

**Ve216 Introduction to Signals and Systems: Summary**  
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**Signals and Systems: Summary 1**

- Circuits:  $v(t) = Ri(t)$ ,  $v(t) = L\frac{d}{dt}i(t)$ ,  $i(t) = C\frac{d}{dt}v(t)$
- Notation:  $x(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t}, & t > 2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = e^{-t}u(t-2)$
- Time transformation:
  - $x\left(\frac{t-t_0}{w}\right)$ . First scale according to  $w$ , then shift according to  $t_0$ .
  - $x(at-b)$ . First time-delay by  $b$ , then time-scale by  $a$
- Integrator system  $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau = x(t) * u(t)$
- Even symmetry:  $x(-t) = x(t)$ , Odd symmetry:  $x(-t) = -x(t)$
- $\text{Ev}\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{2}(x(t) + x(-t))$ ,  $\text{Od}\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{2}(x(t) - x(-t))$ ,  $x(t) = \text{Ev}\{x(t)\} + \text{Od}\{x(t)\}$ .

- Average value:  $A \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T x(t) dt$
- Energy:  $E \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$
- Average power:  $P \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^2 dt$
- Energy signal:  $E < \infty$ ,  $P = 0$ .
- Power signal:  $E = \infty$ ,  $0 < P < \infty$ .
- Power of periodic signal:  $P = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} |x(t)|^2 dt$

- Step function:  $u(t) = 1$  for  $t > 0$ .
- Rect function:  $\text{rect}(t) = 1$  for  $-1/2 < t < 1/2$ ,  $\text{rect}(t) = u(t+1/2) - u(t-1/2) = u(t+1/2)u(1/2-t)$
- Impulse functions
  - Sifting property:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)\delta(t-t_0) dt = x(t_0)$  if  $x(t)$  is continuous at  $t_0$
  - Sampling property:  $x(t)\delta(t-t_0) = x(t_0)\delta(t-t_0)$  if  $x(t)$  is continuous at  $t_0$
  - unit area property:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-t_0) dt = 1$  for any  $t_0$
  - scaling property:  $\delta(at+b) = \frac{1}{|a|}\delta(t+b/a)$  for  $a \neq 0$ .
  - symmetry property:  $\delta(t) = \delta(-t)$
  - support property:  $\delta(t-t_0) = 0$  for  $t \neq t_0$
  - relationships with unit step function:  $\delta(t) = \frac{d}{dt}u(t)$ ,  $u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau$

**Continuous-time system properties**

- Stability (BIBO): all bounded input signals produce bounded output signals
- Invertibility: each output signal is the response to only one input signal
- Causal: output signal value  $y(t)$  at any time  $t$  depends only on present and past input signal values.
- Static (memoryless): output at any time only depends on input signal at the same time. (otherwise dynamic)
- Time invariant:

- $x(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}} y(t)$  implies that  $x(t - t_0) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}} y(t - t_0)$
- Recipe for showing time-invariance.
  - Determine output signal  $y(t)$  due to a generic input signal  $x(t)$ .
  - Determine the delayed output signal  $y(t - t_0)$ , by replacing  $t$  with  $t - t_0$  in  $y(t)$  expression.
  - Determine output signal  $y_d(t)$  due to a delayed input signal  $x_d(t) = x(t - t_0)$ .
  - If  $y_d(t) = y(t - t_0)$ , then system is time-invariant.
- Linear systems:
  - superposition property:  $\mathcal{T}[\sum_k a_k x_k(t)] = \sum_k a_k \mathcal{T}[x_k(t)]$
  - additivity property:  $\mathcal{T}[x_1(t) + x_2(t)] = \mathcal{T}[x_1(t)] + \mathcal{T}[x_2(t)]$
  - scaling property:  $\mathcal{T}[ax(t)] = a\mathcal{T}[x(t)]$

### LTI systems

input-output relationship described by convolution integral:

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t - \tau)h(\tau) d\tau = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t - \tau)x(\tau) d\tau$$

Properties:

- Commutative property:  $x(t) * h(t) = h(t) * x(t)$
- Associative property:  $[x(t) * h_1(t)] * h_2(t) = x(t) * [h_1(t) * h_2(t)]$
- Distributive property:  $x(t) * [h_1(t) + h_2(t)] = [x(t) * h_1(t)] + [x(t) * h_2(t)]$
- The order of serial connection of LTI systems does not affect the overall impulse response.
- $x(t) * \delta(t) = x(t)$
- Delay property:  $x(t) * \delta(t - t_0) = x(t - t_0)$
- $\delta(t - t_0) * \delta(t - t_1) = \delta(t - t_0 - t_1)$
- Time-invariance: If  $y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$ , then  $x(t - t_0) * h(t - t_1) = y(t - t_0 - t_1)$

LTI system properties

- causal:  $h(t) = 0$  for all  $t < 0$
- static:  $h(t) = k\delta(t)$ , otherwise dynamic
- stable:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(t)| dt < \infty$
- invertible:  $h(t) * h_i(t) = \delta(t)$  for some  $h_i(t)$   
If  $h(t) * x(t) = 0$  for some nonzero signal  $x(t)$ , then not invertible
- step response:  $h(t) = \frac{d}{dt}s(t)$ , where  $u(t) \xrightarrow{\text{LTI}} s(t)$

Linear, constant coefficient, differential equation systems

- LTI and causal if initially at rest
- dynamic unless  $N = M = 0$
- homogenous solution, natural response:  
 $y_h(t) = \sum_l C_l e^{s_l t}$ , where  $s_l$ 's are the  $N$  roots of the characteristic polynomial  $\sum_{k=0}^N a_k s^k = 0$ .
- particular solution, forced response:  $y_p(t) = P_0 x(t) + P_1 \frac{d}{dt}x(t) + \dots$

## Topics covered in Chap. 1-2

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### Chap. 1

- signal classes
- signal notation
- \* time transformations
- amplitude transformations
- signal operations
- integrator system (running integral operation)
- \* even/odd signals
- \* energy and power signals
- periodicity
- \* unit step / rect signals
- \* unit impulse function
- \* impulse function properties (sifting, sampling)
- CT systems
- block diagrams
- system classes
- \* amplitude properties: linearity, stability, invertibility
- \* time properties: causality, memory, time-invariance

### Chap. 2

- impulse response  $h(t)$
- convolution for CT LTI systems
- \* graphical convolution
- \* properties of convolution and LTI systems
- impulse response vs step response
- \* properties of convolution and impulse response
- LTI system properties characterized by  $h(t)$  (causality, memory, stability, invertibility)
- diffeq systems
- solutions of diffeq

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## Signals and Systems: Summary 2

### Fourier Series

- Analysis equation:  $c_k = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt$ ,  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
- DC value:  $c_0 = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_0^{T_0} x(t) dt$ .
- Synthesis equation:  $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$
- Combined trigonometric form:  $x(t) = c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2|c_k| \cos(k\omega_0 t + \angle c_k)$ , if  $x(t)$  is real.
- Trigonometric form:  $x(t) = c_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \cos(k\omega_0 t) - B_k \sin(k\omega_0 t)$ , where  $A_k = \text{real}\{c_k\}$  and  $B_k = \text{Imag}(c_k)$

### Convergence properties

- Error signal  $e_N(t) = x(t) - x_N(t)$  where  $x_N(t) = \sum_{k=-N}^N c_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$  when  $c_k$ 's chosen according to above FS analysis equation
- Error signal energy  $E_N = \int_{T_0} |e_N(t)|^2 dt \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , provided  $x(t)$  square integrable:  $\int_{T_0} |x(t)|^2 dt < \infty$
- $e_N(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  provided Dirichlet conditions hold
- Near the discontinuity there will usually be overshoot and/or undershoot that persists even as  $N$  increases, which is called Gibbs phenomenon.

### One-signal properties (Fourier series transformations)

- Amplitude transformation:  $ax(t) + b \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b + ac_0, & k = 0 \\ ac_k, & k \neq 0. \end{cases}$
- Time transformation:  $x(at + b) \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} c_k e^{jk\omega_0 b}, & a > 0 \\ c_{-k} e^{jk\omega_0 b}, & a < 0. \end{cases} \quad \omega_1 = |a|\omega_0$
- Time shift:  $x(t - t_0) \leftrightarrow c_k e^{-jk\omega_0 t_0}$
- Conjugation:  $[x(t)]^* \leftrightarrow c_{-k}^*$
- Complex modulation (frequency shift):  $x(t) e^{j\omega_0 t N} \leftrightarrow c_{k-N}$
- Differentiation:  $y(t) = \frac{d}{dt} x(t) \leftrightarrow jk\omega_0 c_k$

### Properties

- If  $x(t)$  is real, then  $c_{-k} = c_k^*$ .
- Linearity (add coefficients if same period  $T_0$ )
- Multiplication  $c_k = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} a_l b_{k-l}$ . (discrete convolution)
- Filtering: see below
- Circular convolution: skip
- Total harmonic distortion:  $\text{THD} = (1 - 2|c_1|^2/P) \cdot 100\%$
- Power of  $ce^{jk\omega_0 t}$  is  $|c|^2$
- Power of  $A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$  is  $A^2/2$
- Parseval's theorem:  $P = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0} |x(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_k|^2$
- Power density spectrum:  $|c_k|^2$
- Magnitude spectrum:  $|c_k|$ . Phase spectrum:  $\angle c_k$

### Foundations of Filtering

- $x(t) = e^{st} \xrightarrow{\text{LTI}} y(t) = H(s) e^{st}$
- Laplace transform of  $h(t)$ , aka system function:  $H(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{-st} dt$
- $x(t) = e^{j\omega t} \xrightarrow{\text{LTI}} y(t) = H(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} = |H(j\omega)| e^{j(\omega t + \angle H(j\omega))}$
- Fourier transform of  $h(t)$ , aka frequency response:  $H(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt = H(s)|_{s=j\omega} = |H(j\omega)| e^{j\angle H(j\omega)}$
- $x(t) = \sum_k c_k e^{j\omega_k t} \xrightarrow{\text{LTI}} y(t) = \sum_k c_k H(j\omega_k) e^{j\omega_k t}$
- If  $h(t)$  is real, then  $H^*(s) = H(s^*)$  and  $H(-j\omega) = H^*(j\omega)$ . (Hermitian symmetry)
- If  $h(t)$  is real,  $x(t) = \cos(\omega t + \phi) \xrightarrow{\text{LTI}} y(t) = |H(j\omega)| \cos(\omega t + \phi + \angle H(j\omega))$
- $x(t) = \sum_k A_k \cos(\omega_k t + \phi_k) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{LTI } h(t)} \rightarrow y(t) = \sum_k A_k |H(j\omega_k)| \cos(\omega_k t + \phi_k + \angle H(j\omega_k))$

**Fourier Transform**

- Fourier transform (analysis):  $F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{j\omega t} dt$ .
- Inverse Fourier transform (synthesis):  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega)e^{j\omega t} d\omega$
- The FT of a signal  $f(t)$  exists (converges) if  $f(t)$  is absolutely integrable, i.e.,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| dt < \infty$ . (more rigorously,  $f(t)$  satisfies the Dirichlet conditions)
- For periodic signals:  $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k 2\pi \delta(\omega - k\omega_0)$ .
- $x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(t - nT_0) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \omega_0 G(k\omega_0) \delta(\omega - k\omega_0)$
- Energy density spectrum:  $|X(\omega)|^2$
- Energy over a spectral band:  $E_B = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_B |X(\omega)|^2 d\omega$
- Symmetry properties
 

$f(t)$	$=$	$f_R^e(t)$	$+$	$j f_I^e(t)$	$+$	$f_R^o(t)$	$+$	$j f_I^o(t)$
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$F(\omega)$	$=$	$F_R^e(\omega)$	$+$	$j F_I^e(\omega)$	$+$	$F_R^o(\omega)$	$+$	$j F_I^o(\omega)$

### Topics covered in Chap. 3-4

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#### Ch. 3

- eigenfunctions of LTI systems (complex-exponential signals)
- \* Fourier series (3.3)
- Convergence of Fourier series (Gibbs phenomenon)(3.4)
- Properties of Fourier series (3.5)
- trigonometric forms of FS
- system transfer function (Laplace)
- frequency response (Fourier)
- Parseval's Relation for CT Periodic Signals(3.5.7)
- Power density spectrum
- magnitude/phase spectrum
- \* Fourier Series and LTI Systems (3.8)
- differentiation/modulation properties
- Filtering (3.9)
- \* Filters described by diffeqs (3.10)
- Rational transfer functions for diffeq systems

#### Ch. 4

- Defined FT and inverse FT by limits of FS
- Existence of FT
- \* FT of many important signals
- \* FT properties
- FT of periodic signals
- Parseval's relation (Energy density spectrum)
- \* convolution property and LTI systems
- \* Application of FT to RLC and diffeq systems

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Table of Fourier Series for Common Signals

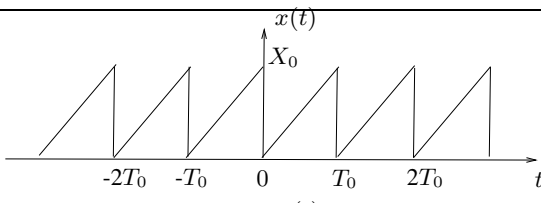
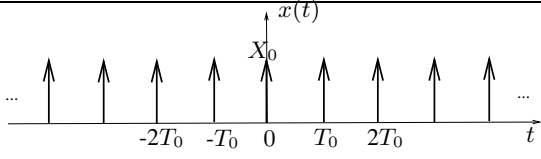
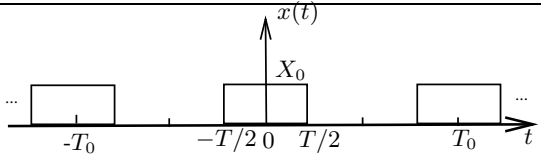
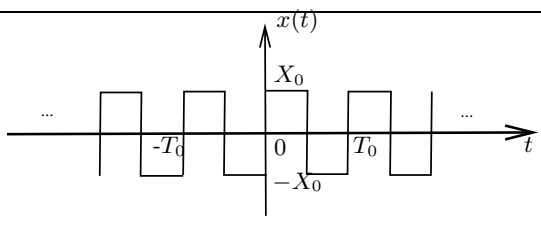
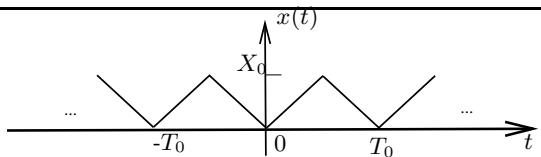
Name	Waveform	$c_0$	$c_k, k \neq 0$	Comments
Sawtooth	 A periodic sawtooth waveform with period $T_0$ . The signal $x(t)$ increases linearly from 0 at $t = 0$ to $X_0$ at $t = T_0$ , then drops to 0. The plot shows several cycles with labels at $-2T_0, -T_0, 0, T_0, 2T_0$ on the $t$ -axis.	$\frac{X_0}{2}$	$j \frac{X_0}{2\pi k}$	
Impulse train	 A periodic impulse train with period $T_0$ . The signal consists of a series of Dirac delta functions $\delta(t - nT_0)$ with amplitude $X_0$ . The plot shows impulses at $-2T_0, -T_0, 0, T_0, 2T_0$ on the $t$ -axis.	$\frac{X_0}{T_0}$	$\frac{X_0}{T_0}$	
Rectangular wave	 A periodic rectangular wave with period $T_0$ . The signal is $X_0$ for $0 < t < T_0$ and 0 elsewhere. The plot shows several cycles with labels at $-T_0, -T/2, 0, T/2, T_0$ on the $t$ -axis.	$\frac{TX_0}{T_0}$	$\frac{TX_0}{T_0} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{Tk\omega_0}{2\pi}\right)$	$\frac{Tk\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{Tk}{T_0}$
Square wave	 A periodic square wave with period $T_0$ . The signal is $X_0$ for $0 < t < T_0$ and $-X_0$ for $T_0 < t < 2T_0$ . The plot shows several cycles with labels at $-T_0, 0, T_0$ on the $t$ -axis.	0	$-j \frac{2X_0}{\pi k}$	$c_k = 0, k \text{ even}$
Triangular wave sine	 A periodic triangular wave with period $T_0$ . The signal is 0 at $t = 0$ and $t = T_0$ , and reaches a peak of $X_0$ at $t = T_0/2$ . The plot shows several cycles with labels at $-T_0, 0, T_0$ on the $t$ -axis.	$\frac{X_0}{2}$	$\frac{-2X_0}{(\pi k)^2}$	$c_k = 0, k \text{ even}$

Table of Fourier transform pairs

$f(t)$	$F(\omega)$
$\delta(t)$	1
1	$2\pi \delta(\omega) = \delta\left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right)$
$u(t)$	$\pi \delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega}$
$\text{sgn}(t)$	$\frac{2}{j\omega}$
$e^{j\omega_0 t}$	$2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_0)$
$\cos \omega_0 t$	$\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \pi \delta(\omega + \omega_0)$
$\sin \omega_0 t$	$\frac{\pi}{j} \delta(\omega - \omega_0) - \frac{\pi}{j} \delta(\omega + \omega_0)$
$e^{-bt^2}$	$\sqrt{\pi/b} e^{-\omega^2/(4b)}$
$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT_0)$	$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \omega_0 \delta(\omega - k\omega_0)$

$f(t)$	$F(\omega)$
$\frac{1}{b^2 + t^2}$	$\frac{\pi}{b} e^{-b \omega }$
$e^{-b t }$	$\frac{2b}{b^2 + \omega^2}$
$\text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$	$T \text{sinc}\left(T\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right)$
$\text{tri}(t)$	$\text{sinc}^2\left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right)$
$\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} t\right)$	$\text{rect}\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)$
$\text{sinc}^2(t)$	$\text{tri}\left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right)$
$e^{-at} u(t)$	$\frac{1}{j\omega + a}$
$\frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-at} u(t)$	$\frac{1}{(j\omega + a)^n}$
$\frac{j}{\pi t}$	$\text{sgn}(\omega)$

$b$  is a real positive number throughout.  $a$  is a real or complex number throughout, with positive real part.



Properties of the Continuous-Time Fourier Transform

	Time	Fourier
Synthesis, Analysis	$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$	$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$
Eigenfunction	$h(t) * e^{j\omega_0 t} = H(\omega_0) e^{j\omega_0 t}$	$H(\omega) 2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_0)$ $= H(\omega_0) 2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_0)$
Linearity	$a_1 f_1(t) + a_2 f_2(t)$	$a_1 F_1(\omega) + a_2 F_2(\omega)$
Time transformation	$f(at + b), a \neq 0$	$\frac{1}{ a } e^{j\omega b/a} F(\omega/a)$
Time shift	$f(t - \tau)$	$F(\omega) e^{-j\omega \tau}$
Time reversal	$f(-t)$	$F(-\omega)$
Time-scaling	$f(at), a \neq 0$	$\frac{1}{ a } F\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$
Convolution	$f_1(t) * f_2(t)$	$F_1(\omega) \cdot F_2(\omega)$
Time-domain Multiplication	$f_1(t) \cdot f_2(t)$	$\frac{1}{2\pi} F_1(\omega) * F_2(\omega)$
Frequency shift	$f(t) e^{j\omega_0 t}$	$F(\omega - \omega_0)$
Modulation (cosine)	$f(t) \cos(\omega_0 t)$	$\frac{F(\omega - \omega_0) + F(\omega + \omega_0)}{2}$
Time. Differentiation	$\frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t)$	$(j\omega)^n F(\omega)$
Freq. Differentiation	$(-jt)^n f(t)$	$\frac{d^n}{d\omega^n} F(\omega)$
Integration	$\int_{-\infty}^t f(\tau) d\tau = f(t) * u(t)$	$\frac{1}{j\omega} F(\omega) + \pi F(0) \delta(\omega)$
Conjugation	$f^*(t)$	$F^*(-\omega)$
Duality	$F(t)$	$2\pi f(-\omega)$
Relation to Laplace	$F(\omega) = F(s) _{s=j\omega}$ , if ROC includes $j\omega$ axis	
Parseval's Theorem	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(t) f_2^*(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_1(\omega) F_2^*(\omega) d\omega$	
Parseval/Rayleigh Theorem	$E = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}  f(t) ^2 dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}  F(\omega) ^2 d\omega$	
DC Value	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt = F(0)$	

A function that satisfies  $f(t) = f^*(-t)$  is said to have **Hermitian symmetry**.

### Tips for Exam Preparation

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- **Study lecture slides.** Read through lecture slides and the summary notes carefully. Make sure that you fully understand all the lecture materials.
- **Study homework solutions.** Review your HW sets and the posted solutions on Canvas.
- **Attend exam recitation classes.** TAs will posted times on Canvas.