



Discrete Time Systems

ELEC 3004: **Systems**: Signals & Controls

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Goals for the Week

- Properties of Discrete Time [DT] Signals
- DT Signal Models
- DT Signal Operations
- DT Convolution
- DT Systems → Friday
- (also for Lab 3 / Exp 4): Introduce FIR Filters → Friday

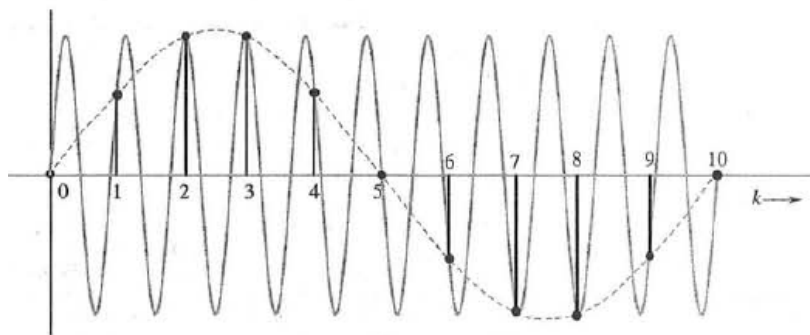


Today...

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Recap: Aliasing Another view of this



Recap: Aliasing

- Aliasing - through sampling, two entirely different analog sinusoids take on the same “discrete time” identity

For $f[k]=\cos\Omega k$, $\Omega=\omega T$:

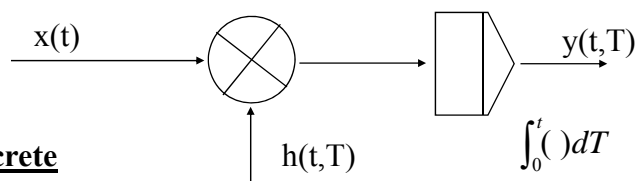
The period has to be less than F_h (highest frequency): $T \leq \frac{1}{2F_h}$

Thus: $0 \leq \mathcal{F} \leq \frac{\mathcal{F}_s}{2}$

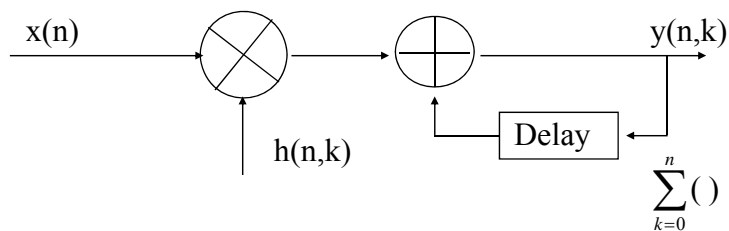
ω_f : aliased frequency: $\omega T = \omega_f T + 2\pi m$

Basic Signal Processing: Continuous & Discrete

Continuous



Discrete



Discrete LTI

A system G is **time-invariant** if

$$y[k] = Gu[k] \quad \Rightarrow \quad y[k - k_0] = Gu[k - k_0]$$

Interpretations:

- “shifting the input shifts the output”
- “absolute time/location does not matter”
- “the system behaves the same at all times”



Discrete LTI → Circulant Systems

- Circulant matrices are the “finite” equivalent of LTI systems.
- Their properties are very similar to those of LTI systems.
- The mathematics are a bit simpler, just “standard” linear algebra.
- In particular, they have a nice and simple factorization structure.

A circulant matrix is fully defined by the entries of the first row (or column):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \\ a_{n-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & a_0 & \cdots & a_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We use the notation $C(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ or simply $C(a)$ to denote this matrix.

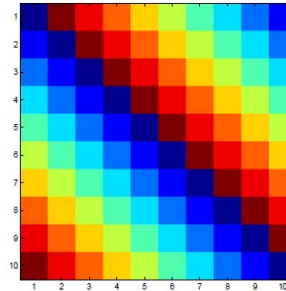
For instance, $C(1, 0, 0, \dots, 0) = I_n$.



Circulant Systems

A square $n \times n$ matrix A is *circulant* if it has the form

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \\ a_{n-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & a_0 & \cdots & a_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



- In general, matrices do not commute ($AB \neq BA$)
- Any two circulant matrices do commute!

$$C(a)C(b) = C(b)C(a)$$

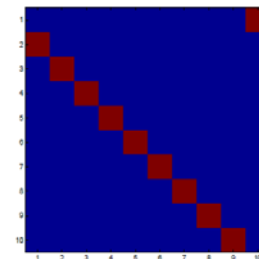


Shift matrix Z

- A special circulant matrix

The **shift** matrix $Z = C(0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$.

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Multiplying by Z cyclically shifts the input:

$$Z \cdot [u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{n-1}]^T = [u_{n-1}, u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-2}]^T.$$



Shift invariant systems

- The shift Z acts on signals like a **unit delay** (but it “wraps around”)

$$Z \cdot [u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{n-1}]^T = [u_{n-1}, u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-2}]^T.$$

- Recall time-invariance: “shifting the input shifts the output”
- A natural notion: linear **shift-invariant** systems

$$D \cdot (Zu) = Z \cdot (Du)$$

or equivalently, $DZ = ZD$ (“system commutes with the shift”)



Shift invariant systems are circulants

A linear system D is **shift-invariant** if $DZ = ZD$.

What do such D look like?

Exercise: $DZ = ZD$ if and only if D is circulant.

Thus, linear shift-invariant systems are given by circulant matrices.

They are the “finite” equivalent of LTI systems.

Examples: blurring system, etc.



Eigenvalues of DT-LTI Systems

- Eigenvalues (λ) and Characteristic Functions:

$$F \{x(\bullet)\} = \lambda x(\bullet)$$

- For DT LTI the eigenfunctions are complex exponentials

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= F\{z^n\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]z^{n-k} \\ &= \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]z^{-k} \right] z^n = H(z) z^n = \lambda z^n \end{aligned}$$



Back to Circulant Matrices...

Their **eigenvectors** do not depend on a_i

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \\ a_{n-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & a_0 & \cdots & a_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Every circulant matrix has an eigenvalue decomposition:

$$C(a) = T \cdot D(a) \cdot T^{-1}$$

$$T_{j,k} = \omega^{j \cdot k} \text{ (for } j, k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \text{)}$$

→ eigenvectors: $v_k = [1; \omega^k; \omega^{2k}; \dots; \omega^{(n-1)k}]$

- Notice that the **eigenvectors** \mathbf{T} do not depend on entries a_i !
- This change-of-base matrix \mathbf{T} is called the Fourier matrix.



Eigenvalues of Circulant Matrices

- They **do** depend on the values of a_i (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}).
(you'd hope)

The eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_k = a_0 + a_1\omega^k + a_2\omega^{2k} + \dots + a_{n-1}\omega^{(n-1)k},$$



Ex:

$$C(2, 5, 6, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then ω is a fourth root of unity, i.e., $\omega = e^{2\pi i/4} = e^{i\pi/2} = i$.

The eigenvalues and eigenvectors are then (verify!):

$$T = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 + 4i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 - 4i \end{bmatrix}$$



WHY?:

These Systems Show Up Everywhere

- Ex: Kinematic (constantly accelerating body) systems:

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Discrete Time Convolution in Matrix Form**
via the **Toeplitz Matrix**



DT Convolution: Vector Sums

- Remember: **Flip → Shift → Slide → Sum**

e.g. convolution

$$x(n) = 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5$$

$$h(n) = 3 \ 2 \ 1$$

x(k)	0 0 1 2 3 4 5	0 0 1 2 3 4 5	0 0 1 2 3 4 5	
h(n,k)	1 2 3 0 0 0 0	0 1 2 3 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 2 3 0 0	h(n-k)
y(n,k)	3	2 6	1 4 9	
y(n)	3	8	14	Notice the gain

Sum over all k



DT Convolution: Matrix Formulation of Convolution

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{x}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \\ 14 \\ 20 \\ 26 \\ 14 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Toeplitz Matrix



Response of a Discrete-Time LTI System & Convolution Sum

- Impulse Response:

Imaging a discrete-time, LTI System F .

It's impulse response is given by: $h[n] = F\{\delta[n]\}$

- Arbitrary Response:

An arbitrary input $x[n]$ can be written: $x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k]$

(Sampling theorem)

So:

$$y[n] = F\{x[n]\} = F\left\{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]\delta[n-k]\right\} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \llbracket F\{\delta[n-k]\} \rrbracket$$

$$h[n-k] = F\{\delta[n-k]\}$$

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

\therefore a DT LTI is completely characterized by its impulse response



Convolution Response

- As with the continuous domain, commutativity, associativity, and distributivity hold...
- Commutativity gives a nice result:

$$\begin{aligned}y[n] &= x[n] * h[n] = h[n] * x[n] \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k]\end{aligned}$$

- Makes Step Responses “Easy”:

$$s[n] = h[n]u[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]u[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]$$

$$s[n] - s[n-1] = h[n]$$



DT Causality & BIBO Stability

- Causality:

$$h[n] = 0, n < 0$$

$$\rightarrow y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} h[k]x[n-k] \quad \text{or} \quad \Rightarrow y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]h[n-k]$$

- Input is Causal if: $x[n] = 0, n < 0$

- Then output is Causal:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^n h[k]x[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^n x[k]h[n-k]$$

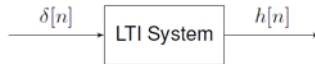
- And, DT LTI is BIBO stable if:

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[k]| < \infty$$

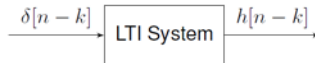


Impulse Response (Graphically)

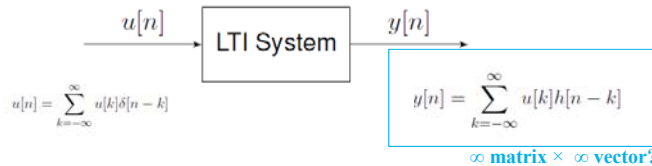
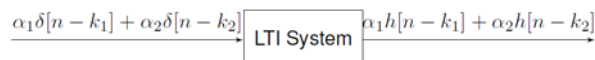
Let's define the *impulse response*, $h[n]$, as the result of applying an LTI system to the unit impulse:



By time invariance, we know



And by linearity, we know



How do you multiply an infinite matrix?

- First let's multiply circulant matrices...
 - A circulant matrix can be described completely by its first row or column

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{n-1} \\ a_{n-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{n-2} \\ a_{n-2} & a_{n-1} & a_0 & \cdots & a_{n-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & \cdots & | \\ h & Zh & Z^2h & \cdots & Z^{N-1}h \\ | & | & | & \cdots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Z: Shift operator

- Multiply by $u[k] \rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} | & | & | & \cdots & | \\ h & Zh & Z^2h & \cdots & Z^{N-1}h \\ | & | & | & \cdots & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u[0] \\ u[1] \\ u[2] \\ \vdots \\ u[N-1] \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} u[k]Z^k h$$

∴ For circulant matrices, matrix multiplication reduces to a weighted combination of shifted impulse responses

Two Types of Systems

- Linear shift-invariant:

$$y = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} u[k] Z^k h$$

Z: Shift operator

$$Z \cdot [u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{n-1}]^T = [u_{n-1}, u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-2}]^T$$

- Linear time-invariant system

$$y = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u[k] R^k h$$

R: Unit delay operator

$$R \cdot [\dots, u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots]^T = [\dots, u_{-1}, u_0, u_1, \dots]^T$$



Impulse Response of Both Types

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{2}u[n-1] + \frac{1}{2}u[n]$$

$$y[-1] = 0$$

$$y[0] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y[1] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y[2] = 0$$

⋮

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{2}y[n-1] + u[n]$$

$$h[-1] = 0$$

$$h[0] = 1$$

$$h[1] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$h[2] = \frac{1}{4}$$

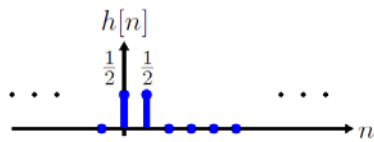
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$$h[n] = \begin{cases} 0 & n < 0 \\ (\frac{1}{2})^n & n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



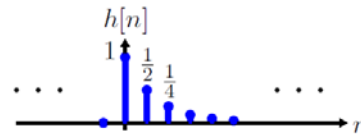
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$$y[n] = \frac{1}{2}u[n-1] + \frac{1}{2}u[n]$$



'Finite impulse response' (FIR)

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{2}y[n-1] + u[n]$$



"Infinite impulse response" (IIR)

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