

Each of the three main questions is worth 1/3 of the total mark.  
Please answer each of the main questions in a separate examination booklet.

1. Let  $f(t) = e^{-\alpha|t|}$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ , where  $\alpha > 0$ . Define

$$g(t) := \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f(t + 2k), \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

- 1.1 Calculate  $g(0)$ .  
1.2 Show that  $g$  is periodic.  
1.3 Calculate the complex exponential Fourier series (CEFS) of  $g$ .  
1.4 As usual, define the  $N$ 'th partial sum of CEFS as

$$g_N := \sum_{n=-N}^N \dots$$

- and the corresponding approximation error as  $e_N(t) := g(t) - g_N(t)$ . Estimate the maximum error magnitude

$$\max(e_N) := \max\{|e_N(t)| : -\infty < t < \infty\}$$

as a function of  $N$  and  $\alpha$ , when  $N$  is large (i.e.  $N\pi \gg \alpha$ ).

- 1.5 Estimate a value of  $N$  sufficient to guarantee that  $\max(e_N)/g(0) < 0.001$ . Sketch the dependence of your estimate on  $\alpha$ .  
1.6 Calculate the average power of  $g$  at zero frequency (i.e. 'd.c. power' of  $g$ ).  
1.7 Estimate a value of  $N$  sufficient to guarantee that the ratio

$$\frac{\text{power of } e_N}{\text{d.c. power of } g}$$

is less than 0.001. Sketch the dependence of your estimate on  $\alpha$ .

2. Let  $f(t)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ , be a real-valued signal with  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  norms both finite. Consider a linear time-invariant filter (called  $H$ , say) with impulse response  $h$ , given by

$$h(u) = f(-u + \tau), \quad -\infty < u < \infty$$

where  $\tau$  is a fixed real number.

- 2.1 When the input to  $H$  is  $f$ , let the output signal be  $g(t)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ . Calculate the Fourier transform  $\hat{g}(\omega)$  in terms of the Fourier transform  $\hat{f}(\omega)$ .  
2.2 With  $g$  as in 2.1, use the Fourier integral representation of  $g$  to calculate the specific output value  $g(\tau)$ , in terms of the energy of  $f$ .  
2.3 With  $g$  as in 2.1, use 2.2 to show that  $g(t)$  is maximized with respect to  $t$  ( $-\infty < t < \infty$ ) when  $t = \tau$ .

- 2.4 Under what condition on  $f$  is the filter  $H$  causal?

- 2.5 Specifically let

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \sin t, & 0 \leq t \leq \pi \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and let  $\tau = 2\pi$ . Carefully define  $h$  and sketch the graphs of  $f$  and  $h$ .

- 2.6 With  $f$  as in 2.5, write detailed expressions for  $g(t)$ , in each of the four ranges

$$t \leq \pi, \quad \pi \leq t \leq 2\pi, \quad 2\pi \leq t \leq 3\pi, \quad t \geq 3\pi$$

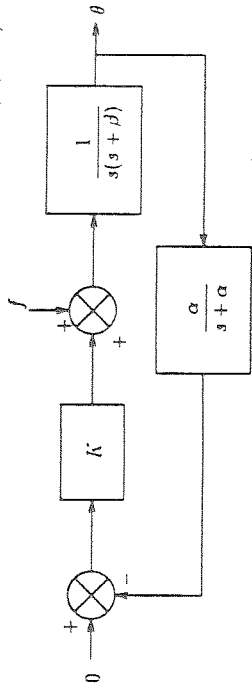
Use the picture to write down, but don't evaluate, the relevant integrals.

- 2.7 From the result of 2.6, just evaluate  $g(\pi)$ ,  $g(2\pi)$  and  $g(3\pi)$ . Sketch the graph of  $g(t)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 4\pi$ .

- 2.8 Consider the general case when the input to  $H$  is a real-valued signal  $r(t)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ , with energy  $\|r\|^2 = 1$ . Denote the output signal by  $s$ . Use Schwarz to show that  $s(\tau)$  is a positive maximum with respect to all such  $r$  when  $r(t) = f(t)/\|f\|$  for all  $t$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ .

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The system with block diagram displayed represents a regulator whose purpose is to hold the output angle variable  $\theta$  approximately constant at the 'setpoint' value of 0, in the face of 'disturbances' represented by the input signal  $f$ . The parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $K$  are positive real numbers.

- 3.1 Find the transfer function  $\hat{h}(s) := \hat{\theta}(s)/\hat{f}(s)$  (on the assumption that all internal initial values of the system are 0).
- 3.2 Find the range of  $K$  such that the system is BIBO stable.
- 3.3 Write  $\hat{k}(s)$  for the limiting form of  $\hat{h}(s)$  as the angle sensor (represented by the block in the feedback return path) becomes 'perfect'. What can be said about the stability of  $\hat{k}(s)$ ?

- 3.4 Suppose  $f$  satisfies the differential equation and initial conditions

$$d^2 f(t)/dt^2 = 0, \quad t > 0; \quad f(0) = f_0, \quad f'(0) = f_1$$

Find the Laplace transform  $\hat{f}(s)$ .

- 3.5 With  $f$  as in 3.4, what conditions must hold on the parameters  $K$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  to guarantee that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \theta(t)$  exists and is finite? In that case, evaluate the limit.

- 3.6 With  $f \equiv 0$ , find the critical frequency at which the system may oscillate spontaneously when it is just on the boundary between stability and instability.

- 3.7 For what range of  $K$  does the system have a steady-state frequency response? For such  $K$ , find the approximate amplitude and phase of the frequency response for very high frequencies  $\omega$ .

- 3.8 Assume  $\alpha = 2$ ,  $\beta = 1$ ,  $K = 30$ , and that  $f \equiv 0$ . Verify carefully that  $\theta(t)$  may oscillate with an amplitude that grows like  $e^t$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .