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SCIENCE (TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY)

SPH 310: SIGNAL PROCESSING

DATE: Thursday, 24th November, 2011

TIME: 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

You may use:

- Q1. (a) (i) What is meant by recursive discrete time processor? (1 mark)
- (ii) Sketch the block diagram of a processor described by
 $y[n] = x[n] + x[n-1] + x[n-2] + \dots$ (3 marks)
- (b) (i) What is meant by convolution sum in discrete time systems? (1 mark)
- (ii) The input sequence $x[n] = 4, 1, 3, 5, 0, 0, 0, \dots$ is applied to a discrete-time processor with the unit impulse response $h[n] = 2, 5, 1, 1, 0, \dots$. What is the output sequence? (3 marks)
- (c) (i) What is the importance of Fourier Transform. (1 mark)
- (ii) An exponential decaying pulse is given
 $h(t) = e^{-\alpha t}$ for $t > 0$
 $= 0$ for $t < 0$. Find the frequency response. (3 marks)
- (d) (i) What is meant by amplitude modulation? (1 mark)
- (ii) A multi-tone message signal has amplitudes 3, 5 and 8 V. If it modulates a carrier of amplitude 10 V find the overall modulation.

(3 marks)

- (e) (i) What is meant by frequency modulation? (1 mark)
- (ii) What is the band width required for an FM wave signal in which the modulating frequency signal is 2 kHz and the maximum frequency deviation is 12 kHz? (3 marks)
- (f) (i) What is the advantage of SSB modulation over DSB-OAM? (1 mark)
- (ii) Sketch the circuit for generating an SSB signal. (3 marks)
- (g) (i) What is the main advantage of digital over analogue signals. (1 mark)
- (ii) An AM transmitter is coupled to an antenna. With no modulation the input current is 10.8 A. With modulation, the current rises to 12.15 A. Find the modulation depth. (3 marks)
- (h) Show that an ordinary AM signal with a large carrier can be demodulated by squaring it and then passing the resulting signal through a low-pass filter. (2 marks)
- Q2. (a) Show that the NBFM is equivalent to DSB-AM with a phase shift of π in the lower sideband. Assume cosinusoidal message and carrier signals. (7 marks)
- (b) Draw a circuit diagram for FM modulation, explaining the function of the major sections. (7 marks)
- (c) In an aerial current before modulation is 10 A. After modulation it rises to 11.6 A. Determine the
- (i) modulation index (3 marks)
- (ii) power after modulation if the carrier power is 10 kW. (3 marks)
- Q3. (a) An FM wave is represented by the voltage equation $x(t) = 10\sin(8 \times 10^6 t + 6\sin 3 \times 10^4 t)$ calculate the
- (i) modulating frequency. (2 marks)
- (ii) carrier frequency (2 marks)
- (iii) modulation index (2 marks)
- (iv) frequency deviation (2 marks)
- (v) power dissipated in an 8Ω load (2 marks)
- (b) The output voltage of a transmitter is given by

$$v(t) = 500(1+0.4\sin 3140t)\sin 6.28 \times 10^7 t.$$

This voltage is fed to a load of 600Ω resistance. Determine the

- (i) carrier frequency (2 marks)
- (ii) modulating frequency (2 marks)
- (iii) carrier power (2 marks)
- (iv) mean power output (2 marks)
- (v) peak power output (2 marks)

- Q4. (a) For a compressor with $\mu = 255$ determine the
- (i) voltage gain for the relative values $V_{in} : V_{max}$ where $0.75V_{max}$, $0.5 V_{max}$, $0.25 V_{max}$ (3 marks)
 - (ii) compressed output voltage for a maximum input voltage of 4 V. (3 marks)
 - (iii) input-output dynamic range (3 marks)
 - (iv) input-output compression (2 marks)
- (b) Show that the Fourier transform of
- (i) $x(t-\tau)$ is $X(i\omega)e^{-i\omega\tau}$. (3 marks)
 - (ii) $\delta(t-\tau)$ is $e^{-i\omega\tau}$. (3 marks)
 - (iii) $\delta(t) + 2\delta(t-\tau) + \delta(t-2\tau)$ is $2(1 + \cos\omega\tau)$ (3 marks)
- Q5. (a) An A-law expander has $A = 87.6$. If $m_p = 20$ V and 256 quantizing levels are employed, what is the
- (i) smallest effective separation between levels (5 marks)
 - (ii) largest effective separation between levels (5 marks)
- (b) A system has 128 characters which are binary-coded. If it generates 100000 characters per second, determine the
- (i) number of bits per character (3 marks)
 - (ii) bit rate (3 marks)
- (c) A pulse modeled as the weighted sample response $2\delta(t)$, is applied to a system and produces an output $y(t) = 6e^{-2t} - 4e^{-3t}$. What is the frequency response of the system. (4 marks)

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