

ECE 460: Communication & Information Theory
Midterm Exam Solution – Problem 1
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Sampling:

Throughout this problem consider the following signal

$$s(t) = f_1 \cdot \text{sinc}(2\pi f_1 t) \cdot f_2 \cdot \text{sinc}(2\pi f_2 t)$$

where $\text{sinc}(x) = \sin(x)/x$. Assume that $f_2 > f_1$. Also, let $\Pi(x)$ denote the rectangular pulse defined, i.e.,

$$\Pi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } |x| < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that the inverse Fourier transform of $\Pi(f/f_0)$ is given by $f_0 \text{sinc}(\pi f_0 t)$.

$$X(f) = \Pi(f/f_0)$$

$$x(t) = \int_{-f_0/2}^{f_0/2} e^{j2\pi ft} df$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{j2\pi t} \left[e^{j2\pi ft} \right]_{-f_0/2}^{f_0/2} = \frac{1}{j2\pi t} \left[e^{j\pi f_0 t} - e^{-j\pi f_0 t} \right]$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{\pi t} \sin(\pi f_0 t) = f_0 \text{sinc}(\pi f_0 t)$$

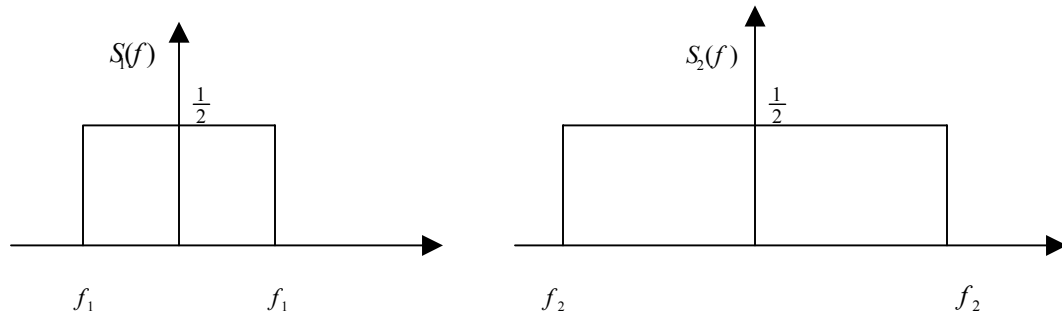
- (b) Use the convolution rule, to find the Fourier transform $S(f)$ of $s(t)$. Plot the magnitude of $S(f)$. Label your plot very accurately! What is the value of $S(f_2)$?

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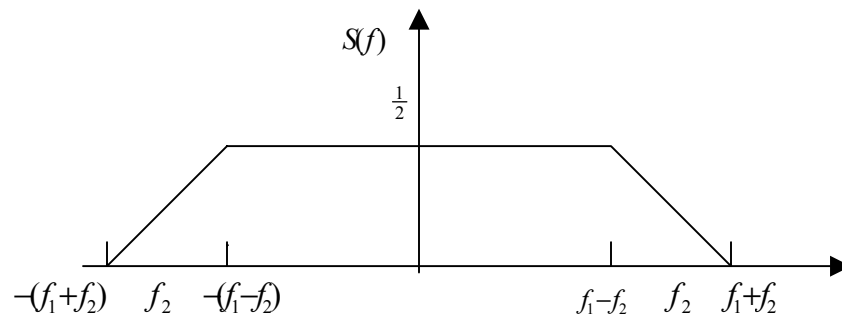
First we take the Fourier transform of $s(t)$ as and obtain the convolution of two rectangular pulses.

$$S(f) = \frac{1}{2} \Pi\left(\frac{f}{2f_1}\right) * \frac{1}{2} \Pi\left(\frac{f}{2f_2}\right)$$

The two rectangular pulses are plotted below:



By convoluting the above rectangular pulses we can determine the plot of the $S(f)$ as shown below.



$$S(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{f}{2f_1} + (f_2 + f_1), & \text{for } -(f_2 + f_1) < f < -(f_2 - f_1) \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{for } -(f_2 - f_1) < f < (f_2 - f_1) \\ \frac{-f}{2f_1} + (f_2 + f_1), & \text{for } (f_2 - f_1) < f < (f_2 + f_1) \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The value of $S(f_2)$ is: $S(f_2) = \frac{1}{2} \Pi\left(\frac{f}{2f_2}\right)$

- (c) Is it possible to reconstruct completely the signal $s(t)$ from samples taken at rate $1/T_s$? Justify answer! If answer is “yes”, give the largest sampling period T_s , which allows for perfect reconstruction.

From the results obtained above for $S(f)$ we can determine the Bandwidth frequency to be $B = (f_2 + f_1)$. Then it is possible to reconstruct the signal completely for the rate of

$$\frac{1}{T_s} \geq 2B = 2(f_2 + f_1) \quad \text{or} \quad T_s \leq \frac{1}{2B}$$

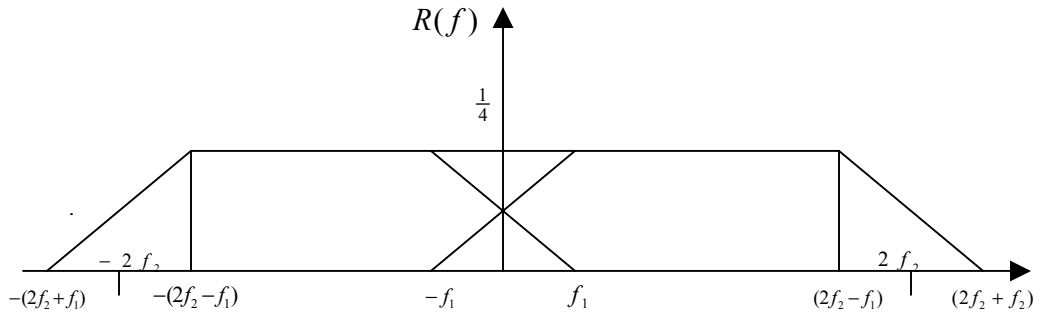
(d) Now, consider the signal $r(t) = s(t) \cdot \cos(2\pi f_2 t)$. Compute the Fourier Transform $R(f)$ of $r(t)$. Plot the magnitude of $R(f)$ accurately.

$$r(t) = s(t) \cdot \cos(2\pi f_2 t)$$

$$R(f) = S(f) \cdot \frac{1}{2} [\delta(f - f_2) + \delta(f + f_2)]$$

$$R(f) = \frac{1}{2} [S(f - f_2) + S(f + f_2)]$$

Then we can plot the magnitude of $R(f)$ by using the information above.



Then from this plot we can derive the value of $R(f)$ as the convolution of two rectangular pulses.

$$R(f) = \frac{1}{8} \Pi\left(\frac{f}{2f_1}\right) * \Pi\left(\frac{f}{4f_2}\right)$$

Which can be interpreted as follows:

$$R(f) = \begin{cases} \frac{f}{2f_1} + (2f_2 + f_1), & \text{for } -(2f_2 + f_1) < f < -(2f_2 - f_1) \\ \frac{1}{4}, & \text{for } -(2f_2 - f_1) < f < (2f_2 - f_1) \\ \frac{-f}{2f_1} + (2f_2 + f_1), & \text{for } (2f_2 - f_1) < f < (2f_2 + f_1) \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- (e) Conclude that $r(t)$ can be written in the form $A \sin c(2\pi f_a t) \cdot \sin c(2\pi f_b t)$ with suitably selected constants A, f_a, f_b . Provide values for all three constants and explain how you obtain them.

The following results are obtained by taking the Inverse Fourier Transform of $R(f)$.

$$r(t) = \frac{1}{8} [2f_1 \cdot \sin c(2\pi f_1 t) \cdot 4f_2 \cdot \sin c(4\pi f_2 t)]$$

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