

Gaussian distribution function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-a)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

large 'n' limit of binomial distribution
also called 'normal' distribution



$$\langle x \rangle = a$$

$$\sigma = \sigma$$

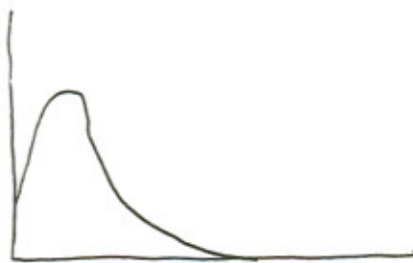
Poisson distribution function

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-a} a^x}{x!}$$

large -n, small -p limit of binomial distributions

$$\langle x \rangle = a$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{a}$$



De broglie wavelength

from Compton scattering and photoelectric effect

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \quad \text{for photons}$$

$$E = pc \quad \text{from relativity}$$

$$\text{so } \lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

If EM radiation can be treated as particles,
why not treat particles as waves? (1924)

Bohr model of Hydrogen use quantization condition

$$L = pr = \frac{nh}{2\pi}$$

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angular momentum

if $n\lambda_c = 2\pi r$ - integer number of wavelengths in
the orbit

$$\lambda_c = \frac{h}{p}$$

Waves

angular frequency

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

wave number

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

wave equation

$$\Delta F = \nabla^2 F = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial t^2}$$

'Laplacian' operator

$$v = f\lambda = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

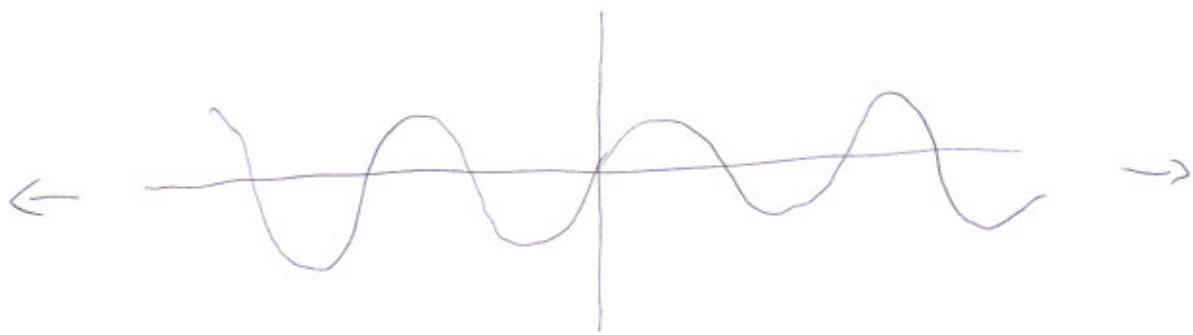
compact way to write solution to wave equation

$$F(x, t) = A e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$
$$= A \left[\cos(kx - \omega t) + i \sin(kx - \omega t) \right]$$

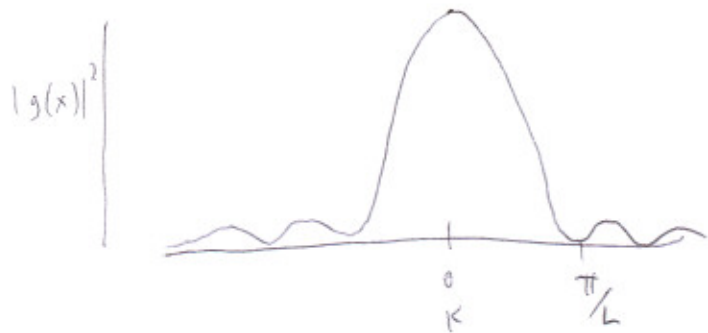
Fourier Analysis

consider the spatial extent of a wave form
(neglect time dependence)

A 'plane wave' will be made up
of only one wavelength, or k value



more complicated shapes can be made by
adding waves with different k values



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this shape can be made by adding waves with relative
strengths. this is the wave number distribution
or 'Fourier Transform'

If a wave form is periodic.

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} A_n e^{inkx}$$

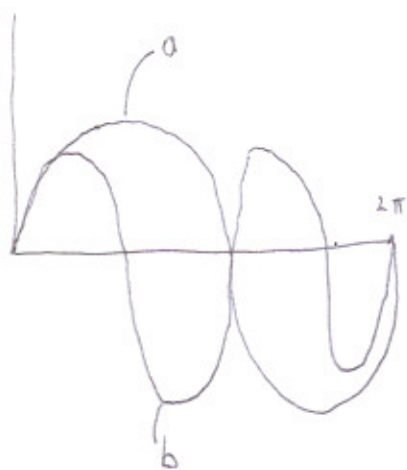
A_n are fourier coefficients

$$A_n = \frac{k}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/k} dx F(x) e^{-inkx}$$

we can pick out the coefficients this way
 since waves with different values of
 n are 'orthogonal' meaning

$$\int_0^{2\pi/k} dx e^{+inkx} e^{-imkx} = 0 \quad \text{unless } n=m$$

example:



$$a = \sin(x)$$

$$b = \sin(2x)$$



$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin(x) \sin(2x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} 2 \sin^2(x) \cos(x) dx$$

$$\rightarrow \int 2x^2 dx = \frac{2x^3}{3} : \quad \frac{2 \sin^3(x)}{3} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 0$$

$$u = \sin(x)$$

$$du = \cos(x) dx$$

$$A_m = \frac{K}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/K} dx \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} A_n e^{inkx} e^{-imkx}$$

only non zero when $n=m$

$$A_m = \frac{K}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi/K} A_n e^0 = A_n$$

Can extend to non-periodic 'wave packets'

$$\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk g(k) e^{-ikx}$$

$$g(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \Psi(x) e^{ikx}$$