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QUESTION: Which of the following functions of time represent (a) simple harmonic, (b) periodic but not simple harmonic, and (c) non-periodic motion? Give period for each case of peiodic motion ($2\pi f$ is any positive constant):

1) $\sin(2\pi ft) - \cos(2\pi ft)$

2) $\sin^3(2\pi ft)$

3) $3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 4\pi ft\right)$

4) $\cos(2\pi ft) + \cos(6\pi ft) + \cos(10\pi ft)$

5) $\exp(-(2\pi ft)^2)$

6) $1 + 2\pi ft + 2\pi f^2 t^2$

Answer:

Definition of period:

The period is denoted by the symbol "T," and it represents the time interval required for the motion to go through one complete cycle

1) $\sin(2\pi ft) - \cos(2\pi ft)$

This function can be rewritten as

$$= \sin(2\pi ft) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\pi ft\right)$$

$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \sin\left(2\pi ft - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \sin\left(2\pi ft - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

\therefore Simple harmonic motion with period $T = \frac{1}{f}$

Phase angle of $(\phi) \left(\frac{-\pi}{4}\right) \text{ or } \left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right)$

(2) $\sin^3(\omega t)$

This function can be rewritten as

$$= \frac{1}{4}(3 \sin(2\pi ft) - \sin(6\pi ft)) \quad (4)$$

\therefore Periodic with period $T = \frac{1}{f}$

(3) $3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 4\pi ft\right)$

This function can be rewritten as

$$= 3 \cos\left(4\pi ft - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad (5)$$

(6)

Simple harmonic motion with period $T = \frac{1}{2f}$ and a ϕ of $\left(\frac{-\pi}{4}\right) \text{ or } \left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right)$

(4) $\cos(2\pi ft) + \cos(6\pi ft) + \cos(10\pi ft)$

This function can be rewritten as

$$= \cos(2\pi ft) + \cos(10\pi ft) + \cos(6\pi ft) \quad (7)$$

$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi ft + 10\pi ft}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{10\pi ft - 2\pi ft}{2}\right) + \cos(6\pi ft) \quad (8)$$

$$= 2 \cos(6\pi ft) \cos(2\pi ft) + \cos(6\pi ft) \quad (9)$$

$$= \cos(6\pi ft)(1 + 2 \cos(2\pi ft)) \quad (10)$$

(2) Period of $\cos(6\pi ft)$ is $\frac{1}{3f}$

Period of $1 + 2 \cos(2\pi ft)$ is $\frac{1}{f}$

(3) Lcm is $\frac{1}{f}$

\therefore Simple harmonic motion with period $\frac{1}{f}$

(5) $\exp(-(2\pi f)^2 t^2)$

This function can be rewritten as

$$\text{As } T \rightarrow \infty \\ \exp\left(-(2\pi f)^2 t^2\right) \rightarrow \infty$$

\therefore This never repeats and non periodic

$$(6) 1 + 2\pi f t + (2\pi f)^2 t^2$$

This function can be rewritten as

$$\text{As } T \rightarrow \infty \\ 1 + 2\pi f t + (2\pi f)^2 t^2 \rightarrow \infty$$

\therefore This never repeats and non periodic

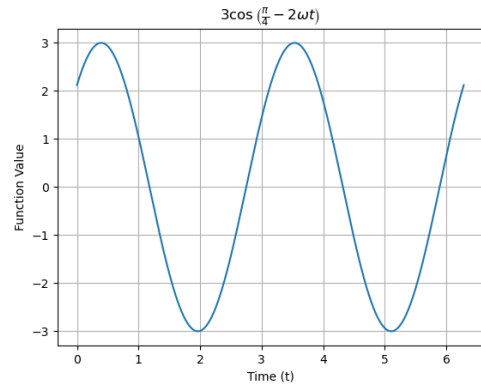


Fig. 0. $3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 4\pi f t\right)$

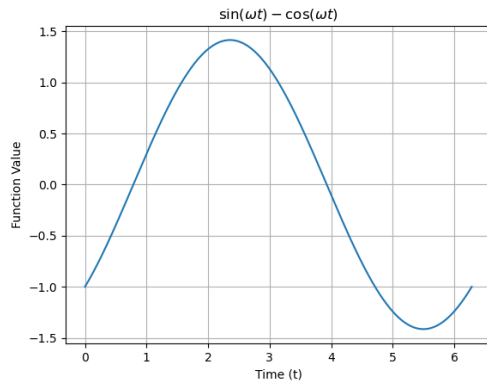


Fig. 0. $\sin(2\pi f t) - \cos(2\pi f t)$

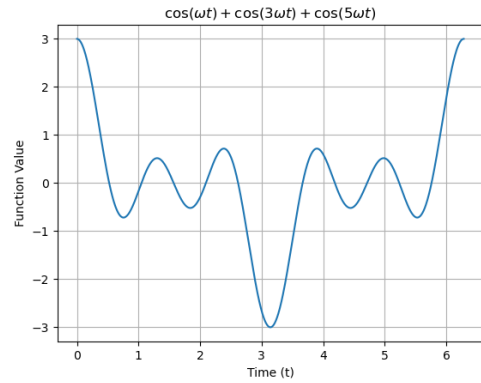


Fig. 0. $\cos(2\pi f t) + \cos(6\pi f t) + \cos(10\pi f t)$

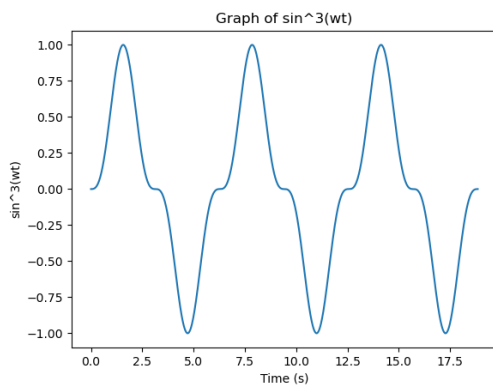


Fig. 0. $\sin^3(2\pi f t)$

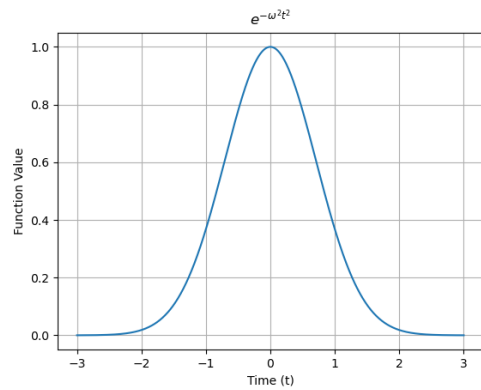


Fig. 0. $\exp(-(2\pi f t)^2)$

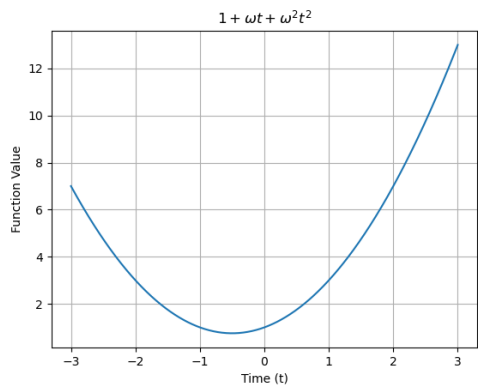


Fig. 0. $1 + 2\pi ft + (2\pi ft)^2$

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SUMMARY

	Function	Periodic	Simple harmonic motion	Non Periodic	Period
(a)	$\sin(2\pi ft) - \cos(2\pi ft)$	Yes	Yes	No	$\frac{1}{f}$
(b)	$\sin^3(2\pi ft)$	Yes	No	No	$\frac{1}{f}$
(c)	$3\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 4\pi ft\right)$	Yes	Yes	No	$\frac{1}{2f}$
(d)	$\cos(2\pi ft) + \cos(6\pi ft) + \cos(10\pi ft)$	Yes	No	No	\bar{f}
(e)	$\exp\left(-(2\pi ft)^2\right)$	No	No	Yes	—
(f)	$1 + (2\pi f)t + (2\pi f)^2 t^2$	No	No	Yes	—