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**Midterm Solutions**

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1. **Signal and System Properties + Convolution** (35 points).

(a) (15 points) Determine if each of the following statements is true or false. Briefly explain your answer to receive full credit.

i. (5 points)  $x(t) = \cos(\sqrt{3}t) + \sin(-3t)$  is a periodic signal.

**Solution:** False.

$\cos(\sqrt{3}t)$  has a period  $T_1 = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\sin(-3t)$  has a period  $T_2 = \frac{2\pi}{|-3|} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

Then the ratio

$$\frac{T_1}{T_2} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

is not rational. In other words, we couldn't find integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $T = mT_1 = nT_2$ . Therefore,  $x(t)$  is not periodic.

ii. (5 points) A signal can be neither energy signal nor power signal.

**Solution:** True.

**Example 1:**  $x(t) = e^t u(t)$  has infinite energy and infinite power.

**Example 2:**  $x(t) = \tan(t)$  is a periodic signal so it is not energy signal. It also has infinite power.

iii. (5 points) Let  $f(t) * g(t)$  denote the convolution of two signals,  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$ . Then,

$$f(t)[\delta(t) * g(t)] = [f(t)\delta(t)] * g(t)$$

**Solution:** False. The left hand side:

$$f(t)[\delta(t) * g(t)] = f(t)g(t)$$

While the right hand side is

$$[f(t)\delta(t)] * g(t) = [f(0)\delta(t)] * g(t) = f(0)g(t)$$

(b) (10 points) Determine if the following system is an LTI system. Explain your answer.

$$y(t) = \frac{x(t-1)}{t} + x(t-2) \quad (1)$$

**Solution:**

**Linearity:** Suppose we have two input signals  $x_1(t)$ ,  $x_2(t)$  and output signals  $y_1(t)$ ,  $y_2(t)$  respectively. If we consider an input signal  $x_3(t) = ax_1(t) + bx_2(t)$ , then we have the corresponding output signal:

$$\begin{aligned} y_3(t) &= \frac{ax_1(t-1) + bx_2(t-1)}{t} + ax_1(t-2) + bx_2(t-2) \\ &= \left( \frac{ax_1(t-1)}{t} + ax_1(t-2) \right) + \left( \frac{bx_2(t-1)}{t} + bx_2(t-2) \right) \\ &= a \left( \frac{x_1(t-1)}{t} + x_1(t-2) \right) + b \left( \frac{x_2(t-1)}{t} + x_2(t-2) \right) \\ &= ay_1(t) + by_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the system is linear.

**Time-invariant:** Suppose we delay the input signal by  $t_0$ , i.e.  $x_{t_0}(t) = x(t-t_0)$ , the output is:

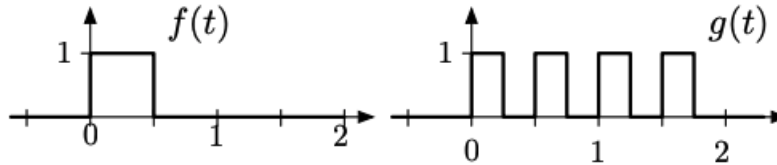
$$y_{t_0}(t) = \frac{x(t-1-t_0)}{t} + x(t-2-t_0)$$

If we delay the output signal by same amount  $t_0$ , we have:

$$y(t-t_0) = \frac{x(t-1-t_0)}{t-t_0} + x(t-2-t_0)$$

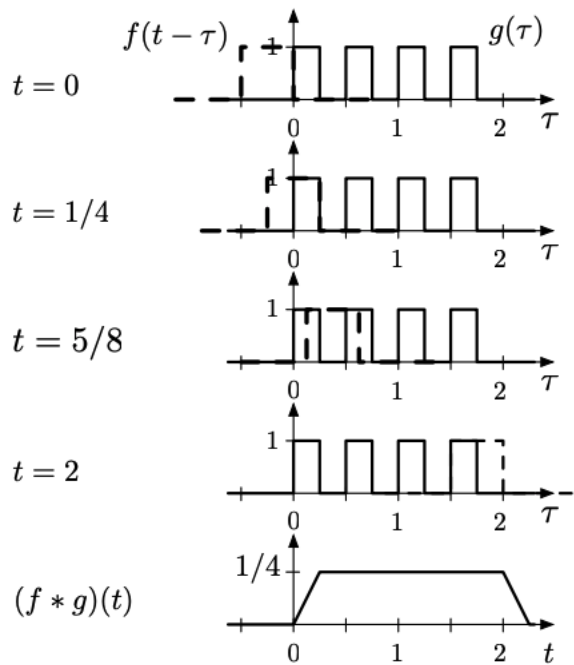
We can find that  $y_{t_0}(t) \neq y(t-t_0)$ . Hence, the system is not time-invariant.

(c) (10 points) For signals  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  plotted below, graphically compute the convolution signal  $h(t) = f(t)*g(t)$ . To receive partial credit, you may show  $h(0)$ ,  $h(1/4)$  and  $h(5/8)$  in the graph when illustrating the convolution using the “flip and drag” technique.



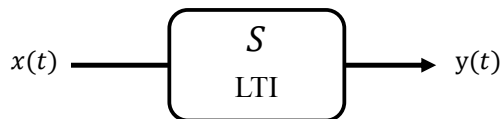
**Solution:** The graphical convolution using “flip and drag” is illustrated below.

We first flip  $f(t)$ , to get  $f(t-\tau)$ , which doesn't overlap with  $g(\tau)$  until  $t = 0$ . From  $t = 0$  to  $t = 1/4$ , the overlapped area increases linearly. As  $f(t-\tau)$  shifts further right, it always overlaps the equivalent of one full lobe of  $g(\tau)$ . The overlapped area keeps constant at  $1/4$  until  $t = 2$ , when the area starts to decrease linearly to zero, at  $t = 2.5$



2. LTI Systems (20 points).

Consider the following LTI system  $S$ :



Consider an input signal  $x_1(t) = e^{-2t}u(t-2)$ . It is given that

$$x_1(t) \xrightarrow{S} y_1(t)$$

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} \xrightarrow{S} -2y_1(t) + e^{-2t}u(t)$$

(a) (4 points) Show that:

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} = -2x_1(t) + e^{-2t}\delta(t-2)$$

**Solution:** This is differentiating the input.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} &= -2e^{-2t}u(t-2) + e^{-2t}\delta(t-2) \\ &= -2x_1(t) + e^{-2t}\delta(t-2)\end{aligned}$$

(b) (10 points) Find the impulse response  $h(t)$  of  $S$ .

*Hint:* Since we have not provided  $S$ , we cannot straightforwardly input an impulse into the system and measure the output. One approach is to solve for  $h(t)$  by writing the output of  $S$  in terms of a convolution when the input is  $dx_1(t)/dt$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} * h(t)$$

**Solution:**

Since the system is LTI, we have:

$$-2x_1(t) + e^{-2t}\delta(t-2) \xrightarrow{S} -2y_1(t) + h(t) * (e^{-2t}\delta(t-2))$$

Given that

$$\frac{dx_1(t)}{dt} \xrightarrow{S} -2y_1(t) + e^{-2t}u(t)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}-2y_1(t) + h(t) * (e^{-2t}\delta(t-2)) &= -2y_1(t) + e^{-2t}u(t) \\ h(t) * (e^{-2t}\delta(t-2)) &= e^{-2t}u(t)\end{aligned}$$

The left hand side can be calculated by the convolution integral:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-2\tau}\delta(\tau-2)h(t-\tau)d\tau &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-4}\delta(\tau-2)h(t-2)d\tau \\ &= e^{-4}h(t-2) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(\tau-2)d\tau \\ &= e^{-4}h(t-2)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}e^{-4}h(t-2) &= e^{-2t}u(t) \\ h(t-2) &= e^{-2t+4}u(t) \\ h(t) &= e^{-2t}u(t+2)\end{aligned}$$

- (c) (6 points) Consider a new system,  $S$ , whose impulse response is  $h(t) = e^{-3t}u(t + 3)$ . Find this system's output to the following input signal:

$$x_2(t) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)\delta(t - 1)$$

**Solution:** Using the sampling property, we can simplify  $x_2(t)$  as:

$$x_2(t) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right)\delta(t - 1) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\delta(t - 1)$$

Then we have

$$y_2(t) = h(t) * x_2(t) = e^{-3t}u(t + 3) * \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\delta(t - 1) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}e^{-3t+3}u(t + 2)$$

3. **Fourier Series** (20 points).

- (a) (10 points) Let the Fourier Series coefficients of  $f(t)$  be denoted  $f_k$ , and the Fourier Series coefficients of  $g(t)$  denoted  $g_k$ . Let  $T_o$  be the period of  $f(t)$ . If  $g(t) = f(a(t-b))$ , where  $a > 0$ , show that

$$g_k = e^{-j2\pi\frac{ab}{T_o}k} f_k.$$

**Solution:** We begin with the Fourier Series of  $f(t)$ , and substitute  $a(t-b)$  for  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_k e^{jk\omega_o t} \\ g(t) = f(a(t-b)) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_k e^{jk\omega_o a(t-b)} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_k e^{jk\omega_o a t} e^{-jk\omega_o a b} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\omega_g = a\omega_o$  be the angular frequency of  $g(t)$ . We also know that  $\omega_o = \frac{2\pi}{T_o}$ . Then we can rewrite the above expression as:

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_k e^{-jk\omega_o a b} e^{jk\omega_g t} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} g_k e^{jk\omega_g t}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$g_k = e^{-j2\pi\frac{ab}{T_o}k} f_k.$$

- (b) (10 points) Let the Fourier Series coefficients of  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  be  $x_k$  and  $y_k$  respectively, with respective periods  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . We define  $f(t) = \alpha_1 x(t) + \alpha_2 y(t)$  with non-zero  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ , with period  $T_o = m_1 T_1 = m_2 T_2$ . What are the Fourier Series Coefficients  $f_k$  in terms of  $x_k$  and  $y_k$ ?

**Solution:** Since  $T_o = m_1 T_1$ ,  $\omega_1 = m_1 \omega_o$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_k e^{jk\omega_1 t} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_k e^{jk m_1 \omega_o t} \end{aligned}$$

We may introduce a change of variables  $n = k m_1$  so that we have:

$$x(t) = \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty, \\ n=k m_1}}^{\infty} x_{\frac{n}{m_1}} e^{jn\omega_o t}$$

Likewise, for  $y(t)$ , using  $l = k m_2$ , we have:

$$y(t) = \sum_{\substack{l=-\infty, \\ l=k m_2}}^{\infty} y_{\frac{l}{m_2}} e^{jl\omega_o t}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \alpha_1 x(t) + \alpha_2 y(t) \\ &= \alpha_1 \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty, \\ n=k m_1}}^{\infty} x_{\frac{n}{m_1}} e^{jn\omega_o t} + \alpha_2 \sum_{\substack{l=-\infty, \\ l=k m_2}}^{\infty} y_{\frac{l}{m_2}} e^{jl\omega_o t} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{n=-\infty, \\ n=k m_1}}^{\infty} \alpha_1 x_{\frac{n}{m_1}} e^{jn\omega_o t} + \sum_{\substack{l=-\infty, \\ l=k m_2}}^{\infty} \alpha_2 y_{\frac{l}{m_2}} e^{jl\omega_o t} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} f_k e^{jk\omega_o t} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$f_k = \begin{cases} \alpha_1 x_{\frac{k}{m_1}} + \alpha_2 x_{\frac{k}{m_2}}, & k \text{ a multiple of } m_1 \text{ and } m_2 \\ \alpha_1 x_{\frac{k}{m_1}}, & k \text{ a multiple of } m_1 \text{ but not } m_2 \\ \alpha_2 x_{\frac{k}{m_2}}, & k \text{ a multiple of } m_2 \text{ but not } m_1 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



4. **Fourier Transform** (25 points).

Consider the signal

$$x(t) = \text{sinc}(2t)$$

and let the Fourier transform of  $x(t)$  be denoted  $X(j\omega)$ . We are interested in calculating the area under the curve of  $x(t)$ .

(a) (10 points) Prove that the following relationship holds.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)dt = X(j\omega)|_{\omega=0}$$

**Solution:** The Fourier transform of  $x(t)$  is:

$$X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t}dt$$

Therefore, when  $\omega = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} X(j\omega)|_{\omega=0} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j \cdot 0 \cdot t}dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)dt \end{aligned}$$

(b) (5 points) Use the result of part (a) to calculate:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)dt$$

for  $x(t) = \text{sinc}(2t)$ .

**Solution:** From our FT table, we have that

$$\text{sinc}(t) \iff \text{rect}(\omega/2\pi)$$

Using the time scaling property,

$$\text{sinc}(2t) \iff \frac{1}{2}\text{rect}(\omega/4\pi)$$

Therefore, the area is equal to  $1/2$ .

(c) (5 points) Consider the following system:

$$y(t) = e^{-j\omega_0 t}x(t)$$

Let  $x(t) = \text{sinc}(2t)$  and consider only  $\omega_0 > 0$ . Are there any values of  $\omega_0$  for which

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t)dt = 0$$

and if so, what value(s) of  $\omega_0$  does this hold for?

**Solution:** Multiplication by a complex exponential in the time domain is shifting in the frequency domain by  $\omega_0$ . Since  $\text{sinc}(2t) \iff \frac{1}{2}\text{rect}(\omega/4\pi)$ , then  $X(j\omega)$  takes on a value of  $1/2$  between  $-2\pi$  and  $2\pi$  but is zero everywhere else. The integral of  $y(t)$  will be equal to zero when this rect is shifted such that it is zero at  $\omega = 0$ . This occurs for a shift of  $2\pi$  or greater. Therefore this integral is zero whenever  $\omega_0 > 2\pi$ .

(d) (5 points) Consider the following system:

$$y(t) = x(t) + \alpha \text{rect}(t)$$

Let  $x(t) = \text{sinc}(2t)$ . Are there any values of  $\alpha$  for which

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) dt = 0$$

and if so, what value(s) of  $\alpha$  does this hold for?

**Solution:** The Fourier Transform of  $\text{rect}(t)$  is  $\text{sinc}(\omega/2\pi)$ , which is equal to 1 at  $\omega = 0$ . From part (b), the Fourier transform of  $\text{sinc}(2t)$  is  $\frac{1}{2}\text{rect}(\omega/4\pi)$ , which is equal to  $1/2$  at  $\omega = 0$ . Therefore, if  $\alpha = -1/2$ , then  $Y(j\omega) = 0$  at  $\omega = 0$ .

**Bonus** (6 points) Suppose  $x(t) = \cos(\omega_o t)$  is an eigenfunction of an LTI system  $S$  for any  $\omega_o$ , and  $S$  cannot be defined as  $S[x(t)] = ax(t)$  for some constant  $a$ . Is the system  $S$  causal? Justify your answer.

**Solution:** We can write  $x(t)$  as  $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{jk\omega_o t} = \frac{1}{2}e^{j\omega_o t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-j\omega_o t}$ . Then the output  $y = S[x(t)]$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} H(jk\omega_o) c_k e^{jk\omega_o t} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}H(j\omega_o)e^{j\omega_o t} + \frac{1}{2}H(-j\omega_o)e^{-j\omega_o t} \end{aligned}$$

In order for  $y(t) = ax(t)$  to be satisfied, we need  $H(j\omega_o) = H(-j\omega_o)$  to be true for all  $\omega_o$ , and  $H(j\omega)$  is even. This also implies that  $h(t)$  is even as well. Since  $h(t) \neq 0$ ,  $h(t) \neq a\delta(t)$ , and  $E_h > 0$ , then there exists a value of  $t$  for which  $h(t) \neq 0$  and  $h(-t) \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $S$  is non-causal.