

School of Engineering, Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering

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Instructions to candidates:

- This paper consists of **4 pages and 3 questions**.
- All questions must be answered in full for full marks to be awarded (**All working must be shown**).
- All relevant assumptions must be made and documented in your workings.
- Programmable calculators may be used provided all memory is cleared.
- No notes of any kind are allowed. Useful data is attached at the back of the question paper.
- Organize your solutions neatly. Use diagrams and equations to aid your explanation where possible.

Question 1 [20 marks]

- 1.1 A sequence is given by $x[n] = \{4 + j \quad -2 - j \quad 4 \quad -5 - 2j\}$ for $-1 \leq n \leq 2$. **Determine** the conjugate-symmetric and conjugate anti-symmetric parts of the sequence. [4]

- 1.2 Consider the sequence at the output of a system is given as:

$$y[n] = n \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n \sum_{k=-\infty}^0 \delta[n - k]$$

Determine the energy of the sequence. [7]

- 1.3 Consider the sequence:

$$x[n] = 3 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \{u[n + 3] - u[n - 4]\}$$

Sketch the sequences:

A. $x[-n - 3]$ [3]

B. $x[n^2 - n + 1]$ [3]

- 1.4 Suppose that $x_b[n]$ is the conjugate symmetric part of a sequence $x[n]$.
Determine the symmetry of the real and imaginary parts of $x_b[n]$. [3]

Question 2 [20 marks]

- 2.1 An N -point circular convolution between two sequences can be attained from the linear convolution of the same two sequences. Consider the sequences:

$$x[n] = [1 \ 3 \ 1 \ 4], n \in [1:4]$$
$$h[n] = [2 \ 4 \ 5], n \in [1:3]$$

- A. **Determine** the 4-point circular convolution by extending the sequences into periodic sequences. [5]
- B. **Write** an expression relating circular convolution to linear convolution. [1]
- C. **Show** using calculation how the linear convolution of the sequences above are used to determine the 4-point circular convolution attained in 2.1.A. [6]

- 2.2 Consider the complex-valued sequence $x[n]$, described as follows:

$$x[n] = \{x[0] \ x[3] \ x[5] \ x[7] \ x[9] \ x[11] \ x[13] \ x[15]\}$$

- A. A fast approach that may be employed to solve the DFT is the decimation-in-time FFT. **Use** a block diagram to represent the decimation-in-time computation using only 2-point DFTs when $N = 8$. **Label** the diagram fully. [5]
- B. **Determine** the percentage reduction in computational complexity compared to the DFT approach. [3]

Question 3 [20 marks]

- 3.1 **Determine** the z-transform of the following sequence:

$$x[n] = n \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^n u[-n - 3]$$
 [6]

3.2 Consider the sequence $x[n] = \{2 - 2.52\}$, $n \in [-1:2]$. **Compute** the integral $I_1 = 4\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{jw})e^{-jw} dw$ without computing the DTFT of the sequence. [3]

3.3 The transfer function for a particular digital filter is given as:

$$H(z) = \frac{(0.55 + 0.35z^{-1} + 0.45z^{-2})}{(1 + 0.55z^{-1} + 0.65z^{-2})} \frac{z^{-1}}{(1 - 0.65z^{-1})}$$

A. **Generate** the Direct Form II realization structure. [3]

B. **Generate** the Cascade Form realization structure. [3]

3.4 Consider the unit sample response:

$$h[n] = u[n] - u[n-1] - \beta(u[n-1] - u[n-2])$$

Find the magnitude and phase responses of the sequence $h[n]$, where β is a real-valued constant. [5]

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Closed-form expressions
$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a^n = \frac{1 - a^N}{1 - a}$
$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} na^n = \frac{(N-1)a^{N+1} - Na^N + a}{(1-a)^2}$
$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n = \frac{1}{1-a}, a < 1$
$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} na^n = \frac{a}{(1-a)^2}, a < 1$

Table of DTFT Pairs	
$\delta[n]$	1
$\delta[n - n_o]$	$e^{-jn_o\omega}$
1	$2\pi\delta[\omega]$
$e^{jn\omega_o}$	$2\pi\delta[\omega - \omega_o]$
$\alpha^n u[n], \alpha < 1$	$\frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j\omega}}$
$-\alpha^n u[-n-1], \alpha > 1$	$\frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j\omega}}$
$(n+1)\alpha^n u[n], \alpha < 1$	$\frac{1}{(1 - \alpha e^{-j\omega})^2}$
$\cos n\omega_o$	$\pi\delta[\omega + \omega_o] + \pi\delta[\omega - \omega_o]$

Table of ZT Pairs		Region of convergence
$\delta[n]$	1	$\forall z$
$\alpha^n u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$	$ z > \alpha $
$-\alpha^n u[-n - 1]$	$\frac{1}{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}$	$ z < \alpha $
$n\alpha^n u[n]$	$\frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})^2}$	$ z > \alpha $
$-n\alpha^n u[-n - 1]$	$\frac{\alpha z^{-1}}{(1 - \alpha z^{-1})^2}$	$ z < \alpha $
$\cos n\omega_o u[n]$	$\frac{1 - (\cos \omega_o)z^{-1}}{1 - 2(\cos \omega_o)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$	$ z > 1$
$\sin n\omega_o u[n]$	$\frac{(\sin \omega_o)z^{-1}}{1 - 2(\cos \omega_o)z^{-1} + z^{-2}}$	$ z > 1$

$d = \left[\frac{(1 - \delta_p)^{-2} - 1}{\delta_s^{-2} - 1} \right]^{1/2}$	$q = q_o + 2q_o^5 + 15q_o^9 + 150q_o^{13}$	$s = \frac{2}{T_s} \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + z^{-1}}$
$N \geq \frac{\log\left(\frac{16}{d^2}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{1}{q}\right)}$	$N = \frac{-10 \log \delta_p \delta_s - 13}{14.6 \Delta f}$	$\omega = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\Omega T_s}{2} \right)$
$q_o = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1 - (1 - k^2)^{1/4}}{1 + (1 - k^2)^{1/4}} \right]$	$ H_a(j\Omega) ^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{j\Omega}{j\Omega_c} \right)^{2N}}$	$\epsilon = \left(\frac{\Omega_p}{\Omega_c} \right)^N$
$T_N(x) = \begin{cases} \cos(N \cos^{-1} x) & x \leq 1 \\ \cosh(N \cosh^{-1} x) & x > 1 \end{cases}$	$ H_a(j\Omega) ^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon^2 T_N^2(\Omega/\Omega_p)}$	$k = \frac{\Omega_p}{\Omega_s}$