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MAS 160/510 Problem Set Two

1. **Phase and Time shifting.** *DSP First 2.17(a)*

2. **Switching between frequency-domain and time-domain**

(a) *DSP First 3.2*

(b) *DSP First 3.3(a),3.3(b)*

3. **Fourier Series**

Determine the Fourier series for the following periodic signals of period T_o :

(a)

$$x(t) = t^2, \quad 0 \leq t < T_o$$

(b)

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \leq t < T_o/2 \\ 1, & T_o/2 \leq t < T_o \end{cases}$$

For the following lab exercises (found in Appendix C of the *DSP First* text), please turn in a hard copy of your functions.

4. *DSP First Lab 3*

You only need to synthesize one of the 5 musical pieces given (your choice).

Items to be turned in:

(a) Your `note` function.

(b) Your `play_scale` function.

(c) A function that outputs sound for one of the given musical pieces.

(d) **(MAS.510)** Now that you have listened to your synthesised notes, aren't the transitions between different notes very choppy and abrupt? Generate a function that outputs the same piece of music you had selected in (c) but with a smoother transition or basically gives the notes a nice fade. *Hint: make a mathematical expression or function that degrades the magnitude of the note against time.*

5. *DSP First* Lab 4

You only need to synthesize one of the FM instruments (bell or clarinet).

Items to be turned in:

- (a) Your `mychirp` function (this should look familiar :).
- (b) Your `beat` function.
- (c) Plots and answers to questions specified in C.4.3.3.
- (d) Either your `bellenv` and `bell` functions, or your `woodwenv` and `clarinet` functions.

6. Additional problem (for MAS.510)

Playing with sounds in your environment

- (a) Record a simple “pure” tone. Choose any length of time you desire. Plot the sound in time and also using a spectrogram (use the `specgram` function in MATLAB). Try to determine the dominant pitch in the simple tone and justify how it was determined.
- (b) Record your favorite piece of music or any sound for a time duration of 2 secs (in wav format, using `wavread` command in MATLAB). Plot the spectrogram of the sound you just recorded. Suggest a way in which you could determine the pitch from the spectrogram if you didn’t know what it was to begin with.