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ANALYSIS OF CIRCUITS

Wednesday, 20 June 10:00 am

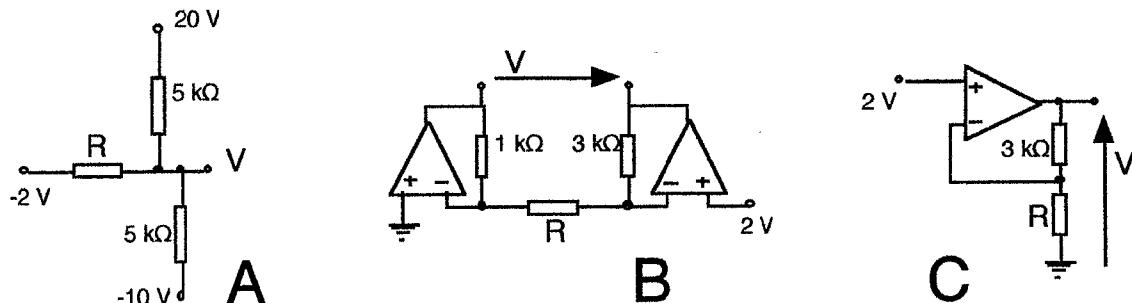
There are FIVE questions on this paper.

Answer THREE questions.

Time allowed: 2:00 hours

Examiners: Spence,R. and Weiss,G.

1. (a) For each of the circuits shown in Figure 1a below choose the value of R required to lead to a voltage V of 5 volts. Assume the operational amplifiers are ideal



A[3]

B[4]

C[4]

Figure 1a

- (b) For each of the circuits shown in Figure 1b calculate, with explanation, one positive value of resistance R that will ensure that the indicated voltage or current lies somewhere within the specified range, or explain why this is not possible.

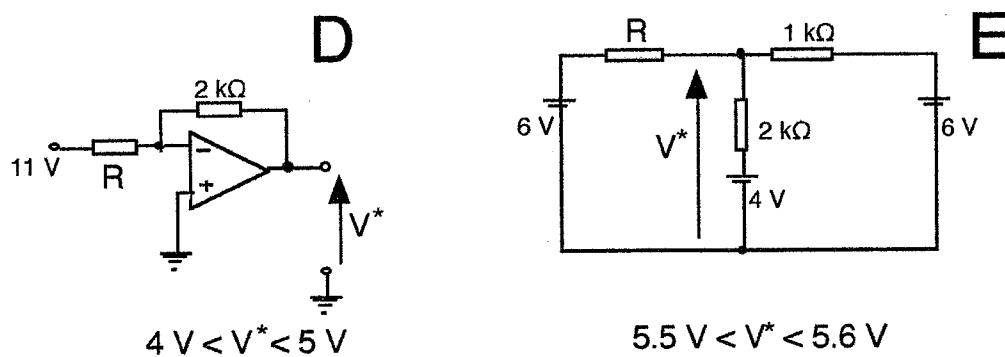


Figure 1b

D[4]

E[5]

- 2 (a) For the circuit of Figure 2a, express the complex impedance between the terminals A and B in terms of R_1 , R_2 , L , C and the radian frequency ω .

[7]

For what numerical value of the radian frequency will the impedance be purely resistive?

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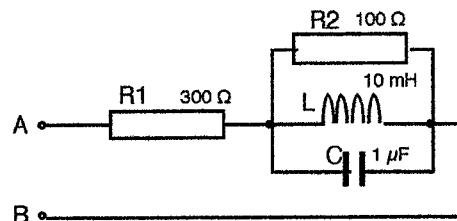


Figure 2a

- (b) Find the relation that must exist between L , C and R in the circuit of Figure 2b for the impedance between A and B to be resistive at all frequencies.

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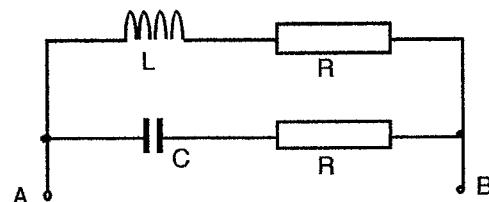


Figure 2b

3 Figure 3 shows a circuit in which a Schmitt Trigger is followed by an integrator. The output of each opamp is limited to plus and minus 14 V and the opamps are otherwise ideal.

(a) Choose R₁ so that the opamp A switches when V_B is equal to plus or minus 4 V. [7]

(b) Choose R₃ to give an oscillation frequency of 2 kHz. [7]

(c) If a 10 kΩ resistor is connected between point X and +15 V, draw a dimensioned sketch of the resultant waveform of V_B and calculate the new oscillation frequency [6]

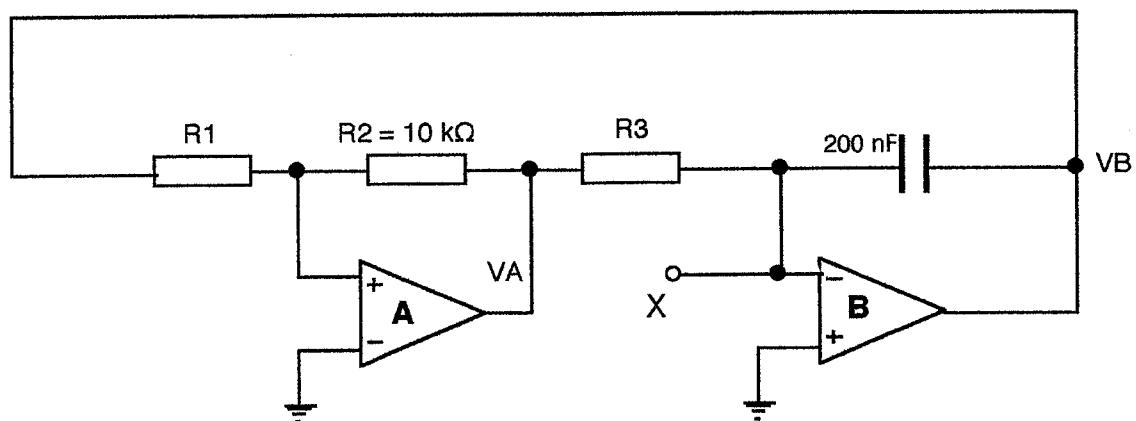


Figure 3

- 4 For the circuit of Figure 4, employ nodal analysis to derive the Thevenin Equivalent Circuit of the circuit external to the resistor R. [16]

Hence calculate the value of the current I for the following values of the resistor R: 0, 0.5 k Ω and 5.5 k Ω

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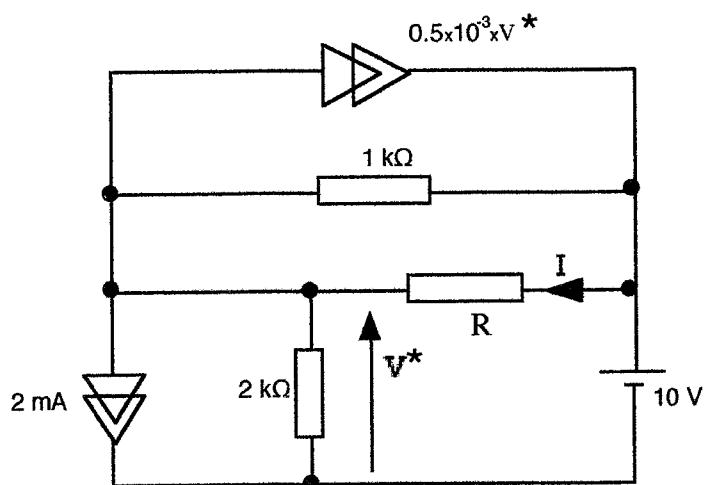


Figure 4

- 5 In the circuit of Figure 5 the voltage across each exponential diode can be assumed to be approximately 0.7 V if the diode current exceeds 0.2 mA.

Apply Kirchhoff's Current Law at point X and hence determine the quiescent voltage at this point and the current in each of the diodes.

[6]

Determine the small-signal equivalent resistance of each of the diodes.

[6]

Assuming that the impedance of the capacitor is negligible, draw the small-signal equivalent of the circuit and hence calculate the peak-to-peak amplitude of the sinusoidal voltage V .

[8]

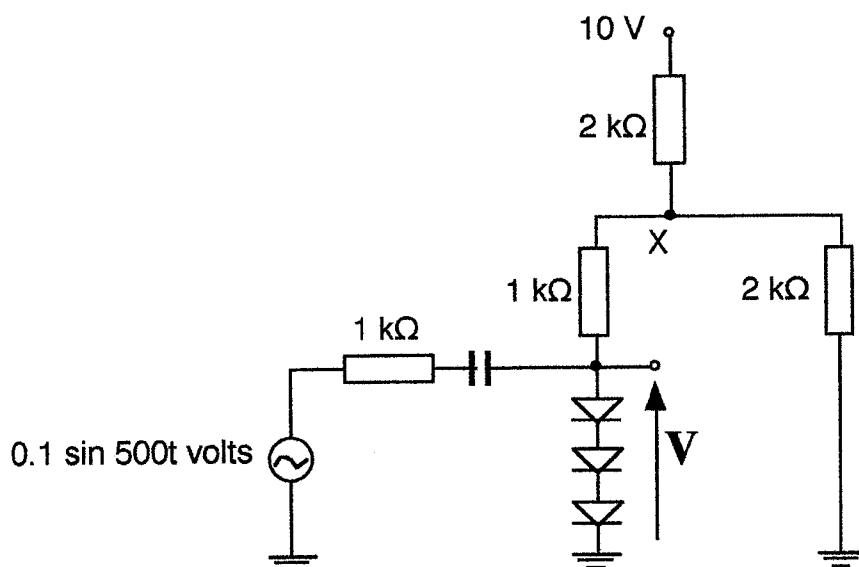


Figure 5

Answer 1

(a) (A) Apply KCL at node:

$$\frac{5+2}{R} = \frac{15}{5} - \frac{15}{5} \quad \text{Thus } R = \infty \quad (\text{open circuit})$$

(B) Current through R (R to L) = $2/R$

$$\therefore V = \frac{2}{R}(3 + R + 1) = \frac{2}{R} \cdot 4 + 2$$

$$V=5 \quad \therefore 3 = \frac{8}{R} \quad R = \frac{8}{3} \text{ k}\Omega.$$

$$(C) V_+ = V_- = 2V = \frac{R}{3+R} \times 5V \quad \therefore 2(3+R) = 5R$$

$$\therefore 6 = 3R \quad \therefore R = 2 \text{ k}\Omega.$$

(b) (D) Not possible. Current via R sets up a negative value of V^* (E) Choose $V^* = 5.55 \text{ V}$

$$\text{KCL gives: } \frac{1.55}{2} = \frac{0.45}{R} + \frac{0.45}{1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{0.45}{R} = 0.775 - 0.45 = 0.325$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{0.45}{0.325} \approx 1.4 \text{ k}\Omega.$$

Answer 2

(a) Impedance of parallel combination of R_2, L, C is

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{j\omega L} + \frac{1}{j\omega C}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_2} + j\left(\omega C - \frac{1}{\omega L}\right)}$$

so the total impedance Z between A and B is

$$Z = R_1 + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_2} + j\left(\omega C - \frac{1}{\omega L}\right)} \quad \text{which is resistive when } \omega C = \frac{1}{\omega L}$$

That is, when $\omega^2 = \frac{1}{LC} = 10^8$ i.e., for $\omega = 10^4$ radians/sec.

(b) The admittance Y between A and B is the sum of the admittances of the two branches:

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \frac{1}{R + j\omega L} + \frac{1}{R + \frac{1}{j\omega C}} = \frac{R + \frac{1}{j\omega C} + R + j\omega L}{R^2 + \frac{\omega L}{\omega C} + R\left(j\omega L + \frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)} \\ &= \frac{2R + \left(\sqrt{\omega L} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega C}}\right)}{R\left[\left(R + \frac{L}{CR}\right) + \left(\sqrt{\omega L} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega C}}\right)\right]} \end{aligned}$$

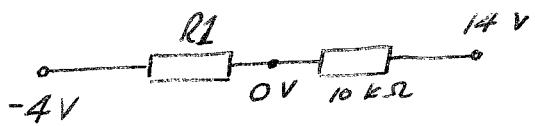
For Y to be real, which it will be if impedance $(1/Y)$ is resistive, for all values of ω , we must choose $\frac{L}{CR} = R$, whereupon

$Y = \frac{1}{R}$. Thus the required relation is

$$\frac{L}{C} = R^2$$

Answer 3

- (a) Transition of output of A_1 occurs when V_A of A_1 is at zero. Assume output of A_1 is at 14 V.



Since current is same through both resistors

$$\frac{4}{R_1} = \frac{14}{10\text{k}\Omega} \quad \text{so} \quad R_1 = \frac{40\text{k}\Omega}{14} = 2.86\text{k}\Omega$$

- (b) Waveform of V_B is as shown:

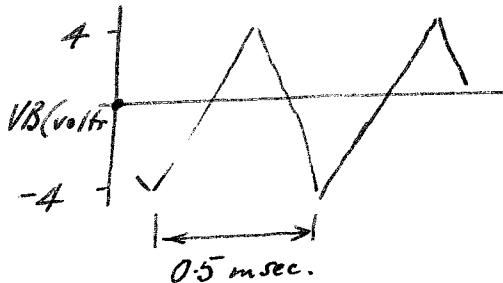
During falling section of V_B ,

Charging current of $20\mu\text{F}$ capacitor

$$i = C \frac{dV}{dt} \text{ gives } \frac{14}{R_3} = C \frac{8}{0.25 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$\text{so } R_3 = \frac{14 \cdot 0.25 \cdot 10^{-3}}{8 \cdot 200 \cdot 10^{-9}} = \frac{14}{640} \times 10^6$$

$$\frac{14 \cdot 0.25 \cdot 10^{-3}}{8 \cdot 200 \cdot 10^{-9}} = \frac{14}{32 \cdot 200} \cdot 10^6 = \frac{7}{32} \cdot 10^4 = \frac{70}{32} \text{ k}\Omega = 2.19 \text{ k}\Omega$$



- (c) When $V_A = 14$ and has just changed from -14V , ($V_B = -$ capacitor voltage)

$$i = \frac{14}{R_3} + \frac{15}{10} = C \frac{dV}{dt} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{dV_B}{dt} = -\frac{1}{200 \cdot 10^{-9}} (6.4 + 1.5) 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{dV_B}{dt} = -\frac{7.9 \cdot 10^{-3}}{200 \cdot 10^{-9}}$$

$$\text{But change in } V_B \text{ is } 8\text{V}, \text{ so } dt = \frac{200 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot 8}{7.9 \cdot 10^{-3}} \cdot 10^3 \text{ msec} = 202 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ msec.}$$

When V_A has just changed back to -14V ,

$$\frac{dV_B}{dt} = +\frac{1}{200 \cdot 10^{-9}} (6.4 - 1.5) 10^{-3}$$

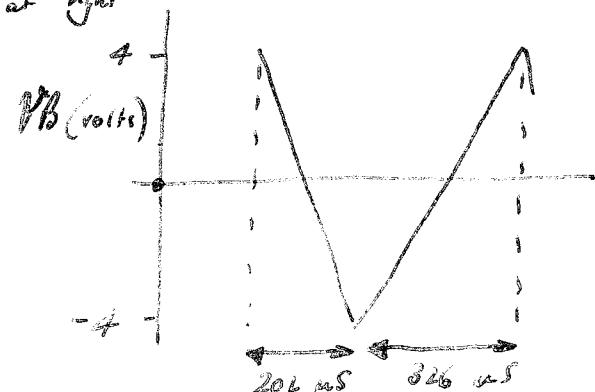
$$\text{Again, } dV_B = 8\text{V} \text{ so } dt = \frac{8 \cdot 200 \cdot 10^{-9}}{4.9 \cdot 10^{-3}} = 326 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ msec.}$$

The waveform of V_B is therefore as shown at right

and therefore the oscillation frequency
is given by

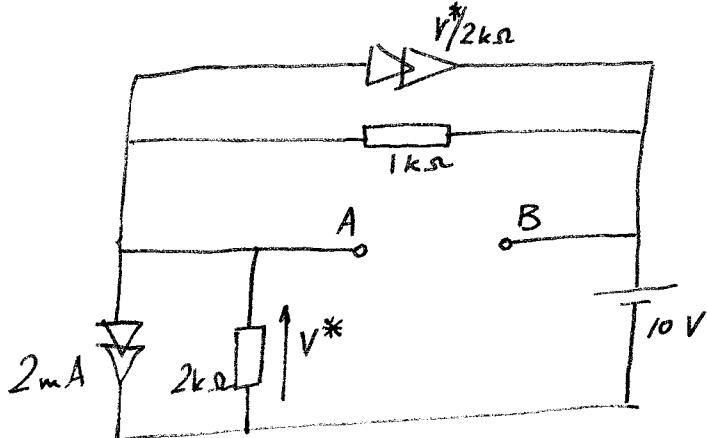
$$f = \frac{10^6}{202 + 326} = 4.1 \text{ kHz}$$

$$= 1.89 \text{ kHz}$$



Answer 4

Calculate the Thevenin Equivalent Circuit of the circuit between terminals A and B shown below.

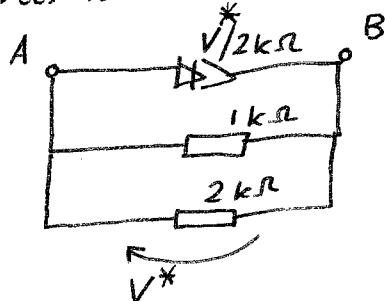


To find V_{oc} , apply KCL at A:

$$\frac{10 - V^*}{1} - \frac{V^*}{2} - 2 - \frac{V^*}{2} = 0 \quad \text{which gives } V^* = 4V$$

and therefore $V_{oc} = 6V$

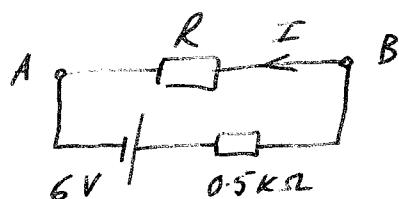
To find R_o set independent sources to zero:



The controlled current is proportional to the voltage across it, and is therefore equivalent to a $2k\Omega$ resistor:

$$\text{Resistance between } A \text{ and } B = 0.5k\Omega$$

Circuit to be analysed:



$$R = 0 \quad I = 12mA$$

$$R = 0.5k\Omega \quad I = 6mA$$

$$R = 5.5k\Omega \quad I = 1mA$$

Answer 5

Assume that the voltage across each diode is 0.7 V (can check later).

Application of KCL at node X yields

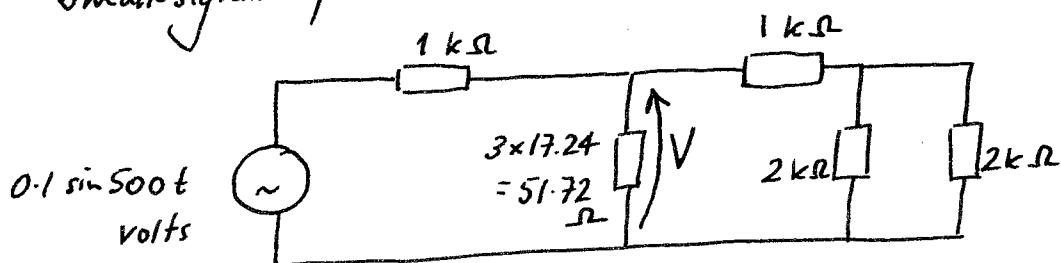
$$\frac{10 - V_x}{2} = \frac{V_x - 2.1}{1} + \frac{V_x}{2}$$

giving $V_x = 3.55$ V

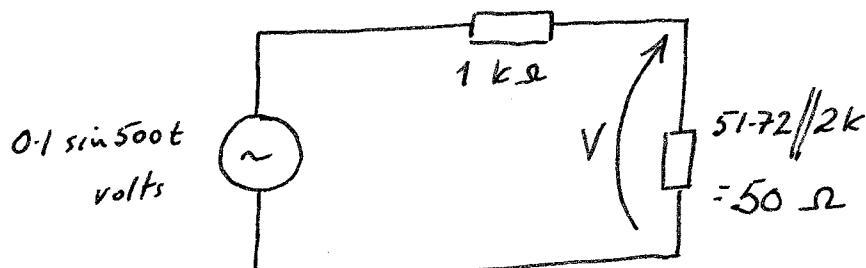
Current through each diode is therefore $(3.55 - 2.1)/1\text{ mA} = 1.45\text{ mA}$
Assumption about diode voltages is therefore justified.

Small-signal resistance of each diode = $\frac{25\text{ mV}}{1.45\text{ mA}} = 17.24\text{ }\Omega$

Small-signal equivalent circuit is:



which can be redrawn as



The peak-to-peak value of V is therefore $0.2 \times \frac{50}{1050} \approx 9.5\text{ mV}$

The variation of voltage ($\approx 3.2\text{ mV}$) across each diode is sufficiently small (i.e., $\ll 25\text{ mV}$) that the representation of a diode by a linear resistance is justified.