

## FFT

Calculate the FFT of a time domain signal  
Total: 12 marks

From the time signal that you are given, you must calculate the FFT. Indicate the steps that you followed. (3 marks) \*

- ☐ Normalize the FFT by multiplying it by  $2/N$
- ☐ Do not normalize the FFT
- ☐ Do not apply windowing
- ☐ Do not perform FFT correction
- ☐ Apply windowing before calculating the FFT
- ☐ Perform FFT correction by multiplying the FFT with the window correction factor
- ☐ Apply windowing after calculating the FFT
- ☐ Perform FFT correction by dividing the FFT with the window correction factor
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the frequency of the 1st positive frequency peak (1 mark) \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the frequency of the 2nd positive frequency peak (1 mark) \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Enter the frequency of the 3rd positive frequency peak (1 mark) \*

Your answer

Enter the amplitude of the 1st positive frequency peak (**accurate to 3 significant figures**) (1 mark) \*

Your answer

Enter the amplitude of the 2nd positive frequency peak (**accurate to 3 significant figures**) (1 mark) \*

Your answer

Enter the amplitude of the 3rd positive frequency peak (**accurate to 3 significant figures**) (1 mark) \*

Your answer

Enter the phase angle (**in degrees**) of the 1st positive frequency peak (1 mark) \*

Your answer

Enter the phase angle (**in degrees**) of the 2nd positive frequency peak (1 mark) \*

Your answer

Enter the phase angle (**in degrees**) of the 3rd positive frequency peak (1 mark) \*

Your answer

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## RC filter design

Design a first order RC low-pass filter with a cut-off frequency of 100 Hz  
Total: 10 marks

By setting  $R = 1000 \text{ Ohm}$ , calculate the value of  $C$  in microFarad ( $\mu\text{F}$ ), **accurate to 4 significant figures**. (2 marks) \*

Your answer

Refer to the PDF document titled "Standard\_Capacitor\_Values.pdf". Using 3 standard capacitors, what is the closest you can get to the value of  $C$  as reported in the previous question? (2 marks) \*

Your answer

Create a first order Butterworth low-pass filter in Python with a cut-off frequency of 100 Hz, using `scipy.signal.butter`. \*

Compare the Bode plots of your RC filter and your Butterworth filter, and complete the following (6 marks)

- ☐ The Bode plot magnitude graphs are different
- ☐ The Bode plot phase angle graphs are identical
- ☐ The Bode plot phase angle graphs are different
- ☐ The Bode plot magnitude graphs are identical
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Python filter implementation

Apply your first order Butterworth low-pass filter to your time domain signal, and calculate the FFT of the filtered signal. Compare the peak frequency amplitudes with those you calculated in

Section 2  
Total: 8 marks

Enter the amplitude of the 1st positive frequency peak of the filtered signal  
(**accurate to 3 significant figures**) (1 mark) \*

Your answer

Enter the amplitude of the 2nd positive frequency peak of the filtered signal  
(**accurate to 3 significant figures**) (1 mark) \*

Your answer

Enter the amplitude of the 3rd positive frequency peak of the filtered signal  
(**accurate to 3 significant figures**) (1 mark) \*

Your answer

According to you, is the low-pass filter effective in filtering out the 3rd peak frequency? (1 mark) \*

- ☐ No
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What can be done to increase the effectiveness of the low-pass filter (2 marks) \*

- ☐ Nothing, the filter is effective
- ☐ Increase the filter order
- ☐ Reduce the cut-off frequency
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Compare the phase angles of the frequency components of the filtered signal to that of the unfiltered signal (as reported in Section 2). The differences are caused by (2 marks): \*

- ☐ Phase angle distortion from using the low-pass filter
- ☐ Aliasing
- ☐ Random errors characteristic of the FFT algorithm