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Time allowed: 2:00 hours

There are **THREE** questions on this paper.

Answer **ALL** questions.

Q1 carries 40% of the marks. Questions 2 and 3 carry equal marks (30% each).

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# EXAM QUESTIONS

## Information for Students

### Fourier Transform Pairs

Pair Number	$x(t)$	$X(f)$
1.	$\Pi\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$	$\tau \operatorname{sinc} \tau f$
2.	$2W \operatorname{sinc} 2Wt$	$\Pi\left(\frac{f}{2W}\right)$
3.	$\Lambda\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$	$\tau \operatorname{sinc}^2 \tau f$
4.	$\exp(-\alpha t)u(t), \alpha > 0$	$\frac{1}{\alpha + j2\pi f}$
5.	$t \exp(-\alpha t)u(t), \alpha > 0$	$\frac{1}{(\alpha + j2\pi f)^2}$
6.	$\exp(-\alpha t ), \alpha > 0$	$\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + (2\pi f)^2}$
7.	$e^{-\pi(f-j)^2}$	$\tau e^{-\pi(f-j)^2}$
8.	$\delta(t)$	1
9.	1	$\delta(f)$
10.	$\delta(t - t_0)$	$\exp(-j2\pi f t_0)$
11.	$\exp(j2\pi f_0 t)$	$\delta(f - f_0)$
12.	$\cos 2\pi f_0 t$	$\frac{1}{2}\delta(f - f_0) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(f + f_0)$
13.	$\sin 2\pi f_0 t$	$\frac{1}{2j}\delta(f - f_0) - \frac{1}{2j}\delta(f + f_0)$
14.	$u(t)$	$(j2\pi f)^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}\delta(f)$
15.	$\operatorname{sgn} t$	$(j\pi f)^{-1}$
16.	$\frac{1}{\pi t}$	$-j \operatorname{sgn}(f)$
17.	$\hat{x}(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x(\lambda)}{t - \lambda} d\lambda$	$-j \operatorname{sgn}(f)X(f)$
18.	$\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - mT_s)$	$f_s \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(f - mf_s),$ $f_s = T_s^{-1}$

### Useful Relations and Formulas

$$\tan(x+y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\tan(x-y) = \frac{\tan x - \tan y}{1 + \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \cot x$$

$$\tan 2x = \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x} = \frac{2 \cot x}{\cot^2 x - 1} = \frac{2}{\cot x - \tan x}$$

$$\tan \frac{x}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}} = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x} = \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$\sin x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(x+y) + \sin(x-y)]$$

$$\cos x \sin y = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(x+y) - \sin(x-y)]$$

$$\sin x \sin y = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x-y) - \cos(x+y)]$$

$$\cos x \cos y = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(x+y) + \cos(x-y)]$$

$$\sin x + \sin y = 2 \sin \frac{x+y}{2} \cos \frac{x-y}{2}$$

$$\sin x - \sin y = 2 \cos \frac{x+y}{2} \sin \frac{x-y}{2}$$

$$\cos x + \cos y = 2 \cos \frac{x+y}{2} \cos \frac{x-y}{2}$$

$$\cos x - \cos y = -2 \sin \frac{x+y}{2} \sin \frac{x-y}{2}$$

### Differentiation Rule of Leibnitz

Let  $F(z) = \int_{a(z)}^{b(z)} f(x, z) dx$ . Then we have

$$\frac{dF(z)}{dz} = \frac{db(z)}{dz} f(b(z), z) - \frac{da(z)}{dz} f(a(z), z) + \int_{a(z)}^{b(z)} \frac{\partial f(x, z)}{\partial z} dx$$

### Fourier Transform Theorems<sup>a</sup>

Name of Theorem		
1. Superposition ( $a_1$ and $a_2$ arbitrary constants)	$a_1x_1(t) + a_2x_2(t)$	$a_1X_1(f) + a_2X_2(f)$
2. Time delay	$x(t - t_0)$	$X(f)e^{-j2\pi ft_0}$
3a. Scale change	$x(at)$	$ a ^{-1}X\left(\frac{f}{a}\right)$
b. Time reversal	$x(-t)$	$X(-f) = X^*(f)$
4. Duality	$X(t)$	$x(-f)$
5a. Frequency translation	$x(t)e^{j\omega_0 t}$	$X(f - f_0)$
b. Modulation	$x(t) \cos \omega_0 t$	$\frac{1}{2}X(f - f_0) + \frac{1}{2}X(f + f_0)$
6. Differentiation	$\frac{d^n x(t)}{dt^n}$	$(j2\pi f)^n X(f)$
7. Integration	$\int_{-\infty}^t x(t') dt'$	$(j2\pi f)^{-1}X(f) + \frac{1}{2}X(0)\delta(f)$
8. Convolution	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(t - t')x_2(t') dt'$  $= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(t')x_2(t - t') dt'$	$X_1(f)X_2(f)$
9. Multiplication	$x_1(t)x_2(t)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_1(f - f')X_2(f') df'$  $= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_1(f')X_2(f - f') df'$

### Q Function

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

### Joint Gaussian density

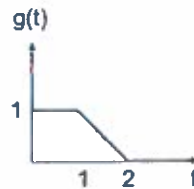
The joint probability density function (pdf) of two correlated Gaussian random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \frac{(x-\mu_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} - \frac{(x-\mu_X)(y-\mu_Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} + \frac{(y-\mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2} \right]}$$

where  $\mu_X = E[X]$ ,  $\mu_Y = E[Y]$  are the mean values,  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$  are the standard deviation of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, and  $\rho$  is the correlation coefficient defined as

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y}$$

- I. a) i) Why are digital signals more immune to channel noise compared to analogue signals? [2]
- ii) What is the minimum sampling rate such that the function  $f(t) = \text{sinc}^2(3t)$  can be reconstructed exactly from its samples? [2]
- iii) Let  $g(t)$  be the following pulse shape:



Assume that the receiver receives  $y(t) = a \cdot g(t) + w(t)$ , where  $w(t)$  is white Gaussian noise, and  $a$  is an unknown constant that the receiver wishes to detect.  $y(t)$  is passed through a filter and then sampled at  $t = 2$ . Assuming that  $g(t)$  is known at the receiver, what is the best filter that minimizes the effect of noise? [3]

- iv) Consider a QPSK system, where the transmitted signal is denoted by

$$x(t) = A_c \cos(2\pi f_c t + \phi), \quad \phi \in \left\{ 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2} \right\}.$$

Draw the diagram of a coherent QPSK receiver, and explain the function of each component of the receiver. [5]

- b) Let  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  be two random processes. State whether each of the following statements are true or false, and discuss your answer:
- i) If  $X(t)$  is strict sense stationary (SSS), it is also wide sense stationary (WSS). [2]
- ii) If  $X(t)$  is WSS, it is also SSS. [2]
- iii) If  $X(t)$  is a white process, then it is Gaussian. [2]
- iv) If  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are WSS, so is  $X(t) + Y(t)$ . [3]

- c) Assume that  $X(t)$  is a zero-mean WSS random process with power spectral density  $S_X(f) = \Pi(\frac{f}{3000})$ , where  $\Pi(x)$  is the rectangular function defined as follows:

$$\Pi(x) \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |x| < 1/2, \\ 1/2 & \text{if } |x| = 1/2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

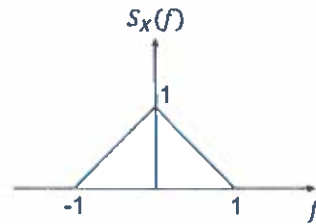
- i) What is the maximum sampling rate that will lead to uncorrelated samples? [4]
- ii) If the sampling rate is 1 KHz, and each sample is quantized by a 10-bit quantizer, how much storage is needed to store a 5 second time-frame of signal  $X(t)$ ? [2]

- d) Assume that  $X(t)$  is a real zero-mean WSS Gaussian random process.  $X(t)$  is passed through a linear time invariant (LTI) system, and the output is denoted by  $Y(t)$ . Let  $h(t) = \text{sinc}(t)$  denote the impulse response of the LTI system.

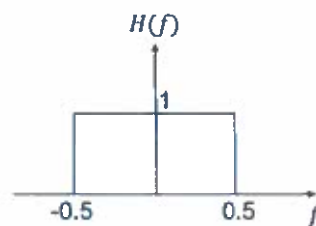
- i) Which of the following three statements are true?
  1.  $Y(t)$  is Gaussian.
  2.  $S_Y(f)$  is bandlimited.
  3.  $Y(t)$  is WSS, but not necessarily SSS.
- ii) Find  $\Pr\{Y(1) \geq 0\}$ .
- iii) If  $\Pr\{Y(1) + Y(2) \leq 2\} = 0.3$ , find

$$\Pr\{Y(-1) + Y(-2) > 2\}.$$

2. a) A WSS Gaussian random process  $X(t)$  has the following power spectral density (PSD):



Assume that  $\mathbb{E}[X(t)] = \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $t$ , and  $X(t)$  is passed through a linear time invariant (LTI) filter with the following frequency response, and the output is denoted by  $Y(t)$ .



- i) Find  $\mathbb{E}[Y(t)]$ . [3]
  - ii) Find the PSD of  $Y(t)$ , i.e.,  $S_Y(f)$ . [4]
  - iii) Find  $\Pr\{Y(0) \geq 2\}$ . [5]
  - iv) Find  $\Pr\{Y(1) + Y(2) + Y(3) \geq 3/2\}$ . [3]
- b) A binary message source generates bit "0" with probability  $p_0$  and "1" with probability  $p_1$ . These bits are transmitted over a binary digital communication system. Bit "0" is transmitted with a pulse of amplitude  $-1$ , and bit "1" is transmitted with a pulse of amplitude  $1$ . The noise in the channel is zero-mean additive white Gaussian with variance  $0.5$ . The receiver uses a matched filter followed by threshold detection.
- i) Determine the optimum detection threshold if  $p_1 = 0.5$ . [3]
  - ii) Determine the optimum detection threshold if  $p_1 = 0.2$ . What is the corresponding probability of error? [6]
  - iii) Assume that the receiver sets the optimum threshold as derived in question ii). However, the message source generates bits with  $p_1 = 0.7$ . What is the probability of error? How does this compare with the probability of error you found above? [6]



3. a) Let  $m(t) = \sqrt{6} \cos(4\pi t)$  denote a baseband message signal. The signal undergoes standard amplitude modulation (AM). Assume that the additive noise is Gaussian and white, with the autocorrelation function  $R_N(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \delta(\tau)$ .
- i) Draw the diagram of a coherent AM detector, and explain the function of each component. [5]
  - ii) Calculate the signal to noise ratio (SNR) at the receiver output. [6]
  - iii) How does the performance of the above system compare with that of a baseband system with the same transmitted power? [4]
- b) Assume that a memoryless source outputs symbols  $A, B$  and  $C$  with the corresponding probabilities 0.5, 0.3 and 0.2, respectively.
- i) Design a Huffman code for compressing this source output. [3]
  - ii) What is the average codeword length of this code? [3]
  - iii) What is Shannon's theoretical bound on the minimum average codeword length for this source? [3]
  - iv) Assume that we want to compress two-letter words independently generated by this source, i.e.,  $AA, AB, AC, \dots$ . Design a Huffman code for compressing these two-letter words. What is the average codeword length per symbol for this code? [6]

