18.03 Problem Set 6 Solutions: Part II

Each problem is worth 16 points, spread across Parts I and II. Part I values: 22: 7C-1, 3 pts; 7C-2, 1 pt. 23: 4 pts. 24: 4 pts.

22. (a) [2]
$$1 = \operatorname{sq}(\pi/4) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k \text{ odd}} \frac{\sin(k\pi/4)}{k}$$
. $\begin{vmatrix} \frac{k | \sin(k\pi/4) |}{1 | 1/\sqrt{2}} \\ 3 | 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 5 | -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 7 | -1/\sqrt{2} \\ \vdots | \vdots \end{vmatrix}$ so

$$1 = \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}{3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}{7} + \dots \right) \text{ or } \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \right] = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{4}$$

(b) (i) [2] Method I: For n > 0, $a_n = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^2 t \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{2}\right) dt$. Integrate by parts: u = t, $dv = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{2}\right) dt$, du = dt, $v = (2/n\pi) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{2}\right)$: $a_n = \frac{2t}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{2}\right) \Big|_0^2 - \int_0^2 \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{2}\right) dt = \left(\frac{2}{n\pi}\right)^2 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{2}\right) \Big|_0^2$

The values of the cosine alternate between -1 (for n odd) and +1 (for n even), so $a_n = -8/n^2\pi^2$ for n odd and $a_n = 0$ for n even. Of course a_0 is twice the average value of f(t), which is 0: $f(t) = -\frac{8}{\pi^2} \left(\cos(\pi t/2) + \frac{\cos(3\pi t/2)}{9} + \cdots \right)$.

Alternatively, in Lecture 22 we computed that the Fourier series of the even periodic function g(t) of period 2π which is t between 0 and π is $\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\cos(t) + \frac{\cos(3t)}{9} + \cdots \right)$. Then $f(t) = \frac{2}{\pi}g\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) - 1 = -\frac{8}{\pi^2} \left(\cos(\pi t/2) + \frac{\cos(3\pi t/2)}{9} + \cdots \right)$.

A periodic solution to $\ddot{x} + \omega_n^2 x = f(t)$ is thus given by

$$x_p = -\frac{8}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{\cos(\pi t/2)}{\omega_n^2 - (\pi/2)^2} + \frac{\cos(3\pi t/2)}{9(\omega_n^2 - (3\pi/2)^2)} + \frac{\cos(5\pi t/2)}{25(\omega_n^2 - (5\pi/2)^2)} + \cdots \right) \,.$$

(ii) [2] When $\omega_n = k\pi/2$ for k an odd integer.

(iii) [2] The smallest such (positive) value is $\pi/2$. For ω_n just less than this, the term $-\frac{8}{\pi^2}\frac{\cos(\pi t/2)}{\omega_n^2 - (\pi/2)^2}$ dominates the sum. This is a very large multiple of $\cos(\pi t/2)$, in phase.

(iv) [2] When it exists (i.e. when ω_n is not an odd multiple of $\pi/2$), the particular solution x_p is periodic of minimal period $P = (2\pi)/(\pi/2) = 4$. In that case, the general solution is $x_p + x_h$, where $x_h = a \cos(\omega_n t) + b \sin(\omega_n t)$. If some integral multiple of the period of x_p is also an integral multiple of the period of x_h , then that common number is a period for $x_p + x_h$. The period of x_h is $2\pi/\omega_n$, so what is required is that there are integers k and l such that $4k = (2\pi/\omega_n)l$. This is the same as requiring that ω_n should be a rational multiple of π . [This is a tricky problem!]

(v) [0] This problem is even trickier (and trickier than I had intended). My point was that in the case just studied, *all* solutions are periodic.



24. (i) [2] For t > 0 the unit step response satisfies $2\dot{x} + kx = 1$ with initial condition x(0) = 0. $x_p = 1/k$, $x_h = ce^{-kt/2}$, $x = (1/k)(1 - e^{-kt/2})$. The unit step response is $v(t) = (1/k)(1 - e^{-kt/2})$ for t > 0, v(t) = 0 for t < 0.

[2] For t > 0 the unit step response satisfies $\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + 5x = 1$ with initial condition $x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = 0$. $x_p = 1/5$, $x_h = e^{-t}(a\cos(2t) + b\sin(2t))$. With $x = x_p + x_h$, x(0) = 0 implies that a = -1/5. Then $\dot{x} = e^{-t}((-a + 2b)\cos(2t) + (-2a - b)\sin(2t))$ so $0 = \dot{x}(0) = (-a + 2b)$, which implies b = -1/10: $v = (1/5) - (1/10)e^{-t}(2\cos(2t) + \sin(2t))$ for t > 0, v = 0 for t < 0.

[2] For t > 0 the unit step responses satisfies $\frac{d^3x}{dt^3} = 1$, $x(0) = \dot{x}(0) = \ddot{x}(0) = 0$: so $v = t^3/6$ for t > 0, v = 0 for t < 0.

(ii) [6] The unit impulse responses can be obtained directly, or by differentiating the unit step responses. They are: for t > 0, $w = (1/2)e^{-kt/2}$; $w = (1/2)e^{-t}\sin(2t)$; $w = t^2/2$.

Graphs omitted from this solution sheet, but count 1 point each. The main points: In the first one, v(0+) = 0 and $v(t) \to 1/k$ as $t \to \infty$; and w(0+) = 1/2. In the second one, $v(0) = \dot{v}(0) = 0$ and v(t) oscillates around the value 1/5 and converges to 1/5 as $t \to \infty$; w(0+) = 0, $\dot{w}(0+) = 1$, and w(t) is a damped sinusoid.