

Key

Give all details of your reasoning.

Each problem is worth 25 points for the total of 100 points.

**Problem 1.** An object of mass  $m = 18\text{kg}$  is attached to a spring with unknown spring constant  $k$ . There is no damping present. Let  $x(t)$  be the distance of the mass from the equilibrium position at time  $t$ . The mass was initially displaced by 1 m from its equilibrium position and released without any initial velocity. It is observed that it took 3 seconds for the mass to reach the equilibrium for the first time. Calculate the spring constant  $k$ . (Give the exact value for  $k$ .)

**Problem 2.** Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{1}{4}x'' + 16x = 10 \cos(7t), \quad x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0.$$

- (a) Solve the given initial value problem.
- (b) Place the answer in the form  $A \sin(\delta t) \sin(\bar{\omega}t)$ . Calculate the amplitude and the period of the envelope of the solution.

**Problem 3.** Consider the equation

$$x'' + \frac{1}{3}x' + \frac{2}{3}x = \cos(t).$$

- (a) Find the steady-state response in the form  $A \cos(t - \phi)$ .
- (b) Find the amplitude of the steady-state response.
- (c) Now consider the forcing term  $\cos(\omega t)$  with a variable frequency  $\omega$ . Find the transfer function and the gain.
- (d) Plot the gain as a function of  $\omega$ . From your plot estimate for which frequencies  $\omega$  the resulting gain is larger than the gain obtained for  $\omega = 1$ . Estimate the maximum possible gain and the frequency at which it occurs.

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$$18x'' + kx = 0$$

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$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{18}$$

$$x(t) = c_1 \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{18}} t\right) + c_2 \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{18}} t\right)$$

$$x(0) = 1 \quad x'(0) = 0$$

$$c_1 = 1, \quad c_2 = 0$$

$$x(t) = \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{18}} t\right) \text{ is the solution}$$

$$\text{It is given that } \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{18}} \cdot 3\right) = 0.$$

$$\text{Hence } \sqrt{\frac{k}{18}} \cdot 3 = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{k}{18 \cdot 2} \cdot 9 = \frac{\pi^2}{4}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{k = \frac{\pi^2}{2}} \approx 4.9348$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{1}{4} z^2 + 16 = 0 \quad \lambda_{1,2} = \pm 8i$$

$$x_h(t) = c_1 \cos(8t) + c_2 \sin(8t).$$

$$z_p(t) = a e^{i7t}, \quad z_p''(t) = a(-49) e^{i7t}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} a(-49) e^{i7t} + 16a e^{i7t} = 10 e^{i7t}$$

$$a \left( \frac{64}{4} - \frac{49}{4} \right) = 10, \quad a \frac{15}{4} = 10$$

$$a = \frac{40}{15}$$

$$z_p(t) = \frac{40}{15} e^{i7t}$$

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$$x_p(t) = \frac{40}{15} \cos(7t)$$

The general solution is

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos(8t) + C_2 \sin(8t) + \frac{40}{15} \cos(7t)$$

$$x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0$$

$$C_1 = -\frac{40}{15}, \quad C_2 = 0$$

$$x(t) = \frac{40}{15} (\cos(7t) - \cos(8t))$$

$$= \frac{40}{15} \operatorname{Re} \left( e^{i\frac{15}{2}t} \underbrace{(e^{-\frac{1}{2}ti} - e^{\frac{1}{2}ti})}_{(-2i)\sin(\frac{1}{2}t)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{80}{15} \sin(\frac{1}{2}t) \sin(\frac{15}{2}t)$$

The amplitude of the envelope is  $\frac{80}{15}$ , the period is  $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{1}{2}} = 4\pi$ .

$$(3) (a) \quad x'' + \frac{1}{3}x' + \frac{2}{3}x = \cos t \quad \boxed{3}$$

$$z_p(t) = a e^{it}, \quad z_p'(t) = ai e^{it}$$

$$z_p''(t) = -a e^{it}$$

$$-a e^{it} + \frac{1}{3} ai e^{it} + \frac{2}{3} a e^{it} = e^{it} \quad 1$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}i\right)a = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \sqrt{2} e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} a = 1$$

$$a = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\frac{3\pi}{4}}$$

$$z_p(t) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} e^{(t - \frac{3\pi}{4})i}$$

$$x_p(t) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \cos\left(t - \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

(b) This is the steady state response.

The amplitude is  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$

(c)

$$P(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + \frac{1}{3}\lambda + \frac{2}{3}$$

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$$P(i\omega) = -\omega^2 + \frac{1}{3}i\omega + \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3} - \omega^2\right) + \frac{1}{3}\omega i$$

The transfer function is

$$H(i\omega) = \frac{1}{P(i\omega)} = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3} - \omega^2\right) - \frac{1}{3}\omega i}{\left(\frac{2}{3} - \omega^2\right)^2 + \frac{1}{9}\omega^2}$$

The gain is 1

$$G(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3} - \omega^2\right)^2 + \frac{1}{9}\omega^2}}$$

$$G(1) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

The gain will be greater than  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$  for

$0.4714 \approx \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} < \omega < 1$ . The maximum gain is at  $\omega_{res} = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{11}{2}} \approx 0.78174$  and it is  $\frac{18}{\sqrt{23}} \approx 3.7533$

