# **Physics of Processes**

**Periodic processes and periodicity**

### **Periodic process**

- an event that is regularly repeated after the same time - the so-called period

- it holds for any physical quantity X (t) describing a periodic process:

*X*(*t*) = *X*(*t* + *nT*)

- period *T,* frequency *f = 1/T*
- angular frequency *ω* = 2**π***f*
- periodic process are the basis for measuring time

- in the oldest period it was an observation of the periodicity of the movement of celestial bodies (Sun and Moon) across the sky - the origin of day, month and year

## **Periodicity of the solar system**

#### **The length of days and years on the planets of the solar system**



### **Periodicity of the solar system Example**

#### **Estimate the radius of the planetary orbit as a multiple of the Earth's orbit - [Kepler's laws](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kepler%27s_laws_of_planetary_motion)**



## **Periodicity of solar activity**

- Sunspots areas with lower surface temperature than the surroundings
- more complex periodic process
- described by an 11-year cycle



### **Harmonic process**

- harmonic process is a periodic process described by a harmonic function, ie sine resp. cosine
- for describing the harmonic motion we can use the temporal evolution of a circular motion advantageously



### **Notation with complex numbers**

- an alternative description of the harmonic process

$$
\hat{x}(t) = Ae^{i(\omega t + \varphi)} = A\cos(\omega t + \varphi) + iA\sin(\omega t + \varphi)
$$

$$
Re(\hat{x}(t)) = A\cos(\omega t + \varphi)
$$

$$
Im(\hat{x}(t)) = A\sin(\omega t + \varphi)
$$

- we then express the *y*-component:

$$
y(t) = \operatorname{Im} \hat{x}(t) = \operatorname{Im} \{ A e^{i(\omega t + \varphi)} \} = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi)
$$

### **Complex numbers I Definition**



### **Complex numbers II Multiplication**



If  $\hat{z}_1 = \hat{z}_2 = i$ , then it applies to the imaginary unit:

 $i^{2} = i.i = (0 + 1i)(0 + 1i) = (0.0 - 1.1) + i(0.1 + 0.1) = -1$ 

#### **Complex numbers III Division**

Quotient of numbers Definition: Inverted number: 2 1 2 1  $2^{\lambda_1}$   $\lambda_2 y_1$ 2 1 2 1  $2^{\lambda_1}$   $y_2 y_1$ 2 1  $2 \lambda 1$  $1\overline{21}$  $2 \lambda 1$ 1 2  $\hat{z}$  $\hat{z}$  $\hat{\overline{z}}$  $\hat{z}$  $\hat{z}$  $\hat{z}$  $\hat{z}$  $x_1^2 + y$  $y_2 x_1 - x_2 y$ *i*  $x_1^2 + y$  $x_2 x_1 + y_2 y$ *z*  $\hat{z}, \overline{z}$  $\hat{z}_1 \overline{z}$  $\hat{z}, \bar{\bar{z}}$ *z z z*  $\ddot{}$ ÷,  $\ddot{}$  $\ddot{}$  $\ddot{}$  $=\frac{z_2}{\hat{z}_1}=\frac{z_2z_1}{\hat{z}_1\overline{z}_1}=\frac{z_2z_1}{|\hat{z}_1|^2}=\frac{x_2x_1+y_2y_1}{x_1^2+y_1^2}+i\frac{y_2x_1-x_2y_1}{x_1^2+y_1^2} \qquad \hat{z}_1\neq 0$  $2\left[2\right]$   $x+iy$   $x+iy$   $(x-iy)$   $x^2+y^2$   $x^2+y^2$ 1 1  $\hat{z}$   $|\hat{z}|$ 1  $x^2 + y$ *iy*  $x^2 + y$ *x*  $x - iy$  $x - iy$  $\left|\hat{z}\right|^2$   $x+iy$   $x+iy$ *z*  $\hat{z}$   $|\hat{z}|^2$   $x+iy$   $x+iy$   $(x-iy)$   $x^2+y^2$   $x^2+y^2$ —<br>—  $\ddot{}$  $=$ —<br>— ÷,  $\ddot{}$  $=$  $\ddot{}$  $=\frac{2}{1+2}=$  $\hat{z}_1 = x_1 + iy_1$  *a*  $\hat{z}_2 = x_2 + iy_2$ 

Consequences:

$$
|\hat{z}| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \hat{z} = 0
$$
  
\n
$$
|\hat{z}_1 \hat{z}_2| = |\hat{z}_1||\hat{z}_2|
$$
  
\n
$$
|\hat{z}_1 \pm \hat{z}_2| \le |\hat{z}_1| + |\hat{z}_2|
$$
  
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$$
|\hat{z}_1 \pm \hat{z}_2| \ge |\hat{z}_1| - |\hat{z}_2|
$$

#### **Complex numbers IV Gaussian plane, phase** *φ*



### **Complex numbers V**

**Gaussian plane, phase** *φ***, trigonometric and Euler notation**

Phase (argument) of complex number  $\varphi = \arg(\hat{z})$  is given:

$$
\cos \varphi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \quad \sin \varphi = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}
$$

 $\varphi = \varphi_0 + 2k\pi$ ,  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots$ 

Trigonometric notation:  $\hat{z} = x + iy = |\hat{z}|(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi)$ 

**Euler notation:** 
$$
\hat{z} = |\hat{z}|e^{i\varphi}
$$

## **Anharmonicity**

- harmonic process - the simplest and most important type of periodic process

- the vast majority of real periodic process are not harmonic events they are anharmonic process
- *-* arbitrary, ie even anharmonic periodic process can be decomposed into a number of harmonic processes - this is enabled by harmonic (Fourier) analysis



$$
A_s = \sin(\varphi) + \frac{1}{2}\sin(2\varphi) + \frac{1}{3}\sin(3\varphi)
$$

$$
A_c = \cos(\varphi) + \frac{1}{2}\cos(2\varphi) + \frac{1}{3}\cos(3\varphi)
$$

## **[Fourier \(harmonic\) analysis](http://www.acs.psu.edu/drussell/Demos/Fourier/Fourier.html)**

Each periodic function *f* (*t*) with period *T* can be decomposed into a converging

infinite series of harmonic functions:

$$
f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ A_k \cos k\omega t + B_k \sin k\omega t \right], \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}
$$

where the coefficients of the Fourier expansion are:

$$
A_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(t) dt \qquad B_0 = 0
$$

for integer 
$$
k = 1, 2, 3, ...
$$
 
$$
A_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \cos k\omega t dt, \quad B_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) \sin k\omega t dt
$$

- Harmonic funktions in an infinite series have periods *T*, *T*/2, *T*/3… and angular frequencies *ω*, 2*ω*, 3*ω* …

- The development coefficients *A<sup>k</sup>* and *B<sup>k</sup>* usually decrease rapidly with increasing *k* - this allows to work with only a few components in the harmonic analysis

### **Fourier transform**

- converts the function of time *s* (*t*) to a function of angular frequency*S*(*ω*):

$$
F[s(t)] = S(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t)e^{-i\omega t}dt = \left|S(\omega)e^{i\arg S(\omega)}\right|
$$

*- S*(*ω*) is is the spectrum of the signal *s*(*t*), which consists of the amplitude  $\mathsf{spectrum}\big| S(\omega) \big|$  and the phase spectrum  $\mathsf{argS}(\omega)$ 

- the classical Fourier transform is used for functions expressed in analytical form

- however, if we process specific measured values of a signal, we use discrete FT - DFT

### **Discrete Fourier transform (DFT)**

- it is the transformation of a signal from the time domain to the frequency domain
- ie the input to the DFT is a discrete sampled signal and the output is the discrete spectrum of this signal - information about the frequency components contained in it
- mathematically it is a transformation between sequences:

$$
d(k), k = 0, ..., N-1
$$
 a  $D(n), n = 0, ..., N-1$ :

$$
D(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} d(k) e^{-ink 2\pi/N} \qquad n = 0, ..., N-1
$$

$$
d(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} D(n) e^{ink 2\pi/N} \qquad k = 0, \, \dots, \, N-1
$$

- today, the so-called Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is used - a special DFT  $D(n) = \sum_{k=0}$ <br> $d(k) = \frac{1}{N}$ <br>- today, the s<br>algorithm



#### **FFT of functions reported for anharmonicity**



#### Function sinus

#### Function cosinus

