

# UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO EXAMINATIONS 2016

## PHYSICS

**ELEC441**

**Linear Systems and Noise**  
Semester One

**(TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS)**

This examination paper comprises 5 pages

Candidates should answer questions as follows:

Answer TWO out of the THREE questions.  
Questions carry equal weight.

The following material is provided:

Use of calculators:

No restriction on the model of calculator to be used, but no device with communication capability shall be accepted as a calculator.  
(Subject to inspection by the examiners.)

Candidates are permitted copies of:

No additional material.

Other Instructions:

DO NOT USE RED INK OR PENCIL.  
USEFUL RELATIONSHIPS can be found on page 2.

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**A table of Fourier transforms and properties**

Forward:  $F(\nu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-j2\pi\nu t} dt$       Inverse:  $f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\nu) e^{j2\pi\nu t} d\nu$

Some properties

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(t) &\leftrightarrow f(-\nu) \\
 f^*(t) &\leftrightarrow F^*(-\nu) \\
 f(at) &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|} F\left(\frac{\nu}{a}\right) \\
 f(t - t_0) &\leftrightarrow e^{-j2\pi\nu t_0} F(\nu) \\
 e^{j2\pi\nu_0 t} f(t) &\leftrightarrow F(\nu - \nu_0) \\
 \frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) &\leftrightarrow (j2\pi\nu)^n F(\nu) \\
 -j2\pi t f(t) &\leftrightarrow \frac{dF(\nu)}{d\nu} \\
 \int_{-\infty}^t f(\tau) d\tau &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{j2\pi\nu} F(\nu) + \frac{1}{2} F(0) \delta(\nu) \\
 (f * g)(t) &\leftrightarrow F(\nu) G(\nu) \\
 f(t) g(t) &\leftrightarrow (F * G)(\nu)
 \end{aligned}$$

Some transform pairs

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta(t) &\leftrightarrow 1 \\
 u(t) e^{-at} &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{j2\pi\nu + a} \\
 u(t) &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \delta(\nu) + \frac{1}{j2\pi\nu} \\
 \exp(j2\pi\nu_0 t) &\leftrightarrow \delta(\nu - \nu_0) \\
 \cos(2\pi\nu_0 t) &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} [\delta(\nu - \nu_0) + \delta(\nu + \nu_0)] \\
 \sin(2\pi\nu_0 t) &\leftrightarrow \frac{j}{2} [-\delta(\nu - \nu_0) + \delta(\nu + \nu_0)] \\
 \Pi(t) &\leftrightarrow \text{sinc}(\nu) \\
 \text{sgn}(t) &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{j\pi\nu} \\
 \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - kT) &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(\nu - \frac{k}{T}\right) \\
 \exp(-\pi t^2) &\leftrightarrow \exp(-\pi \nu^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

DFT:  $X[r] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x[k] \exp\left(-\frac{j2\pi r k}{N}\right)$       IDFT:  $x[k] = \sum_{r=0}^{N-1} X[r] \exp\left(\frac{j2\pi r k}{N}\right)$

Hilbert transform:  $\hat{f}(t) = f(t) * \frac{1}{\pi t}$

Convolution integral:  $(f * h)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau$

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1. (a) Give definitions for each of the following:
  - (i) a linear system;
  - (ii) a shift invariant system;
  - (iii) the impulse response for a linear time invariant system; and
  - (iv) the transfer function for a linear time invariant system.
- (b) For a linear time invariant system *derive* an expression that relates the input  $f(t)$ , output  $g(t)$ , and impulse response function  $h(t)$ .
- (c) Show that  $\exp(j2\pi\nu t)$  is an eigenfunction of a linear time invariant system. Derive an expression for the eigenvalue in terms of the impulse response.
- (d) (i) Prove the convolution theorem from the definition of the Fourier transform and the definition of the convolution.  
(ii) Show that the convolution is commutative, that is,

$$f * g = g * f.$$

- (iii) Show that

$$(f * g)' = f' * g = f * g'.$$

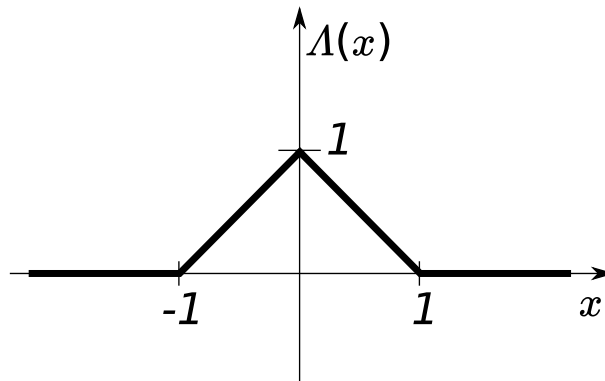
2. (a) Assuming that the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$  is  $F(\nu)$  and starting from the definition of the Fourier transform for ordinary functions, derive expressions, in terms of  $F(\nu)$ , for the Fourier transforms of
- (i)  $f'(t)$
  - (ii)  $f(at)$
  - (iii)  $\text{Re}[f(t)]$
  - (iv)  $f(t - b)$

where  $\text{Re}[\cdot]$  denotes taking the real part and  $a$  and  $b$  are real constants.

- (b)  $G(\nu)$  and  $g(t)$  are generalised functions.
- (i) According to the definition of the Fourier transform of generalised functions, what requirements must be satisfied for the generalised function  $G(\nu)$  to be the Fourier transform of the generalised function  $g(t)$ ?
  - (ii) Show from the definition above that

$$t \leftrightarrow \frac{j\delta'(\nu)}{2\pi}$$

- (c) A Gaussian stationary random process  $w(t)$  has spectrum  $\Phi_{ww}(\nu) = A\Lambda(\nu T)$ . (Here  $A$  and  $T$  are positive real constants and  $\Lambda(\cdot)$  is the triangle function plotted below).



The resulting output signal is sampled at time values  $\dots -3T, -2T, -T, 0, T, 2T, 3T \dots$

- (i) Show that the resulting samples are independent random variables.
- (ii) What is their variance?

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3. (a) A periodic function  $f_p(t)$  can be created from a function,  $f(t)$  via

$$f_p(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f(t - kT).$$

Show that  $F_p(\nu)$ , the Fourier transform of  $f_p(t)$ , consists of equally spaced delta functions. What is their spacing?

- (b) A sequence of  $N$  numbers  $\{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}\}$  is used to create the following generalised function

$$b(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_{k \bmod N} \delta(t - kT).$$

Show that  $B(\nu)$ , the Fourier transform of  $b(t)$ , is given by

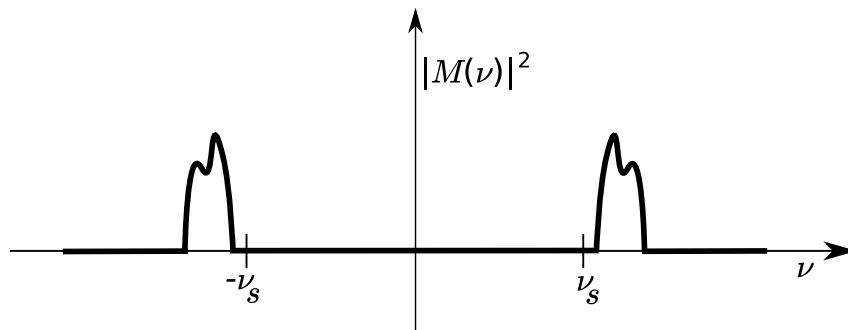
$$B(\nu) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} X_{r \bmod N} \delta\left(\nu - \frac{r}{NT}\right),$$

where  $\{X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{N-1}\}$  is the discrete Fourier transform of  $\{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}\}$ .

- (c) A real valued function  $m(t)$  is sampled with sampling period  $\nu_s \equiv 1/T$  resulting in

$$m_s(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} m(kT) \delta(t - kT).$$

As shown below,  $M(\nu)$ , the Fourier transform of  $m(t)$ , is only non zero for frequencies given by  $\nu_s < |\nu| < \frac{3}{2}\nu_s$



- (i) Derive an expression for  $M_s(\nu)$ , the Fourier transform of  $m_s(t)$  in terms of  $M(\nu)$ .
- (ii) Copy the above graph into your answer booklet and add to it a sketch of  $|M_s(\nu)|^2$
- (iii) Sketch on your diagram and give the formula for a function that when multiplied by  $M_s(\nu)$  gives the result  $M(\nu)$ . (*Hint: This function is the sum of two scaled and shifted top-hat functions.*)
- (iv) Even though the sampling in this situation doesn't fit the standard sampling theorem criterion,  $m(t)$  can still be recovered from its samples. With the aid of a graph explain how this is done and give a formula for  $m(t)$  in terms of the samples  $m(kT)$ .

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