

LECTURE 5

Periodic systems
Twiss parameters and stability
Hill's equation and its solution
Courant-Snyder invariant and emittance

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Periodic systems

Everything we have done up to this point can be applied to beam transfer lines, linacs, or circular accelerators. We now specialize to circular accelerators, which are periodic systems with period C, where C=circumference=length of the (closed) reference orbit.

Consider only (x, x') motion for the moment (or only (y, y'))- just two dimensions. If I start at the point s_0 on the reference orbit, then, after one turn,

$$\bar{x}(s_0 + C, s_0) = \mathbf{M}(s_0 + C, s_0)\bar{x}(s_0)$$

where C is the circumference (length of the closed reference orbit).

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The matrix $\mathbf{M}(s+C, s)$ is called the one-turn transfer matrix at the point s .

Important properties of this matrix:

1. \mathbf{M} is periodic in s with period C :

$$\mathbf{M}(s + C, s) = \mathbf{M}(s, s - C)$$

2. Det $\mathbf{M}(s + C, s) = 1$

3. Trace $\mathbf{M}(s + C, s) = \mathbf{M}_{11} + \mathbf{M}_{22}$ is independent of s .

Why?

Theorem: The trace of a matrix product is invariant under a permutation of the matrices.

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$$\mathbf{M}(s + C, s) =$$

$$\mathbf{M}(s + C, s + C - \delta s)\mathbf{M}(s + C - \delta s, s + C - 2\delta s) \times$$

$$\dots\mathbf{M}(s + 2\delta s, s + \delta s)\mathbf{M}(s + \delta s, s)$$

$$\mathbf{M}(s + C - \delta s, s - \delta s) =$$

$$\mathbf{M}(s + C - \delta s, s + C - 2\delta s)\dots\mathbf{M}(s + \delta s, s)\mathbf{M}(s, s - \delta s)$$

$$= \mathbf{M}(s + C - \delta s, s + C - 2\delta s)\dots\mathbf{M}(s + \delta s, s)\mathbf{M}(s + C, s + C - \delta s)$$

$\mathbf{M}(s + C - \delta s, s - \delta s)$ is related to $\mathbf{M}(s + C, s)$ by a permutation of the matrices in the matrix product.

So the trace of \mathbf{M} is independent of s .

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Taking advantage of these properties, we write the 2x2 total one-turn matrix $\mathbf{M}(s+C,s)$ as the sum of a constant matrix plus a traceless matrix, periodic in s with period C .

$$\mathbf{M}(s+C,s) = A\mathbf{I} + B\mathbf{J}(s)$$

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \mathbf{J}(s) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(s) & \beta(s) \\ -\gamma(s) & -\alpha(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

Here A and B are constants, and $\alpha(s)$, $\beta(s)$, and $\gamma(s)$ are functions of s , periodic in s with period C . Since $\text{Det } \mathbf{M}=1$, we have

$$A^2 + B^2(-\alpha(s)^2 + \beta(s)\gamma(s)) = 1$$

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The s -dependent coefficient of B^2 must be a constant. Since $\alpha(s)$, $\beta(s)$, and $\gamma(s)$ are arbitrary functions of s , we can choose them so

that

$$-\alpha(s)^2 + \beta(s)\gamma(s) = \text{constant} = 1$$

Then

$$A^2 + B^2 = 1$$

Let $A = \cos \mu$, $B = \sin \mu$: (note that μ could be imaginary),

we have

$$\mathbf{M}(s+C,s) = \mathbf{I}\cos \mu + \mathbf{J}(s)\sin \mu =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \mu + \alpha(s)\sin \mu & \beta(s)\sin \mu \\ -\gamma(s)\sin \mu & \cos \mu - \alpha(s)\sin \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

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When \mathbf{M} is written in this form, it is called the “Twiss matrix”; The Twiss parameters α , β , and γ are periodic functions of s , with period C , related by $-\alpha^2 + \beta\gamma = 1$. Because these functions completely describe the properties of the magnetic lattice, they are also called *lattice functions*.

An additional restriction on the constant μ comes from the requirement of *stability*.

After n turns in the accelerator, we have

$$\bar{x}(s+nC,s) =$$

$$\mathbf{M}(s_0+nC,s_0+(n-1)C)\dots\mathbf{M}(s_0+2C,s_0+C)\mathbf{M}(s_0+C,s_0)\bar{x}(s_0)$$

$$= [\mathbf{M}(s_0+C,s_0)]^n \bar{x}(s_0)$$

Stability requires that all the elements of $[\mathbf{M}(s_0+C,s_0)]^n$ remain finite as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

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Note that

$$\mathbf{J}^2(s) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(s) & \beta(s) \\ -\gamma(s) & -\alpha(s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(s) & \beta(s) \\ -\gamma(s) & -\alpha(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -\mathbf{I}$$

\mathbf{J} is the matrix equivalent of $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

Hence we can write

$$\mathbf{M}(s+C,s) = \mathbf{I}\cos \mu + \mathbf{J}(s)\sin \mu = \exp[\mathbf{J}(s)\mu]$$

So

$$[\mathbf{M}(s+C,s)]^n = \exp[\mathbf{J}(s)n\mu] = \mathbf{I}\cos n\mu + \mathbf{J}\sin n\mu$$

For the matrix elements to be finite as $n \rightarrow \infty$ requires that μ is real.

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This also implies that

$$|\text{Trace } \mathbf{M}(s + C, s)| = |\mathbf{M}_{11} + \mathbf{M}_{22}| = |2 \cos \mu| < 2$$

The condition

$$|\text{Trace } \mathbf{M}(s + C, s)| < 2$$

is a general condition for the stability of trajectories in any periodic system.

Example 3:

Suppose we make a circular accelerator out of a collection of m identical symmetric FODO cells. The one-turn matrix is the product of m identical matrices, each of the form

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$$\mathbf{M}_c(L, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{L^2}{8f^2} & L + \frac{L^2}{4f} \\ -\frac{L}{4f^2} \left(1 - \frac{L}{4f}\right) & 1 - \frac{L^2}{8f^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The one-turn matrix for m FODO cells of length L is $\mathbf{M}(C + s, s) = \mathbf{M}_c(C + s, C) \mathbf{M}_c(C, C - L) \dots \mathbf{M}_c(2L, L) \mathbf{M}_c(L, s)$

$$= \mathbf{M}_c(s, 0) [\mathbf{M}_c(L, 0)]^{m-1} \mathbf{M}_c(L, s)$$

where $C = mL$.

This system is periodic in s with period L .

For n turns, the stability argument applies to the FODO cell matrix and leads to the requirement that

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$$|\text{Trace}(\mathbf{M}_c(L, 0))| = \left| 2 - \frac{L^2}{4f^2} \right| < 2 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{L}{4f} \right| < 1$$

The values of the Twiss parameters at the beginning of the FODO cell (at the F quad) can be found from

$$\mathbf{M}_c(L, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{L^2}{8f^2} & L + \frac{L^2}{4f} \\ -\frac{L}{4f^2} \left(1 - \frac{L}{4f}\right) & 1 - \frac{L^2}{8f^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \mu + \alpha(0) \sin \mu & \beta(0) \sin \mu \\ -\gamma(0) \sin \mu & \cos \mu - \alpha(0) \sin \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

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from which we find

$$\sin \frac{\mu}{2} = \frac{L}{4f}; \quad \beta(0) = \frac{L \left(1 + \sin \frac{\mu}{2}\right)}{\sin \mu};$$

$$\alpha(0) = 0$$

We can find the Twiss parameters at a general point s within the cell from

$$\mathbf{M}_c(L + s, s) = \mathbf{M}_c(L + s, L) \mathbf{M}_c(L, s)$$

$$= \mathbf{M}_c(s, 0) \mathbf{M}_c(L, 0) \mathbf{M}_c^{-1}(s, 0)$$

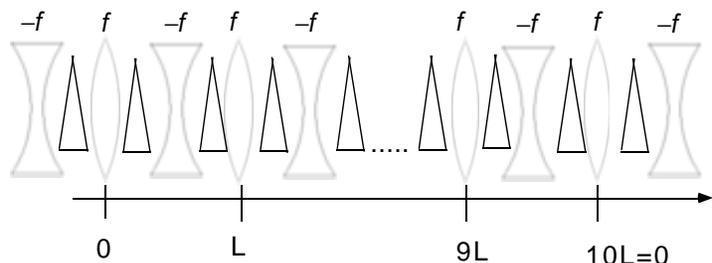
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \mu + \alpha(s) \sin \mu & \beta(s) \sin \mu \\ -\gamma(s) \sin \mu & \cos \mu - \alpha(s) \sin \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

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Numerical results:
Bend example 1 around into a circle with bending magnets in FODO drifts.



Circular symmetric FODO lattice $C=10L$.
 $L=1$ m. Lens focal length $f=0.45$ m.

For this FODO cell we have

$$\sin \frac{\mu}{2} = \frac{L}{4f} = \frac{1}{4 \times 0.45} = 0.5555$$

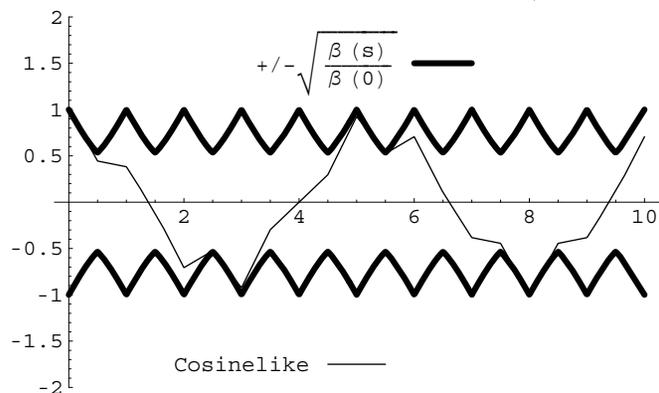
$$\mu = 1.178 \text{ (67.5}^\circ\text{)}$$

$$\beta(0) = \frac{L \left(1 + \sin \frac{\mu}{2} \right)}{\sin \mu} = \frac{1(1 + 0.555)}{0.924} = 1.68 \text{ m}$$

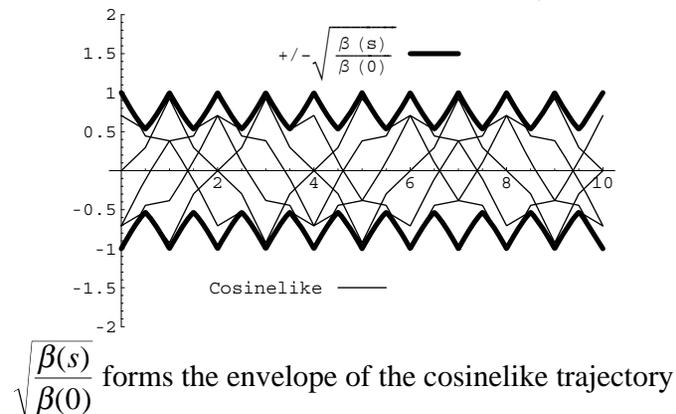
We can calculate the trajectories and Twiss parameter β through the accelerator

In the following figures, the sinelike trajectories and β are in m.

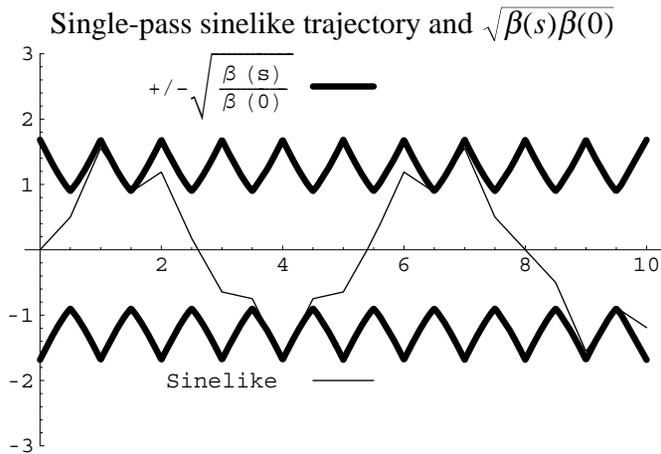
Single-pass cosinelike trajectory and $\sqrt{\frac{\beta(s)}{\beta(0)}}$



Multi-pass cosinelike trajectory and $\sqrt{\frac{\beta(s)}{\beta(0)}}$



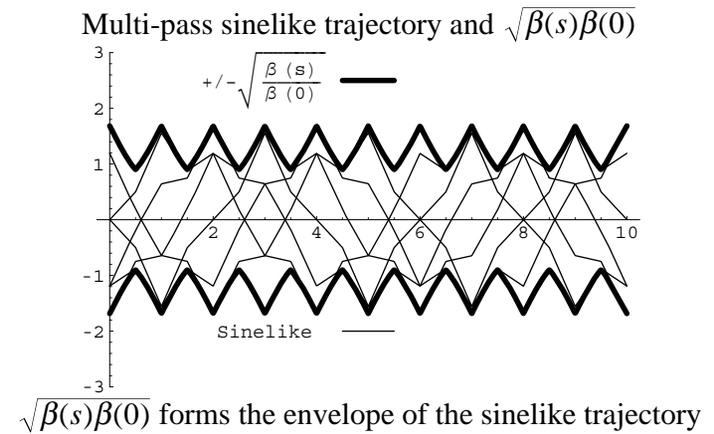
$\sqrt{\frac{\beta(s)}{\beta(0)}}$ forms the envelope of the cosinelike trajectory



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Hill's equation and its solution

We see from the above example that there is a very direct relation between the particle trajectories and the Twiss parameters.

To explore this relation further, we return to the general homogeneous differential equation for the trajectories:

$$\frac{d^2z}{ds^2} + K(s)z = 0$$

where $z=x$ or y , and for a circular accelerator of circumference C , K is periodic in s with period C .

This type of differential equation is called *Hill's equation*.

Floquet's theorem (a result from the 19th century) states that the solution can be written in the form

$$z(s) = af(s)\cos(\Phi(s) + \delta)$$

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in which a and δ are arbitrary constants, $f(s)$ is a function which has the same periodicity as that of K (i.e, periodic in s with period C).

For a trajectory in an accelerator, $\cos(\Phi(s) + \delta)$ (and $z(s)$) should be *non-periodic*.

Differential equations for f and Φ can be obtained by requiring that z satisfy Hill's equation:

$$z' = a(\cos(\Phi + \delta)f' - f\sin(\Phi + \delta)\Phi')$$

$$z'' + Kz = \cos(\Phi + \delta)(fK - f\Phi'^2 + f'') + \sin(\Phi + \delta)(-2f'\Phi' - f\Phi'') = 0$$

Coefficients of sine and cosine must be separately zero, since δ is arbitrary

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From sine coefficient (times f): integral equation for Φ

$$f(2f'\Phi' + f\Phi'') = 2ff'\Phi' + f^2\Phi'' = (f^2\Phi')' = 0$$

$$f^2(s)\Phi'(s) = f^2(s_0)\Phi'(s_0) + k_1 = k_2$$

in which k_1 and k_2 are constants. Absorb the constant k_2 into the arbitrary constant a which multiplies f :

$$\Phi' = \frac{1}{f^2} \Rightarrow \Phi(s) = \Phi(s_0) + \int_{s_0}^s \frac{dt}{f(t)^2} = \int_{s_0}^s \frac{dt}{f(t)^2}$$

where the last equation follows if we absorb $\Phi(s_0)$ into the arbitrary constant δ , which is added to Φ . Then s_0 is the location from which we measure the *phase advance* $\Phi(s)$.

From cosine coefficient: Differential equation for f :

$$fK - f\Phi'^2 + f'' = -\frac{1}{f^3} + fK + f'' = 0$$

Relation to the Twiss parameters:

From the Twiss matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} z(s+C) \\ z'(s+C) \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}(s+C, s) \begin{pmatrix} z(s) \\ z'(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}(s+C, s) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \mu + \alpha(s) \sin \mu & \beta(s) \sin \mu \\ -\gamma(s) \sin \mu & \cos \mu - \alpha(s) \sin \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$z(s+C) = z(s)[\cos \mu + \alpha(s) \sin \mu] + z'(s)\beta(s) \sin \mu$$

Compare with solution to Hill's equation:

$$z(s+C) = af(s+C)\cos(\Phi(s+C) + \delta)$$

$$\text{Now} \\ \Phi(s+C) - \Phi(s) = \int_s^{s+C} \frac{dt}{f(t)^2} = \oint_C \frac{dt}{f(t)^2} = 2\pi Q$$

is a constant since $\Phi' = \frac{1}{f^2}$ is periodic in s with period C .

So

$$\begin{aligned} z(s+C) &= af(s)\cos(\Phi(s) + 2\pi Q + \delta) \\ &= af(s)\cos(\Phi(s) + \delta)\cos 2\pi Q - af(s)\sin(\Phi(s) + \delta)\sin 2\pi Q \\ &= z(s)\cos 2\pi Q - af(s)\sin(\Phi(s) + \delta)\sin 2\pi Q \end{aligned}$$

Use

$$z'(s) = -\frac{a}{f} \sin(\Phi(s) + \delta) + z(s) \frac{f'}{f}$$

to obtain

$$z(s+C) = z(s)[\cos 2\pi Q - f(s)f'(s)\sin 2\pi Q] + z'(s)f(s)^2 \sin 2\pi Q$$

Compare with

$$z(s+C) = z(s)[\cos \mu + \alpha(s)\sin \mu] + z'(s)\beta(s)\sin \mu$$

thus

$$\beta(s) = f(s)^2$$

$$\alpha(s) = -f(s)f'(s) = -\frac{\beta'(s)}{2}$$

$$\mu = 2\pi Q = \oint_C \frac{ds}{\beta(s)}$$

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Interpretation:

The trajectory

$$z(s) = a\sqrt{\beta(s)} \cos(\Phi(s) + \delta)$$

is called a betatron oscillation. The amplitude is determined both by a (initial conditions) and by β (magnet lattice). As we saw earlier, the trajectory envelope varies like $\sqrt{\beta}$. But β also determines the wavelength of the trajectory's oscillation.

For constant λ , the phase is $\Phi = \frac{2\pi s}{\lambda}$. For variable wavelength, this

$$\text{generalizes to } \Phi = 2\pi \int \frac{ds}{\lambda(s)} = \int \frac{ds}{\beta(s)}, \quad \lambda(s) = 2\pi\beta(s)$$

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The function $\Phi = \int \frac{ds}{\beta(s)}$ is called the phase advance (for obvious reasons). The phase of the oscillating trajectory advances at different rates around the machine, changing fast when β is small, and slowly when β is large.

The total number of oscillations per turn is

$$\oint_C \frac{ds}{\lambda(s)} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C \frac{ds}{\beta(s)} = Q$$

which is called the tune of the accelerator. Note that, we have, roughly

$$Q = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C \frac{ds}{\beta(s)} \approx \frac{C}{2\pi\langle\beta\rangle} = \frac{\langle R\rangle}{\langle\beta\rangle}$$

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where $\langle R\rangle = \frac{C}{2\pi}$ mean radius of the accelerator.

Back to the numerical example: circular accelerator, 10 FODO cells, cell length $L=1$ m, focal length $f=0.45$ m.

For a single FODO cell, we found $\mu_c = \oint_C \frac{ds}{\beta(s)} = 1.178$.

For the whole machine
 $\mu = 10\mu_c = 11.78 = 2\pi Q$

$$Q = 1.8748$$

And

$$\langle R\rangle = \frac{C}{2\pi} = \frac{10}{2\pi} \text{ m} = 1.59 \text{ m}$$

$$\langle\beta\rangle \approx \frac{\langle R\rangle}{Q} = \frac{1.59}{1.8748} \text{ m} = 0.85 \text{ m}$$

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Exercises: 1. Using $z = a\sqrt{\beta} \cos(\Phi + \delta)$
 $z' = -\frac{a}{\sqrt{\beta}}(\alpha \cos(\Phi + \delta) + \sin(\Phi + \delta))'$

write the trajectory equations for the cosinelike and sinelike trajectories in terms of α , β and Φ . Show that the transfer matrix from one point in the accelerator, s_0 , to another, s , can be written in terms of β , α , and Φ , as

$$\mathbf{M}(s, s_0) = \begin{pmatrix} C(s, s_0) & S(s, s_0) \\ C'(s, s_0) & S'(s, s_0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{\beta(s)}{\beta(s_0)}} [\cos \Delta\Phi + \alpha(s_0) \sin \Delta\Phi] & \sqrt{\beta(s)\beta(s_0)} \sin \Delta\Phi \\ \sqrt{\frac{1}{\beta(s_0)\beta(s)}} [(\alpha(s_0) - \alpha(s)) \cos \Delta\Phi - (1 + \alpha(s)\alpha(s_0)) \sin \Delta\Phi] & \sqrt{\frac{\beta(s_0)}{\beta(s)}} [\cos \Delta\Phi - \alpha(s) \sin \Delta\Phi] \end{pmatrix}$$

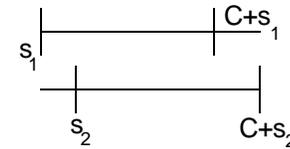
where $\Delta\Phi = \Phi(s) - \Phi(s_0)$

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2. The one-turn matrix $\mathbf{M}(s_1 + C, s_1) = \mathbf{I} \cos 2\pi Q + \mathbf{J}(s_1) \sin 2\pi Q$



propagates a particle around one turn starting at s_1 . $\mathbf{M}(s_2 + C, s_2)$ does the same starting at s_2 . Let $\mathbf{M}(s_2, s_1) = \begin{pmatrix} C(s_2, s_1) & S(s_2, s_1) \\ C'(s_2, s_1) & S'(s_2, s_1) \end{pmatrix}$ be the transfer matrix from s_1 to s_2 . Then we have
 $\mathbf{M}(s_2, s_1)\mathbf{M}(s_1 + C, s_1) = \mathbf{M}(s_2 + C, s_2)\mathbf{M}(s_2, s_1)$
 $\mathbf{M}(s_2 + C, s_2) = \mathbf{M}(s_2, s_1)\mathbf{M}(s_1 + C, s_1)\mathbf{M}(s_2, s_1)^{-1}$
 So $\mathbf{J}(s_2) = \mathbf{M}(s_2, s_1)\mathbf{J}(s_1)\mathbf{M}(s_2, s_1)^{-1}$.

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Use this matrix equation to show that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta(s_2) \\ \alpha(s_2) \\ \gamma(s_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [C(s_2, s_1)]^2 & -2C(s_2, s_1)S(s_2, s_1) & [S(s_2, s_1)]^2 \\ -C(s_2, s_1)C'(s_2, s_1) & C'(s_2, s_1)S(s_2, s_1) + S'(s_2, s_1)C(s_2, s_1) & -S(s_2, s_1)S'(s_2, s_1) \\ [C'(s_2, s_1)]^2 & -2C'(s_2, s_1)S'(s_2, s_1) & [S'(s_2, s_1)]^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta(s_1) \\ \alpha(s_1) \\ \gamma(s_1) \end{pmatrix}$$

This allows us to propagate the lattice functions from one point to another.

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For example, in a drift space of length s , $C = 1$, $S = s$, $C' = 0$, $S' = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta(s) \\ \alpha(s) \\ \gamma(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2s & s^2 \\ 0 & 1 & -s \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \alpha_0 \\ \gamma_0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \beta(s) &= \beta_0 - 2\alpha_0 s + \gamma_0 s^2 \\ \alpha(s) &= \alpha_0 - \gamma_0 s \\ \gamma(s) &= \gamma_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } \alpha_0 = 0, \beta(s) = \beta_0 + \frac{s^2}{\beta_0}, \alpha(s) = -\frac{s}{\beta_0}$$

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In a thin lens $C = 1$, $S = 0$, $C' = \mp \frac{1}{f}$, $S' = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \alpha_1 \\ \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \pm \frac{1}{f} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{f^2} & \pm \frac{2}{f} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \alpha_0 \\ \gamma_0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \beta_1 &= \beta_0 \\ \alpha_1 &= \alpha_0 \pm \frac{\beta_0}{f} \\ \gamma_1 &= \gamma_0 + \frac{\beta_0}{f^2} \pm \frac{2\alpha_0}{f} \end{aligned}$$

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Courant-Snyder invariant and emittance

Back to the trajectory solutions:

$$z = a\sqrt{\beta} \cos \theta$$

$$z' = -\frac{a}{\sqrt{\beta}} (\alpha \cos \theta + \sin \theta)$$

$$\theta = \Phi + \delta$$

Form the combination

$$\gamma z^2 + 2\alpha z z' + \beta z'^2$$

$$= a^2 \beta \gamma \cos^2 \theta - 2\alpha a^2 \cos \theta (\alpha \cos \theta + \sin \theta) + a^2 (\alpha \cos \theta + \sin \theta)^2$$

$$= a^2 [\cos^2 \theta (\beta \gamma - \alpha^2) + \cos \theta \sin \theta (-2\alpha + 2\alpha) + \sin^2 \theta]$$

$$= a^2$$

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So

$$\gamma(s)z(s)^2 + 2\alpha(s)z(s)z'(s) + \beta(s)z'(s)^2 = a^2$$

(the Courant-Snyder invariant)

-it is constant along a particular particle trajectory.

Let us pick a particular position in the ring s_0 . Let the values of z and z' at this position, on turn n , be $z_n(s_0)$ and $z'_n(s_0)$.

$$\begin{aligned} z_n(s_0) &= z(s_0 + nC) = a\sqrt{\beta(s_0)} \cos(\Phi(s_0 + nC) + \delta) \\ &= a\sqrt{\beta(s_0)} \cos(2\pi nQ + \Phi(s_0) + \delta) = a\sqrt{\beta(s_0)} \cos[\phi(n)] \end{aligned}$$

$$z'_n(s_0) = z'(s_0 + nC) = -\frac{a}{\sqrt{\beta(s_0)}} (\alpha(s_0) \cos[\phi(n)] + \sin[\phi(n)])$$

where $\phi(n) = 2\pi nQ + \text{constant}$

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At this position, the Courant-Snyder invariant is

$$\gamma(s_0)z_n(s_0)^2 + 2\alpha(s_0)z_n(s_0)z'_n(s_0) + \beta(s_0)z'_n(s_0)^2 = a^2$$

The two-dimensional space formed by $z_n(s_0)$ and $z'_n(s_0)$ is called phase space. The equation expressing the Courant-Snyder invariant is the equation of an ellipse in this phase space. From turn to turn, the phase space points $\{z_n(s_0), z'_n(s_0)\}$ map out this ellipse.

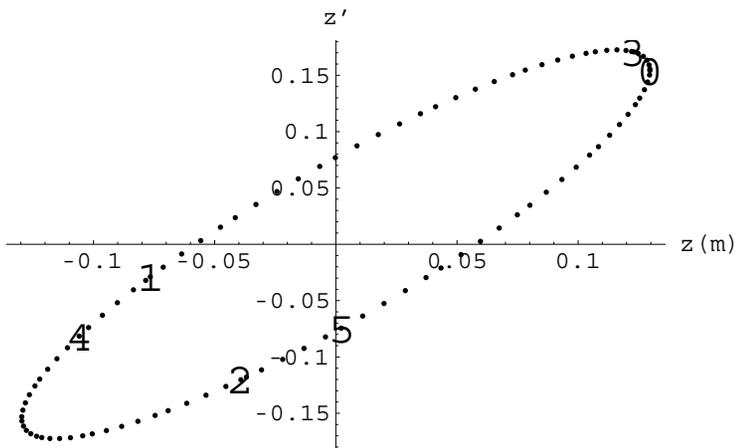
Example:

phase space plot (just upstream of the F quad) in the 10 m accelerator, with $a^2 = 0.01$ m. The first five turns are shown by the numbers.

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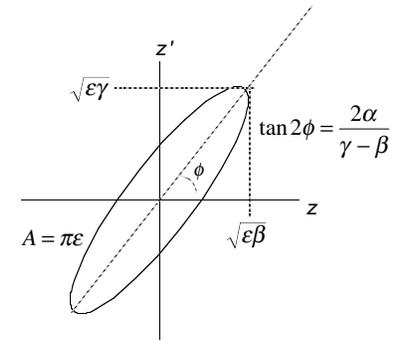
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a^2 is called the *emittance* of a particle which has this trajectory.

$$a^2 = \varepsilon = \frac{\text{Area of ellipse}}{\pi}$$

The parameters of the ellipse are determined by the lattice functions α , β , and γ , at the position s_0 , and by the emittance:



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As we change the observation position s_0 , the phase space ellipse changes its shape and orientation, but ε , proportional to the area, is constant:

Example; back to the 10 m accelerator with 10 FODO cells.

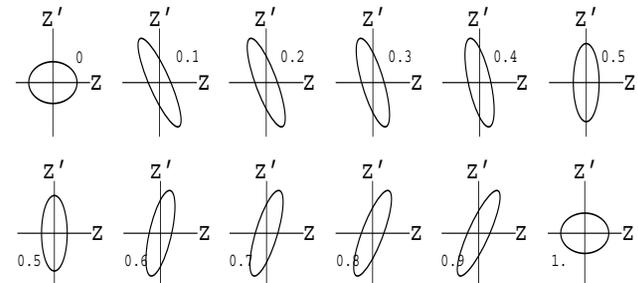
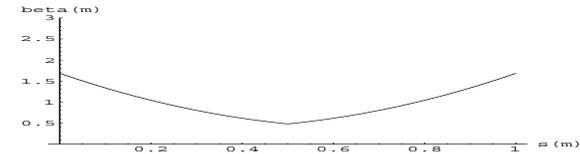
Plot β within one cell, and the phase space ellipse at several positions within the cell.

The number on the phase space ellipse plots indicates the value of s within the cell for which it is plotted.

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The ellipse is upright when $\alpha=0$. At these points

$$\beta = \frac{z_{\max}}{z'_{\max}}$$

If β is at a minimum, we call it a waist. In FODO cells, waists appear at the center of the D quads.