

**ECE 301 (Section 001) Homework 12**  
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**Problem 1** (Triangle, Rectangle, and Sinc Functions)

- a) Using the definition of convolution, show via integration that  $y(t) = H \text{rect}(t/2W) * H \text{rect}(t/2W)$  is a triangle. What are the width and height of the triangle?
- b) Use the definition or the properties to compute the inverse DTFT of the following frequency functions  $X(e^{j\Omega})$ .

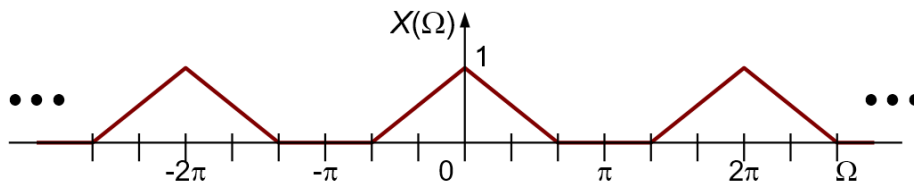


Figure 1: Signal for inverse DTFT calculation.

**Problem 2** (Windowing Effect and Frequency Resolution) In this problem, we will investigate the frequency resolution of Fourier transform. We investigate two neighboring musical notes,  $C_4$  at  $f_1 = 261.63$  Hz and  $C_4^\#$  at  $f_2 = 277.18$  Hz. You can play with a virtual piano here:

<https://recursivearts.com/virtual-piano/>

We make an oversimplified assumption that the audio signal of each musical note is in the form of  $x_i(t) = \cos(2\pi f_i t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . A causal time window  $t \in [0, 2T]$  of unit gain is applied to “generate” signals of finite length. (To simplify the problem, we investigate the continuous-time signal. The analysis of the discrete-time signal is similar.)

- a) With the help of the CTFT table, calculate the Fourier spectra for the windowed  $x_i(t)$ , for  $i = 1, 2$ .
- b) What is the angular frequency of the first zero-crossing on the right-hand side of the magnitude spectrum of note  $C_4$ ? What is the angular frequency of the first zero-crossing on the left-hand side of the magnitude spectrum of note  $C_4^\#$ ?
- c) What is the smallest  $T$  that can clearly separate the peaks of the two neighboring musical notes?

**Problem 3** (DFT Calculations and Convolution Property)

- a) Compute the DFT of the following signals by hand and plot  $X[k]$ . Label the low and high frequencies. Feel free to verify your results using Matlab command `fft`. For the following problems, we use vector notation to represent finite length signals. For example  $\mathbf{x} = [-1, 2, 3]$  means a signal with  $x[0] = -1$ ,  $x[1] = 2$ , and  $x[2] = 3$ .
- (a) DFT of  $[1, 1, -1, -1]$ .
  - (b) DFT of  $[1, 0, 1, 0]$ .
  - (c) Inverse DFT of  $[0, 0, 1, 0]$ .
- b) Show that the linear convolution result of  $\mathbf{x} * \mathbf{y}$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = [1, 1]$  and  $\mathbf{y} = [1, 1, -1, -1]$  is the same as the result of  $\text{IDFT} \{ \text{DFT}([\mathbf{x}, 0, \dots, 0]) \text{DFT}([\mathbf{y}, 0, \dots, 0]) \}$ . Note that you need to determine the correct numbers of zeros padded to  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ , respectively. You may use Matlab command `fft` to help you calculate DFT.

**Problem 4 (10', bonus)** (ClassEval) Have you completed ClassEval? It can be found at:

<http://go.ncsu.edu/cesurvey>

Grading: (a) Yes = 10 points, thank you! Please attach the screenshot of the confirmation page. (b) I promise to do it soon = 2 point for good intentions. (c) No = 0 points, a possibly honest answer, but why not spend 5 minutes and get 10 points?

**Problem 5 (5', bonus)** (Computational Complexity in Time Domain vs. in Frequency Domain)

In class, you've seen that calculating the convolution between two time-domain sinc functions in the frequency domain can significantly lower the computation cost. Argue under what scenario time-domain calculation can significantly lower the computation cost. Give a concrete example in terms of two signals.

**Group Study (1', bonus)** Take a screenshot of the whole team with everyone's camera capturing his/her face. One of you will share a window showing the specific homework assignment sheet that you are working on. Include the screenshot in your own homework submission as Problem 4. Your screenshot gets you 1 bonus point; your group members need to do it separately to earn theirs.