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CIRCUITS AND SIGNALS 1

Answer **THREE** questions. Solutions will be considered in the order in which they are presented in the answer book and **no marks will be awarded for an attempt at a fourth question.** 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.**

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

- 1 (a) For the circuit of figure 1a, use nodal analysis to find the voltage of node **A** with respect to the reference node. {5}

Hence find the power dissipated in the  $2\ \Omega$  resistor. {2}

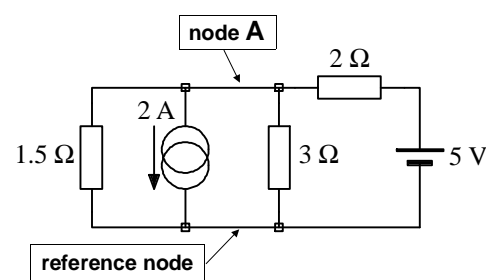


Figure 1a

- (b) (i) Use the principle of superposition to find the value of  $V_A$  in figure 1b. Identify the source that makes the largest contribution to the value of  $V_A$ . {7}
- (ii) Work out the power delivered by each of the three sources. (*If the source is delivering power to the rest of the circuit, take the power as positive; if the source is absorbing power, take the power as negative.*) {6}

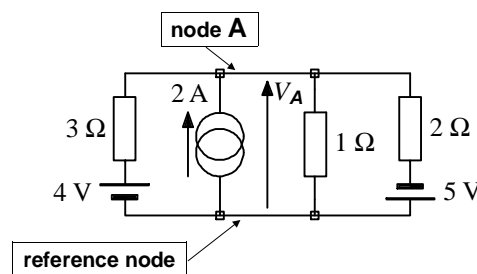


Figure 1b

- 2 (a) Find the Thevenin equivalent parameters  $V_{Th}$  and  $R_{Th}$  that will make the circuits of figure 2a (i) and figure 2a (ii) indistinguishable from the point of view of an observer looking into terminals **A** and **B**. {6}

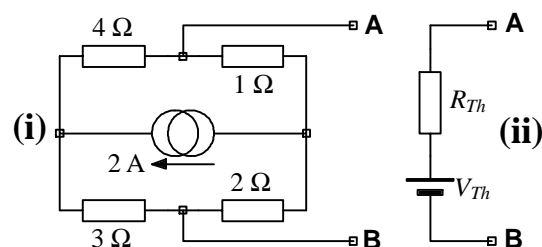


Figure 2a

- (b) In figure 2b  $V_1$  is a 100V dc source that has been connected for a long time

- (i) Calculate the magnitude of the current  $I$ . {2}  
(ii) Evaluate the energy stored in  $L$ . {2}  
(iii) Evaluate the energy stored in  $C$ . {2}

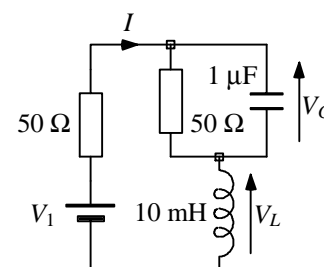


Figure 2b

The energy stored in inductors and capacitors is given by

$$E = \frac{LI^2}{2} \text{ and } E = \frac{CV^2}{2}.$$

- (c) The source in figure 2b is changed to the step waveform of figure 2c. This waveform is constant at  $-10\text{ V}$  from  $t = -\infty$  to  $t = 0^-$  and constant at  $+20\text{ V}$  from  $t = 0^+$  to  $t = +\infty$ .

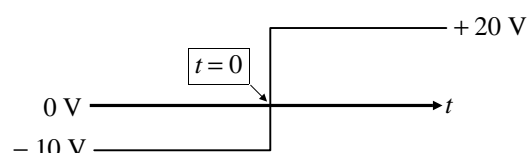


Figure 2c

- (i) What are  $I$ ,  $V_L$  and  $V_C$  at  $t = 0^-$ ? {3}  
(ii) What are  $I$ ,  $V_L$  and  $V_C$  at  $t = 0^+$ ? {5}

- 3 (a) (i) For the circuit of figure 3a, show that the impedance  $V/I$  is given by

$$Z = R \frac{1 + j\omega \frac{L}{R} - \omega^2 LC}{1 + j\omega CR}. \quad \{3\}$$

- (ii) Using the result of part 3 (a) (i), find the angular frequency,  $\omega$ , at which the circuit is resonant. {5}

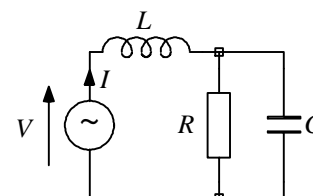


Figure 3a

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(b) For the circuit of figure 3b.

- (i) Find  $I$  and  $V_1$  and express each result in complex ( $a + jb$ ) and polar ( $r\angle\theta$ ) form. {8}
- (ii) What is the impedance of the circuit from the source point of view? Give your answer in polar form. {2}
- (iii) If the capacitor reactance is changed to  $-j10\ \Omega$ , what are the new values of  $I$  and  $V_1$ ? {2}

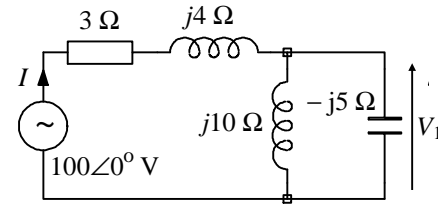


Figure 3b

4 (a) (i) What is meant by the term "low-pass filter"? {2}

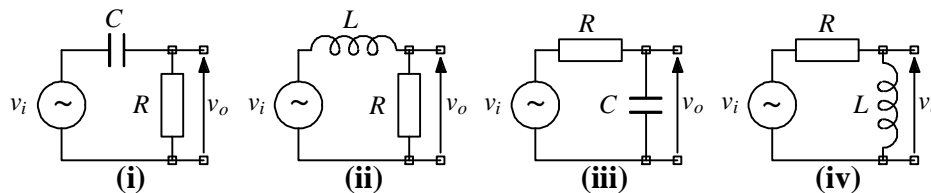


Figure 4a

- (ii) Identify which of figures 4a (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) are low pass circuits. {2}
- (iii) **Sketch** the shape of  $v_o/v_i$  response that you would expect from a low pass filter using a vertical axis that expressed  $v_o/v_i$  in dB and a horizontal axis that expressed frequency on a logarithmic scale. Identify on your sketch the pass band region and the corner frequency and quantify the roll off rate in the stop band region. {6}

- (b) (i) The impedance,  $Z$ , in figure 4b consists of two components in series. If  $I = 0.532\angle 57.8^\circ$  A when  $V_S = 10\angle 0^\circ$  V and  $f = 1$  kHz, find the values of the two components. {6}
- (ii) An inductance of 2.53 mH is placed in series with  $Z$ . What is the voltage across this inductance and the total power dissipation in the circuit if  $f$  remains at 1 kHz. {4}

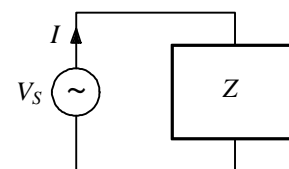


Figure 4b

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