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**EECS 145M: Microcomputer Interfacing Laboratory**

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- Closed book- calculators OK
- Many equations are listed at the back of the exam
- You must show your work to get full credit

**PROBLEM 1** (50 points)

Design a computer controlled system for the automatic testing of 12-bit A/D converters.

**You are provided with the following:**

- A microcomputer equipped with a 16-bit parallel input port, and a 16-bit parallel output port.
- A 16-bit D/A converter with  $\pm 1$  LSB absolute accuracy.

**You may assume the following:**

- The 16-bit parallel output port is in “transparent” mode. A 16-bit word  $A$  written to the output port using the command `outport(1, A)` immediately appears on the output lines.
- The 16-bit parallel input port requires a low-to-high edge on a “strobe” input line for external data to be latched onto the 16 bit registers. The program can read these registers using the command `B = inport(1)`.
- The parallel input port has an “input data available” line that can be asserted high or low by an external device and read by the program using the command `C = inport(2)`.
- The parallel input port has an external “ready for input data” line that can be set high using the program command `outport(2,1)`, and set low using `outport(2,0)`.
- The A/D converter requires a “start conversion” low-to-high signal and after conversion provides a “data ready” low-to-high signal that goes low when “start conversion” goes low.
- The A/D reference voltages are  $V_{\text{ref}^-} = 0.0000 \text{ V}$  and  $V_{\text{ref}^+} = 4.095 \text{ V}$
- The D/A reference voltages are  $V_{\text{ref}^-} = 0.0000 \text{ V}$  and  $V_{\text{ref}^+} = 4.096 \text{ V}$

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**1a.** [25 points] Draw a block diagram of the major components, including the A/D circuit being tested. Show and label *all* essential components, data lines, and control lines.

**1b.** [10 points] How would you measure the maximum absolute accuracy error of the A/D?  
(Explain the procedure in steps or with a flow diagram.)

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**1c.** [5 points] How would you measure the maximum linearity error?

**1d.** [5 points] How would you measure the maximum differential linearity error?

**1e.** [5 points] With what accuracy could this system measure the quantities in parts **b.**, **c.**, and **d.** in units of 1 LSB of the A/D?

**PROBLEM 2** (50 points)

Design a microcomputer-based system for using the FFT to analyze the harmonic content of musical instruments.

**The design requirements are:**

- The instruments have a fundamental frequency (first harmonic) ranging from 50 Hz to 2 kHz.
- The system must sample the waveform with an amplitude accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$  over all frequencies of interest.
- The system must compute harmonic magnitudes from the 1st to the 15th harmonic with an accuracy that is 0.2% of the largest harmonic. (You may assume that at and above the 15th harmonic, the magnitudes decrease with increasing frequency.)
- Neighboring Fourier coefficients correspond to frequencies differing by 0.5 Hz.

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**2a.** [10 points] How does your design avoid aliasing? Give details.

**2b.** [10 points] What is the minimum sampling frequency required?

**2c.** [5 points] What is the minimum time needed to take all the required samples?

**2d.** [5 points] What is the minimum number of samples required?

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2e. [5 points] Would a Hanning window be useful in your design? Explain your reasoning.

2f. [5 points] To what frequency does the first FFT coefficient  $H_1$  correspond?

2g. (10 points) For a musical instrument with a first harmonic frequency of 500 Hz, which FFT magnitudes would you expect to be non zero?

**Equations, some of which you might find useful:**

$$G(a) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(a-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}\right] \quad \mu = \bar{a} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m a_i$$

$$\sigma_a^2 = \text{Var}(a) = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m R_i^2 = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (a_i - \bar{a})^2 \quad \text{Var}(\bar{a}) = \text{Var}(a) / m$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{a} - \bar{b}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_a^2}{m} + \frac{\sigma_b^2}{m}}} = \frac{\bar{a} - \bar{b}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_a^2/m_a + \sigma_b^2/m_b}} \quad \frac{\sigma_f^2}{f} = \frac{f^2}{a_1^2} \frac{\sigma_{a1}^2}{a_1^2} + \frac{f^2}{a_2^2} \frac{\sigma_{a2}^2}{a_2^2} + \dots + \frac{f^2}{a_n^2} \frac{\sigma_{an}^2}{a_n^2}$$

$$f = k(a+b) \quad \frac{\sigma_f^2}{f} = k^2 \left( \frac{\sigma_a^2}{a^2} + \frac{\sigma_b^2}{b^2} \right) \quad f = kab \quad \frac{\sigma_f^2}{f^2} = \frac{\sigma_a^2}{a^2} + \frac{\sigma_b^2}{b^2}$$

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$$R_i = a + bn_i - V_i \quad V_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} R_i^2}$$

$$a = \frac{st - rq}{ms - r^2} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \frac{mq - rt}{ms - r^2} \quad \text{where} \quad r = n_i \quad s = n_i^2 \quad q = n_i V_i \quad t = V_i$$

$$V(n) = V_{\text{ref}}^- + n \frac{V_{\text{ref}}^+ - V_{\text{ref}}^-}{2^N} = V_{\text{min}} + n \frac{V_{\text{max}} - V_{\text{min}}}{2^N - 1}$$

$$n = \frac{V - V_{\text{ref}}^-}{V} + \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{INTEGERS} \quad V(n-1, n) = V_{\text{ref}}^- + (n-0.5) V \quad V = \frac{V_{\text{ref}}^+ - V_{\text{ref}}^-}{2^N - 1}$$

$$H(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt \quad e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

$$\text{If } h(t) = \begin{cases} A & \text{for } |t| \leq T_0/2 \\ 0 & \text{for } |t| > T_0/2 \end{cases}, \text{ then } H(f) = AT_0 \frac{\sin(\pi T_0 f)}{\pi f}$$

$$\text{If } h(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0; \quad h(t) = Ae^{-t/T} \text{ for } t \geq 0, \text{ then } H(f) = A \sqrt{1 + 4\pi^2 f^2 T^2}$$

$$H_n = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} h_k e^{-j2\pi nk/M} \quad h_k = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \frac{H_n}{M} e^{+j2\pi nk/M} \quad \text{dB} = 20 \log_{10}$$

$$F_n = |H_n| = \sqrt{\text{Re}(H_n)^2 + \text{Im}(H_n)^2} \quad \tan \theta_n = \text{Im}(H_n) / \text{Re}(H_n)$$

$$\text{For } h_k = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} a_i \cos(2\pi ik/M) + b_i \sin(2\pi ik/M) \quad H_0 = Ma_0 \quad H_n = (M/2)(a_n - jb_n)$$

$$f_{\text{max}} = f_s/2 \quad T = 1/f_s \quad S = M T \quad f = 1/S \quad h(t) = 0.5 [1.0 - \cos(2\pi t/S)]$$

$$y_i = A_1 x_{i-1} + A_2 x_{i-2} + \dots + A_M x_{i-M} + B_1 y_{i-1} + \dots + B_N y_{i-N}$$

$$\text{If } a(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b(t') c(t-t') dt' = b(t) * c(t), \text{ then } \text{FFT}(a) = \text{FFT}(b) \text{ multiplied by } \text{FFT}(c)$$

$$f_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{2^{N+1} T} \quad V(t) = V(0) e^{-t/RC}$$

$$\left| \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{in}}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (f/f_c)^{2n}}} \quad (\text{see table below})$$

	0.999	0.99	0.9	0.707	0.01	0.001	0.0001
$f/f_c$ ( $n=6$ )	0.596	0.723	0.886	1.000	2.154	3.162	4.642
$f/f_c$ ( $n=8$ )	0.678	0.784	0.913	1.000	1.778	2.371	3.162
$f/f_c$ ( $n=10$ )	0.733	0.823	0.930	1.000	1.585	1.995	2.512
$f/f_c$ ( $n=12$ )	0.772	0.850	0.941	1.000	1.468	1.778	2.154

$N =$	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
$2^N =$	256	512	1,024	2,048	4,096	8,192	16,384	32,768	65,536