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Answer **TWO** questions from **SECTION A** and **TWO** questions from **SECTION B**. **No marks will be awarded for solutions to a fifth 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.**

SECTION A

1. a. Describe the two properties of a linear system. (2)

Are the two functions below linear? Show your working.

$$y(t) = K \frac{dx(t)}{dt}, \quad \text{where } K \text{ is a constant.}$$

$$y(t) = 4x(t) + 7 \quad (4)$$

- b. Figure Q1 shows a periodically repeating “saw tooth” waveform.

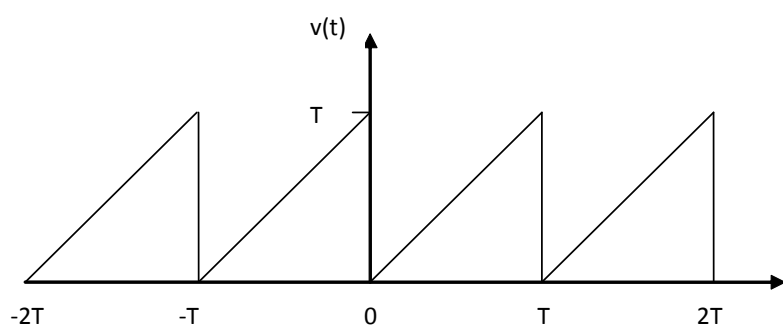


Figure Q1

Derive equations for the trigonometric Fourier series coefficients for the signal $v(t)$ in Figure Q1.

Write down an expression for the Fourier series representation of $v(t)$. (10)

- c. Sketch and label the amplitude spectrum, up to the 4th harmonic, for the signal $v(t)$ in Figure Q1. (4)

2. a. With the aid of diagrams, describe the Nyquist sampling theorem, and show that the Nyquist sampling rate is given as

$$T_s \leq \frac{1}{2f_m}$$

where T_s is the maximum sampling time period needed to accurately reconstitute an input signal, which has a maximum frequency of f_m . (8)

Explain the term “aliasing”. (2)

- b. Several audio signals are to be simultaneously transmitted over a radio link using time division Pulse Width Modulation (PWM). Using the information given below, calculate the maximum number of audio signals that can be transmitted simultaneously.

- When the audio signals are applied to the PWM circuitry, the pulse width varies at a rate of $0.1\mu\text{s/V}$.
- Audio signal voltage range = 0-10V
- Audio signal maximum frequency = 20kHz
- Minimum pulse width = $0.4\mu\text{s}$
- Minimum adjacent channel pulse separation = $0.2\mu\text{s}$ (8)

Approximate the maximum bandwidth of the PWM signal described above. (2)

3. a. Explain why modulation is used in communication systems. (4)

b. Using a block diagram, explain how stereo audio signals with independent left and right channels are transmitted in FM broadcast systems without losing compatibility with mono systems. Include a sketch of the spectrum of the composite broadcast signal.

(8)

c. Figure Q3 shows a block diagram of an FM Armstrong modulator.

Calculate the values of n_1 and n_2 for the frequency multiplier circuits, given the information below.

- Carrier frequency of the “FM signal” output = 100MHz
- Minimum frequency deviation of the “FM signal” output = 75kHz
- Baseband signal frequency range = 100 Hz to 15kHz
- Modulation index of the “Narrowband phase modulator” = 0.2 radians

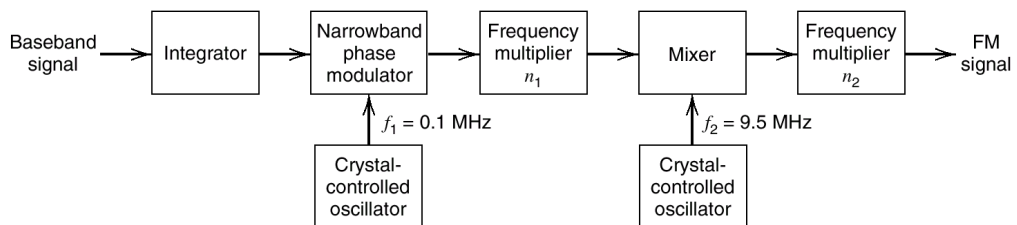


Figure Q3

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SECTION B

4. a. Write down the high-frequency and low-frequency gains of the circuit in Figure Q4-a in terms of the relevant circuit components.

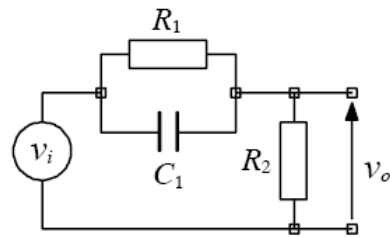


Figure Q4-a

(2)

- b. Write down the standard-form transfer function of the circuit in Figure Q4-a. (5)
- c. Using a decibel (dB) scale for gain and a logarithmic scale for frequency, sketch the amplitude response of the circuit in Figure Q4-a. Label the high and low frequency gains, the corner frequencies, and the slope of any gradient. (5)

- d. For the circuit in Figure Q4-d, if $R_1 = 2\text{k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 10\text{k}\Omega$, $C = 100\text{nF}$, and v_i is a step input changing from -2V to $+2\text{V}$ at $t = 0$, sketch the shape of v_o in response to the step input. Label the values of v_o at $t = 0^-$, $t = 0^+$ and $t \Rightarrow \infty$, and give the value of the response time constant.

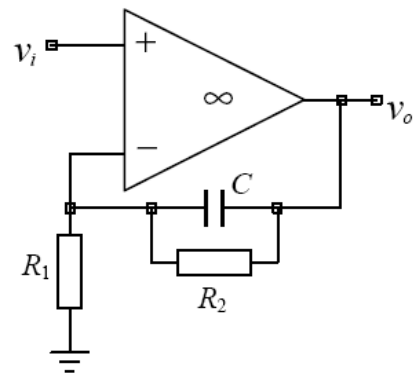


Figure Q4-d

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5. a. For the circuit in Figure Q5, show that

$$v_o = \frac{2v_i}{sRC}.$$

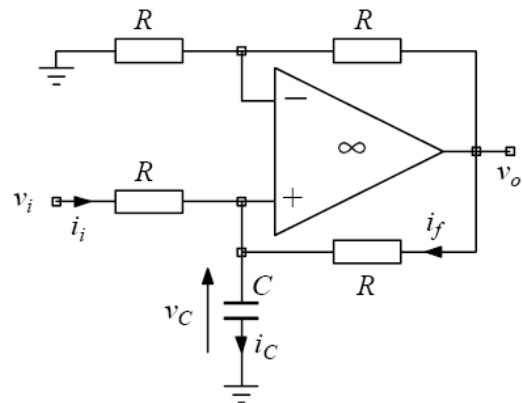


Figure Q5

(6)

- b. A system has the following transfer function:

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 6s + 13}.$$

Determine the poles, the natural frequency and the damping factor of this system, and state the nature of the system response.

(5)

- c. Determine the Laplace transform of the following signal, and sketch the pole-zero plot and region of convergence (if it exists).

$$x(t) = e^{-3|t|}$$

(7)

- d. Define the concept of gain-bandwidth product (GBP) of an operational amplifier.

(2)

6. a. Work out the standard-form transfer function of the circuit in Figure Q6, and identify the type of response that the circuit produces.

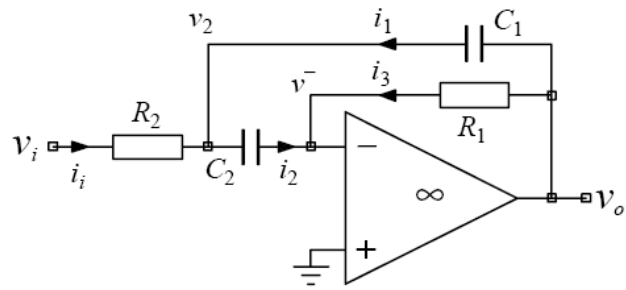


Figure Q6

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- b. In Figure Q6, if $C_1 = C_2$ and $R_1 = 4R_2$, compute the value of the quality factor q and the circuit gain at the undamped natural frequency. (6)
- c. Compute the impulse response and the step response (for a unit step input) of a system with its transfer function given by

$$H(s) = \frac{s}{2s^2 + 10s + 12}. \quad (7)$$

USEFUL INFORMATION

Fourier series:

$$f(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N \left[a_n \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi t}{T}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi t}{T}\right) \right]$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi t}{T}\right) dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi t}{T}\right) dt$$

Trigonometric identities:

$$\cos(x)\cos(y) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x-y) + \cos(x+y)] \quad \sin(x)\sin(y) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x-y) - \cos(x+y)]$$

$$\sin(x)\cos(y) = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(x-y) + \sin(x+y)] \quad \cos(x+y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y)$$

$$\sin(x+y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) + \cos(x)\sin(y)$$

Integration by parts:

$$\int_b^a u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = \left[uv \right]_b^a - \int_b^a v \frac{du}{dx} dx$$

USEFUL INFORMATION

$$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \quad v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt} \quad v(t) = i(t)R \quad V(t) = (V_{s t a r t} V_{f i n i}) e^{-t/\tau} + V_{f i n i}$$

$$v_o = A_v (v^+ - v^-) \quad A_v = \frac{A_0}{1 + j \frac{\omega}{\omega_0}} \quad \zeta = \frac{1}{2q}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f \quad s = j\omega \quad X(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-st} dt \quad x(t) = \frac{1}{j2\pi} \int_{c-j\infty}^{c+j\infty} X(s) e^{st} ds$$

Second-order standard forms:

$$\frac{v_o}{v_i} = k \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0 q} + \frac{s^2}{\omega_0^2}} \quad \frac{v_o}{v_i} = k \frac{\frac{s}{\omega_0 q}}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0 q} + \frac{s^2}{\omega_0^2}} \quad \frac{v_o}{v_i} = k \frac{\frac{s^2}{\omega_0^2}}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0 q} + \frac{s^2}{\omega_0^2}}$$

Laplace Transform Pairs		Laplace Transform Properties
Signal	Transform	
$\delta(t)$	1	$x(t)e^{s_o t} \leftrightarrow X(s - s_o)$
$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$	$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \leftrightarrow sX(s) - x(0)$
$tu(t)$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{s} X(s)$
$e^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s+a}$	$x(t-t_o)u(t-t_o) \leftrightarrow X(s)e^{-st_o}, t_o > 0$

Unit multipliers:

$$p = \times 10^{-12}, n = \times 10^{-9}, \mu = \times 10^{-6}, m = \times 10^{-3}, k = \times 10^3, M = \times 10^6, G = \times 10^9$$

All the symbols have their usual meanings.

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