

Last Time

- Started to describe the retarded Grn function of SHO

$$\left[m \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + m \gamma \frac{d}{dt} + m \omega_0^2 \right] G_R(t, t_0) = \delta(t - t_0)$$

- Demand causality

$$G_R(t, t_0) = 0 \quad \text{for } t < t_0$$

- Showed that the inhomogeneous solution is

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G_R(t, t_0) F(t_0) dt_0 \Rightarrow x(\omega) = G_R(\omega) F$$

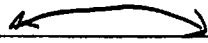
- All physical quantities are ultimately expressible as Grn-fcns. For example, we used a damped harmonic oscillator (Lorentz model) \checkmark ^{force} to describe the dielectric constant. $\vec{F} = eE(t)$
The current $\vec{j}(t) = Ne v(t)$, so:

$$j(\omega) = Ne (-i\omega x(\omega))$$

$$j(\omega) = Ne^2 (-i\omega G_R(\omega)) E(\omega)$$

$$x(\omega) = G_R(\omega) F(\omega)$$

constitutive relation



Comparison, $j(\omega) = -i\omega\chi_e(\omega)E(\omega)$ shows that

$$\chi_e(\omega) = Ne^2 G_R(\omega)$$

Thus we see how in a particular model the response function of the dynamics determines the susceptibility

Find $G_R(t)$ in time: Direct method

$$\left[m \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + m\gamma \frac{d}{dt} + m\omega_0^2 \right] G_R(t, t_0) = \delta(t - t_0)$$

Demand continuity and Integrating from $t_0 - \epsilon$ to $t_0 + \epsilon$. We know $G_R(t, t_0) = 0$ for $t < t_0$

$$\star G(t_0 + \epsilon, t_0) = 0$$

Causality

$$\star \star) m \partial_t G(t + \epsilon, t_0) = 1 \quad \text{since } m \partial_t G(t + \epsilon, t_0) - m \partial_t G(t - \epsilon, t_0)$$

Also note that if one differentiates

(~~★~~) with respect to t_0

$$= \int_{t_0 - \epsilon}^{t_0 + \epsilon} \delta(t - t_0) = 1$$

$$\partial_{t_0} \partial_t G(t + \epsilon, t_0) = 0$$

$$m \partial_t G(t + \epsilon, t_0)$$

$$\dot{t}_0 \quad \dot{t} = t_0 + \epsilon$$

Then we can solve the diff-eq given the initial conditions. The two homogeneous solutions are

$$x_{\pm}(t) = e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}t} e^{\pm i\omega_0 t} \quad \text{for small } \gamma$$

Then the linear combo which satisfies the boundary conditions \star and $\star \star$ is

$$G_R(t, t_0) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin \omega_0(t - t_0) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}(t - t_0)}}{m\omega_0} & t - t_0 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Usually written

$$G_R(\tau) = \Theta(\tau) \frac{\sin \omega_0 \tau}{m \omega_0} e^{-\gamma/2 \tau} \quad \tau \equiv t - t_0$$

Fourier Method for Green fun

$$\int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega\tau}$$

$$\left[m \frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} + m\gamma \frac{d}{d\tau} + m\omega_0^2 \right] G_R(\tau) = \delta(\tau)$$

Fourier Transform both sides

$$[-m\omega^2 + m\gamma(-i\omega) + m\omega_0^2] G_R(\omega) = 1$$

$$G_R(\omega) = \frac{1/m}{[-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2 - i\omega\gamma]}$$

Thus

$$G_R(\tau) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-i\omega\tau}}{[-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2 - i\omega\gamma]} \frac{1}{m}$$

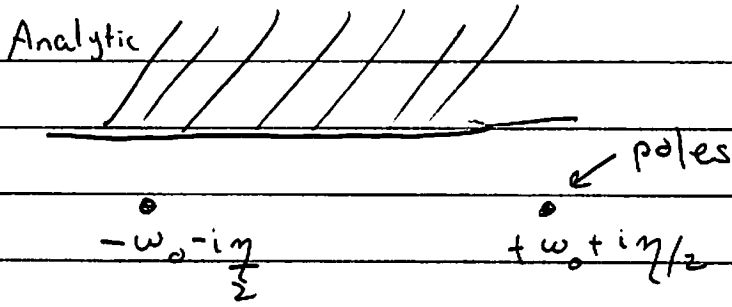
You can do these integrals with contour integration
the poles are at

$$\omega^2 + i\omega\gamma = \omega_0^2$$

Solving this equation for small γ :

$$\omega \approx \pm \omega_0 - i\frac{\gamma}{2}$$

We see that the integrand has the following analytic structure



So now we should do the integral:

Case 1: $\tau < 0$ $G_R(\tau) = 0 \leftarrow$ causality

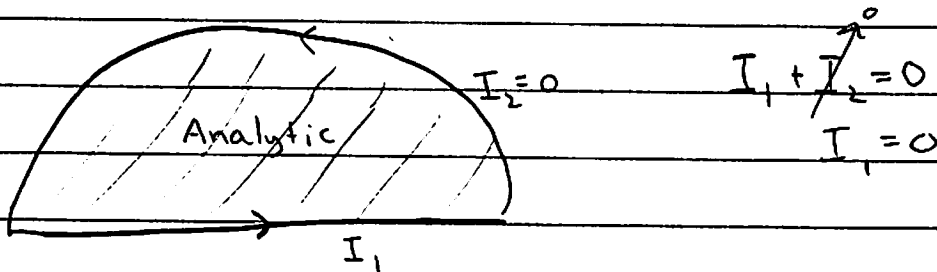
The math works like this, since $\tau < 0$:

$$e^{-i\omega\tau} \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow \text{complex}} e^{-i\text{Re}\omega\tau} e^{+\text{Im}\omega\tau}$$

$\tau < 0$

decreasing exponentially
for $\text{Im}\omega > 0$

Thus for $\tau < 0$ we can close the contour in the UHP without picking up poles and find zero



Case 2: $\tau > 0$

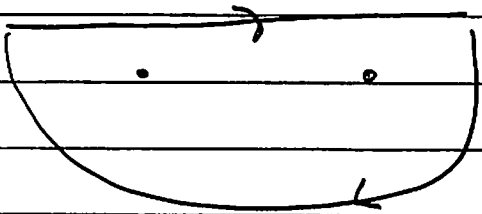
For $\tau > 0$ we must close the contour in the LHP picking up poles at $\omega = \pm \omega_0 - i\frac{\gamma}{2}$

For $\tau > 0$: \swarrow wrong way around poles

$$G_R(\tau) = -2\pi i \left[\text{Res}_{\omega = \omega_0 - i\frac{\gamma}{2}} + \text{Res}_{\omega = -\omega_0 - i\frac{\gamma}{2}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{m} \frac{-i}{2\omega_0} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}\tau} e^{-i\omega_0\tau} + \frac{1}{m} \frac{-i}{2\omega_0} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}\tau} e^{i\omega_0\tau}$$

\swarrow homogeneous solutions



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$$= \frac{1}{m} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}\tau} \frac{\sin \omega_0 \tau}{\omega_0}$$

So

$$G_R(\tau) = \Theta(\tau) \frac{\sin \omega_0 \tau}{m\omega_0} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}\tau} \xrightarrow{\gamma \rightarrow 0} \Theta(\tau) \frac{\sin \omega_0 \tau}{m\omega_0}$$

We will see that this Green function is closely related to the green function of the wave eqn

(Aside: iε prescription:)

Take the $\eta \rightarrow 0$ limit of the damped harmonic oscillator

$$G_R(\tau) = \frac{\sin \omega_0 \tau}{m \omega_0} \Theta(\tau)$$

$$G_R(\omega) = \frac{1/m}{[-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2]}$$

But this is ambiguous since the poles are on the real axis. What does this mean $\int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-i\omega\tau}}{(-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2)}$?

We know that causality demands that the poles lie in the lower half plane. We can enforce this by adding an infinitesimal imaginary part

$$\omega \rightarrow \omega + i\varepsilon \leftarrow \text{positive}$$

So

$$G_R(\omega) = \frac{1/m}{(-(\omega + i\varepsilon)^2 + \omega_0^2)}$$
$$= \frac{1/m}{(-\omega^2 + \omega_0^2 - 2i\varepsilon\omega)}$$

Amounts to adding an infinitesimal damping coefficient $\eta = 2\varepsilon$

Causality and Analyticity

- We saw in a particular model that the analyticity in the UHP was essential to getting the $G(\tau) = 0$ for $\tau < 0$. In fact any causal function will be analytic in the UHP

$$G(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau e^{i\omega\tau} G(\tau) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{i\omega\tau} G(\tau)$$

causality

Looking at the second integral, the exponent

$$e^{i\omega\tau} \rightarrow e^{i\text{Re}\omega\tau} e^{-\text{Im}\omega\tau} \quad \leftarrow \tau > 0$$

Decreases as ω is extended into the complex plane.

Thus the fourier integral provides an analytic continuation into the UHP, defining $G(\omega)$ uniquely.

- For such causal analytic functions the Re parts and imaginary parts are related: (Kramers

Kronig

Relation)

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \text{Re } G_R(\omega) &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega'}{\pi} \frac{P}{\omega - \omega'} \text{Im } G_R(\omega') \end{aligned} \right.$$

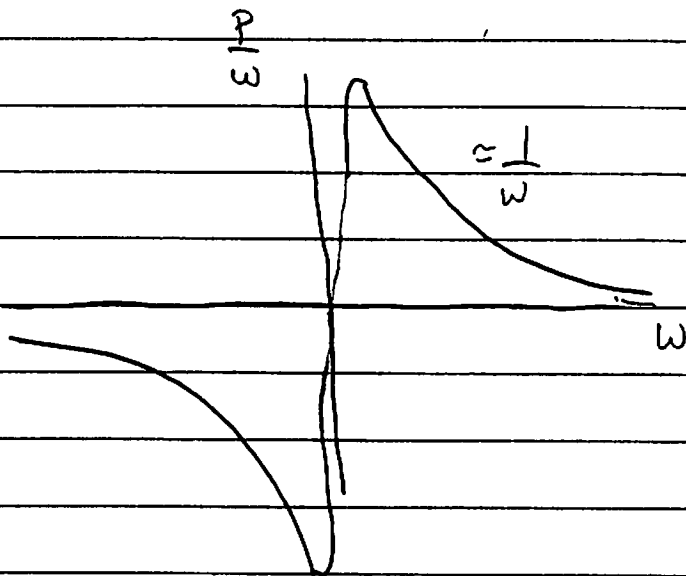
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \text{Im } G_R(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega'}{\pi} \frac{P}{\omega - \omega'} \text{Re } G_R(\omega') \end{aligned} \right.$$

Stated without proof

Here $\frac{P}{\omega - \omega_0}$ is the principal value function. Much

like the δ -fcn it should be thought of as a limit of a sequence of functions which are integrated over

$$\frac{P}{\omega - \omega_0} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\omega - \omega_0)}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \epsilon^2}$$

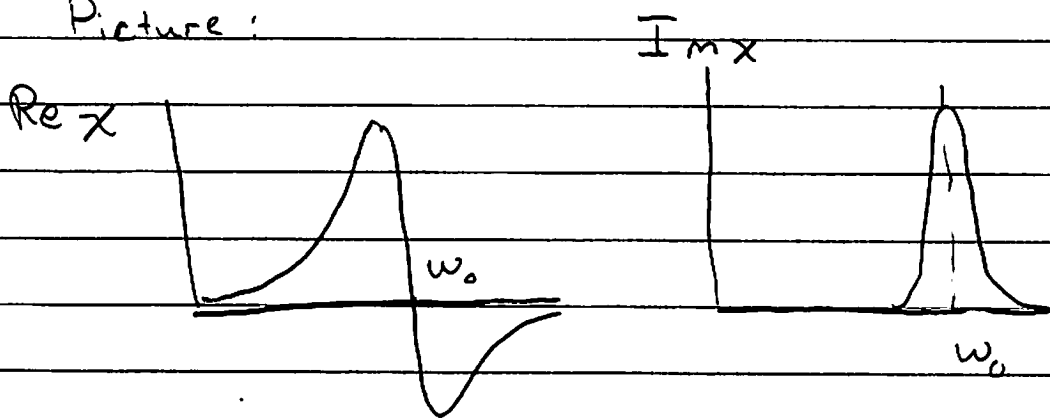


• Let us see how causality determines the qualitative features of the dielectric constant

Lorentz model \nearrow

$$\chi_e(\omega) = \underbrace{\frac{Ne^2/m (\omega^2 + \omega_0^2)}{[(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + (\omega\gamma)^2]}}_{\text{real part}} + i \underbrace{\frac{Ne^2/m \omega\gamma}{[(\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 + (\omega\gamma)^2]}}_{\text{Im part}}$$

Picture:



We saw that this functional form gave a good γ description of real dielectric functions.
 qualitative

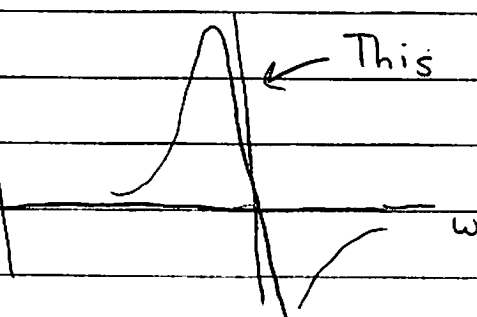
We can now see why. If $\text{Im } \chi(\omega) = C \pi \delta(\omega - \omega_*)$ has an absorption band at $\omega \approx \omega_*$, then: + regular

$$\text{Re } \chi(\omega) = -P \int \frac{d\omega'}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im } \chi(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'}$$

$$\text{Re } \chi(\omega) = -P \int \frac{d\omega'}{\pi} C \pi \frac{\delta(\omega' - \omega_*)}{\omega - \omega'}$$

$$\text{Re } \chi(\omega) \approx -P \frac{1}{\omega - \omega^*}$$

$\text{Re } \chi(\omega)$



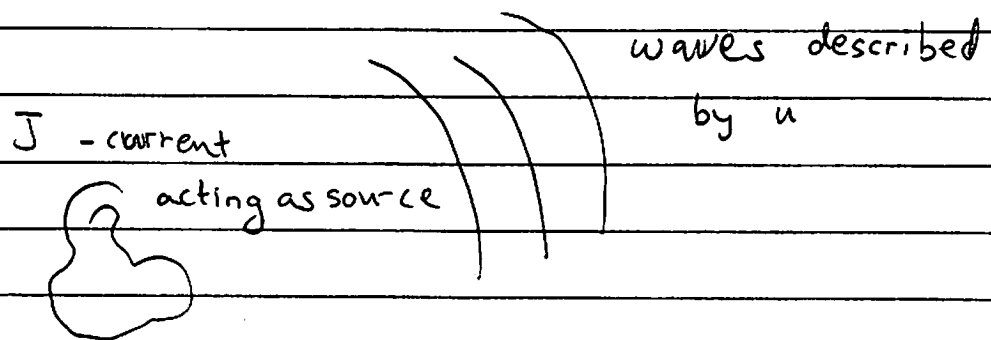
← This feature is determined by causality in the presence of an absorption band

Green Fcn of the Wave-Eqn

$$-\square u(t, x) = J(t, x) \leftarrow \text{source. In E+M}$$

↑ these will be currents

$$\square \equiv -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2$$



The induced waves are

$$u(t, x) = \int dt_0 dx_0 G_R(t-t_0, \vec{x}-\vec{x}_0) J(t_0, x_0)$$

Then $G_R(t, \vec{x} | t_0, x_0)$ is the field at t, \vec{x} due to a point charge at t_0, x_0

$$-\square G_R(t, \vec{x} | t_0, x_0) = \delta(t-t_0) \delta^3(x-x_0)$$

Then:

$$-\square u(t, x) = \int \overbrace{\delta(t-t_0) \delta^3(x-x_0)}^{-\square G_R(t, x | t_0, x_0)} J(t_0, x_0)$$

$$-\square u(t, x) = J(t, x) \quad \checkmark$$

Solving for the Grn-fcn

$$\left(\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right) G(t-t_0, \vec{x}-\vec{x}_0) = \delta(t-t_0) \delta^3(\vec{x}-\vec{x}_0)$$

First choose $t_0, x_0 = 0$:

$$\left[\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \right] G(t, \vec{x}) = \delta(t) \delta^3(\vec{x})$$

Now Fourier transform in space: $G(t, \vec{k}) = \int e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} G(t, \vec{x})$

$$\left[\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + k^2 \right] G(t, \vec{k}) = \delta(t)$$

or

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + (ck)^2 \right] G(t, \vec{k}) = \delta(t)$$

Compare to SHO :

$$m \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \omega_0^2 \right] G(t) = \delta(t)$$

Thus we can take the SHO result "look-stock + barrel"
with $\omega_0 = ck$ and $m \rightarrow 1/c^2$

$$G(\tau, k) = c^2 \Theta(\tau) \frac{\sin(ck\tau)}{ck}$$

Now we "only" need to take the inverse FT:

$$G(t, \vec{r}) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \frac{c^2 \Theta(t) \sin ck t}{ck}$$

The integral is not convergent. But this is not a surprise. Add a convergence factor

$$G_\epsilon(t, \vec{r}) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-\epsilon|\vec{k}|} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \frac{c^2 \Theta(t) \sin ck t}{ck}$$

Think of $G(t, \vec{r})$ as a limit of sequence, $G_\epsilon(t, \vec{r})$ of functions which satisfy

$$-\square G_\epsilon(t, r) = \delta(t) \delta^3(\vec{r}) \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{A dirac sequence} \\ \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} e^{-\epsilon|\vec{k}|} \end{array}$$

To do the integral write $R = |\vec{r}|$

$$G_\epsilon(t, \vec{r}) = \int \frac{k^2 dk d(\cos\theta) d\phi}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-\epsilon k} e^{ikR\cos\theta} \frac{c^2 \Theta(t) \sin ck t}{ck}$$

Doing angular integral $\int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) e^{ikR\cos\theta} = \frac{2 \sin kR}{kR}$

we find

$$G_\epsilon(t, \vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{c\Theta(t)}{R} \int_0^\infty e^{-\epsilon k} \sin kR \sin ck t$$

The remaining integrals can be done writing

$$\sin kR \sin c\tau = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(k(R-c\tau)) + \cos(k(R+c\tau))]]$$

and with $\cos k(R-c\tau) = \frac{1}{2} [e^{ik(R-c\tau)} + e^{-ik(R-c\tau)}]$

So that
$$\int_0^{\infty} dk e^{-\epsilon k} \cos(k(R-c\tau)) = \frac{\epsilon}{(R-c\tau)^2 + \epsilon^2}$$

We find

$$G_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{4\pi R} c \theta(\tau) \left[\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\epsilon}{(R-c\tau)^2 + \epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\epsilon}{(R+c\tau)^2 + \epsilon^2} \right]$$

Using

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\epsilon}{x^2 + \epsilon^2} = \delta(x)$$

Find

can't be satisfied
R > 0, \tau > 0

$$G(\tau, R) = \frac{c}{4\pi R} \theta(\tau) \left[\delta(R-c\tau) + \delta(R+c\tau) \right]$$

pull out c

$$\frac{1}{c} \delta\left(\frac{R}{c} - \tau\right)$$

$$G(\tau, R) = \frac{1}{4\pi R} \theta(\tau) \delta\left(\frac{R}{c} - \tau\right)$$

More generally

$$G(t-t_0, \vec{r}-\vec{r}_0) = \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0|} \Theta(t-t_0) \delta\left(\frac{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0|}{c} - (t-t_0)\right)$$

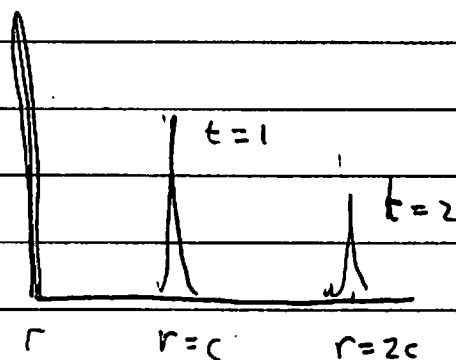
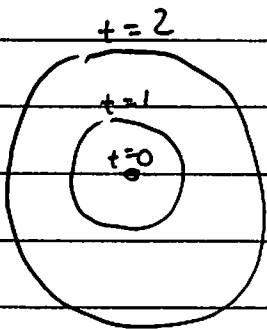
So

$$u(t, x) = \int dt_0 d^3\vec{r}_0 G(t-t_0, \vec{r}-\vec{r}_0) J(t_0, \vec{r}_0)$$

$$u(t, x) = \int d^3\vec{r}_0 \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0|} J\left(t - \frac{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0|}{c}, \vec{r}_0\right)$$

retarded time

Picture:



Also record

$$G_R(\omega, k) = \frac{c^2}{(-(\omega + i\epsilon)^2 + (ck)^2)}$$

Summary

$$G(\tau, R) = \frac{\Theta(\tau)}{4\pi R} \delta\left(\frac{R}{c} - \tau\right)$$

$$G(\tau, \vec{k}) = c^2 \Theta(\tau) \frac{\sin(ck\tau)}{ck}$$

$$G(\omega, k) = \frac{c^2}{[-(\omega + i\epsilon)^2 + (ck)^2]}$$