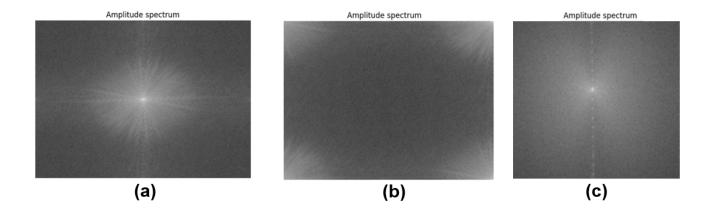
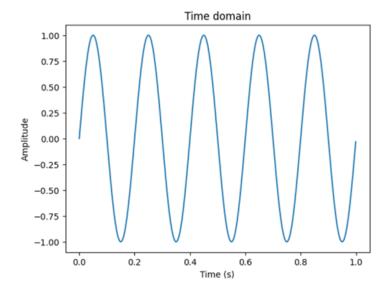
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# **Image Representation (10 points)**

**Question 1:** What is Fourier transform shifting? Which of the following images is the result of Fourier transform shifting? (5 points)



Question 2: Explain the Nyquist rate and illustrate it in the following plot. (5 points)



#### Audio Representation (25 points)

**Question 3:** The following mathematical equation represents the Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT).

**STFT** 
$$\hat{S}(k,m) = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} f(t+mH)w(x).e^{-2\pi i t \frac{k}{N}}$$

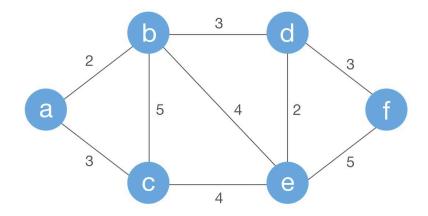
Explain what the STFT is and define its components: m, H, w(x) and N. (15 points)

**Question 4:** Explain the difference between Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT) and Fourier Transform (FT). (10 points)

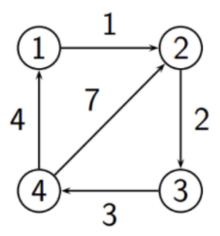
### **Graph Representation (25 points)**

**Question 5:** Draw directed graph from incidence matrix: (5 points)

**Question 6:** Find the minimal spanning trees for the following graph using Prim's algorithm: (5 points)



**Question 7:** Given a graph, use Floyd's algorithm to find the shortest path for i=1, j=2, and k=4: (15 points)



$$D^{k}[i,j] = \min[D^{k-1}[i,j], D^{k-1}[i,k] + D^{k-1}[k,j]$$

Where i represents the row, j represents the column, and k represents the vertex.

## **Data Representation for Machine Learning (30 points)**

Question 8: You are working with a manufacturer to optimize a design for a

wooden bench. You want to choose a design that can be reliably used by a 200 pound person. Your 500 stress test records include: (8 points)

- Wood thickness (T)
- Number of hours of repetitive use by a 200-pound test weight before failure (F)
- Number of screws attaching the legs (N)
- Bench color (C)
- Name of employees (I)
- Diameter of the screws attaching the legs (D)
- Length of the screws attaching the legs (L)

You want to predict how long the bench can be used before failure.

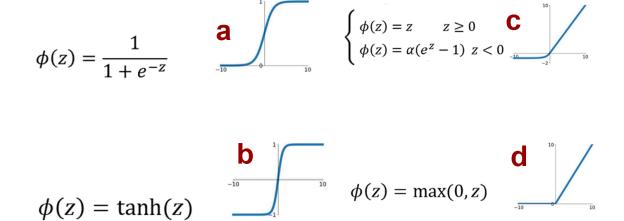
- a. Is this a regression, clustering, classification, or other type of problem? (1 points)
- b. Decide whether each item (T, F, N, C, I, D, L) is a meaningful feature (independent), label (dependent), or neither. (3 points)
- c. Which single metric would best help you evaluate the quality of your model? (2 points)
- d. For your metric *m*, what would you interpret as a good score / good model? (2 points)

### **Question 9:** Answer the following questions: (17 points)

- a. Define what an Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is (2 points).
- b. Outline the basic architecture of a neural network by providing a visual representation. Consider a scenario with 5 input neurons and the creation of 2 hidden layers. The first hidden layer consists of 4 neurons, and the second hidden layer has two neurons. Clearly illustrate the placement of activation functions and the application of weights within this architecture (6 points).
- c. Provide one method to initialize the weights. Explain briefly how it works (3 points).
- d. To mitigate overfitting, suggest one solution. Explain briefly how it works (3 points).
- e. What is the loss function in a Neural Network (NN)? How can we optimize the loss in NN? Name one optimizer and explain how it works.(3 points)

Question 10: There are 4 activation functions, each with the following metrics: (5 points)

- a. Explain what ∅ and z are in these equations? (2 points)
- b. Explain the functionality of one of these activation functions? (3 points)



## **Data Dimensionality Reduction (10 points)**

**Question 11:** Explain the curse of dimensionality and its implications in machine learning. How does dimensionality reduction help to solve this issue? (5 points)

**Question 12:** Describe two main categories of dimensionality reduction techniques commonly used in machine learning. Provide an example technique for each category. (5 points)