

Hand in your answers by **Monday 1 February**, at the lecture or Dr Bowler's pigeonhole in Physics. Put your name and your academic tutor's name on your answers and **STAPLE** sheets together. Marks per section are shown in square brackets.

1. (a) Consider adding together two simple harmonic oscillations at the same frequency $A_1 e^{i(\omega t + \phi_1)}$ and $A_2 e^{i(\omega t + \phi_2)}$ to give a single oscillation $A e^{i(\omega t + \phi)}$. Use complex exponentials to show that: [4]

$$A = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1 A_2 \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1)$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{A_1 \sin \phi_1 + A_2 \sin \phi_2}{A_1 \cos \phi_1 + A_2 \cos \phi_2}$$

- (b) Draw phasor diagrams for and calculate the sums of the following pairs of oscillations:

(i) $A_1 = 2, \phi_1 = 0, A_2 = 2, \phi_2 = \pi/3$ [3]

(ii) $A_1 = 3, \phi_1 = 5\pi/4, A_2 = 2, \phi_2 = \pi/3$ [3]

- (c) A harmonic system vibrates with the following sum of two oscillations:

$$7.5 \cos(6.28t + 27^\circ) - 7.5 \sin(6.20t - 120^\circ)$$

where time is measured in seconds. Find the frequency of the net motion, and the time interval separating successive beats. [4]

2. (a) Consider a damped, driven oscillator with mass $m = 0.01$ kg, stiffness $s = 36$ N/m and damping coefficient $b = 0.5$ kg/s driven by a harmonic force with amplitude $F_0 = 3.6$ N. Use formulae from the notes to find the amplitude and phase constant of the resulting *steady state* motion when:

(i) $\omega = 8.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$ [2]

(ii) $\omega = 80.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$ [2]

(iii) $\omega = 800.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$ [2]

- (b) Two oscillators both with stiffness s and mass m are joined by a spring with stiffness K . At $t = 0$ the first oscillator (displacement ψ_1) is displaced by $\sqrt{2}A_0$ to the right (i.e. the positive ψ_1 direction) while the second oscillator (displacement ψ_2) is held fixed, and then both are released.

- (i) Show that the resulting motion can be written:

$$\psi_1 = \frac{A_0}{\sqrt{2}} (\cos(\omega_a t) + \cos(\omega_b t))$$

$$\psi_2 = \frac{A_0}{\sqrt{2}} (\cos(\omega_a t) - \cos(\omega_b t))$$

[Hint: work in terms of q_a and q_b first and calculate what $q_a(0)$ and $q_b(0)$ must be; as the initial velocities are zero, this will allow you to find A_a, A_b, ϕ_a & ϕ_b ; then transform to ψ_1 and ψ_2 .] [4]

- (ii) If $s = 81$ N/m and $K = 20$ N/m and the masses are 10 kg, show that after $t = 4.96$ s the amplitude of ψ_1 will be zero. What will the amplitude of ψ_2 be? What type of motion do the oscillators undergo? [Hint: rewrite the solutions you found in the first part as a product of trigonometrical functions.] [4]

3. (a) A wave of frequency 500 Hz has a velocity of 350 m/s.

(i) How far apart are two points that differ in phase by $\pi/3$? [2]

(ii) What is the phase difference between two displacements at a certain point at times 1 ms apart? [2]

- (b) Calculate the tension and mass per unit length of a string which has a characteristic impedance of $Z_0 = 3$ kg/s and phase velocity for waves of $c = 30$ m/s. [2]

4. (a) Two strings with mass 1 kg/m and 2 kg/m are joined together. If the two are put under a tension of 20 N/m, and a wave pulse of amplitude 1 cm is sent down the lighter string towards the join, what will be the amplitude on both strings after the wave pulse reaches the join? [4]

- (b) If a co-axial extension cable with characteristic impedance 120Ω is joined to an aerial cable with characteristic impedance 75Ω , what amplitude of signal will be received at the end of the extension cable if a signal of $100 \mu\text{V}$ is received at the aerial? [Hint: you can treat the voltage as the amplitude of a wave and the impedances in just the same way as the impedance on a string] [2]