

## Physics 502: Math Models of Physical Problems II

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Lectures: 1pm MWF Physics 146

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Topics: Orthogonal decompositions of functions, eigenspaces of linear operators  
Finite dimensional – quick review of SVD and applications (least squares, matrix exponential for solving ODE systems)  
Infinite dimensional decompositions, primarily in  $L^2$

- i. Fourier series
  - a. Gibbs ringing
  - b. Applications – summations, solve ODE & PDE on bounded domains,
- ii. Fourier transform
  - a. Properties – rotation, translation, convolution, autocorrelation, isomorphism
  - b. Applications - Hilbert transform, dispersion relations, ODE & PDE on unbounded domains, interpolation & gridding, Heisenberg's inequality, Radon transform & projection-slice theorem
  - c. Time- and band-limiting, filtering
- iii. Polynomial decomp – Legendre, assoc Legendre & spherical harmonics, Hermite, (Laguerre, Chebychev, Jacobi, prolate spheroidal *etc time permitting*)
- iv. Fourier-Bessel
- v. Gamma function

Textbooks: *Special Functions and Their Applications*, by NN Lebedev, Dover  
Recommended  
*Linear Algebra & Its Applications*, by Strang, Harcourt-Brace-Jovanovich  
*Fourier series and integrals*, by H Dym and HP McKean, Academic Press **R**  
*The Fourier Transform and Its Applications*, by Bracewell, McGraw Hill **R**  
*Methods of Math Physics*, Courant & Hilbert

Grading: Homework 50%  
Midterm 20%  
Final 30%

Exams: One in-class midterm & a final exam.

Homework: WORK TOGETHER & GIVE ME WHAT YOU HAVE PROMPTLY.  
I will provide solution sets when homework is due; typically on Wednesdays.