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**SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS**

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**MAS 420 Signal Processing**

**2 hours**

Answer **four** questions. If you answer more than four questions, only your best four will be counted.

- 1 a) You are given that a periodic signal,  $f_T(t)$ , with period  $T$  may be written as a Fourier series in the form

$$f_T(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \exp(in\sigma t)$$

where  $n$  is an integer,  $\sigma = 2\pi/T$  is the fundamental frequency, and the complex coefficients  $c_n$  are defined as

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(t) \exp(-in\sigma t) dt.$$

If we define

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} f_T(t) & |t| < T/2 \\ 0 & |t| \geq T/2 \end{cases}$$

prove that the complex Fourier series coefficients,  $c_n$ , may be expressed as

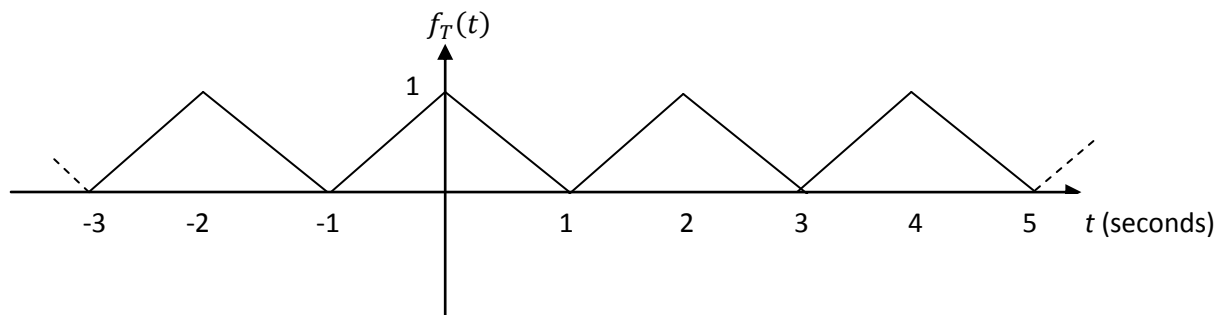
$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} F(n\sigma)$$

where  $F(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ .

**(3 marks)**

- b) Write an expression for the real periodic signal  $f_T(t)$  shown below in terms of the triangle function  $q_a(t)$ .

State the period,  $T$ , the fundamental frequency,  $\sigma$  (in rad/s), and the DC level (mean value) of  $f_T(t)$ , and show that its mean power is  $1/3$ .



**(6 marks)**

- c) Use part (a) to show that the complex Fourier series coefficients,  $c_n$ , for the signal  $f_T(t)$  shown in the figure are given by

$$c_n = \begin{cases} 1/2 & n = 0 \\ 0 & n \text{ even and } n \neq 0 \\ \frac{2}{n^2\pi^2} & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

and express  $f_T(t)$  as a sine/cosine series.

**(7 marks)**

- d) Sketch the power spectrum of  $f_T(t)$  over the interval  $[-4\pi, 4\pi]$  rad/s.

**(3 marks)**

- e) Using Parseval's theorem and your answers above, prove that

$$\pi^4 = 96 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^4}.$$

**(2 marks)**

- f) What percentage of the power of the signal  $f_T(t)$  would be lost if it was passed through a filter with the transfer function  $p_{4\pi}(\omega) - p_{\pi/2}(\omega)$ ?

**(4 marks)**

- 2 a) If  $f(t) \leftrightarrow F(\omega)$  is a Fourier transform pair, prove that  $F(t) \leftrightarrow 2\pi f(-\omega)$ . Use this formula to find the Fourier transform of the signal  $\frac{1}{6+it}$ .

**(4 marks)**

- b) The convolution of two finite-energy signals  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  is defined as

$$f(t) * g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s)g(t-s)ds.$$

Without using Fourier transforms, show that the convolution of  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  is commutative and linear.

**(4 marks)**

- c) Consider the signal

$$f(t) = \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) p_a(t) * p_b(t) \quad \text{where } b \geq a > 0.$$

Making use of clear sketches and without using Fourier transforms, calculate  $f(t)$ . Sketch the function  $f(t)$  and show that it may be expressed as

$$f(t) = \left(\frac{b}{a} + 1\right) q_{(a+b)}(t) - \left(\frac{b}{a} - 1\right) q_{(b-a)}(t).$$

**(7 marks)**

- d) Use the convolution theorem and the formula sheet to verify the result in part (c) when  $a = b$ .

**(3 marks)**

- e) Find the energy of the signal  $f(t)$  defined in part (c) when  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$ .

**(3 marks)**

- f) Using the result in part (c) and the convolution theorem, prove the relation

$$\sin(x) \sin(3x) = \sin^2(2x) - \sin^2(x).$$

**(4 marks)**

- 3 a) For a function  $f(t)$  that is continuous at  $t = 0$ , show that

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) d\omega,$$

where  $F(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ .

**(2 marks)**

- b) Make a sketch of  $|f(t)|^2$  for a signal  $f(t)$  with finite energy,  $E$ , and for which  $|f(0)|^2 \geq |f(t)|^2$ . Using your diagram, explain the concept and significance of the equivalent rectangle resolution,

$$\tau = \frac{E}{|f(0)|^2}.$$

**(3 marks)**

- c) Prove that if  $f(t)$  has finite energy and is  $\Omega$ -band-limited, then  $\tau\Omega \geq \pi$ , with equality if and only if the signal's Fourier transform,  $F(\omega)$ , is a scalar multiple of  $p_{\Omega}(\omega)$ . What is the corresponding signal in the time domain?

**(5 marks)**

- d) Consider the signal  $f(t) = 3\text{sinc}^2(2t)$ . Calculate and sketch the signal spectrum,  $F(\omega)$ , and find

- (i) its bandwidth,  $\Omega$  (rad/s),
- (ii) its energy, and
- (iii) the equivalent rectangle resolution,  $\tau$ .

Verify that for this signal  $\tau\Omega > \pi$ .

**(7 marks)**

- e) The signal is passed through a low-pass filter with system transfer function  $H(\omega) = p_3(\omega)$  to produce the signal  $g(t)$ .

- (i) Show that filtering the signal reduces its energy by a fraction 1/64.
- (ii) Use the relation in part (a) to find  $g(0)$  and hence show that the equivalent rectangle resolution of  $g(t)$  is exactly 12% greater than that of  $f(t)$ .
- (iii) Calculate the time-bandwidth product of the filtered signal.

**(8 marks)**

- 4 a) Find the Fourier transform,  $F(\omega)$ , of the signal  $f(t) = e^{-3t}U(t)$  and calculate and sketch its amplitude spectrum and phase spectrum.

**(6 marks)**

- b) Prove that if a linear shift-invariant system has a real impulse response  $h(t)$  with corresponding system transfer function  $H(\omega)$ , then  $H(\omega) = H^*(-\omega)$ . Hence show that the output signal from the system given an input signal  $f(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t)$  is

$$\Im\{H(\omega_0) \exp(i\omega_0 t)\}.$$

Similarly show that the system's response to the input signal  $f(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t)$  is

$$\Re\{H(\omega_0) \exp(i\omega_0 t)\}.$$

(Note:  $\Re\{z\}$  denotes the real part of a complex variable  $z$  and  $\Im\{z\}$  is its imaginary part.)

**(6 marks)**

- c) Given an input signal  $f(t)$ , a system outputs the signal

$$g(t) = \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} f(s) ds.$$

Show that the system transfer function,  $H(\omega)$ , is  $T \operatorname{sinc}(\omega T/2)$ .

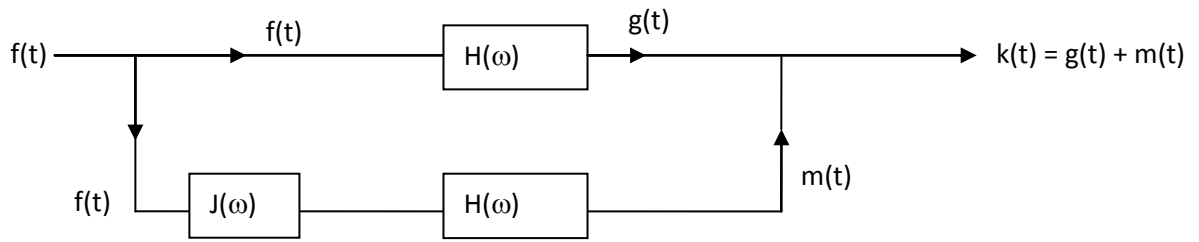
**(3 marks)**

- d) Find the response of the system in part (c) to the following input signals:

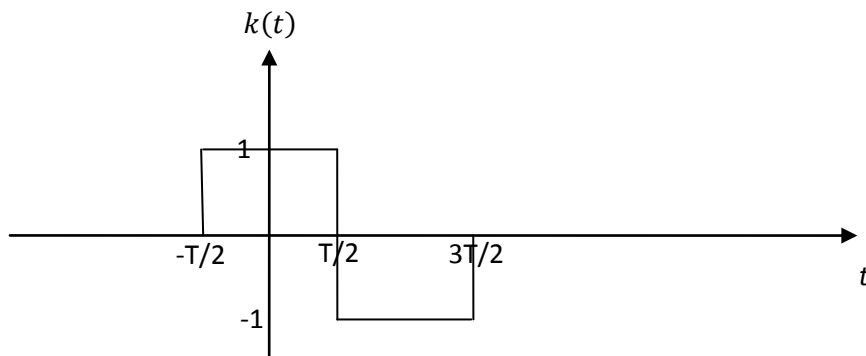
- (i)  $f(t) = \delta(t)$ ;  
(ii)  $f(t) = 3 \sin(2t) + \cos(3t)$ .

**(5 marks)**

- e) Consider the system shown below, in which the input signal  $f(t)$  is split into two branches containing components with system transfer function  $H(\omega) = T \operatorname{sinc}(\omega T/2)$  (the integrator in part (c)) and another component with STF  $J(\omega) = a \exp(-i\omega t_0)$ . The outputs from each branch are summed to give the total output signal  $k(t)$ .



- (i) Write down the STF for the complete system shown.
- (ii) By considering the system's impulse response, find the input signal  $f(t)$  and the values of  $\alpha$  and  $t_0$  resulting in the output signal illustrated below.



- (iii) Sketch an alternative system design which has the same STF but uses one fewer components.

**(5 marks)**

- 5 a) An analogue signal  $f(t)$  is sampled at intervals of  $T$  seconds. Assuming that the sampled signal,  $f_s(t)$ , may be written

$$f_s(t) = f(t)\bar{\delta}_T(t)$$

where

$$\bar{\delta}_T(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)$$

and  $\bar{\delta}_T(t)$  has the Fourier transform  $\sigma\bar{\delta}_\sigma(\omega)$ , where  $\sigma = 2\pi/T$ , use the product theorem to show that the Fourier transform of the sampled signal is given by

$$F_s(\omega) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega - n\sigma)$$

where  $F(\omega)$  is the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ .

If  $f(t)$  is  $\Omega$ -band-limited and  $T = 0.1$  seconds, what is the largest value of  $\Omega$  (in rad/s) for which the spectrum  $F_s(\omega)$  consists of non-overlapping copies of  $F(\omega)$ ?

**(4 marks)**

- b) For an  $\Omega$ -band-limited signal,  $f(t)$ , define the Nyquist frequency. Explain how the signal may be reconstructed exactly from the sampled signal  $f_s(t)$  using a low-pass filter if sampled at a rate greater than the Nyquist frequency.

Show that this process is equivalent to convolving the sampled signal with a sinc function in the time domain.

**(5 marks)**

- c) The analogue signal

$$f(t) = \text{sinc}(4t) + \frac{1}{2}\text{sinc}^2(2t)$$

is sampled every  $T$  seconds to give the digital signal  $f_s(t)$ .

- (i) Calculate the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  and sketch its amplitude spectrum.  
(ii) Determine the bandwidth of  $f(t)$  and its Nyquist frequency.

**(5 marks)**



d) Sketch a few periods of the amplitude spectrum  $|F_s(\omega)|$  of the sampled signal in part (c), when

(i)  $T = \pi/6$ ;

(ii)  $T = \pi/3$ .

In each case state whether the analogue signal  $f(t)$  may be reconstructed exactly from its digital samples using a low-pass filter.

**(6 marks)**

e) The signal  $f(t)$  (defined in part (c)) is sampled at half the Nyquist frequency to produce the samples  $f_s(t)$ . Another signal  $g(t)$  is then reconstructed from  $f_s(t)$  by sinc interpolation. Calculate  $g(t)$ .

**(5 marks)**

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**End of Question Paper**

**Function Definitions:**

Rectangular pulse:

$$p_a(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & |t| \leq a \\ 0 & |t| > a \end{cases}$$

Triangular pulse:

$$q_a(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - |t|/a & |t| \leq a \\ 0 & |t| > a \end{cases}$$

Step function:

$$U(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

**Fourier Transform Pairs:**(Note:  $\text{sinc}(x) = \sin(x)/x$ )

$$\begin{aligned} p_a(t) &\longleftrightarrow 2a \text{sinc}(a\omega) \\ q_a(t) &\longleftrightarrow a \text{sinc}^2(a\omega/2) \\ \text{sinc}(at) &\longleftrightarrow \frac{\pi}{a} p_a(\omega) \\ \text{sinc}^2(at) &\longleftrightarrow \frac{\pi}{a} q_{2a}(\omega) \\ e^{-at}U(t) &\longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{a + i\omega} \\ \delta(t) &\longleftrightarrow 1 \\ \delta(t - t_0) &\longleftrightarrow e^{-i\omega t_0} \\ 1 &\longleftrightarrow 2\pi\delta(\omega) \\ e^{i\omega_0 t} &\longleftrightarrow 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0) \\ e^{-t^2/2\sigma^2} &\longleftrightarrow \sigma\sqrt{2\pi}e^{-\sigma^2\omega^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

**Fourier transform:**

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

**Inverse Fourier transform:**

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega)e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

**Duality theorem:** If  $f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)$  then  $F(t) \longleftrightarrow 2\pi f(-\omega)$ **Scaling:** If  $f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)$  then  $f(at) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|}F(\omega/a)$ .**Translation:** If  $f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)$  then  $f(t - t_0) \longleftrightarrow e^{-i\omega t_0}F(\omega)$ .**Frequency Shift:** If  $f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)$  then  $e^{i\omega_0 t}f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega - \omega_0)$

**Fourier Series:** If  $f_T(t)$  is periodic with period  $T$  then, with  $\sigma = 2\pi/T$ , the complex Fourier series is

$$f_T(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{in\sigma t}$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(t) e^{-in\sigma t} dt$$

Likewise, the real Fourier series is

$$f_T(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\sigma t + b_n \sin n\sigma t)$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(t) \cos n\sigma t dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f_T(t) \sin n\sigma t dt$$

**Parseval's Theorem:** If  $V$  is a Hilbert space,  $\{\phi_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $V$  and  $f = \sum_n c_n \phi_n$ , then

$$\|f\|^2 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$$

**Plancherel's Theorem:** If  $f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)$  and  $g(t) \longleftrightarrow G(\omega)$  then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)g^*(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega)G^*(\omega) d\omega$$

**Energy Theorem:** If  $f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)$  then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |F(\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

**Convolution Theorem:** If  $f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)$  and  $g(t) \longleftrightarrow G(\omega)$  then

$$f(t) * g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s)g(t-s) ds \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)G(\omega)$$

**Product Theorem:** If  $f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(\omega)$  and  $g(t) \longleftrightarrow G(\omega)$  then

$$f(t)g(t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} F(\omega) * G(\omega).$$