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This exam consists of three problems, worth a total of 40 points.

Problem 1 has one part, and is worth 15 points. Problem 2 has three parts, and is worth 15 points. Problem 3 has one part, and is worth 10 points.

Below are a few preliminaries and definitions that you may find useful for the exam.

• For an N-point discrete-time sequence x[n] with x[n] = 0 for n < 0 and n > N - 1, we denote its N-point discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) by X[k], where X[k] = 0 for k < 0 and k > N - 1. The analysis and synthesis equations are:

Analysis equation:
$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{kn}$$
 $0 \le k \le N-1$,
Synthesis equation: $x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] W_N^{-kn}$ $0 \le n \le N-1$,

where $W_N \triangleq e^{-j(2\pi/N)}$.

• For a general discrete time sequence x[n], we denote its discrete-time Fourier Transform (DTFT), when it exists, by $X(e^{j\omega})$. The analysis and synthesis equations are:

Analysis equation:
$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n}$$

Synthesis equation: $x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega})e^{j\omega n} d\omega$

Similarly, the z-transform of a discrete-time signal x[n] is given by $X(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]z^{-n}$.

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Problem #3 Signal Processing

1) [15 points] Let $X(e^{j\omega})$ be the discrete time Fourier Transform (DTFT) of the discrete-time signal $x[n] = (1/2)^n u[n]$. Find a length-5 sequence g[n] whose five-point discrete Fourier transform (DFT) G[k] is identical to the samples of the DTFT of x[n] at $\omega_k = 2\pi k/5$, i.e.,

$$g[n] = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad n < 0, \ n > 4$$

and

 $G[k] = X(e^{j2\pi k/5})$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, 4$.

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2) [15 points total, 3 parts] In the figure below, H(z) is the system function of a causal linear time invariant (LTI) system.



a) [5 points] Using z-transforms of the signals shown in the figure, obtain an expression for W(z) in the form

$$W(z) = H_1(z)X(z) + H_2(z)E(z),$$

where both $H_1(z)$ and $H_2(z)$ are expressed in terms of H(z).

b) [5 points] For the special case $H(z) = z^{-1}/(1-z^{-1})$, determine $H_1(z)$ and $H_2(z)$.

c) [5 points] Is the system H(z) stable? Are the systems $H_1(z)$ and $H_2(z)$ stable?

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3) [10 points] Suppose x[n] is a finite-duration discrete-time signal that is known to be zero for all n < 0.

Show that if x[n] is also *binary-valued* (i.e., its nonzero components can only take the value 1) it can be recovered exactly from its z-transform evaluated at the *single point* z = 1/2. That is, provide a simple strategy for recovering causal, binary-valued signals x[n] from $X(z)|_{z=1/2}$.