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**Module Title:** Signals and Systems  
**Examination Duration:** 120 minutes

**ONLINE EXAM**

**Instructions to Students:**

- There are FOUR (04) questions in the exam paper. **Answer all questions.**
- Each question carries 25 marks.
- As is usual for an exam, for this assessment you are not expected to include full referencing, but are encouraged to cite the sources of key theories, models, case studies, statutes etc.
- This is an individual assessment: do not copy and paste work from any other source or work with any other person during this exam. Text-matching software will be used on all submissions.

**Formatting**

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- **Please include the module name and number and your student number (not your name).** Please indicate clearly which questions you are answering.

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You must submit your assignment before the stated deadline by electronic submission through Blackboard.

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**QUESTION 1 [25 marks]**

- a. Using the phasor graphical method, determine  $Y(t) = Y_1(t) + Y_2(t)$ , where

$$Y_1(t) = 5\sin(5t + 50^\circ) \text{ and } Y_2(t) = 3\cos(5t)$$

[8 marks]

- b. Determine the transfer function  $H(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_1(s)}$  of the electrical circuit of Figure Q1 and then put it under the normalised form:

$$H(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_1(s)} = \frac{K\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n s + \omega_n^2}$$

[8 marks]

Calculate the numerical values of the static gain,  $K$ , the natural frequency,  $\omega_n$ , and the damping factor,  $\zeta$ .

[3 marks]

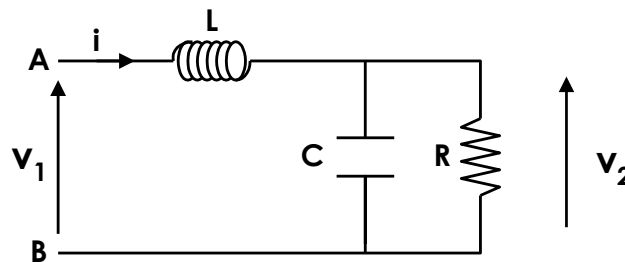


Figure Q1

$$R = 2.5\Omega, L = 1.25 \text{ H and } C = 0.1 \text{ F}$$

- c. Determine the gain and the phase shift of the circuit. Then, calculate the output voltage  $v_2(t)$  in response to an input  $v_1(t) = 3 \sin(2t + 35^\circ)$

[6 marks]

## QUESTION 2 [25 marks]

Consider the Laplace transfer function:

$$H(s) = \frac{V_2(s)}{V_1(s)} = \frac{30(s + 10)}{(s + 1)(s + 20)}$$

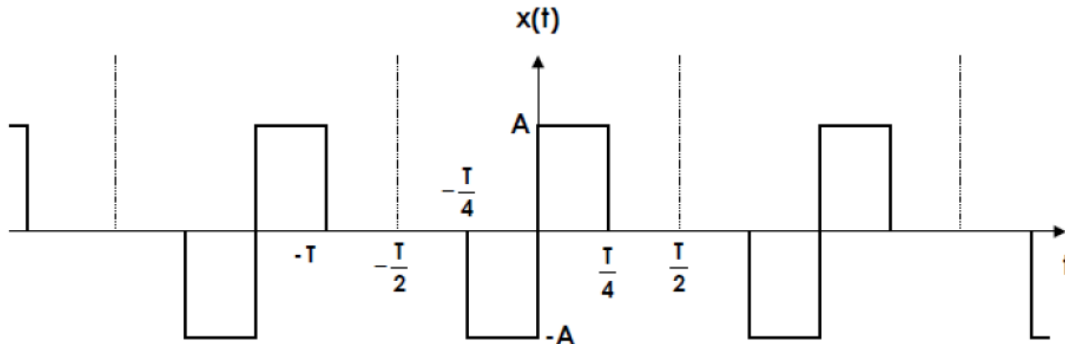
- a) Put  $H(s)$  under a normalised form. **[2 marks]**
- b) Determine the expressions of both the gain (in decibels) and the phase of  $H(s)$ . **[5 marks]**
- c) Sketch the Bode plots (gain and phase) of  $H(s)$ . **[8 marks]**
- d. Consider the transfer function of a low pass digital filter, where  $X(z)$  and  $Y(z)$ , represent the z-transforms of the input and output, respectively:

$$H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{z + 1}{z - 0.8}$$

- i. Draw the pole-zero diagram of  $H(z)$ . **[2 marks]**
- ii. Specify the filter's difference equation. **[3 marks]**
- iii. Sketch its magnitude frequency response over the range  $0 < \Omega < \pi$ . **[5 marks]**

### QUESTION 3 [25 marks]

- a) Determine the Fourier series  $a_0$ ,  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  of the periodic signal,  $x(t)$ , illustrated in Figure Q3(a). Then, calculate the first 3 non-zero harmonics of the series. **[10 marks]**



**Figure Q3(a):** Periodic signal

- b) Knowing that the values of  $A = 1$  and  $T = 4$ , put  $x(t)$  under the form:

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{n=4} a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t)$$

where  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

**[2 marks]**

- c) The signal  $x(t)$  as described in b) is applied to a circuit whose transfer function is:

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{0.25s}{1 + 0.25s}$$

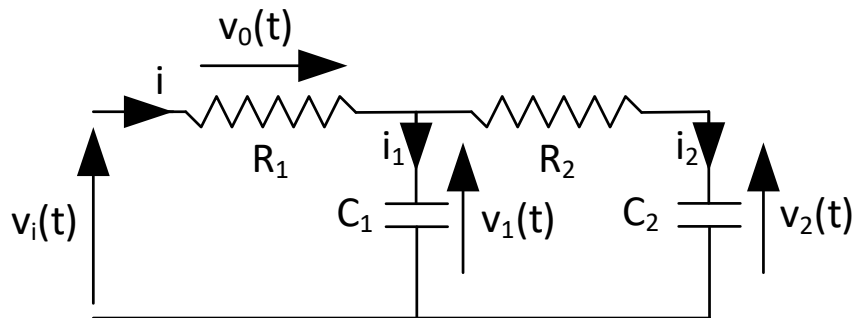
where  $X(s)$  and  $Y(s)$  are the Laplace transfer functions of the  $x(t)$  and the output  $y(t)$  of the circuit, respectively.

- Determine the gain and the phase of the circuit. **[3 marks]**
- Find then the output of the circuit  $y(t)$ . Explain and reflect on the results. **[10 marks]**

#### **QUESTION 4 [25 marks]**

Consider the circuit describing a battery model and consisting of resistors and capacitors as shown in Figure Q4. The aim is to find the state-space model of the circuit, where the state space variables are the voltage  $v_1(t)$  across the capacitor  $C_1$ , and the voltage  $v_2(t)$  across the capacitor  $C_2$ , respectively. The output is represented by  $v_0(t)$ . The numerical values are:  $C_1 = 200\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_2 = 100\mu\text{F}$ ,  $R_1 = 2.5\text{k}\Omega$  and  $R_2 = 2\text{k}\Omega$ .

Note that the general relationship that links the current to the voltage for a capacitor is given by:  $C \frac{dv(t)}{dt} = i(t)$ , where  $v(t)$  and  $i(t)$  are respectively, the voltage across the capacitor and the current flowing through it.



**Figure Q4**

- a) Determine the differential equations for both the capacitor voltage,  $v_1(t)$ , and the capacitor voltage,  $v_2(t)$ . Give the equation of the output voltage,  $v_0(t)$ , in terms of the capacitor voltage,  $v_1(t)$ . **[10 marks]**
- b) Let's rewrite the state variables  $v_1(t)$  and  $v_2(t)$  as  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$ , respectively. Let's also rewrite the output voltage  $v_0(t)$  and the input voltage as  $y(t)$  and  $u(t)$ , respectively.
  - i. Using the state variables  $x_1(t)$ ,  $x_2(t)$  and the variables  $y(t)$  and  $u(t)$ , write down the state equations and the output equation describing the circuit. **[3 marks]**
  - j. Express the equations in a matrix form: **[5 marks]**

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$

Where  $x(t)$  is state vector and  $\dot{x}(t)$  is the derivative of  $x(t)$  with respect to time.

- c) Determine the Laplace transfer function from the state space representation. **[7 marks]**

**End of Exam Paper**