Introduction to Signal Analysis

ECE 201

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Time and Place Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30-11:45am, Exploratory Hall, room L004.

Office Hours Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm and Wednesday 1:00-2:00 pm or by appointment.

Course Goals This course introduces students to key concepts in Electrical Engineering, including the description of signals in the time and frequency domains. Students will learn the fundamental role played by sinusoidal or complex exponential signals for connecting these domains. Students will learn properties of signal processing systems, including linearity and time-invariance, and the operation of linear, time-invariant systems in the time and frequency domains.


Lab Four lab sections meet once a week in the Engineering Building. Lab experiments are designed and intended to complement material discussed in class. Students are expected to be well prepared for the lab sessions to maximize the use of time in the lab.

Recommended Further Reading https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/

Homework will be assigned every week and is due the following week. You are permitted and encouraged to work on the assignments in small groups; however, each student must submit a unique and original homework.

Multiple Quizzes, two Midterm Exams and a Final Exam will be given during the semester. Quizzes will not be announced and may be given at any time during the class. Make-up exams are rarely given unless prior
arrangements have been made. In case of an emergency, contact the instructor as soon as possible and always before the exam. Failure to take an exam, will result in no credit for the exam.

All exams are conducted under the rules and regulations of the Honor Code (see University Catalog).

Teaching Assistants

- Lab Instructors: Zheng Wang (zwang23@gmu.edu), Bhargabi Chakrabarti (bchakra@gmu.edu), and Joe Coffin (jcoffin2@gmu.edu)
  Office Hours: see syllabus for the lab.
- Grader: Zheng Wang (zwang23@gmu.edu) and Bhargabi Chakrabarti (bchakra@gmu.edu)
  Office Hours: TBA.

On-line Class Material Class and lab material will be distributed electronically via the World-Wide Web. Use a browser to find the ECE 201 homepage at URL: [http://www.spec.gmu.edu/~pparis/classes/ece201.html](http://www.spec.gmu.edu/~pparis/classes/ece201.html). I will also correspond with you through your Mason e-mail account - check your e-mail regularly. The BlackBoard page for this course will contain homework assignments, syllabus, and your grades.

Final Grades are determined by a weighted average of homeworks, projects, exams, and labs in the following manner:

- Homework and quizzes: 20%
- Midterm Exams: 15% each
- Final Exam: 30%
- Labs: 20%

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Other Useful Campus Resources

- University Libraries “Ask a Librarian” [http://library.gmu.edu/ask](http://library.gmu.edu/ask)
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS): (703) 993-2380; [http://caps.gmu.edu](http://caps.gmu.edu)

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Class Schedule

Week 1: Introduction to DSP; Sinusoids, delay and phase
Week 2: Sinusoids and complex exponential signals
Week 3: Phasors and phasor addition
Week 4: Sums of sinusoids, spectrum representation
Week 5: Beat notes and amplitude modulation
Week 6: Fourier series and Midterm 1
Week 7: Systems, linearity and time-invariance
Week 8: convolution and LTI systems, FIR filters, convolution examples
Week 9: Frequency response of LTI systems
Week 10: Frequency response examples, filtering in the frequency domain
Week 11: Midterm 2 and Discrete Time Fourier Transform (DTFT)
Week 12: Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)
Week 13: Spectrum analysis and Spectrogram
Week 14: Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

Tuesday, December 17 10:30 am – 1:15 pm: Final Exam