# HW 6

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### 1 problem 1

3.41 in text: A periodic disturbance consists of a sequence of exponentially pulse repeated at intervals T, such that  $Q(t) = Fe^{\frac{-\lambda t}{T}}$  for 0 < t < T, and  $Q(t \pm T) = Q(t)$ . The parameter  $\lambda$  is nondimensional. Determine the complex Fourier series representing the force. Evaluate the first 5 coefficients when  $\lambda = 0.1, 1, 10$ . What does this reveal regarding the influence of  $\lambda$  on the frequency spectrum?

Let  $\tilde{Q}(t)$  be the Fourier series approximation to Q(t) given by

$$\widetilde{Q}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F_n e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$$
(1)

Where

$$\begin{split} F_{n} &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{0}^{T} Q(t) e^{-in\frac{2\pi}{T}t} dt \\ &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{0}^{T} F e^{\frac{-\lambda t}{T}} e^{-in\frac{2\pi}{T}t} dt = \frac{2F}{T} \int_{0}^{T} e^{-t\left(in\frac{2\pi}{T} - \frac{\lambda}{T}\right)} dt = \frac{2F}{T} \left(\frac{e^{-t\left(in\frac{2\pi}{T} - \frac{\lambda}{T}\right)}}{in\frac{2\pi}{T} - \frac{\lambda}{T}}\right)^{T} \\ &= \frac{2F}{in2\pi - \lambda} \left(e^{-T\left(in\frac{2\pi}{T} - \frac{\lambda}{T}\right)} - 1\right) \\ &= \frac{2F}{in2\pi - \lambda} \left(e^{-in2\pi} e^{-\lambda} - 1\right) \end{split}$$

But  $e^{-in2\pi} = 1$ , hence

$$F_n = \frac{2F}{in2\pi - \lambda} \left( e^{-\lambda} - 1 \right)$$

Hence Eq 1 becomes

$$\widetilde{Q}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2F}{in2\pi - \lambda} \left( e^{-\lambda} - 1 \right) e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$$

$$= F \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\left( e^{-\lambda} - 1 \right)}{in2\pi - \lambda} e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$$

$$= F \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda + in2\pi} e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$$

For n = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 we obtain

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{Q}(t) &= F \sum_{n=-2}^{2} \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda + in2\pi} e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t} \\ &= F \left( \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda - i4\pi} e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda - i2\pi} e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda} + \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda + i2\pi} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda + i4\pi} e^{i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} \right) \end{split}$$

For  $\lambda = 0.1$ 

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{Q}(t) &= F \bigg( \frac{1 - e^{-0.1}}{0.1 - i4\pi} e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-0.1}}{0.1 - i2\pi} e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-0.1}}{0.1} + \frac{1 - e^{-0.1}}{0.1 + i2\pi} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-0.1}}{0.1 + i4\pi} e^{i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} \bigg) \\ &= F \{ \Big( 6.026 \times 10^{-5} + 7.572 \times 10^{-3} i \Big) e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} \\ &\quad + \Big( 2.41 \times 10^{-4} + 1.514 \times 10^{-2} i \Big) e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} \\ &\quad + 0.952 \\ &\quad + \Big( 2.4099 \times 10^{-4} - 1.5142 \times 10^{-2} i \Big) e^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} \\ &\quad + \Big( 6.026 \times 10^{-5} - 7.572 \times 10^{-3} i \Big) e^{i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} \Big\} \end{split}$$

For  $\lambda = 1$ 

$$\tilde{Q}(t) = F\left(\frac{1 - e^{-1}}{1 - i4\pi}e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-1}}{1 - i2\pi}e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-1}}{1} + \frac{1 - e^{-1}}{1 + i2\pi}e^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-1}}{1 + i4\pi}e^{i\frac{4\pi}{T}t}\right)$$

$$= F\{(0.00398 + 0.05i)e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} + (0.016 + 0.098i)e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + 0.632 + (0.016 + 0.098i)e^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + (0.00398 + 0.05i)e^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t}\right\}$$

For  $\lambda = 10$ 

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{Q}(t) &= F \bigg( \frac{1 - e^{-10}}{10 - i4\pi} e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-10}}{10 - i2\pi} e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-10}}{10} + \frac{1 - e^{-10}}{10 + i2\pi} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \frac{1 - e^{-10}}{10 + i4\pi} e^{i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} \bigg) \\ &= F \{ \Big( 3.877 \times 10^{-2} + 4.872 \times 10^{-2}i \Big) e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} \\ &\quad + \Big( 7.169 \times 10^{-2} + 4.505 \times 10^{-2}i \Big) e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} \\ &\quad + 0.1 \\ &\quad + \Big( 7.169 \times 10^{-2} - 4.505 \times 10^{-2}i \Big) e^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t} \\ &\quad + \Big( 3.877 \times 10^{-2} - 4.872 \times 10^{-2}i \Big) e^{i\frac{4\pi}{T}t} \} \end{split}$$

We notice that as  $\lambda$  became larger, the DC term became smaller. Since the DC term represents average value of the whole signal, then we can say that as  $\lambda$  gets larger, then the average becomes smaller. This means the energy of the signal becomes smaller as  $\lambda$  becomes larger.

### 1.1 Verification using Matlab ffteasy.m

From above, we found for  $\lambda = 1$ 

$$F_n = \frac{2F}{in2\pi - \lambda} \left( e^{-\lambda} - 1 \right)$$
$$= \frac{2F}{in2\pi - 1} \left( e^{-1} - 1 \right)$$

and the first 5 found to be

n	$F_n$
-2	0.00398 + 0.05i
-1	0.016 + 0.098i
0	0.632
1	0.016 - 0.098i
2	0.00398 - 0.05i

To verify the result with ffteasy.m using  $\lambda = 1$ , Using F = 1, and using T = 1. This below shows the result for  $F_0$ ,  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  and we see that the DC term  $F_0$  agrees, and that complex component of  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  also agrees. The real parts are little larger than what I obtained using the above. This might be a scaling issue, and I was not able to determine the reason for it at this time.

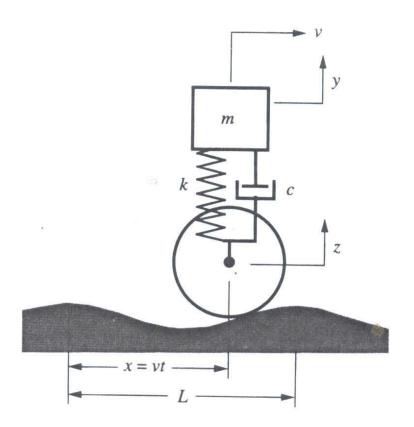
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EDU>> T=1; del=0.01; t=0:del:T; lambda=1; xt=exp(-lambda*t/T);
EDU>> (1/length(t))*fft_easy(xt,t)

ans =

0.6326 + 0.0000i
0.0190 - 0.0986i
0.0072 - 0.0502i
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## problem 2

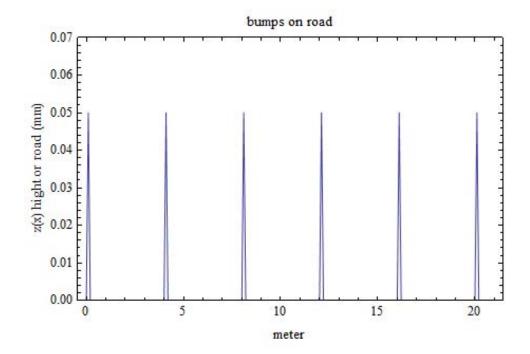
- 3.50 The sketch depicts a one-degree-of-freedom model of an automobile traveling to the right at constant speed v when the road is not smooth. The mass is 1200 kg, the natural frequency of the system is 5 Hz, and the critical damping ratio is 0.4. The elevation of a certain road is a sequence of periodic 50 mm high bumps spaced at a distance of 4 m, specifically,  $z = (x 5x^2)$  if 0 < x < 0.2 m, z = 0 if 0.2 < x < 4 m, z(x + 4) = z(x).
- (a) What speeds  $\nu$  would cause the vertical displacement y to be resonant if the dashpot were not present?
- (b) Determine the steady-state displacement y when v = 5 m/s.



We are given that m = 1200 kg, f = 5 Hz,  $\zeta = 0.4$  and

$$z(x) = \begin{cases} x - 5x^2 & 0 < x < 0.2 \\ 0 & 0.2 < x < 4 \end{cases}$$

A plot of z(x) for first 20 meters is



We need to be able to express z(t) as  $\text{Re}\left\{Ze^{i\frac{2\pi}{T}t}\right\}$  where T is the period of the function z(t). Hence we need to represent z(x) as Fourier series approximation then replace x=vt and use the result.

The period T = 4 meter. Let  $\tilde{z}(x)$  be the Fourier series approximation to z(x), hence

$$\tilde{z}(x) = \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} F_n e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}x}\right)$$

Where

$$F_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T z(x) e^{-in\frac{2\pi}{T}x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2/10} (x - 5x^2) e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2/10} x e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx - \frac{5}{2} \int_0^{2/10} x^2 e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx$$

Using integration by parts  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ , letting u = x and  $dv = e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}$  then  $v = \int e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx = \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}}{n\frac{\pi}{2}}$  hence

$$\int_{0}^{2/10} xe^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx = x \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}}{n\frac{\pi}{2}} \Big|_{0}^{2} - \int_{0}^{2/10} \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}}{n\frac{\pi}{2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{10} \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}\frac{2}{10}}}{n\frac{\pi}{2}} - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_{0}^{2/10} ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx$$

$$= \frac{4}{10} \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}}}{n\pi} - \frac{i2}{n\pi} \left( \frac{e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}}{-in\frac{\pi}{2}} \right)_{0}^{2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{10} \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}}}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \left( e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} \right)_{0}^{2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{10} \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}}}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} \left( e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}\frac{2}{10}} - 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{4i}{10n\pi} e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} + \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} - \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2}$$

$$= e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2} + \frac{2i}{5n\pi} \right) - \frac{4}{n^2\pi^2}$$

Now we do the second integral  $\int_{0}^{2/10} x^2 e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx.$ 

Integration by parts,  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ , letting  $u = x^2$  and  $dv = e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}$  then  $v = \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}}{n\frac{\pi}{2}}$  hence

$$\int_{0}^{2/10} x^{2} e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx = \left[ x^{2} \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}}{n\frac{\pi}{2}} \right]_{0}^{\frac{2}{10}} - \int_{0}^{2/10} 2x \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x}}{n\frac{\pi}{2}} dx$$
$$= \frac{8}{100} \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}}}{n\pi} - \frac{4i}{n\pi} \int_{0}^{2/10} xe^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx$$

But  $\int_{0}^{2/10} xe^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx$  was solved before and its results is Eq 2.1, hence

$$\int_{0}^{2/10} x^{2} e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx = \frac{4}{100} \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}}}{n\frac{\pi}{2}} - \frac{4i}{n\pi} \left( e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{4}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} + \frac{2i}{5n\pi} \right) - \frac{4}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{8i}{100n\pi} e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} - e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{16i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}} - \frac{8}{5n^{2}\pi^{2}} \right) + \frac{16i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}}$$

$$= e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{8i}{100n\pi} - \frac{16i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}} + \frac{8}{5n^{2}\pi^{2}} \right) + \frac{16i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}}$$

Putting all the above together, we obtain  $F_n$  as

$$F_{n} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{2/10} x e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx - \frac{5}{2} \int_{0}^{2/10} x^{2} e^{-in\frac{\pi}{2}x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{4}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} + \frac{2i}{5n\pi} \right) - \frac{4}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} \right] - \frac{5}{2} \left[ e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{8i}{100n\pi} - \frac{16i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}} + \frac{8}{5n^{2}\pi^{2}} \right) + \frac{16i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}} \right]$$

$$= e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{2}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} + \frac{i}{5n\pi} \right) - \frac{2}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} - e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{20i}{100n\pi} - \frac{40i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}} + \frac{20}{5n^{2}\pi^{2}} \right) - \frac{40i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}}$$

$$= e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left[ \frac{2}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} + \frac{i}{5n\pi} - \frac{20i}{100n\pi} + \frac{40i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}} - \frac{4}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} \right] - \frac{2}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} - \frac{40i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}}$$

$$= e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left( \frac{40i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}} - \frac{2}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} \right) - \frac{2}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} - \frac{40i}{n^{3}\pi^{3}}$$

Now

$$F_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T z(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2/10} (x - 5x^2) dx = \frac{1}{300}$$

Hence

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{z}(x) &= \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} F_n e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}x}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{600} + \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(e^{-in\frac{\pi}{10}} \left(\frac{40i}{n^3\pi^3} - \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2}\right) - \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} - \frac{40i}{n^3\pi^3}\right) e^{in\frac{\pi}{2}x}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{600} + \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} e^{i\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x - \frac{n\pi}{10}\right)} \left(\frac{40i}{n^3\pi^3} - \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2}\right) - e^{in\frac{\pi}{2}x} \left(\frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} + \frac{40i}{n^3\pi^3}\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{600} + \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{-40}{n^3\pi^3} \frac{1}{i} e^{i\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x - \frac{n\pi}{10}\right)} - \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} e^{i\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}x - \frac{n\pi}{10}\right)} - \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} e^{in\frac{\pi}{2}x} + \frac{40}{n^3\pi^3} \frac{1}{i} e^{in\frac{\pi}{2}x}\right) \end{split}$$

But x = vt, hence

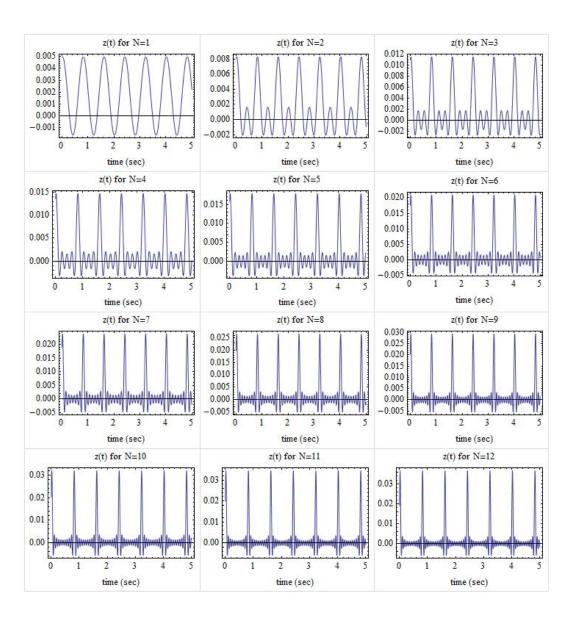
$$\widetilde{z}(t) = \frac{1}{600} + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{-40}{n^3 \pi^3} \frac{1}{i} e^{i\left(\frac{n\pi v}{2}t - \frac{n\pi}{10}\right)} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} e^{i\left(\frac{n\pi v}{2}t - \frac{n\pi}{10}\right)} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} e^{in\frac{\pi v}{2}t} + \frac{40}{n^3 \pi^3} \frac{1}{i} e^{in\frac{\pi v}{2}t}\right)$$

Therefore the forcing frequency is  $n\omega_1 = n\frac{\pi v}{2}$  or from  $2\pi f_1 = \frac{\pi v}{2}$ , hence  $f_1 = \frac{v}{4}$ Hz. The above can be written as

$$\widetilde{z}(t) = \frac{1}{600} + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{-40}{n^{3} \pi^{3}} \frac{1}{i} e^{i(\frac{n\pi v}{2}t - \frac{n\pi}{10})} \right) - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2}{n^{2} \pi^{2}} e^{i(\frac{n\pi v}{2}t - \frac{n\pi}{10})} \right) \\
- \sum_{n=1}^{N} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2}{n^{2} \pi^{2}} e^{in\frac{\pi v}{2}t} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{40}{n^{3} \pi^{3}} \frac{1}{i} e^{in\frac{\pi v}{2}t} \right) \\
= \frac{1}{600} + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{-40}{n^{3} \pi^{3}} \sin \left( n\omega_{1}t - \frac{n\pi}{10} \right) - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{2}{n^{2} \pi^{2}} \cos \left( n\omega_{1}t - \frac{n\pi}{10} \right) \\
- \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{2}{n^{2} \pi^{2}} \cos (n\omega_{1}t) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{40}{n^{3} \pi^{3}} \sin (n\omega_{1}t) \\
= \frac{1}{600} - \frac{40}{\pi^{3}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{n^{3}} \sin \left( n\omega_{1}t - \frac{n\pi}{10} \right) - \frac{2}{\pi^{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{n^{2}} \cos \left( n\omega_{1}t - \frac{n\pi}{10} \right) \\
- \frac{2}{\pi^{2}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{n^{2}} \cos (n\omega_{1}t) + \frac{40}{\pi^{3}} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{n^{3}} \sin (n\omega_{1}t)$$

Where 
$$\omega_1 = \frac{\pi v}{2}$$

To verify the above, here is a plot for different number of fourier series terms showing that approximation improves as N increases. This was done for v = 5m/s and for 5 seconds.



## 2.1 Part(a)

The equation of motion is

$$my'' + c(y' - z') + k(y - z) = 0$$
  
 $my'' + cy' + ky = cz' + kz$  (2.1)

From earlier, we found that fourier series approximation to z(t) is

$$z(t) = \frac{1}{600} + \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-40}{n^3 \pi^3} \frac{1}{i} e^{i(n\omega t - \frac{n\pi}{10})} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} e^{i(n\omega t - \frac{n\pi}{10})} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} e^{in\omega t} + \frac{40}{n^3 \pi^3} \frac{1}{i} e^{in\omega t}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{600} + \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-40}{n^3 \pi^3} e^{-i\frac{n\pi}{10}} \frac{1}{i} e^{in\omega t} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} e^{-i\frac{n\pi}{10}} e^{in\omega t} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} e^{in\omega t} + \frac{40}{n^3 \pi^3} \frac{1}{i} e^{in\omega t}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{600} + \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{in\omega t} \left[ \frac{-40}{n^3 \pi^3} e^{-i\left(\frac{n\pi}{10} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} e^{-i\frac{n\pi}{10}} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} + \frac{40}{n^3 \pi^3} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} \right]\right)$$

Let

$$Z_n = \frac{-40}{n^3 \pi^3} e^{-i\left(\frac{n\pi}{10} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} e^{-i\frac{n\pi}{10}} - \frac{2}{n^2 \pi^2} + \frac{40}{n^3 \pi^3} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

Then above can be simplified to

$$z(t) = \frac{1}{600} + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{in\omega t} Z_n\right)$$

Where  $\omega = \frac{\pi v}{2}$ , hence

$$z'(t) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} in\omega e^{in\omega t} Z_n\right)$$

Hence, let

$$y_{ss}(t) = \text{Re} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n e^{in\omega t}$$

Hence Eq 2.1 becomes

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -mn^2\varpi^2 Y_n e^{in\varpi t} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} icn\varpi Y_n e^{in\varpi t} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} kY_n e^{in\varpi t} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} icn\varpi e^{in\varpi t} Z_n + \frac{k}{600} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ke^{in\varpi t} Z_n \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( -mn^2\varpi^2 + icn\varpi + k \right) Y_n e^{in\varpi t} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (icn\varpi + k) Z_n e^{in\varpi t} + \frac{k}{600} \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( -mn^2\varpi^2 + icn\varpi + k \right) Y_n e^{in\varpi t} &= \frac{k}{600} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (icn\varpi + k) Z_n e^{in\varpi t} \end{split}$$

Hence

$$Y_n = \frac{(icn\omega + k)}{-m(n\omega)^2 + icn\omega + k} Z_n \tag{2}$$

Let

$$D(r_n, \zeta) = \frac{icn\omega + k}{-m(n\omega)^2 + icn\omega + k}$$

$$= \frac{i2\zeta m\omega_{nat}n\omega + \omega_{nat}^2 m}{-m(n\omega)^2 + i2\zeta m\omega_{nat}n\omega + \omega_{nat}^2 m}$$

$$= \frac{i2\zeta n\frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}} + 1}{-\left(n\frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}}\right)^2 + i2\zeta n\frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{1 + i2\zeta r_n}{\left(1 - r_n^2\right) + i2\zeta r_n}$$

Where in the above  $r_n = \frac{n\omega}{\omega_{nat}}$  where  $\omega$  is  $\frac{2\pi}{T}$  which means it is the fundamental frequency of the forcing function and  $\omega_{nat}$  is the natural frequency.

Then Eq 2 becomes

$$Y_n = D(r_n, \zeta)Z_n$$

And the steady state solution  $y_{ss}(t)$  becomes

$$y_{ss}(t) = \frac{k}{600} + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} D(r_n, \zeta) Z_n e^{in\omega t}\right)$$

Now we can answer the question. When c=0 then  $D(r_n,\zeta)$  reduces to  $\frac{k}{-m(n\omega)^2+k}=\frac{1}{1-\left(n\frac{\omega}{\alpha_n-1}\right)^2}=\frac{1}{1-r_n^2}$ , hence

$$y_{ss}(t) = \frac{k}{600} + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - r_n^2} Z_n e^{in\omega t}\right)$$

So the displacement  $y_{ss}(t)$  will be resonant when  $r_n = 1$  or  $\frac{n\pi v}{2\omega_{nat}} = 1$  or  $v = \frac{2\omega_{nat}}{n\pi}$ 

Hence

$$v = \frac{2(2\pi5)}{n\pi} = \frac{20}{n}$$

Hence  $v = 20, 10, 5, 2.5, 1.25, \cdots$  meter/sec will each cause resonance. To verify, here is a plot of  $y_{ss}(t)$  with no damper for speed near resonance v = 19.99 and comparing this for speeds away from resonance speed. This plot shows that when speed v is close to any of the above speeds, then the displacement  $y_{ss}(t)$  becomes very large. Once the speed is away from those values, then  $y_{ss}(t)$  quickly comes down to steady state F/k value.

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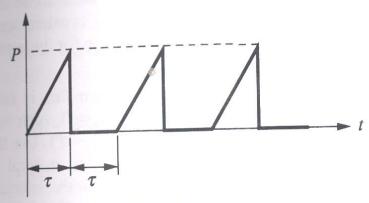
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## 3 problem 3

3.) (20 points) Find the steady-state response of the system in **Problems 3.45** and **3.46** from Ginsberg using FFT techniques. Perform your analysis with  $\tau = \pi/(3\omega_n)$  as stated in the problem and also repeat the analysis for  $\tau = 3\pi/\omega_n$ . Which harmonic is dominant in the response in each case? Why? Create a plot of the steady-state displacement for each case.

3.45 A one-degree-of-freedom, underdamped system having mass m, natural frequency  $\omega_{\rm nat}$ , and critical damping ratio  $\zeta=0.04$  is subjected to cyclical triangular pulse excitation, as shown below. What is the largest harmonic in the response when  $\tau=\pi/3\,\omega_{\rm nat}$ ?



**EXERCISES 3.45, 3.46** 

3.46 Use FFT techniques to determine and graph the steady-state displacement and acceleration of the system in Exercise 3.45 for the parameters stated there.

The function is periodic with period  $T = 2\tau$ 

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{P}{\tau}t & 0 < t < \tau \\ 0 & \tau < t < 2\tau \end{cases}$$

and  $f(t \pm T) = f(t)$ . Let  $\tilde{f}(t)$  be the Fourier series approximation to f(t), hence

$$\tilde{f}(t) = \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} F_n e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}x}\right)$$
(3)

Where

$$F_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T f(t) e^{-in\frac{2\pi}{T}t} dt$$
$$= \frac{2}{2\tau} \int_0^{\tau} \frac{P}{\tau} t e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t} dt$$
$$= \frac{P}{\tau^2} \int_0^{\tau} t e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t} dt$$

Using integration by parts  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ , letting u = t and  $dv = e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t}$  then  $v = \int e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t} dt = \frac{ie^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t}}{n\frac{\pi}{\tau}}$  hence

$$F_{n} = \frac{P}{\tau^{2}} \left[ \left( t \frac{i e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t}}{n\frac{\pi}{\tau}} \right)_{0}^{\tau} - \frac{i}{n\frac{\pi}{\tau}} \int_{0}^{\tau} e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{P}{\tau^{2}} \left[ \left( \tau \frac{i e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}\tau}}{n\frac{\pi}{\tau}} \right) - \frac{i}{n\frac{\pi}{\tau}} \left( \frac{e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t}}{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}} \right)_{0}^{\tau} \right]$$

$$= \frac{P}{\tau^{2}} \left[ \left( \tau^{2} \frac{i e^{-in\pi}}{n\pi} \right) + \frac{\tau^{2}}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} \left( e^{-in\frac{\pi}{\tau}t} \right)_{0}^{\tau} \right]$$

$$= \frac{P}{\tau^{2}} \left[ \left( \tau^{2} \frac{i e^{-in\pi}}{n\pi} \right) + \frac{\tau^{2}}{n^{2}\pi^{2}} \left( e^{-in\pi} - 1 \right) \right]$$

 $e^{-in\pi} = \cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$ , hence

$$F_n = \frac{P}{\tau^2} \left[ \left( \tau^2 \frac{i(-1)^n}{n\pi} \right) + \frac{\tau^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \left( (-1)^n - 1 \right) \right]$$

Hence for even n

$$F_n = \frac{P}{\tau^2} \left[ \left( \tau^2 \frac{i}{n\pi} \right) \right]$$
$$= P \frac{i}{n\pi}$$

and for odd n

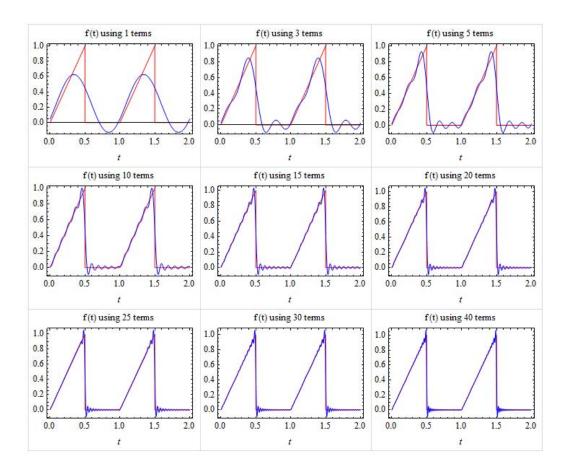
$$F_n = \frac{P}{\tau^2} \left[ \left( -\tau^2 \frac{i}{n\pi} \right) - 2 \frac{\tau^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \right]$$
$$= -\frac{P}{n\pi} \left( \frac{2}{n\pi} + i \right)$$

$$F_0 = \frac{P}{\tau^2} \int_0^{\tau} t dt$$
$$= \frac{P}{\tau^2} \left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)_0^{\tau} = \frac{P}{\tau^2} \left(\frac{\tau^2}{2}\right)$$
$$= \frac{P}{2}$$

Now Eq 3 becomes

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{f}(t) &= \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \text{Re}\bigg(\sum_{n=1}^{N} F_n e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}x}\bigg) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \text{Re}\bigg(\sum_{even\ n} F_n e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \sum_{odd\ n} F_n e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t}\bigg) \\ &= \frac{p}{4} + \text{Re}\bigg(\sum_{even\ n} P \frac{i}{n\pi} e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + \sum_{odd\ n} - \frac{P}{n\pi}\bigg(\frac{2}{n\pi} + i\bigg) e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t}\bigg) \\ &= \frac{p}{4} + \text{Re}\bigg(\frac{P}{\pi}\sum_{even\ n} \frac{i}{n} e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t} - \frac{P}{\pi}\sum_{odd\ n} \frac{1}{n}\bigg(\frac{2}{n\pi} + i\bigg) e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t}\bigg) \\ &= \frac{P}{4} + \text{Re}\bigg(\frac{P}{\pi}\sum_{even\ n} \frac{i}{n} e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t} - \frac{P}{\pi}\sum_{odd\ n} \bigg(\frac{2}{n^2\pi} + \frac{i}{n}\bigg) e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}t}\bigg) \end{split}$$

To verify, here is a plot of the above, using P=1 and  $\tau=0.5$  sec for  $t=0\cdots 2$  seconds. This shows as more terms are added, the approximation becomes very close to the function. At N=40 the approximation appears very good.



Now we need to write f(t) as sum of exponential to answer the question.

$$\widetilde{f}(t) = \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} F_n e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}x}\right)$$

where  $\omega$  is the fundamental frequency of the force given by  $\frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{2\tau} = \frac{\pi}{\tau}$ 

Hence, let 
$$y_{ss} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} Y_n e^{in\omega t}$$
, then

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(m\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}-(n\omega)^{2}Y_{n}e^{in\omega t}+c\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}in\omega Y_{n}e^{in\omega t}+k\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}Y_{n}e^{in\omega t}\right)=\frac{1}{2}F_{0}+\operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N}F_{n}e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}x}\right)$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}\left(-m(n\omega)^{2}+icn\omega+k\right)Y_{n}e^{in\omega t}=\frac{1}{2}F_{0}+\operatorname{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N}F_{n}e^{in\frac{2\pi}{T}x}\right)$$

Hence

$$Y_n = \frac{F_n}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \left(n\frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}}\right)^2\right) + i2\zeta n\frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}}}$$
$$= \frac{F_n}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - (nr)^2\right) + i2\zeta nr}$$

Hence

$$y_{ss} = \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n e^{in\omega t}\right)$$

Finding  $Y_n$  for  $\tau = \frac{\pi}{3\omega_{nat}}$ 

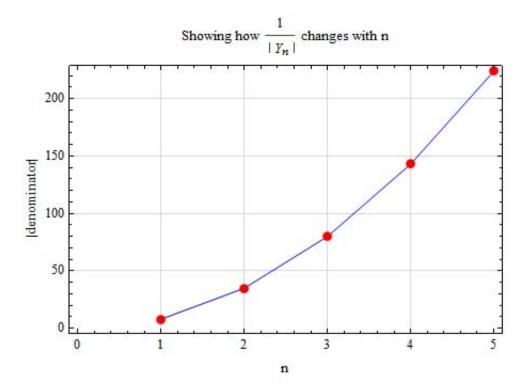
where  $r = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}}$ . When  $\zeta = 0.04$  and  $\tau = \frac{\pi}{3\omega_{nat}}$ , hence now  $r = \frac{2\pi}{(2\tau)\omega_{nat}} = \frac{2\pi}{\left(2\frac{\pi}{3\omega_{nat}}\right)\omega_{nat}} = 3$ ,

therefore

$$Y_n = \frac{F_n}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - (3n)^2\right) + i6(0.04)n}$$
$$= \frac{F_n}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - 9n^2\right) + i0.24n}$$

The largest  $Y_n$  will occur when the denominator of the above is smallest. Plotting the modulus of the denominator  $\sqrt{\left(1-9n^2\right)^2+\left(0.24n\right)^2}$  for different n values shows that n=1 is the values which makes it minimum.

This happens since for any n > 1 the denominator will become larger due to  $n^2$  and hence  $Y_n$  will become smaller. So n = 1 will be used.



For n = 1, we obtain

$$Y_1 = \frac{F_1}{k} \frac{1}{(1-9) + i6(0.04)}$$

But  $F_1 = -\frac{P}{\pi} \left( \frac{2}{\pi} + i \right)$ , hence

$$Y_{1} = \frac{-\frac{P}{\pi} \left(\frac{2}{\pi} + i\right)}{k} \frac{1}{(1-9) + i6(0.04)} = \frac{-P}{\pi k} \frac{\left(\frac{2}{\pi} + i\right)}{-8 + i0.24}$$

$$= \frac{P}{\pi k} \frac{\frac{2}{\pi} + i}{8 - i0.24} = \frac{P}{\pi k} \frac{\left(\frac{2}{\pi} + i\right)(8 + i0.24)}{(8 - i0.24)(8 + i0.24)}$$

$$= \frac{P}{\pi k} (0.075759 + 0.12727i)$$

Therefore

$$Y_1 = \frac{P}{k}(0.024115 + 0.0405i)$$

Here is a list of  $Y_n$  for  $n=1\cdots 10$  with the phase and magnitude of each (this was done for  $\frac{p}{k}=1$ )

n	Yn	Yn	Arg[Yn]
1	0.0241149 + 0.0405122 i	0.0471462	59.2367
2	0.000062351 - 0.00454643 i	0.00454686	-89.2143
3	0.000269489 + 0.00132872 i	0.00135577	78.5348
4	3.73568×10 <sup>-6</sup> - 0.000556461 i	0.000556473	-89.6154
5	0.0000346626 + 0.000284391 i	0.000286496	83.0509
6	7.3223×10 <sup>-7</sup> - 0.000164243 i	0.000164245	-89.7446
7	9.00427×10 <sup>-6</sup> + 0.000103382 i	0.000103773	85.0223
8	2.31058×10 <sup>-7</sup> - 0.000069197 i	0.0000691974	-89.8087
9	3.29231×10 <sup>-6</sup> + 0.0000485919 i	0.0000487033	86.1239
10	9.45233×10 <sup>-8</sup> - 0.0000354069 i	0.000035407	-89.847

From the above we see that most of the energy in the response will be contained in  $Y_1$  and adding more terms will not have large effect on the response shape. This is confirmed by the plot that follows.

#### Plot for the steady state

Since

$$y_{ss} = \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n e^{in\omega t}\right)$$

Where now  $r = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}}$ . When  $\zeta = 0.04$  and  $\tau = \frac{\pi}{3\omega_{nat}}$ , hence now  $r = \frac{2\pi}{(2\tau)\omega_{nat}} = \frac{2\pi}{\left(2\frac{\pi}{3\omega_{nat}}\right)\omega_{nat}}$ 

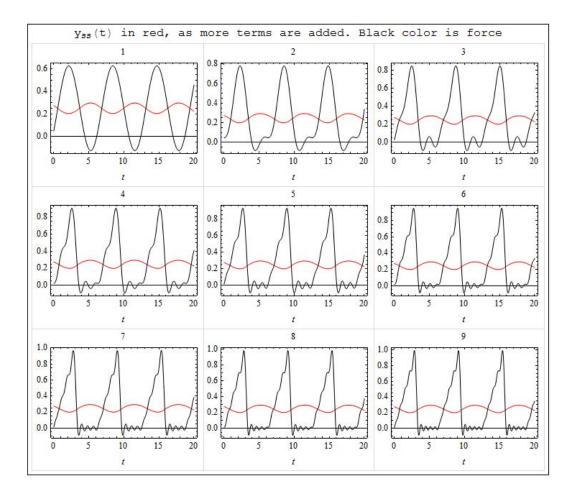
therefore r = 3

$$\begin{split} y_{ss} &= \frac{p}{4} + \text{Re} \Biggl( \sum_{n=1,3,5...}^{\infty} Y_n e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=2,4,6...}^{\infty} Y_n e^{in\omega t} \Biggr) \\ &= \frac{p}{4} + \text{Re} \Biggl( \sum_{n=1,3,5...}^{\infty} \frac{F_{n_{odd}}}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - (nr)^2\right) + i2\zeta nr} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=2,4,6...}^{\infty} \frac{F_{n_{even}}}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - (nr)^2\right) + i2\zeta nr} e^{in\omega t} \Biggr) \\ &= \frac{p}{4} + \text{Re} \Biggl( \sum_{n=1,3,5...}^{\infty} \frac{-\frac{p}{n\pi} \left(\frac{2}{n\pi} + i\right)}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - (nr)^2\right) + i2\zeta nr} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=2,4,6...}^{\infty} \frac{P_{n\pi}^{i}}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - (nr)^2\right) + i2\zeta nr} e^{in\omega t} \Biggr) \\ &= \frac{p}{4} + \frac{p}{k} \operatorname{Re} \Biggl( \sum_{n=1,3,5...}^{\infty} -\frac{\frac{1}{n\pi} \left(\frac{2}{n\pi} + i\right)}{\left(1 - (nr)^2\right) + i2\zeta nr} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=2,4,6...}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{i}{n\pi}}{\left(1 - (nr)^2\right) + i2\zeta nr} e^{in\omega t} \Biggr) \end{split}$$

Now let r=3,  $\zeta=0.04$ . Normalizing the equation for  $\varpi=1$  which implies  $\tau=\pi$  and k=1 and p=1, then the above becomes

$$y_{ss} = \frac{1}{4} + \text{Re} \left( \sum_{n=1,3,5...}^{\infty} -\frac{\frac{1}{n\pi} \left( \frac{2}{n\pi} + i \right)}{\left( 1 - (3n)^2 \right) + i2(0.04)3n} e^{int} + \sum_{n=2,4,6...}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{i}{n\pi}}{\left( 1 - (3n)^2 \right) + i2(0.04)3n} e^{int} \right)$$

Here is a plot of the above for  $t = 0 \cdots 20$  seconds for different values of n



We see from the above plot, that  $y_{ss}(t)$  does not change too much as more terms are added, since when r = 3, then  $Y_n$  for n = 1 contains most of the energy, hence adding more terms did not have an effect.

Repeating the calculations for  $\tau = \frac{3\pi}{\omega_{nat}}$ 

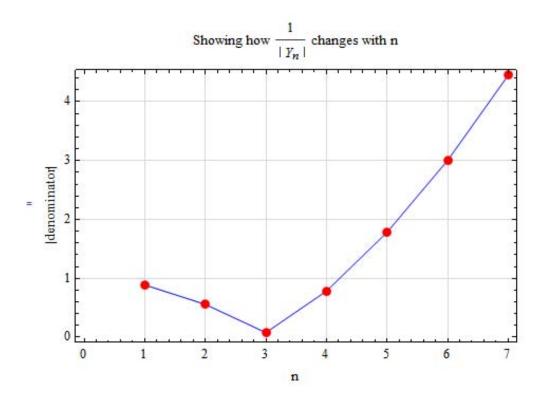
$$r = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}}$$
. When  $\zeta = 0.04$  and  $\tau = \frac{3\pi}{\omega_{nat}}$ , hence now  $r = \frac{2\pi}{(2\tau)\omega_{nat}} = \frac{2\pi}{\left(2\frac{3\pi}{\omega_{nat}}\right)\omega_{nat}} = \frac{1}{3}$ , therefore

$$Y_n = \frac{F_n}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - (nr)^2\right) + i2\zeta nr}$$

$$= \frac{F_n}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}n\right)^2\right) + i\frac{2}{3}(0.04)n}$$

$$= \frac{F_n}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{n^2}{9}\right) + i0.0267n}$$

The largest  $Y_n$  will occur when the denominator of the above is smallest. Similar to above, we can either find n which minimizes the denominator (by taking derivative and setting it to zero and solve for n) or we can make a plot and see how the function behaves. Making a plot shows this



From the above we see that the smallest value of the denominator happens when n = 3.

so using n = 3 we find

$$Y_3 = \frac{F_3}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - (3r)^2\right) + i2\zeta 3r}$$

$$= \frac{F_3}{k} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \left(3\frac{1}{3}\right)^2\right) + i2(0.04)3\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{F_3}{k} \frac{1}{i0.08}$$

But 
$$F_n = -\frac{P}{n\pi} \left( \frac{2}{n\pi} + i \right)$$
, hence

$$F_3 = -\frac{P}{3\pi} \left( \frac{2}{3\pi} + i \right)$$

Therefore

$$Y_3 = \frac{-\frac{P}{3\pi} \left(\frac{2}{3\pi} + i\right)}{k} \frac{1}{i0.08}$$

Hence

$$Y_3 = \frac{p}{k}(-1.3263 + 0.28145i)$$

Here is a list of  $Y_n$  for  $n=1\cdots 10$  with the phase and magnitude of each (this was done for  $\frac{p}{k}=1$ )

n	Yn	Y <sub>n</sub>	Arg[Yn]
1	-0.238501 - 0.350944 i	0.424316	-124.2
2	0.0272508 + 0.283863 i	0.285168	84.5164
3	-1.32629 + 0.281448 i	1.35582	168.019
4	0.0137726 - 0.100425 i	0.101365	-82.191
5	0.00186323 + 0.0359496 i	0.0359979	87.0331
6	0.000940465 - 0.0176337 i	0.0176588	-86.9471
7	0.0004999 + 0.0102524 i	0.0102646	87.2085
8	0.000227012 - 0.00650296 i	0.00650692	-88.0007
9	0.000179929 + 0.00442637 i	0.00443002	87.6722
10	0.0000829696 - 0.00314593 i	0.00314703	-88.4893

We see from the above that  $|Y_3|$  is the largest harmonic.

#### Plot for the steady state

Since

$$y_{ss} = \frac{1}{2}F_0 + \text{Re}\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n e^{in\omega t}\right)$$

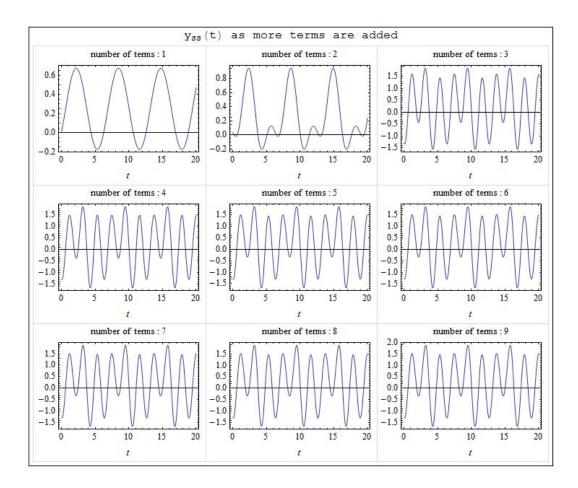
Where now  $r = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{nat}}$ . When  $\zeta = 0.04$  and  $\tau = \frac{3\pi}{\omega_{nat}}$ , hence now  $r = \frac{2\pi}{(2\tau)\omega_{nat}} = \frac{2\pi}{\left(2\frac{3\pi}{\omega_{nat}}\right)\omega_{nat}} = \frac{1}{3}$ , therefore from above

$$y_{ss} = \frac{p}{4} + \frac{p}{k} \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{n=1,3,5...}^{\infty} - \frac{1}{n\pi} \left( \frac{2}{n\pi} + i \right) \frac{1}{\left( 1 - (nr)^2 \right) + i2\zeta nr} e^{in\omega t} + \sum_{n=2,4,6...}^{\infty} \frac{i}{n\pi} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - (nr)^2 \right) + i2\zeta nr} e^{in\omega t} \right)$$

Now let  $r = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\zeta = 0.04$ , and assuming  $\tau = 0.5$  then  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{2\tau} = \frac{\pi}{0.5}$ , and assuming k = 1, then the above becomes

$$y_{ss} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{k} \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{n=1,3,5...}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{n\pi} \left( \frac{2}{n\pi} + i \right) \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \left( n \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \right) + i2(0.04) \frac{1}{3} n} e^{in\frac{\pi}{0.5}t} \right) + \frac{1}{k} \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{n=2,4,6...}^{\infty} \frac{i}{n\pi} \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \left( n \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \right) + i2(0.04) \frac{1}{3} n} e^{in\frac{\pi}{0.5}t} \right)$$

Here is a plot of the above for  $t = 0 \cdots 20$  seconds for different values of n



We see now that after n = 3 that the response did not change much by adding more terms, this is because more of the energy are contained in the first 3 harmonics with  $Y_n$  being the the largest.