

**EE 120: Signals and Systems**

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- Unless explicitly waived by the specific wording of a problem, you must explain your responses (and reasoning) succinctly, but clearly and convincingly.
- We hope you do a *fantastic* job on this exam.

**MT1.1 (30 Points)** (a) (15 Points) The impulse response of a causal, linear, time-invariant (LTI) system  $G$  is given by

$$g(t) = A [e^{-at} + te^{-at}] u(t), = g_1(t) + g_2(t)$$

where  $u$  is the continuous-time unit step,  $A$  is a non-zero scalar, and  $\text{Re}(a) > 0$ .

Determine a reasonably simple expression for  $G(\omega)$ , the frequency response of the system. Your final answer should be in terms of  $A$  and  $a$ .

You may or may not find it helpful to know that

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

and

$$\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-(a+i\omega)t} dt = \frac{1}{i\omega + a}, \text{ if } \text{Re}(a) > 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(t) &= Ae^{-at} u(t) \Rightarrow G_1(\omega) = A \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(a+i\omega)t} dt = \frac{A}{i\omega + a} \\ \text{Re}(a) > 0 \\ G_1(\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \Rightarrow \frac{dG_1(\omega)}{d\omega} = -i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t g_1(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\ \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t g_1(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt &= i \frac{dG_1(\omega)}{d\omega} \Rightarrow \text{But the left-hand side is simply } G_2(\omega) \\ G_2(\omega) &= i \frac{dG_1(\omega)}{d\omega} = iA \frac{-i}{(i\omega + a)^2} = \frac{A}{(i\omega + a)^2} \\ \Rightarrow G(\omega) &= G_1(\omega) + G_2(\omega) = A \frac{i\omega + a + 1}{(i\omega + a)^2} \\ \Rightarrow G(\omega) &= A \frac{i\omega + (a+1)}{(i\omega + a)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Alternative Method:  $G_2(\omega) = A \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-(a+i\omega)t} dt$

$u = t \Rightarrow du = dt$   
 $dv = e^{-(a+i\omega)t} dt \Rightarrow v = \frac{-e^{-(a+i\omega)t}}{i\omega + a}$

$G_2(\omega) = A \cdot \frac{-te^{-(a+i\omega)t}}{i\omega + a} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \frac{A}{i\omega + a} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(a+i\omega)t} dt = \frac{A}{(i\omega + a)^2}$

The rest is the same as above.

- (b) (15 Points) The input-output behavior of a causal LTI system  $H$  is described the following linear, constant-coefficient differential equation (LCCDE):

$$\sum_{n=0}^N a_n \frac{d^n y(t)}{dt^n} = \sum_{m=0}^M b_m \frac{d^m x(t)}{dt^m},$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  denote the input and output, respectively, and  $a_0$  is non-zero. It's understood that the system is initially at rest (otherwise, it wouldn't be LTI)

- (i) (10 Points) Determine a reasonably simple expression for  $H(\omega)$ , the frequency response of the system. Your expression should be in terms of the coefficients  $a_n$  and  $b_m$ . Keep  $i\omega$  intact (e.g., resist the temptation to write, say,  $(i\omega)^2$  as  $-\omega^2$ ).

Let  $x(t) = e^{i\omega t}$ . Then  $y(t) = H(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$ . The derivatives of  $x$  &  $y$  are  $\frac{d^m x(t)}{dt^m} = (i\omega)^m e^{i\omega t}$  and  $\frac{d^n y(t)}{dt^n} = (i\omega)^n H(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$ . Plug these into the LCCDE to obtain:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N a_n (i\omega)^n H(\omega) e^{i\omega t} = \sum_{m=0}^M b_m (i\omega)^m e^{i\omega t} \Rightarrow$$

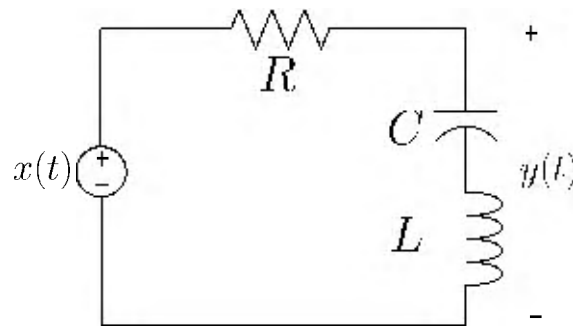
$$H(\omega) = \frac{\sum_{m=0}^M b_m (i\omega)^m}{\sum_{n=0}^N a_n (i\omega)^n}$$

- (ii) (5 Points) True or false? Every causal, LTI system described by an LCCDE has a frequency response that is rational in terms of  $i\omega$ . That is, you can write the frequency response as the ratio of a polynomial in  $i\omega$  over another polynomial in  $i\omega$ . Explain your answer.

True. We imposed no restriction on the LTI system other than that it be causal and characterized by an LCCDE. The presence of the LCCDE coefficients in the numerator and denominator polynomials of  $H(\omega)$  is transparent, and should be noted.

**MT1.2 (50 Points)** Consider a causal, BIBO stable, LTI system  $G$  consisting of a resistive-capacitive-inductive (RLC) circuit, as the figure below depicts. The system's input is the voltage source  $x$  and its output is the combined voltage across the capacitor  $C$  and inductor  $L$ —both indicated on the circuit diagram.

Everything is initially at rest, so  $y(0) = 0$  and  $\dot{y}(0) = 0$ . This means that there is no initial voltage across the capacitor (i.e., it's uncharged) and no current through the inductor.



The circuit is governed by the linear, constant-coefficient differential equation

$$LC\ddot{y}(t) + RC\dot{y}(t) + y(t) = LC\ddot{x}(t) + x(t),$$

where  $R$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$  denote the resistance, the inductance, and the capacitance, respectively. Throughout this problem, assume that the units of  $R$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$  are chosen to be consistent with those of the driving voltage  $x$  and the output voltage  $y$ .

(a) (15 Points) Show that the frequency response of the system is of the form

$$G(\omega) = \frac{(i\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2}{(i\omega)^2 + 2\zeta(i\omega) + \omega_0^2}, \quad \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Determine  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$  in terms of the circuit parameters  $R$ ,  $L$ , and  $C$ .

Let  $x(t) = e^{i\omega t}$ , so  $y(t) = G(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$ . Differentiating, we have  
 $\dot{x}(t) = (i\omega)e^{i\omega t}$ ,  $\ddot{x}(t) = (i\omega)^2 e^{i\omega t}$ ,  $\dot{y}(t) = (i\omega)H(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$ , and  $\ddot{y}(t) = (i\omega)^2 H(\omega)e^{i\omega t}$   
 Plug these into the differential equation:  
 $LC(i\omega)^2 H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} + RC(i\omega)H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} + H(\omega)e^{i\omega t} = LC(i\omega)^2 e^{i\omega t} + e^{i\omega t}$   
 $H(\omega) = \frac{LC(i\omega)^2 + 1}{LC(i\omega)^2 + RC(i\omega) + 1} = \frac{(i\omega)^2 + 1/LC}{(i\omega)^2 + \frac{R}{L}(i\omega) + \frac{1}{LC}}$   
 $\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC} \Rightarrow \omega_0 = \sqrt{1/LC}$   
 $2\zeta = \frac{R}{L} \Rightarrow \zeta = \frac{R}{2L}$

Throughout parts (b) & (c), assume  $\zeta < \omega_0$  (this guarantees complex roots for  $s^2 + 2\zeta s + \omega_0^2$ ). To facilitate certain useful approximations, you're asked to assume more strictly that  $\zeta \ll \omega_0$ .

(b) (35 Points) We can express the frequency response as

$$G(\omega) = \frac{(i\omega + i\omega_0)(i\omega - i\omega_0)}{(i\omega - s_1)(i\omega - s_2)},$$

where  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are the roots of the polynomial  $s^2 + 2\zeta s + \omega_0^2$ .

(i) (15 Points) Determine  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  in terms of  $\zeta$  and  $\omega_0$ . How are  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  related? Furthermore, determine reasonable approximations for  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , if  $\zeta \ll \omega_0$  and  $1 \ll \omega_0$ .

$$s^2 + 2\zeta s + \omega_0^2 = 0 \Rightarrow s = -\zeta \pm \sqrt{\zeta^2 - \omega_0^2} = -\zeta \pm i\omega_0 \sqrt{1 - (\zeta/\omega_0)^2}$$

$$s_1 = -\zeta + i\omega_0 \sqrt{1 - (\zeta/\omega_0)^2} \quad s_2 = -\zeta - i\omega_0 \sqrt{1 - (\zeta/\omega_0)^2}$$

For  $\zeta \ll \omega_0$ , we have  $s_1 \approx -\zeta + i\omega_0$  and  $s_2 \approx -\zeta - i\omega_0$

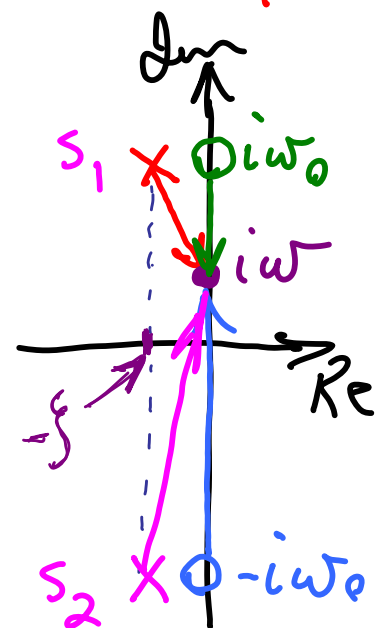
$$s^2 + 2\zeta s + \omega_0^2 \approx (s + \zeta - i\omega_0)(s + \zeta + i\omega_0)$$

(ii) (20 Points) Provide a well-labeled, approximate sketch of the magnitude response plot  $|G(\omega)|$ , if  $\zeta \ll \omega_0$  and  $1 \ll \omega_0$ , and determine the output signal values  $y(t)$  corresponding to the input  $x(t) = A + \cos(\omega_0 t)$ , for some non-zero constant  $A$ .

Use a geometric approach to plot  $|G(\omega)|$ .

$$|G(\omega)| = \frac{|i\omega - i\omega_0| |i\omega - (-i\omega_0)|}{|i\omega - (-\zeta + i\omega_0)| |i\omega - (-\zeta - i\omega_0)|}$$

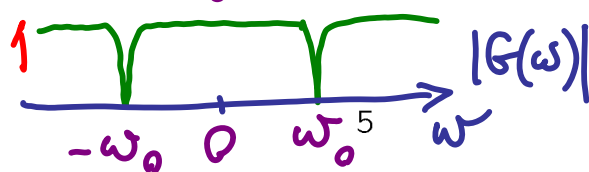
$s_1$   $s_2$



$$\bullet G(\pm\omega_0) = 0$$

• For frequencies NOT in a small neighborhood of  $\pm\omega_0$ , we know  $i\omega - i\omega_0 \approx i\omega - s_1$  and  $i\omega + i\omega_0 \approx i\omega - s_2$ , so  $G(\omega) \approx 1$ .

Clearly, we have a notch filter.



If  $x(t) = A + \cos(\omega_0 t)$

$$y(t) \approx A$$

**MT1.3 (35 Points)** Consider the periodic continuous-time signal  $x$  described by

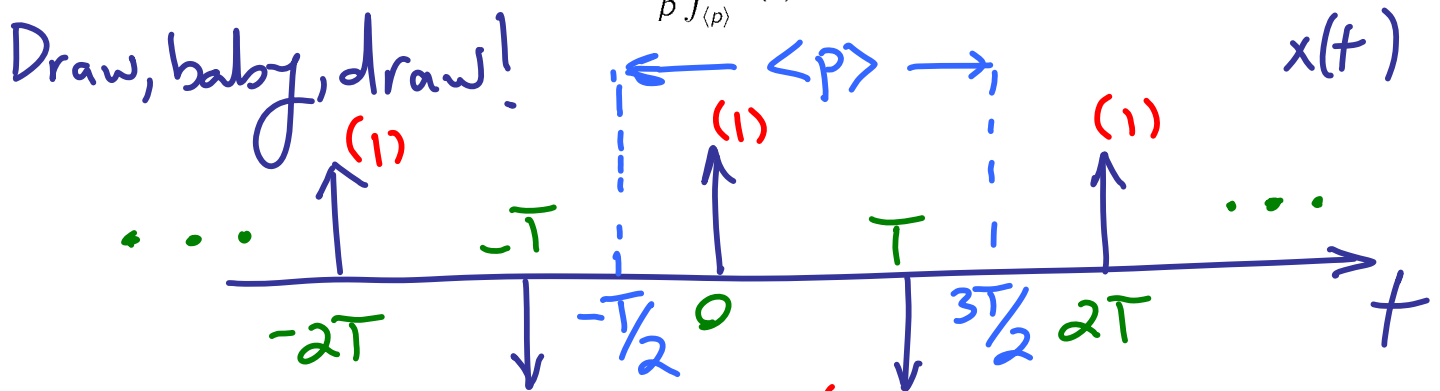
$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} (-1)^n \delta(t - nT),$$

where  $T > 0$ . Determine the complex exponential continuous-time Fourier series coefficients for the signal  $x$ . Be sure to determine the fundamental period and fundamental frequency for the signal.

Potentially useful formulas:

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} X_k e^{ik\omega_0 t}$$

$$X_k = \frac{1}{p} \int_{\langle p \rangle} x(t) e^{-ik\omega_0 t} dt.$$



Fundamental period:  $p = 2T$ .

Fundamental frequency:  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{p} = \frac{2\pi}{2T} = \frac{\pi}{T}$

$$X_k = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) e^{-ik\omega_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} [\delta(t) - \delta(t-T)] e^{-ik\omega_0 t} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow X_k = \frac{1}{2T} (1 - e^{-ik\omega_0 T}) = \frac{1}{2T} (1 - e^{-ik\pi}) \Rightarrow X_k = \frac{1 - (-1)^k}{2T}$$

But  $\omega_0 = \frac{\pi}{T} \Rightarrow \omega_0 T = \pi$

Compare w/ the non-alternating impulse train.

$$\Rightarrow X_k = \begin{cases} 0 & k \text{ even} \\ \frac{1}{T} & k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

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1	30	30
2	50	50
3	35	35
Total	<del>115</del> 125	125