

**PHY 711 Classical Mechanics and  
Mathematical Methods  
10-10:50 AM MWF Olin 103**

**Plan for Lecture 22:**

**Back to the wave equation; begin  
rotational motion (Chap. 5)**

**1. Standing waves  $\leftrightarrow$  periodic  
waves**

**2. Moment of inertia tensor**

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**Course schedule**

(Preliminary schedule -- subject to frequent adjustment.)

Date	F&W	Reading	Topic	Assignment
1 Wed. 8/29/2012	Chap. 1		Review of basic principles: Scattering theory	#1
2 Fri. 8/31/2012	Chap. 1		Scattering theory continued	#2
3 Mon. 9/03/2012	Chap. 1		Scattering theory continued	#3
4 Wed. 9/05/2012	Chap. 1 & 2		Scattering theory: Accelerated coordinate frame	#4
5 Fri. 9/07/2012	Chap. 2		Accelerated coordinate frame	#5
6 Mon. 9/10/2012	Chap. 3		Calculus of Variation	#6
7 Wed. 9/12/2012	Chap. 3		Calculus of Variation continued	
8 Fri. 9/14/2012	Chap. 3		Lagrangian	#7
9 Mon. 9/17/2012	Chap. 3 & 6		Lagrangian	#8
10 Wed. 9/19/2012	Chap. 3 & 6		Lagrangian	#9
11 Fri. 9/21/2012	Chap. 3 & 6		Lagrangian	#10
12 Mon. 9/24/2012	Chap. 3 & 6		Lagrangian and Hamiltonian	#11
13 Wed. 9/26/2012	Chap. 6		Lagrangian and Hamiltonian	#12
14 Fri. 9/29/2012	Chap. 6		Lagrangian and Hamiltonian	#13
15 Mon. 10/01/2012	Chap. 4		Small oscillations	#14
16 Wed. 10/03/2012	Chap. 4		Small oscillations	#15
17 Fri. 10/05/2012	Chap. 4		Small oscillations	
18 Mon. 10/08/2012	Chap. 7		Wave equation	Take Home Exam
19 Wed. 10/10/2012	Chap. 7		Wave equation	Take Home Exam
20 Fri. 10/12/2012	Chap. 7		Wave equation	Take Home Exam
21 Mon. 10/15/2012	Chap. 7		Wave equation	Exam due
22 Wed. 10/17/2012	Chap. 7, 5		Moment of inertia	
	Fri. 10/19/2012		Fall break	

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### WFU Physics Colloquium

**TITLE:** A Precise Measurement of the Neutral Pi-meson Lifetime at Jefferson Laboratory

**SPEAKER:** Professor Samuel Danagoulian,  
*Department of Physics  
North Carolina A&T State University*

**TIME:** Wednesday October 17, 2012 at 4:15 PM

**PLACE:** Room 101 Olin Physical Laboratory

**Note:** late starting time.

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Refreshments will be served at 3:45 PM in the Olin Lounge. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

**ABSTRACT**

The lifetime of the neutral pi-meson was measured with an accuracy of 2.8% using Primakoff process of photoproduction of pions from nuclear targets. The experiment was conducted on 6-GeV electron beam at Jefferson Laboratory using high precision photon tagger in experimental Hall B and multichannel lead-glass - lead tungstate (PbWO<sub>4</sub>) crystal calorimeter MVICAL (experiment PrimEX). The second phase of the experiment was conducted recently, data analysis is in progress. The accuracy will be improved to about 1.5% which is compatible with the level of accuracy of theoretical prediction.

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The wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

Suppose  $u(x,t) = e^{-i\omega t} \tilde{F}(x, \omega)$

Then  $\tilde{F}(x, \omega)$  must satisfy an eigenvalue equation :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{F}(x, \omega)}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 \tilde{F}(x, \omega) \quad \text{where } k^2 \equiv \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

For fixed boundary conditions :

for example  $\tilde{F}(0, \omega) = 0$  and  $\tilde{F}(L, \omega) = 0$

$$\tilde{F}_n(x, \omega) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad k \rightarrow k_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} \equiv \frac{\omega_n}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = \sum_n C_n e^{-i\omega_n t} \sin(k_n x) = \sum_n \frac{C_n}{2i} e^{-i\omega_n t} (e^{ik_n x} - e^{-ik_n x})$$

$$= \sum_n \frac{C_n}{2i} (e^{ik_n(x-ct)} - e^{-ik_n(x+ct)}) \equiv f(x-ct) + g(x+ct)$$

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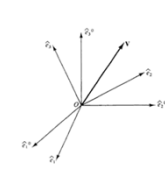
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### The physics of rigid body motion; body fixed frame vs inertial frame:



**Figure 6.1** Transformation to a rotating coordinate system.

Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a general vector, e.g., the position of a particle. This vector can be characterized by its components with respect to either orthonormal triad. Thus we can write

$$\mathbf{V} = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i' \hat{e}_i' \quad (6.1a)$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \hat{e}_i \quad (6.1b)$$

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Comparison of analysis in "inertial frame" versus "non-inertial frame"

Denote by  $\hat{e}_i^0$  a fixed coordinate system

Denote by  $\hat{e}_i$  a moving coordinate system

$$\mathbf{V} = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i^0 \hat{e}_i^0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \hat{e}_i$$

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i^0}{dt} \hat{e}_i^0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i}{dt} \hat{e}_i + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

Define :  $\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{dV_i}{dt} \hat{e}_i$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

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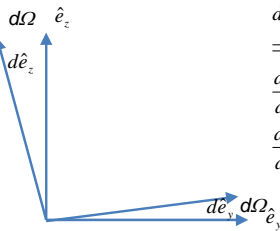
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Properties of the frame motion (rotation):



$$\begin{aligned} d\hat{e}_y &= d\Omega \hat{e}_z \\ d\hat{e}_z &= -d\Omega \hat{e}_y \\ \Rightarrow d\hat{\mathbf{e}} &= d\Omega \times \hat{\mathbf{e}} \\ \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}}{dt} &= \frac{d\Omega}{dt} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}} \\ \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}}{dt} &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \sum_{i=1}^3 V_i \frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V}$$

Effects on acceleration:

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times\right) \left\{ \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V} \right\}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{V}}{dt^2}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d^2\mathbf{V}}{dt^2}\right)_{body} + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \left(\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{dt} \times \mathbf{V} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{V}$$

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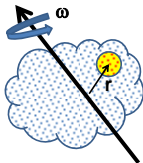
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Kinetic energy of rigid body :

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right)_{body} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$


$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt}\right)_{inertial} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

$$T = \sum_p \frac{1}{2} m_p v_p^2 = \sum_p \frac{1}{2} m_p (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_p)^2$$

$$= \sum_p \frac{1}{2} m_p (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_p) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_p)$$

$$= \sum_p \frac{1}{2} m_p [(\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})(\mathbf{r}_p \cdot \mathbf{r}_p) - (\mathbf{r}_p \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})^2]$$

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$$T = \sum_p \frac{1}{2} m_p [(\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})(\mathbf{r}_p \cdot \mathbf{r}_p) - (\mathbf{r}_p \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})^2]$$

$$= \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

Moment of inertia tensor :

$$\bar{\mathbf{I}} \equiv \sum_p m_p (\mathbf{1} r_p^2 - \mathbf{r}_p \mathbf{r}_p) \quad (\text{dyad notation})$$

Matrix notation :

$$\bar{\mathbf{I}} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_{ij} \equiv \sum_p m_p (\delta_{ij} r_p^2 - r_{pi} r_{pj})$$

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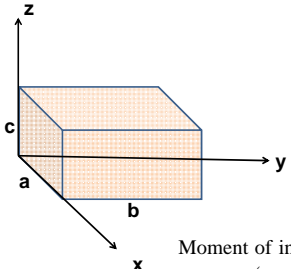
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Moment of inertia tensor :

$$\bar{\mathbf{I}} = M \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3}(b^2 + c^2) & -\frac{1}{4}ab & -\frac{1}{4}ac \\ -\frac{1}{4}ab & \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + c^2) & -\frac{1}{4}bc \\ -\frac{1}{4}ac & -\frac{1}{4}bc & \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

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Properties of moment of inertia tensor:

- > Symmetric matrix → real eigenvalues  $I_1, I_2, I_3$
- > → orthogonal eigenvectors

$$\vec{\mathbf{I}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i = I_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

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