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ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IIA

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Tuesday 24 April 2018 9.30 to 11.10

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**Module 3F1**

**SIGNALS & SYSTEMS**

*Answer not more than **three** questions.*

*All questions carry the same number of marks.*

*The **approximate** percentage of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

*Write your candidate number **not** your name on the cover sheet.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

Single-sided script paper

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAM**

CUED approved calculator allowed

Engineering Data Book

**10 minutes reading time is allowed for this paper at the start of the exam.**

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

1 Let  $G$  be a discrete time linear system.

(a) Define the *pulse response*,  $\{g_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ , of  $G$ . [5%]

(b) Suppose  $\{u_k\}$  is an arbitrary input to  $G$ . Write down the output of  $G$  in terms of the pulse response and state any additional conditions  $G$  must satisfy for the expression to be valid. [15%]

(c) What does it mean for  $G$  to be *stable*? State and prove a sufficient condition on the quantity

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |g_k|$$

for  $G$  to be stable. [30%]

(d) Consider the (continuous time) ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = ay(t) + u(t) \quad (1)$$

with initial condition  $y(0) = y_0$ , where  $a < 0$  is a constant.

(i) Derive a discrete time system of the form

$$y_{k+1} = h(y_k) + u_k$$

that provides an approximate solution to (1) with a sampling interval  $\tau$ . [10%]

(ii) Using the z-transform, find conditions on  $\tau$  that guarantee the stability of the discrete-time system. [20%]

(iii) For what values of  $\tau$  will the solution oscillate? [10%]

(iv) Are there values of  $\tau$  for which the discrete time system will have a finite impulse response? [10%]

2 Consider the filter

$$G(z) = \frac{z^{-\tau}}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

where  $\tau$  is a non-negative integer.

(a) Discretization and properties.

(i) Using backward difference with sampling period  $T = 1$  seconds, show that the transfer function  $G(z)$  is the discretization of the continuous system  $P(s) = \frac{1}{s}$  (integrator), with an additional delay  $\tau$ . [10%]

(ii) Is  $G(z)$  a finite impulse response filter or an infinite impulse response filter? Is the filter causal? Explain your answers. [10%]

(b) Bode diagram and steady-state response.

(i) Sketch the magnitude plot of the Bode diagram of  $G(z)$  for  $\tau = 0$  seconds (hint: compute  $|G(e^{j\theta})|$ ). How would this plot change for  $\tau > 0$ ? [20%]

(ii) Is the step response of  $G(z)$  bounded or unbounded? Explain your answer. [10%]

(iii) Compute the frequency at which the filter gives an amplification of 20 dB. [10%]

(c) Nyquist criterion.

(i) The plots of  $G(e^{j\theta})$  for  $\theta$  ranging from  $0^+$  to  $\pi$  and for delays  $0 \leq \tau \leq 3$  are shown in Fig. 2. Determine which plots correspond to  $\tau = 0$  and to  $\tau = 3$  (explain your answer) and sketch the complete Nyquist diagrams. [20%]

(ii) For  $\tau = 3$ , use the Nyquist criterion to determine the positive values of gain  $K$  for which the closed loop in Fig. 1 is stable. How would this range of values change for  $\tau = 0$ ? [20%]

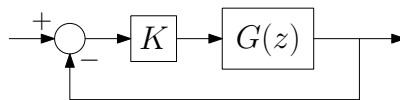


Fig. 1

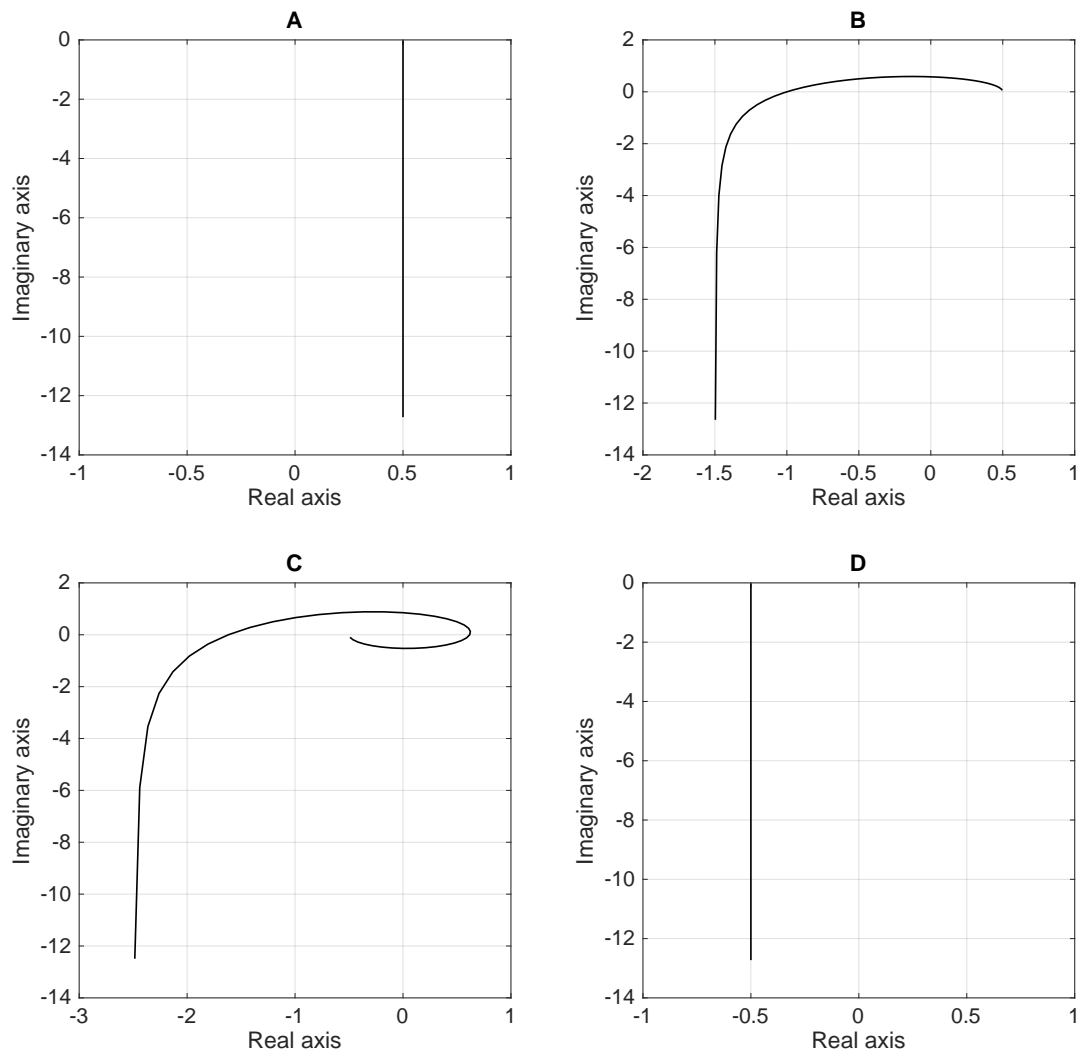


Fig. 2

3 A band pass filter  $G(z)$  is required with 3dB normalized corner frequencies at  $0.25\pi$  and  $0.75\pi$ .

(a) IIR and FIR filter design.

- (i) Design  $G(z)$  as an infinite impulse response filter from the lowpass analogue prototype  $\frac{1}{s+1}$ , using the bilinear transform  $s = \frac{z-1}{z+1}$  together with the lowpass to bandpass transformation  $s = \frac{s^2 + \omega_l \omega_u}{s(\omega_u - \omega_l)}$  (lower cutoff at  $\omega_l$  and upper cutoff at  $\omega_u$ ). [25%]
- (ii) Design  $G(z)$  as a finite impulse response filter from the ideal bandpass filter

$$H(e^{j\theta}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0.25\pi < |\theta| < 0.75\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Derive the impulse response  $h_k$  that corresponds to  $H(e^{j\theta})$  by antitransform. Combine it with a rectangular window of 11 samples and derive the final transfer function  $G(z)$ . What are the advantages of using a wider window (more samples)? [25%]

(b) Discrete Fourier transform (DFT) and convolution.

The output of a FIR filter is efficiently computed via fast Fourier transform algorithms, Consider the FIR filter of 11 samples derived above and a 100-point DFT hardware.

- (i) Write down the definitions of standard convolution and of circular convolution (related to a 100-point DFT and to a FIR filter of 11 samples). Define the range in which the two convolutions give the same output samples. [10%]
- (ii) Explain how to use the DFT to compute the response of the filter to a sequence  $x_k$  of 200 samples. [30%]
- (iii) Write the expression for the first sample of the DFT of the impulse response of the FIR filter. [10%]

4 (a) What does it mean for a random process to be *wide sense stationary* (WSS)? [10%]

(b) Define the autocorrelation function  $r_{XX}$  and the power spectral density (PSD)  $\mathcal{S}_X$  of a WSS process  $X(t)$ . [10%]

(c) Let  $X(t)$  be a smooth (infinitely differentiable) WSS process. Consider the process

$$Y(t) = \frac{d}{dt}X(t)$$

(i) Show that the cross correlation,  $r_{XY}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} r_{XX}(t_1, t_2)$  [10%]

(ii) Show that  $r_{YY}(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} r_{XY}(t_1, t_2)$  [10%]

(iii) Hence derive an expression for  $r_{YY}$  in terms of  $r_{XX}$  and show that  $Y(t)$  is WSS. [20%]

(iv) Suppose the PSD of  $X$  is  $\mathcal{S}_X$ . What is the PSD of  $Y$ ? [10%]

(v) Define a new random process  $Y_\tau$  as the output of a system  $H$  with input  $X(t)$ , where  $H$  is defined by

$$Y_\tau(t) = H[X(t)] = \frac{X_{t+\tau} - X_{t-\tau}}{2\tau}$$

for some positive constant  $\tau$ . Write down the impulse response of  $H$  and use this to compute the transfer function,  $\mathcal{H}(\omega)$ . Compute the limit

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{H}(\omega)$$

and explain the relevance of this limit to the process  $Y(t)$  defined above. [Hint: you may use the Taylor expansion of  $\exp(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$ ] [30%]

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