EE483: Introduction to Digital Signal Processing
Units: 4
Fall 2022

Lecture: 9:00am-10:50am Tue/Thu
Lecture Location: OHE 136
Discussion: 1:00pm-1:50pm Fri
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Schedule:
First Lecture: Tue, August 23rd
Midterm: Wed, March 9th
9:00am-10:50am (during lecture time)
Last Lecture: Thu, December 1st
Final Exam: Thu, December 8th
11:00am-1:00pm

Catalog Description:
Fundamentals of digital signal processing covering: discrete time linear systems, quantization, sampling, Z-transforms, Fourier transforms, FFTs and filter design.

Prerequisite: EE 301
Familiarity with MATLAB

Websites: All course materials will be distributed through the USC DEN website (https://courses.uscden.net/). It is your responsibility to check the website regularly for updates (notes, assignments, due dates, etc.) If you have any problems with the website, please contact USC DEN directly.

We will be using the Piazza website for class discussion. The system is aimed at getting students help from classmates and instructors quickly and efficiently. Rather than emailing questions to the instructors, students are encouraged to post questions on Piazza so that everyone in the course can see the conversation and benefit from the discussion. The Piazza page for the course can be found at:
https://piazza.com/usc/fall2022/ee483
Required Textbooks and Supplementary Materials

All books are available from the USC bookstore, online textbook vendors, or from course reserves at the USC library

Required:

  o A comprehensive modern textbook on digital signal processing. Out of print, so may be hard to find (it’s okay if you can’t get the book, as long as you get a similar book).

  o A nice complement to the text by Mitra, this book contains overviews of important DSP concepts and hundreds of solved example problems.

Other references:

  o The classic textbook on DSP.

  o Another popular text.

There are also a large number of other DSP books and online DSP resources – take a look at what the USC and the internet have to offer.

Grading and Course Policies:

25% Homework  
35% Midterm  
40% Final

Homeworks must be submitted electronically through the USC DEN website by 5pm PST on the due date. Late homeworks will receive a score of zero. The final homework grade will be based on the average score after discarding the lowest.

Students are allowed (and encouraged!) to discuss homework assignments with fellow classmates, but are expected to complete homework assignments individually. USC’s recommended sanction for plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, and/or cheating on any coursework is an F for the course, with a possibility for further disciplinary action.

Several of the homeworks will require MATLAB programming. It is your responsibility to make sure that you know how to access the software and read/write/debug MATLAB code. If students prefer, they may complete their programming assignments using Python or C instead of MATLAB. This may require some self-study of C or Python programming.

All exams are cumulative and closed book, with no calculators (subject to change). Please check now for any conflicts with the scheduled exam times.
Suggestions:
My goal is to teach you and your fellow students as much as possible about DSP, while simultaneously inspiring your interest, excitement, and curiosity about the material. This will be easier if you:

- Come to class on time and pay attention.
- Ask questions and participate in classroom discussion.
- Do all of the assignments.
- Make use of office hours.
- If you’re struggling with the material, don’t wait until the last minute to talk to us about it.
- Don’t violate USC’s academic integrity standards – you won’t enjoy the consequences

Course Timeline (subject to change):

Week 1 (8/23, 8/25)  Introduction and overview
Discrete-time signals and systems

Week 2 (8/30, 9/1)  Linear Time-Invariant (LTI) systems
Causality, stability, impulse response
Linear difference equations (LDEs)

Week 3 (9/6, 9/8)  Discrete-Time Fourier Transform (DTFT)
Frequency response of LTI systems

Week 4 (9/13, 9/15)  Phase and group delay
Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

Week 5 (9/20, 9/22)  Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)
Unitary Transforms: Discrete Cosine Transform and Wavelet Transforms

Week 6 (9/27, 9/29)  Sampling of continuous-time signals
Aliasing, the sampling theorem, signal reconstruction
A/D and D/A conversion

Week 7 (10/4, 10/6)  Multi-rate systems
Relationships between the Fourier transform, DFT, and DTFT
Windows and nonparametric spectral analysis

Week 8 (10/11)  Review

Week 9 (10/18, 10/20)  Midterm
z-Transform

Week 10 (10/25, 10/27)  Rational transfer functions and Regions of Convergence (ROCs)
Inverse z-Transform
Week 11 (11/1, 11/3)  Transfer functions of LTI systems
Design of FIR filters

Week 12 (11/8, 11/10)  Design of FIR filters (continued)
Design of IIR filters

Week 13 (11/15, 11/17)  Design of IIR filters (continued)
Quantization

Week 14 (11/22)  Digital filter structures

Week 15 (11/29, 12/1)  Advanced Applications
Life after EE 483
Review

Final Exam (11/8)

Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct.

Support Systems:

Student Health Counseling Services - (213) 740-7711 – 24/7 on call engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling
Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

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Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Assists students and families in resolving complex personal, financial, and academic issues adversely affecting their success as a student.

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diversity.usc.edu
Information on events, programs and training, the Provost’s Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

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