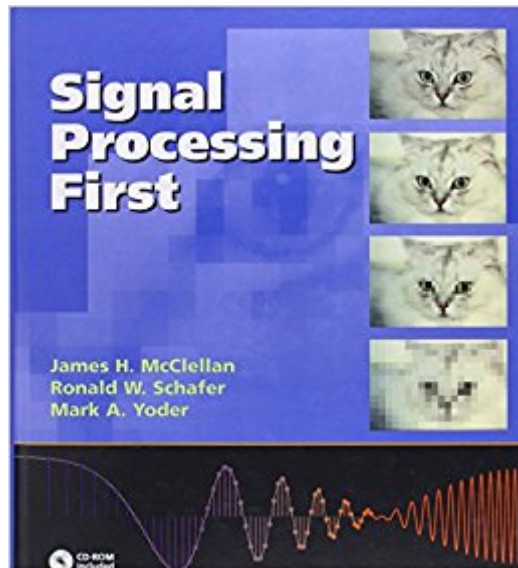




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Synopsis

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This best-selling, hands-on, multimedia package provides an introduction to fundamental concepts, specifically discrete-time systems, for beginning engineering students. Created and written by the same well-respected authors, it has been adopted in over 100 institutions worldwide since publication. This class-tested learning package is also widely used as a self-teaching tool to discover more about DSP applications, multimedia signals, and MATLAB®. Unique features such as visual learning demonstrations, MATLAB laboratories, and a bank of solved homework

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I simply refer to this as "Ugh, that book". Unfortunately my courses require this overpriced text. The material presented is the absolute bare minimum and does not give any insight of what is actually going on. The few examples they do give are always the simplest case and is just numbers plugged into a definition. The CD that comes with the book is nearly useless too. If you too are a student who has to use this pitiful book, do yourself a favor and buy a copy of "Understanding Digital Signal Processing" by Lyons. Your grade will thank you.

This book is a must-read for EE or SW Engr students as a concept builder on learning the DSP as the first class. The homework assignments build the path for learning the DSP step-by-step. In chapter 4, Sampling and Aliasing, paves the way to understand the FIR and IIR using the z-Transform--especially some homework problems in chapter 6, 7 and 8, are brain-storm types, which depict a cascade connection of two or three LTI systems, with the inputs in time-domain, the students need to solve them in frequency-domain by applying the sampling techniques learned in chapter 4, from C-to-D using the Laplace Transform, then finding the frequency response in $H(z)$ and convert them to D-to-C forms, in which the FIR circuits have one pole while the IIR have multiple poles. That's all I learned from this great textbook. I think that the update version (release in 2014?) would be my favorite one too.

This is not the worst book ever, but it is not great if you have to use it for an undergrad signals and systems class. It is one that gives a few relatively basic examples, and the authors love proofs. But the examples only really help you work through a few of the problems in the problem set. It is really not something that most people will be able to teach themselves from, which if you have a teacher

that explains the material well probably will not be a problem, but if not you may have to look into some of the supplements that are out there. I could see it being more useful in a masters level EE program where you should have a fundamental understanding of the topics covered in digital signal processing. When however you are first learning the subject, it is not the easiest book to follow along with. Plus it is lacking a chapter on Laplace Transform (which according to my teacher future editions will cover), which you absolutely will be exposed to in your signals and systems class.

Each concept has only a few paragraphs explaining it, if that. Examples are few and far between and far too simple to even extrapolate to anything worthwhile. I bought this book to supplement poorly presented lectures. Now I'm left disappointed from both sources.

Nice book, sometimes the problems become repetitive, but gives good examples and explains the subjects well. Signal Processing First

The book arrived almost brand new! Go figure. The cd offers a lot of helpful problems that are worked out, too. Easy to read and highly recommended for an intro signals class.

This is a great buy. It takes you through the fundamental concepts and provides solutions to the exercises and many worked out homework problems. Great for self study.

We use this book for our sophomore-level course in signal processing for biomedical engineering students. For our needs, this is the right book, for several reasons: * First and foremost, the book covers signals only, not systems. This means that the course can be taken without prior knowledge of differential equations. * The writing is quite clear. Even my sophomores agree that the book is readily readable for the most part. * The authors' method, described as "jumping around" by several other reviewers, works quite well. Topics like aliasing and undersampling are introduced first for simple cases like single sinusoids, then come up more generally later. My students respond well to this approach. * It is fairly complete, covering both continuous- and discrete-time methods. There are some downsides: * The book is dated. I look forward to the new edition that is slated to come out in 2013. * I find the MATLAB examples and demos unimpressive and not very useful, even though I use MATLAB fairly extensively in my class. * More modern examples, e.g. from image processing, would be helpful. Fortunately, it is not that difficult for the instructor to provide these himself / herself. In summary, our students make immense progress using this book. It prepares them well for

follow-up courses in linear systems or digital signal processing.

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