
Modern Optics II: Nonlinear Optics

PERTURBATION THEORY

Exercises' sheet No 1

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Exercise 1 *Lorentz model with symmetric potential*

In a symmetric potential, the Lorentz model can be written :

$$\ddot{q} + \epsilon\gamma\dot{q} + \omega_0^2 q(1 + \epsilon q^2) = A \exp(j\omega t) + c.c. \quad (1)$$

1. seek for a solution as $q(t) = q_0(t) + \epsilon q_1(t)$
2. what is/are the new frequency that can appear ?
3. derive the expression for $\chi^{(3)}[\omega]$ and $\chi^{(3)}[3\omega]$

Exercise 2 *Resonance in symmetric potential*

1. Consider the following damped oscillator :

$$\ddot{q} + \gamma\dot{q} + \omega_0^2 q = 0 \quad (1)$$

Use the change of variable $\theta = \omega_0 t$ in eq. (??). What is the only parameter that characterize this oscillator? How does this parameter characterize the resonance of the system?

hint : Use a driving force $A e^{j\omega t}$ to study the resonance of the system.

2. Let's now consider the following oscillator

$$\ddot{q} + \omega_0^2 q(1 + \epsilon q_2) = 0 \quad (2)$$

- (a) Show that the traditional perturbative approach ($q(t) = q_0(t) + \epsilon q_1(t)$) fails.
- (b) Such problem was solved by Poincaré and Lindstedt, who introduce the following rescaling of the time :

$$t = s(1 + \epsilon\omega_1 + \epsilon^2\omega_2 + \dots) \quad (3)$$

Use this approach (at the first order) to solve the problem (eq. (??)). What should be the condition for ω_1 ? How does this influence the resonance of the oscillator ?