

CHAPTER 73 MEAN AND ROOT MEAN SQUARE VALUES

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1. Determine the mean value of (a) $y = 3\sqrt{x}$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$

(b) $y = \sin 2\theta$ from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ (c) $y = 4e^t$ from $t = 1$ to $t = 4$

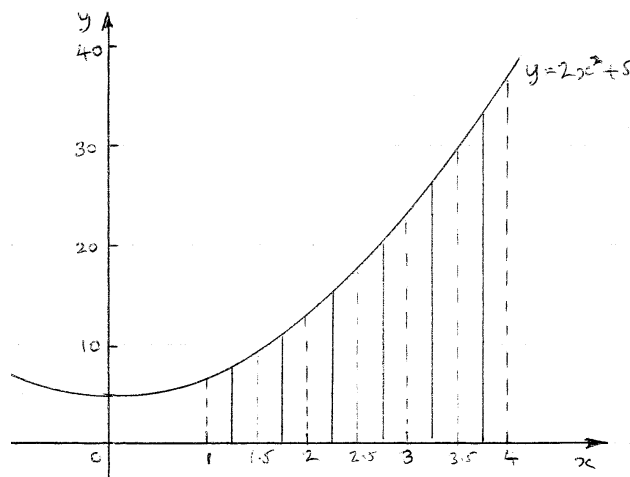
$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) Mean value, } \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{4-0} \int_0^4 y \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^4 3\sqrt{x} \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^4 3x^{1/2} \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{3x^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_0^4 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{x}^3 \right]_0^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{4}^3) = \frac{1}{2} (2^3) = \frac{1}{2} (8) = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) Mean value, } \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{4}-0} \int_0^{\pi/4} y \, d\theta = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \sin 2\theta \, d\theta = \frac{4}{\pi} \left[-\frac{\cos 2\theta}{2} \right]_0^{\pi/4} = -\frac{2}{\pi} \left[\cos 2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \cos 0 \right] \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi} (0-1) = \frac{2}{\pi} \text{ or } 0.637 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c) Mean value, } \bar{y} = \frac{1}{4-1} \int_1^4 y \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_1^4 4e^t \, dt = \frac{1}{3} [4e^t]_1^4 = \frac{4}{3} [e^4 - e^1] = 69.17$$

2. Calculate the mean value of $y = 2x^2 + 5$ in the range $x = 1$ to $x = 4$ by (a) the mid-ordinate rule and (b) integration.

(a) A sketch of $y = 2x^2 + 5$ is shown below.



Using 6 intervals each of width 0.5 gives mid-ordinates at $x = 1.25, 1.75, 2.25, 2.75, 3.25$ and 3.75 , as shown in the diagram

x	1.25	1.75	2.25	2.75	3.25	3.75
$y = 2x^2 + 5$	8.125	11.125	15.125	20.125	26.125	33.125

Area under curve between $x = 1$ and $x = 4$ using the mid-ordinate rule with 6 intervals

$$\approx (\text{width of interval})(\text{sum of mid-ordinates})$$

$$\approx (0.5)(8.125 + 11.125 + 15.125 + 20.125 + 26.125 + 33.125)$$

$$\approx (0.5)(113.75) = 56.875$$

$$\text{and mean value} = \frac{\text{area under curve}}{\text{length of base}} = \frac{56.875}{4-1} = \frac{56.875}{3} = 18.96$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) By integration, } \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{4-1} \int_1^4 y \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_1^4 (2x^2 + 5) \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} + 5x \right]_1^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left[\left(\frac{128}{3} + 20 \right) - \left(\frac{2}{3} + 5 \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(57) = 19 \end{aligned}$$

This is the precise answer and could be obtained by an approximate method as long as sufficient intervals were taken

3. The speed v of a vehicle is given by: $v = (4t + 3)$ m/s, where t is the time in seconds. Determine the average value of the speed from $t = 0$ to $t = 3$ s.

$$\text{Average speed, } \bar{v} = \frac{1}{3-0} \int_0^3 (4t+3) \, dt = \frac{1}{3} [2t^2 + 3t]_0^3 = \frac{1}{3} [(18+9) - (0)] = \frac{1}{3}(27) = 9 \text{ m/s}$$

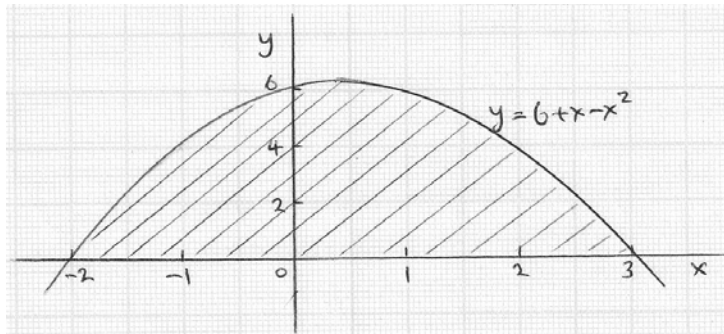
4. Find the mean value of the curve $y = 6 + x - x^2$ which lies above the x -axis by using an approximate method. Check the result using integration.

$$6 + x - x^2 = (3-x)(2+x) \text{ and when } y = 0 \text{ (i.e. the } x\text{-axis), then } (3-x)(2+x) = 0$$

from which, $x = 3$ and $x = -2$ Hence the curve $y = 6 + x - x^2$ cuts the x -axis at $x = -2$ and at $x = 3$

and at $x = 0, y = 6$

A sketch of $y = 6 + x - x^2$ is shown below.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Mean value, } \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{3-(-2)} \int_{-2}^3 y \, dx = \frac{1}{5} \int_{-2}^3 (6 + x - x^2) \, dx = \frac{1}{5} \left[6x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-2}^3 \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} \left[(18 + 4.5 - 9) - \left(-12 + 2 + \frac{8}{3} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} [(13.5) - (-7.3333)] \\
 &= 4.17
 \end{aligned}$$

5. The vertical height h km of a missile varies with the horizontal distance d km, and is given by

$h = 4d - d^2$. Determine the mean height of the missile from $d = 0$ to $d = 4$ km.

$$\text{Mean height, } \bar{h} = \frac{1}{4-0} \int_0^4 (4d - d^2) \, dd = \frac{1}{4} \left[2d^2 - \frac{d^3}{3} \right]_0^4 = \frac{1}{4} \left[\left(32 - \frac{64}{3} \right) - (0) \right] = 2.67 \text{ km}$$

6. The velocity v of a piston moving with simple harmonic motion at any time t is given by:

$v = c \sin \omega t$, where c is a constant. Determine the mean velocity between $t = 0$ and $t = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Mean velocity, } \bar{v} &= \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{\omega} - 0} \int_0^{\pi/\omega} (c \sin \omega t) \, dt = \frac{\omega}{\pi} \left[-\frac{c \cos \omega t}{\omega} \right]_0^{\pi/\omega} = -\frac{c}{\pi} \left[\left(\cos \omega \left(\frac{\pi}{\omega} \right) \right) - (\cos 0) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{c}{\pi} (-1 - 1) = \frac{2c}{\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

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1. Determine the r.m.s. values of: (a) $y = 3x$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$

(b) $y = t^2$ from $t = 1$ to $t = 3$ (c) $y = 25 \sin \theta$ from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = 2\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) R.m.s value} &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{4-0} \int_0^4 y^2 dx \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{4} \int_0^4 (3x)^2 dx \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{9}{4} \int_0^4 x^2 dx \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{9}{4} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^4 \right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{9}{4} \left[\frac{64}{3} \right] \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{144}{3} \right\}} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{3}} = 6.928 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) R.m.s value} &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{3-1} \int_1^3 y^2 dx \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_1^3 (t^2)^2 dx \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_1^3 t^4 dx \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{t^5}{5} \right]_1^3 \right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{243}{5} - \frac{1}{5} \right] \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{242}{5} \right] \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{121}{5} \right\}} = \frac{11}{\sqrt{5}} = 4.919 \end{aligned}$$

(c) R.m.s value =

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi-0} \int_0^{2\pi} (25 \sin \theta)^2 d\theta \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{25^2}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{25^2}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta \right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{25^2}{4\pi} \left[\theta - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi} \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{25^2}{4\pi} [(2\pi - 0) - (0)] \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{25^2}{2} \right\}} = \frac{25}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } 17.68 \end{aligned}$$

2. Calculate the r.m.s. values of: (a) $y = \sin 2\theta$ from $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

(b) $y = 1 + \sin t$ from $t = 0$ to $t = 2\pi$ (c) $y = 3 \cos 2x$ from $x = 0$ to $x = \pi$

(note that $\cos^2 t = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2t)$, from Chapter 44).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) R.m.s value} &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{4}-0} \int_0^{\pi/4} \sin^2 2\theta d\theta \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 4\theta) d\theta \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\theta - \frac{\sin 4\theta}{4} \right]_0^{\pi/4} \right\}} \\ &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 0 \right) - (0) \right] \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \right\}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } 0.707 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b) R.m.s value} &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + \sin t)^2 dt \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + 2\sin t + \sin^2 t) dt \right\}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[1 + 2\sin t + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2t) \right] dt \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2\sin t - \frac{1}{2}\cos 2t \right) dt \right\}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{3t}{2} - 2\cos t - \frac{\sin 2t}{4} \right]_0^{2\pi} \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} [(3\pi - 2 - 0) - (0 - 2 - 0)] \right\}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} (3\pi) \right\}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} = 1.225
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c) R.m.s value} &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (3\cos 2x)^2 dx \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{9}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2 2x dx \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{9}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 4x) dx \right\}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{9}{2\pi} \left[x + \frac{\sin 4x}{4} \right]_0^{\pi} \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{9}{2\pi} [(\pi + 0) - (0)] \right\}} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{2}} \text{ or } 2.121
 \end{aligned}$$

[Note that $\cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$ and $\cos 4x = 2 \cos^2 2x - 1$

from which, $\cos^2 2x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 4x)$]

3. The distance p of points from the mean value of a frequency distribution are related to the variable q by the equation $p = \frac{1}{q} + q$. Determine the standard deviation (i.e. the r.m.s. value), correct to 3 significant figures, for values from $q = 1$ to $q = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Standard deviation} = \text{r.m.s. value} &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{3-1} \int_1^3 \left(\frac{1}{q} + q \right)^2 dq \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_1^3 \left(\frac{1}{q^2} + 2 + q^2 \right) dq \right\}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{q^{-1}}{-1} + 2q + \frac{q^3}{3} \right]_1^3 \right\}} = \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2} + 6 - 9 \right) - \left(-1 + 2 + \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] \right\}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{1}{2} (13.3333) \right\}} = 2.58
 \end{aligned}$$

4. A current, $i = 30 \sin 100\pi t$ amperes is applied across an electric circuit. Determine its mean and r.m.s. values, each correct to 4 significant figures, over the range $t = 0$ to $t = 10$ ms.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Mean value} &= \frac{1}{10 \times 10^{-3} - 0} \int_0^{10 \times 10^{-3}} (30 \sin 100\pi t) dt = 100 \left[-\frac{30}{100\pi} \cos 100\pi t \right]_0^{10 \times 10^{-3}} \\
 &= -\frac{100(30)}{100\pi} [\cos(100\pi \times 10 \times 10^{-3}) - \cos 0] \\
 &= -\frac{30}{\pi} [\cos \pi - \cos 0] = -\frac{30}{\pi} [-1 - 1] = \frac{60}{\pi} \\
 &= 19.10 \text{ A}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{r.m.s. value} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{10 \times 10^{-3} - 0} \int_0^{10 \times 10^{-3}} 30^2 \sin^2 100\pi t dt} = \sqrt{(100)(30)^2 \int_0^{10 \times 10^{-3}} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 200\pi t) dt} \\
 &\quad \text{since } \cos 2A = 1 - 2\sin^2 A \text{ from which, } \sin^2 A = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2A) \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{(100)(30)^2}{2} \left[t - \frac{\sin 200\pi t}{200\pi} \right]_0^{10 \times 10^{-3}}} = \sqrt{\frac{(100)(30)^2}{2} \left[\left(10 \times 10^{-3} - \frac{\sin 2\pi}{200\pi} \right) - (0 - \sin 0) \right]} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{(100)(30)^2}{2} [10 \times 10^{-3}]} = \sqrt{\frac{30^2}{2}} = \frac{30}{\sqrt{2}} = 21.21 \text{ A}
 \end{aligned}$$

5. A sinusoidal voltage has a peak value of 340 V. Calculate its mean and r.m.s. values, correct to 3 significant figures.

For a sine wave,

$$\text{mean value} = \frac{2}{\pi} \times \text{peak value} = \frac{2}{\pi} \times 340 = 216 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{and r.m.s. value} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \text{peak value} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times 340 = 240 \text{ V}$$

6. Determine the form factor, correct to 3 significant figures, of a sinusoidal voltage of maximum value 100 volts, given that form factor = $\frac{\text{r.m.s. value}}{\text{average value}}$

For a sine wave,

$$\text{average value} = \frac{2}{\pi} \times \text{peak value} = \frac{2}{\pi} \times 100 = 63.66 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{r.m.s. value} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \text{peak value} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times 100 = 70.71 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{and form factor} = \frac{\text{r.m.s. value}}{\text{average value}} = \frac{70.71}{63.66} = 1.11$$

7. A wave is defined by the equation:

$$v = E_1 \sin \omega t + E_3 \sin 3\omega t$$

where E_1 , E_3 and ω are constants.

Determine the r.m.s. value of v over the interval $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{\omega}$

$$\text{r.m.s. value} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{\omega} - 0} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} (E_1 \sin \omega t + E_3 \sin 3\omega t)^2 d(\omega t)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} (E_1^2 \sin^2 \omega t + 2E_1 E_3 \sin \omega t \sin 3\omega t + E_3^2 \sin^2 3\omega t) d(\omega t)}$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \sin^2 \omega t d t = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \frac{1 - \cos 2\omega t}{2} d t = \left[\frac{t}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\omega t}{4\omega} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} = \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2\omega} - 0 \right) - (0 - 0) \right] = \frac{\pi}{2\omega}$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \sin^2 3\omega t d t = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \frac{1 - \cos 6\omega t}{2} d t = \left[\frac{t}{2} - \frac{\sin 6\omega t}{12\omega} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} = \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2\omega} - 0 \right) - (0 - 0) \right] = \frac{\pi}{2\omega}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \sin \omega t \sin 3\omega t d t &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} \sin 3\omega t \sin \omega t d t = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} -\frac{1}{2} (\cos 4\omega t - \cos 2\omega t) d t \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\sin 4\omega t}{4\omega} - \frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2\omega} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{\omega}} = -\frac{1}{2} [(0 - 0) - (0 - 0)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, r.m.s. value} &= \sqrt{\frac{\omega}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{2\omega} E_1^2 + \frac{\pi}{2\omega} E_3^2 \right]} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{E_1^2}{2} + \frac{E_3^2}{2} \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{E_1^2 + E_3^2}{2} \right)} \end{aligned}$$