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- 1) (30 pts.) (a) Solve this *cyclic convolution* equation for the vector  $d$ . (I would transform convolution to multiplication.) Notice that  $c = (5, 0, 0, 0) - (1, 1, 1, 1)$ . The equation is like deconvolution.

$$c \circledast d = (4, -1, -1, -1) \circledast (d_0, d_1, d_2, d_3) = (1, 0, 0, 0).$$

- (b) Why is there no solution  $d$  if I change  $c$  to  $C = (3, -1, -1, -1)$ ? Try it. Can you find a nonzero  $D$  so that  $C \circledast D = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ ?

*Solution.*

- (a) Here  $n = 4$ . The transform  $Fc$  is  $5(1, 1, 1, 1) - (4, 0, 0, 0) = (1, 5, 5, 5)$ . The right side has transform  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ . Multiplication (or division!) gives  $(1, .2, .2, .2) = .8(1, 0, 0, 0) + .2(1, 1, 1, 1)$  which comes from  $.8(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}) + .2(1, 0, 0, 0) = (.4, .2, .2, .2) = d$ .
- (b) The transform  $FC$  is  $4(1, 1, 1, 1) - (4, 0, 0, 0) = (0, 4, 4, 4)$ . We can't divide by zero! The vector  $D = (1, 1, 1, 1)$  solves  $C * D = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ .

*Note for the future.* Express the same problem with circulant matrices:

$$(a) \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} .4 & .2 & .2 & .2 \\ .2 & .4 & .2 & .2 \\ .2 & .2 & .4 & .2 \\ .2 & .2 & .2 & .4 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

(b) No solution when the matrix is singular a zero eigenvalue! (The eigenvalues are the discrete transforms!!)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2) (36 pts.)
- (a) If  $f(x) = e^{-x}$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ , extended periodically, find its (complex) Fourier coefficients  $c_k$ .
- (b) What is the decay rate of those  $c_k$  and how could you see the decay rate from the function  $f(x)$ ?
- (c) Compute  $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_k|^2$  for those  $c$ 's as an ordinary number. [1 point question: How in the world could you find  $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_k|^4$ ? Don't try!]
- (d) Solve this periodic differential equation to find  $u(x)$ :

$$u'(x) + u(x) = \delta(x) + \text{periodic train of deltas}$$

*Solution.*

$$(a) \quad c_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-x} e^{-ikx} dx = \frac{e^{-(1+ik)x}}{-2\pi(1+ik)} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = \frac{1 - e^{-(1+ik)2\pi}}{2\pi(1+ik)} = \frac{1 - e^{-2\pi}}{2\pi(1+ik)}$$

(b) Decay rate  $\frac{1}{k}$  because  $f(x)$  jumps from  $e^{-2\pi}$  to 1 at the end of every  $2\pi$  period.

$$(c) \quad \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |c_k|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-2x} dx = \frac{1 - e^{-4\pi}}{4\pi}$$

To find  $\sum |c_k|^4$  we want the function  $F(x)$  whose Fourier coefficients are  $c_k^2$ . By the convolution rule  $F(x) \approx f * f$  (which is painfully computable since  $e^{-x}$  is easy to integrate).

$$(d) \quad (ik + 1)c_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{ so } c_k = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+ik)}, \text{ which agrees with part (a) after dividing by the constant: } u(x) = \frac{f(x)}{1 - e^{-2\pi}} = \sum \frac{e^{ikx}}{2\pi(1+ik)}.$$

3) (34 pts.) Suppose  $f(x)$  is a *half-hat function* ( $-\infty < x < \infty$ ).

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{for all other } x \end{cases}$$

- (a) Draw a graph of  $f(x)$  on the whole line  $-\infty < x < \infty$  and ALSO a graph of its derivative  $g(x) = df/dx$ .
- (b) What is the transform (Fourier integral)  $\widehat{g}(k)$  of  $df/dx$ ?
- (c) What is the transform  $\widehat{f}(k)$  of  $f(x)$ ? Does it have the decay rate you expect? What is  $\widehat{f}(0)$ ?
- (d) Christmas present: Is the convolution  $f(x) * f(x)$  of the half-hat with itself equal to the usual full hat  $H(x)$ ? (*Yes or no answer*, 4 points).

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*Solution.*

(a)  $g(x) = \delta(x)$  – unit square wave on  $[0, 1]$

$$(b) \widehat{g}(k) = 1 - \frac{1 - e^{-ik}}{ik} = \frac{ik - 1 + e^{-ik}}{(ik)^2}$$

$$(c) \widehat{f}(k) = \frac{\widehat{g}(k)}{ik} = \frac{ik - 1 + e^{-ik}}{(ik)^2} = \frac{ik - 1 + (1 - ik - k^2/2 \dots)}{(ik)^2}$$

$= (\frac{1}{2} \text{ at } k = 0) = \text{area under } f(x)!$

Decay rate  $\frac{1}{k}$  because  $f(x)$  has a step at  $x = 0$ .

(d) No way.