

MAT 202:

INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICS FOR DSP

SET 1: SIGNALS & SYSTEMS BASICS.

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Signals ~~are used~~ describe a variety of physical phenomenon e.g. speech & music, images, video, seismic signals, ECG and so on.

Signals are represented mathematically as functions of one or more independent variables.
e.g. 1) speech signal is represented mathematically by acoustic pressure as a function of time.
2) a picture is represented by brightness as a function of two spatial variables.

I] CLASSIFICATION OF SIGNALS

A. CONTINUOUS TIME & DISCRETE TIME

Continuous time signals are those in which the independent variable is continuous, and the signals are defined for a continuum of values of the independent variable.
We use the symbol 't' to denote the independent variable for continuous time signals and we enclose it in parentheses ().

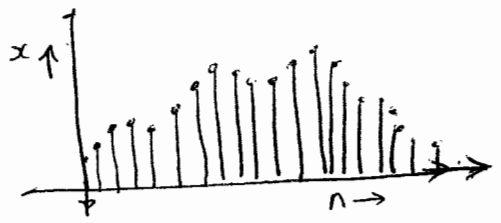
e.g. $x(t)$



Discrete time signals are those in which the independent variable takes a discrete set of values, and the signals are defined for a discrete set of values of the independent variable.

We use the symbol 'n' to denote the independent variable for discrete time signals and we enclose it in brackets [].

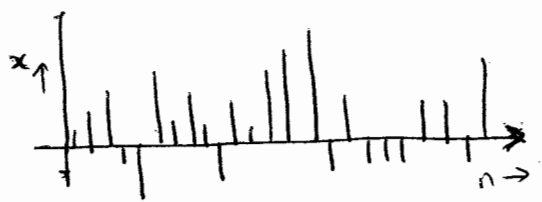
e.g. $x[n]$



B. STOCHASTIC & DETERMINISTIC

Stochastic signals cannot be characterized by a simple, well-defined mathematical equation and their future values cannot be predicted.

e.g.



Deterministic signals have fixed values and can be represented using a mathematical expression, rule or a table. These signals are relatively easy to analyze, and we can make accurate assumptions about their past and future behavior.

e.g: $x[n] = \sin(0.5n)$



C. PERIODIC & APERIODIC SIGNALS

Periodic signals repeat with some period N . They satisfy the following mathematical equation:

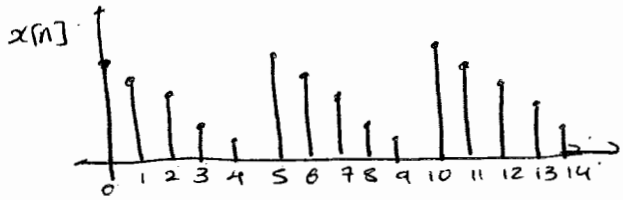
$x[n] = x[n + kN]$ where $k = 1, 2, \dots$
 $N \rightarrow$ fundamental period

The fundamental period is the smallest value of N , that allows the equation

$x[n] = x[n + N]$

to be true.

e.g:



$N = 5$
 $x[5] = x[0 + 5] = x[0]$
 $x[6] = x[1 + 5] = x[1]$
 \vdots

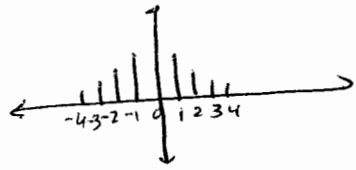
Signals which are not periodic i.e. which do not satisfy the condition for periodicity, are said to be aperiodic or non-periodic.

D. EVEN & ODD SIGNALS

An even signal is symmetric about the vertical axis. It satisfies the equation

$x[n] = x[-n]$

e.g



e.g

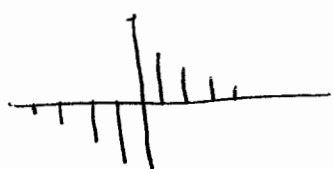


$x[4] = x[-4]$
 $x[3] = x[-3]$
 \vdots

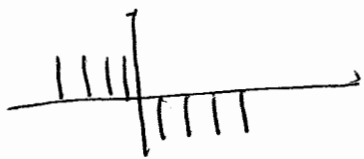
An odd signal is 'anti-symmetric' about the vertical axis. It satisfies the equation

$x[n] = -x[-n]$

e.g:



e.g



$x[4] = -x[-4]$
 $x[3] = -x[-3]$
 \vdots

$x[0] = 0$ {always}
 for odd signals.

E] ANALOG & DIGITAL SIGNALS

Analog corresponds to continuous y-axis. Thus, the signal can take on any values within the range provided.

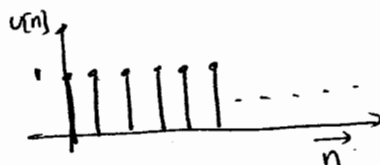
Digital corresponds to discrete y-axis. Thus, the signal can take on only a discrete set of values in the range provided.

Continuous time & discrete-time signals can be both analog or digital. Generally, digital usually implies discrete time as well.

II] COMMON SIGNAL FUNCTIONS:

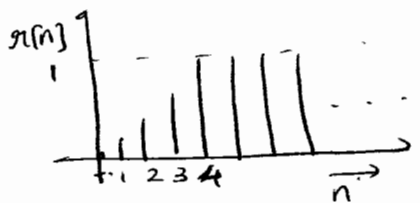
A] UNIT STEP FUNCTION:

$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 0 & n < 0 \\ 1 & n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



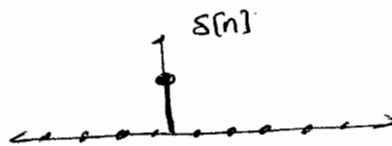
B] RAMP FUNCTION:

$$r[n] = \begin{cases} 0 & n \leq 0 \\ \frac{n}{N_0} & 0 \leq n \leq N_0 \\ 1 & n > N_0 \end{cases}$$



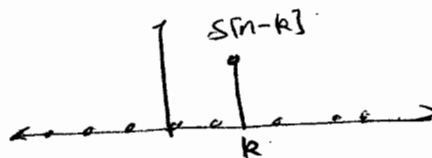
C] UNIT IMPULSE FUNCTION:

$$s[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 0 & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



The unit impulse function delayed by R-samples is given by

$$s[n-k] = \begin{cases} 1 & n = k \\ 0 & n \neq k \end{cases}$$



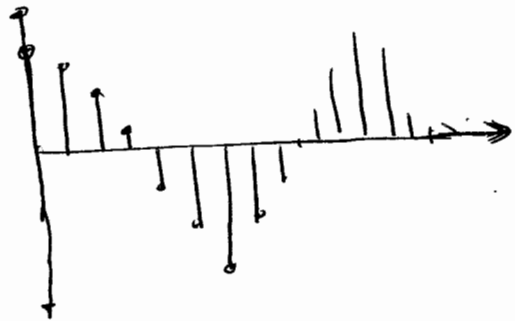
D] SINUSOIDAL FUNCTION:

$$x[n] = A \cos(\omega_0 n + \phi)$$

A → amplitude

ω_0 → angular freq = $\frac{2\pi}{N}$

ϕ → phase

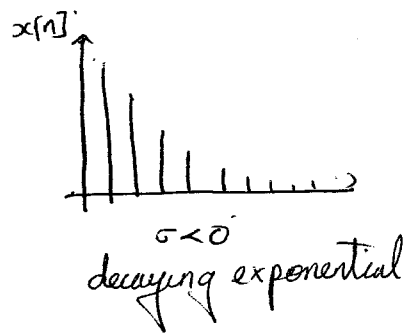
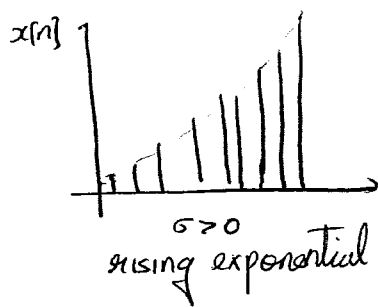


E] EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION

$$x[n] = A\alpha^n$$

$\sigma > 0 \rightarrow$ rising exponential

$\sigma < 0 \rightarrow$ decaying exponential



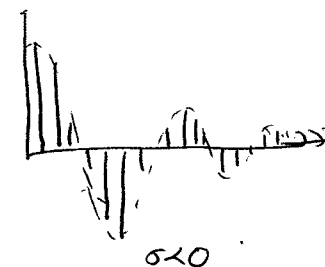
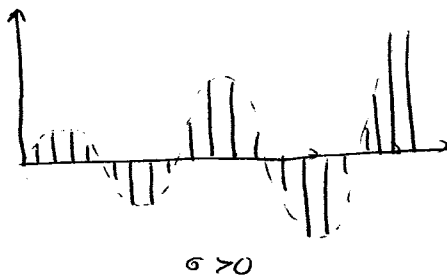
F] COMPLEX EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION

$$x[n] = A\alpha^n$$

where $\alpha = e^{(\sigma + j\omega)}$

$\sigma > 0 \rightarrow$ rising exponential

$\sigma < 0 \rightarrow$ decaying exponential



* We will come back to this, after covering complex numbers.

III] PROPERTIES OF A SIGNAL

A] SIGNAL ENERGY

$$E = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x[n])^2$$

B] SIGNAL POWER

a) For periodic signals

$$P = \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^N (x[n])^2$$

b) For non-periodic signals

$$P = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^N (x[n])^2$$

An infinite energy signal with finite average power is called a POWER SIGNAL.

e.g. periodic signals

A finite energy signal with zero average power is called an ENERGY SIGNAL.

e.g. finite-length signals.

IV BASIC OPERATIONS ON SIGNALS

A] MODULATION:

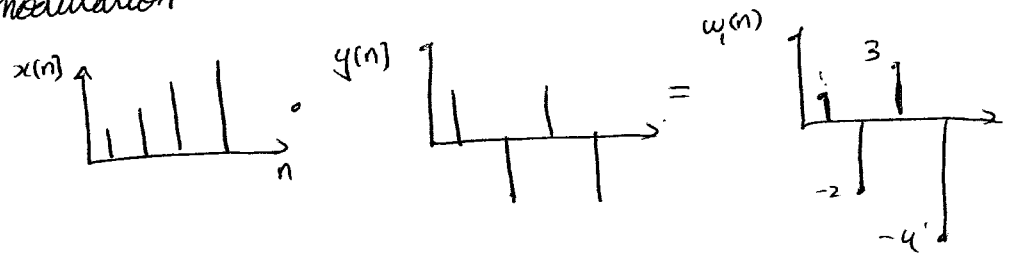
If $x[n]$ and $y[n]$ are two known sequences, then the sample by sample product of the two sequences is referred to as modulation

$$w_1[n] = x[n] \cdot y[n]$$

e.g. $x[n] = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$y[n] = \{1, -1, 1, -1\}$

$\Rightarrow w_1[n] = \{1, -2, 3, -4\}$



B] ADDITION:

If $x[n]$ and $y[n]$ are 2 known sequences, then the sample by sample addition of the two sequences is given by

$$w_2[n] = x[n] + y[n]$$

e.g. $x[n] = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$y[n] = \{1, -1, 1, -1\}$

$w_2[n] = \{2, 1, 4, 3\}$

C] SCALAR MULTIPLICATION:

A new sequence is generated by multiplying each sample of the original sequence by a scalar A.

$$w_3[n] = Ax[n]$$

e.g. $x[n] = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$A = 1.5$

$w_3[n] = \{1.5, 3, 4.5, 6\}$

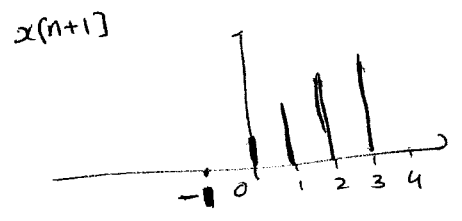
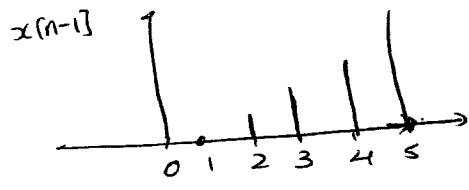
D] TIME SHIFTING:

$$w_4[n] = x[n-N]$$

if $N > 0 \rightarrow$ delaying operation

$N < 0 \rightarrow$ advancing operation

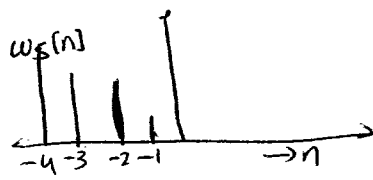
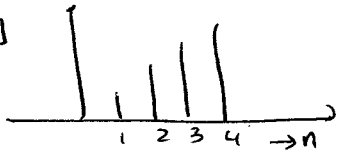
e.g. $x[n] = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$



E] TIME REVERSAL:

$$w_5[n] = x[-n]$$

e.g. $x[n]$



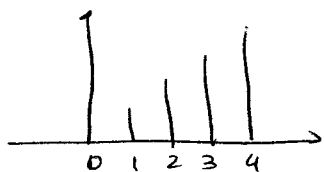
F] TIME SCALING

Time scaling compresses or dilates the signal by multiplying the time variable by some amount.

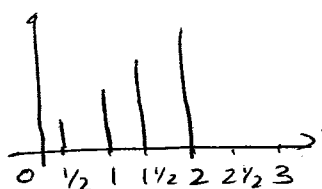
$$w_b[n] = x[an]$$

if $a > 1 \rightarrow$ compression
 $a < 1 \rightarrow$ dilation

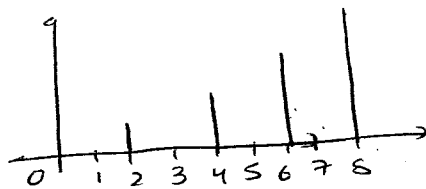
e.g. $x[n]$



$x[2n]$



$x[0.5n]$



V] SYSTEMS & PROPERTIES OF SYSTEMS

A system can be viewed as a process in which the input signals are transformed by the system, or the system responds in some way to the input, resulting in other signals at the output.

e.g. $x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{[n/n]} \rightarrow y[n]$

e.g. Accumulator:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]$$

e.g. Difference operator

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$$

A] CONTINUOUS & DISCRETE SYSTEM

A system where the input & output signals are continuous is called a continuous system.

A system where the input & output signals are discrete is called a discrete system.

B] SYSTEMS WITH AND WITHOUT MEMORY

A system is said to be 'memoryless' if the output for each value of the independent variable at a given time depends only on the current value of the input at that time.

e.g. $y[n] = 2x[n] + x[n]^2$

If the output of the system depends on current & previously stored values of the input signal, it is said to be a system with memory.

e.g. $y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$

F] TIME VARIANT & TIME INVARIANT SYSTEM :

A system is time invariant if the behavior & characteristics of the system are fixed over time. Specifically, a system is time invariant if a time-shift in the input signal results in an identical time shift in the output signal.

$$\text{i.e. if } x[n] \rightarrow [h(n)] \rightarrow y[n] \Rightarrow H\{x[n]\} = y[n]$$

$$\text{then } x[n-n_0] \rightarrow [h(n)] \rightarrow y[n-n_0] \Rightarrow H\{x[n-n_0]\} = y[n-n_0]$$

If the system does not satisfy the above property, it is said to be time variant.

e.g. Time invariant

$$y[n] = \sin(x[n])$$

$$y[n] = a x[n]$$

Time variant

$$y[n] = n x[n]$$

G] STABLE & UNSTABLE SYSTEMS

A stable system is one in which the output does not diverge, as long as the input does not diverge. Such a system is said to be a BOUNDED INPUT BOUNDED OUTPUT (BIBO) SYSTEM. The condition can be mathematically expressed as:

$$|y[n]| \leq M_y < \infty \quad \forall n$$

$$\text{provided } |x[n]| \leq M_x < \infty \quad \forall n$$

If the above conditions are not met, the system output may diverge even if the input is bounded, & the system is said to be UNSTABLE.

e.g. Stable system :

$$y[n] = \text{constant}$$

$$y[n] = a x[n]$$

UNSTABLE SYSTEM :

$$y[n] = n x[n]$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n |x[k]|$$