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Final Exam

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Course: EE 313 Evans

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **Set ,** **Solution**  
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- The exam is scheduled to last three hours.
- Open books and open notes. You may refer to your homework assignments and homework solution sets.
- **Power off all cell phones**
- You may use any standalone calculator or other computing system, i.e. one that is not connected to a network.
- Please do not wear hats or headphones during the exam.
- All work should be performed on the exam itself. If more space is needed, then use the backs of the pages.
- **Fully justify your answers unless instructed otherwise.**

Problem	Point Value	Your score	Topic
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7	12		Convolution
8	12		Averaging Filters
9	12		Stability
Total	100		

**Problem 1. Continuous-Time Fourier Transform. 8 points.**

The continuous-time Fourier transform transforms a continuous-time function  $x(t)$  into a function  $X(\omega)$  of a real-variable  $\omega$  as follows:

$$X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

- (a) Using only the continuous-time Fourier transform definition above, find the Fourier transform of the continuous-time impulse  $\delta(t)$ . 4 points.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt = e^{-j\omega(0)} = 1$$

due to the sifting (sampling) property of the Dirac delta  $\delta(t)$ .

- (b) Using only the continuous-time Fourier transform definition above, find the Fourier transform of a causal exponential signal  $\exp(-t/\tau) u(t)$  where  $\tau$  is the time constant in units of seconds where  $\tau > 0$  and  $u(t)$  is the unit step function. 4 points.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} u(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\frac{1}{\tau} + j\omega)t} dt$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\frac{1}{\tau} + j\omega} e^{-(\frac{1}{\tau} + j\omega)t} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \underbrace{\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{\tau} + j\omega} e^{-(\frac{1}{\tau} + j\omega)t}}_{\text{goes to zero as } t \rightarrow \infty} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\tau} + j\omega}$$

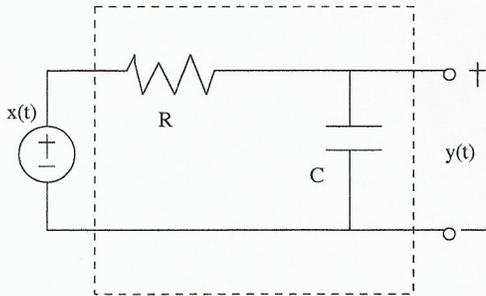
because  $\tau > 0$  and

$e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$e^{j\omega t}$  oscillates as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Problem 2. Continuous-Time Frequency Response. 12 points.**

Consider the following analog continuous-time circuit with input  $x(t)$  and output  $y(t)$ :



From Midterm #2, Problem 2,

$$H(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{RC}}{s + \frac{1}{RC}} \text{ for } \operatorname{Re}\{s\} > -\frac{1}{RC}$$

Also,  $\tau = RC$

Analyze the circuit for  $t > 0^-$  given that the initial voltage across the capacitor is 0 V.

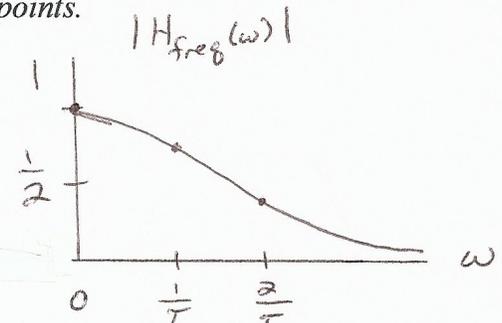
(a) Give a formula for the frequency response of the circuit. 3 points.

Because the region of convergence for  $H(s)$  includes the imaginary axis,

$$H_{\text{freq}}(\omega) = H(s) \Big|_{s=j\omega} = \frac{\frac{1}{RC}}{j\omega + \frac{1}{RC}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau}}{j\omega + \frac{1}{\tau}}$$

(b) Plot the magnitude of the frequency response of the circuit. 3 points.

$\omega$	$ H_{\text{freq}}(\omega) $
0	1
$\frac{1}{\tau}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.707$
$\frac{2}{\tau}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \approx 0.447$



(c) What is the frequency selectivity of the circuit? Lowpass, highpass, bandpass, bandstop, allpass or notch. Why? 3 points.

Lowpass. Low frequencies pass through and high frequencies are attenuated.

(d) What is the bandwidth of the circuit? 3 points.

#1 Cutoff frequency =  $\frac{1}{\tau}$ .

#2 Magnitude response falls below an arbitrary threshold of 0.2 at  $\omega = \frac{5}{\tau}$ .

**Problem 3. Discrete-Time Signals. 8 points.**

The unilateral z-transform transforms a discrete-time function  $x[n]$  into a function  $X[z]$  of a complex-variable  $z$  as follows:

$$X[z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n}$$

The discrete-time Fourier transform transforms a discrete-time function  $x[n]$  into a function  $X_{freq}(\omega)$  of a real-variable  $\omega$  as follows

$$X_{freq}(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n}$$

Sometimes, the z-transform can be used to compute the discrete-time Fourier transform.

- (a) Use the z-transform (definition, lookup tables, etc.) and appropriate additional work to find the discrete-time Fourier transform of the discrete-time impulse  $\delta[n]$ . 4 points.

$$X[z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \delta[n] = 1 \text{ for all } z$$

Because the region of convergence includes the unit circle,

$$X_{freq}(\omega) = X[z] \Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = 1$$

- (b) Use the z-transform (definition, lookup tables, etc.) and appropriate additional work to find the discrete-time Fourier transform of a causal exponential signal  $a^n u[n]$  where  $a$  is a complex-valued constant and  $|a| < 1$ . 4 points.

$$X[z] = \mathcal{Z}\{a^n u[n]\} = \frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}} \text{ for } |z| > |a|$$

Since  $|a| < 1$ , the region of convergence includes the unit circle, and

$$X_{freq}(\omega) = X[z] \Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = \frac{1}{1 - ae^{-j\omega}}$$

**Problem 4. Discrete-Time Systems. 12 points.**

Consider a causal discrete-time linear time-invariant system with input  $x[n]$  and output  $y[n]$  being governed by the following difference equation

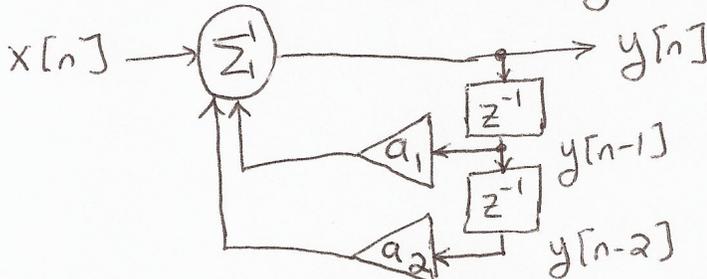
$$y[n] = (2r \cos \omega_0) y[n-1] - r^2 y[n-2] + x[n]$$

where  $r$  is a real number  $0 < r < 1$ .

Let  $a_1 = 2r \cos \omega_0$  and  $a_2 = -r^2$ .

(a) Draw a block diagram for the difference equation. 3 points.

Assume that we have  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$ :



(b) Please state all initial conditions. Please give values for the initial conditions to satisfy the stated system properties. 3 points.

$$\text{Let } n=0: y[0] = a_1 y[-1] + a_2 y[-2] + x[0]$$

$$n=1: y[1] = a_1 y[0] + a_2 y[-1] + x[1]$$

$$n=2: y[2] = a_1 y[1] + a_2 y[0] + x[2]$$

Initial conditions and their values to satisfy LTI properties:

$$y[-1] = 0 \text{ and } y[-2] = 0$$

(c) Find the equation for the transfer function  $H[z]$  in the  $z$ -domain, including the region of convergence. 3 points.

$$Y[z] = a_1 z^{-1} Y[z] + a_2 z^{-2} Y[z] + X[z]$$

$$(1 - a_1 z^{-1} - a_2 z^{-2}) Y[z] = X[z]$$

$$H[z] = \frac{Y[z]}{X[z]} = \frac{1}{1 - a_1 z^{-1} - a_2 z^{-2}} \text{ for } |z| > r$$

(d) Find a formula for the frequency response for the system. 3 points.

Since the region of convergence includes the unit circle, because  $0 < r < 1$ ,

Poles are at  $re^{j\omega_0}$  and  $re^{-j\omega_0}$  from Problem 5

$$\sum_{\text{freq}} (\omega) = \underline{X[z]} \Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = \frac{1}{1 - a_1 e^{-j\omega} - a_2 e^{-j2\omega}}$$

**Problem 5. Discrete-Time Filter Design. 12 points.**

We are going to design parameters for the system in Problem 4.

The system is a causal discrete-time linear time-invariant system with input  $x[n]$  and output  $y[n]$  being governed by the following difference equation

$$y[n] = (2r \cos \omega_0) y[n-1] - r^2 y[n-2] + x[n]$$

where  $r$  is a real number  $0 < r < 1$ . The poles are located at  $z = r \exp(j \omega_0)$  and  $z = r \exp(-j \omega_0)$ .

The signal  $x[n]$  results from sampling a continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  at a sampling rate of  $f_s$ .

The filter should pass the continuous-time frequency  $f_0$  in Hz and attenuate as many of the other frequencies as possible.

(a) What are all of the possible values of  $f_0$ ? 3 points.

From the sampling theorem,  $f_s > 2 f_0 \Rightarrow f_0 < \frac{1}{2} f_s$

(b) Determine the value of  $\omega_0$ . 3 points.

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi \frac{f_0}{f_s}$$

(c) Determine the value of  $r$  where  $0 < r < 1$ . 3 points.

Poles closer to the unit circle, but still inside the unit circle, give a stronger passband response.  $r = 0.95$

(d) If  $r = 1$ , give a formula for the output  $y[n]$  if  $x[n] = \delta[n]$ . 3 points.

$$y[n] = (2r \cos \omega_0) y[n-1] - r^2 y[n-2] + \delta[n]$$

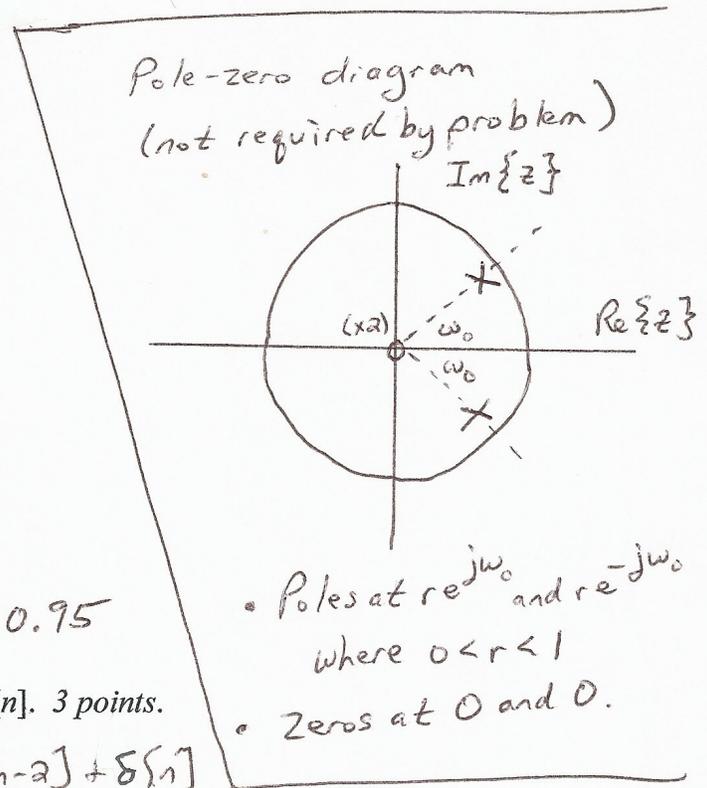
From Problem 4,

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - (2 \cos \omega_0) z^{-1} + z^{-2}} \quad \text{for } |z| > 1$$

$$H(z) = \frac{z^{-1}}{\sin \omega_0} \cdot \frac{z \sin \omega_0}{z^2 - (2 \cos \omega_0) z + 1}$$

$$h[n] = \frac{1}{\sin \omega_0} \sin(\omega_0(n-1)) u[n-1]$$

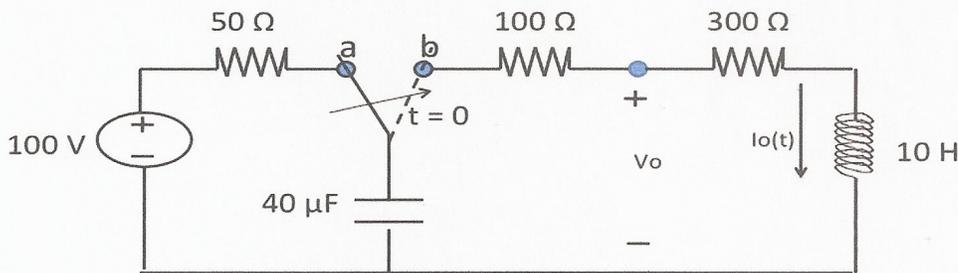
using entry 11 b in Lathi Table 5.1 on page 498.



**Problem 6. Circuit Analysis. 12 points.**

The switch in the circuit below has been in position 'a' for a long time.

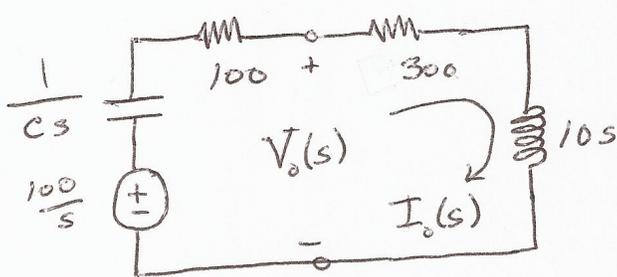
At  $t=0$ , the switch is moved to position 'b'.



Determine  $v_o(t)$  by taking the Laplace transform of the circuit, and then solving for the time-domain expression.

Because the switch was in position 'a' for a long time, and the voltage source is a constant 100V, the voltage across the capacitor will be 100V when the switch is moved to position 'b'. The initial current across the capacitor will be zero.

The Laplace transform of the circuit is shown below:



$$Z(s) = \frac{1}{Cs} + 400 + Ls$$

$$Z(s) = \frac{25000}{s} + 400 + 10s$$

$$V_o(s) = \frac{300 + 10s}{\frac{25000}{s} + 400 + 10s} V(s)$$

$$C = 40 \mu F; \quad \frac{1}{C} = 25000$$

$$V(s) = \frac{100}{s}; \quad \text{Voltage Divider;}$$

$$V_o(s) = \frac{300 + 10s}{25000 + 400s + 10s^2} \cdot 100$$

Using Lathi, Table 4.1, entry 10c, p. 344

$$\leftarrow V_o(s) = \frac{3000 + 100s}{2500 + 40s + s^2}$$

$$A = 100, \quad B = 3000, \quad a = 20, \quad c = 2500,$$

$$\frac{As + B}{s^2 + 2as + c} \quad \text{where}$$

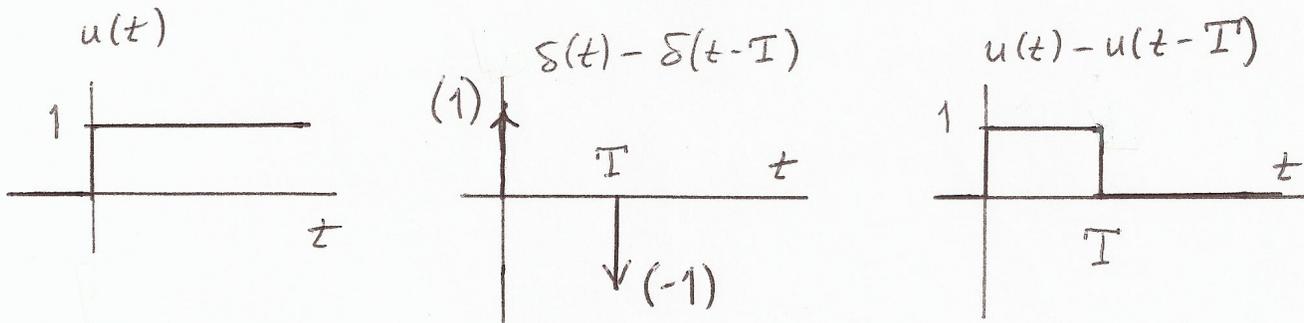
$$V_o(t) = 102.35 e^{-20t} \cos(45.8t - 12.31^\circ) u(t)$$

**Problem 7. Convolution. 12 points.**

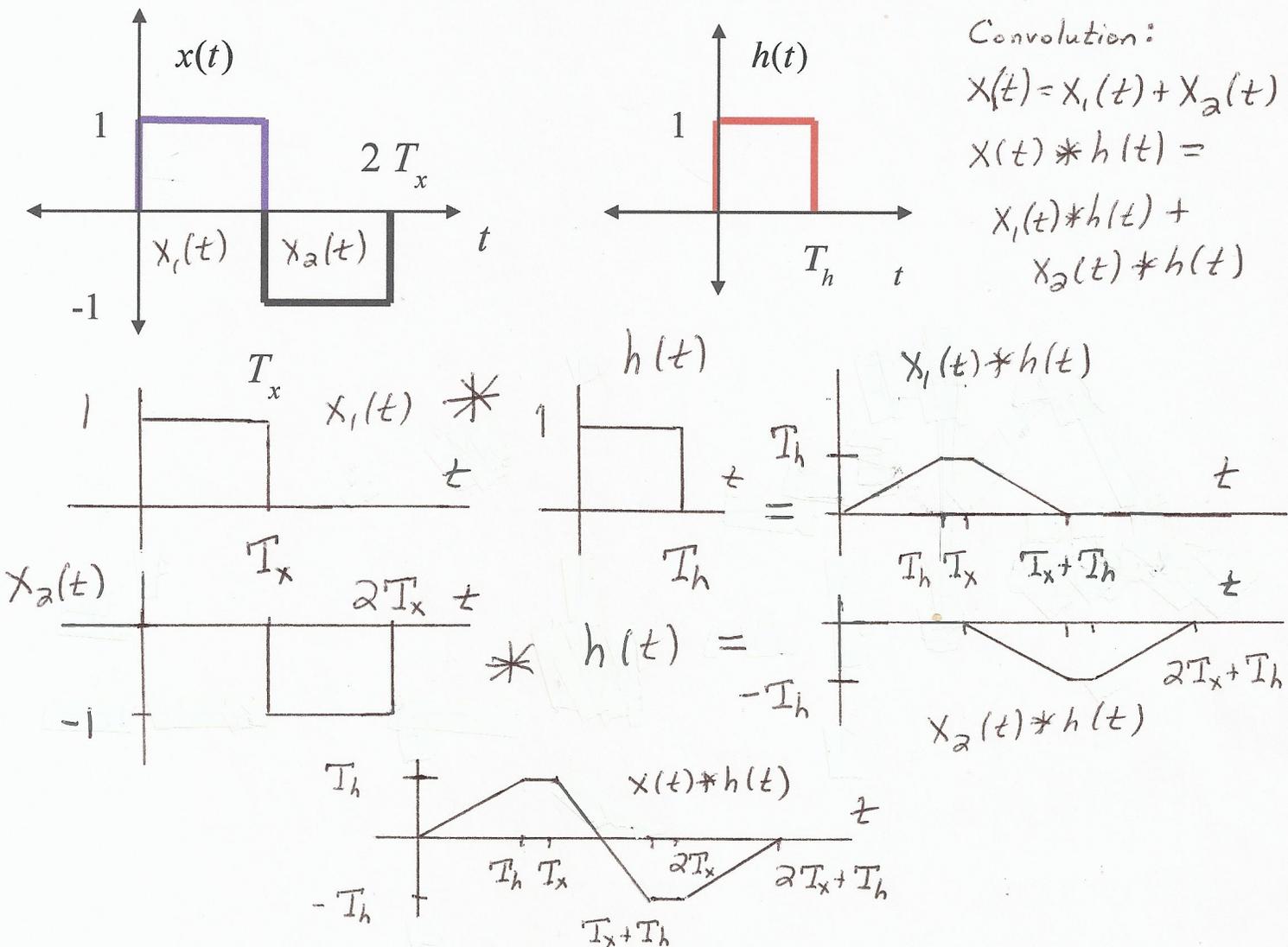
Please solve the following two convolution problems and explain the method you have chosen to use.

- (a) Convolve the unit step function  $u(t)$  with the signal  $\delta(t) - \delta(t - T)$  where  $T > 0$ . Plot all three signals:  $u(t)$  and  $\delta(t) - \delta(t - T)$  and their convolution. 6 points.

$$u(t) * (\delta(t) - \delta(t - T)) = u(t) * \delta(t) - u(t) * \delta(t - T) \\ = u(t) - u(t - T)$$



- (b) Convolve the following continuous-time signals, assuming that  $T_h < T_x$ . Plot the result. 6 points.



**Problem 8. Averaging Filters. 12 points.**

An averaging filter is used to reduce noise and smooth out data from one value to the next.

A two-coefficient averaging filter with input  $x[n]$  and output  $y[n]$  is

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{2}x[n] + \frac{1}{2}x[n-1] = \frac{x[n] + x[n-1]}{2}$$

That is, the output is the average value of the current input value and the previous input value.

The three-coefficient averaging filter with input  $x[n]$  and output  $y[n]$  is

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{3}x[n] + \frac{1}{3}x[n-1] + \frac{1}{3}x[n-2] = \frac{x[n] + x[n-1] + x[n-2]}{3}$$

Please answer the following questions about the **three-coefficient averaging filter**.

- (a) What are the initial conditions of the averaging filter? What values should they have in order for the averaging filter to have the system properties of linearity and time-invariance? 3 points.

Let  $n=0$ :  $y[0] = \frac{1}{3}x[0] + \frac{1}{3}x[-1] + \frac{1}{3}x[-2]$

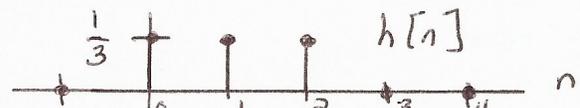
$n=1$ :  $y[1] = \frac{1}{3}x[1] + \frac{1}{3}x[0] + \frac{1}{3}x[-1]$

Initial conditions and their values are  $x[-1] = 0$  and  $x[-2] = 0$

- (b) Give a formula for the impulse response of the averaging filter. Plot the impulse response. Is the impulse response of finite duration or infinite duration? 3 points.

Let  $x[n] = \delta[n]$ .

Response  $y[n] = h[n] = \frac{1}{3}\delta[n] + \frac{1}{3}\delta[n-1] + \frac{1}{3}\delta[n-2]$



- (c) What is the transfer function in the z-domain? Please include the region of convergence. 3 points.

$$H(z) = \mathcal{Z}\{h[n]\} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{3}z^{-2} \text{ for } z \neq 0$$

- (d) Plot the magnitude response. What kind of frequency selectivity does this filter have? Lowpass, highpass, bandpass, bandstop, allpass or notch? 3 points.

Because the region of convergence includes unit circle,

$$H_{\text{freq}}(\omega) = H(z) \Big|_{z=e^{j\omega}} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}e^{-j\omega} + \frac{1}{3}e^{-j2\omega}$$

Lowpass filter. Reduces noise in high frequencies.

$\omega$	$ H_{\text{freq}}(\omega) $
0	1
$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	0
$\pi$	$\frac{1}{3}$

**Problem 9. Stability. 12 points.**

Consider a system with input  $x(t)$  and output  $y(t)$  governed by the differential equation

$$y''(t) + y(t) = x'(t) - x(t)$$

for  $t > 0$ .

(a) What are the characteristic roots of the system? 3 points.

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = -1 \Rightarrow \lambda = j \text{ and } \lambda = -j$$

(b) What are the initial conditions of the system? 3 points.

$$y'(0^-), y(0^-) \text{ and } x(0^-)$$

(c) Assume that the initial conditions are not zero. Is the zero-input response asymptotically unstable, marginally stable or stable? 3 points.

Characteristic roots	Asymptotic Stability
at least one right-hand plane	unstable
or repeated root imaginary axis	unstable
or at least single root imag. axis	marginally stable $\leftarrow \lambda = \pm j$
or otherwise	stable

(d) Assume that the initial conditions are zero. What is the transfer function in the Laplace domain? Is the system bounded-input bounded-output (BIBO) stable? Why or why not? 3 points.

$$(s^2 + 1) Y(s) = (s - 1) X(s)$$

$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{s - 1}{s^2 + 1}$$

poles are at  $+j$  and  $-j \Rightarrow$  BIBO unstable  
zero is at 1