

Chapter # 8 – Signal Processing

8.1 Sampling - Solutions

Consult NCEES® FE Reference Handbook – Pages 225 and 376 for reference

8.1 a) CORRECT ANSWER - A

According to Nyquist Theorem, signal needs to be sampled at or above Nyquist rate for perfect reconstruction.

8.1 b) CORRECT ANSWER: 2000 Hz

The given signal is a summation of two *sinc* functions $\text{sinc}(1000\pi t)$ and $\text{sinc}(2000\pi t)$.

$\text{sinc}(2000\pi t) = \text{sinc}[2\pi(1000)t]$ carries the highest frequency component.

According to Nyquist Theory, perfect reconstruction requires sampling rate to be $\geq 2 \times$ highest frequency.

Therefore, required sampling rate shall be $\geq 2 \times 1000 \text{ Hz} = 2000 \text{ Hz}$.

8.1 c) CORRECT ANSWER - C

According to the problem statement $x(t) = \cos(2\pi(1500)t + \theta)$.

Signal frequency = 1500 Hz and sampling frequency = 2000 Hz.

Aliasing will occur because sampling frequency $< 2 \times$ signal frequency.

8.1 d) CORRECT ANSWER - D

Alias frequency = $|\text{signal frequency} - n \times \text{sampling frequency}|$

'n' is an integer that brings $n \times$ sampling frequency closest to signal frequency. In our case, $n = 1$ as shown below.

Alias frequency = $|1500\text{Hz} - 1 \times 2000\text{Hz}| = |-500\text{Hz}| = 500 \text{ Hz}$.

Reconstructed signal frequency will be 500Hz with a negative phase angle (due to negative sign inside mod operator) as shown below.

$$x'(t) = \cos(2\pi(500)t - \theta)$$

$$x'(t) = \cos(1000\pi t - \theta)$$

8.1 e) CORRECT ANSWER - D

According to the problem statement $x(t) = \cos(2\pi(250)t + \theta)$.

Signal frequency = 250 Hz and sampling frequency = 500 Hz.

Aliasing will not occur because sampling frequency = $2 \times 250 \text{ Hz} = 500 \text{ Hz}$.