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Solution 1.

(a) (i) The plots are shown below:



(ii) The joint density function is invariant under rotation for $\alpha = 2$ only. For this value of α , we have $X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{2})$.

- (b) (i) We know that we can write (x, y) in polar coordinates (r, θ). Hence in general the joint distribution of X and Y is a function of r and θ. Because of circular symmetry the joint distribution should not depend on θ, which means that f_{X,Y}(x, y) can be written as a function of r. Hence if we denote this function by ψ and use the independence of X and Y, we have f_X(x)f_Y(y) = ψ(r).
 - (ii) Taking the partial derivative with respect to x and using the chain rule for differentiation, we have $f'_X(x)f_Y(y) = \psi'(r)\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \psi'(r)\frac{x}{r}$. If we divide both sides by $xf_X(x)f_Y(y)$ we have $\frac{f'_X(x)}{xf_X(x)} = \frac{\psi'(r)}{r\psi(r)}$. Proceeding similarly for y, we obtain

$$\frac{f'_X(x)}{xf_X(x)} = \frac{\psi'(r)}{r\psi(r)} = \frac{f'_Y(y)}{yf_Y(y)}.$$

- (iii) $\frac{f'_X(x)}{xf_X(x)}$ is a function of x while $\frac{f'_Y(y)}{yf_Y(y)}$ is a function of y. Hence the only way for the equality to hold is that both of them equal a constant. If we denote this constant by $-\frac{1}{\sigma^2}$, we reach the final result.
- (iv) We have $\frac{f'_X(x)}{f_X(x)} = -\frac{x}{\sigma^2}$. Integrating both sides we have $\log(\frac{f_X(x)}{C}) = -\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}$. Hence $f_X(x) = C \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2})$. $f_X(x)$ is a probability density function and so should integrate to 1, which gives $C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}$. Hence $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2})$ and by symmetry $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp(-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2})$, which shows that X and Y are Gaussian random variables.

Solution 2.

(a) Let $x_E(t) = x_R(t) + jx_I(t)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sqrt{2} \Re\{x_E(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}\} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \Re\{[x_R(t) + jx_I(t)]e^{j2\pi f_c t}\} \\ &= \sqrt{2}[x_R(t)\cos(2\pi f_c t) - x_I(t)\sin(2\pi f_c t)] \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$x_{EI}(t) = \sqrt{2\Re\{x_E(t)\}}$$

and

$$x_{EQ}(t) = \sqrt{2\Im\{x_E(t)\}}.$$

(b) Let
$$x_E(t) = \alpha(t)e^{j\beta(t)}$$
. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sqrt{2\Re} \{ x_E(t) e^{j2\pi f_c t} \} \\ &= \sqrt{2\Re} \{ \alpha(t) e^{j\beta(t)} e^{j2\pi f_c t} \} \\ &= \sqrt{2\Re} \{ \alpha(t) e^{j(2\pi f_c t + \beta(t))} \} \\ &= \sqrt{2\alpha}(t) \cos[2\pi f_c t + \beta(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

We thus have

$$x_E(t) = \alpha(t)e^{\mathbf{j}\beta(t)} = \frac{a(t)}{\sqrt{2}}e^{\mathbf{j}\theta(t)}$$

(c) From (b) we see that

$$x_E(t) = \frac{A(t)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{\mathbf{j}\varphi}.$$

This is consistent with Example 7.9 (DSB-SC) given in the text. We can also verify:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sqrt{2} \Re \{ x_E(t) e^{j2\pi f_c t} \} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \Re \left\{ \frac{A(t)}{\sqrt{2}} e^{j\varphi} e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} \\ &= \Re \{ A(t) e^{j(2\pi f_c t + \varphi)} \} \\ &= A(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \varphi). \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3.

(a) The key observation is that while $e^{j2\pi f_1 t}$ and $e^{-j2\pi f_1 t}$ are two different signals if $f_1 \neq 0$, $\Re\{e^{j2\pi f_1 t}\}$ and $\Re\{e^{-j2\pi f_1 t}\}$ are identical.

Therefore, if we fix $f_1 \neq 0$ and choose $a_1(t)$ and $a_2(t)$ so that $a_1(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t} = e^{j2\pi f_1 t}$ and $a_2(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t} = e^{-j2\pi f_1 t}$, we get $a_1(t) \neq a_2(t)$ and $\Re \left\{ a_1(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} = \Re \left\{ a_2(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\}$. Let $a_1(t) = e^{-j2\pi (f_c - f_1)t}$ and $a_2(t) = e^{-j2\pi (f_c + f_1)t}$. Then $a_1(t) \neq a_2(t)$ and

$$\sqrt{2}\Re\left\{a_1(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}\right\} = \sqrt{2}\Re\left\{a_2(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}\right\}.$$

- (b) Let $b(t) = a(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}$, which represents a translation of a(t) in the frequency domain. If $a_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = 0$ for $f < -f_c$, then $b_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = 0$ for f < 0. Because $\Re\{b(t)\} = \frac{1}{2} \left(a(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t} + a^*(t)e^{-j2\pi f_c t}\right)$, taking the real part has a scaling effect and adds a negative-frequency component. The negative spectrum is canceled by the $h_>$ filter, and the scaling is compensated by the $\sqrt{2}$ factors from the up-converter and down-converter. Multiplying by $e^{-j2\pi f_c t}$ translates the spectrum back to the initial position. In conclusion, we obtain a(t).
- (c) Take any baseband signal u(t) with frequency domain support $[-f_c \Delta, f_c + \Delta], \Delta > 0$. The signal can be real-valued or complex-valued (for example $u_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = \mathbb{1}_{[-f_c - \Delta, f_c + \Delta]}(f)$, which is a sinc in time domain). After we up-convert, the support of $u_{\mathcal{F}}(f)$ will not extend beyond $2f_c + \Delta$. When we chop the negative frequencies we obtain a support contained in $[0, 2f_c + \Delta]$ and when we shift back to the left the support will be contained in $[-f_c, f_c + \Delta]$, which is too small to be the support of $u_{\mathcal{F}}(f)$.
- (d) In time domain:

$$w(t) = \sqrt{2} \Re\{a(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}\}$$
$$\stackrel{a \in \mathbb{R}}{=} \sqrt{2}a(t)\cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

Therefore,

$$a(t) = \frac{w(t)}{\sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi f_c t)}$$

In frequency domain: If $a_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = 0$ for $f < -f_c$, we obtain a(t) as described in (b). In the following, we consider the case $a_{\mathcal{F}}(f) \neq 0$ for $f < -f_c$.

We have $w_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [a_{\mathcal{F}}(f - f_c) + a_{\mathcal{F}}(f + f_c)] = a_{\mathcal{F}}^+(f) + a_{\mathcal{F}}^-(f)$, with $a_{\mathcal{F}}^+(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a_{\mathcal{F}}(f - f_c)$ and $a_{\mathcal{F}}^-(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a_{\mathcal{F}}(f + f_c)$, respectively. These two components have overlapping support in some interval centered at 0. However, there is no overlap for sufficiently large frequencies. This means that for sufficiently large frequencies f we have $w_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a_{\mathcal{F}}^+(f)$, which implies that from $w_{\mathcal{F}}(f)$ we can observe the right tail of $a_{\mathcal{F}}^+(f)$ and use that information to remove the right tail of $a_{\mathcal{F}}^-(f)$ from $w_{\mathcal{F}}(f)$ (the right tails of $a_{\mathcal{F}}^+(f)$ and $a_{\mathcal{F}}^-(f)$ are the same because a(t) is real). Hence, from $w_{\mathcal{F}}(f)$ we can read more of the right tail of $a_{\mathcal{F}}^+(f)$. The procedure can be repeated until we get to see $a_{\mathcal{F}}^+(f)$ for all frequencies above f_c . At this point, using $a_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = a_{\mathcal{F}}^+(f + f_c)\sqrt{2}$ and the fact that a(t) is real-valued, we have $a_{\mathcal{F}}(f)$ for the positive frequencies, hence for all frequencies.

Solution 4.

$$\begin{aligned} x(t)\sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi f_c t) &= x(t) \left[\frac{e^{j2\pi f_c t} + e^{-j2\pi f_c t}}{\sqrt{2}}\right] \\ &= \sqrt{2}\Re\{x_E(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}\} \left[\frac{e^{j2\pi f_c t} + e^{-j2\pi f_c t}}{\sqrt{2}}\right] \\ &= \left[\frac{x_E(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t} + x_E^*(t)e^{-j2\pi f_c t}}{\sqrt{2}}\right] \left[\frac{e^{j2\pi f_c t} + e^{-j2\pi f_c t}}{\sqrt{2}}\right] \\ &= \frac{x_E(t)e^{j4\pi f_c t} + x_E(t) + x_E^*(t) + x_E^*(t)e^{-j4\pi f_c t}}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

At the lowpass filter output we have

$$\frac{x_E(t) + x_E^*(t)}{2} = \Re\{x_E(t)\}.$$

The calculation for the other path is similar.

Solution 5.

- (a) Notice that the sinusoids of w(t) have a period of $T_c = 4$ ms units of time, which implies that $f_c = \frac{1}{T_c} = \frac{1}{4 \text{ ms}} = 250$ Hz.
- (b) Notice that the phase of the sinusoidal signal changes every $T_s = 4$ ms. (Here we have $T_s = T_c$, but in general it is not the case. In practice we usually have $T_s \gg T_c$. See the note at the end.)

The expression of w(t) as a function of t is:

$$\begin{split} w(t) &= \begin{cases} 4\cos(2\pi f_c t - \frac{\pi}{2}) & t \in]0, T_s[\\ 4\cos(2\pi f_c t) & t \in]T_s, 2T_s[\\ 4\cos(2\pi f_c t + \pi) & t \in]2T_s, 3T_s[\\ 4\cos(2\pi f_c t + \frac{\pi}{2}) & t \in]3T_s, 4T_s[\end{cases} = \begin{cases} \Re \left\{ 4e^{j(2\pi f_c t - \frac{\pi}{2})} \right\} & t \in]0, T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4e^{j(2\pi f_c t)} \right\} & t \in]T_s, 2T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4e^{j(2\pi f_c t + \pi)} \right\} & t \in]2T_s, 3T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4e^{j(2\pi f_c t + \pi)} \right\} & t \in]2T_s, 3T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4e^{j(2\pi f_c t + \pi)} \right\} & t \in]3T_s, 4T_s[\end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \Re \left\{ -4je^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} & t \in]0, T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} & t \in]T_s, 2T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} & t \in]2T_s, 3T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} & t \in]2T_s, 3T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} & t \in]2T_s, 3T_s[\\ \Re \left\{ 4je^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} & t \in]3T_s, 4T_s[\end{cases} \end{split}$$

where

$$\begin{split} w_E(t) &= -\frac{4\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbbm{1}\{t \in]0, T_s[\} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbbm{1}\{t \in]T_s, 2T_s[\} \\ &- \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbbm{1}\{t \in]2T_s, 3T_s[\} + \frac{4\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbbm{1}\{t \in]3T_s, 4T_s[\} \\ &= -\mathbf{j}\sqrt{8T_s} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_s}} \mathbbm{1}\{t \in]0, T_s[\} + \sqrt{8T_s} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_s}} \mathbbm{1}\{t \in]T_s, 2T_s[\} \\ &- \sqrt{8T_s} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_s}} \mathbbm{1}\{t \in]2T_s, 3T_s[\} + \mathbf{j}\sqrt{8T_s} \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_s}} \mathbbm{1}\{t \in]3T_s, 4T_s[\}. \end{split}$$

If we define $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_s}} \mathbb{1}\{t \in]0, T_s[\}, c_0 = -j\sqrt{8T_s}, c_1 = \sqrt{8T_s}, c_2 = -\sqrt{8T_s}$ and $c_3 = j\sqrt{8T_s}$, we get

$$w_E(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} c_i \psi(t - iT_s).$$
 (1)

Therefore, the pulse used in the waveform former is $\psi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_s}} \mathbb{1}\{t \in]0, T_s[\}$, and the waveform former output signal is given by (1). The orthonormal basis that is used is $\{\psi(t-iT_s)\}_{i=0}^3$.

- (c) The symbol sequence is $\{c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3\} = \{-j\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, -\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, j\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}\}, \text{ where } \mathcal{E}_s = 8T_s.$ We can see that the symbol alphabet is $\{\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, j\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, -\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, -j\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}\}.$
- (d) We have:
 - The output sequence of the encoder is the symbol sequence, which is

$$\{c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3\} = \left\{-j\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, -\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}, j\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s}\right\}.$$

- The symbol alphabet contains 4 symbols. This means that each symbol represents two bits. Since the symbol rate is $f_s = \frac{1}{T_s} = 250$ symbols/s, the bit rate is $2 \times 250 = 500$ bits/s.
- The input/output mapping can be obtained by assigning two bits for each symbol in the symbol alphabet. Keeping in mind that it is better to minimize the number of bit-differences between close symbols, we obtain the following input/output mapping (which is not unique, i.e., we can obtain other mappings that satisfy the mentioned criterion): $\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s} \longleftrightarrow 00$, $j\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s} \longleftrightarrow 01$, $-\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s} \longleftrightarrow 11$ and $-j\sqrt{\mathcal{E}_s} \longleftrightarrow 10$.
- Assuming that the above input/output mapping was used, we can obtain the input sequence of the encoder: 10001101.

Note that in this example, we have $T_s = T_c$, so $f_c = f_s$. This is very unusual. In practice we almost always have $f_c \gg f_s$, especially if we are using electromagnetic waves.