

## Midterm Examination

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- Time: 90 Minutes  
Schedule your time carefully.
- Grading: The exam is out of 100. The grade breakdown is shown in the margins.
- Aids Permitted: None. *No* calculator.
- Advice: Read problems carefully before jumping in to calculations.  
Well-drawn sketches / diagrams can be very helpful.  
If you can't answer a question, you *will* receive part marks for relevant statements, insights, or sketches. Tell me what you know!
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**Bonus Question**

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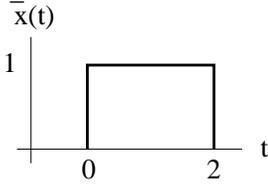
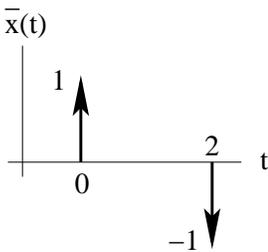
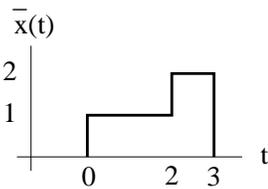
Do **NOT** waste your time here unless you're finished with the exam ...

In class I made some reference to eigendecompositions etc., including that eigenvectors should be orthogonal. Why might this be a good assumption?

Well, given any symmetric matrix  $A$ , prove that eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues *must* be orthogonal.

**Question 1.** (45 Marks)

- a) What do we mean by the impulse response of a continuous-time system  $T[\ ]$ ?
- b) Define, in a sentence or two, what it means for a system to be
1. Stable
  2. Invertible
  3. Linear
- c) Given a discrete-time impulse response  $h(n)$ , what are the conditions on  $h(n)$  for ...
1. The associated system to have memory?
  2. The associated system to be causal?
  3. The associated system to be stable?
- d) Each of the following three cases describes an LTI system by giving you input  $x(t)$  and output  $y(t) = T_i[x(t)]$ . For each system:
- Give the mathematical form of the new input  $\bar{x}(t)$ .
  - Find the response  $\bar{y}(t) = T_i[\bar{x}(t)]$  to the given input  $\bar{x}(t)$ .
  - Draw a neat, labelled sketch of  $\bar{y}(t)$ .

System	Input $x(t)$	Output $y(t)$	New Input $\bar{x}(t)$
$T_1$	$\delta(t)$	$e^{-t}u(t)$	
$T_2$	$\delta(t - 1)$	$e^{- t }$	
$T_3$	$u(t)$	$te^{-t}u(t)$	

**Question 2.** (30 Marks)

We are given an LTI system

$$y(t) = T[x(t)]$$

with the following impulse response:

$$h(t) = 2(u(t) - u(t - 3))$$

- Sketch  $h(t)$ .
- Is the system causal? Is it stable? Why / why not?
- If  $x(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|t|}u(t)$ , what is  $y(t)$ ?
- Suppose we connect two such systems in series:

$$z(t) = T[T[x(t)]] = T_2[x(t)]$$

Derive the impulse response  $h_2(t)$  of the combined system  $T_2$ . Draw a sketch of the impulse response.

**Question 3.** (30 Marks)

- Given the continuous-time causal LDE

$$y''(t) - \frac{1}{2}y'(t) - \frac{1}{2}y(t) = x(t)$$

Derive and sketch the impulse response to this system. Is the system stable?

- Continuing on from part (a), if we now consider the system

$$y''(t) - \frac{1}{2}y'(t) - \frac{1}{2}y(t) = x'(t) - \frac{1}{2}x(t)$$

Derive and sketch the impulse response to this system.

Draw the Form II realization of this system (using derivatives or integrals, your choice).

- Given the discrete-time causal LDE

$$y(n) - \frac{1}{2}y(n-1) - \frac{3}{16}y(n-2) = x(n)$$

Derive the impulse response to the system. Is the system stable?