# **UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO EXAMINATIONS 2019**

## 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.

### A table of Fourier transforms and properties

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

(2 marks)

- 1. (a) What is required of a system for it to be *linear*?
  - (b) Evaluate

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( u(t) \exp(-\alpha t) \right).$$

(Show your working but please note that you are not expected to start from first principles) (3 marks)

(c) White noise with power spectral density  $\Phi_{nn}^p(\nu) = \frac{N_0}{2}$  is passed through a filter with impulse response function

$$h(t) = u(t) \exp(-\alpha t).$$

- (i) What is the power spectral density of the resulting signal?
- (ii) What is the power autocorrelation function of the resulting signal?
- (iii) What is the average power in the resulting signal?
- (iv) A large number of samples are taken of the resulting signal over a long time interval. What is your best guess for the variance of this set of samples?

The following result might be helpful,

$$\exp(-b|t|) \leftrightarrow \frac{2b}{b^2 + 4\pi^2\nu^2}.$$
 (10 marks)

(d) State and prove the convolution theorem.

(5 marks)

(3 marks)

- 2. (a) What is a *causal* system? Give the condition that must be satisfied for the impulse response function  $h(t|\tau)$  for an *linear causal* system. (2 marks)
  - (b) For the function

$$f(t) = \cos^2(2\pi\nu_0 t)$$

- (i) Sketch the function.
- (ii) Calculate the Fourier transform.
- (iii) Sketch the Fourier transform.
- (c) Show for an open support test function  $\phi(t)$ , which has Fourier transform  $\Phi(\nu)$ , that:

(i) 
$$\phi(t - t_0) \leftrightarrow \Phi(\nu) \exp(-j2\pi\nu t_0)$$
  
(ii)  $\phi'(t) \leftrightarrow j2\pi\nu F(\nu)$  (4 marks)

- (d) Give the definition of the Fourier transform  $(G(\nu))$  of a generalised function (g(t)). (2 marks)
- (e) Starting with this defition show the following results are true for generalised functions. (You may assume any of the results on page 2 of this exam are true for test functions.)
  - (i)  $g(at) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|} G\left(\frac{\nu}{a}\right)$ (ii)  $\delta(t) \leftrightarrow 1$  (6 marks)
- (f) Copy the following graph into your answer book and then add in curves for:
  - (i) The Hilbert transform,  $\hat{f}(t)$ .
  - (ii) The absolute value of the analytic signal,  $|f_a(t)|$ .



(3 marks)

3. (a) Either using the properties of the convolution or directly from the definition for the convolution show that if

$$F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} f(\tau) d\tau,$$
$$(F * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} (f * g)(\tau)$$

 $d\tau$ .

(4 marks)

(b) A signal f(t) has Fourier transform  $F(\nu)$ . f(t) is sampled to give

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

and then  $f_a(t)$ , an approximation to f(t) is made by convolving  $f_s(t)$  with  $\Pi(t/T)$ .

(i) Derive an expression for  $F_s(\nu)$  in terms of  $F(\nu)$ 

then

- (ii) For a f(t) of your choosing, sketch f(t),  $f_s(t)$  and  $f_a(t)$
- (iii) Derive an expression for  $F_a(\nu)$  in terms of  $F(\nu)$ .
- (iv) For a  $F(\nu)$  of your choosing, sketch  $F(\nu)$ ,  $F_S(\nu)$  and  $F_a(\nu)$ . (10 marks)
- (c) Let s(t) be a complex valued function that has Fourier transform  $S(\nu)$ . Derive a expression, in terms of  $S(\nu)$ , for the Fourier transform of Re[s(t)], the real part of s(t). (2 marks)
- (d) Give the definition for (BIBO) stability and show that a linear time invariant system with an absolutely integrable inpulse response function is BIBO stable.

(4 marks)

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