

Homework 18

1. (Another method for eliminating the secular term.) Consider Duffing's equation

$$y'' + y + \varepsilon y^3 = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0.$$

In the method of averaging, we consider the integral $I = \int_0^{2\pi} Y_0(\partial^2 Y_1 / \partial t^2 + Y_1) dt$, taken over the short time scale period of oscillation. Y_0 and Y_1 are defined as

$$y(t) \sim Y_0(t, \tau) + \varepsilon Y_1(t, \tau) + \dots, \quad \tau = \varepsilon t. \quad (1)$$

Throughout this integration the long time scale τ remains fixed, and thus Y_0 and Y_1 should be periodic in t .

- (a) Show that if Y_0 and Y_1 are periodic in t and (1) is uniformly valid, then $I = 0$.
- (b) Use

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y_1}{\partial t^2} + Y_1 = -Y_0^3 - 2 \frac{\partial^2 Y_0}{\partial t \partial \tau}$$

and the requirement that $I = 0$ to derive equation

$$-3A^2 A^* - 2idA/d\tau = 0.$$

2. Use multiple scale analysis to find a leading-order approximation to

$$y'' + y + \varepsilon y' y^2 = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0, \varepsilon > 0.$$