

Question 1

(a) Please see attached separate pdf.

(b) $f(t) = C_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$ with period T , so

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T C_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} dt \\ &= \frac{2C_0}{T} (-\tau) [e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}]_0^T \\ &= -2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} [e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} - 1] \\ &= 2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \end{aligned}$$

If $\tau \ll T$ then $e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} \approx 0$ and $a_0 \approx 2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T}$.

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T C_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \\ &= \frac{2C_0}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \end{aligned}$$

Using integration by parts with $u = \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T}$, $du = -\frac{2k\pi}{T} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T}$ and $dv = e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$, $v = (-\tau)e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$:

$$\int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt = (-\tau) [e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T}]_0^T - \frac{2k\pi\tau}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt$$

Using again integration by parts:

$$\int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt = (-\tau) [e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T}]_0^T + \frac{2k\pi\tau}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}))^2 \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt &= (-\tau) [e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T}]_0^T + \frac{2k\pi\tau^2}{T} [e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T}]_0^T \\ &= (-\tau) [e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi T}{T}]_0^T + 0 \\ &= \tau(1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \\ \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt &= \frac{\tau}{1 + (\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T})^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting back into the expression found for a_k yields

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= 2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \\ &= 2C_0 \frac{\tau T}{T^2 + (2k\pi\tau)^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \end{aligned}$$

With the same assumption $\tau \ll T$ then $e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} \approx 0$ and $a_k \approx 2C_0 \frac{\tau}{T} \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2}$. Similarly to compute b_k

$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T C_0 e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \\ &= \frac{2C_0}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \sin \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \\ &= \frac{2C_0}{T} \frac{2k\pi\tau}{T} \int_0^T e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \cos \frac{2k\pi t}{T} dt \\ &= \frac{2C_0}{T} \frac{2k\pi\tau}{T} \frac{\tau}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \\ &= 4C_0 k\pi \frac{\tau^2}{T^2 + (2k\pi\tau)^2} (1 - e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}}) \end{aligned}$$

Once again, since $e^{-\frac{T}{\tau}} \approx 0$ and $b_k \approx 4C_0 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2} \pi k$

(c) For $k \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= \frac{1}{2} (a_k^2 + b_k^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[4C_0^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2)^2} + 16C_0^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^4 \frac{1}{(1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2)^2} \pi^2 k^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} 4C_0^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2)^2} \left[1 + 4\left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \pi^2 k^2 \right] \\ &= 2C_0^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(1 + \left(\frac{2k\pi\tau}{T}\right)^2)^2} \left[1 + 4\left(\frac{\tau}{T}\right)^2 \pi^2 k^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$