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**Digital Signal Processing (4C5)**

**Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Venue: Luce Upper**

**Time: 14.00 – 16.00**

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**Answer THREE questions**

**All questions carry equal marks**

**Permitted Materials:**

**Calculator  
Drawing Instruments  
Mathematical Tables  
Graph Paper**

**Q.1 (a)** A continuous-time signal,  $x_a(t)$ , has the Fourier transform  $X_a(j\omega)$ .

The discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  is derived from  $x_a(t)$  by periodic sampling:

$$x[n] = x_a(nT),$$

where  $T$  is a positive constant.

Let  $X(e^{j\Omega})$  denote the discrete-time Fourier transform of  $x[n]$ . Show that

$$X(e^{j\Omega}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X_a\left(j\left(\frac{\Omega}{T} - \frac{2\pi k}{T}\right)\right).$$

[11 marks]

**(b)** The continuous-time signal  $y(t)$  is given by

$$y(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]h(t - nT),$$

where

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < t < T \\ 0.5, & t = 0, T \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $Y(j\omega)$  and  $H(j\omega)$  denote the Fourier transforms of  $y(t)$  and  $h(t)$  respectively.

(i) Obtain an expression for  $H(j\omega)$  and sketch  $|H(j\omega)|$  for  $|\omega| \leq \frac{2\pi}{T}$ .

[5 marks]

(ii) Show that  $Y(j\omega) = X(e^{j\Omega})\Big|_{\Omega = \omega T} H(j\omega)$ .

[4 marks]

- Q.2 (a)** Show that a linear, time-invariant, discrete-time system is stable in the bounded-input bounded-output sense if, and only if, the unit-sample response of the system,  $h[n]$ , is absolutely summable, that is

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| < \infty .$$

[9 marks]

- (b)** A causal discrete-time system has a unit-sample response,  $h[n]$ , which is absolutely summable. Let  $H(z)$  denote the  $z$ -transform of  $h[n]$ . Show that the region of convergence of  $H(z)$  includes the unit circle and the entire  $z$ -plane outside the unit circle.

[7 marks]

- (c)** The transfer function,  $H(z)$ , of a causal linear time-invariant discrete-time system is

$$H(z) = \frac{1 + z^{-1}}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}} ,$$

where  $\alpha$  is a real constant.

- (i) Determine the unit-sample response of the system,  $h[n]$ . [1 mark]
- (ii) For what range of values of  $\alpha$  is the system stable in the bounded-input bounded-output sense? [1 mark]
- (iii) The input to the system is

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} (0.5)^n, & n \geq 0, \\ 0, & n < 0. \end{cases}$$

If  $\alpha = 0.8$ , determine the output  $y[n]$ .

[2 marks]

**Q.3 (a)** A discrete-time filter has a unit-sample response  $h[n]$  which is zero for  $n < 0$  and  $n > N - 1$ . Let  $H(e^{j\Omega})$  denote the frequency response of the filter.

If  $h[n] = h[N - 1 - n]$  and  $N$  is odd, show that

$$H(e^{j\Omega}) = e^{-j\Omega[(N-1)/2]} \left\{ h\left[\frac{N-1}{2}\right] + \sum_{n=0}^{\left(\frac{N-1}{2}\right)-1} 2h[n] \cos\left[\Omega\left(n - \frac{N-1}{2}\right)\right] \right\}$$

[8 marks]

**(b)** An ideal discrete-time band-pass filter has a frequency response,  $H_{id}(e^{j\Omega})$ , given by

$$H_{id}(e^{j\Omega}) = \begin{cases} 0, & |\Omega| < \frac{\pi}{4} \\ 1, & \frac{\pi}{4} < |\Omega| < \frac{3\pi}{4} \\ 0, & \frac{3\pi}{4} < |\Omega| \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

Obtain an expression for the unit-sample response of this filter.

[7 marks]

**(c)** A nine point Hamming window,  $w_H[n]$ , is given by

$$w_H[n] = \begin{cases} 0.54 + 0.46 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}n\right), & -4 \leq n \leq 4, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Using the Hamming window, design a causal, nine point finite impulse response filter that approximates the magnitude response of the ideal band-pass filter in part (b).

[5 marks]

- Q.4 (a)** Let  $H_c(s)$  denote the transfer function of a continuous-time filter. The transfer function of a discrete-time filter,  $H(z)$ , is obtained from  $H_c(s)$  by the following transformation:

$$H(z) = H_c(s) \Big|_{s=(1-z^{-1})/(1+z^{-1})}.$$

Show that the frequency responses of the discrete-time and continuous-time filters are related by

$$H(e^{j\Omega}) = H_c(j\omega) \Big|_{\omega = \tan(\Omega/2)}.$$

[8 marks]

- (b)** A discrete-time high-pass filter with frequency response  $H(e^{j\Omega})$  is to be designed to meet the following specifications:

$$0.89 \leq |H(e^{j\Omega})| \leq 1, \quad 0.6\pi \leq |\Omega| \leq \pi,$$

$$\text{and} \quad |H(e^{j\Omega})| \leq 0.18, \quad |\Omega| \leq 0.2\pi.$$

The filter is to be designed by applying the bilinear transformation to the transfer function of an appropriate Butterworth continuous-time filter. Verify that a second order filter is sufficient to meet the specifications. Determine the transfer function,  $H(z)$ , of the discrete-time filter. Note that the transfer function of a second order Butterworth low-pass prototype filter is

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1}.$$

[12 marks]

- Q.5 (a)** The sequence  $x[n]$  is zero outside the interval  $0 \leq n \leq N-1$ . Assume that  $N = 2^\nu$ , where  $\nu$  is a positive integer. Let  $x_1[n] = x[2n]$ , and  $x_2[n] = x[2n+1]$ . Show that the  $N$ -point discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of the sequence  $x[n]$  can be obtained by appropriately combining the  $N/2$ -point DFTs of the sequences  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$ .

[8 marks]

- (b)** Consider two finite duration signals  $x[n]$  and  $h[n]$  where both are zero for  $n < 0$  and where

$$x[n] = 0, \quad n \geq 32$$

$$h[n] = 0, \quad n \geq 8.$$

The 32-point DFTs of each of the signals are multiplied and the inverse DFT computed. Let  $r[n]$  denote this inverse DFT.

The sequence  $y[n]$  is obtained by linearly convolving  $x[n]$  and  $h[n]$ .

Specify the values of  $n$  for which  $r[n]$  is guaranteed to be equal to  $y[n]$ .

[7 marks]

- (c)** A 15,000 point sequence is to be linearly convolved with a sequence that is 80 points long. The convolution is to be implemented using DFTs and inverse DFTs of length 512. If the overlap-add method is used, what is the minimum number of 512-point DFTs and the minimum number of 512-point inverse DFTs needed to implement the convolution for the entire 15,000 point sequence?

[5 marks]