

Signals and Systems, Final Exam

Solutions (Draft)

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1. (10) Consider the linear constant-coefficient second-order differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) + 2\zeta\omega_n \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + \omega_n^2 y(t) = \omega_n^2 x(t) \quad .$$

- (a) Find the frequency response $H(j\omega)$ of the system.
 (b) For $0 < \zeta < \sqrt{2}/2$, what is the frequency ω_m where $|H(j\omega_m)|$ has a maximum value?
 (c) What is the maximum value of $|H(j\omega_m)|$ at the frequency in (b)?

Solution:

- (a) We have

$$(j\omega)^2 Y(j\omega) + 2\zeta\omega_n (j\omega) Y(j\omega) + \omega_n^2 Y(j\omega) = \omega_n^2 X(j\omega)$$

so

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{Y(j\omega)}{X(j\omega)} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{(j\omega)^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n (j\omega) + \omega_n^2}$$

- (b) To make $|H(j\omega)|$ maximum, we need the dominator (or the downstairs)

$$|(j\omega)^2 + 2\zeta\omega_n (j\omega) + \omega_n^2|^2 = |\omega_n^2 - \omega^2 + j2\zeta\omega_n \omega|^2 = (\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2 \omega_n^2 \omega^2$$

to be minimum. So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\omega} [(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2 \omega_n^2 \omega^2] &= -4\omega(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2) + 8\zeta^2 \omega_n^2 \omega \\ &= 4\omega(-\omega_n^2 + \omega^2 + 2\zeta^2 \omega_n^2) \\ &= 4\omega(\omega^2 - (1 - 2\zeta^2)\omega_n^2) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which holds when $\omega = 0$ or $\omega = \pm\omega_n\sqrt{1-2\zeta^2}$, which is real since $0 < \zeta < \sqrt{2}/2$, and of which the positive value is adopted. Considering that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{d\omega^2} [(\omega_n^2 - \omega^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2 \omega_n^2 \omega^2] &= \frac{d}{d\omega} [4\omega(\omega^2 - (1 - 2\zeta^2)\omega_n^2)] \\ &= 4(\omega^2 - (1 - 2\zeta^2)\omega_n^2) + 8\omega^2 \\ &= 12\omega^2 - 4(1 - 2\zeta^2)\omega_n^2 \end{aligned}$$

which is positive (minimum occurred) when $\omega = \omega_n\sqrt{1-2\zeta^2}$ and is negative (maximum occurred) when $\omega = 0$, we have $\omega_m = \omega_n\sqrt{1-2\zeta^2}$.

- (c) We have

$$\begin{aligned} |H(j\omega_m)| &= \frac{\omega_n^2}{\sqrt{(\omega_n^2 - \omega_m^2)^2 + 4\zeta^2 \omega_n^2 \omega_m^2}} = \frac{\omega_n^2}{\sqrt{(\omega_n^2 - \omega_n^2(1-2\zeta^2))^2 + 4\zeta^2 \omega_n^2 \omega_n^2(1-2\zeta^2)}} \\ &= \frac{\omega_n^2}{\sqrt{4\zeta^4 \omega_n^4 + 4\zeta^2 \omega_n^4 - 8\zeta^4 \omega_n^4}} \\ &= \frac{\omega_n^2}{2\zeta \omega_n^2 \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} = \frac{1}{2\zeta \sqrt{1-\zeta^2}} \end{aligned}$$

2. (10) Consider a continuous-time LTI system with frequency response $H(j\omega) = |H(j\omega)|e^{j\angle H(j\omega)}$ and real impulse $h(t)$. Suppose that we apply an input $x(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi_0)$ to the system. The resulting output can be shown to be the form $y(t) = Ax(t - t_0)$, where A is a nonnegative real number representing an amplitude-scaling factor and t_0 is a time delay.
- (a) Express A in terms of $|H(j\omega_0)|$.
- (b) Express t_0 in terms of $\angle H(j\omega_0)$.

Solution:

We know that $x(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi_0) = \frac{1}{2j} \left(e^{j(\omega_0 t + \phi_0)} - e^{-j(\omega_0 t + \phi_0)} \right) = \frac{1}{2j} \left(e^{j\phi_0} e^{j\omega_0 t} - e^{-j\phi_0} e^{-j\omega_0 t} \right)$. Observing that $e^{j\omega_0 t}$ and $e^{-j\omega_0 t}$ are eigenfunctions with eigenvalues $H(j\omega_0)$ and $H(-j\omega_0)$, respectively, the output $y(t)$ is given by

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2j} \left(e^{j\phi_0} H(j\omega_0) e^{j\omega_0 t} - e^{-j\phi_0} H(-j\omega_0) e^{-j\omega_0 t} \right)$$

Now $H(j\omega) = |H(j\omega)|e^{j\angle H(j\omega)}$, and since $h(t)$ is real, we know that $|H(j\omega)|$ is even (implying $|H(j\omega_0)| = |H(-j\omega_0)|$) and $\angle H(j\omega)$ is odd (implying $\angle H(j\omega_0) = -\angle H(-j\omega_0)$), and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \frac{1}{2j} \left(e^{j\phi_0} |H(j\omega_0)| e^{j\angle H(j\omega_0)} e^{j\omega_0 t} - e^{-j\phi_0} |H(j\omega_0)| e^{-j\angle H(j\omega_0)} e^{-j\omega_0 t} \right) \\ &= |H(j\omega_0)| \sin[\omega_0 t + \phi_0 + \angle H(j\omega_0)] \\ &= |H(j\omega_0)| \sin \left[\omega_0 \left(t + \frac{\angle H(j\omega_0)}{\omega_0} \right) + \phi_0 \right] \end{aligned}$$

So $A = |H(j\omega_0)|$, and $t_0 = -\frac{\angle H(j\omega_0)}{\omega_0}$

3. (6) Compute the group delay of the following frequency response.

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{(j\omega + 1)(j\omega + 3)}$$

Note that $\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$.

Solution:

$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega + 1} \frac{1}{j\omega + 3}$, so $\angle H(j\omega) = -\tan^{-1} \omega - \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{3}$, and then the group delay is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\omega) &= -\frac{d}{d\omega} \angle H(j\omega) \\ &= \frac{d}{d\omega} \tan^{-1} \omega + \frac{d}{d\omega} \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\omega^2} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1+(\frac{\omega}{3})^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\omega^2} + \frac{3}{9+\omega^2} \end{aligned}$$

4. **(12)** Let $x(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t)$ and $x(t)$ is sampled and filtered by the following system with a sampling time T , $\omega_s = 2\pi/T$, and $\omega_c = \omega_s/2$.
- (a) If $\omega_0 = 2\omega_s/6$, identify the signal $x_r(t)$.
 - (b) If $\omega_0 = 5\omega_s/6$, identify the signal $x_r(t)$.
 - (c) Does any aliasing occur in (a) and/or (b)? Justify your answer.

(Figure)

Solution:

We illustrate the result with spectra of $X(j\omega)$, $X_p(j\omega)$, and $X_r(j\omega)$.

(a)

(Figure)

$$\text{So } x_r(t) = x(t) = \cos\left(\frac{2\omega_s}{6}t\right) = \cos(\omega_0 t).$$

(b)

(Figure)

$$\text{So } x_r(t) = \cos\left(\frac{\omega_s}{6}t\right) = \cos((\omega_s - \omega_0)t) \neq x(t).$$

(c) Aliasing occurs in (b).

5. (20) The following figure shows the overall system for filtering a continuous time signal using a discrete-time filter. If $X_c(j\omega)$ and $H(e^{j\omega})$ are as shown in the following figure, with $1/T = 10\text{kHz}$, sketch $X_p(j\omega)$, $X(e^{j\omega})$, $Y(e^{j\omega})$, $Y_p(j\omega)$, and $Y_c(j\omega)$. Note that you need to specify all the critical values on the horizontal and vertical axes of the above plots.

(Figure)

Solution:

We have $\omega_s = 2\pi/T = 2\pi \cdot 10^4 \text{Hz}$. So the spectra needed are as shown as the following:

(Figure)

6. (4) What are amplitude modulation, phase modulation, and frequency modulation? Please describe them in terms of a modulating signal $x(t)$ and a carrier signal $c(t) = A \cos(\omega_c t + \theta_c)$.

Solution:

AM: Modifying the amplitude of $c(t)$ according to $x(t)$. $y(t) = A(t) \cos(\omega_c t + \theta_c)$,

where $A(t) = A_0 + k_a x(t)$ for some constants A_0 and k_a .

FM: Modifying the frequency of $c(t)$ according to $x(t)$. $y(t) = A \cos(\theta(t)) = A \cos(\omega_c(t) \cdot t + \theta_c(t))$,

where $\frac{d\theta(t)}{dt} = \omega_c + k_f x(t)$ for some constants ω_c and k_f .

PM: Modifying the phase of $c(t)$ according to $x(t)$. $y(t) = A \cos(\omega_c t + \theta_c(t))$,

where $\theta_c(t) = \theta_0 + k_p x(t)$ for some constants θ_0 And k_p .

7. (8) Consider the system for single-sideband amplitude modulation. If $X(j\omega)$ is shown as follows and $\omega_c > 2\omega_M$, please sketch the spectra of $Y_1(j\omega)$, $X_p(j\omega)$, $Y_2(j\omega)$, and $Y(j\omega)$.

(Figure)

Solution:

(Figure)

8. (8) If $X(s)$ is the Laplace transform of $x(t)$, that is,

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X(s), \text{ ROC} = R$$

where R is as shown in the following figure. Show the following time scaling property and plot the new ROC, R_a .

$$x(-0.3t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{10}{3} X\left(-\frac{10}{3}s\right), \text{ ROC} = R_a$$

(Figure)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{x(-0.3t)\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(-0.3t) e^{-st} dt \\ &= -\frac{10}{3} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} x(-0.3t) e^{-\frac{s}{-0.3}(-0.3t)} d(-0.3t) \\ &= \frac{10}{3} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} x(\tau) e^{-\frac{10s}{-3}\tau} d\tau \quad (\tau \triangleq -0.3t) \\ &= \frac{10}{3} X\left(-\frac{10}{3}s\right) \end{aligned} \quad \text{(Figure)}$$

To hold the last equality, we need $-\frac{10}{3}s \in R = \{s : -2 < \text{Re}[s] < 1\}$.

So $-2 < -\frac{10}{3}\text{Re}[s] < 1$, $-0.3 < \text{Re}[s] < 0.6$. Therefore the ROC is as the above figure and is given by

$$R_a = \{s : -0.3 < \text{Re}[s] < 0.6\}$$

9. (10) Given a system function $H(s)$ as follows:

$$H(s) = \frac{-s}{s^2 + 3s + 2}, \text{ ROC} = \{-2 < \text{Re}[s] < -1\}$$

- Is the system stable? Justify your answer.
- Is the system causal, anticausal, or neither? Justify your answer.
- If the input to the system is an impulse function, that is, $x(t) = \delta(t)$, find the output $y(t)$.

Solution:

$$H(s) = \frac{-s}{s^2 + 3s + 2} = \frac{-s}{(s+1)(s+2)}, \text{ so the poles are } p_1 = -1, p_2 = -2, \text{ and the zero is } z = 0.$$

- Since the ROC doesn't include the $j\omega$ -axis, the system is NOT stable.
- Since the ROC is neither a right-half plane nor a left-half plane, the system is NEITHER causal NOR anticausal.
- $H(s) = \frac{-s}{(s+1)(s+2)} = \frac{-2}{s+2} + \frac{1}{s+1}$, so $h(t) = -2e^{-2t}u(t) - e^{-t}u(-t)$.

10. (6) A causal LTI system S with impulse response $h(t)$ has its input $x(t)$ and output $y(t)$ related through a linear constant-coefficient differential equation of the form

$$\frac{d^3 y(t)}{dt^3} + (a+1) \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + a(a+1) \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + a^2 y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} - 2x(t)$$

Please use adder, amplifier, and integrator only and as few components as possible to plot the block diagram representation of the system S .

Solution:

An instance:

(Figure)

11. (10) Consider a discrete-time signal:

$$x[n] = 7 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n u[n] - 6 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n u[-n-1]$$

Find the z-transform.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} X(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 7 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n z^{-n} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} -6 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n z^{-n} = 7 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n z^{-n} - 6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{-n} z^n \\ &= 7 \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} - 6 \frac{2z}{1 - 2z} = 7 \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}} + 6 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Note that we have applied the formula of sum of infinite power series.

So we need the ROC be $\{z : \frac{1}{3} < |z| < \frac{1}{2}\}$.

12. (8) If

$$x_1[n] \xrightarrow{z} X_1(z), \text{ ROC} = R_1$$

and

$$x_2[n] \xrightarrow{z} X_2(z), \text{ ROC} = R_2$$

show that

$$x_1[n] * x_2[n] \xrightarrow{z} X_1(z)X_2(z) \text{ with ROC containing } R_1 \cap R_2$$

Solution:

We know that $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[n]z^{-n} = X_1(z)$ and $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_2[n]z^{-n} = X_2(z)$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}\{x_1[n] * x_2[n]\} &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k]x_2[n-k] \cdot z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k]z^{-k} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_2[n-k]z^{-n+k} \stackrel{m \triangleq n-k}{=} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k]z^{-k} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_2[m]z^{-m} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k]z^{-k} X_2(z) = X_2(z) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1[k]z^{-k} = X_2(z)X_1(z) = X_1(z)X_2(z) \end{aligned}$$

We need the both z-transform relation to hold, so the ROC must contain the intersection of the both ROCs, that is, $R_1 \cap R_2$.

13. (8) Consider a causal LTI system whose input $x[n]$ and output $y[n]$ are related through the block diagram representation shown in the figure.

(Figure)

- (a) Determine a differential equation relating $y[n]$ and $x[n]$.
(b) Is the system stable?

Solution:

(Note: “differential” should be “difference,” although it doesn’t matter.)

(a) $y[n] - \frac{5}{6}y[n-1] + \frac{1}{6}y[n-2] = x[n] - 3x[n-1] + 2x[n-2]$

(b) $H(z) = \frac{1 - 3z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}}{1 - \frac{5}{6}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{6}z^{-2}} = \frac{1 - 3z^{-1} + 2z^{-2}}{(1 - \frac{1}{2}z^{-1})(1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1})}$, so the poles are $p_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, $p_2 = \frac{1}{3}$, which are both inside the unit circle. Since the system is a causal LTI system, the system is stable.