EQ1120 Discrete Time Signals and Systems 6.0 credits
Tidsdiskreta signaler och system

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.
If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years

Establishment
On 04/15/2021, the Head of the EECS School has decided to establish this official course syllabus to apply from autumn semester 2021, registration number J-2021-0509.

Grading scale
A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle
First cycle

Main field of study
Technology

Specific prerequisites
Knowledge in one variable calculus, 7.5 higher education credits, equivalent to completed course SF1625.
Active participation in a course offering where the final examination is not yet reported in LADOK is considered equivalent to completion of the course. Registering for a course is
counted as active participation. The term 'final examination' encompasses both the regular examination and the first re-examination.

Language of instruction
The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes
The course gives basic knowledge of discrete-time signals and systems and how these can be described and analysed by using difference equations and transform methods and be implemented in software such as Matlab.

After approval in the course the student should be able to

• solve simple linear difference equations with and without initial conditions
• be able to implement and simulate discrete-time systems in Matlab numerically
• give an account of the definition and the meaning of system properties such as linearity, time invariance, causality and stability
• describe linear and time invariant systems by means of their impulse response, and through convolution be able to calculate the output signal for a system given an input signal
• calculate the discrete-time Fourier transform and its inverse for given signals based on definition and general properties for transforms
• calculate the double- and the one-sided z-transform for a given signal, use these transforms to solve difference equations and output signals of systems and through partial fraction decomposition and tables be able to recover the time domain description of solutions and output signals
• interpret the placements of poles and zeros in terms of the frequency domain properties of the discrete-time system
• decide the stability of causal LTI systems through the placement of the poles
• give an account of the concepts sampling and reconstruction through pulse amplitude modulation
• describe folding in the time and frequency domain
• describe the spectrum of a sampled signal in terms of the spectrum of the original signal and give an account of the importance of the Nyquist criterion (the sampling theorem)
• calculate the total transfer function for a sampled system
• describe in speech and writing how a system solves a given signal processing task

For higher grades, the student should also be able to

• demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between the different descriptions of discrete-time systems and their properties in the time and transform domain
• be able to choose appropriate solution methods for a given problem
combine different concepts and methods from the course and apply them on more complex mathematical and technical problem formulations

Course contents

Linear difference equations, characteristic equation, Discrete-time Fourier transform, one- and double-sided z-transform, discrete-time systems and system properties, impulse response and convolution, transfer and frequency function, sine-in-sine-out, poles and zeros, stability criteria for discrete-time systems, sampling and reconstruction by pulse amplitude modulation, the sampling theorem, system realizations in Matlab.

Examination

- PRO1 - Project Work, 1.0 credits, grading scale: P, F
- PRO2 - Project Work, 1.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F
- TEN1 - Exam, 4.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH’s coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

Other requirements for final grade

Approved examination in all course components.

Final mark is combined 80% based on TEN1 and 20% based on PRO2

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.