# MAE40 - Linear Circuits - Winter 20 Final Exam

## Instructions

- (i) Prior to the exam, you must have completed the Academic Integrity Pledge at https://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu/forms/form-pledge.html
- (ii) The exam is open book. You may use your class notes and textbook.
- (iii) Collaboration is not permitted. The answers you provide should be the result only of your own work
- (iv) On the questions for which the answers are given, please provide detailed derivations
- (v) The exam has 5 questions for a total of 50 points and 5 bonus points

#### Good luck!



Figure 1: Circuit for Question 1.

## 1. Equivalent Circuits

Here,  $v_i$  is a constant voltage source and a is a positive constant.

- **Part I:** [2 points] Assuming  $i_L(0) = 2A$ , transform the circuit in Figure 1 into the s-domain, using a voltage source to account for the initial condition of the inductor.
- **Part II:** [3 points] For the circuit you obtained in Part I, find the open-circuit voltage transform as seen from terminals (A)-(B). The answer should be given as a ratio of two polynomials.
- **Part III:** [3 points] For the circuit you obtained in Part I, find the short-circuit current transform as seen from terminals (A)-(B). The answer should be given as a ratio of two polynomials.
- **Part IV:** [2 points] For the circuit you obtained in Part I, find the Thévenin equivalent in the *s*-domain as seen from terminals  $(\widehat{A})$ - $(\widehat{B})$  (the impedance should be given as a ratio of two polynomials).
- **Part V:** [Extra 2 points] Break down the open-circuit voltage transform you obtained in Part II as the sum of the zero-state and zero-input response transforms. Do the same as the sum of the forced and natural response transforms.



Figure 2: Nodal and Mesh Analysis Circuit for Question 2. *a* is a positive constant.

## 2. Nodal and Mesh Analysis on the s-domain

- **Part I:** [5 points] Convert the circuit in Figure 2 to the *s*-domain and formulate its node-voltage equations. Use the reference node and other labels as shown in the figure. *Do not assume zero initial conditions*. Make sure your final answer has the *same* number of independent equations as unknown variables (notice the presence of the dependent source). No need to solve any equations!
- **Part II:** [5 points] Convert the circuit in Figure 2 to the s-domain and formulate its mesh-current equations. Use the mesh currents shown in the figure. *Do not assume zero initial conditions*. Make sure your final answer has the *same* number of independent equations as unknown variables (notice the presence of the dependent source). No need to solve any equations!
- **Part III:** [Extra 2 points] Express the capacitor's voltage transform  $V_C(s)$  in terms of the node voltages. Do the same in terms of the mesh currents.



Figure 3: RCL circuit for Laplace Analysis for Question 3.

### 3. Laplace Domain Circuit Analysis

**Part I:** [2 points] Consider the circuit depicted in Figure 3. The value  $i_a$  of the current source is constant. The switch is kept in position **A** for a very long time. At t = 0, it is moved to position **B**. Show that the initial condition for the capacitor is given by

$$v_C(0^-) = -2Ri_a.$$

[Show your work]

- **Part II:** [5 points] Use this initial condition to transform the circuit into the s-domain for  $t \ge 0$ . Use an equivalent model for the capacitor in which the initial condition appears as a voltage source. Use nodal analysis to express the output response transform  $V_o(s)$  as a function of  $V_i(s)$  and  $i_a$ .
- **Part III:** [3 points] Use partial fractions and inverse Laplace transforms to show that the output voltage  $v_o(t)$  when  $i_a = 1 \text{ A}$ ,  $v_i(t) = te^{-t}u(t) V$ , C = 1 mF, and  $R = 1 K\Omega$  is

$$v_o(t) = \left(4e^{-t} - te^{-t} - 8000\,\delta(t)\right)u(t).$$

**Part IV:** [Extra 1 point] In Part II we have used nodal analysis, yet the statement asks us to use a voltage source to represent the initial condition. Generally, is this what we would do? Why? Can you explain why the statement asked us to do it?



Figure 4: Frequency Response Analysis for Question 4.

# 4. Frequency Response Analysis

**Part I:** [1 point] Assuming zero initial conditions, transform the circuit in Figure 4 into the s-domain. **Part II:** [3 points] Show that the transfer function from  $V_i(s)$  to  $V_o(s)$  is given by

$$T(s) = \frac{V_o(s)}{V_i(s)} = \frac{2L^2s^2}{L^2s^2 + LRs + R^2}$$

[Show your work]

**Part III** [5 points] Let  $R = 1 \Omega$  and L = 100 mH. Show that with these values, the transfer function takes the form

$$T(s) = \frac{2s^2}{s^2 + 10s + 100}$$

Compute the gain and phase functions of T(s). What are the DC gain and the  $\infty$ -freq gain? What are the corresponding values of the phase function? What is the cut-off frequency? Sketch plots for the gain and phase functions. What type of filter is this one? [Explain your answer]

**Part IV** [1 point] Using what you know about frequency response, compute the steady-state response  $v_o^{SS}(t)$  of this circuit when  $v_i(t) = \cos(5t + \frac{\pi}{2})$  using the same values of R and L as in Part III.

# 5. OpAmp Design

Consider the following transfer function

$$T(s) = \frac{1+10s}{1000s^2 + 10s}$$

- **Part I:** [4 points] Design a circuit as the series connection of two stages, each with 1 OpAmp, that implements T(s). You can also use  $10\Omega$  and  $100\Omega$ -resistors, and 1F-capacitors, but not inductors. Be sure to properly justify why the overall transfer function of your design is the product of the individual transfer function of each stage.
- **Part II:** [4 points] Design a circuit as the series connection of two stages, one with 1 OpAmp and the other without, that implements T(s). You can also use  $10\Omega$  and  $100\Omega$ -resistors, and 1F-capacitors, but not inductors. Be sure to properly justify why the overall transfer function of your design is the product of the individual transfer function of each stage.
- **Part III:** [2 points] Would the order in which you interconnect the two stages in Part I affect the resulting transfer function? How about in Part II?