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**Data Provided: Laplace Transform pairs and
List of useful formulae**

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Signals and Systems 2

Answer **THREE** questions. **No marks will be awarded for solutions to a fourth question.** Solutions will be considered in the order that they are presented in the answer book. Trial answers will be ignored if they are clearly crossed out. **The numbers given after each section of a question indicate the relative weighting of that section.**

1. a. The impulse response of a simple RC circuit is given by $h(t) = \frac{1}{RC} e^{-t/RC} u(t)$ where R is the resistance and C is the capacitance. Show that the circuit response, $y(t)$, when subjected to an input signal $p(t)$, shown in Figure Q1.1, is given by

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-t/RC} & 0 < t < T \\ e^{-(t-T)/RC} - e^{-t/RC} & t \geq T \end{cases}$$

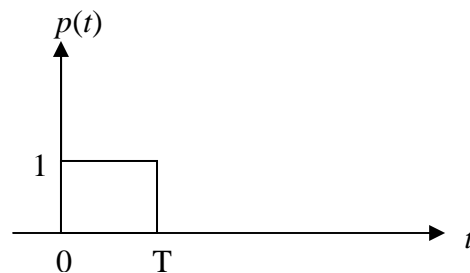


Figure Q.1.1

Sketch and label $y(t)$.

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- b. Consider a Linear Time Invariant digital communication system, in which a bit “1” is represented by $p(t)$ in Figure Q.1.1 and a bit “0” is represented by $-p(t)$.

i) Assuming $T = 1$ s and $RC = 1$ s, sketch and label a sequence “1 0”.

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ii) Sketch and label the response of the circuit to the sequence “1 0”.

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iii) Comment on how the intersymbol interference (ISI) of this digital communication system is affected by the value of RC .

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2. a. i) Derive the Fourier Transform, $X(\omega)$, of the signal $x(t)$ shown in Figure Q.2.1 below.

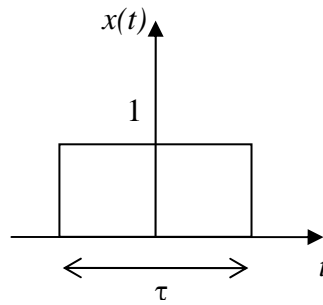


Figure Q.2.1

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- ii) Sketch and label clearly the maximum magnitude of $X(\omega)$ and the frequencies at which the magnitude of $X(\omega) = 0$. (5)
- b. In an amplitude modulation system the amplitude of a carrier signal $x_c(t) = \cos(\omega_c t)$, where ω_c is the carrier frequency, is modulated by a signal $x(t)$ in figure Q.2.1. Write down the magnitude spectrum, $X_{mod}(\omega)$, of the modulated signal. (3)
- c. i) Assuming that the spectrum $X_{mod}(\omega)$ at frequencies $|\omega| > 2\pi/\tau$ is negligible, sketch and label $X_{mod}(\omega)$. What is the bandwidth of the low pass filter required to demodulate $X_{mod}(\omega)$ using a synchronous demodulator? (7)

3. a.

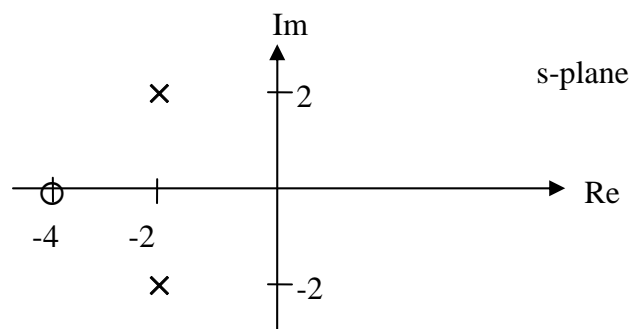


Figure Q.3.1

- Figure Q.3.1 shows the pole-zero plot of a continuous time system. The corresponding transfer function can be expressed as $H(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$. Obtain the polynomial functions $N(s)$ and $D(s)$. (5)
- b. For the system shown in Fig.Q.3.1, obtain i) the damping factor, ii) the natural frequency and iii) the oscillation frequency of the unit step response. (6)
- c. Sketch the transient component of the unit step response and describe the changes expected when the natural frequency of the system is doubled and the damping factor remains constant. (5)
- d. Find the system response $y(t)$ when the input is $x(t) = e^{-4t}u(t)$. (4)

4. a. Show that the Trigonometric Fourier Series coefficients of the signal $p(t)$ shown in Figure Q.4.1 is given by $b_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n = \text{even} \\ \frac{4A}{n\pi} & n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$.

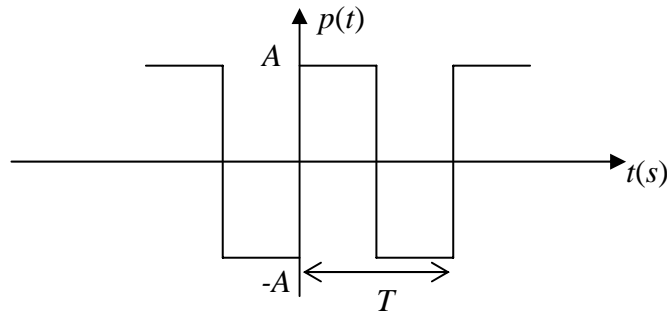


Figure Q.4.1

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- b. Write down an expression for a voltage waveform described by $p(t)$, assuming that $p(t)$ can be approximated by the first three non-zero harmonics in its Fourier Series when $A = 1$ and $T = 1$ s.
- c. Using the transform impedance write down the transfer function of the circuit shown in Figure Q.4.2.

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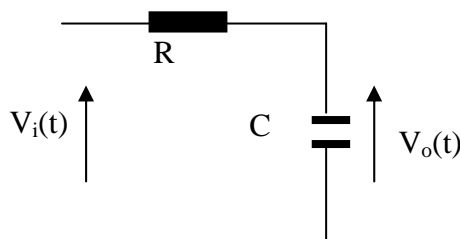


Figure Q.4.2

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- d. Consider that the signal in part (b) is contaminated with high frequency noise. The RC circuit in Figure Q.4.2 can be used to attenuate the noise.
- i) Obtain the value of capacitance required so that after filtering the amplitude of the largest harmonic in $p(t)$ is at least 69% of its value before filtering. (Assume $R = 3.3 \text{ k}\Omega$.)
- ii) Calculate the amplitudes of the first two harmonics in $p(t)$ and the r.m.s value of $p(t)$ after filtering.

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