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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. Consider an amplitude modulation system with a modulating signal $m(t) = A_m \cos(\omega_m t)$ and a carrier signal $c(t) = A_c \cos(\omega_c t)$, where $\omega_c \gg \omega_m$.
 - i) Sketch and label the modulated signal $s(t) = A_c A_m \cos(\omega_c t) \cos(\omega_m t)$.
 - ii) Write down the corresponding expression for $s(t)$ in the frequency domain, $S(\omega)$.
 - iii) Sketch and label the corresponding magnitude spectrum, $|S(\omega)|$.
 - iv) The modulation scheme above is called double sideband-suppressed carrier. State a major advantage and a drawback of this scheme. (8)

- b. In a different modulation scheme called double sideband, the modulated signal is given by $x(t) = [A_o + m(t)] c(t)$, where the condition, $A_o + m(t) > 0$, is used.
 - i) Obtain the corresponding expression for the $x(t)$ in the frequency domain, $X(\omega)$, assuming that $A_c = 1$.
 - ii) Sketch and label $|X(\omega)|$.
 - iii) State a major drawback of using this modulation scheme. (5)

1. c. An envelope detector depicted in Figure 1.1, can be used to demodulate the signal $x(t)$ in part (b). The capacitance voltages during charging and discharging are described by $e_c(t) = A_c [1 - \exp(-t/R_s C)]$ and $e_d(t) = A_d \exp(-t/R_l C)$, respectively. Assuming $R_s = 75\Omega$, $R_l = 10k\Omega$, $\omega_c = 2\pi \times 10^5$ rad/s and $\omega_o = 0.01\omega_c$, work out a suitable value for C .

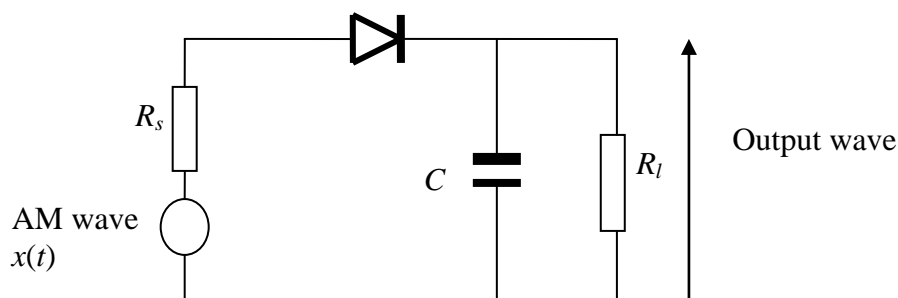


Figure 1.1

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2. a. Consider the RC circuit depicted in Figure 2.1. $x(t)$ is the input signal while $y_o(t)$ and $y_l(t)$ are the voltages across the capacitor C and the resistor R , respectively.

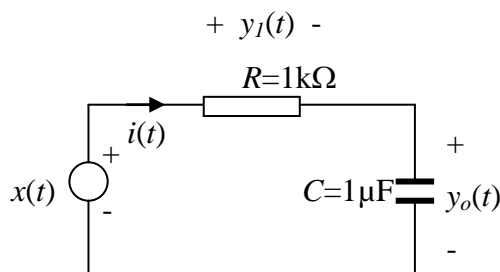
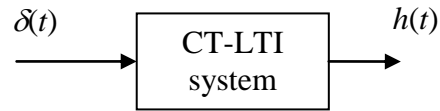


Figure 2.1

- i) Obtain the transfer function and sketch the pole-zero plot if $y_o(t)$ is taken as the output signal.
- ii) Obtain the transfer function and sketch the pole-zero plot if $y_l(t)$ is taken as the output signal.
- iii) State whether the systems in parts (i) and (ii) exhibit low pass, band pass or high pass characteristics? (8)
- b. Obtain the time-domain impulse responses for the systems in parts (i) and (ii). (5)
- c. The input $x(t)$ and output $y(t)$ of a system are related by $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) + 6\frac{d}{dt} y(t) + 8y(t) = x(t)$. Use Laplace transforms to determine the s domain transfer function and time domain impulse response of the system assuming that $x(0) = y(0) = \frac{dy(t)}{dt}\bigg|_{t=0} = 0$. (7)

3. a.

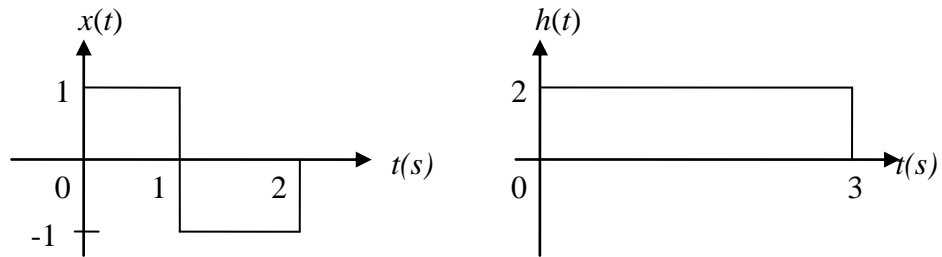
**Figure 3.1**

Consider a continuous time (CT) Linear Time-invariant (LTI) system with an impulse response $h(t)$ as shown in Figure 3.1. Show that the response of the LTI

system to an input signal $x(t)$ is given by $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau$.

(4)

b.

**Figure 3.2**

Using the graphical method, obtain the response $y(t)$ of an LTI system, if the input signal $x(t)$ and the impulse response $h(t)$ are as shown in Figure 3.2. Sketch and label $y(t)$.

(10)

c. Compute the response of an LTI discrete system if the input and impulse response are described by $x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq n \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ and $h[n] = \begin{cases} 1/n, & 1 \leq n \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$, respectively.

(6)

4. a.

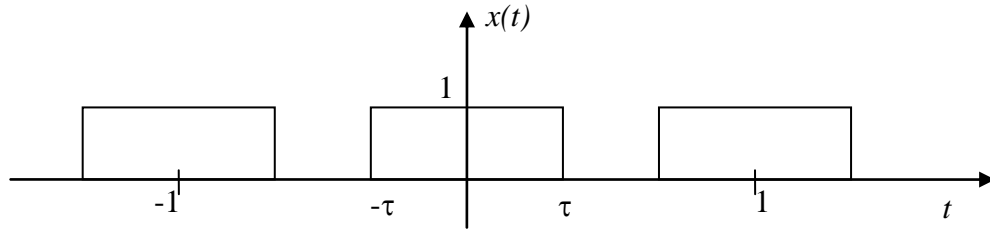


Figure 4.1

Show that the trigonometric Fourier series representation of the signal $x(t)$ shown in Figure 4.1 is given by $x(t) = 2\tau + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n\pi} \sin(2n\pi\tau) \cos(2n\pi t)$.

Assuming $\tau = 1/4$ and using up to the 3rd harmonic, write down an expression for the approximated periodic squarewave. (8)

b.

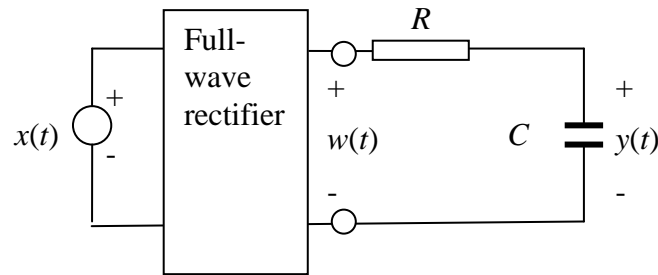


Figure 4.2

A simple dc power supply is illustrated in Figure 4.2. The output of the fullwave rectifier $w(t) = |x(t)|$ is cascaded to a RC circuit to produce an output voltage, $y(t)$.

The frequency domain signal is given by $W(\omega) = \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(1-4k^2)} \delta(\omega - 100\pi k)$ where k is the harmonic number and $\delta(\omega)$ is a unit impulse function.

i) Derive an expression for the transfer function of the system, $Y(\omega)$. (3)

ii) Assuming that the 2nd and higher harmonics are negligible, show that the

output is given by $y(t) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} + \frac{2}{3\pi^2} \left[\frac{e^{j100\pi t}}{1+j100\pi RC} + \frac{e^{-j100\pi t}}{1-j100\pi RC} \right]$. (6)

iii) The ripple in the output voltage of the circuit in Figure 4.2 can be kept small by using appropriate RC time constant. Suggest a range of values for RC that will ensure the ripple in $y(t)$ is $< 2\text{mV}$. (3)

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