

CEDC403: Signals and Systems Lecture Notes 2: Signal Representation and Modeling: Part B



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Chapter 1

Signal Representation and Modeling

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Signals and Systems
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 - 4. Continuous-Time Signals
 - 5. Discrete-Time Signals



Energy and power definitions

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- The average power of a continuous time signal x(t) is given by:

periodic complex signal:
$$P_x = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

non-periodic complex signal: $P_x = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |x(t)|^2 dt$

- Energy signals are those that have finite energy and zero power, i.e., $E_x < \infty$, and $P_x = 0$.
- Power signals are those that have finite power and infinite energy, i.e., $E_x \rightarrow \infty$, and $P_x < \infty$.



Example 1: Energy of exponential signal

Compute the energy of the exponential signal (where $\alpha > 0$).





Symmetry properties Even and odd symmetry

- A real-valued signal is said to have even symmetry if it has the property: x(-t) = x(t) for all values of t.
- A real-valued signal is said to have odd symmetry if it has the property: x(-t) = -x(t) for all values of t.

Decomposition into even and odd components

- Every real-valued signal x(t) has a unique representation of the form: $x(t) = x_e(t) + x_o(t)$; where the signals x_e and x_o are even and odd, respectively.
- In particular, the signals x_e and x_o are given by:

 $x_e(t) = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) + x(-t)] \text{ and } x_o(t) = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) - x(-t)]$



Symmetry properties for complex signals

- A complex-valued signal is said to have conjugate symmetric if it has the property: $x(-t) = x^*(t)$ for all values of t.
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Example 3: Even and odd components of a rectangular pulse

Determine the even and the odd components of the rectangular pulse signal.



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• Example 4: Even and odd components of a sinusoidal signal Determine the even and the odd components of the sinusoidal signal $x(t) = 5 \cos(10t + \pi/3).$

$$x_e(t) = \frac{5}{2}\cos(10t + \pi/3) + \frac{5}{2}\cos(-10t + \pi/3)$$

= 2.5\cos(10t)

$$x_o(t) = \frac{5}{2}\cos(10t + \pi/3) - \frac{5}{2}\cos(-10t + \pi/3)$$

 $x_{e}(t)$

5

-5

-0.5

 $= -\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2}\sin(10t)$





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0.5

t (sec)

1

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• Example 5: Symmetry of a complex exponential signal Consider the complex exponential signal $x(t) = Ae^{j\omega t}$, A: real

 $x(-t) = Ae^{-j\omega t}$ = $(Ae^{-j\omega t})^* = x^*(t) \Rightarrow$ the signal x(t) is conjugate symmetric.

Right and Left-Sided Signals

• A signal x is said to be right sided if, for some (finite) real constant t_0 , the following condition holds: x(t) = 0 for all $t < t_0$ (i.e., x is only potentially nonzero to the right of t_0).



• A signal x is said to be causal if x(t) = 0 for all t < 0.



- A causal signal is a special case of a right-sided signal.
- A causal signal is not to be confused with a causal system.
- A signal x is said to be left sided if, for some (finite) real constant t_0 , the following condition holds: x(t) = 0 for all $t > t_0$ (i.e., x is only potentially nonzero to the left of t_0).



- A signal x is said to be anticausal if x(t) = 0 for all t > 0.
- An anticausal signal is a special case of a left-sided function.
- An anticausal signal is not to be confused with a anticausal system.



Finite-Duration and Two-Sided Signals

A signal that is both left sided and right sided is said to be finite duration (or finite support).

 t_1

A signal that is neither left sided nor right sided is said to be two sided.

 t_0





Bounded Signals

- A signal x is said to be bounded if there exists some (finite) positive real constant A such that $|x(t)| \le A$ for all t (i.e., x(t) is finite for all t).
- For example, the sine and cosine functions are bounded, since $|\sin t| \le 1$ for all t and $|\cos t| \le 1$ for all t
- In contrast, the tangent signal and any nonconstant polynomial function p (e.g., $p(t) = t^2$) are unbounded, since

$$\lim_{t \to \frac{\pi}{2}} |\tan t| = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \to \infty} |p(t)| = \infty$$



5. Discrete-Time Signals

- Discrete-time signals are not defined at all time instants. they are defined only at time instants that are integer multiples of a fixed time increment *T*, that is, at *t* = *nT*.
- Consequently, the mathematical model for a discrete-time signal is a function x[n] in which independent variable n is an integer, and is referred to as the sample index.





- Sometimes discrete-time signals are also modeled using mathematical functions: x[n] = 3sin[0.2n].
- In a discrete-time signal the time variable is discrete, yet the amplitude of each sample is continuous.
- If, in addition to limiting the time variable to the set of integers, we also limit the amplitude values to a discrete set, the resulting signal is called a digital signal.
- In the simplest case there are only two possible values for the amplitude of each sample, typically indicated by "0" and "1". The corresponding signal is called a binary signal.



Signal operations

• Amplitude shifting maps the input signal x[n] to the output signal g as given by g[n] = x[n] + A, where A is a real number.



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- Amplitude scaling maps the input signal x to the output signal g as given by g[n] = Bx[n], where B is a real number.
- Geometrically, the output signal *g* is expanded/compressed in amplitude.



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Addition and Multiplication of two signals

Addition of two signals is accomplished by adding the amplitudes of the two signals at each time instant. $g[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$.





Multiplication of two signals is accomplished by multiplying the amplitudes of the two signals at each time instant. $g[n] = x_1[n] x_2[n]$.





- Time shifting (also called translation) maps the input signal x to the output signal g as given by: g[n] = x[n k]; where k is an integer.
- Such a transformation shifts the signal (to the left or right) along the time axis.
- If k > 0, g is shifted to the right by |k|, relative to x (i.e., delayed in time).
- If k < 0, g is shifted to the left by |k|, relative to x (i.e., advanced in time).





Time scaling maps the input signal *x* to the output signal *g* as given by:
 g[*n*] = *x*[*kn*]; downsampling
 and

g[n] = x[n/k]; upsampling where k is a strictly positive integer.





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- Time reversal (also known as reflection) maps the input signal x to the output signal g as given by g[n] = x[-n].
- Geometrically, the output signal g is a reflection of the input signal x about the (vertical) line n = 0.



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Basic building blocks for discrete-time signals Unit-impulse Signal

• The unit-impulse signal, denoted δ , is defined by:



$$x[n]\delta[n-n_1] = x[n_1]\delta[n-n_1] = \begin{cases} x[n_1], & n = n_1 \\ 0, & n \neq n_1 \end{cases}$$



Sifting property of the unit-impulse signal





Unit-Step Signal

The unit-step signal, denoted u, is defined as:

$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \ge 0\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\delta[n] = u[n] - u[n-1]$$
• Conversely, $u[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{n} \delta[k]$
or, $u[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta[n-k]$

$$\int_{\text{summation interval } u[n_0] = 0}^{\infty \leftarrow \dots \cap n}$$

$$\int_{\text{summation interval } u[n_0] = 0}^{\infty \leftarrow \dots \cap n}$$

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u[n]



Unit-Ramp Signal

- The unit-ramp signal, denoted r, is defined as:
 - $r[n] = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } n \ge 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{or, equivalently:} \\ r[n] = nu[n] \end{cases}$



r[n]



Sinusoidal Signal

• A discrete-time sinusoidal signal is a signal of the form: $x[n] = A\cos(\Omega_0 n + \theta)$ where A is the amplitude of the signal, Ω_0 is the angular frequency (rad), and θ is the initial phase angle (rad). $\Omega_0 = 2\pi F_0$ where F_0 is the normalized frequency (a dimensionless quantity).



A fundamental difference between a DT sinusoidal signal and its CT:

- For continuous-time sinusoidal signal $x_a(t) = A\cos(\omega_0 t + \theta)$: ω_0 is in rad/s.
- For discrete-time sinusoidal signal $x[n] = A\cos(\Omega_0 n + \theta)$: Ω_0 is in rad.
- Let us evaluate the amplitude of x_a(t) at time instants that are integer multiples of T_s, and construct a discrete-time signal:

 $x[n] = x_a(nT_s) = A\cos(\omega_0 T_s n + \theta) = A\cos(2\pi f_0 T_s n + \theta)$



- Since the signal $x_a(t)$ is evaluated at intervals of T_s , the number of samples taken per unit time is $1/T_s$. $x[n] = A\cos(2\pi [f_0/f_s]n + \theta) = A\cos(2\pi F_0 n + \theta)$
- The act of constructing a discrete-time signal by evaluating a continuous-time signal at uniform intervals is called sampling.
- The parameters f_s and T_s are referred to as the sampling rate and the sampling interval respectively. $x_a(t)$





Impulse decomposition for discrete-time signals

 Consider an arbitrary discrete-time signal x[n]. Let us define a new signal x_k[n] by:

$$x_k[n] = x[k]\delta[n-k] = \begin{cases} x[k], & n=k\\ 0, & n\neq k \end{cases}$$

• The signal x[n] can be reconstructed by: $x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_k[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \delta[n-k]$

Periodic discrete-time signals

A discrete-time signal is said to be periodic if it satisfies: x[n] = x[n + N]
 for all values of the integer index n and for a specific value of N ≠ 0. The parameter N is referred to as the period of the signal.



- The period of a periodic signal is not unique. That is, a signal that is periodic with period N is also periodic with period kN, for every (strictly) positive integer k, x[n] = x[n + kN].
- The smallest period with which a signal is periodic is called the fundamental period.
- The normalized fundamental frequency of a discrete-time periodic signal is $F_0 = 1/N$.

Periodicity of discrete-time sinusoidal signals

$$A\cos(2\pi F_0 n + \theta) = A\cos(2\pi F_0 [n + N] + \theta)$$
$$= A\cos(2\pi F_0 n + 2\pi F_0 N + \theta)$$

 $2\pi F_0 N = 2\pi k \Rightarrow N = k/F_0$



Example 6: Periodicity of a discrete-time sinusoidal signal Check the periodicity of the following discrete-time signals: a. $x[n] = \cos(0.2n)$ b. $x[n] = \cos(0.2\pi n + \pi/5)$ c. $x[n] = \cos(0.3\pi n - \pi/10)$ a. $x[n] = \cos(0.2n)$ $\Omega_0 = 0.2 \Rightarrow F_0 = \Omega_0/2\pi = 0.2/2\pi = 0.1/\pi \Rightarrow N = k/F_0 = 10\pi k$ Since no value of k would produce an integer value for N, the signal is not periodic.

b.
$$x[n] = \cos(0.2\pi n + \pi/5)$$

 $\Omega_0 = 0.2\pi \Rightarrow F_0 = \Omega_0/2\pi = 0.2\pi/2\pi = 0.1 \Rightarrow N = k/F_0 = 10k$

For k = 1 we have N = 10 samples as the fundamental period.



c. $x[n] = \cos(0.3\pi n - \pi/10)$

 $\Omega_0 = 0.3\pi \Rightarrow F_0 = \Omega_0/2\pi = 0.3\pi/2\pi = 0.15 \Rightarrow N = k/F_0 = k/0.15$

For k = 3 we have N = 20 samples as the fundamental period.



• Example 7: Periodicity of a multi-tone discrete-time sinusoidal signal Comment on the periodicity of the two-tone discrete-time signal: $x[n] = 2\cos(0.4\pi n) + 1.5\sin(0.48\pi n)$

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 $x[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$ $x_1[n] = 2\cos(\Omega_1 n)$ $\Omega_1 = 0.4 \pi \Rightarrow F_1 = \Omega_1/2\pi = 0.4 \pi/2\pi = 0.2$ $\Rightarrow N = k_1/F_1 = 5k_1$ For $k_1 = 1$ we have $N_1 = 5$ samples as the fundamental period. $x_2[n] = 1.5\cos(\Omega_2 n)$ $\Omega_2 = 0.48 \pi \Rightarrow F_2 = \Omega_2 / 2\pi = 0.48 \pi / 2\pi = 0.24$ $\Rightarrow N_2 = k_2/F_2 = k_2/0.24$ For $k_2 = 6$ we have $N_2 = 25$ samples as the fundamental period.



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 N_{-1}

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 $n = -\infty$



Example 8: Energy and power signals

Determine whether the sequence $x[n] = a^n u[n]$ is an energy signal or a power signal or neither for the following cases: (a) |a| < 1, (b) |a| = 1, (c) |a| > 1.

$$E_{x} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^{2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a^{2n}|, \quad P_{x} = \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{n=-M}^{M} |x[n]|^{2} = \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{n=0}^{M} |a^{2n}|$$
(a) $E_{x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a^{2n}| = \frac{1}{1-|a|^{2}} < \infty,$

$$P_{x} = \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{n=0}^{M} |a^{2n}| = \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{1}{2M+1} \frac{1-|a|^{2(M+1)}}{1-|a|^{2}} = 0$$
The signal $x[n] = a^{n}u[n]$ is an energy signal for $|a| < 1$.



(b)
$$E_x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a^{2n}| \to \infty$$
,
 $P_x = \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{n=0}^{M} |a^{2n}| = \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{M+1}{2M+1} = \frac{1}{2}$

The signal $x[n] = a^n u[n]$ is an power signal for |a| = 1.

(c)
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$$P_x = \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{1}{2M+1} \sum_{n=0}^{M} \left| a^{2n} \right| = \lim_{M \to \infty} \frac{1}{2M+1} \frac{\left| a \right|^{2(M+1)} - 1}{\left| a \right|^2 - 1} \to \infty$$

The signal $x[n] = a^n u[n]$ is neither an energy signal nor a power signal for $|a| = 1.$



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Decomposition into even and odd components

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