

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  $\omega$  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  $\omega$ . 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