

Mathematica Homework #4

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with a subject line: [Physics 105A]  
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- In the first cell, enter your **name**, **student ID**, **email address** and the **assignment identifier** (eg. “HW 4”) as text.
- 1) Find the response of a damped-oscillator (described by parameters  $\beta$  and  $\omega_0$ ) to the following driving forces:

- i)  $F[t]/m = \sin\left(n\frac{2\pi}{T}t\right)$
- ii)  $F[t]/m = \cos\left(n\frac{2\pi}{T}t\right)$

where  $n$  is an integer.

- 2) Suppose a single period of a periodic driving force is described by the function:

$$F[t]/m = \begin{cases} F_0 & 0 < t < cT \\ 0 & cT < t < T \end{cases}$$

where  $F_0$  is constant and  $0 < c < 1$ .

- i) Find the Fourier Series representation of the driving force.
  - ii) Take  $F_0 = 5.0$ ,  $c = 0.7$  and  $T = 1.7$  Plot  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  for  $0 \leq n \leq 20$ .
  - iii) To get an idea of how the Fourier Series works, make a series of plots of the (Fourier representation of the) driving force, starting with just the  $n = 0$  terms in the first plot, adding the  $n = 1$  terms in the next plot and so on.
- 3) Suppose we subject a damped-oscillator(say,  $\omega_0 = 2\pi$  and  $\beta = 0.05\omega_0$ , starting at rest at equilibrium) to the driving force we just considered. How will the system respond? Plot  $x[t]$  vs.  $t$  for 6 cycles of the driving force.
  - 4) **Marion 3-38** Any opportunity to use Green’s method is probably good. I don’t think this one will be terribly difficult in Mathematica.