


Dirac δ Function in 1-D: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x-x_0) dx = f(x_0)$

introduced as $\delta(x_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ik(x-x_0)} dk$

Consider Gaussian f^n , keep normalization constant

$e^{-n^2 x^2}$; know $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-n^2 x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{n}$

$\frac{n}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-n^2 x^2}$ integrates as 1 for any n

e full width half max.,  = $2.35\sigma = \frac{2.35}{\sqrt{2}n} \rightarrow 0$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$
 \rightarrow height $\rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

consider $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \underbrace{\frac{n}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-n^2 x^2}}_{\delta_n(x)}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

if true, only contributions are for x near 0

Taylor expand: $f(x) \cong f(0) + x f'(x)|_{x=0}$

$\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \delta_n(x) = f(x) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_n(x) dx + f'(x)|_{x=0} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \delta_n(x) dx$

$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x \delta_n(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-n^2 u} du = \frac{n}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{-n^2} \left[e^{-n^2 u} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
 \rightarrow goes twice over same area $\frac{1}{2}$ even f^n

$\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \delta_n(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(0)$

Solving DEs w/F.T.

Wave eqn: $\underbrace{u''(x,t)} = \frac{1}{v^2} \ddot{u}(x,t)$ \forall IC. $u(x,0) \equiv f(x)$

take F.T. wrt. x : $(ik)^2 \tilde{u}(k,t) = \frac{1}{v^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u'' e^{ikx} dx = \frac{1}{v^2} \tilde{u}(k,t)$

get $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\tilde{u}(k,t)) = -v^2 k^2 \tilde{u}(k,t)$ $\tilde{u}(k,t)$
 $\rightarrow \tilde{u} \propto e^{\pm ivkt}$ \downarrow b/c FT wrt x , order for this doesn't matter

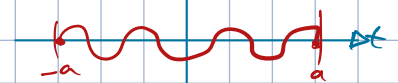
Using I.C. $\tilde{u}(k,0) = \tilde{f}(k) \rightarrow \tilde{u}(k,t) = \tilde{f}(k) \cdot e^{\pm ivkt}$

inverse FT.

$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikx} dk \tilde{u}(k,t)$
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dk e^{-ikx} \cdot \tilde{f}(k) \cdot e^{\pm ivkt}$
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{-ik(x \mp vt)} \tilde{f}(k) = f(x \mp vt)$

Uncertainty Principle Revisited

"Radio Problem": have a source $f(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t)$



Practical Problem: can only analyze for fixed amt. time \rightarrow during $-a < t < a$

get frequency content by F.T.

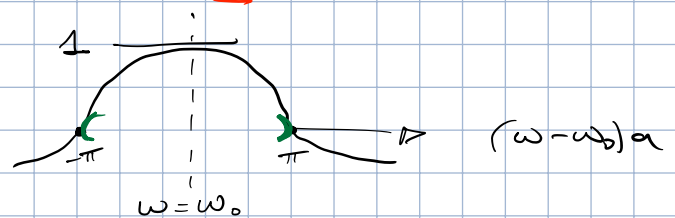
$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{f}(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a \sin(\omega_0 t) e^{i\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{2i} \int (e^{i\omega_0 t} - e^{-i\omega_0 t}) e^{i\omega t} dt \\
 &= \frac{-i}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-a}^a e^{i(\omega+\omega_0)t} - e^{i(\omega-\omega_0)t} dt \\
 &= \frac{-i}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \frac{e^{i(\omega+\omega_0)t}}{i(\omega+\omega_0)} \Big|_{-a}^a - \frac{e^{i(\omega-\omega_0)t}}{i(\omega-\omega_0)} \Big|_{-a}^a \right\} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \frac{\sin[(\omega+\omega_0)a]}{\omega+\omega_0} - \frac{\sin[(\omega-\omega_0)a]}{\omega-\omega_0} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

rewrite sin as exp's

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dominates when $\omega \approx \omega_0$
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"width" = 2π in $(\omega-\omega_0)a$ space



interpret $(\omega-\omega_0)a \sim [-\pi, \pi]$ as uncertainty in ω

$$\rightarrow \Delta\omega = \omega(\pi) - \omega(-\pi) = \frac{2\pi}{a}$$

by defⁿ $\Delta t = 2a$

$$\rightarrow \Delta\omega \Delta t = \frac{2\pi}{a} \cdot 2a = 4\pi$$

"uncertainty principle" for waves

Convolution

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(t) &= \text{~~~~~} \text{ in last example} \\
 &= \text{~~~~~} * \int_{-a}^a \delta(t-t') dt'
 \end{aligned}$$

\rightarrow only look @ period we measured

consider $f(t) = P(t) * Q(t)$

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} \{ P(t) * Q(t) \}$$

$$Q(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overset{\text{dummy variable}}{d\omega'} e^{+i\omega' t} \tilde{Q}(\omega')$$

$$\tilde{F}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' \tilde{Q}(\omega') \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt P(t) \cdot e^{-i(\omega-\omega')t} \right)}_{\text{F.T. of } P(t) \rightarrow \tilde{P}(\omega-\omega')}$$

$$\tilde{F}(\omega) \equiv \tilde{P} \tilde{Q} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega' \tilde{Q}(\omega') \tilde{P}(\omega-\omega')}_{\equiv \tilde{Q} * \tilde{P}} \quad \rightarrow \text{convolution}$$

↳ star operator, not multiplication

likewise, if $\tilde{f}(\omega) = \tilde{P}(\omega) \tilde{Q}(\omega)$

$$\rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot Q * P \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' Q(t') P(t-t')$$