EE 20N Structure and Interpretation Fall 2013 of Signals and Systems

Midterm 1

- You have 1 hours and 30 minutes.
- The exam is closed book, closed notes except a one-page cheat sheet.
- Mark your answers ON THE EXAM ITSELF. If you are not sure of your answer you may wish to provide a *brief* explanation. All short answer sections can be successfully answered in a few sentences AT MOST.
- Note that the exam is worth 107 points, which means that you can get a 100 on the exam even if you drop 7 points.

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Q1. [18 pts] Warmup

Are the following continuous-time real-valued systems linear or non-linear, and time-invariant or time-varying? You must give an explanation to get any credit even if you circle the correct answer.

(a) [6 pts] $y(t) = x(t^2)$

 \bigcirc linear \bigcirc non-linear

 \bigcirc time-invariant \bigcirc time-varying

(b) [6 pts] y(t) = x(3t)

 \bigcirc linear \bigcirc non-linear

 \bigcirc time-invariant \bigcirc time-varying

(c) [6 pts] y(t) = |x(t)|

 \bigcirc linear \bigcirc non-linear

 \bigcirc time-invariant \bigcirc time-varying

Q2. [15 pts] I Haven't Plot a Clue

Plot y(t) on a well-labeled graph where x(t) is given by the graph below:



- (a) [5 pts] $y(t) = x(t^2)$
- **(b)** [5 pts] y(t) = x(3t)
- (c) [5 pts] y(t) = 3 x(t-1)



Q3. [8 pts] A Brief Mystery of Time

We want to know if a certain black box is a continuous-time LTI system. We make the following input-output pair observations, where the two input signals below are $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ respectively, producing the corresponding outputs $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$. The x-axis is in units of time (sec.) and the y-axis in units of Volts.



- (a) [4 pts] Which of the following is correct? You must give a short explanation of your answer (1-2 sentences) to get any credit even if you circle the correct answer.
 - The system is LTI

 \bigcirc The system is not LTI

 \bigcirc There isn't enough information to make a conclusion \bigcirc I haven't studied well enough to answer this



- (b) [4 pts] Now suppose that instead of observing the input-output pair $x_2(t)$, $y_2(t)$ in Problem 3 a), you observe the input-output pair $\tilde{x}_2(t), \tilde{y}_2(t)$ shown above. Which of the following is now true? You must give a short explanation to get any credit even if you circle the correct answer.
 - \bigcirc The system is LTI

 \bigcirc The system is not LTI

○ There isn't enough information to make a conclusion ○ I haven't studied well enough to answer this

Q4. [17 pts] A Tale of Two Series

The periodic CT signal x(t) shown below has a CTFS given by

$$x(t) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \cos(k\omega_0 t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \sin(k\omega_0 t)$$

and y(t) has a CTFS expansion given by

$$y(t) = C_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k \cos(k\omega_0 t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D_k \sin(k\omega_0 t).$$

The plots of x(t) and y(t) are shown below.



(a) [2 pts] Find A_0 and ω_0

(b) [3 pts] Show that $B_k = 0 \forall k$ without doing any integration

(c) [5 pts] Find C_0, C_k, D_k without doing any integration in terms of A_0, A_k, B_k , the Fourier series coefficients of x(t).

Now x(t) is passed through system H, and the resulting output is z(t). The frequency response $H(\omega)$ and the Fourier series representation of z(t) are given below where $\omega_c = \frac{4\pi}{3}$ radians/sec.

$$H(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & : |\omega| < \omega_c \\ 0 & : |\omega| \ge \omega_c \end{cases}$$

$$z(t) = E_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{K} E_k \cos(k\omega_0 t) + \sum_{k=1}^{K} F_k \sin(k\omega_0 t)$$

(d) [4 pts] What is the smallest finite value of K needed in the Fourier expansion of z(t)?

(e) [3 pts] Do the Fourier series representation of either x(t) or z(t) exhibit Gibbs ringing? You must give a short explanation for each signal to get any credit even if you circle the correct answer.

 \bigcirc Only x(t) \bigcirc Only z(t) \bigcirc Both x(t) and z(t)

Q5. [7 pts] To LTI or Not to LTI?

The following black box LTI system exhibits the following behavior for 3 input signals $x_1[n]$, $x_2[n]$ and $x_3[n]$, and their respective outputs $y_1[n]$, $y_2[n]$ and $y_3[n]$.



(a) [3 pts] Find $y_3[n]$ and plot it above.

(b) [4 pts] If the LTI system is $y[n] = a_1 x[n-1] + a_2 x[n-2]$, what are a_1 and a_2 ?

Q6. [10 pts] Ambulance Revisited

An ambulance is speeding away from you at a speed of $v_a = 34$ meters/second. At t = 0, the ambulance is d = 374 meters away from you. Let $x(t) = \cos(2\pi \times 10^6 t)$ be the sound emitted by the ambulance, and y(t) be the received signal. The relationship between x(t) and y(t) can be described as

$$y(t) = x(\frac{t}{a} - b)$$



(a) [5 pts] Assuming the speed of sound is 340 m/s, find a and b.



(c) [2 pts] What is the frequency of the received signal? What do you call the shift in frequency between the signal emitted by the ambulance and the signal you receive?

Q7. [10 pts] Calculation Does Not Imply Causation

Let's assume we know the Fourier series coefficients for

$$x(t) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \cos(k\omega_0 t) + B_k \sin(k\omega_0 t).$$

Now let's assume we have a system $H\{x(t)\}$ which we pass x(t) through. The output $H\{x(t)\} = y(t) = x(2t)$. Solve for the Fourier series coefficients for y(t) in terms of the Fourier series coefficients of x(t).

Q8. [10 pts] Odd Job

For each of the following x(t), indicate which set of Fourier series coefficients (A_0, A_k, B_k) can be guaranteed to be zero for all values of k where A_k and B_k are in $x(t) = A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \cos(k\omega_0 t) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \sin(k\omega_0 t)$. You must provide a short explanation to get any credit even if you circle the correct answer.



Q9. [12 pts] What's a Frequency Response?

The input-output relation of continuous-time LTI system F is given as

$$y(t) = 0.5y(t-1) + 0.3x(t)$$

(a) [6 pts] Determine $F(\omega)$ and then plot $|F(\omega)|$.



(b) [6 pts] If the input is $x(t) = 5\sqrt{2} + \frac{5}{3}\cos(\pi t - \frac{7\pi}{12})$, determing the corresponding output.

Useful Formulae

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$$

$$\sin(a+b) = \sin(a)\cos(b) + \cos(a)\sin(b)$$

$$\cos(a+b) = \cos(a)\cos(b) - \sin(a)\sin(b)$$

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