

MIT 18.01 Problem Set 7 Unofficial Solutions

Q1) (from PS6) The voltage V of house current is given by

$$V(t) = C \sin(120\pi t)$$

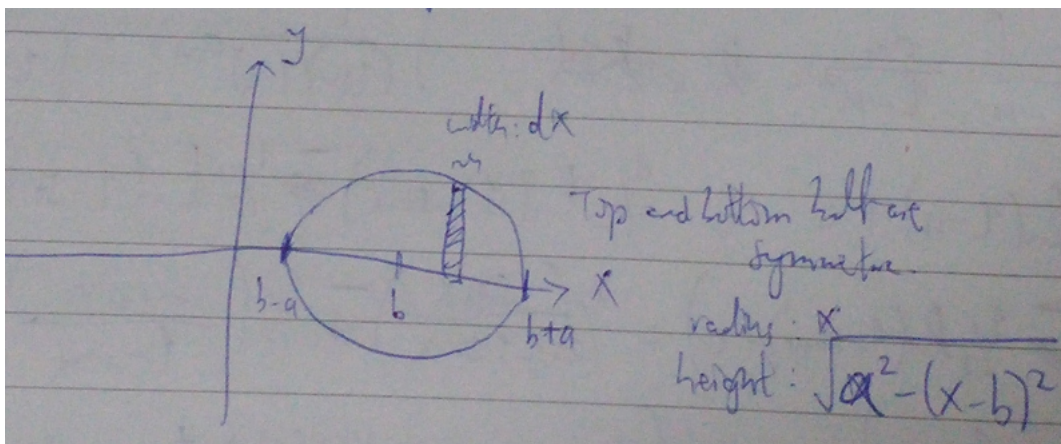
where t is time, in seconds and C is a constant amplitude. The square root of the average value of V^2 over one period of $V(t)$ (or cycle) is called the *root-mean-square* voltage, abbreviated RMS. This is what the voltage meter on a house records. For house current, find the RMS in terms of the constant C . (The peak voltage delivered to the house is $\pm C$. The units of V^2 are square volts; when we take the square root again after averaging, the units become volts again.)

Average value of V^2 over 1 period of $V(t)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{60} \int_0^{\frac{1}{60}} C^2 \sin^2(120\pi t) dt &= \frac{C^2}{60} \int_0^{\frac{1}{60}} \sin^2(120\pi t) dt \\ &= \frac{C^2}{60} \int_0^{\frac{1}{60}} \frac{1 - \cos(240\pi t)}{2} dt \\ &= \frac{C^2}{120} \int_0^{\frac{1}{60}} 1 - \cos(240\pi t) dt \\ &= \frac{C^2}{120} \left(t - \frac{\sin(240\pi t)}{240\pi} \right) \Bigg|_0^{\frac{1}{60}} \\ &= \frac{C^2}{120} \left(\frac{1}{60} - \frac{\sin(240\pi \cdot \frac{1}{60})}{240\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{C^2}{120} \left(\frac{1}{60} - \frac{\sin(4\pi)}{240\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{C^2}{120} \left(\frac{1}{60} \right) \\ &= \frac{C^2}{7200} \end{aligned}$$

Square root of average value of V^2 over 1 period of $V(t) = \sqrt{\frac{C^2}{7200}} = \frac{C}{\sqrt{3600 \cdot 2}} = \frac{C}{60\sqrt{2}}$

Q2) The solid torus is the figure obtained by rotating the disk $(x - b)^2 + y^2 \leq a^2$ around the y -axis. Find its volume by the method of shells. (Hint: Substitute for $x - b$. As noted p. 229/11, the answer happens to be the area of the disk multiplied by the distance travelled by the center as it revolves.)



For a circle centered at $x = b, y = 0$ with radius a , the volume of the torus is:

$$2 \int_{b-a}^{b+a} 2\pi x (\sqrt{a^2 - (x-b)^2}) dx = 4\pi \int_{b-a}^{b+a} x \sqrt{a^2 - (x-b)^2} dx$$

Let $u = x - b$. Then $du = dx$. Also, $x = u + b$. Substitute those into the above:

$$\begin{aligned} 4\pi \int_{b-a}^{b+a} x \sqrt{a^2 - (x-b)^2} dx &= 4\pi \int_{-a}^a (u+b) \sqrt{a^2 - u^2} du \\ &= 4\pi \left(\int_{-a}^a u \sqrt{a^2 - u^2} du + b \int_{-a}^a \sqrt{a^2 - u^2} du \right) \\ &= 4\pi \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{(a^2 - u^2)^{3/2}}{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \Big|_{-a}^a + b \int_{-a}^a \sqrt{a^2 - u^2} du \\ &= 4\pi b \int_{-a}^a \sqrt{a^2 - u^2} du \quad (\text{area of semicircle of radius } a \text{ centered at origin}) \\ &= 4\pi b \left(\frac{1}{2} \pi a^2 \right) \\ &= 2\pi^2 a^2 b \end{aligned}$$

Q3a) For any integer $n \geq 0$, use the substitution $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$ to show that

$$\int \tan^{n+2} x \, dx = \frac{1}{n+1} \tan^{n+1} x - \int \tan^n x \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^{n+2} x \, dx &= \int \tan^2 x \tan^n x \, dx \\ &= \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \tan^n x \, dx \\ &= \int \sec^2 x \tan^n x - \tan^n x \, dx \\ &= \frac{\tan^{n+1} x}{n+1} - \int \tan^n x \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Q3b) Deduce a formula for $\int \tan^4 x \, dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \tan^4 x \, dx &= \int \tan^{2+2} x \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{2+1} \tan^{2+1} x - \int \tan^2 x \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x - \int \tan^{0+2} x \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x - \left(\frac{1}{0+1} \tan^{0+1} x - \int \tan^0 x \, dx \right) \\&= \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x - \tan x + \int 1 \, dx \\&= \frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x - \tan x + x + C\end{aligned}$$

Verify:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{3} \tan^3 x - \tan x + x + C \right) &= \tan^2 x \sec^2 x - \sec^2 x + 1 \\&= \tan^2 x (1 + \tan^2 x) - (1 + \tan^2 x) + 1 \\&= \tan^2 x + \tan^4 x - 1 - \tan^2 x + 1 \\&= \tan^4 x\end{aligned}$$