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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**

College of Engineering  
Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences

**EECS 145M: Microcomputer Interfacing Lab**

LAB REPORTS:

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Total of top 4 Long Lab Grades \_\_\_\_\_ (400 max)

Total of top 4 Short Lab Grades \_\_\_\_\_ (100 max)

Lab Participation \_\_\_\_\_ (100 max)

Mid-Term #1 \_\_\_\_\_ (100 max)

Mid-Term #2 \_\_\_\_\_ (100 max)

Final Exam \_\_\_\_\_ (200 max)

Total Course Grade \_\_\_\_\_ (1000 max)

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**Spring 2006 FINAL EXAM (May 13)**

Answer the questions on the following pages completely, but as concisely as possible. The exam is to be taken *closed book*. Use the reverse side of the exam sheets if you need more space. Calculators are OK.

*Partial credit can only be given if you show your work.*

**FINAL EXAM GRADE :**

1 \_\_\_\_\_ (40 max)    2 \_\_\_\_\_ (20 max)    3 \_\_\_\_\_ (45 max)

4 \_\_\_\_\_ (50 max)    5 \_\_\_\_\_ (45 max)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ (200 max)

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**PROBLEM 1** (total 40 points) Briefly define the following terms:

**1.1** (10 points) Tri-State Buffer

**1.2** (10 points) Fourier Convolution Theorem

**1.3** (10 points) Transition Voltages (of the A/D converter)

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**1.4** (10 points) Infinite Impulse Response Digital Filter

**PROBLEM 2** (20 points)

You take two sets of measurements, find that their average values are  $a$  and  $b$ , and that the standard deviations of the averages are  $\sigma_a = 0.01a$  and  $\sigma_b = 0.01b$ . If  $r = a/b$ , derive the standard deviation of  $r$  ( $\sigma_r$ ) as a function of  $r$ .

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**PROBLEM 3** (total 45 points)

**3.1** (10 points) Using the Fourier Convolution Theorem, explain why a periodic waveform contains only discrete frequencies. You may want to use a diagram to aid the explanation.

**3.2** (15 points) Using the Fourier Frequency Convolution Theorem, explain how aliasing occurs. When designing a system for sampling arbitrary waveforms, describe how you can reduce aliasing to an acceptable level. You may want to use a diagram to aid the explanation.

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**3.3** (10 points) When sampling an arbitrary waveform, explain how multiplying the data by a windowing function reduces the appearance of unwanted frequencies (spectral leakage) in the sampled values. You may want to use a diagram to aid the explanation.

**3.4** (10 points) Assuming that you do not use a windowing function, use the Fourier Frequency Convolution Theorem to relate the frequency content of the sampled values with the frequency content of the original waveform. You may want to use a diagram to aid the explanation.

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**PROBLEM 4** (total 50 points)

Design an interface that allows a single computer with a single digital I/O board to read data from 256 external sensor circuits once per second. These circuits continuously measure physical quantities such as time, temperature, pressure, speed, etc.

Assume that

- The I/O board has data lines for 32 bits, and these can be set individually for input or output
- The sensors produce 16-bit digital outputs that update frequently and at unpredictable times. They do not have handshaking lines.
- When a sensor circuit output changes, it takes a maximum of 20 ns for the bits to become stable.
- One of the external circuits counts the elapsed number of milliseconds and is set to zero at the end of every minute (it would overflow at 65.5 seconds); another external circuit counts minutes

**4.1** (20 points) Sketch your design, showing and labeling all essential components and lines.

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**4.2** (10 points) Describe the events that take place in your circuit when one of the sensor circuit output changes.

**4.3** (20 points) Describe the program steps that the computer must use to input the 256 sensor values and store them along with the approximate time (within a few ms) at which they were taken.

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**PROBLEM 5** (total 45 points):

Design a system for determining the frequency content of the notes produced by a musical instrument, assuming the following:

- The instrument is a bowed string or wind instrument or the human voice that can play a sustained note.
- When the instrument plays a sustained note, the sound (waveform) contains harmonics with constant frequencies and amplitudes
- The frequency of the first harmonic is the frequency of the note being played.

**5.1** (15 points) Describe how for any sustained note you would sample the waveform in the frequency range from 20 to 20,000 Hz to an accuracy of 1%, while reducing the amplitude of any aliased frequencies by a factor of 1000.

**5.2** (10 points) Describe how you would use the waveform data from part 5.1 to determine the frequencies and relative amplitudes of the harmonic components (up to the 100<sup>th</sup> harmonic) to an accuracy of 1% in frequency and 1% in amplitude.



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**5.3** (5 points) For a single note, how many numbers need to be stored in part 5.1 to be able to reproduce the waveform at a later time?

**5.4** (5 points) For a single note, how many numbers need to be stored in part 5.2 to reproduce the waveform at a later time?

**5.5** (10 points) Design a computer system that uses part 5.2 to allow a musician to play notes that sound like those from the original instrument.