

$P_\mu(t)$ = prob. to be in microstate μ at time t

$$P_\mu(0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mu = \mu_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } \mu \neq \mu_0 \end{cases}$$

mixing as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$P_\mu(t) = \frac{1}{H(E)}$$

microcanonical ensemble
(all energy microstates equally likely)

First test: 1953 - 55

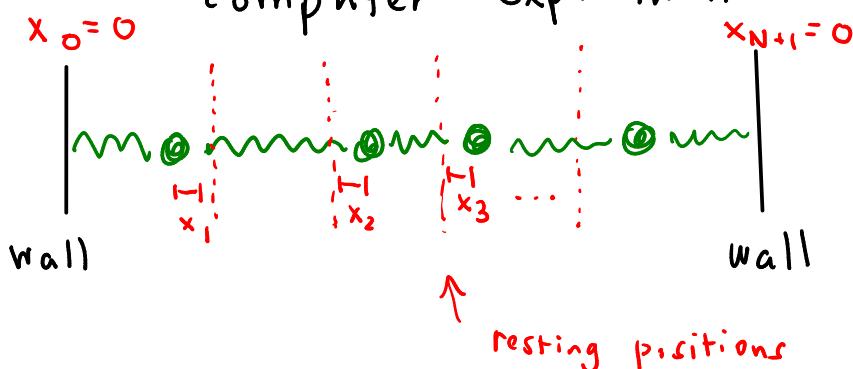
Fermi, Pasta, Ulam, Tsingou

(FPVT) first physics computer experiment

Connected springs:

N masses $m=1$

w/ spring const. $k=1$



eq. of motion:
 $n=1, \dots, N$

$$\ddot{x}_n = \left[(x_{n+1} - x_n) - (x_n - x_{n-1}) \right] + \alpha (x_{n+1} - x_{n-1})$$

Hookean spring forces

↳ nonlinear perturbation
when $\alpha \neq 0$

$$\underline{\alpha = 0}$$

$$H(\vec{x}, \vec{p}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{p_n^2}{2} + \frac{(x_n - x_{n-1})^2}{2} \right) + \frac{x_N^2}{2}$$

$$\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

$$p_n = \dot{x}_n$$

$$\vec{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

Reminder: any funcs $f(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$ $g(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$

$$\{f, g\}_{\vec{x}, \vec{p}} \equiv \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial g}{\partial p_n} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_n} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_n} \right) \quad \text{Poisson brackets}$$

time-dep. of any func: $\frac{d}{dt} f = \{f, H\}$
 $f(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$

$$f = x_i \Rightarrow \dot{x}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \quad f = p_i \Rightarrow \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\{x_i, x_j\} = 0 \quad \{p_i, p_j\} = 0 \quad \{x_i, p_j\} = \delta_{ij}$$

canonical transf. (CT) of coordinates:

define $\vec{Q}(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$, $\vec{P}(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$
+ inverse: $\vec{x}(\vec{Q}, \vec{P})$ $\vec{p}(\vec{Q}, \vec{P})$

that preserve Poisson brackets:

$$\{f, g\}_{\vec{x}, \vec{p}} = \{f, g\}_{\vec{Q}, \vec{P}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{leads: } \dot{Q}_n = \{Q_n, H\}_{\vec{Q}, \vec{P}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial P_n}$$

$$\dot{P}_n = \{P_n, H\}_{\vec{Q}, \vec{P}} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial Q_n}$$

Define a CT for $\alpha=0$ FPUT system:

$$x_n = \sum_{k=1}^N \sqrt{\frac{2I_k}{(N+1)w_k}} \sin\left(\frac{nk\pi}{N+1}\right) \sin(\phi_k)$$

$$p_n = \sum_{k=1}^N \sqrt{\frac{2I_k w_k}{N+1}} \sin\left(\frac{nk\pi}{N+1}\right) \cos(\phi_k)$$

$$\omega_k = 2 \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2(N+1)}\right) \quad k=1, \dots, N$$

new variables: $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_N, I_1, \dots, I_N\}$

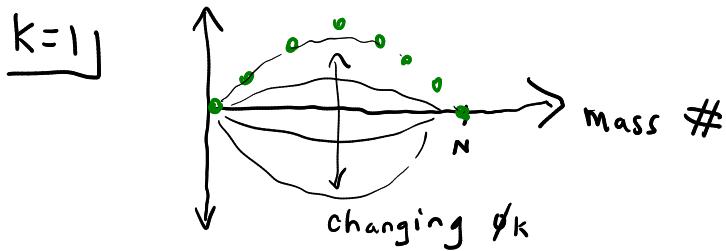
new "position" "momentum"

really: phase of Fourier comp. \propto amplitude of Fourier comp.

check that: $\{x_i, p_j\}_{\vec{\phi}, \vec{I}} = \delta_{ij}$, etc.

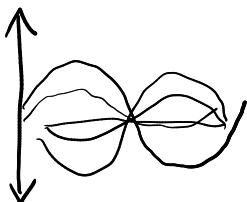
after CT $\Rightarrow H(\vec{\phi}, \vec{I}) = \sum_{k=1}^N \underbrace{w_k I_k}_{\text{energy of } k\text{th mode}} \stackrel{\text{const.}}{\downarrow}$

displacement



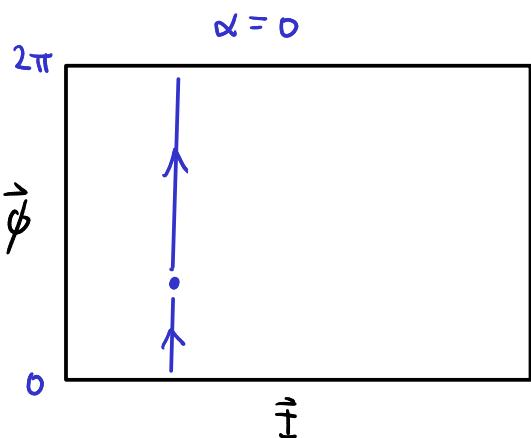
$$\dot{\phi}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial I_i} = \omega_i \Rightarrow \dot{\phi}_i(t) = \omega_i t + \phi_i(0)$$

k=2



$$\dot{I}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_i} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{all } I_i \text{ are const. of motion}$$

when $\alpha \neq 0$:



$$H(\vec{\phi}, \vec{I}) = \sum_{k=1}^N w_k I_k + \alpha U(\vec{\phi}, \vec{I})$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{I}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_i} \neq 0$$

↓
complicated func.

I_i are no longer consts. of motion