

ECE 308

Continuous-Time and Discrete-Time Signal Sampling of Analog Signals

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Continuous Time Signal

Let's have the following continuous-time sinusoidal signal:

$$x_a(t) = A \cos(\Omega t + \theta), -\infty < t < \infty$$

where

A: the amplitude of the signal

Ω : the frequency in radians per second

θ : the phase in radians

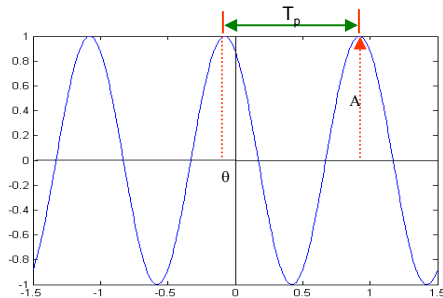
The frequency can be expressed in cycles/s or Hertz (Hz)

$$F = \frac{\Omega}{2\pi}$$

The period is define as

$$T_p = \frac{1}{F}$$

Continuous Time Signal



The analog sinusoidal signal can repeat every period

$$x_a(t + T_p) = x_a(t)$$

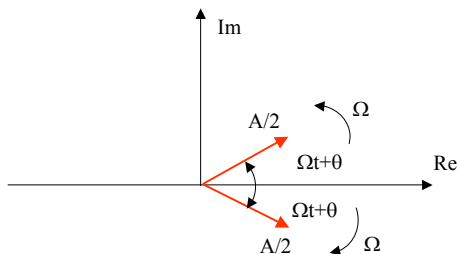
- Increasing the frequency means decreasing the period of the signal, so that increase the rate of oscillation of the signal

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Continuous Time Signal

The analog sinusoidal signal can be expressed in complex exponent for as

$$x_a(t) = A \cos(\Omega t + \theta) = \frac{A}{2} e^{j(\Omega t + \theta)} + \frac{A}{2} e^{-j(\Omega t + \theta)}$$



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Discrete-Time Sinusoidal Signal

A discrete-time sinusoidal signal may be expressed as

$$x(n) = A \cos(\omega n + \theta), -\infty < n < \infty$$

where n : integer variable

A : the amplitude of the signal

ω : the frequency in radians per sample

θ : the phase in radians

The frequency can be expressed in cycles per sample

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$$

and the signal is

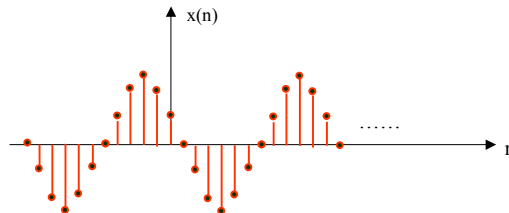
$$x(n) = A \cos(2\pi f n + \theta), -\infty < n < \infty$$

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Discrete-Time Sinusoidal Signal

Example:

A sinusoidal signal with the amplitude A , frequency $\omega = \pi/6$ radians per sample ($f = 1/12$) and phase $\theta = \pi/3$



A discrete-time sinusoidal is periodic only if its frequency is rational number

$$x(n + N) = x(n) \quad \cos[2\pi f_0(N + n) + \theta] = \cos[2\pi f_0 n + \theta]$$

It is true if and only if

$$2\pi f_0 N = 2k\pi \quad \text{or} \quad f_0 = k / N$$

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Discrete-Time Sinusoidal Signal

Discrete-time sinusoids whose frequencies are separated by an integer multiple of 2π are identical

$$\cos[(\omega_0 + 2\pi)n + \theta] = \cos(\omega_0 n + 2\pi n + \theta) = \cos(\omega_0 n + \theta)$$

$$x_k(n) = A \cos(\omega_k n + \theta) = A \cos[(\omega_0 + 2k\pi)n + \theta], \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

are identical and where $-\pi \leq \omega_0 \leq \pi$

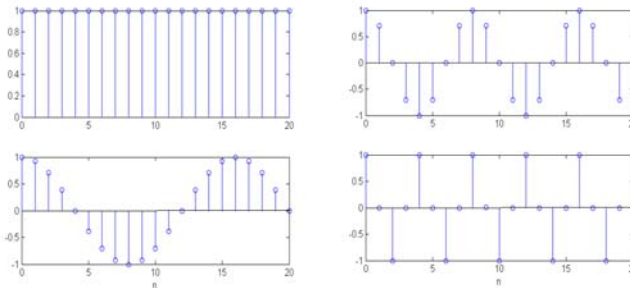
The highest rate of oscillation in a discrete-time sinusoidal is attained when $\omega = \pi$ (or $\omega = -\pi$) equivalent to $f = 1/2$ (or $f = -1/2$)

$$x(n) = A \cos \omega_0 n$$

ω	0	$\pi/8$	$\pi/4$	$\pi/2$	π
f	0	1/16	1/8	1/4	1/2
N	∞	16	8	4	2

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Discrete-Time Sinusoidal Signal



If $\pi \leq \omega_0 \leq 2\pi$, it creates an aliasing. How?

Let's $\omega_1 = \omega_0$ which $\pi \leq \omega_0 \leq 2\pi$ and $\omega_2 = 2\pi - \omega_0$ which $\pi \leq \omega_0 \leq 2\pi$

$$x_1(n) = A \cos \omega_1 n = A \cos \omega_0 n$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2(n) &= A \cos \omega_2 n = A \cos(2\pi - \omega_0)n \\ &= A \cos \omega_0 n \\ &= x_1(n) \end{aligned}$$

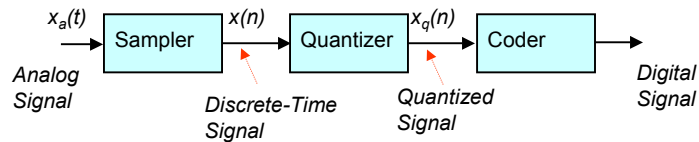
Hence, ω_2 is an alias of ω_1 .

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Analog-to-Digital Conversion (ADC)

- In many real-world application, the signals are analog.
- To process analog signal by digital, we need to convert them into digital signal
- This process is called Analog-to-Digital conversion and devices are A/D Converter (ADCs).

- A/D Conversion has three steps:



Sampling :

- Conversion of a continuous-time signal into a discrete-time signal
- Taking “samples” of the continuous-time signal at discrete-time instants.
- Sampling interval is T. $x(n) = x_a(nT)$

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Analog-to-Digital Conversion (ADC)

2. Quantization:

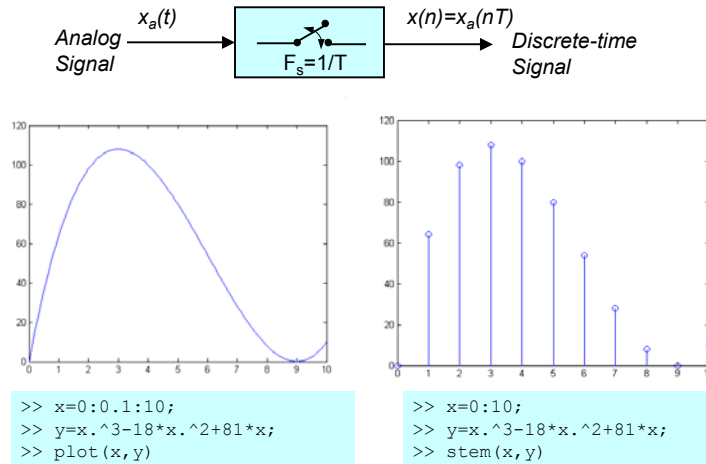
- Conversion of a discrete-time continuous valued signal into a discrete-time, discrete valued digital signal $x_q(n)$
- Digital signal values are a finite set of possible values.
- The differences between $x_q(n)$ and $x(n)$ ($x_q(n) - x(n)$) is called the quantization error.
- Discrete-time Signals are defined only at certain specific values of time or variable.

3. Coding:

- Each discrete value is represented by a b-bit binary sequence.

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Sampling of Analog Signals

The discrete-time signal $x(n)$ is obtained by “taking-samples” of the analog signal $x_a(t)$ every T second.

$$x(n) = x_a(nT)$$

The time interval T is called the sampling period or sampling interval.

The sampling rate or the sampling frequency is found as

$$F_s = \frac{1}{T} \text{ [Hz]}$$

The relationship between the variable t of analog signal and the variable n of discrete-time signal is

$$t = nT = \frac{n}{F_s}$$

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Sampling of Analog Signals

Consider an analog sinusoidal signal

$$x_a(t) = A \cos(2\pi Ft + \theta)$$

Sampling frequency is $F_s = 1/T$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} x(n) = x_a(nT) &= A \cos(2\pi FnT + \theta) \\ &= A \cos(2\pi F \frac{n}{F_s} + \theta) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$x(n) = A \cos(\omega n + \theta)$$

We call relative or normalize frequency that

$$f = \frac{F}{F_s}$$

Equivalently,

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi F}{F_s} = \frac{\Omega}{F_s} = \Omega T$$

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Relations between analog signals and Discrete-time signal

Continuous-time signal	Discrete-time signal
$\Omega = 2\pi F$ Ω [radians/s] F [Hz]	$\omega = 2\pi f$ ω [radians/sample] f [cycles/sample]
	$-\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi$ $-\frac{1}{2} \leq f \leq \frac{1}{2}$
<div style="background-color: #FFD700; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Range</div> $-\infty < \Omega < \infty$ $-\infty < F < \infty$	<div style="background-color: #FFD700; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Range</div> $-\frac{\pi}{T} \leq \Omega \leq \frac{\pi}{T}$ $-\frac{F_s}{2} \leq F \leq \frac{F_s}{2}$
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #00FFFF; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-15deg);"> $\omega = \Omega T, f = F / F_s$ </div> <div style="background-color: #FFA500; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(15deg);"> $\Omega = \omega / T, F = f \cdot F_s$ </div> </div>	

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Sampling of Analog Signals

The fundamental difference between analog signal and discrete-time signal is frequency range.

The highest frequency in the discrete-time signal is $\omega = \pi$ or $f = 1/2$ the sampling rate F_s , the corresponding highest value of F and Ω are

$$F_{\max} = \frac{F_s}{2} = \frac{1}{2T}$$

$$\Omega_{\max} = \pi F_s = \frac{\pi}{T}$$

Example:

Consider two analog signals

$$x_1(t) = \cos 2\pi 10t$$

$$x_2(t) = \cos 2\pi 50t$$

The sampling rate is $F_s = 40 \text{ Hz}$

Find discrete time signal $x_1(n)$ and $x_2(n)$

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Example:(cont)

Corresponding discrete-time signals are

$$x(n) = \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{10}{40}\right)n = \cos \frac{\pi}{2}n$$

$$x(n) = \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{50}{40}\right)n = \cos \frac{5\pi}{2}n$$

We know that

$$\cos \frac{5\pi}{2}n = \cos \left(2\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)n = \cos \frac{\pi}{2}n$$

Hence $x_1(n) = x_2(n)$

The frequency $F_2 = 50 \text{ Hz}$ is an alias of the frequency $F_1 = 10 \text{ Hz}$ at the sampling rate of $F_s = 40 \text{ Hz}$. Even

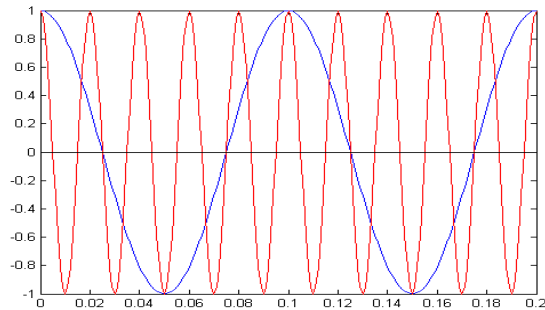
$F_k = (F_1 + 40k)$, $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ are alias of F_1 at the sampling rate at $F_s = 40 \text{ Hz}$.

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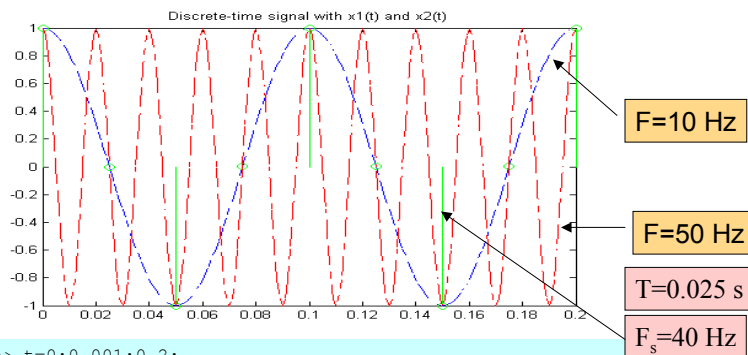
In general form, $F_k = (F_0 + kF_s)$, $k = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$ are creates an alias for frequency F_0 of analog signal, which are outside of

$$-\frac{F_s}{2} \leq F \leq \frac{F_s}{2}$$



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>> t=0:0.001:0.2;
>> x1=cos(2*pi*10*t);
>> plot(t,x1,'--')
>> hold on
>> x2=cos(2*pi*50*t);
>> plot(t,x2,'r--')
>> n=0:0.025:0.2;
>> y1=cos(2*pi*10*n);
>> stem(t,y1,'g-')
>> Title('Discrete-time signal with x1(t) and x2(t)')
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