

MAT 320

Midterm Exam

Fall 2025

1. Simplify: $(1 - i)^{12}$

- a) $-32e^{-i\pi}$ b) $64\sqrt{2}e^{i\pi}$ c) -64 d) $-32(1 + i)$ e) $12e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}$

Correct Answer: -64 2. Suppose $z = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$. Simplify: $z^5 - \bar{z}$, where \bar{z} is the conjugate of z .

- a) 0 b) $e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$ c) 1 d) $2e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$ e) -1

Correct Answer: 0 3. Simplify: $\cos(\frac{3\pi}{4}) + i\sin(\frac{5\pi}{4})$

- a) $e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}}$ b) $e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$ c) i d) $e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}}$ e) $-i$

Correct Answer: $e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}}$ 4. Simplify: $\sum_{k=1}^{31} (e^{i\frac{\pi}{16}})^k$

- a) -1 b) $-i$ c) 1 d) i e) 0

Correct Answer: -1 5. Rotate the complex number $1 + i$ by $-3\pi/4$ radians counterclockwise, then scale by $\sqrt{2}$.

- a) $1 + 2i$ b) $-1 + 3i$ c) $-2i$ d) $-3 - i$ e) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i$

Correct Answer: $-2i$ 6. Write $(\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}})^2 \sin t$ as an exponential sum:

- a) $\frac{-3i}{2} (e^{i3t} - e^{-i3t})$ b) $2e^{it} - 2e^{-it}$ c) $4(e^{it} - e^{-it})$ d) $\frac{2i}{3} (e^{i3t} - e^{-i3t})$ e) $e^{it} - e^{-it}$

Correct Answer: $e^{it} - e^{-it}$

7. Find the complex dot product of the vectors:

$$(i, 1 + i) \bullet (1 - i, i)$$

- a) $2 - i$ b) $1 + i$ c) $3 + i$ d) $-2 + i$ e) 0

Correct Answer: 0 8. Suppose we use sampling rate $f_s = 16000$ Hz. What is the frequency of smallest positive value which is an alias of the frequency 8100 Hz, but is not equal to this frequency?

- a) 2050 b) 7900 c) 12000 d) 10500 e) 6800

Correct Answer: 7900

9. Let $\{\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ be the Fourier basis of \mathbb{C}^3 , where \mathbf{u}_k is the vector obtained by sampling the phasor $e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}kt}$ at the t -values $0, 1, 2$. What is the sum of vectors $\mathbf{u}_0 - \mathbf{u}_1$?

- a) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}} \\ e^{-i\frac{4\pi}{3}} \end{pmatrix}$ b) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}} \\ e^{-i\frac{\pi}{3}} \end{pmatrix}$ c) $\begin{pmatrix} i \\ i \\ i^2 \end{pmatrix}$ d) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ e) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Correct Answer: $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}} \\ e^{-i\frac{\pi}{3}} \end{pmatrix}$ 10. Assuming that the errors in computing the closest integer value of an analog signal are uniformly distributed in the interval $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$, what is the average value of the root mean square error? Hint: compute the average value as the integral of x^2 over the interval, divided by the length of the interval, then take the square root of the answer.

- a) $\sqrt{3}$ b) $2\sqrt{3}$ c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ d) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$ e) $\frac{1}{2}$

Correct Answer: $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$

11. Let $\{\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ be the Fourier basis of \mathbb{C}^3 , where \mathbf{u}_k is the vector obtained by sampling the phasor $e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}kt}$ at the t -values 0, 1, 2. What is the complex inner product $\mathbf{u}_2 \bullet \mathbf{u}_2$?

a) 0 b) 1 c) 3 d) -3 e) 2

Correct Answer: 3

12. Let \mathbf{x} be a complex vector with coordinates 1, 0, 1. Find $X_1 = DFT(\mathbf{x}, 3, 1)$.

a) i b) 1 c) 2 d) $e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}$ e) $e^{-i\frac{\pi}{3}}$

Correct Answer: $e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}$

13. Same vector \mathbf{x} and DFT X_1 as in the previous problem. If \mathbf{x} is written in the Fourier basis as $\mathbf{x} = c_0\mathbf{u}_0 + c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2$ what is c_1 ?

a) $\frac{1}{3}i$ b) 1 c) $\frac{1}{3}e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}$ d) $\frac{1}{3}e^{-i\frac{\pi}{3}}$ e) $\frac{2}{3}e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$

Correct Answer: $\frac{1}{3}e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}$

14. If a filter has frequency response function with peaks (maximum values) at 18 dB, and valleys (minimum values) at -3 dB, then the amplitude range of the signal is varying from low to high by a *factor* of about:

a) 12 b) $8\sqrt{2}$ c) $24\sqrt{2}$ d) $18\sqrt{2}$ e) 16

Correct Answer: $8\sqrt{2}$

15. Suppose that for some filter, the input phasor $e^{i\omega_0 t}$ has output $H(\omega_0)e^{i\omega_0 t}$, where $H(\omega_0) = 2^{\frac{1}{3}}e^{i\omega_0/3}$. What is the magnitude response for this frequency given in dB?

a) 6 b) 3 c) 9 d) 2 e) 0

Correct Answer: 2

16. Suppose a filter has magnitude response $|H(\omega)| = |e^{i\omega} + \frac{i}{2}|$. Which frequency ω has the smallest frequency response?

a) $\pi/4$ b) $\pi/3$ c) $\pi/2$ d) $2\pi/3$ e) $\pi/6$

Correct Answer: $\pi/6$

17. Consider the digital filter: $y_t = 2x_t + \frac{1}{2}x_{t-1} + \frac{1}{2}x_{t-2} + 2x_{t-3}$. What is the transfer function $\mathcal{H}(z)$ for this filter?

a) $1 - 2z$ b) $1 - \frac{1}{2z}$ c) $2 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}z^{-2} + 2z^{-3}$ d) $1 - 2z^{-1} - 2z^{-2} + z^{-3}$ e) $\frac{z^3+2}{z^3}$

Correct Answer: $2 + \frac{1}{2}z^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}z^{-2} + 2z^{-3}$

18. Same filter as in the previous question. Find a simple form for $|H(\omega)|$, the magnitude of the frequency response of this filter.

a) $|\cos(4\omega) + \cos(2\omega)|$ b) $|4\cos(\frac{3}{2}\omega) + \cos(2\omega)|$ c) $|4\cos(\frac{3}{2}\omega) + \cos(\frac{1}{2}\omega)|$ d) $|4\cos(\frac{1}{2}\omega)|$
e) $|4 + 2\cos(\frac{1}{2}\omega)|$

Correct Answer: $|4\cos(\frac{3}{2}\omega) + \cos(\frac{1}{2}\omega)|$

19. Same filter as in the previous question. If the phasor $e^{i\omega t}$ is the input signal, then the output signal will be the same phasor scaled by $|H(\omega)|$ and delayed by how many samples?

a) 1 b) 0.5 c) 1.5 d) 2 e) 2.5

Correct Answer: 1.5

20. The transfer function of a filter, evaluated at a point $e^{i\omega}$ in polar coordinates on the unit circle in the complex plane, gives information in the form of a complex number depending on ω . This complex number is referred to as the filter's:

a) impulse response b) magnitude response c) phase response d) delay e) frequency response

Correct Answer: frequency response