# EECS 16A: Foundations of Signals, Dynamical Systems, and Information Processing

Exam 2

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  - Computing, communication, and other electronic devices (except dedicated timekeepers) must be turned off.
  - Scratch paper will be provided to you; ask for more if you run out. You may not use your own scratch paper.
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#### Potentially Useful Facts That You May Use Without the Need to Prove Them:

• Angle Between Vectors: The angle  $\theta$  between two *nonzero* elements x and y in a real vector space satisfies

$$\theta = \arccos \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{||x|| \, ||y||}, \quad \text{and} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{||x|| \, ||y||}.$$

Whether in a real or complex vector space, if  $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ , we say x and y are orthogonal, and we denote this by  $x \perp y$ .

• **Discrete Fourier Series (DTFS)**: Complex exponential Fourier series synthesis and analysis equations for a periodic discrete-time signal having period *p*:

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=\langle p \rangle} X_k e^{ik\omega_0 n} \qquad \longleftrightarrow \qquad X_k = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{n=\langle p \rangle} x[n] e^{-ik\omega_0 n} ,$$

where  $p = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$  and  $\langle p \rangle$  denotes a suitable discrete interval of length p (i.e., an interval

containing p contiguous integers). For example,  $\sum_{k=\langle p\rangle}$  may denote  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1}$  or  $\sum_{k=1}^{p}$ .

• Parseval's Identity: Consider an orthogonal set of vectors  $\varphi_k$ , k = 1, ..., n. Suppose  $\|\varphi_k\|^2 = c$  for all  $k \in \{1, ..., n\}$  and some c > 0. For any vector  $\boldsymbol{x} \in \operatorname{span}(\varphi_1, ..., \varphi_n)$ , let

$$x = X_1 \varphi_1 + \dots + X_n \varphi_n$$

for some coefficients  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{c}\langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x} \rangle = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{m=1}^{n} |x_m|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{n} |X_k|^2 = \langle \boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{X} \rangle,$$

where  $\boldsymbol{x} = [x_1 \cdots x_n]^\mathsf{T}$  and  $\boldsymbol{X} = [X_1 \cdots X_n]^\mathsf{T}$ .

• Some Trigonometric Values:

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \qquad \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \qquad \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \qquad \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = 0 \qquad \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = -1.$$

• Some Perfect Squares:

$$11^2 = 121$$
,  $12^2 = 144$ ,  $13^2 = 169$ ,  $14^2 = 196$ ,  $17^2 = 289$ ,  $18^2 = 324$ ,  $19^2 = 361$ .

## E2.1 (35 Points) Sum of Two Periodic Signals

Consider a discrete-time signal  $z: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \qquad z[n] = x[n] + y[n].$$

The periodic signal  $x: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$  has fundamental period p, and the signal  $y: \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$  has fundamental period q, where  $p, q \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ . That is,

$$x[n+p] = x[n] \qquad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists p \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\},\$$

and

$$y[n+q] = y[n]$$
  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists q \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}.$ 

(a) (10 Points) Suppose p and q are coprime—that is, they have no common positive divisor other than 1. Show that the signal z is guaranteed to be periodic by determining a positive integer r, in terms of p and q, such that z[n+r]=z[n] for all integers n.

(b) (10 Points) Suppose p and q are both even positive integers, such that p=2k and  $q=2\ell$ , where k and  $\ell$  are coprime. Determine, in terms k, and  $\ell$ , the smallest positive integer r such that the signal z is guaranteed to be periodic—that is, z[n+r]=z[n] for all integers n.

# E2.1 (Continued)

- (c) (15 Points) Let  $x[n] = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}n\right)$  and  $y[n] = \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{5}n\right)$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The fundamental period of x is p = 8 samples.
  - (i) (5 Points) Determine q, the fundamental period of the signal y.

(ii) (10 Points) Show that the signal z defined by

$$z[n] = x[n] + y[n] = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}n\right) + \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{5}n\right), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

is periodic. As part of your work, you must determine the fundamental period r of the signal z.

### E2.2 (30 Points) Signal Fusion in Self-Driving Cars

A self-driving car receives the following types of sensor signals from its environment:

- 1. LiDAR, which stands for *Light Detection and Ranging*, is a remote-sensing method that uses pulsed laser to detect and measure distances to surrounding objects—in short, to create a 3D map of the environment.
- **2.** Radar, which stands for *Radio Detection and Ranging*, uses radio waves to measure the positions, distances, velocities, and trajectories of surrounding objects.
- **3. GPS**, which stands for *Global Positioning System*, uses satellite signals to geolocate the vehicle.

The following vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  represent these sensor signals, respectively:

$$m{a}_1 = egin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad m{a}_2 = egin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad ext{and} \quad m{a}_3 = egin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The sensor signals contain overlapping information, which leads to interference and processing inefficiencies. To improve signal discrimination, your task is to curate these vectors using *Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization*.

(a) (15 Points) Measure of Data Overlap or Similarity: Angles Between Sensor Signals For each pair of vectors  $a_i$  and  $a_j$ ,  $(i \neq j)$ , compute  $\cos(\theta_{ij})$ , where

$$\cos \theta_{ij} = \frac{\langle \boldsymbol{a}_i, \boldsymbol{a}_j \rangle}{\|\boldsymbol{a}_i\| \|\boldsymbol{a}_j\|}.$$

Which signal pairs have largest positive or negative overlap? Which the least?

# E2.2 (Continued)

(b) (15 Points) Orthogonalization of the Sensor Signals

Apply the Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization process to obtain orthonormal vectors  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ , and  $q_3$ .

E2.3 (25 Points) Robot Motion in 2D

A robot moves in the 2D xy-plane. Its state at any moment is represented as a vector in

 $s \in \mathbb{R}^3$ —namely,  $s = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , where the third coordinate is called a **homo**-

geneous coordinate to accommodate matrix transformations. Homogeneous coordinates are widely used in Computer Graphics, but you need not know anything about them to solve this problem. Simply treat the state vector  $\mathbf{s}$  as a 3D vector, even though the robot's movements are restricted to the xy-plane.

The robot starts at position:  $p = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and can undergo two types of transformations:

• Rotation by Angle  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  Counterclockwise around the origin (as though you're

looking down from the z-axis at the xy-plane):

$$\mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) & -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) & 0\\ \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) & \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x\\y\\1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0\\1 & 0 & 0\\0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x\\y\\1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -y\\x\\1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• Translation by  $(t_x, t_y) = (3, 2)$ , meaning a shift of 3 units in the positive x-direction and 2 units in the *positive y*-direction:

$$\mathbf{T}\boldsymbol{s} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+3 \\ y+2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Important Note:** The translation is applied in the global coordinate frame—not relative to the robot's orientation. That is, no matter which way the robot faces, a translation of (3, 2) always moves it 3 units in the positive x-direction and 2 units in the positive y-direction.

(a) (10 Points) Compute the robot's final position vector  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  (i.e, including the homogeneous coordinate) if it first rotates by  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  counterclockwise and then translates by  $(t_x, t_y) = (3, 2)$ . You may continue your work at the top of next page.

# E2.3 (a) (Continued)

(b) (10 Points) Compute the robot's final position vector  $z \in \mathbb{R}^3$  (i.e, including the homogeneous coordinate) if it **first** translates by  $(t_x, t_y) = (3, 2)$  and then rotates by  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  counterclockwise.

(c) (5 Points) Explain whether—and, if so, why—the order of the transformations (rotation followed by translation, or vice versa) matters.

# E2.4 (35 Points) Orthonormal-Basis Decomposition)

Consider the vectors

$$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\0\\1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\-2\\1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) (15 Points) Show that the set  $\{\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3\}$  forms an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## E2.4 (Continued)

(b) (15 Points) Consider the vector  $\boldsymbol{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$ .

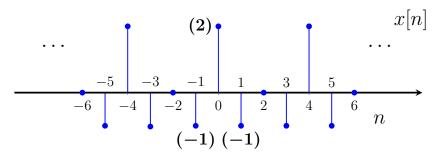
Determine the coefficients  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  in the expansion  $\boldsymbol{x} = X_1 \boldsymbol{\psi}_1 + X_2 \boldsymbol{\psi}_2 + X_3 \boldsymbol{\psi}_3$ .

(c) (5 Points) Determine  $\|\boldsymbol{X}\|$ , the 2-norm of the coefficient vector  $\boldsymbol{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Note**: You may compute ||X|| even if you're unsure of your values for  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$ .

# E2.5 (35 Points) Discrete-Time Fourier Series (DTFS)

Consider the discrete-time periodic signal shown below.



The signal has fundamental period p = 4 samples.

(a) (20 Points) Determine all the DTFS coefficients  $X_k$ , where  $k \in \langle p \rangle = \langle 4 \rangle$ , for the signal x. Here,  $\langle p \rangle$  denotes a set of p contiguous integers, such as  $\{0, 1, \ldots, p-1\}$ , or  $\{-1, 0, 1, \ldots, p-2\}$ , or  $\{1, 2, \ldots, p\}$ , etc.

## E2.5 (Continued)

(b) (15 Points) Show that the signal x can be expressed as  $x[n] = \alpha^n + \cos(\beta \pi n)$  for all integers n, and for some parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Determine  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  numerically. Your answers must be in the simplest form possible, but not expressed as decimals.

## E2.6 (25 Points) Matching Null Spaces

Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$ .

To prove this result, you must establish two things:

(a) (10 Points) Show that  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{A})$ . That is, for any vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ , then  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{A})$ .

(b) (15 Points) Show that  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ . That is, for any vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , if  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$ , then  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$ . It may help you to recall that, based on a one of the properties of a norm,  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|^2 = 0$  if, and only if,  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .