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Midterm

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- 3 Problems with point weightings shown. All 3 problems must be completed.
- Calculators allowed.
- Closed book = No text allowed. One two-sided 8.5x11 cheat sheet allowed.
- Final answers here.
- Additional workspace in “blue” book. Note where to find work in “blue” book if relevant.
- Sign Code of Academic Integrity statement at back of “blue” book.

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[Mean: 74.5, Standard Deviation: 13.7](#)

**Common DTFT pairs:**

Sequence	DTFT
$\delta[n]$	1
$u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1-e^{-j\omega}} + \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \pi \delta(\omega + 2\pi k)$
1	$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi \delta(\omega + 2\pi k)$
$e^{j\omega_0 n}$	$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_0 + 2\pi k)$
$\alpha^n u[n],  \alpha  < 1$	$\frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j\omega}}$
$\frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\pi n}$	$X(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} 1, &  \omega  \leq \omega_c \\ 0, & \omega_c <  \omega  < \pi \end{cases}$

**Common z-transform pairs:**

Sequence	z-transform	ROC
$\delta[n]$	1	All z
$u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}$	$ z  > 1$
$-u[-n-1]$	$\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}$	$ z  < 1$
$\delta[n-m]$	$z^{-m}$	All z except 0 (if m>0) or $\infty$ (if m<0)
$a^n u[n]$	$\frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}$	$ z  >  a $
$-a^n u[-n-1]$	$\frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}$	$ z  <  a $
$na^n u[n]$	$\frac{az^{-1}}{(1-az^{-1})^2}$	$ z  >  a $
$-na^n u[-n-1]$	$\frac{az^{-1}}{(1-az^{-1})^2}$	$ z  <  a $

**Trigonometric Identity:**

$$e^{jA} = \cos(A) + j\sin(A)$$

**Geometric Series:**

$$\sum_{n=0}^N r^n = \frac{1-r^{N+1}}{1-r}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{1}{1-r}, |r| < 1$$

**DTFT Equations:**

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] e^{-j\omega k}$$

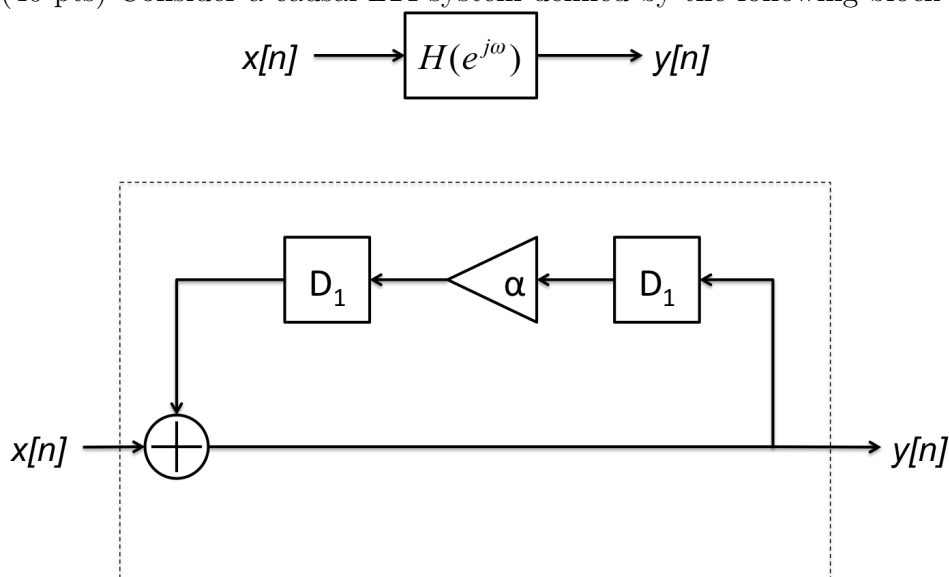
$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$

**Upsampling/Downsampling:**

Upsampling by L ( $\uparrow L$ ):  $X_{up} = X(e^{j\omega L})$

Downsampling by M ( $\downarrow M$ ):  $X_{down} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} X(e^{j(\frac{\omega}{M} - \frac{2\pi}{M}i)})$

1. (40 pts) Consider a causal LTI system defined by the following block diagram:



Above, the symbol  $\triangleleft \alpha$  denotes multiplication by a scalar  $\alpha$ : if the input is  $w[n]$ , the output is  $\alpha w[n]$ . The symbol  $\boxed{D_1}$  denotes a delay by one sample: if the input is  $w[n]$ , the output is  $w[n-1]$ .

- (a) What is the impulse response  $h[n]$  of the system? [10pts]

$$y[n] = x[n] + \alpha y[n-2]$$

The impulse response is the output when  $x[n] = \delta[n]$ , so the output  $h[n] = 0$  for  $n < 0$ . For  $n = 0$ ,  $h[0] = \delta[0] = 1$ . For  $n > 0$ ,  $x[n] = \delta[n] = 0$ , so  $h[n] = \alpha h[n-2]$ . Putting this together, we can write:

$$h[n] = \begin{cases} \alpha^{n/2} & n \geq 0, \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- (b) For what choices of  $\alpha$  is the system stable? [10pts]

The system is stable if the impulse response is infinitely summable.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |h[n]| &= \sum_{n \geq 0, \text{ even}} |\alpha|^{n/2} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\alpha|^k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-|\alpha|} & |\alpha| < 1 \\ \infty & \text{else} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the system is stable if  $|\alpha| < 1$ .

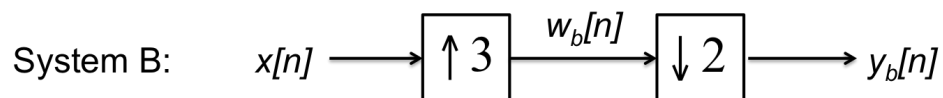
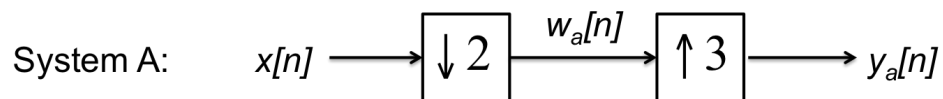
- (c) For any  $\alpha$  such that the system is stable, what is the frequency response  $H(e^{j\omega})$  of the system? [10pts]

$$\begin{aligned} H(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{n \geq 0, \text{even}} \alpha^{n/2} e^{-j\omega n} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^k e^{-j\omega(2k)} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\alpha e^{-j2\omega})^k \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j2\omega}} \end{aligned}$$

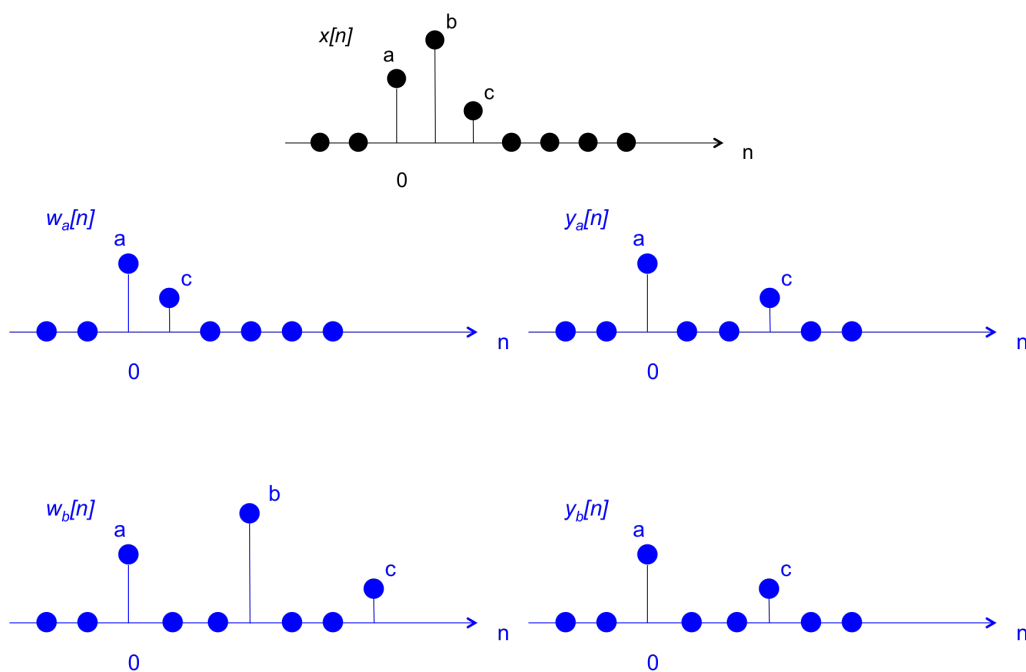
- (d) What is the output  $y[n]$  when the input is the oscillatory signal  $x[n] = (-1)^n$ ? [10pts]

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= (-1)^n = e^{j\pi n} \\ y[n] &= H(e^{j\pi}) e^{j\pi n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha e^{-j2\pi}} \cdot e^{j\pi n} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \cdot (-1)^n \end{aligned}$$

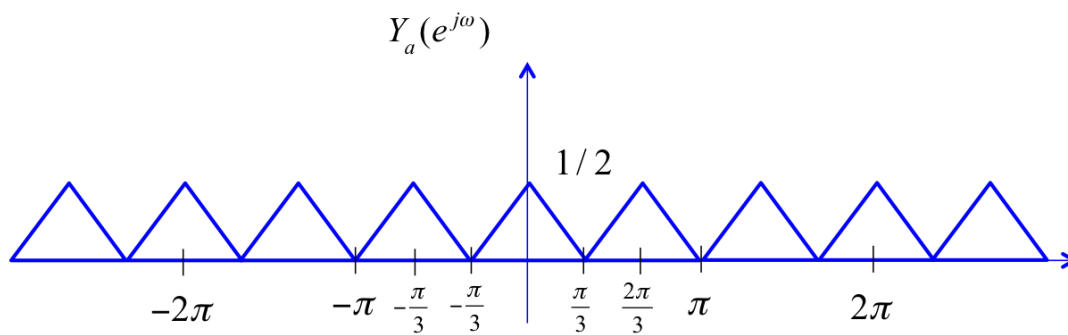
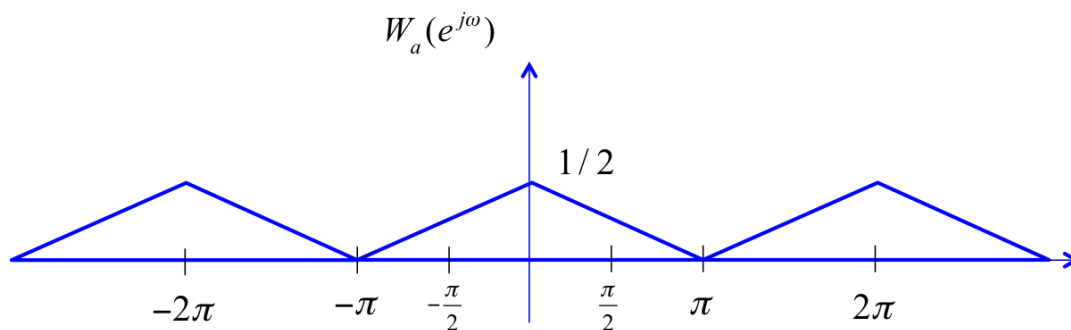
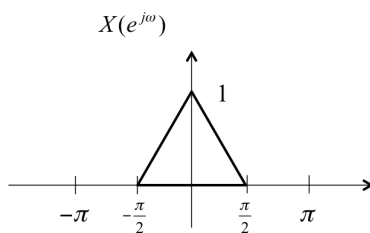
2. (30 pts) Below are two systems consisting of a compressor and expander.



(a) For  $x[n]$  shown below, sketch  $y_a[n]$  and  $y_b[n]$  (assume  $x[n] = 0$  outside the range shown). [10pts]



- (b) For  $X(e^{j\omega})$  shown below, sketch  $W_a(e^{j\omega})$  and  $Y_a(e^{j\omega})$ . [10pts]



- (c)  $X(e^{j\omega})$  is now the Fourier transform of an arbitrary signal  $x[n]$ . Express  $Y_b(e^{j\omega})$  in terms of  $X(e^{j\omega})$ . Your answer should be in the form of an equation, not a sketch. [5pts]

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_b(e^{j\omega}) &= X(e^{j3\omega}) \\
 Y_b(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ W_b(e^{j\frac{\omega}{2}}) + W_b(e^{j(\frac{\omega}{2}-\pi)}) \right] \\
 Y_b(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ X(e^{j\frac{3\omega}{2}}) + X(e^{j3(\frac{\omega}{2}-\pi)}) \right] \\
 Y_b(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ X(e^{j\frac{3\omega}{2}}) + X(e^{j(\frac{3\omega}{2}-3\pi)}) \right] \\
 Y_b(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ X(e^{j\frac{3\omega}{2}}) + X(e^{j(\frac{3\omega}{2}-\pi)}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- (d) For any arbitrary  $x[n]$ , will  $y_a[n] = y_b[n]$ ? If your answer is yes, algebraically justify your answer. If your answer is no, clearly explain or show a counterexample. [5pts]

Yes.

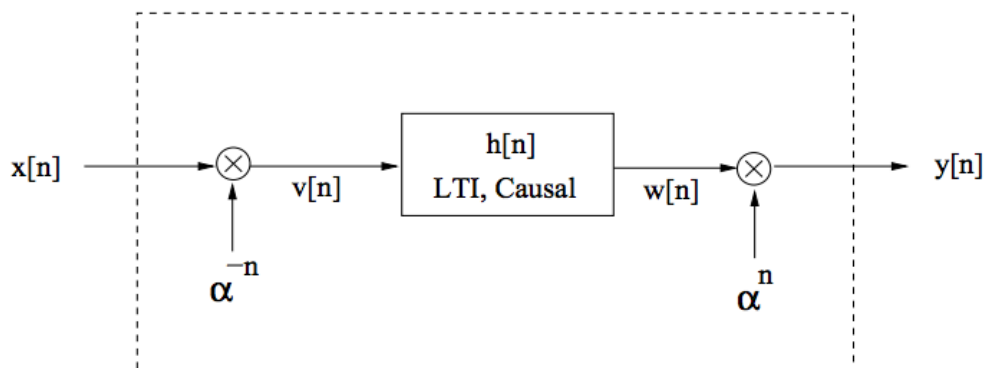
$$\begin{aligned}
 W_a(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ X(e^{j\frac{\omega}{2}}) + X(e^{j(\frac{\omega}{2}-\pi)}) \right] \\
 Y_a(e^{j\omega}) &= W_a(e^{j3\omega}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ X(e^{j\frac{3\omega}{2}}) + X(e^{j(\frac{3\omega}{2}-\pi)}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $Y_a(e^{j\omega}) = Y_b(e^{j\omega})$  and  $y_a[n] = y_b[n]$ .

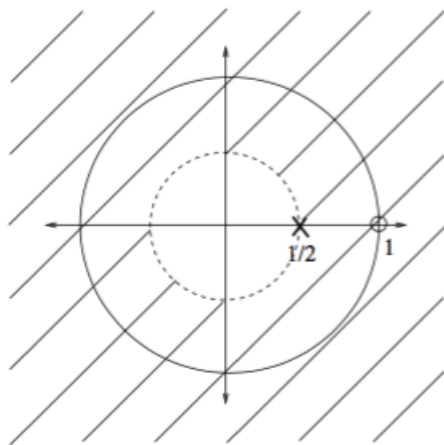
3. (30 pts) Consider a causal linear time-invariant system with impulse response  $h[n]$ . The z-transform of  $h[n]$  is

$$H(z) = \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 - 0.5z^{-1}} \quad (2)$$

Consider the cascade configuration given in the figure below. Here we assume that  $\alpha$  is a real number.



- (a) Draw the pole-zero plot of  $H(z)$ . Also, sketch the region of convergence. Is this system stable? [10pts]



ROC:  $|z| > \frac{1}{2}$ . The ROC includes the unit circle, so the system is stable.

- (b) Assume that  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $x[n] = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n u[n]$ . Compute the output  $y[n]$  for the given input  $x[n]$ . [10pts]

From the system diagram:

$$\begin{aligned} v[n] &= \alpha^{-n} x[n] \\ w[n] &= v[n] * h[n] \\ y[n] &= w[n] \alpha^n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= (v[n] * h[n]) \alpha^n \\ &= x[n] * (\alpha^n h[n]) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the z-transform:

$$\begin{aligned} Y(z) &= X(z)H(\alpha^{-1}z) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1 - \alpha z^{-1}}{1 - 0.5\alpha z^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} \cdot \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{6}z^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{-1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}z^{-1}} + \frac{2}{1 - \frac{1}{6}z^{-1}} \end{aligned}$$

The ROC is intersection of ROC of  $X(z)$  and  $H(z)$ , so ROC:  $|z| > \frac{1}{4}$ . We can take the inverse z-transform and get:

$$y[n] = -\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n u[n] + 2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^n u[n]$$

- (c) Find the response  $g[n]$  of the overall system within the enclosed box to the input  $x[n] = \delta[n]$ . [5pts]

From part (b), we know

$$y[n] = x[n] * (\alpha^n h[n])$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} g[n] &= \delta[n] * (\alpha^n h[n]) \\ g[n] &= \alpha^n h[n] \\ g[n] &= \alpha^n \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n u[n] - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} u[n-1] \right] \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Plot the pole-zero plot of  $G(z)$ , the z-transform of  $g[n]$ . Also, sketch the region of convergence. [5pts]

We can use the transform property  $z_0 x[n] \longleftrightarrow X\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)$  to take the transform of  $g[n]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g[n] &= \alpha^n h[n] \\ G(z) &= H\left(\frac{z}{\alpha}\right) \\ &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3}z^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{6}z^{-1}}, \text{ROC} : |z| > \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

The pole zero plot of  $G(z)$  is

