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**Data Provided: Laplace Transform pairs and
Properties of Fourier Transform**

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Signals and Systems

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.

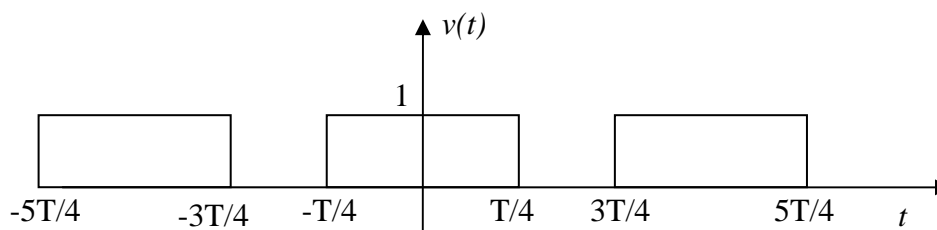


Figure Q.1.1

Show that the Trigonometric Fourier Series coefficient of the signal $v(t)$ shown in

Figure Q.1.1 is given by $a_n = \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)}{n\pi}$, where n is the harmonic number. Hence write down an expression for the Fourier Series representation of $v(t)$. (9)

b. Sketch and label the amplitude spectrum, up to the 9th harmonic, of the signal $v(t)$ in Figure Q.1.1. (3)

c. In a simple dc to ac converter, the output is obtained by opening and closing a switch at 50 Hz such that the amplitude changes from 0 to 1 V. What is the average power of the output signal within the frequency range of -200 Hz to 200 Hz? (8)

2. a. Write the equation describing the time domain convolution of two continuous time signals, $h(t)$ and $x(t)$. Briefly outline the steps required to perform a graphical convolution. (4)

b. Consider a linear time-invariant system with an impulse response given by $h(t) = e^{-at}u(t)$. Sketch the graphical convolution process between $h(t)$ and a unit step function $u(t)$ and show that the **unit step response** is given (8)

by $y(t) = \frac{1}{a}(1 - e^{-at})u(t)$.

- c. Consider a signal $x(t)$ shown in Figure Q.2.1.

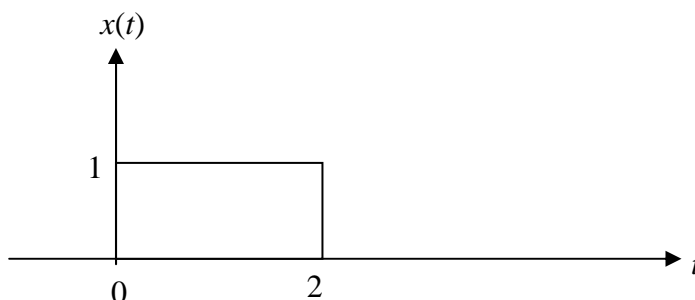


Figure Q.2.1

The signals $x(t)$ and $h(t)$, from 2(b), are sampled at every 0.5s in order to produce discrete signals $x[n]$ and $h[n]$, respectively. Write down the expressions for $x[n]$ and $h[n]$. Compute the response $y[n] = x[n] * h[n]$ assuming that $h[n] = 0$ for $n > 2$ and $a = 2$.

(8)

3. a.

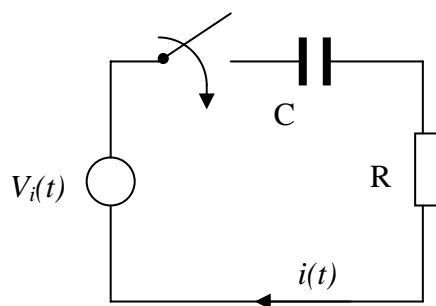


Figure Q.3.1

Use the Laplace transform to show that $i(t) = \frac{A}{R}e^{-t/RC}u(t)$ in the RC circuit shown in Figure Q.3.1 assuming that the initial voltage across the capacitor, $V_c(0) = 0$ and $V_i(t) = Au(t)$. [Hint: $V_c(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i(\tau) d\tau$].

(8)

- b. Write down the initial value for $i(t)$ in Figure Q.3.1 and verify your answer using the initial value theorem.

(4)

- c. Find the time required for $V_c(t)$ to reach 0.5 V if $A = 1$ V, $R = 10 \Omega$ and $C = 0.1$ F.

(8)

4. a.

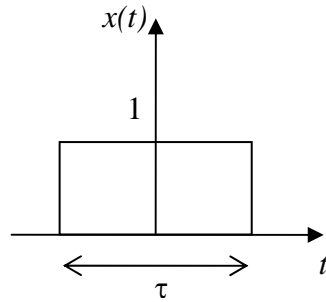


Figure Q.4.1(a)

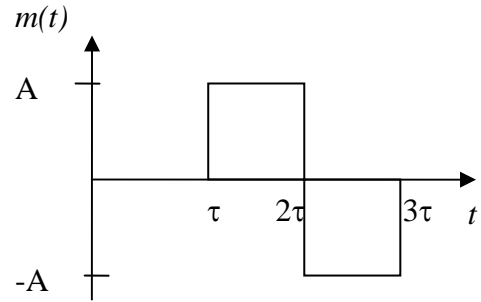


Figure Q.4.1(b)

Prove that the Fourier transform of the signal $x(t)$ shown in figure Q.4.1(a) is

$$\text{given by } X(\omega) = \tau \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\omega\tau}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{\omega\tau}{2}\right)}. \quad (5)$$

- b. Obtain the Fourier transform of the signal $m(t)$ shown in figure Q.4.1(b) by using the spectrum $X(\omega)$ in part (a) and the time shift property of the Fourier transform.

(5)

c.

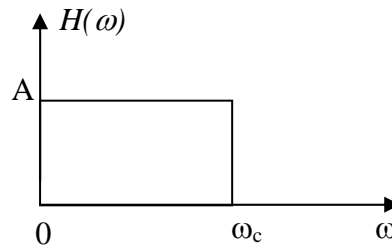


Figure Q.4.2

The magnitude spectrum of an ideal low pass filter is shown in Figure Q.4.2.

- i) Obtain the time domain expression for a signal, $h(t)$, that will produce the spectrum shown in Figure Q.4.2. (4)
- ii) Calculate the peak amplitude of $h(t)$. (2)
- iii) Work out the value of ω_c if $h(t)$ first becomes zero at $t = 1\text{ms.}$ (4)

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