

ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IIA

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Module 3F1

SIGNALS AND 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.*

*There are no attachments.*

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Single-sided script paper

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Engineering Data Book

CUED approved calculator allowed

**You may not start to read the questions  
printed on the subsequent pages of this  
question paper until instructed that you  
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- 1 (a) The open-loop system has two poles at  $-0.5 \pm j0.8062$ . The pole-zero diagram in Fig. 4 shows the poles inside the unit disk, and so the system is stable. [20%]

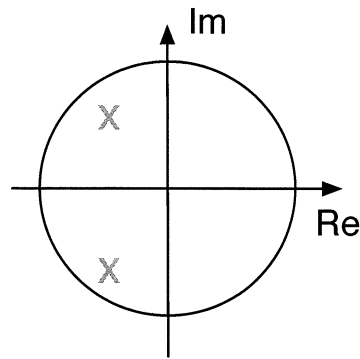


Fig. 4

- (b) The closed-loop transfer function is given by

$$T(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{R(z)} = \frac{K(z)P(z)}{1 + K(z)P(z)} = \frac{K(z)}{z^2 + z + 0.9 + K(z)}$$

[10%]

- (c) The closed loop poles are the roots of  $z^2 + z + 0.9 + k = 0$  which are given by

$$z = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-4k - 2.6}}{2}$$

For closed-loop stability we need the poles inside of the unit disk. For  $-4k - 2.6 < 0$  the poles are complex and therefore we need

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{-4k - 2.6}}{2}\right)^2 < 1$$

or  $|-4k - 2.6| < 3$ . Since  $4k + 2.6 > 0$ , we get  $2.6 + 4k < 3$ , or  $-0.65 < k < 0.1$ . For  $-4k - 7 \geq 0$  the poles are real and therefore we need

$$-1 < \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-4k - 2.6}}{2} < 1$$

or  $-2 < -1 - \sqrt{-4k - 2.6}$  and  $-1 + \sqrt{-4k - 2.6} < 2$ , which is equivalent to  $\sqrt{-4k - 2.6} < 1$  and  $\sqrt{-4k - 2.6} < 3$ . Since  $-4k - 2.6 \geq 0$ , we get  $-0.9 < k \leq -0.65$ .

Combining both, we get the final answer of  $-0.9 < k < 0.1$ .

[20%]

(d) When  $k \notin (-0.9, 0.1)$  the system is unstable and therefore  $y_n$  will grow unbounded. When  $k \in (-0.9, 0.1)$ , the closed-loop system is stable and we use the final value theorem (the closed-loop transfer function  $T(z)$  was found in part (b)):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) \frac{k}{z^2 + z + 0.9 + k} \frac{z}{z-1} = \frac{k}{2.9 + k}$$

[20%]

(e) At  $z = -1$ ,  $K(1)P(1) = -0.0115$  and therefore the phase must be  $-180$  degrees. Plot D cannot be since the phase at frequency  $\pi$  rad is  $-360$ . Evaluating  $K(z)P(z)$  at  $z = e^{j2.1}$  gives  $|KP| = 1.6$  and so, C cannot be. Plot B has a resonant peak at around frequency  $1$  rad. However, the resonance peak should be near frequency  $2.1$  rad, which is the angle of one of the complex poles in  $P$ . Thus, the correct one is A.

[30%]

- 2 (a) (i) All elements are linear and time-invariant. [10%]  
(ii) Consider the following input:

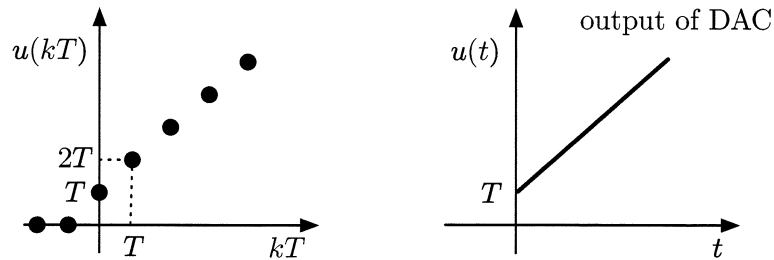


Fig. 5

This gives a convenient signal  $u(t)$  and hence a useful formula for  $H(z)$ .

$$u(t) = T + t \Rightarrow U(s) = \frac{T}{s} + \frac{1}{s^2} = \frac{Ts + 1}{s^2}$$

$$u(kT) = T + kT \Rightarrow U(z) = \frac{T}{1 - z^{-1}} + \frac{Tz^{-1}}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} = \frac{T}{(1 - z^{-1})^2} = \frac{Tz^2}{(z - 1)^2}$$

Then,

$$\{y(kT)\} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( G(s) \frac{Ts + 1}{s^2} \right)_{t=kT}$$

and the result now follows from  $H(z) = Y(z)/U(z)$ .

[40%]

2 (H) (i) If  $Y = g(X)$  or  $y = g(x)$

the cdfs of  $X$  &  $Y$  are related by

$$F_Y(y) = P\{Y \leq y\} = P\{g(X) \leq g(x)\}$$

$$= P\{X \leq x\} \quad \text{since } g(x) \text{ is monotonically increasing}$$

$$= F_X(x)$$

$\therefore$  Hence the pdfs are ~~not~~ related by

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) \cdot \frac{dx}{dy}$$

$$= f_X(x) \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = f_X(x) / g'(x)$$

(ii) ~~Substituting~~ Substituting  $f_X(x) = f_Y(y) a$ , given means that

$$\frac{y}{\sigma^2} \exp\left(\frac{-y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot g'(x) = \frac{1}{a} \exp\left(\frac{-x}{a}\right)$$

Using the hint, let  $g(x) = ax^b$

$$y = g(x) \quad \therefore \quad g'(x) = abx^{b-1}$$

Substituting into the LHS above gives:

$$\frac{ax^b}{\sigma^2} \exp\left(\frac{-a^2 x^{2b}}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot abx^{b-1}$$

$$= \frac{a^2 b}{\sigma^2} \cdot x^{2b-1} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-a^2 x^{2b}}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

2(b)(ii)(cont)

For this to be equivalent to  $\frac{1}{d} \exp\left(\frac{-2c}{d}\right)$

we require that  $a^{2b-1} = \text{const}$  or  $2b = 2c$

$$\text{Hence } b = \frac{1}{2}$$

we also require that  $\frac{1}{d} = \frac{a^{2b}}{c^2} = \frac{a^2}{2c^2}$

$$\text{Hence } a^2 = \frac{2c^2}{d} \quad \text{with } a = \sqrt{\frac{2c^2}{d}}$$

$\therefore a = c \sqrt{\frac{2}{d}}$  since  $g(\cdot)$  is increasing.

$$\therefore g(x) = a x^b = c \sqrt{\frac{2}{d}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \underline{\underline{c \sqrt{\frac{2x}{d}}}}$$

$x(t)$

3. (a) A random process is wide-sense stationary if ~~the~~ its mean value,  $E\{x(t)\}$ , is independent of  $t$ , and if its auto-correlation function  $E[x(t_1)x(t_2)]$  is a function only of  $\tau = t_2 - t_1$ , for all values of  $t_1, t_2$ .

(b) The value of the autocorrelation function at  $\tau = 0$  is  $E[x(t_1) \cdot x(t_1)] = E[x^2(t_1)]$  for any  $t_1$ . Hence it is the mean squared value of  $x(t)$ , and will equal  $Q_x$  for the ACF given.

For a process with a uniform pdf  $f_x(x) = \frac{1}{2A}$  from  $-A$  to  $A$ , the mean squared value is

$$E[x^2(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f_x(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-A}^A x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2A} dx \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{area} \\ \text{under} \\ \text{pdf} \\ \text{must be unity.} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2A} \cdot \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-A}^A = \frac{1}{2A} \left( \frac{A^3}{3} + \frac{A^3}{3} \right) = \frac{A^2}{3}$$

$$\therefore Q_x = E[x^2(t)] = \underline{\underline{\frac{A^2}{3}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. (c) \quad y(t) &= x(t) * h(t) \\
 &= x(t) * s(t) - x(t) * s(t-T) \\
 &= x(t) - x(t-T)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_{yy}(\tau) &= E[y(t) \cdot y(t-\tau)] \\
 &= E[(x(t) - x(t-T)) \cdot (x(t-\tau) - x(t-\tau-T))] \\
 &= \cancel{E[x(t) x(t-\tau)]} - E[x(t-T) x(t-\tau)] \\
 &\quad - E[x(t) x(t-\tau-T)] + E[x(t-T) x(t-\tau-T)] \\
 &= r_{xx}(\tau) - r_{xx}(\tau-T) - r_{xx}(\tau+T) + r_{xx}(\tau) \\
 &= 2r_{xx}(\tau) - r_{xx}(\tau-T) - r_{xx}(\tau+T)
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) The power spectrum  $S_y(\omega)$  is the Fourier Transform of  $r_{yy}(\tau)$  &  $S_x(\omega)$  is the FT of  $r_{xx}(\tau)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence } S_y(\omega) &= 2S_x(\omega) - e^{-j\omega T} S_x(\omega) - e^{j\omega T} S_x(\omega) \\
 &= S_x(\omega) \left( 2 - (e^{j\omega T} + e^{-j\omega T}) \right) = 2S_x(\omega) (1 - \cos \omega T) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{2Q_x T \operatorname{sinc}^2\left(\frac{\omega T}{2}\right) (1 - \cos \omega T)}} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{from E+I} \\ \text{data book} \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



4. a) An  $N^{\text{th}}$ -order Markov source is one in which the probability distribution of the source at time  $n$ , depends only on the previous  $N$  outputs from the source. Hence a  $1^{\text{st}}$ -order Markov source depends only on the most recent one ~~previous~~ output from the source.

b) For the given source

$$P(S_n) = \sum_{k=1}^3 P(S_n | S_{n-1}=k) \cdot P(S_{n-1}=k)$$

At equilibrium  $P(S_n) = P(S_{n-1}) = P_e$ .

If  $P(S_{n-1}) = \left[ \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \right]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} P(S_n) &= [0.1 \quad 0.7 \quad 0.2] \cdot \frac{1}{3} + [0.2 \quad 0.1 \quad 0.7] \cdot \frac{1}{3} \\ &\quad + [0.7 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.1] \cdot \frac{1}{3} \\ &= [1 \quad 1 \quad 1] \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \left[ \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence this is the equilibrium probability.

4. b) (cont.)

$$\text{Mutual Information} = I(S_n; S_{n-1})$$

$$= H(S_n) - H(S_n | S_{n-1})$$

$$\text{Now } H(S_n) = - \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{3} \log_2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \log_2(3) = 1.5850 \text{ bits}$$

$$H(S_n | S_{n-1}) = H(S_n | S_{n-1} = A) \cdot P(S_{n-1} = A)$$

$$+ H(S_n | S_{n-1} = B) \cdot P(S_{n-1} = B)$$

$$+ H(S_n | S_{n-1} = C) \cdot P(S_{n-1} = C)$$

$$= \frac{3}{3} \cdot H([0.7 \ 0.2 \ 0.1])$$

$$= -0.7 \log_2(0.7) - 0.2 \log_2(0.2) - 0.1 \log_2(0.1)$$

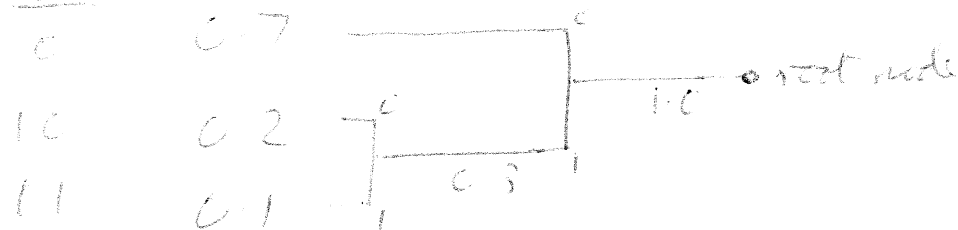
$$= 1.1568 \text{ bits}$$

$$\text{Hence } I(S_n; S_{n-1}) = 1.5850 - 1.1568 = \underline{\underline{0.4282 \text{ bits}}}$$

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c) Huffman code for one column of the table is

Code	Prob
0	0.7
10	0.2
11	0.1



Average length  $L = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i L_i$   
 $= 0.7 \cdot 1 + 0.2 \cdot 2 + 0.1 \cdot 2 = \underline{1.3 \text{ bit/sym}}$

All columns are equally likely to be used & use the same set of probabilities (just in different order) so  $\underline{L = 1.3 \text{ bit/sym}}$  as an overall average.

d) Given  $S_{n-1}$ , the possible options for  $(S_n, S_{n+1})$  are the following 9 probabilities in decreasing order:

0	$0.7^2 = 0.49$	
100	$0.7 \cdot 0.2 = 0.14$	
101	$0.2 \cdot 0.7 = 0.14$	
1100	$0.7 \cdot 0.1 = 0.07$	
1101	$0.1 \cdot 0.7 = 0.07$	
1110	$0.2^2 = 0.04$	
11110	$0.2 \cdot 0.1 = 0.02$	
111110	$0.1 \cdot 0.2 = 0.02$	
111111	$0.1^2 = 0.01$	

$\therefore L = 0.49 \cdot 1 + 0.14(3+3) + 0.07(4+4) + 0.04 \cdot 4$   
 $+ 0.02(5+6) + 0.01 \cdot 6 = 2.33 \text{ bits/2 sym}$   
 $= \underline{1.165 \text{ bit/sym}}$

4 (d) (cont)

$$\text{Efficiency of order-2 method} = \frac{H(\text{order-2})}{L}$$

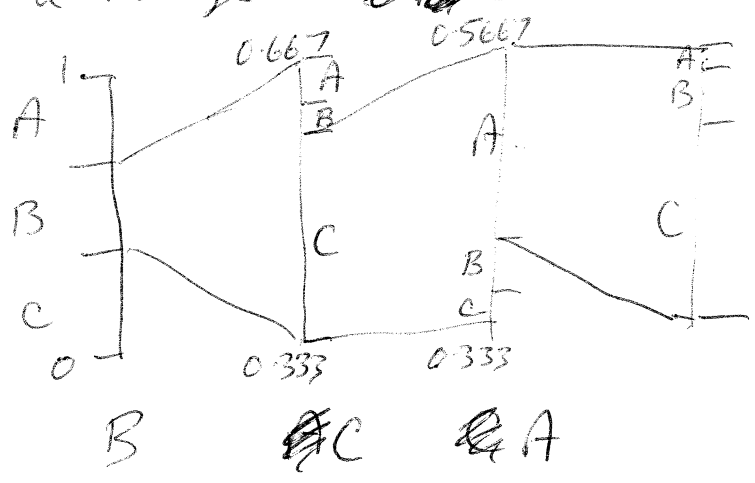
$$= \frac{1.1562}{1.165} = 99.3\%$$

$$\text{Efficiency of order-1 method} = \frac{1.1562}{1.3} = 89.0\%$$

Hence the order-2 method is much closer to 100% efficiency + probably worth the extra complexity of the 9-state Huffman code.

4(e) Arithmetic coding is a way of extending the source coding to order-N where N can be quite large. For Markov sources, Arithmetic coding allows us to easily change the probabilities expected for each new symbol ~~to be a function~~ according to which symbol was transmitted before it. Hence for large N, the efficiency can approach arbitrarily close to 100%. E.g.

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## Module 3F1, April 2009 – SIGNALS AND SYSTEMS – Answers

- 1 (a) Open-loop poles at  $-0.5 \pm j0.8062$ . Stable.  
(b)  $T(z) = K(z)/(z^2 + z + 0.9 + K(z))$ .  
(c)  $-0.9 < k < 0.1$ .  
(d) For  $-0.9 < k < 0.1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = k/(2.9 + k)$ .  
(e) A.
- 2 (b) (ii)  $g(x) = \sigma \sqrt{2/d}$ .
- 3 (b)  $Q_X = \frac{A^2}{3}$ .  
(d)  $S_Y(\omega) = -4Q_X T \text{sinc}^2(\omega T/2) - 4Q_X T \text{sinc}^2(\omega T)$ .
- 4 (b)  $I(S_n; S_{n-1}) = 0.4282$  bits.  
(c)  $L = 1.3$  bits/sym.  
(d)  $L = 1.165$  bits/sym.