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COMMUNICATIONS 1

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Time allowed: 2:00 hours

There are FIVE questions on this paper.

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Answer THREE questions.

All questions carry equal marks

Any special instructions for invigilators and information for candidates are on page 1.

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Information for Candidates

The trigonometric Fourier series of a periodic signal $x(t)$ of period $T_0 = 2\pi/\omega_0$ is

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(a_n \cos n\omega_0 t + b_n \sin n\omega_0 t),$$

with

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T_0}\int_{T_0} x(t)dt, \quad a_n = \frac{2}{T_0}\int_{T_0} x(t)\cos n\omega_0 t dt, \quad b_n = \frac{2}{T_0}\int_{T_0} x(t)\sin n\omega_0 t dt.$$

The compact Fourier series is given by

$$x(t) = C_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \theta_n) \quad \text{with} \quad C_0 = a_0, \quad C_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}, \quad \theta_n = \tan^{-1}\frac{-b_n}{a_n}.$$

The exponential Fourier series is given by

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} D_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} \quad \text{with} \quad D_n = \frac{1}{T_0}\int_{T_0} x(t)e^{-jn\omega_0 t}dt$$

Some Fourier Trasforms

$$\cos\omega_0 t \iff \pi[\delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \delta(\omega + \omega_0)]$$

$$\mathrm{rect}(\tfrac{t}{\tau}) \iff \tau\mathrm{sinc}(\tfrac{\omega\tau}{2})$$

$$\tfrac{W}{\pi}\mathrm{sinc}(Wt) \iff \mathrm{rect}(\tfrac{\omega}{2W})$$

Some useful trigonometric identities

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

$$\sin x \cos y = \tfrac{1}{2}\sin(x-y) + \tfrac{1}{2}\sin(x+y)$$

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Euler's formula

$$e^{jx} = \cos x + j\sin x.$$

1. Consider the periodic signal $x(t)$ shown in Figure 1.

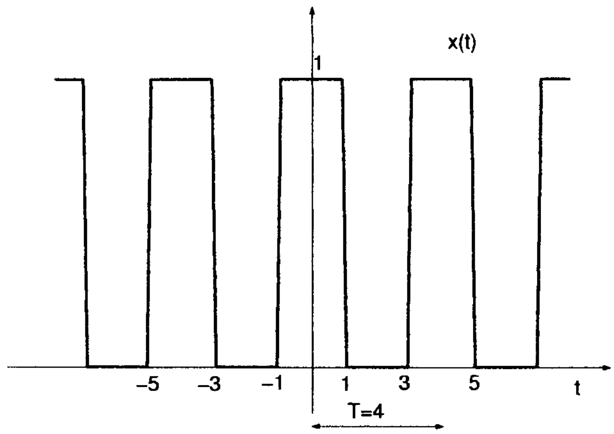

Figure 1: The periodic signal $x(t)$.

(a) Find the power of $x(t)$.

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(b) Compute the trigonometric Fourier series of $x(t)$. That is, compute the coefficients a_0, a_n and b_n.

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(c) Find the coefficients C_n and the phases θ_n of the compact Fourier series.

[4]

(d) Compute the coefficients D_n of the exponential Fourier series.

[4]

(e) The signal $x(t)$ is fed to a filter $h(t)$ giving output $y(t)$. The frequency response of the filter is

$$H(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & for \;\; |\omega| \leq 3 \text{ rad/s} \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Write the exact expression of the output $y(t)$.

[4]

2. Consider the energy signal $x(t) = \frac{10}{\pi}\text{sinc}(10t)$.

   (a) Sketch and dimension the Fourier transform of $x(t)$.

   [4]

   (b) Using Parseval's theorem compute the energy of $x(t)$.

   [4]

   (c) Sketch and dimension the spectrum of the DSB-SC modulated signal $s(t) = 2x(t)\cos 100t$.

   [4]

   (d) From the spectrum of $s(t)$, identify the upper sideband (USB) and the lower sideband (LSB) spectra.

   [4]

   (e) From the USB spectrum, write the exact expression of $\varphi_{USB}(t)$.

   [4]

3. Consider the power signal $x(t) = \cos 10t$.

(a) Find the power of $x(t)$.

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(b) Compute the autocorrelation function of $x(t)$ defined as

$$\mathcal{R}_x(\tau) = \lim_{T\to\infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t)x(t+\tau)dt$$

[6]

(c) Determine the Power Spectral Density ($S_x(\omega)$) of $x(t)$,

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(d) The signal $x(t)$ is fed to a filter with frequency response

$$H(\omega) = \frac{1}{1+j\omega}.$$

Compute the power P_y of the output signal $y(t)$.

[6]

4. Consider the frequency modulated signal

$$\varphi_{FM}(t) = A \cos \left[2\pi f_c t + k_f \int_{-\infty}^{t} m(\alpha) d\alpha \right],$$

where the message signal is $m(t) = 100 \text{ sinc}(100\pi t)$. The carrier is given by $c(t) = 4\cos(2\pi f_c t)$ with $f_c = 100$ MHz and $k_f = 20\pi$.

(a) Sketch and dimension the Fourier transform of $m(t)$.

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(b) Determine the bandwidth of the baseband signal $m(t)$.

[2]

(c) Find the peak value m_p of the baseband signal.

[4]

(d) Using Carson's rule, determine the bandwidth of $\varphi_{FM}(t)$.

[4]

(e) Compute the average transmitted power.

[4]

(f) Using Carson's rule, compute the bandwidth of $\varphi_{FM}(t)$ if $m(t) = 100\text{sinc}(200\pi t)$.

[4]

5. A sinusoidal source $v(t) = 10\sin(2\pi f_0 t)$ Volts with internal resistance $R = 50\ \Omega$ is connected to a transmission line having $L_0 = 0.25\ \mu$H/m and $C_0 = 100$ pF/m. The transmission line has length $L = 100$ m and is connected to a load Z_L (see Figure 2).

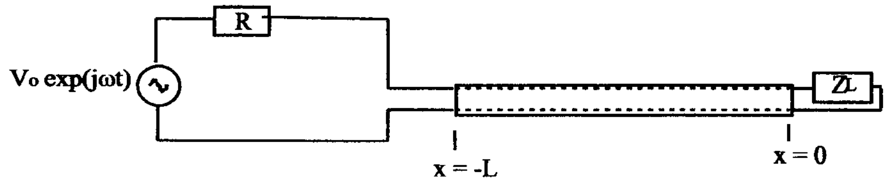

Figure 2: A transmission line connected to a sinusoidal source.

(a) Determine the phase velocity of the wave.

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(b) Choose Z_L so that there is no reflection in the line.

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(c) Assume $Z_L = 150\ \Omega$, compute the fraction of the incident power that is reflected at the load.

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(d) Assume $Z_L = 0$ (short circuit termination),

i. find the lowest non-zero frequency at which $Z_{in} = 0$. (Recall that $Z_{in} = V(-L)/I(-L)$).

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ii. find the lowest non-zero frequency at which the current flowing in the circuit is $i(t) = 0.2\sin(2\pi f_0 t)$ A.

[4]

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Exam Solutions

1. (a) Period of $x(t)$ is $T_0 = 4$.

$$P_x = \frac{1}{T_0}\int_{T_0} x^2(t)dt = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(b) $x(t)$ is an even function, therefore, $b_n = 0$.

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{4}\int_{-2}^{2} x(t)dt = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2}\int_{-2}^{2} x(t)\cos n\omega_0 t dt = \int_{0}^{2} x(t)\cos n\omega_0 t dt = \int_{0}^{1} \cos n\omega_0 t dt = \frac{2}{n\pi}\sin(n\pi/2).$$

(c) $C_0 = a_0$, $C_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} = |a_n|$, $\theta_n = 0$ if $a_n \geq 0$ $\theta_n = \pi$ otherwise .

(d)

$$D_n = \frac{C_n}{2}e^{j\theta_n},$$

$$D_{-n} = \frac{C_n}{2}e^{-j\theta_n},$$

$$D_0 = a_0.$$

(e) The filter cuts all the harmonics except for the fundamental one. Thus

$$y(t) = a_0 + a_1\cos(\pi t/2) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{\pi}\cos(\pi t/2).$$

2. (a)

$$\frac{10}{\pi}\text{sinc}(10t) \Longleftrightarrow \text{rect}(\omega/20),$$

(b) The energy of $x(t)$ is given by

$$E_x = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X(\omega)|^2 d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-10}^{10} dt = \frac{10}{\pi}$$

(c)

$$S(\omega) = \text{rect}(\frac{\omega - 100}{20}) + \text{rect}(\frac{\omega + 100}{20})$$

(d)

$$Y_{LSB}(\omega) = \text{rect}(\frac{\omega - 95}{10}) + \text{rect}(\frac{\omega + 95}{10}).$$

$$Y_{USB}(\omega) = \text{rect}(\frac{\omega - 105}{10}) + \text{rect}(\frac{\omega + 105}{10}).$$

(e)

$$\varphi_{USB}(t) = \frac{10}{\pi} sinc(5t)\cos(105t)$$

3. (a) $P_x = 1/2$

   (b)

$$\mathcal{R}_x(\tau) = \frac{1}{2}\cos 10\tau$$

   (c)

$$S_x(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{2}[\delta(\omega - 10) + \delta(\omega + 10)].$$

   (d)

$$S_y(\omega) = |H(\omega)|^2 S_x(\omega)$$

   and

$$P_y = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_y(\omega)d\omega$$

   Thus,

$$P_y = \frac{1}{4}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+\omega^2}[\delta(\omega - 10) + \delta(\omega + 10)]d\omega = 1/202$$

4. (a)

$$M(\omega) = \text{rect}\left(\frac{\omega}{200\pi}\right).$$

   (b) The bandwidth of the baseband signal is $B = 50$Hz.

   (c) The peak value of $m(t)$ is $m_p = m(0) = 100$.

   (d) Using Carson's rule the effective bandwidth is given by

$$B_{FM} = 2(\Delta f + B) = 2(\frac{k_f m_p}{2\pi} + B) = 2(1000 + 50) = 2100Hz.$$

   (e) Since an angle modulated signal is essentially a sinusoidal signal with constant amplitude, we have

$$P_{FM} = A^2/2 = 16/2 = 8.$$

   (f) $B = 100$Hz but m_p is the same. Therefore

$$B_{FM} = 2(1000 + 100) = 2200Hz$$

5. (a) Phase velocity $u = 1/\sqrt{C_0 L_0} = 2 \times 10^8$m/s

   (b) The characteristic impedance of the line is

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{L_0/C_0} = \sqrt{0.25 \cdot 10^{-6}/100 \cdot 10^{-12}} = 50\Omega.$$

   Thus, there is no reflection if $Z_L = Z_0 = 50\Omega$

(c) The voltage reflection coefficient is $K_v = (Z_L - Z_0)/(Z_L + Z_0) = 1/2$. Thus, $K_p = 1/4$.

(d) i. If $Z_L = 0$ then $Z_{in} = v(-L)/I(-L) = jZ_0 \tan(kL)$; $Z_{in} = 0$ when $kL = \pi$. Thus $f_0 = u/2L = 10^6 = 1\text{MHz}$.

ii. $i(t) = v(t)/(Z_{in} + R)$. We want $i(t) = 0.2 \sin(2\pi f_0)$ A. Thus $Z_{in} + R = 50\Omega$, which implies $Z_{in} = 0$ and $f_0 = 1$ MHz.