

## Sample Midterm

1. A continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  is sampled with sampling period  $T=0.5$  second.
  - a. What is the period (in radian/second) of its Fourier Transform?

The period is just the sampling frequency  $\omega_s = 2\pi/T = 4\pi = 12.57$  rad/s

- b. If the highest frequency component of  $x(t)$  is 5 Hz, can we fully recover the original continuous-time signal based on the discrete-time sample  $x(nT)$ ? Justify your answer.

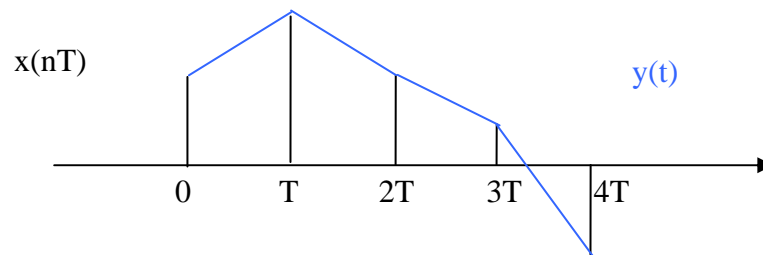
Since the sampling frequency is  $1/0.5$  or 2 Hz, the highest frequency that can pass through without aliasing is  $2/2 = 1$  Hz according to the Nyquist Theorem. Thus we cannot recover the original signal.

- c. Give three different types of D/A methods and describe their relative performance in terms of complexity and reconstruction fidelity.

In decreasing order of complexity and reconstruction accuracy:

Ideal LowPass > RC filter > Linear Interpolation > Sample-and-Hold

- d. Given the discrete-time input  $x(nT)$  to a LINEAR INTERPOLATION D/A converter, sketch the output reconstructed continuous signal  $y(t)$  on top of  $x(nT)$ .



2. Sampling and Interpolation
  - a. (4 points) State the Nyquist Theorem

Nyquist Theorem states that a continuous-time band-limited signal can be perfectly reconstructed from its discrete samples if the sampling frequency is twice the bandwidth.

- b. (7 points) Explain why linear interpolation is a better D/A technique than sample-and-hold.

Linear interpolation is better than sample-and-hold as the frequency response of linear interpolation decays faster than sample-and-hold and thus better suppress the high frequency components introduced by sampling.

- c. (7 points) A continuous-time signal  $x_c(t)=\cos(4000\pi t)$  is sampled with sampling period  $T$  to obtain the discrete-time signal  $x_c(nT) = x_d(n) = \cos(\pi n/3)$ . Determine a choice of  $T$  that is consistent with this information.

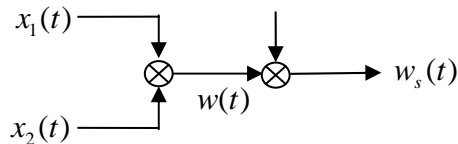
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Since  $x_d(n) = x_c(nT)$ , we have  $4000\pi nT = \pi n/3 \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{12000}$

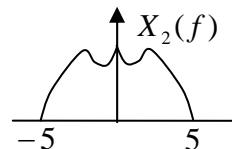
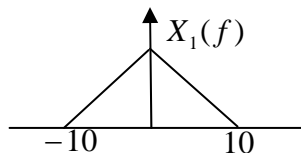
- d. (7 points) Continued from part c., is your choice for  $T$  unique? If so, explain why. If not, specify another choice of  $T$ .

$T$  is not unique because  $\cos(4000\pi nT) = \cos(\frac{\pi n}{3} + 2m\pi)$  for any integer  $m$ . In particular we can choose  $m = n$ , and have  $4000\pi nT = \pi n/3 + 2n\pi \Rightarrow T = \frac{7}{12000}$

3. In the following system, two continuous-time functions  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  are MULTIPLIED and the product  $w(t)$  is sampled with sampling period  $T$ .



If the spectrums of  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  are given as follows, determine the maximum sampling period  $T$  such that  $w(t)$  is recoverable from  $w_s(t)$  through the use of an ideal lowpass filter.



Since multiplication in time domain is equivalent to convolution in frequency domain, the signal  $w(t) = x_1(t)x_2(t)$  is bandlimited within  $[-10-5 \text{ Hz}, 10+5 \text{ Hz}]$  or  $[-15 \text{ Hz}, 15\text{Hz}]$ . Thus the maximum sampling period  $T = 1/(15 \cdot 2) = 1/30$  seconds.

4. Discrete-Time Fourier Transform

- a) Given the DTFT of a LTI system is  $H_d(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(nT)e^{-j\omega nT}$ , show that if the impulse response  $h(nT)$  is real, we have  $H_d(-\omega) = \overline{H_d(\omega)}$ , i.e. the negative frequency content can be deduced by taking the conjugate of the positive frequency content.

We can go straight from the definition:

$$\begin{aligned} H(-\omega) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(nT)e^{j\omega nT} \\ &= \overline{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} h(nT)e^{-j\omega nT}} = \overline{H(\omega)} \end{aligned}$$

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- b) If the input to  $H(\omega)$  is  $x(nT) = \cos(\omega_0 nT) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{j\omega_0 nT} + e^{-j\omega_0 nT})$ , use part a) to show that the output is given by

$$y(nT) = |H(e^{j\omega_0 T})| \cos(\omega_0 nT + \angle H(e^{j\omega_0 T}))$$

As  $x(nT) = \cos(\omega_0 nT) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{j\omega_0 nT} + e^{-j\omega_0 nT})$  and we know that the complex exponential is the “eigen-signal” of any LTI system. Thus, the output

$$\begin{aligned} y(nT) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( H(\omega_0) e^{j\omega_0 nT} + \overline{H(\omega_0)} e^{-j\omega_0 nT} \right) \\ &= |H(\omega_0)| \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( \exp(j(\omega_0 nT + \angle H(\omega_0))) + \exp(j(-\omega_0 nT - \angle H(\omega_0))) \right) \\ &= |H(\omega_0)| \cos(\omega_0 nT + \angle H(\omega_0)) \end{aligned}$$

## 5. Laplace Transform

- a. No need to compute the actual coefficients, write down the INVERSE LAPLACE TRANSFORM of the followings:

i)  $X(s) = \frac{7s^3 + 20s^2 + 33s + 82}{(s^2 + 4)(s + 2)(s + 3)}$

$$X(s) = \frac{A}{s - j2} + \frac{\bar{A}}{s + j2} + \frac{B}{s + 2} + \frac{C}{s + 3}$$

$$x(t) = Ae^{j2t} + \bar{A}e^{-j2t} + Be^{-2t} + Ce^{-3t}$$

ii)  $X(s) = \frac{s^2(s + 9)}{(s + 3)^3(s + 1)}$

$$X(s) = \frac{A}{(s + 3)^3} + \frac{B}{(s + 3)^2} + \frac{C}{s + 3} + \frac{D}{s + 1}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{A}{2} t^2 e^{-3t} + Bte^{-3t} + Ce^{-3t} + De^{-t}$$

- b. A dynamic system is governed by the following differential equation with

initial conditions  $\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 1, y(0) = 0$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} y(t) + 2 \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + y(t) = x(t)$$

Given the input  $X(s) = 1$ . Write down the Laplace transform of the zero-state response and the zero-input response.

Writing the differential equation in complex domain, we have:

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$$s^2Y(s) - sy(0) - y^{(1)}(0) + 2sY(s) - 2y(0) + Y(s) = X(s)$$

$$(s^2 + 2s + 1)Y(s) = sy(0) + y^{(1)}(0) + 2y(0) + X(s)$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{sy(0) + y^{(1)}(0) + 2y(0)}{s^2 + 2s + 1} + \frac{X(s)}{s^2 + 2s + 1}$$

The first term depends only on the initial condition so it is the zero-input response. Putting in the numerical value we have:

$$Y_{ZIR}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 1}$$

The second term depends only on the input so it is the zero-state response. Putting in the numerical value we have:

$$Y_{ZSR}(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 2s + 1}$$

## 6. Discrete Fourier Transform

Let  $x(n)$  and  $y(n)$  be two three-point sequence:

$$x(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = 0 \\ 2 & \text{for } n = 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } n = 2 \end{cases} \quad y(n) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } n = 0 \\ 2 & \text{for } n = 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } n = 2 \end{cases}$$

Compute the 5-point DFT  $X(k)$  for  $x(n)$ . You do not need to simplify your answers.

$$X(0) = 1 + 2 + 1 = 4$$

$$X(1) = 1 + 2 \cdot \exp\left(-j \frac{2\pi}{5}\right) + \exp\left(-j \frac{4\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$X(2) = 1 + 2 \cdot \exp\left(-j \frac{4\pi}{5}\right) + \exp\left(-j \frac{8\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$X(3) = 1 + 2 \cdot \exp\left(-j \frac{6\pi}{5}\right) + \exp\left(-j \frac{12\pi}{5}\right)$$

$$X(4) = 1 + 2 \cdot \exp\left(-j \frac{8\pi}{5}\right) + \exp\left(-j \frac{16\pi}{5}\right)$$

7. Assume  $x(t) = a_1(t)x_1(t) + a_2(t)x_2(t)$ ,  $X_1(s) = L[x_1(t)]$  and  $X_2(s) = L[x_2(t)]$ .

a. Is  $X(s) = L[x(t)]$  equal to  $a_1(t)X_1(s) + a_2(t)X_2(s)$  and why?

**No. The Laplace transform is a function of  $s$  not  $t$ , and thus cannot contain terms like  $a_1(t)$  and  $a_2(t)$ . - 2 points**

b. If  $A_1(s) = L[a_1(t)]$  and  $A_2(s) = L[a_2(t)]$ , is  $L[x(t)] = A_1(s)X_1(s) + A_2(s)X_2(s)$  and why?

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No. The linearity property can only be applied to constant coefficients, not time-dependent ones. – 2 points

c. If  $x(t) = e^{t-2}u(t-2)$ , which of the following is the Laplace transform of  $x(t)$ ?

- (a)  $\frac{1}{s-2}e^{-s}$ , (b)  $\frac{1}{s+1}e^{-2s}$ , (c)  $\frac{1}{s-1}e^{-2s}$ , (d) none of the above.

We can break it down into two steps:

$e^{t-2}u(t-2) \leftarrow$  time delay  $\leftarrow e^t u(t) \leftarrow$  multiplication of exponential  $\leftarrow u(t)$

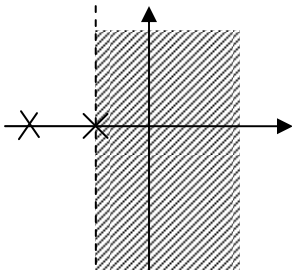
Since  $L[u(t)] = 1/s$ , the complex shifting theorem tells us that  $L[e^t u(t)] = 1/(s-1)$ .

Finally, time delay corresponds to multiplication of exponential in s-domain, i.e.  $L[e^{t-2}u(t-2)] = e^{-2s}/(s-1)$  or (c).

## 8. Laplace Transform

a.  $x(t)$ 's Laplace transform is  $X(s) = \frac{s+4}{s^2+3s+2}$ . Draw its ROC.

After simplification,  $X(s) = 1/[(s+1)(s+2)]$ . The poles of  $X(s)$  are -1 and -2. (2 pts)  
The ROC looks like



b. Find the differential equation relating the input  $x(t)$  and the output  $y(t)$  if the transfer function of the system is given as follows:

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

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

By the definition of transfer function, all initial conditions are assumed to be zero.  
Taking inverse Laplace transform, we get

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dt} + y(t) = x(t)$$