

# UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO EXAMINATIONS 2018

## 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) For a linear time invariant system *derive* an expression that relates the input  $f(t)$ , the output  $g(t)$ , and the impulse response function  $h(t)$ .
- (b) Calculate the Fourier transforms of the following functions:
  - (i)  $a(t) = t \operatorname{sinc}(4t)$
  - (ii)  $b(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(\tau) \exp(-\alpha\tau) \Pi(\beta(t - \tau)) d\tau$  (where  $\alpha > 0$ )
  - (iii)  $c(t) = u(t) \cos(2\pi\nu_0 t)$
- (c) Starting from Parseval's theorem and using the properties of the Fourier transform on page 2, prove the convolution theorem.
- (d) For a real, finite energy signal  $f(t)$ , show that  $f(t)$  and its Hilbert transform  $\hat{f}(t)$  have the same energy spectral density.
- (e) Consider the sampling of a function with sampling period  $T$ . Which frequencies will be aliases of a given frequency  $\nu_0$ ? Show that  $f(t) = \sin(2\pi\nu_0 t)$  and all of its aliases have the same value for their samples.

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2. (a) The function  $f(t)$  has Fourier transform  $F(\nu)$  and is sampled at the times

$$t = 0, T, 2T, \dots, (N - 1)T$$

to give the vector of values

$$\{f[0], f[1], f[2], \dots, f[N - 1]\}.$$

- (i) Consider the function

$$f_c(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f[k] \delta(t - kT).$$

Show that

$$F[r] = \frac{1}{N} F_c \left( \frac{r}{NT} \right),$$

where the  $F[r]$  are the elements of the discrete Fourier transform of the  $f[k]$  and  $F_c(\nu)$  is the Fourier transform of  $f_c(t)$ .

- (ii) Using fact

$$f_c(t) = f(t) \Pi \left( \frac{t - (N - 1)T/2}{NT} \right) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - kT)$$

derive an expression that relates  $F_c(\nu)$  and  $F(\nu)$ . Using your expression, or otherwise, give the cause of aliasing, and of spectral leakage?

- (b) For a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  show that:

$$\text{IDFT}(\text{DFT}(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{x}.$$

- (c) Consider the generalised function

$$f(t) = t \exp(j2\pi\nu_0 t).$$

- (i) What is the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ ?  
 (ii) Show that your answer satisfies the formal definition for the Fourier transform of a generalised function.

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3. (a) A stationary random process  $x(t)$  has power spectral density given by

$$\Phi_{xx}^p(\nu) = A \operatorname{sinc}^2(\beta\nu).$$

- (i) A large number of widely separated samples are taken of  $x(t)$ . What would you expect for the variance of this set?
  - (ii) How large does  $T$  need to be for  $x(t)$  and  $x(t + T)$  to be uncorrelated?
- (b) A system has the impulse response function

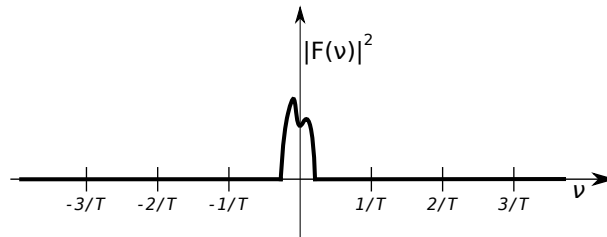
$$h(t) = \frac{u(t) \cos(2\pi\nu_0 t)}{1 + t^2}.$$

- (i) Give a definition, in terms of the systems inputs and outputs, for what it means for a system to be *stable*.
  - (ii) State the stability theorem.
  - (iii) Is this system stable?
  - (iv) Prove your answer to (iii), starting from the definition of stability.
- (c) A function  $f(t)$  is sampled every  $T$  in time and the sampling satisfies the *Nyquist criterion*.
- (i) What is the Nyquist criterion?
  - (ii) Derive an expression for  $F_s(\nu)$ , the Fourier transform of

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

Express your answer in terms of  $F(\nu)$  the Fourier transform of  $f(t)$ .

- (iii) Copy the graph below and add to it a sketch of  $|F_s(\nu)|^2$ .



- (iv) Aided by your sketch derive an expression for  $f(t)$  in terms of  $f_s(t)$ .

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