

**Part IB Paper 6: Mathematics**  
**SIGNAL AND DATA ANALYSIS**

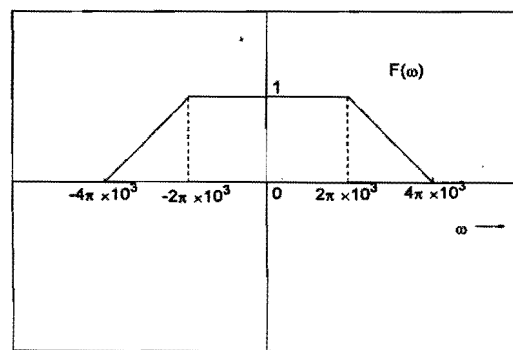
**Examples paper 7**

(Straightforward questions are marked †, problems of Tripos standard but not necessarily of Tripos length \*)

**Sampling, Discrete Signals, the DFT**

1.† a) A signal  $f(t)$  is sampled. The spectrum of  $f(t)$ , which is real valued, is shown in the figure.

Sketch the spectrum of the sampled signal when the sampling rate is i) 3 kHz, ii) 4 kHz and iii) 6 kHz. What is the minimum sampling rate that will ensure perfect reconstruction of  $f(t)$  from its sampled sequence  $f(nT)$ ?



b) Explain with the aid of sketches how  $f(t)$  in a) can be perfectly reconstructed from its sampled values  $f(nT)$  when the minimum sampling rate for perfect reconstruction is used. Sketch the ideal form of the reconstruction filter. How would this filter and the minimum sampling rate be modified in a practical scheme?

2.† Determine and sketch the spectrum of the following signals:

$$a \cos[2\pi(f_s + f_o)t], \quad a \cos[2\pi(f_s - f_o)t] \quad \text{and} \quad a \cos[2\pi f_o t]$$

Hence show that all three signals have identical spectra once sampled at a rate of  $f_s$

Verify this fact by consideration of the sampled sequence  $f(n/f_s)$  in each case.

3.\* Explain why, for any signal  $v(t)$ ,

$$v(t) \delta(t - nT) = v(nT) \delta(t - nT) .$$

If we sample  $v(t)$  with sampling interval  $T$ , then the sampled signal multiplied by  $T$ , which we call  $v_s(t)$ , can be written:

$$v_s(t) = T \{ \dots + v(-2T) \delta(t + 2T) + v(-T) \delta(t + T) + v(0) \delta(t) + v(T) \delta(t - T) + \dots \}.$$

Show that the pulse broadening circuit shown has the impulse response shown in figure 2

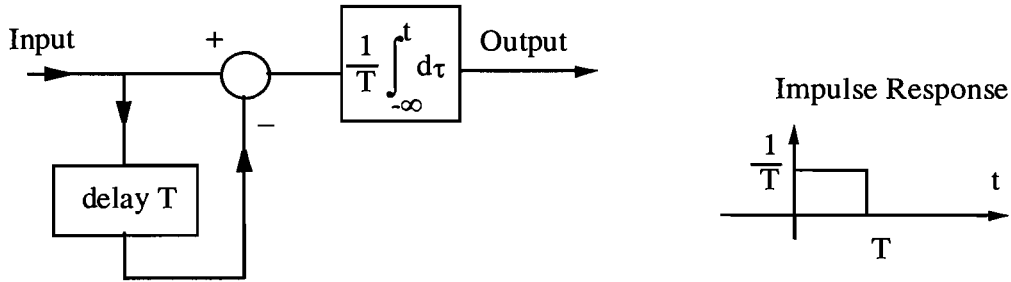


Figure 2

Sketch the output  $w_s(t)$  which results from passing  $v_s(t)$  through this circuit, and find its spectrum in terms of the spectrum of  $v(t)$ ,  $V(\omega)$ . Determine the ideal frequency response of a filter which can reconstruct  $v(t)$  from the pulse-broadened signal  $w_s(t)$  (assuming that the maximum frequency component in  $v(t)$  is less than  $1/(2T)$  Hz).

4.\* A signal  $x(t)$  consists of a d.c. level plus two sinusoids

$$x(t) = a_0 + a_1 \cos \omega t + a_2 \cos 2\omega t, \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

and it is sampled, without the use of an anti-aliasing filter, at a frequency  $\omega_s$  given by

$$\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T(1+k)}$$

where  $k$  is a small constant. List the frequencies present in the sampled signal.

The sampled signal is passed through an ideal low pass filter with cut-off frequency  $\omega_c$  equal to half the sampling frequency. Show that, if  $k$  is small, the output signal is proportional to  $x(bt)$  and find  $b$ .

Background: A sampling oscilloscope uses this method to display periodic signals having bandwidths much larger than the bandwidth of a conventional oscilloscope amplifier.

The signal to be displayed  $x(t)$  is sampled once per period but with a sampling time that is much larger than the period of the signal. Passing the sampled signal through a low pass filter will produce an output signal proportional to  $x(bt)$  where  $b < 1$ , i.e. the original signal is time stretched and is now within the bandwidth of the oscilloscope amplifier.

5.\* The DTFT of a data sequence  $f_n$  is defined as

$$F_s(\omega) = \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_n e^{-jn\omega T}$$

where  $T$  is the sampling interval.

Show that the sampled sequence  $f_m$  may be obtained from the spectrum  $F_s(\omega)$  using the following formula:

$$f_m = \frac{T}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/T}^{+\pi/T} F_s(\omega) e^{+jm\omega T} d\omega$$

Hint: substitute the definition for  $F_s(\omega)$  into the formula and rearrange. You may use the following result:

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{jk\theta} d\theta = 2\pi \quad \text{if } k=0, \text{ and zero for any other integer } k.$$

6.† The data sequence (1,0,0,1) has been obtained by sampling a signal at 8 kHz. Calculate the DFT of this sequence, and use the inverse DFT to verify your answer.

Plot the magnitude and phase of the DFT as a function of frequency, and comment on their symmetry properties.

Use the DFT formulae to show that for any length  $N$  sequence  $f_n$ :

a)  $F_m = F_{-m}^*$  (for real valued signals)

b)  $F_{m+N} = F_m$

7. Show that the DFT of the sampled sequence corresponding to the function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{is} \quad F_k = \frac{1 - e^{-NT}}{1 - e^{-T - j2\pi k/N}}$$

where  $T$  is the sampling period and  $N$  is the number of samples.

What is the sampling frequency and the frequency to which the  $k$ -th DFT component  $F_k$  corresponds?

## Answers

1 a) 4 kHz.

2 sampled at times  $t_k = k / f_s$   $a \cos(2\pi k f_0 / f_s)$   $a \sin(2\pi k f_0 / f_s)$

3.  $\frac{1 - e^{-j\omega T}}{j\omega T} \sum_n V(\omega - n\omega_0)$  where  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ .  $H(\omega) = \frac{j\omega T}{1 - e^{-j\omega T}}$  for  $-\omega_0/2 < \omega < \omega_0/2$  and 0 elsewhere

4.  $\frac{n\omega}{1+k}$ ,  $\pm \frac{\omega(1+n+k)}{1+k}$ ,  $\pm \frac{\omega(2+n+2k)}{1+k}$

$$b = \frac{k}{1+k} \approx k.$$

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6. DFT = 2, 1+j, 0, 1-j

7.  $\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ ,  $\omega_k = \frac{k}{N} \omega_s$

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