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**Instructions:**

- If you need more space for calculation, use the back of any page.
- NO Cell phones.
- NO Calculators
- Note that each problem has points assigned. More points means “harder.”

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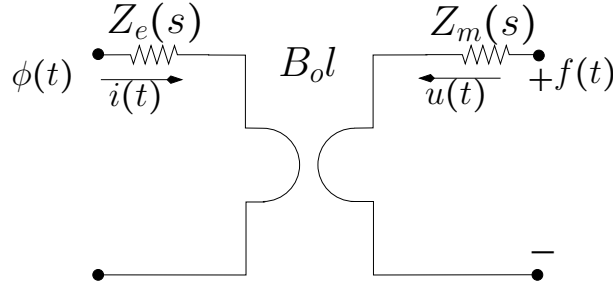


Figure 1: The Hunt model is composed of an electrical impedance  $Z_e(s)$ , a Gyrator having parameter  $T = lB_o$ , and a mechanical impedance  $Z_m(s)$ . The electrical side is driven by a voltage  $\phi(t)$  and a current  $i(t)$ , while the mechanical side produces a force  $f(t)$  and a particle velocity  $u(t)$ .

## 1 (15pts) Transducer Thevenin Parameters

1. (3pts) Find the ABCD (Transmission)  $\mathbf{T}(s)$  matrix for the Hunt transducer model in Figure 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi(\omega) \\ I(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T}(s) \begin{bmatrix} F(\omega) \\ -U(\omega) \end{bmatrix}.$$

[The definition of the Transmission matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi(\omega) \\ I(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & Z_e \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & lB_o \\ 1/lB_o & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & Z_m \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F(\omega) \\ -U(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{T} \begin{bmatrix} Z_e & \Delta_Z \\ 1 & Z_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F(\omega) \\ -U(\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\Delta_Z$  is the determinant of the impedance  $\mathbf{Z}(s)$  matrix. ]

2. (2pts) Find the impedance matrix  $\mathbf{Z}(s)$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi(\omega) \\ F(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{Z}(s) \begin{bmatrix} I(\omega) \\ U(\omega) \end{bmatrix}.$$

[This may be found via the table of relations between  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  (VanValkenberg62). The answer is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi(\omega) \\ F(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_e & -T_o \\ T_o & Z_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I(\omega) \\ U(\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $T_o = lB_o$ , with  $l$  [m] the length of the wire and  $B_o$  [Web] the strength of the magnet [Wb/m<sup>2</sup>].  $T_o = z_{21} = -z_{12}$  due to the antireciprocal property. ]

3. (2pts) Compute  $\Delta_Z$  and  $\Delta_T$ . What is the significance of each of these determinants?  $[\Delta_Z = Z_e(s)Z_m(s) + T_o^2$  and  $\Delta_T = -1$ . If  $\Delta_T = -1$  the system is ‘anti-reciprocal,’ and if  $\Delta_T = +1$  the system is ‘reciprocal.’ ]
4. (4pts) Define, and then find the Thevenin equivalent force  $F_{\text{thev}}(s)$  [N], given an input voltage  $\Phi_o$ . Note: If you are not sure of your answers to the previous parts, you can solve this problem in terms of an arbitrary ABCD matrix. [The Thevenin equivalent

force is ‘open circuit’ force (analogous to voltage). Therefore we may read it off the top row of the ABCD matrix equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_o \\ I(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A} & \mathcal{B} \\ \mathcal{C} & \mathcal{D} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F(\omega) \\ -U(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{T} \begin{bmatrix} Z_e & \Delta_Z \\ 1 & Z_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F(\omega) \\ -U(\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

giving the equation

$$\Phi_o = \mathcal{A}F_{thev} - \mathcal{B}U|_{U=0} = \mathcal{A}F_{thev}$$

therefore

$$\frac{F_{thev}(s)}{\Phi_o} = \frac{T_o}{Z_e(s)}$$

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5. **(4pts)** Define, and then find the Thevenin equivalent mechanical impedance in mechanical Ohms,  $Z_{thev}(s)$  [ $\Omega$ ]. [The Thevenin impedance is the equivalent impedance looking into the right side of the loudspeaker model, with the voltage source shorted ( $\Phi(\omega) = 0$ ). Setting  $\Phi = 0$  and taking the ratio  $Z = F/U$ , we find the Thevenin impedance:

$$Z_{thev}(s) = \left. \frac{F}{U} \right|_{\Phi=0} = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{A}} = \frac{Z_e(s)Z_m(s) + T_o^2}{Z_e(s)}$$

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## 2 (7pts) Nyquist Theorem on Thermal noise

A stub of transmission line having characteristic impedance  $z_0$  is terminated in each end with this Thevenin model, with  $R = z_0$ . Then at  $t = 0$ , the resistance is short or open circuited. This setup is shown in the figure.

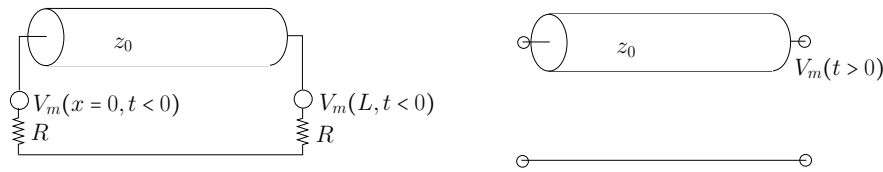


Figure 2: On the left an ideal lossless transmission line, driven by two resistors. Each resistor has a noise source in series with it, that generates a voltage equal to the thermal noise in the resistor. At time  $t = 0$  the resistors are switched out, leaving the voltage in the transmission line frozen in place.

The transmission line stores the voltage as a function of  $x$  at  $t = 0$  once the switch is opened removing the resistors (and also the Thevenin source). At that point voltage  $V_m(L, t)$  becomes frozen.

1. **(1pt)** Discuss what happens after  $t = 0$ . [The noise traveling in the TL is frozen as it is reflected from the two ends, with no loss. As a result this frozen noise is periodic with a period of the round-trip time of the line, which is  $T = 2L/c$ . Every periodic signal may be expanded in a Fourier series, which has energy at the frequencies  $f_k = k/T = kc/2L$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ). The Fourier coefficients will not be equal due to the random nature of the noise. On average, each spectral line will have a power of  $kT$ , but since the noise

is frozen, the long term spectral values will not apply. Each time the experiment is repeated, there is a randomness in the amplitudes. ]

2. **(2pt)** What is the fundamental period of the noise voltage,  $v_m(L, t > 0)$ ? [The period is the round trip delay  $T = 2L/c \approx 58$  [ms]. ]
3. **(2pts)** Every periodic signal has a *Fourier series*. If the period is  $T$  [s], what can you say about the Fourier series frequencies? [The Fourier frequencies are  $\omega_k = 2\pi k/T$  [rad]. ]
4. **(2pts)** The noise spectrum will differ depending on the time at which the switch is opened. Why? [While the long-term average power spectrum of each line is  $kT$ , a frozen piece of noise will not be equal to the long term average. Rather it will be a snap-shot of the power at that time. ]

### 3 (16pts) Hilbert transform

Analyze the real, causal impulse response

$$h(t) = e^{-t/\tau_0} u(t),$$

with  $\tau_0 = 10$  [ms], in terms of its Hilbert transform (integral) relations. *Note: Use the notation  $h(t) \leftrightarrow H(s)$  and  $H(\omega) = H(s)|_{s=j\omega}$ .*

1. **(2pts)** Find  $H(s)$ , the Laplace transform of  $h(t)$ . [Let  $a = 1/\tau_0$ . Then  $e^{-at}u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{s+a}$ . ]
2. **(1pt)** Where are the poles of  $H(s) \leftrightarrow e^{-t/\tau_0}u(t)$ ? [Let  $a = 1/\tau_0$ . Since  $e^{-at}u(t) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{s+a}$   $H(s)$  has a simple real pole at  $s = -1/\tau_0$ . ]
3. **(4pts)** Find and *sketch* the real and imaginary parts of  $H(\omega) \equiv H(s)|_{s=j\omega}$ . [First rationalize the denominator:

$$H(s)\Big|_{s=j\omega} = \frac{s^* + a}{(s + a)(s^* + a)}\Big|_{s=j\omega} = \frac{-j\omega + a}{\omega^2 + a^2}.$$

Next take the real  $\Re$  and imaginary  $\Im$  parts:

$$\Re H(\omega) = a/(a^2 + \omega^2), \quad \Im H(\omega) = -\omega/(a^2 + \omega^2).$$

The real part is constant below the cutoff (resonant) frequency  $\omega = a$ , and goes at -12 dB/oct (i.e. proportional to  $1/\omega^2$ ) above the cutoff. The imaginary part is bandpass with  $\pm 6$  dB/Oct (proportional to  $1/\omega$ ) above and below the resonance frequency. ]

4. **(1pt)** Write out the even  $h_e(t) = h(t) + h(-t)$  and odd  $h_o(t) = h(t) - h(-t)$  functions. Describe why these equations are symmetric and antisymmetric functions. [ $2h_e(t) = h(t) + h(-t) \equiv e^{-at}u(t) + e^{at}u(-t)$ , while  $2h_o(t) = h(t) - h(-t) \equiv e^{-at}u(t) - e^{at}u(-t)$ . It trivially follows that  $h(t) = h_e(t) + h_o(t)$ . ]

5. **(4pts)** Find the Fourier transforms of  $h_e(t) \leftrightarrow H_e(\omega)$  and  $h_o(t) \leftrightarrow H_o(\omega)$ . How do they relate to the real and imaginary parts of  $H(\omega)$ ?

[Since  $h(-t) \leftrightarrow H^*(\omega)$ , a symmetric time function is real in the frequency domain,

$$2h_e(t) = h(t) + h(-t) \leftrightarrow H(\omega) + H^*(\omega) = 2\Re H(\omega),$$

thus  $h_e(t) \leftrightarrow \Re H(\omega)$ . In a similar fashion, an antisymmetric time function is pure imaginary

$$h_o(t) \leftrightarrow j\Im H(\omega).$$

Again with  $a \equiv 1/\tau_0$ :

$$H_e(\omega) = \Re H(\omega) = \frac{a}{\omega^2 + a^2},$$

$$H_o(\omega) = j\Im H(\omega) = \frac{-j\omega}{\omega^2 + a^2},$$

thus

$$H(\omega) = H_e(\omega) + H_o(\omega) \leftrightarrow h(t) = h_e(t) + h_o(t).$$

The inverse Fourier transform of  $H_o(\omega)$  is zero at  $t = 0$ , which makes it very different from the inverse Laplace transform, which is not defined at  $t = 0$ . ]

6. **(4pts)** Find the Hilbert (integral) relations between  $H_r \equiv \Re H(\omega)$  (real part) and  $H_i \equiv \Im H(\omega)$  (imag part) of  $H(\omega)$ . *Hint: These integrals come from a frequency-domain convolution.*

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The derivation of the requested integrals may be found from

$$h(t) = h(t)u(t) \tag{1}$$

(note this is not always true at  $t = 0$ ) which after a FT, results in

$$H(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} H(\omega) \star \left( \pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega} \right), \tag{2}$$

which may be rewritten as

$$H(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi j\omega} \star H(\omega). \tag{3}$$

Taking the  $\Re$  and  $\Im$  parts gives

$$H_{\Re}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi\omega} \star H_{\Im}(\omega) \tag{4}$$

$$H_{\Im}(\omega) = \frac{-1}{\pi\omega} \star H_{\Re}(\omega). \tag{5}$$

The final relations are [Papoulis (1977), *Signal Analysis*, McGraw Hill, page 251]

$$H_r(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int \frac{H_i(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'} d\omega' \quad \text{and} \quad H_i(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int \frac{H_r(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'} d\omega' \tag{6}$$

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## 4 (17pts) Wave equation

### 4.1 History of the wave equation

1. (1pt) What year did d'Alembert derive his solution to the wave equation? [d'Alembert first proved this in 1747. ]
2. (1pt) What is the form of D'Alembert's solution? [ $f(t - x/c) + g(t + x/c)$  or in 3D spherical coordinates,  $f(t - r/c)/r + g(t + r/c)/r$  ]
3. (1pt) Who was the first person to calculate the speed of sound, and what was the result? [Newton did this in 1648. His formula was in error due to the dynamic stiffness of air, which is  $\gamma P_o$ . His result was too small by the factor of  $\sqrt{1.4}$ . ]

### 4.2 The Webster horn equation:

In the time domain, in 2x2 matrix form, the Webster horn equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \begin{bmatrix} p(x, t) \\ \nu(x, t) \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{\rho_o}{A(x)} \\ \frac{A(x)}{\gamma P_o} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} p(x, t) \\ \nu(x, t) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

where  $p(x, t) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}(x, \omega)$  is the pressure and  $\nu(x, t) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{V}(x, \omega)$  is the *volume velocity*.

1. (2pts) Transform the Horn equation to the frequency domain. [

$$\frac{d}{dx} \begin{bmatrix} P(x, \omega) \\ V(x, \omega) \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & Z_s(x, s) \\ Y_s(x, s) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P(x, \omega) \\ V(x, \omega) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (8)$$

Here we use the complex *Laplace frequency*  $s$  when referring to the *per-unit impedance*

$$Z_s(x, s) \equiv s \frac{\rho_o}{A(x)} = sM(x) \quad (9)$$

and *per-unit admittance*

$$Y_s(x, s) \equiv s \frac{A(x)}{\gamma P_o} = sC(x), \quad (10)$$

where  $M(x) = \rho_o/A(x)$  is the horn's *per-unit-length mass*, and  $C(x) = A(x)/\gamma P_o$  *per-unit-length compliance*, to remind ourselves that these functions must be *causal*, and except at their poles, *analytic* in  $s$ . ]

2. (4pts) Assuming a *conical horn*, having area  $A(x) = A_o(x/x_o)^2$  with  $A_o \leq 4\pi$ , rewrite Equation 1 as a second order equation solely in terms of the pressure  $\mathcal{P}(x, \omega)$  (remove  $\mathcal{V}$ ), and thereby find the frequency domain solutions  $P_{\pm}(x, s)$  for the conical horn equation.

[If we let  $P_x \equiv \partial P / \partial x$  (i.e., the partial with respect to space) then

$$P_x + \mathcal{Z}V = 0 \quad (11)$$

and

$$V_x + \mathcal{Y}P = 0. \quad (12)$$

Taking the partial wrt  $x$  of the first equation, and then using the second, gives

$$P_{xx} + \mathcal{Z}_x U + \mathcal{Z} U_x = P_{xx} - \frac{\mathcal{Z}_x}{\mathcal{Z}} P_x - \mathcal{Z} \mathcal{Y} P = 0. \quad (13)$$

Using the relation

$$\mathcal{Z}_x / \mathcal{Z} = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \mathcal{Z} = -\frac{d}{dx} \ln A(x), \quad (14)$$

with  $A = A_o(x/x_o)^2$ , we find

$$P_{xx} + \frac{2}{x} P = \frac{s^2}{c^2} P. \quad (15)$$

Just as it was important to replace real frequency  $\omega$  with the Laplace frequency  $s$ , since the roots are typically complex, using the same reasoning, we replace the “real wave number”  $k = \omega/c$  with a *complex wave number* as  $\kappa(s)$ . Only in the case of non-dispersive waves (e.g., plane waves) is  $\kappa(s) = s/c$ .

Since the wave equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} \quad (16)$$

by inspection we see that  $\omega^2/c^2 = \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{Y}$ , which results in the final formula for the speed of sound. ]

### 3. (4pts) Assuming an exponential area function

$$A(x) = A_o e^{2mx}$$

( $m$  is a positive constant, called the *horn flair parameter*), derive the exponential horn equation for the pressure.

$$\frac{\partial^2 p(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + 2m \frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 p(x, t)}{\partial t^2} \quad (17)$$

[Starting from the basic definitions with  $A(x) = A_o e^{2mx}$  along with the basic equation for a horn, explicitly write out the two equations

$$\frac{dP}{dx} + s \frac{\rho_o}{A_o} e^{-2mx} V = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dx} + s \frac{A_o e^{2mx}}{\gamma P_o} P = 0 \quad (19)$$

Next solve for the pressure (remove  $V$ ):

$$\frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} + s \frac{\rho_o}{A_o} \left( e^{-2mx} \frac{dV}{dx} + V \frac{d}{dx} e^{-2mx} \right) = 0 \quad (20)$$

or

$$\frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} + s \frac{\rho_o}{A(x)} \left( \frac{dV}{dx} - 2mV \right) = 0. \quad (21)$$

Going back to the basic equations, again removing  $V$

$$\frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} + s \frac{\rho_o}{A(x)} \left( -s \frac{A(x)}{\gamma P_o} P + 2m \frac{A(x)}{s \rho_o} \frac{dP}{dx} \right) = 0 \quad (22)$$

which simplifies to the requested result

$$\frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} + 2m \frac{dP}{dx} - s^2 \frac{\rho_o}{\gamma P_o} P = 0. \quad (23)$$

since  $-s^2 = \omega^2$  and  $\gamma P_o = \rho_o c^2$ .

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4. (4pts) In general the solution to a wave equation is of the form

$$p(x, t) = P^+(\kappa) e^{\kappa(s)x} e^{st} + P^-(\kappa) e^{-\kappa(s)x} e^{st}$$

where  $s = \sigma + j\omega$  is the Laplace frequency and  $\kappa(s)$  is the complex “wave number.”

- (a) What is  $\kappa(s)$  for the conical horn? [ $\kappa(s) = \pm s/c$ . ]
- (b) What is the significance of  $\kappa(s)$ ? [It is called the dispersion relation of the differential equation, that relates the wavelength to the frequency. ]
- (c) Why is it a function of  $s$ ? [In general the wavelength is a function of frequency. This is a generalization of the plane wave relation  $\lambda f = c$ , or  $\kappa(s) = s/c$ . ]
- (d) What is the role of  $P^\pm(\kappa, s)$ ? [These are amplitudes of the forward and reverse traveling waves, that are to be determined by applying boundary conditions to the solution. ]

## 5 (15pts) Reflectance

1. (6pts) A tube transmission line with characteristic impedance  $z_0$  and length  $L$  is terminated in a load impedance  $Z_L(s)$ .

- (a) The reflectance at any location  $x$  along the tube transmission line is

$$\Gamma(x, s) = \frac{Z(x, s) - z_0}{Z(x, s) + z_0}.$$

Starting with this formula, show that the impedance

$$Z(x, s) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{P}(x, s)}{\mathcal{V}(x, s)}.$$

*Hint: What is  $z_0$  in terms of the forward and reverse traveling waves  $\mathcal{P}^\pm$  and  $\mathcal{V}^\pm$ ? [Starting from the definition of the impedance (at any point  $x$ ),*

$$Z(x, s) = \frac{\mathcal{P}(x)}{\mathcal{V}(x)} = \frac{\mathcal{P}^+ + \mathcal{P}^-}{\mathcal{P}^+ - \mathcal{V}^-} = \frac{\mathcal{P}^+}{\mathcal{V}^+} \left( \frac{1 + \Gamma}{1 - \Gamma} \right) = z_0 \frac{1 + \Gamma}{1 - \Gamma}$$

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- (b) Find the formula for the reflectance at the load (simplify your answer, if applicable),  $\Gamma(x, s)|_{x=L} = \Gamma(L, s) = \Gamma_L(s)$  for



i.  $Z_L(s) = r$  [Nt-s/m<sup>5</sup>] [Let  $Z_L = \frac{rsM}{r+sM}$  then

$$\Gamma_L(s) = \frac{r - z_0}{r + z_0} \quad (24)$$

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ii.  $Z_L(s) = 1/sC$  [Nt-s/m<sup>5</sup>] [Let  $Z_L = \frac{rsM}{r+sM}$  then

$$\Gamma_L(s) = \frac{1/sC - z_0}{1/sC + z_0} = \frac{(1 - z_0sC)}{1 + z_0sC}. \quad (25)$$

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iii.  $Z_L(s) = r||sM$  [Nt-s/m<sup>5</sup>] [Let  $Z_L = \frac{rsM}{r+sM}$  then

$$\Gamma_L(s) = \frac{rsM - z_0(r + sM)}{rsM + z_0(r + sM)} = \frac{(r - z_0)Ms - z_0r}{(r + z_0)Ms + z_0r}. \quad (26)$$

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2. **(3pts)** For the transmission line described in the previous problem, let  $L = 1$ ,  $Z_L(s) = 1$  and  $z_0 = 2$ .

(a) Find the frequency domain reflectance  $\Gamma(0, s)$  at  $x = 0$ . [  $r(t) = ((1 - 2)/(1 + 2))e^{-j\omega 2L/c}$  ]

(b) Find the time-domain reflectance  $\gamma(0, t) \leftrightarrow \Gamma(0, s)$  at  $x = 0$ . [  $r(t) = (1 - 2)/(1 + 2)\delta(t - 2L/c) = -\delta(t - 2)/3$  ]

3. **(3pts)** Two transmission lines are in cascade, the first one having an area of 1 [cm<sup>2</sup>] and a second having an area of 2 [cm<sup>2</sup>], with lengths  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively, terminated with a resistor  $r = \rho c/A$ , where  $A = 2$  [cm<sup>2</sup>]. Find  $R(x = 0, s)$ . [Since the second line is terminated in its own impedance, it is just a resistor at its input, which makes the problem very simple. As a result

$$R(s) = \frac{1/1 - 1/2}{1/1 + 1/2} e^{-s2L_1/c} = 1/3 e^{-s2L_1/c}, \quad (27)$$

where  $L_1$  is the length of the first TL. Note that if the line were not matched at the end, the story would be very different. ]

4. **(3pts)** What is the inverse Laplace transform of

(a)  $H(s) = 1/(s + 1)$ ? Find  $h(t)$ . [  $h(t) = e^{-t}U(t)$  ]

(b)  $H(s) = s/(s + 1)$ ? [  $H(s) = 1 - 1/(s + 1) \leftrightarrow h(t) = \frac{d}{dt}e^{-t}U(t) = \delta(t) - e^{-t}U(t)$  ]

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## 6 (15pts) Model of the middle ear

As shown in the figure, the free field sound pressure, defined as  $P_0(\omega)$  acts as a source in series with the radiation resistance  $R_{rad}$ . The total radiation impedance  $Z_{rad}(s)$  is a combination of the resistance and a reactive component  $L_{rad}$ , which represents the local stored field. The two impedances are in parallel

$$Z_{rad}(s) = sL_{rad}R_{rad}/(sL_{rad} + R_{rad}) = 1/Y_{rad}(s).$$

where  $s = \sigma + j\omega$  is the Laplace complex frequency variable. The *radiation admittance for a sphere* is

$$Y_{rad} = 1/Z_{rad} = \frac{A_{rad}}{sr_c\rho_o} + \frac{A_{rad}}{\rho_o c} = \frac{1}{sL_{rad}} + \frac{1}{R_{rad}},$$

where  $r_c$  is the radius of the sphere and  $A_{rad}$  is the *effective area* of the radiation.

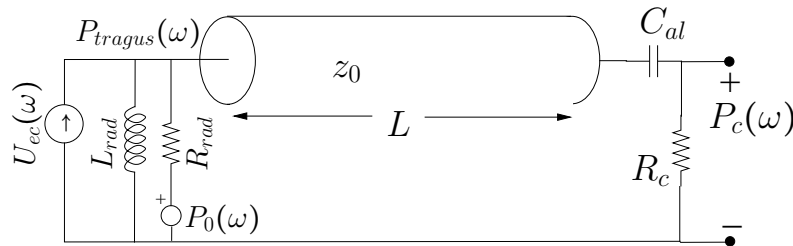


Figure 3: Model of the ear canal, terminated by the radiation impedance  $Z_{rad}(s)$  at the tragus ( $x = 0$ ), and by the eardrum and cochlea at  $x = L$ .

On the left we terminate the ear in a radiation impedance

$$Z_{rad}(s) = \frac{sL_{rad}R_{rad}}{sL_{rad} + R_{rad}}.$$

At the cochlear end we terminate the line with an impedance

$$Z_c = R_c + 1/(sC_{al}),$$

where  $R_c$  is the cochlear impedance and  $C_{al}$  is the stiffness of the annular ligament, which is the ligament that holds the stapes in the oval window. The cochlear resistance ( $R_c$ ) is assumed to be twice the characteristic impedance of the ear canal.

### To Do:

1. (4pts) Find the formula for the reflection coefficient at  $x = L$ . Sketch the magnitude  $|R(L, s)|$  as a function of frequency. *Hint: You should label any constants, or set them equal to 1 for plotting.* [In this case the load impedance is  $Z_c = R_c + 1/(sC_{al})$ , thus

$$\Gamma_L(s) = \frac{R_c + 1/(sC_{al}) - z_0}{R_c + 1/(sC_{al}) + z_0}.$$

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2. (4pts) Find the formula for the reflection coefficient at  $x = 0$  (looking out towards the radiation impedance). Sketch its magnitude as a function of frequency. [In this case the load is  $Z_{rad}$ . ]

3. **(3pts)** Consider the radiation impedance looking out the ear canal,  $Y_{rad}$ .

- (a) What is the frequency for which its real and imaginary parts are equal (in terms of  $L_{rad}$  and  $R_{rad}$ )? [

$$\frac{1}{2\pi f_0 L_{rad}} = \frac{1}{R_{rad}}.$$

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- (b) Describe the dependence of  $Y_{rad}$  on  $L_{rad}$  and  $R_{rad}$  below and above this frequency.

[ $R_{rad}$  dominates at high frequencies above  $f_0$ ,  $L_{rad}$  dominates at low frequencies below  $f_0$ . ]

4. **(4pts)** Find the formula for the input impedance  $Z(0, s)$  of the middle ear at the entrance of the ear canal, when the cochlea is “blocked” ( $Z_c = \infty$  or  $\Gamma(L, s) = 1$ )?

[When the end of the acoustic line is blocked there is a “short” across the end, namely the velocity (current) is zero. The reflectance at  $x = 0$  is a delayed version of the reflectance at the cochlea ( $x = L$ ), thus  $\Gamma(0, s) = -e^{-j\omega 2L/c}$ , which has an inverse Fourier transform of  $\gamma(0, t) = -\delta(t - 2L/c)$ . Make sure you understand why this is! Do you understand where the delay is coming from?

It follows that the impedance is

$$Z(0, s) = z_0 \frac{1 + \Gamma(0, s)}{1 - \Gamma(0, s)} = z_0 \frac{1 + e^{-s2L/c}}{1 - e^{-s2L/c}}.$$

A little algebra and we find

$$Z(0, s) = jz_0 \frac{\cos(sL/c)}{\sin(sL/c)} = j \frac{\rho_0 c}{A} \cot(\omega L/c) = z_0 \coth(sL/c).$$

This may be written in the time domain by a Taylor series, and it is a train of impulses spaced  $2L/c$  apart. In other words,  $\Gamma(0, s) \leftrightarrow \gamma(x = 0, t) = \delta(t - 2L/c)$  is the same as impedance  $Z(\omega) = -j \frac{\rho_0 c}{A} \cot(\omega L/c)$ . ]