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The duration of the Test is 1h30m and the Exam is 3h. The score of each item is 2 when right and  $-0.5$  if wrong in the Test and 1 when right and  $-0.25$  if wrong in the Exam. Only one option can be selected in each question.

## Test 1

1. What is the impulse response of the filter  $H(z) = [1 + az^{-1}]^{-1}$ ?

- a)  $a^n u(n)$
- b)  $-a^n u(n)$
- c)  $(-a)^n u(n)$
- d) None

$$H(z) = [1 + az^{-1}]^{-1} \Rightarrow Y(z)(1 + az^{-1}) = X(z) \Rightarrow y(n) = x(n) - ay(n-1)$$
$$\Rightarrow h(n) = \delta(n) - ah(n-1) \Rightarrow$$

$$h(0) = 1$$

$$h(1) = -a$$

$$h(2) = a^2$$

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$$h(n) = (-a)^n u(n)$$

2. Consider the following optimization problem,

$$\mathbf{c}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{c}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad (1)$$

where  $A$  is a  $N \times L$  matrix,  $\mathbf{x}$  is a  $N$  length column vector of observations and  $\mathbf{c}$  is a  $L$  length column vector of coefficients to be estimated.  $\|e\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^L |e_k|$  is called  $\mathcal{L}_1$  norm

where  $|\cdot|$  denotes the absolute value function. This optimization problem can be solved using the *Iterative Reweighted Least Squares* (IRLS) algorithm as follows

$$\mathbf{c}^{t+1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{c}} \mathbf{e}^T W(\mathbf{c}^t) \mathbf{e} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{e} = A\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{x}$  and  $W(\mathbf{c}^t) = \text{diag}(w_i)$  is a diagonal matrix with elements

- a)  $w_i = 1$
- b)  $w_i = |e_i^t|$
- c)  $w_i = 1/|e_i^t|$
- d) None of the above.

3. Consider the *Linear Time Invariant* (LTI) system described by the following transfer function

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 + (4/3)z^{-1} + (8/9)z^{-2}}, \quad (3)$$

where the roots of the denominator are  $p_{1,2} = 2/3 \pm j2/3$ . What type of filter is this system?

- a) High-pass filter .
- b) Band-pass filter.
- c) Low-pass filter.
- d) None

4. Let  $x(n) = [1, -1, 1, 0]$ . What is the value of the 4 dimension DFT coefficient  $X_4(1)$ ?

- a) 0.
- b) 1.
- c)  $j$ .
- d) None

5. Let  $x(n)$  and  $y(n)$  two discrete sequences of length 16 with *DFT* coefficients  $X_{16}(k)$

and  $Y_{16}(k)$  respectively, where  $Y(k) = \begin{cases} X(k) & \text{for } k \text{ even} \\ -X(k) & \text{for } k \text{ odd} \end{cases}$ .

What is the right option?

- a)  $y(2) = x(10)$ .

- b)  $y(1) = x(11)$ .
- c)  $y(0) = x(12)$ .
- d) None

6. What is the period of the signal  $\sin(\pi n/2) + 0.25 \cos(\pi n/3)$ ?

- a) 6
- b) 12
- c) 24
- d) None

7. Consider a space with inner-product,  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$  and induced norm  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$ . Which condition is true?

- a)  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| - \|\mathbf{y}\|$ .
- b)  $|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{y}\|$
- c)  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \geq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$ .
- d) None

8. The *Fast Fourier Transform* (FFT) optimizes the computation of the DFT by removing completely redundant computations. The core of the FFT algorithm, called butterfly, is a structure that computes a 2-length *DFT* vector of Fourier coefficients  $DFT_2(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{X} = [X(0), X(1)]^T$  from 2 length sequences,  $\mathbf{x} = [x(0), x(1)]^T$ . Using matrix notation

$$\mathbf{X} = W\mathbf{x}$$

where  $W$  is one of the following  $2 \times 2$  square matrices. What is that matrix?

- a)  $W = [1, 0; 0, 1]$ .
- b)  $W = [1, 1; 1, -1]$ .
- c)  $W = [1, 0; 1, 0]$ .
- d) None

**Problem (T=4/Ex=2)**

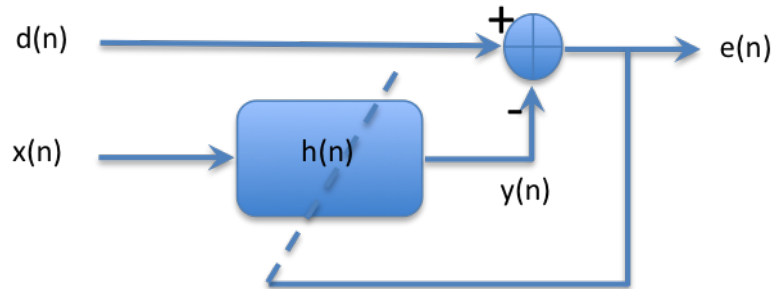


Figura 1: Adaptive filter.

Consider the FIR filter  $h(n)$  in Fig.1,

$$y(n) = \sum_{k=0}^p h_k(n)x(n-k) \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{h}(n) = \{h_0(n), h_1(n), \dots, h_p(n)\}^T$  are the  $p+1$  coefficients of the filter to be estimated at each  $n^{\text{th}}$  sample, according to the following criterion

$$\mathbf{h}(n) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{h}} J(\mathbf{h}) \quad (5)$$

where

$$J(\mathbf{h}) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (d(n-i) - y(n-i))^2 \quad (6)$$

with  $N$  is the length of a window.

(a)  $\mathbf{y}(n) = [y(n), y(n-1), \dots, y(n-N)]^T$  can be expressed as  $\mathbf{y}(n) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}(n)$ .

**Define A.**

(b) Express  $J(\mathbf{h})$  by using matrix notation.

(c) Derive a closed-form solution for the optimization problem described in (5).

(d) What is the optimal filter  $h(n)$  if  $p = 10$  and  $y(n) = x(n-2)$ ?

## Test 2

1. Consider the following procedure to change the sampling rate of a discrete signal  $x(n)$  by a factor of  $R = 2/3$ ,

$$y(n) = T_{\downarrow 3}[h(n) * T_{\uparrow 2}[x(n)]]$$

where  $h(n)$  is an ideal low-pass filter with a cut-off frequency  $\omega_c = \pi/3$ . If  $x(n) = \sin(\pi n/3) + \sin(5\pi/6)$  what is  $y(n)$ ?

- a)  $y(n) = \sin(\pi n/2) + \sin(15\pi/12)$
  - b)  $y(n) = \sin(15\pi/12)$
  - c)  $y(n) = \sin(\pi n/2)$
  - d) None
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- After up-sampling the resulting signal is  $x(n) = \sin(\pi n/6) + \sin(5\pi/12)$
  - After filtered the resulting signal is  $x(n) = \sin(\pi n/6)$
  - After down-sampled the resulting signal is  $x(n) = \sin(\pi n/2)$
2. Consider the discrete signal  $x(n)$  where **two** (2) additional zero samples are introduced between the original ones,  $[\dots x(i), 0, 0, x(i+1), \dots]$ . The ideal interpolation of these new samples can be implemented by filtering the augmented signal with an ideal low-pass filtering with a cut-off frequency  $\omega_c$ . What should be that frequency?

- a)  $\omega_c = \pi/2$
- b)  $\omega_c = \pi/3$
- c)  $\omega_c = \pi/4$
- d) None

Two additional zeros for each sample correspond to an upsampling ratio  $D = 3$ . In this case, the ideal low-pass interpolation filter has a cut-off frequency of  $\omega_c = \pi/D = \pi/3$ .

3. Consider a first order unknown system  $G(s) = A/(1 + \tau s)$  and its step,  $x(t) = u(t)$ , response displayed in Fig. 2. What is the time constant,  $\tau$ , in seconds?
- a) 25.
  - b) 20.
  - c) 1/4.
  - d) None

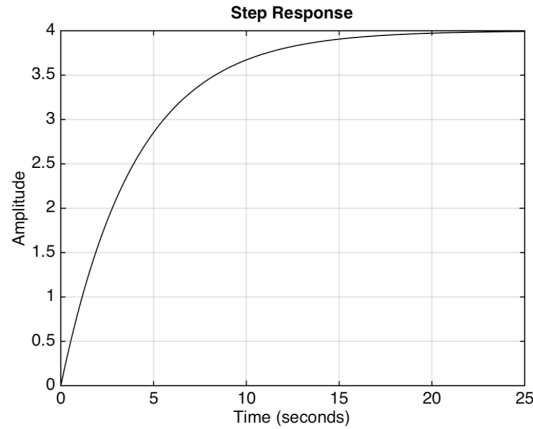


Figura 2: First order step response of an unknown system,  $G(s) = A/(1 + \tau s)$ .

4. Consider two independent random variables,  $x$  and  $y$ , with variances  $\sigma_x^2$  and  $\sigma_y^2$  respectively. What is the variance of  $z = xy$ ?
- a)  $\sigma_x^2 * \sigma_y^2$ .
  - b)  $\sigma_x^2/\sigma_y^2$ .
  - c)  $\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2$ .
  - d) None of the above

Using  $E(x^2) = \sigma_x^2 + \mu_x^2$  and  $\mu_z = \mu_x\mu_y$ , because  $x$  and  $y$  are independent, then

$$\sigma_z^2 = E((z - \mu_z)^2) = E((xy - \mu_x\mu_y)^2) = E(x^2y^2 - 2xy\mu_x\mu_y + \mu_x^2\mu_y^2) =$$

$$E(x^2)E(y^2) - \mu_x^2\mu_y^2 = (\sigma_x^2 + \mu_x^2)(\sigma_y^2 + \mu_y^2) - \mu_x^2\mu_y^2 = \sigma_x^2\sigma_y^2 + \sigma_x^2\mu_y^2 + \sigma_y^2\mu_x^2 + \mu_x^2\mu_y^2 - \mu_x^2\mu_y^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sigma_z^2 = \sigma_x^2\sigma_y^2 + \sigma_x^2\mu_y^2 + \sigma_y^2\mu_x^2$$

$$\text{if } \mu_x = \mu_y = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma_z^2 = \sigma_x^2\sigma_y^2$$

5. Consider the system

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 0.25z^{-1}}. \quad (7)$$

If the input is a zero mean ( $\mu_x = 0$ ) white noise with variance  $\sigma_x^2 = 2$ ,  $x \sim N(0, 2)$ . What is the *power spectral density* (PSD) of the output?

- a)  $\frac{2}{1.0625 - 0.5\cos(\omega)}$ .
- b)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{1.0625 - 0.5\cos(\omega)}$ .

- c)  $\frac{2}{1.25-0.25\cos(\omega)}$ .
- d) None of the above

6. Consider a LTI system with impulse response  $h(n) = \delta(n) - \frac{1}{3}\delta(n-1)$  and an input signal with autocorrelation  $\phi_{xx}(m) = \delta(m) + 4$ . What is the mean of the output signal?

- a) 4/9.
- b) 2/3.
- c) 4/3.
- d) None of the above

7. A closed-loop real system with complex conjugated poles is always

- a) unstable.
- b) stable.
- c) overshoot
- d) None of the above

8. Consider the discrete stochastic process  $x(n) = \sin(2\pi n/N) + \eta(n)$  where  $\eta(n) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  is white Gaussian noise. This process is

- a) Stationary.
- b) Ergodic.
- c) White.
- d) None

- It is not stationary because it is time varying.

- It is not Ergodic because it is not stationary

- It is not white because

$$E[x(n)x(n+m)] = \sin(2\pi n/N)\sin(2\pi(n+m)/N) + E[\sin(2\pi n/N)\sin(2\pi(n+m)/N)] + \psi_\eta(m) = \sin(2\pi n/N)\sin(2\pi(n+m)/N) + \delta(m) \neq \delta(m)$$

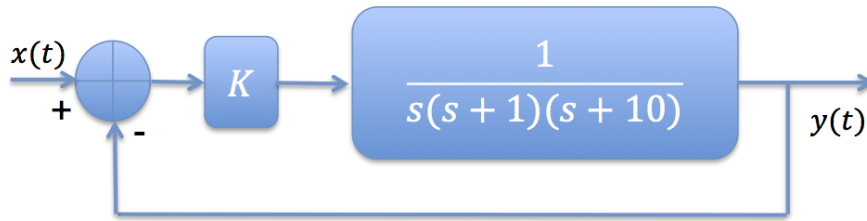


Figura 3: Unit feedback control system.

**Problem (T=4/Ex=2)**

Consider the feedback system represented in Fig.3.

1. (2) Draw the root-locus (RL) for  $K > 0$  and  $K < 0$ . Compute explicitly the **break in** and **break out** points at the real axis, **asymptotic center and angle** of the asymptotes and the **sections of the real axis** of RL.

(a) break in and break out points: Characteristic equation:  $1 + \frac{k}{s(s+1)(s+10)} = 0 \Rightarrow k = -s(s+1)(s+10) \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{dk}{ds} = 3s^2 + 22s + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow s_{1,2} = -0,4869; -6,8464$$

(b) Imaginary axis crossing point:  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = (2r + 1)\pi \Rightarrow$

$$\pi/2 + \tan^{-1}(\omega) + \tan^{-1}(\omega/10) = \pi \Rightarrow$$

$$\tan(\tan^{-1}(\omega) + \tan^{-1}(\omega/10)) = \tan(\pi/2) = \frac{\omega + \omega/10}{1 - \omega^2/10} = \infty \Rightarrow$$

$$1 - \omega^2/10 = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

(c)  $\sigma_{ass} = (\sum_k p_k - \sum_r z_r) / (N - M) = -11/3 = -3.33$

(d)  $\phi(k > 0) = \{\pm\pi/3; \pi\}$

(e)  $\phi(k < 0) = \{0; \pm 2\pi/3; \}$

2. (0,5) Compute the values of  $K$  for which the closed-loop poles are equal (double-poles) and indicate their positions in the RL.

The double-poles occur at the break-in and break-out points of the real axis:  $k = -s(s+1)(s+10)|_{s=[-0,4869; -6,8464]} = [2, 38; -126, 23]$

3. (0,5) What is the minimum value of  $K$  for which the system is stable without overshooting?

The system is stable without overshoot for  $k \in [0; 2, 38]$ , that correspond to the part of the RL where the closed loop poles are real and negative (stable).

4. (1) For which value of  $K$  the system becomes critically stable? Indicate over the RL the location of the poles for this value of  $K$ . What is the frequency of the oscillations?



See item 1b.

For this position:  $s = j\omega = j\sqrt{10} \Rightarrow$

$$k(j\sqrt{10}) = -s(s+1)(s+10)|_{s=j\omega=j\sqrt{10}} = 110$$

The frequency of oscillations is  $\omega = \sqrt{10} \text{rad/sec}$ .

