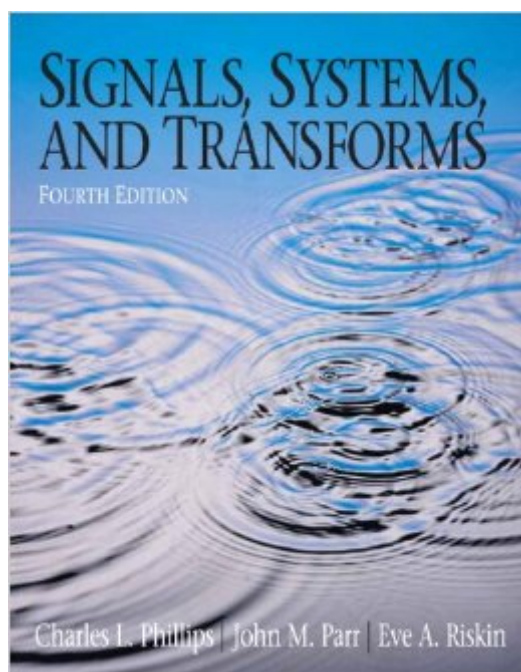


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This book is evil. I mean evil in the Biblical sense. Think Dante's Inferno and the innermost circle of hell. Actually, being frozen in a lake or forced to eat excrement seem rather pleasant compared to the twisted, nonsensical passages in this book. Perhaps I would have liked the book better if it had been written in Farsi. I don't understand Farsi either, but at least then it would have had an excuse. The book is poorly worded. Examples are not fully worked, and make critical assumptions between steps that are neither documented nor explained. The homework problems bare as much semblance to the text as I bare to Tommy Lee or a large piece of office furniture. Sections of the book are not in chronological order, meaning that critical information for understanding a section is often several more sections ahead. If you have to buy this text, I strongly recommend purchasing the Shaums (sp?) Outlines on Fourier Transforms, which is concisely written and has several well documented examples. I encourage you to keep this book in the bathroom as an alternate source of material should you run out of toilet paper. At least then, you may get some use out of it.

This book has poor examples let alone limited ones. It's basically a short-hand version of a big textbook... and for the price it should be a big, well written textbook... but it's not. In all honestly you should take the money you were going to spend on this book and spend half as much to hire a pirate that will get you the 4th edition. Then other half on alcohol to get you through the semester. Plus you can just get the assigned problems from a classmate. Or a subscription to Chegg would be an even better use of your money if your professor selected this book for their class. hey, I got through it.. no thanks to the book Cheers

...and save yourself the grief of trying to learn anything from this book. This is the required text in one of my EE courses and I haven't found a single redeeming quality in it yet. The material is not presented in a very concise manner I typically spend a great deal of time filtering through the chapters to find the important details. Most of the time I have to go to a text from one of my other courses to find what I am looking for. The examples are few and not helpful in working the exercises

at the end of the chapters. Any good text on circuit analysis which covers the Fourier and Laplace transforms and their applications would be more useful.

Having had to suffer through 1 semester of this book, I was horrified to learn that my school had decided to keep this book for the second semester of signals! This is book would be much better as a hyperlinked document, because the author continuously references other chapters and formula #'s. His examples are confusing, and leave you wondering what you are looking for. A visit to the book's website leaves you with a bad taste in your mouth. Honestly, if you need this book, find another book to use as a reference because you will need it.

Signals & Systems is a very complex topic - it needs to be presented in a very clear and concise manner with plenty of examples and explanation. This text has none of those qualities. I supplemented this text with the Shaums's Outline for Signals & Systems; I still could barely follow the class. A much better text on the topic is "Signals and Systems" by Simon Haykin and Barry Van Veen. It accomplished in one edition what "Signals, Systems, and Transforms" has not accomplished in three.

As an engineer one is expected to teach one self the math behind the theories. This book has almost no proofs and no mathematical explanation and as someone who buys old school Dover math books to teach himself math, de's fourier etc. this is the worst insult I can make. As a student I found this book only applies to schools that want to have to reteach this subject in all latter classes. Who do not want ABET cert. Or prefer to spoon feed their engineering students. This book is an example of how Pearson is just a money hungry corporation who prefers bad textbooks over classics and sells junk just to make money. If you are an engineer and want a reference book to reference find another book.

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