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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC  
ENGINEERING**

**TITLE OF PAPER: DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING**

**COURSE CODE: E420**

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Answer all five questions.**
- 2. Each question carries 20 marks.**
- 3. Tables of selected Z-transform pairs are attached.**

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**QUESTION ONE (20 marks)**

- (a) Name 4 advantages and 4 applications of DSP. (4 marks)
- (b) Draw a block diagram of a typical DSP system and briefly describe the function of each block. (7 marks)
- (c) The transfer function of an IIR filter is given as

$$H(z) = \frac{0.5 - 0.5z^{-2}}{1 + 1.3z^{-1} + 0.36z^{-2}}$$

- (i) Derive and sketch the Direct Form I realization of the filter. (5 marks)
- (ii) Derive and sketch the Direct Form II realization of the filter. (3 marks)
- (iii) What advantage has the Direct Form II realization over the Direct Form I realization? (1 mark)

**QUESTION TWO (20 marks)**

A 3-tap FIR lowpass digital filter has cutoff frequency of 1800 Hz and a sampling rate of 8 kHz.

- (a) Using the Fourier Transform method, calculate its filter coefficients.

You are given that the ideal impulse response for a low pass FIR filter is given by

$$h(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Omega_c}{\pi}, & n = 0 \\ \frac{\sin(n\Omega_c)}{n\pi}, & -M \leq n \leq M \end{cases}$$

(8 marks)

- (b) Determine the transfer function and difference equation of the designed filter

(2 marks)

- (c) Calculate and plot its magnitude and phase frequency response for  $\Omega = 0, \pi/4, \pi/2, 3\pi/4$  and  $\pi$  rad.

(10 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 marks)**

- a) Explain recovery of analog signal from its sampled signal version. Discuss the different cases for recovery of the original signal spectrum. (10 marks)

- b) Analog signal is given by

$$x(t) = 5 \cos(2\pi \cdot 2000t) + 3 \cos(2\pi \cdot 3000t)$$

and it is sampled at the rate of 8000 Hz.

- (i) Sketch the spectrum of the sampled signal up to 20 kHz.  
(ii) Sketch the recovered analog signal spectrum if an ideal low pass filter with a cutoff frequency of 4 kHz is used to filter the sampled signal to recover the original signal.

(4 marks)

- c) A 3-bit ADC channel accepts analog input ranging from 0 to 5 volts determine:

- (i) Number of quantization levels  
(ii) Step size of the quantizer  
(iii) Quantization level when the analog voltage is 3.2 volts.

(6 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR** (20 marks)

- a) Explain the basic mechanism of circular buffering for a buffer having eight data samples.  
(8 marks)
  
- b) What are the differences between general microprocessor to that of digital signal processor? Draw architecture of both processors.  
(8 marks)
  
- c) Find the signal Q-15 representation for the decimal number 0.560123.  
(4 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE** (20 marks)

- a) What is meant by Quantization Error? (2 marks)
- b) Sketch a neat circuit diagram of a 2-bit Digital-to-Analogue Converter which uses R – 2R ladder, and explain its operation. (8 marks)
- c) What is meant by fixed-point and floating-point format in DSP? Give one example of each format. Discuss and compare the operation of fixed-point and floating-point digital signal processors. (10 marks)

TABLE OF Z-TRANSFORMS OF SOME COMMON SEQUENCES

Discrete-time sequence $x(n), n \geq 0$	Z-transform $H(z)$
$k\delta(n)$	$k$
$k$	$\frac{kz}{z-1}$
$ke^{-\alpha n}$	$\frac{kz}{z-e^{-\alpha}}$
$k\alpha^n$	$\frac{kz}{z-\alpha}$
$kn$	$\frac{kz}{(z-1)^2}$
$kn^2$	$\frac{kz(z+1)}{(z-1)^3}$
$kn\alpha^n$	$\frac{k\alpha z}{(z-\alpha)^2}$