | n \rangle \langle n | f \rangle &= \frac{\alpha^2}{L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \langle m | n \rangle \\ \langle n | f \rangle = \langle n | \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m |m\rangle = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m \langle n | m \rangle &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m \\ \rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2}{L^2} (2L \delta_{nm}) \left( \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m \right) &= \frac{\alpha^2}{L^2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m \delta_{nm} = \frac{2\alpha^2}{L} c_m = \langle m | f \rangle \rightarrow c_m = \frac{L}{2\alpha^2} \langle m | f \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite:  $L \rightarrow \infty$

$$c_m = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ik_m x} f(x) dx$$

Notice:  $k_{n+1} - k_n = \frac{\pi}{L} (n+1 - n) = \frac{\pi}{L} \equiv dk$   
 "step size"

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow f &= \sum_n c_n \left( \frac{\alpha}{L} e^{ik_n x} \right) \left( dk \cdot \frac{L}{\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \sum c_n e^{ik_n x} dk \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c(k) e^{ikx} dx \end{aligned}$$

$k_n$  gets smaller as  $L \rightarrow \infty$

Fourier pair

For  $L \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int c(k) e^{ikx} dk$$

$$c(k) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{L}$$

$$\downarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$\alpha = L$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$$\alpha = \pi$$

$$1$$

$$\downarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$1$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

conventions for  
Fourier  
Transform

can expand  $f(x)$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$   
by finding eigenvalues & take continuum limit

$\mathcal{L} : -\frac{d^2}{dx^2}, i\frac{d}{dx}$  are Hermitian

Form  $\langle n | \mathcal{L} | m \rangle$

$$|n\rangle = e^{i(\pi n x)/L}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} : & \int dx e^{i(\pi n x)/L} \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left( e^{i(\pi m x)/L} \right) \right) \\ &= \int dx e^{-\frac{i\pi n x}{L}} \cdot -\left( \frac{i\pi m}{L} \right)^2 \cdot e^{\frac{i\pi m x}{L}} \\ &= \left( \frac{\pi m}{L} \right)^2 \int dx e^{-\frac{i\pi n x}{L}} e^{\frac{i\pi m x}{L}} \\ &= \left( \frac{\pi m}{L} \right)^2 \int_{-L}^L dx e^{i(\pi x)(m-n)/L} = 2L \left( \frac{\pi m}{L} \right)^2 \delta_{nm} = \frac{2\pi^2 m^2}{L} \delta_{nm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -i\frac{d}{dx} : & \int dx e^{-\frac{i\pi n x}{L}} \cdot -i \frac{d}{dx} \left[ e^{\frac{i\pi m x}{L}} \right] \\ &= \int dx e^{-\frac{i\pi n x}{L}} \cdot \frac{\pi m}{L} e^{\frac{i\pi m x}{L}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\pi m}{L} \int dx e^{i\pi x(n-m)} = \frac{\pi m}{L} \cdot 2L \delta_{nm} = 2\pi m \delta_{nm}$$

Both cases:  $L_{nm} = \langle n | L | m \rangle = L_{mn} = (L^T)_{nm}$   
 $\rightarrow$  both hermitian

order doesn't matter

Same as  $\langle n | (L | m \rangle) = \langle m | (L^+ | n \rangle^*)$

flip, need new  $L$

how do write s.t.  $L$  operating on  $|n\rangle$  rather than  $|m\rangle$  w/a related  $L$   
 $\rightarrow$  call it  $L^+$

if I form  $L_{nm} \neq L_{mn}^+$  matrices w/operators  $-\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  or  $-i\frac{d}{dx}$

get  $L_{nm} = L_{mn}^* = (L^+)_{nm}$

Adjoint def<sup>n</sup>

$$L|w\rangle = |z\rangle$$

$$\langle v | L | w \rangle = \langle v | z \rangle$$

$$\langle v | z \rangle^* = \langle z | v \rangle \quad \text{what's } z?$$

$$= \langle w | L^+ | v \rangle = \langle v | L | w \rangle^*$$

$v \neq w \rightarrow$  basis vectors find  $[L^+]_{nm} = L_{mn}^* = [L^{T*}]_{nm}$

hermitian cases:  $L^+ = L$  orthogonal basis

unitary cases:  $L^{-1} = L^+$  basis rotations