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# 1 Problems NS1

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**Topic of this homework:** Fundamental theorem of algebra, polynomials, analytic functions and their inverse, convolution, Newton's root finding method, Riemann zeta function.

Deliverable: Answers to problems

Note: The term 'analytic' is used in two different ways. (1) An analytic function is a function that may be expressed as a locally convergent power series; (2) analytic geometry refers to geometry using a coordinate system.

**Problem # 1:** A two-port network application for the Laplace transform

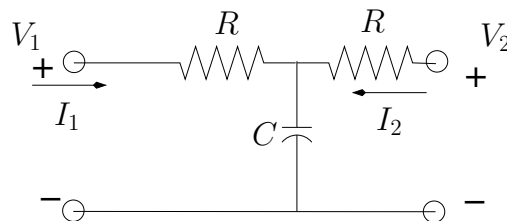


Figure 1: This three-element electrical circuit is a system that acts to low-pass filter the signal voltage  $V_1(\omega)$ , to produce signal  $V_2(\omega)$ . It is convenient to define the dimensionless ratio  $s/s_c = RCs$  in terms of a time constant  $\tau = RC$  and cutoff frequency  $s_c = 1/\tau$ .

– 1.1: Find the  $2 \times 2$  ABCD matrix representation of Fig. 1. Express the results in terms of the dimensionless ratio  $s/s_c$  where  $s_c = 1/\tau$  is the cutoff frequency and  $\tau = RC$  is the time constant.

– 1.2: Find the eigenvalues of the  $2 \times 2$  ABCD matrix.

– 1.3: Assuming that  $I_2 = 0$ , find the transfer function  $H(s) \equiv V_2/V_1$ . From the results of the ABCD matrix you determined above, show that

$$H(s) = \frac{s_c}{s + s_c}. \quad (\text{NS-1.1})$$

– 1.4: The transfer function  $H(s)$  has one pole. Where is the pole and residue?

– 1.5: Find  $h(t)$ , the inverse Laplace transform of  $H(s)$ .

– 1.6: Assuming that  $V_2 = 0$  find  $Y_{12}(s) \equiv I_2/V_1$ .

– 1.7: Find the input impedance to the right-hand side of the system,  $Z_{22}(s) \equiv V_2/I_2$  for two cases:

1.  $I_1 = 0$

2.  $V_1 = 0$

– 1.8: Compute the determinant of the ABCD matrix. Hint: It is always  $\pm 1$ .

– 1.9: Given the result of the previous problem Eq. NS-1.1, compute the derivative of  $H(s) = \frac{V_2}{V_1} \Big|_{I_2=0}$ .

**Problem # 2: Train-mission-line** We wish to model the dynamics of a freight-train having  $N$  such cars, and study the velocity transfer function under various load conditions.

As shown in Fig. 2, the train model consists of masses connected by springs.

**Physical description:**

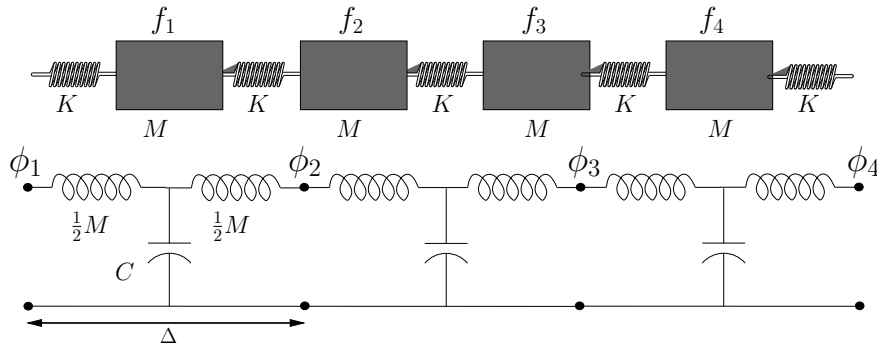


Figure 2: Depiction of a train consisting of cars, treated as a mass  $M$  and linkages, treated as springs of stiffness  $K$  or compliance  $C = 1/K$ . Below it is the electrical equivalent circuit, for comparison. The mass is modeled as an inductor and the springs as capacitors to ground. The velocity is analogous to a current and the force  $f_n(t)$  to the voltage  $\phi_n(t)$ . The length of each cell is  $\Delta$  [m]. The train may be accurately modeled as a transmission line (TL), since the equivalent electrical circuit is a lumped model of a TL.

Use the ABCD method to find the matrix representation of the system of Fig. 2. Define the force on the  $n$ th train car  $f_n(t) \leftrightarrow F_n(\omega)$ , and velocity  $v_n(t) \leftrightarrow V_n(\omega)$ .

Break the model into cells consisting of three elements: a series inductor representing half the mass ( $M/2$ ), a shunt capacitor representing the spring ( $C = 1/K$ ), and another series inductor representing half the mass ( $L = M/2$ ), transforming the model into a cascade of symmetric ( $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{D}$ ) identical cell matrix  $\mathcal{T}(s)$ .

– 2.1: Find the elements of the ABCD matrix  $\mathcal{T}$  for the single cell that relate the input node 1 to output node 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} F \\ V \end{bmatrix}_1 = \mathcal{T} \begin{bmatrix} F(\omega) \\ -V(\omega) \end{bmatrix}_2. \quad (\text{NS-1.2})$$

– 2.2: Express each element of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  in terms of the complex Nyquist ratio  $s/s_c < 1$  ( $s = 2\pi j f$ ,  $s_c = 2\pi j f_c$ ). The Nyquist sampling cutoff frequency  $f_c$  is defined in terms the minimum number of cells (i.e., 2) of length  $\Delta$  per wavelength:

The Nyquist sampling theorem says that there are at least two cars per wavelength (more than two time samples at the highest frequency). From the figure, the distance between cars  $\Delta = c_o T_o$  [m] where

$$c_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{MC}}. \quad [\text{m/s}]$$

The cutoff frequency obeys  $f_c \lambda_c = c_o$  where the Nyquist wavelength is  $\lambda_c = 2\Delta$ . Therefore the Nyquist sampling condition is

$$\omega < \omega_c = 2\pi f_c \equiv \frac{2\pi c_o}{\lambda_c} = \frac{2\pi c_o}{2\Delta} = \frac{\pi}{\Delta\sqrt{MC}}. \quad [\text{Hz}] \quad (\text{NS-1.3})$$

– 2.3: Use the property of the Nyquist sampling frequency  $f < f_c$  (Eq. NS-1.3) to remove higher order powers of frequency

$$1 + \left(\frac{s}{s_c}\right)^2 \approx 1 \quad (\text{NS-1.4})$$

to determine a band-limited approximation of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$ .

### Problem # 3

Now consider the cascade of  $N$  such  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  matrices, and perform an eigen-analysis.

– 3.1: Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$ , as functions of  $s/s_c$ .

### Problem # 4

Finally, find the velocity transfer function:

– 4.1: Assuming that  $N = 2$  and that  $F_2 = 0$  (two half-mass problem), find the transfer function  $H(s) \equiv V_2/V_1$ . From the results of the  $\mathcal{T}$  matrix, find

$$H_{21}(s) = \left. \frac{V_2}{V_1} \right|_{F_2=0}$$

Express  $H_{12}$  in terms of a residue expansion.

– 4.2: Find  $h_{21}(t) \leftrightarrow H_{21}(s)$ .

– 4.3: What is the input impedance  $Z_1 = F_1/V_1$ , assuming  $F_2 = -r_0 V_2$ ?

– 4.4: Simplify the expression for  $Z_2$  assuming:

1. Assuming the characteristic impedance  $r_o = \sqrt{M/C}$
2. terminate the system in  $r_o$ :  $F_2 = -r_0 V_2$  (i.e.,  $-V_2$  cancels)
3. Assume higher order frequency terms are less than 1 ( $|s/s_c| < 1$ )
4. Let the number of cells  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $|s/s_c|^N = 0$ .

When a transmission line is terminated in its characteristic impedance  $r_o$ , the input impedance  $Z_1(s) = r_o$ . Thus when we simplify the expression for  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  it should be equal to  $r_o$ . Show that this is true for this setup.

– 4.5: State the ABCD matrix relationship between the first and  $N$ th node in terms of the cell matrix. Write out the transfer function for one cell:  $H_{21}$ ?

– 4.6: What is the velocity transfer function  $H_{N1} = \frac{V_N}{V_1}$ ?

## System Classification

**Problem # 5:** Answer the following system classification questions about physical systems, in terms of the system postulates.

– 5.1: Provide a brief definition of the following properties: L/NL : linear(L)/nonlinear(NL):

TI/TV : time-invariant(TI)/time varying(TV):

P/A : passive(P)/active(A):

C/NC : causal(C)/non-causal(NC):

Re/Clx : real(Re)/complex(Clx):

– 5.2: Along the rows of the table, classify the following systems: In terms of a table having 5 columns, labeled with the abbreviations: L/NL, TI/TV, P/A, C/NC, Re/Clx:

#	Case:	Definition	L/NL	TI/TV	P/A	C/NC	Re/Clx
1	Resistor	$v(t) = r_0 i(t)$					
2	Inductor	$v(t) = L \frac{di}{dt}$					
3	Switch	$v(t) \equiv \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq 0 \\ v_0 & t > 0. \end{cases}$					
5	Transistor	$I_{out} = g_m(V_{in})$					
7	Resistor	$v(t) = r_0 i(t + 3)$					
8	modulator	$f(t) = e^{i2\pi t} g(t)$					

– 5.3: Using the same classification scheme, characterize the following equations:

#	Case:	L/NL	TI/TV	P/A	C/NC	Re/Clx
1	$A(x) \frac{d^2 y(t)}{dt^2} + D(t)y(x, t) = 0$					
2	$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \sqrt{t} y(t) = \sin(t)$					
3	$y^2(t) + y(t) = \sin(t)$					
4	$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} + xy(t + 1) + x^2 y = 0$					
5	$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + (t - 1) y^2(t) = ie^t$					