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SIGNALS AND LINEAR SYSTEMS

SAMPLE PAPER (2011)

Time allowed: 2:00 hours

There are 15 questions on this paper.

This paper is accompanied by four tables of formulae.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

1. Explain briefly what is a linear time-invariant (LTI) system.
(Lecture 1)

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2. For each of the following cases, specify if the signal is even or odd:
i) $x(t) = \sin \alpha$
ii) $x(t) = j \cos \alpha$.

(Lecture 1)

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3. A continuous-time signal $x(t)$ is shown in Figure 1.1. Sketch the signals

i) $x(t)[u(t) - u(t - 2)]$

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ii) $x(t) \delta(t - 2)$.

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(Lecture 1)

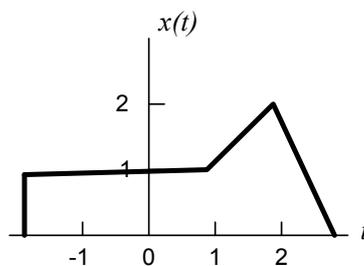


Figure 1.1

4. Consider the LR circuit shown in Figure 1.2. Find the relationship between the input $v_s(t)$ and the output $V_L(t)$ in the form of:

- i) a differential equation;

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- ii) a transfer function.

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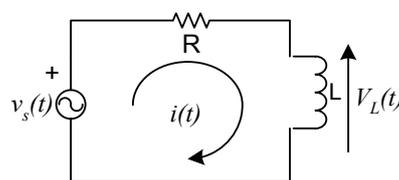


Figure 1.2

(Lectures 2 & 7)

5. The unit impulse response of an LTI system is $h(t) = e^{-t} u(t)$. Use the convolution table, find the system's zero-state response $y(t)$ if the input $x(t) = e^{-2t} u(t)$.

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(Lectures 4/5, Tutorial 3 Q3b)

6. Find and sketch $c(t) = f_1(t) * f_2(t)$ for the pairs of functions as shown in Figure 1.3.

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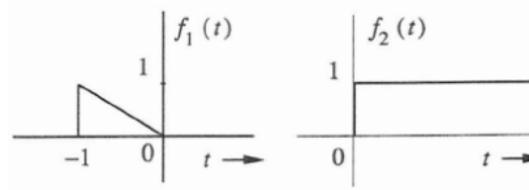


Figure 1.3

(Lectures 5, Tutorial 3 Q6c)

7. Find the pole and zero locations for a system with the transfer function

$$H(s) = \frac{s^2 - 2s + 50}{s^2 + 2s + 50}$$

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(Lectures 8, Tutorial 5 Q9)

8. The Fourier transform of the triangular pulse $f(t)$ shown in Fig. 1.4 (a) is given to be:

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega^2} (e^{j\omega} - j\omega e^{j\omega} - 1)$$

Use this information and the time-shifting and time-scaling properties, find the Fourier transforms of the signal $f_1(t)$ shown in Fig. 1.4 (b).

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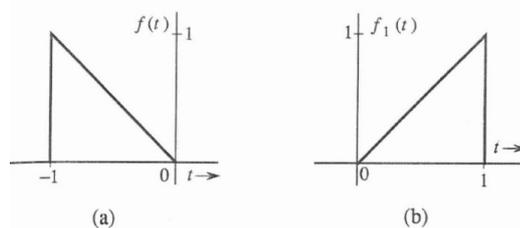


Figure 1.4

(Lectures 10, Tutorial 6 Q5)

9. Using the z-transform pairs given in the z-transform table, find the inverse z-transform of

$$X[z] = \frac{z(z-4)}{z^2 - 5z + 6}$$

[8]

(Lectures 14/15, Tutorial 8 Q6a)

10. Fig. 1.5 shows Fourier spectra of the signal $f_1(t)$. Determine the Nyquist sampling rates for the signals $f_1(t)$ and $f_1^2(t)$.

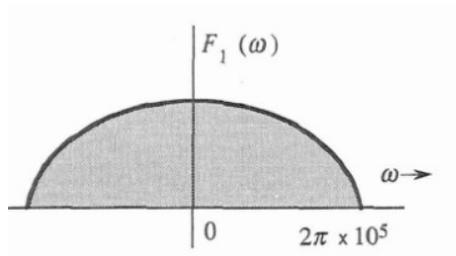


Figure 1.5

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(Lectures 12, Tutorial 7 Q2a)

11. Find the unit impulse response of the LTI system specified by the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} + 5x(t).$$

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(Lectures 2 & 3, Tutorial 2 Q5)

12. A line charge is located along the x axis with a charge density $f(x)$. In other words, the charge over an interval $\Delta\tau$ located at $\tau = n\Delta\tau$ is $f(n\Delta\tau)\Delta\tau$. It is also known from Coulomb's law that the electrical field $E(r)$ at a distance r from a charge q is given by:

$$E(r) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon r^2}, \quad \text{where } \epsilon \text{ is a constant.}$$

Show that electric field $E(x)$ produced by this line charge at a point x is given by

$$E(x) = f(x) * h(x), \quad \text{where } h(x) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon x^2}.$$

[10]

(Lectures 4 & 5, Tutorial 3 Q8)

13. A discrete LTI system specified by the following difference equation:

$$y[n+1] - 0.8y[n] = x[n+1]$$

- a) Find its transfer function in the z -domain.

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- b) Find the frequency response of this discrete time system.

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(Lectures 16)

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Table of formulae for E2.5 Signals and Linear Systems
(For use during examination only.)

Convolution Table

No.	$x_1(t)$	$x_2(t)$	$x_1(t) * x_2(t) = x_2(t) * x_1(t)$
1	$x(t)$	$\delta(t - T)$	$x(t - T)$
2	$e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$u(t)$	$\frac{1 - e^{\lambda t}}{-\lambda} u(t)$
3	$u(t)$	$u(t)$	$tu(t)$
4	$e^{\lambda_1 t} u(t)$	$e^{\lambda_2 t} u(t)$	$\frac{e^{\lambda_1 t} - e^{\lambda_2 t}}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} u(t) \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$
5	$e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$te^{\lambda t} u(t)$
6	$te^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$\frac{1}{2} t^2 e^{\lambda t} u(t)$
7	$t^N u(t)$	$e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$\frac{N! e^{\lambda t}}{\lambda^{N+1}} u(t) - \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{N! t^{N-k}}{\lambda^{k+1} (N-k)!} u(t)$
8	$t^M u(t)$	$t^N u(t)$	$\frac{M! N!}{(M+N+1)!} t^{M+N+1} u(t)$
9	$te^{\lambda_1 t} u(t)$	$e^{\lambda_2 t} u(t)$	$\frac{e^{\lambda_2 t} - e^{\lambda_1 t} + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) t e^{\lambda_1 t}}{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2} u(t)$
10	$t^M e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$t^N e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$\frac{M! N!}{(N+M+1)!} t^{M+N+1} e^{\lambda t} u(t)$
11	$t^M e^{\lambda_1 t} u(t)$	$t^N e^{\lambda_2 t} u(t)$	$\sum_{k=0}^M \frac{(-1)^k M! (N+k)! t^{M-k} e^{\lambda_1 t}}{k! (M-k)! (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^{N+k+1}} u(t)$ $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ $+ \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{(-1)^k N! (M+k)! t^{N-k} e^{\lambda_2 t}}{k! (N-k)! (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)^{M+k+1}} u(t)$
12	$e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\beta t + \theta) u(t)$	$e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$\frac{\cos(\theta - \phi) e^{\lambda t} - e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\beta t + \theta - \phi)}{\sqrt{(\alpha + \lambda)^2 + \beta^2}} u(t)$ $\phi = \tan^{-1}[-\beta/(\alpha + \lambda)]$
13	$e^{\lambda_1 t} u(t)$	$e^{\lambda_2 t} u(-t)$	$\frac{e^{\lambda_1 t} u(t) + e^{\lambda_2 t} u(-t)}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} \quad \text{Re } \lambda_2 > \text{Re } \lambda_1$
14	$e^{\lambda_1 t} u(-t)$	$e^{\lambda_2 t} u(-t)$	$\frac{e^{\lambda_1 t} - e^{\lambda_2 t}}{\lambda_2 - \lambda_1} u(-t)$

Laplace Transform Table

No.	$x(t)$	$X(s)$
1	$\delta(t)$	1
2	$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
3	$tu(t)$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
4	$t^n u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$
5	$e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s - \lambda}$
6	$te^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$\frac{1}{(s - \lambda)^2}$
7	$t^n e^{\lambda t} u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{(s - \lambda)^{n+1}}$
8a	$\cos bt u(t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + b^2}$
8b	$\sin bt u(t)$	$\frac{b}{s^2 + b^2}$
9a	$e^{-at} \cos bt u(t)$	$\frac{s + a}{(s + a)^2 + b^2}$
9b	$e^{-at} \sin bt u(t)$	$\frac{b}{(s + a)^2 + b^2}$
10a	$re^{-at} \cos(bt + \theta) u(t)$	$\frac{(r \cos \theta)s + (ar \cos \theta - br \sin \theta)}{s^2 + 2as + (a^2 + b^2)}$
10b	$re^{-at} \cos(bt + \theta) u(t)$	$\frac{0.5re^{j\theta}}{s + a - jb} + \frac{0.5re^{-j\theta}}{s + a + jb}$
10c	$re^{-at} \cos(bt + \theta) u(t)$	$\frac{As + B}{s^2 + 2as + c}$
	$r = \sqrt{\frac{A^2c + B^2 - 2ABa}{c - a^2}}$	
	$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{Aa - B}{A\sqrt{c - a^2}} \right)$	
	$b = \sqrt{c - a^2}$	
10d	$e^{-at} \left[A \cos bt + \frac{B - Aa}{b} \sin bt \right] u(t)$	$\frac{As + B}{s^2 + 2as + c}$
	$b = \sqrt{c - a^2}$	

Fourier Transform Table

No.	$x(t)$	$X(\omega)$	
1	$e^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{a + j\omega}$	$a > 0$
2	$e^{at}u(-t)$	$\frac{1}{a - j\omega}$	$a > 0$
3	$e^{-a t }$	$\frac{2a}{a^2 + \omega^2}$	$a > 0$
4	$te^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{(a + j\omega)^2}$	$a > 0$
5	$t^n e^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{(a + j\omega)^{n+1}}$	$a > 0$
6	$\delta(t)$	1	
7	1	$2\pi\delta(\omega)$	
8	$e^{j\omega_0 t}$	$2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0)$	
9	$\cos \omega_0 t$	$\pi[\delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \delta(\omega + \omega_0)]$	
10	$\sin \omega_0 t$	$j\pi[\delta(\omega + \omega_0) - \delta(\omega - \omega_0)]$	
11	$u(t)$	$\pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega}$	
12	$\text{sgn } t$	$\frac{2}{j\omega}$	
13	$\cos \omega_0 t u(t)$	$\frac{\pi}{2}[\delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \delta(\omega + \omega_0)] + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$	
14	$\sin \omega_0 t u(t)$	$\frac{\pi}{2j}[\delta(\omega - \omega_0) - \delta(\omega + \omega_0)] + \frac{\omega_0}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$	
15	$e^{-at} \sin \omega_0 t u(t)$	$\frac{\omega_0}{(a + j\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2}$	$a > 0$
16	$e^{-at} \cos \omega_0 t u(t)$	$\frac{a + j\omega}{(a + j\omega)^2 + \omega_0^2}$	$a > 0$
17	$\text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$	$\tau \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega\tau}{2}\right)$	
18	$\frac{W}{\pi} \text{sinc}(Wt)$	$\text{rect}\left(\frac{\omega}{2W}\right)$	
19	$\Delta\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$	$\frac{\tau}{2} \text{sinc}^2\left(\frac{\omega\tau}{4}\right)$	
20	$\frac{W}{2\pi} \text{sinc}^2\left(\frac{Wt}{2}\right)$	$\Delta\left(\frac{\omega}{2W}\right)$	
21	$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)$	$\omega_0 \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - n\omega_0)$	$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$
22	$e^{-t^2/2\sigma^2}$	$\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}e^{-\sigma^2\omega^2/2}$	

z-transform Table

No.	$x[n]$	$X[z]$
1	$\delta[n - n]$	z^{-k}
2	$u[n]$	$\frac{z}{z - 1}$
3	$nu[n]$	$\frac{z}{(z - 1)^2}$
4	$n^2u[n]$	$\frac{z(z + 1)}{(z - 1)^3}$
5	$n^3u[n]$	$\frac{z(z^2 + 4z + 1)}{(z - 1)^4}$
6	$\gamma^n u[n]$	$\frac{z}{z - \gamma}$
7	$\gamma^{n-1} u[n - 1]$	$\frac{1}{z - \gamma}$
8	$n\gamma^n u[n]$	$\frac{\gamma z}{(z - \gamma)^2}$
10	$\frac{n(n - 1)(n - 2) \cdots (n - m + 1)}{\gamma^m m!} \gamma^n u[n]$	$\frac{z}{(z - \gamma)^{m+1}}$
11a	$ \gamma ^n \cos \beta n u[n]$	$\frac{z(z - \gamma \cos \beta)}{z^2 - (2 \gamma \cos \beta)z + \gamma ^2}$
11b	$ \gamma ^n \sin \beta n u[n]$	$\frac{z \gamma \sin \beta}{z^2 - (2 \gamma \cos \beta)z + \gamma ^2}$
12a	$r \gamma ^n \cos(\beta n + \theta)u[n]$	$\frac{rz[z \cos \theta - \gamma \cos(\beta - \theta)]}{z^2 - (2 \gamma \cos \beta)z + \gamma ^2}$
12b	$r \gamma ^n \cos(\beta n + \theta)u[n] \quad \gamma = \gamma e^{j\beta}$	$\frac{(0.5re^{j\theta})z}{z - \gamma} + \frac{(0.5re^{-j\theta})z}{z - \gamma^*}$
12c	$r \gamma ^n \cos(\beta n + \theta)u[n]$	$\frac{z(Az + B)}{z^2 + 2az + \gamma ^2}$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{A^2|\gamma|^2 + B^2 - 2AaB}{|\gamma|^2 - a^2}}$$

$$\beta = \cos^{-1} \frac{-a}{|\gamma|}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{Aa - B}{A\sqrt{|\gamma|^2 - a^2}}$$