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**Problem Set 10**

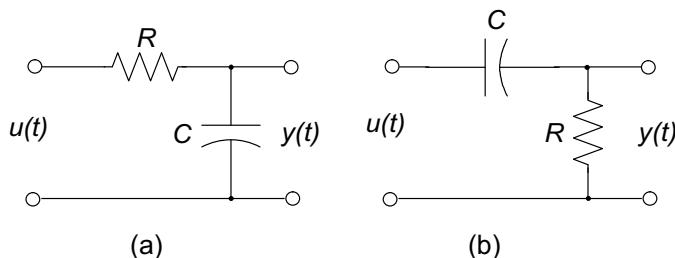
Assigned: May 2, 2008

Due: May 9, 2008

**Reading:**

- Nise Secs. 10.1, 10.2
- Class Handout: Sinusoidal Frequency Response of Linear Systems

**Problem 1:** In the processing of audio signals, it is often desired to amplify or attenuate signals in a given frequency range (bass and/or treble boost/cut). Two electrical circuits are shown below are identified as either low-pass (transmitting low frequency signals while attenuating high frequencies), or high-pass (transmitting high frequency signals and attenuating low frequencies).

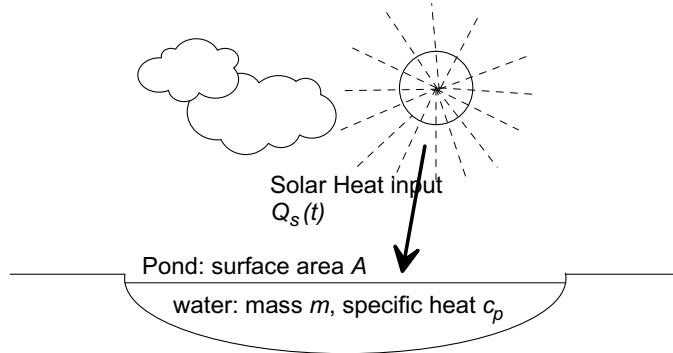


- (a) Derive the transfer functions between the input and output voltages for each circuit.
- (b) Plot the pole-zero plots for each circuit.
- (c) Sketch the amplitude and phase of the frequency response functions for the circuits when  $R = 10,000 \Omega$ , and  $C = 1 \mu\text{F}$ .
- (d) Identify which circuit is low-pass and which is high-pass?

**Problem 2:** The solar pond shown below is used to store energy in the form of hot water. Assume that the system input is  $Q_s(t)$ , the solar heat input and that the output is the pond temperature  $T$ . Measurements and analysis have shown that it is reasonable to model the pond as a first order system with the transfer function:

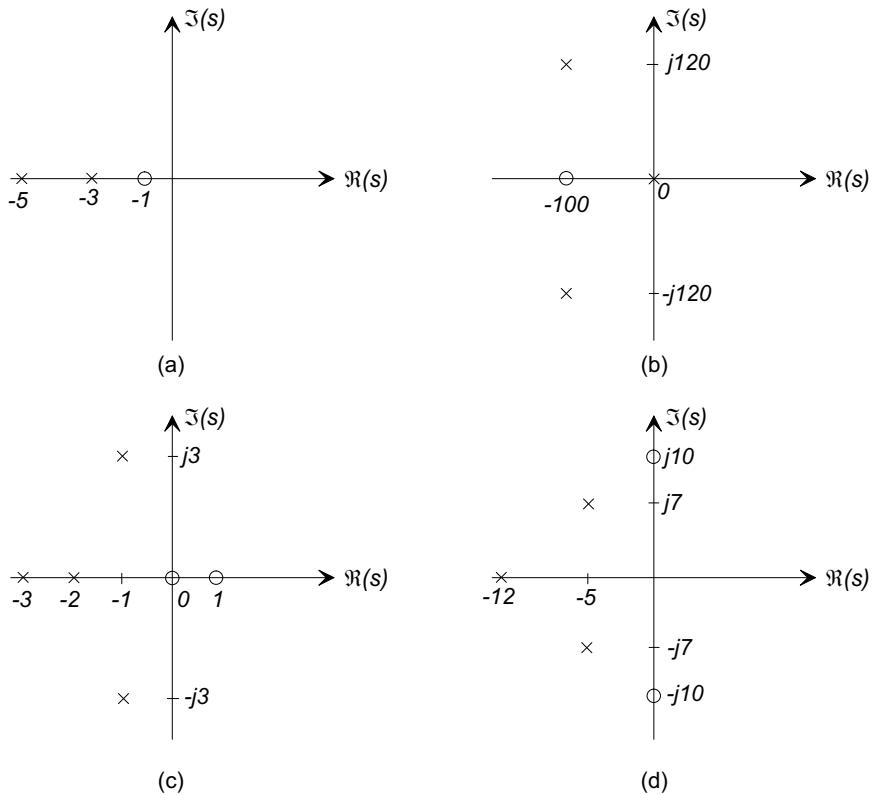
$$H(s) = \frac{T(s)}{Q_s(s)} = \frac{1/(mc_p)}{s + (hA/(mc_p))}$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the water,  $c_p$  is the specific heat,  $A$  is the surface area of the pond and  $h$  is the heat transfer coefficient.



- (a) Use the transfer function to write a differential equation relating the pond temperature to the solar input.
- (b) If the solar heat flow is a constant, that is  $Q_s(t) = Q_o$ , find the steady-state temperature that the pond will reach in terms of system parameters.
- (c) Determine the magnitude and phase of the system frequency response.
- (d) Now assume that the solar flux undergoes annual seasonal variations about a mean value that is  $Q_s(t) = Q_o \sin(\omega t - \pi/2) + Q_{avg}$  where  $\omega = 2\pi/365$  rad/day, and the phase shift of  $-\pi/2$  ensures maximum solar flux in the summer. What is the annual fluctuation, maximum to minimum of the pond temperature?
- (e) What day of the year does the pond reach its maximum temperature?

**Problem 3:** Four systems have the pole-zero plots shown below.



For each system determine from the pole-zero plot

- (a) the slope of the high frequency magnitude asymptote,
- (b) the asymptotic high frequency phase response,
- (c) the low frequency asymptotic magnitude behavior, and
- (d) the low frequency phase shift.

**Problem 4:** A *non-minimum phase* linear system is defined as one with one or more zeros in the right-half of the s-plane.

- (a) Does a non-minimum phase zero affect system stability?
- (b) Construct pole-zero plots and Bode plots for the following two systems:

$$H_1(s) = \frac{s+a}{s+b}, \quad H_2(s) = -\frac{s-a}{s+b}$$

- (c) By comparing the magnitude and phase plots for the two systems, determine the effect of having a zero in the right half s-plane rather than the left s-plane. Comment on the terminology “non-minimum phase”.
- (d) Use MATLAB to plot the step-response (on the same plot) of the two systems

$$H_1(s) = \frac{s+3}{s+1}, \quad H_2(s) = -\frac{s-3}{s+1}$$

Comment on the initial response (for small  $t$ ), and the final value.

- (d) Consider a system with transfer function  $H_2(s)$ , with  $b = a$ . Compute the magnitude and phase responses, and discuss why this might be called an *all-pass filter*.

**Problem 5:** Back to the lab project (for the final time :-)).

The actions of a tuned-mass damper can be understood from its effect on the frequency response of the damped and undamped systems. In Problem Set 7, Prob. 1 you were given the transfer function for the undamped building velocity  $v_{m_1}$  in response to the wind force, and asked to develop the same transfer function for the passively damped building. (See the published solution or the Lab Handout for the transfer functions.)

- (a) With the values of the parameters you found in the lab, use MATLAB to make Bode magnitude and phase plots of the frequency response of the undamped and damped buildings.
- (b) Use MATLAB to plot a pole/zero plot of both systems.
- (c) Explain the characteristics (asymptotic behavior, resonant peaks, etc) of the magnitude and phase plots in terms of the poles and zeros.

- (d) Comment on how you would interpret the results to infer the degree of building sway reduction by the passive damper.
- (e) From the magnitude plot estimate the factor by which the building sway has been reduced by the addition of the passive components.