

**EEE4001F EXAM**  
**DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING**

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3 hours

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**Information**

- The exam is closed-book.
  - There are two parts to this exam.
  - **Part A** has *six* questions totalling 50 marks. You must answer all of them.
  - **Part B** has *ten* questions totalling 50 marks. You must answer all of them.
  - Parts A and B must be answered in different sets of exam books, which will be collected separately.
  - A table of standard Fourier transform and z-transform pairs appears at the end of this paper.
  - You have 3 hours.
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**PART A**

Digital signal processing.

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1. Consider a causal linear time-invariant system which results in the output

$$y[n] = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n u[n]$$

when the input is

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} u[n+1].$$

- (a) Plot  $x[n]$ .
- (b) Determine a closed-form expression for the impulse response  $h[n]$  of the system.
- (c) Is the system stable? Why?

(10 marks)

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2. (a) An LTI system has impulse response  $h[n] = 5(1/2)^n u[n]$  where  $u[n]$  is the unit step sequence. Use the discrete-time Fourier transform to find the output of this system when the input is  $x[n] = (1/3)^n u[n]$ .
- (b) Find the signal  $h[n]$  with the following DTFT:

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = 2(e^{j\omega})^2 - \frac{3(e^{j\omega})^{-3}}{e^{j\omega} - \frac{1}{2}}.$$

(10 marks)

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3. Let  $x[n]$  be the input and  $y[n]$  the output of a finite impulse response filter such that

$$y[n] = 4x[n] - x[n-2].$$

- (a) Find the poles and zeros of the filter and plot them in the z-plane.
- (b) Sketch the magnitude of the frequency response.
- (c) Determine the gain of the filter at frequencies 0 and  $\pi/2$  radians per sample.
- (d) Find an expression for the magnitude of the frequency response of this filter.

(10 marks)

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4. (a) You measure

$$X_1[0] = 4, \quad X_1[1] = -j4, \quad X_1[2] = -2, \quad X_1[3] = j4$$

and

$$X_2[0] = 2, \quad X_2[1] = 1 - j, \quad X_2[2] = 2, \quad X_2[3] = 1 + j,$$

where  $X_1[k]$  is the DFT of  $x_1[n]$  and  $X_2[k]$  is the DFT of  $x_2[n]$ . What is the 4-point circular convolution of  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$ ?

(b) How you would use the FFT to do linear convolution of two signals, each of length 4?

(10 marks)

5. Specify a scheme for reducing the sampling rate of a signal to 0.75 of its original sampling frequency. Sketch the magnitude of the frequency response of any filters employed.

(5 marks)

6. Suppose a linear time-invariant system is described by the following system function:

$$H(z) = \frac{(z - \frac{1}{2})(z + 2)(z^2 + \frac{1}{9})}{(z^2 + 2z + 5)(z^2 - 4z + 13)}.$$

(a) Draw a pole-zero plot for the system

(b) Determine all possible regions of convergence, and for each indicate whether the corresponding inverse z-transform is left-sided, right-sided, or two-sided. What can you say about the stability of  $H(z)$ ?

(5 marks)

## PART B

Wavelets and frames.

**P1:** Let the function  $f(x)$  be defined by

$$f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} \quad -\infty < x < \infty \quad (1)$$

**P1-a:** Calculate  $\|f(x)\|_2$ , the  $L_2$ -norm of  $f(x)$ .

**P1-b:** Let  $\tilde{f}(x)$  denote  $f(x)$  normalized. Write down the expression for  $\tilde{f}(x)$ .

(2 + 1 = 3 Marks)

**P2:** Consider the following complete set of orthogonal functions on the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ :

$$1, \{\cos(nt) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}, \{\sin(nt) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \quad (2)$$

**P2-a:** Calculate the  $L_2$ -norm of the functions 1,  $\cos(nt)$  and  $\sin(nt)$  on the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .

**P2-b:** Utilizing Dirac's bra-ket notation, consider the following resolution of identity for the  $L_2$ -space of functions with support  $(-\pi, \pi)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{I} = & \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right| \\ & + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos(nt) \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos(nt) \right| \\ & + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin(nt) \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin(nt) \right| \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Let the function  $f(t)$  satisfy Dirichlet's conditions on the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ , and be zero outside this interval. In bra-ket notation write  $|f(t)\rangle$  for  $f(t)$ . Assume that the operation of (3) from the left onto  $|f(t)\rangle$  results in:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{I}|f(t)\rangle = & \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right| |f(t)\rangle \\ & + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos(nt) \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cos(nt) \right| |f(t)\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Is  $f(t)$  an even function or an odd function?

**P2-c:** Let the function  $f(t)$  satisfy Dirichlet's conditions on the interval  $(-\pi, \pi)$ , and be zero outside this interval. In bra-ket notation write  $|f(t)\rangle$  for  $f(t)$ . Assume that the

operation of (3) from the left onto  $|f(t)\rangle$  results in:

$$\mathbb{I}|f(t)\rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin(nt) \right\rangle \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sin(nt) | f(t) \rangle \quad (5)$$

Is  $f(t)$  an even function or an odd function?

**P2-d:** What is the expression for the resolution of identity, which characterizes the space of **even** functions with support  $(-\pi, \pi)$ .

**P2-e:** What is the expression for the resolution of identity, which characterizes the space of **odd** functions with support  $(-\pi, \pi)$ ?

(2 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 8 Marks)

**P3:** Let the **normalized** functions  $\varphi(t)$  and  $\psi(t)$  denote the scaling function and the wavelet of a Multiresolution Analysis (MRA) in Hilbert space, respectively. Let the function  $\varphi(t)$  generate the function space  $\nu_0$ . Let the function  $\psi(t)$  and its compressed versions generate the spaces  $\mathcal{W}_0, \mathcal{W}_1, \mathcal{W}_2, \dots$ . Consider the following representation for  $f(t)$ :

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \varphi(t-k) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} d_{j,k} 2^{\frac{j}{2}} \psi(2^j t - k) \quad (6)$$

**P3-a:** Write down the expression for  $c_k$ .

**P3-b:** Write down the expression for  $d_{j,k}$ .

**P3-c:** Write down the expression for the resolution of identity using the set of scaling and wavelet functions!

(2 + 2 + 2 = 6 Marks)

**P4-a:** Given general “low pass” filter coefficient  $h(n)$  write down the two-scale dilation equation for the normalized scaling function  $\varphi(t)$ .

**P4-b:** Given general “high pass” filter coefficients  $g(n)$  write down the two-scale dilation equation for the normalized wavelet  $\psi(t)$ .

(2 + 2 = 4 Marks)

**P5-a:** Determine the filter coefficients  $h(n)$  for the triangle (piece-wise linear) scaling function.

**P5-b:** Do the coefficients  $h(n)$  constitute a “low pass” filter or a “high pass” filter? Why?

**P5-c:** Determine the filter coefficients  $g(n)$  for the triangle (piece-wise linear) wavelet.

**P5-d:** Do the coefficients  $g(n)$  constitute a “low pass” filter or a “high pass” filter? Why?

(2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8 Marks)

**P6:** Consider the fairly general function  $f(t)$ . Denote the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  by  $F(\omega)$ . Construct  $F_{\mathcal{M}}(\omega)$  as follows:

$$F_{\mathcal{M}}(\omega) = \frac{F(\omega)}{\sqrt{\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |F(\omega + 2\pi n)|^2}} \quad (7)$$

Let  $f_{\mathcal{M}}(t)$  denote the inverse Fourier transform of  $F_{\mathcal{M}}(\omega)$ . Using the Parseval’s Theorem calculate the norm of  $f_{\mathcal{M}}(t)$ .

(4 Marks)

**P7:** Using the general dilation equation for the wavelet function, express the five-generations compressed normalized wavelet

$$2^{\frac{5}{2}} \psi(2^5 t - m)$$

in terms of linear superposition of  $2^{\frac{6}{2}} \varphi(2^6 t - n)$  over  $n$ .

(4 Marks)

**P8:** Construct and plot the Mexican-hat wavelet  $\mathcal{M}_h(t)$ .

(1 + 1 = 2 Marks)

**P9:** Let  $|\mathbf{e}_1\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{e}_2\rangle$  be unit normal vectors in the  $(x, y)$ -plane.

Let the vectors  $|\mathbf{f}_1\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{f}_2\rangle$  be defined by the following equations:

$$|\mathbf{f}_1\rangle = 4|\mathbf{e}_1\rangle - |\mathbf{e}_2\rangle \quad (8a)$$

$$|\mathbf{f}_2\rangle = 3|\mathbf{e}_1\rangle + 2|\mathbf{e}_2\rangle \quad (8b)$$

**P9-a:** Construct the dual vectors  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_1|$  and  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_2|$  corresponding to  $|\mathbf{f}_1\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{f}_2\rangle$ , respectively, first graphically and then analytically.

**P9-b:** Employ Dirac's bra-ket notation. Resolve the identity operator  $\mathbb{I}$  in terms of the ket-vectors  $|\mathbf{f}_1\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{f}_2\rangle$  and their dual bra-vectors  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_1|$  and  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_2|$ .

(2 + 1 = 3 Marks)

**P10:** Let  $|\mathbf{e}_1\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{e}_2\rangle$  denote unit normal vectors in the  $(x, y)$ -plane.

Let the ket vectors  $|\mathbf{f}_1\rangle$ ,  $|\mathbf{f}_2\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{f}_3\rangle$  be defined by the following equations:

$$|\mathbf{f}_1\rangle = 2|\mathbf{e}_1\rangle - |\mathbf{e}_2\rangle \quad (9a)$$

$$|\mathbf{f}_2\rangle = 3|\mathbf{e}_1\rangle + |\mathbf{e}_2\rangle \quad (9b)$$

$$|\mathbf{f}_3\rangle = 2|\mathbf{e}_1\rangle + 2|\mathbf{e}_2\rangle \quad (9c)$$

The over-complete set of vectors  $|\mathbf{f}_1\rangle$ ,  $|\mathbf{f}_2\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{f}_3\rangle$  constitutes a frame.

**P10-a:** Determine the dual frame (bra vectors)  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_1|$ ,  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_2|$  and  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_3|$ .

**P10-b:** Resolve the identity operator  $\mathbb{I}$  in the plane in terms of the frame vectors  $|\mathbf{f}_1\rangle$ ,  $|\mathbf{f}_2\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{f}_3\rangle$  and their corresponding dual frame vectors  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_1|$ ,  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_2|$  and  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_3|$ .

(4 + 4 = 8 Marks)

## Fourier transform properties

| Sequences $x[n], y[n]$ | Transforms $X(e^{j\omega}), Y(e^{j\omega})$                                       | Property        |
|------------------------|---|-----------------|
| $ax[n] + by[n]$        | $aX(e^{j\omega}) + bY(e^{j\omega})$   | Linearity       |
| $x[n - n_a]$           | $e^{-j\omega n_a} X(e^{j\omega})$   | Time shift      |
| $e^{j\omega_0 n} x[n]$ | $X(e^{j(\omega - \omega_0)})$   | Frequency shift |
| $x[-n]$                | $X(e^{-j\omega})$   | Time reversal   |
| $nx[n]$                | $j \frac{dX(e^{j\omega})}{d\omega}$   | Frequency diff. |
| $x[n] * y[n]$          | $X(e^{-j\omega})Y(e^{-j\omega})$  | Convolution     |
| $x[n]y[n]$             | $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\theta})Y(e^{j(\omega - \theta)})d\theta$ | Modulation      |

## Common Fourier transform pairs

| Sequence   | Fourier transform  |
|--|--|
| $\delta[n]$  | 1  |
| $\delta[n - n_0]$  | $e^{-j\omega n_0}$   |
| $1 \quad (-\infty < n < \infty)$   | $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega + 2\pi k)$  |
| $a^n u[n] \quad ( a  < 1)$   | $\frac{1}{1 - ae^{-j\omega}}$  |
| $u[n]$   | $\frac{1}{1 - e^{-j\omega}} + \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \pi\delta(\omega + 2\pi k)$                      |
| $(n + 1)a^n u[n] \quad ( a  < 1)$  | $\frac{1}{(1 - ae^{-j\omega})^2}$  |
| $\frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\pi n}$   | $X(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} 1 &  \omega  < \omega_c \\ 0 & \omega_c <  \omega  \leq \pi \end{cases}$ |
| $x[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq n \leq M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ | $\frac{\sin[\omega(M+1)/2]}{\sin(\omega/2)} e^{-j\omega M/2}$  |
| $e^{j\omega_0 n}$  | $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0 + 2\pi k)$                                       |

## Common z-transform pairs

| Sequence   | Transform   | ROC                          |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| $\delta[n]$  | 1   | All $z$                      |
| $u[n]$   | $\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$  | $ z  > 1$                    |
| $-u[-n - 1]$   | $\frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$  | $ z  < 1$                    |
| $\delta[n - m]$  | $z^{-m}$  | All $z$ except 0 or $\infty$ |
| $a^n u[n]$   | $\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$   | $ z  >  a $                  |
| $-a^n u[-n - 1]$   | $\frac{1}{1 - az^{-1}}$   | $ z  <  a $                  |
| $na^n u[n]$  | $\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$   | $ z  >  a $                  |
| $-na^n u[-n - 1]$  | $\frac{az^{-1}}{(1 - az^{-1})^2}$   | $ z  <  a $                  |
| $\begin{cases} a^n & 0 \leq n \leq N - 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ | $\frac{1 - a^N z^{-N}}{1 - az^{-1}}$  | $ z  > 0$                    |
| $\cos(\omega_0 n) u[n]$  | $\frac{1 - \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2\cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$         | $ z  > 1$                    |
| $r^n \cos(\omega_0 n) u[n]$  | $\frac{1 - r \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1}}{1 - 2r \cos(\omega_0)z^{-1} + r^2 z^{-2}}$ | $ z  > r$                    |