

Lecture 9

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9.1 External Input-Output Stability

9.1.1 Signal Norms

A continuous time bilateral signal is a mapping defined by $f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$ (or for unilateral case $f : \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^n$), whereas discrete time bilateral signal is a mapping defined by $g : \mathbb{Z} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ (or for unilateral case $g : \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$). Graphical Examples

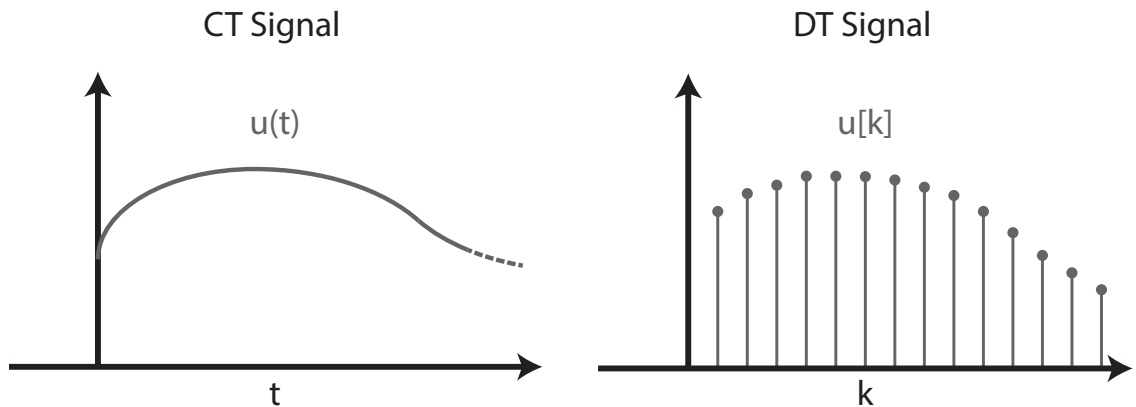


Figure 9.1: CT vs DT Signal

 ∞ -norm

In the characterization and analysis of input-output stability of linear dynamical systems, most commonly used norm concept is the ∞ -norm which is technically a measure of peak magnitude over time. For scalar signals ∞ -norm is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\infty} &\triangleq \sup_k |f(k)| \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \sup_t |f(t)| \quad (\text{CT}) \end{aligned}$$

The “sup” denotes the *supremum* or *least upper bound*, the value that is approached arbitrarily closely but never (i.e., at any finite time) exceeded. Note that this is the natural standard ∞ -norm definition for finite-dimensional vectors to the infinite dimensional case, i.e. DT and CT signals. Let’s remember the ∞ -norm of an n -dimensional vector,

$$\|v\|_{\infty} \triangleq \max_{i \in [1, n]} |v_i|, \text{ where } v \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

A scalar signal, $f(\cdot)$ is called *bounded* if $\|f\|_\infty = M < \infty$ and that is the fundamental signal measure adopted in BIBO stability.

For multi-variate signals, we add a new “dimension” in addition to the time dimension, thus in such a case we define ∞ -norm as

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_\infty &\triangleq \sup_k \|f(k)\|_\infty \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \sup_t \|f(t)\|_\infty \quad (\text{CT})\end{aligned}$$

The space of all signals with finite ∞ -norm are generally denoted by ℓ_∞ and \mathcal{L}_∞ for DT and CT signals respectively. For multi-variate case, the dimension of the vector may be explicitly added as ℓ_∞^n and \mathcal{L}_∞^n .

∞ -norms of some example CT and DT uni-lateral signals (i.e. $t \geq 0$ and $k \geq 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}f(t) = 1, \|f\|_\infty = 1 &\quad - \quad g[k] = 1, \|g\|_\infty = 1 \\ f(t) = t, \|f\|_\infty = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = k, \|g\|_\infty = \infty \\ f(t) = e^t, \|f\|_\infty = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = 2^k, \|g\|_\infty = \infty \\ f(t) = 1 - e^{-t}, \|f\|_\infty = 1 &\quad - \quad g[k] = 1 - 0.5^k, \|g\|_\infty = 1 \\ f(t) = \delta(t), \|f\|_\infty = \infty &\quad - \quad g[k] = \delta[k], \|g\|_\infty = 1\end{aligned}$$

2-norm

2-norm of a signal is the most fundamental measure of signal in optimal control theory and it can be considered as the square root of the “energy” of the signal. For scalar signals 2-norm is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_2 &\triangleq \left[\sum_k (f[k])^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \left[\int_t (f[t])^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{CT})\end{aligned}$$

For multivariate signals, we adopt the inner product and obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_2 &\triangleq \left[\sum_k (f[k])^T f[k] \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[\sum_k \|f[k]\|_2^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{DT}) \\ &\triangleq \left[\int_t (f(t))^T f(t) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left[\sum_k \|f(t)\|_2^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (\text{CT})\end{aligned}$$