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1. (15 points) (T/F) Determine whether the following statements are true/false. Justify your answers.
- (a) (3 points) For an arbitrary real-valued signal  $\tilde{x}_T[n]$ , its Fourier series coefficients  $a_k = b_k + j c_k$  can always be decomposed into even and odd signals.

(True) For arbitrary  $a_k$ , even and odd parts are given by  $a_{even} = (a_k + a_{-k})/2$ ,  $a_{odd} = (a_k - a_{-k})/2$ . Since  $a_k = a_{even} + a_{odd}$ , this statement is always true.

- (b) (3 points) [ST] The fundamental period of the signal  $x(t) = \sin(4\pi t) + \cos(2\pi t)$  is 1.

(True) The fundamental period of  $\sin(4\pi t)$  is 0.5 ( $T_1 = 2\pi/\omega = 2\pi/(4\pi) = 0.5$ ). The second term has  $T_2 = 1$ . The least common multiple of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  is 1.

- (c) (3 points) The system represented by a running-integral operator ( $y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau)d\tau$ ) is linear and time-invariant.

(True)

- Linearity

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t a * x_1(\tau) + b * x_2(\tau)d\tau = a \int_{-\infty}^t x_1(\tau)d\tau + b \int_{-\infty}^t x_2(\tau)d\tau$$

- Time invariance

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(t) &= y(t - t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{t-t_0} x(\tau)d\tau \\ y_2(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau - t_0)d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{t-t_0} x(\tau')d\tau' \\ y_1(t) &= y_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

- (d) (3 points) For a causal LTI system with an impulse response  $h(t)$ , let  $g(t) = h(t) * u(-t)$ . Then another LTI system with the impulse response  $g(t)$  is also causal.

(False)

$u(-t) = 0$  for  $t > 0$ . The convolution of two signals is given by

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(-\tau)h(t-\tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 h(t-\tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_t^{\infty} h(\tau')d\tau' \quad (\tau' = t - \tau) \end{aligned}$$

To have a causal system, it should be guaranteed that  $g(t) = 0$  for all  $t < 0$ . However, in the above integral,  $h(\tau')$  is nonzero for positive  $\tau'$ . Therefore, we cannot guarantee the causality of  $g(t)$ .

- (e) (3 points) [ST] The Fourier series coefficients of the signal  $x[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^m \delta[n - mN]$  is  $a_k = (1 - (-1)^k)/(2N)$ .

(True)

The fundamental period of this signal is  $2N$ , and the fundamental frequency is  $\Omega_0 = 2\pi/2N = \pi/N$ . According to the analysis equation of FS expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{n=0}^{2N-1} x[n] e^{-jk\Omega_0 n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{n=0}^{2N-1} (\delta[n] - \delta[n - N]) e^{-jk\Omega_0 n} \\ &= (1 - e^{-jk\Omega_0 N})/(2N) &= (1 - e^{-jk\pi})/(2N) \\ &= (1 - (-1)^k)/(2N) \end{aligned}$$

2. (15 points) Answer the following questions.

- (a) (5 points) [ST] Find the signal obtained by the convolution of  $x[n]$  and  $h[n]$  for

$$x[n] = [1, 3, 2, 2], \quad h[n] = [0, 6, 4, 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m]h[n-m] \\ \therefore [y[n]] &= [0 \ 6 \ 22 \ 25 \ 23 \ 10 \ 2] \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (10 points) For the signal  $h(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$ , calculate the convolution  $h_t(t) = h(t) * h(t) * h(t)$ .

(solution) First, let's solve the convolution  $h(t) * h(t)$  - for  $t > 0$ , it becomes

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) * h(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\tau} u(\tau) e^{-(t-\tau)} u(t-\tau) d\tau \\ &= e^{-t} \int_0^t 1 d\tau \\ &= te^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

- for  $t \leq 0$ , there is no overlap between  $u(\tau)$  and  $u(t - \tau)$  and the convolution becomes 0.

$$\therefore h(t) * h(t) = te^{-t}u(t)$$

- The convolution  $h_t(t)$  can be calculated as

case 1: for  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} h_t(t) &= (te^{-t}u(t)) * e^{-t}u(t) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tau e^{-\tau}u(\tau)e^{-(t-\tau)}u(t-\tau)d\tau \\ &= e^{-t} \int_0^t \tau d\tau \\ &= \frac{t^2}{2}e^{-t} \end{aligned}$$

case 2: for  $t \leq 0$ ,

$$h_t(t) = 0$$

$$\therefore h_t(t) = \frac{t^2}{2}e^{-t}u(t)$$

3. (25 points) The LCCDE of a DT system satisfying the condition of initial rest is given as follows:

$$y[n] - y[n + 1] = -x[n + 1]$$

(a) (5 points) Derive the impulse response of this system

(Solution) Substituting  $n' = n + 1$ , we can obtain the LCCDE given by

$$y[n' - 1] - y[n'] = -x[n'] \quad \rightarrow \quad y[n'] - y[n' - 1] = x[n']$$

Solving this LCCDE is equivalent to solving the homogeneous equation with an inhomogeneous auxiliary condition. That is,

$$y[n] - y[n - 1] = 0 \text{ with } y[0] = 1$$

Let  $y[n] = Az^n$  to find the homogeneous solution. Then the above equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} Az^n(1 - z^{-1}) &= 0, \quad \rightarrow \quad z = 1, \quad A = 1 \\ \therefore h[n] &= 1 \cdot 1^n u[n] = u[n] \end{aligned}$$

(b) (5 points) Determine whether this system is causal or not.

(Solution) The system described by LCCDE and satisfying the condition of initial rest is causal.

This can be double-checked from the right-sided impulse response  $h[n] = u[n]$ .

(c) (5 points) Determine whether this system is BIBO stable or not.

(Solution) The system is unstable because its absolute sum is not finite.

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |u[n]| \rightarrow \infty$$

(d) (5 points) Derive the LCCDE of the LTI inverse.

(Solution) The impulse response  $h_{inv}[n]$  of LTI inverse should satisfy  $h[n] * h_{inv}[n] = \delta[n]$ .

The function that transforms  $h[n] = u[n]$  to unit impulse is the first-order difference. Therefore, the LCCDE of the inverse system is

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$$

(e) (5 points) Using the solution of Prob. 3(a), derive the impulse response of the following system

$$y[n] - y[n+1] = -x[n+1] - x[n]$$

(Solution) Substituting  $n' = n + 1$ , we can obtain the LCCDE given by

$$y[n'-1] - y[n'] = -x[n'] - x[n'-1] \quad \rightarrow \quad y[n'] - y[n'-1] = x[n'] + x[n'-1]$$

This system can be regarded as the serial interconnection of two systems satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} w[n] &= x[n] + x[n-1] \\ y[n] - y[n-1] &= w[n] \end{aligned}$$

The impulse response of the first system is simply  $h_1[n] = \delta[n] + \delta[n-1]$ , and that of the second system is  $h_2[n] = u[n]$  from the result of Prob. 3(a). Therefore, the convolution of two impulse responses gives

$$h[n] = h_1[n] * h_2[n] = u[n] + u[n-1]$$

4. (25 points) [ST] A periodic signal  $\tilde{x}_T(t)$  with fundamental period  $T$  is given by

$$\tilde{x}_T(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq t < L \\ 0 & \text{for } L < t \leq T \end{cases}$$

(a) (5 points) Find the Fourier series expansion  $a_k$

(Solution) This signal is a rectangular function shifted by  $\tau = L/2$ :  $\text{rect}_T\left(\frac{t-L/2}{L}\right)$ .

First, consider the FS expansion of a rectangular function

$$\text{rect}_T\left(\frac{t}{L}\right) \xleftrightarrow{FS} c_k = \frac{L}{T} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{L}{T}k\right)$$

From the property of FS ( $x(t-\tau) \xleftrightarrow{FS} c_k e^{-jk\omega_0\tau}$ ), the FS coefficients of the delayed signal

are given by

$$\text{rect}_T\left(\frac{t-L/2}{L}\right) \xleftrightarrow{FS} a_k = \frac{L}{T} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{L}{T}k\right) e^{-jk\pi(L/T)}$$

- (b) (10 points) When  $L = T/2$ , express  $a_0$ ,  $a_{2m}$  and  $a_{2m+1}$  without using trigonometric functions ( $\sin$ ,  $\cos$ ,  $e^{(\cdot)}$ ). ( $m$ : integer)

(Solution) For  $L = T/2$ ,  $a_k$  can be simplified to

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &= \frac{L}{T} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{L}{T}k\right) e^{-jk\omega_0 L/2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{1}{2}k\right) e^{-jk\frac{2\pi}{T}\frac{T}{4}} \\ &= (-j)^k \frac{1}{2} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{1}{2}k\right) \\ &= (-j)^k \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin(k\pi/2)}{k\pi/2} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } k = 0 \\ (-j)^{2m} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin(m\pi)}{m\pi} & \text{for } k = 2m \\ (-j)^{2m+1} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin((2m+1)\pi/2)}{(2m+1)\pi/2} & \text{for } k = 2m + 1 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } k = 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } k = 2m \\ \frac{1}{j(2m+1)\pi} & \text{for } k = 2m + 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) (5 points) Find the FS coefficients  $b_k$  of the signal  $\tilde{y}_T(t)$  defined as

$$\tilde{y}_T(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq t < L \\ 1 & \text{for } L < t \leq T \end{cases}$$

(Solution) Utilizing the relation  $\tilde{y}_T(t) = 1 - \tilde{x}_T(t)$  and the result of Prob. (4-2), we have

$$b_k = \delta_{k0} - a_k = \delta_{k0} - \frac{L}{T} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{L}{T}k\right) e^{-jk\pi(L/T)}$$

- (d) (5 points) Derive the FS coefficients of the signal  $\tilde{z}_T(t) = \tilde{x}_T(t) * \tilde{y}_T(-t)$

(Solution) From the FS properties  $\tilde{x}_T(t) * \tilde{y}_T(t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} T a_k b_k$  and  $\tilde{y}_T(-t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} b_{-k}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{z}_T(t) &= \tilde{x}_T(t) * \tilde{y}_T(-t) \xleftrightarrow{FS} d_k = T a_k b_{-k} \\ d_k &= T \frac{L}{T} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{L}{T}k\right) e^{-jk\omega_0 L/2} \left( \delta_{k0} - \frac{L}{T} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{L}{T}k\right) e^{jk\omega_0 L/2} \right) \\ &= T \left( \frac{L}{T} \delta_{k0} - \frac{L^2}{T^2} \text{sinc}^2\left(\frac{L}{T}k\right) \right) \\ &= L \delta_{k0} - \frac{L^2}{T} \text{sinc}^2\left(\frac{L}{T}k\right) \end{aligned}$$

5. (20 points) The LTI system satisfying the condition of initial rest is described by the following LCCDE:

$$\frac{d^3y(t)}{dt^3} + 3\frac{dy^2(t)}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + y(t) = x(t) \quad (1)$$

- (a) (5 points) Find the frequency response  $H(j\omega)$  of the system at frequency  $\omega$ . (Hint)  $f^3 + 3f^2 + 3f + 1 = (1 + f)^3$ .

(Solution) Substituting  $x(t) = e^{j\omega t}$  and  $y(t) = H(j\omega)e^{j\omega t}$  yields

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{1}{(j\omega)^3 + 3(j\omega)^2 + 3(j\omega) + 1} = \frac{1}{(j\omega + 1)^3}$$

- (b) (5 points) Describe the filter characteristic of this system (for example, low-pass, high-pass, band-pass). Justify your answer.

(Solution)  $|H(j\omega)| \rightarrow 1$  for  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ , and  $|H(j\omega)| \rightarrow 0$  for  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, the system has a low-pass characteristic.

- (c) (5 points) The system of Eq. (1) can be decomposed into a serial interconnection of three first-order systems. For the following three LCCDEs of the first-order systems, determine  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + ay(t) = z(t) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dz(t)}{dt} + bz(t) = w(t) \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dw(t)}{dt} + cw(t) = x(t) \quad (4)$$

(Solution) Substituting Eq. (2) to (3) and also substituting the result to Eq. (4) gives

$$\frac{d^3y(t)}{dt^3} + (a+b+1)\frac{dy^2(t)}{dt^2} + (ab+a+b)\frac{dy(t)}{dt} + c = x(t)$$

Comparing this to Eq. (1) yields

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + 1 &= 3, \quad ab + a + b = 3, \quad c = 1 \\ \longrightarrow \quad a + b &= 2, \quad ab = 1, \quad c = 1 \\ \longrightarrow \quad a &= 1, \quad b = 1, \quad c = 1 \end{aligned}$$

- (d) (5 points) Using the result of Prob. 5(c), derive the impulse response  $h(t)$  of the total system.

(Solution) The three systems are identical, and their impulse response is given by  $h_1(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$ . The serial interconnection of systems is equivalent to the sequential convolution of their impulse responses, so  $h(t) = h_1(t) * h_1(t) * h_1(t)$ . From the result of Prob. 2(b), the

total impulse response is given by

$$h(t) = \frac{t^2}{2} e^{-t} u(t)$$

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[End of Problem]