

# Homework 1, Unit 0: Foundations and Fundamentals

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## 1 Memory Bank

- $\sqrt{-1} = j$  ... The fundamental imaginary unit.
- $z = x + jy$  ... A complex number.
- $\Re\{z\} = x$ ,  $\Im\{z\} = y$  ... Real and imaginary parts.
- $z^* = x - jy$  ... The complex conjugate of  $z$ .
- $|z| = \sqrt{zz^*} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  ... The magnitude of  $z$ .
- $\tan \phi = y/x$  ... The phase angle of  $z$ .
- $|z| = r$ , so  $x = r \cos \phi$ , and  $y = r \sin \phi$ .
- **Taylor Series:** Let  $f(t)$  be a continuous, differentiable function. Let  $f^n(t)$  be the  $n$ -th derivative of  $f(t)$ , with  $f^0(t) = f(t)$ . The Taylor series is an infinite series, equivalent to  $f(t)$ , given by

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^n(t_0)}{n!} (t - t_0)^n \quad (1)$$

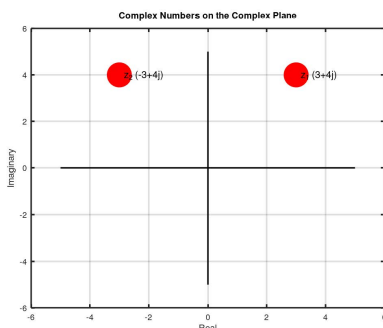
- **Euler's Identity:**  $e^{j\phi} = \cos \phi + j \sin \phi$

## 2 Complex Numbers and Signals

- Let  $z_1 = 3 + 4j$ , and  $z_2 = -3 + 4j$ . Evaluate:

- Graph  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in the complex plane.
- $z_1 + z_2 = 0 + 8j = \boxed{8j}$
- $z_1 - z_2 = 6 + 0j = \boxed{6}$
- $z_1 * z_2 = (3+4j)(-3+4j) = -9 + 12j - 12j + 16j^2 = -9 + 16(-1) = \boxed{-25}$
- $z_1/z_2 = \frac{(3+4j)(-3-4j)}{(-3+4j)(-3-4j)} = \frac{-9-24j+16}{9+16} = \frac{-25-24j}{25} = \boxed{-\frac{25}{25} - \frac{24j}{25}}$
- $|z_1| = \sqrt{3^2+4^2} = \sqrt{9+16} = \sqrt{25} = \boxed{5}$
- $|z_2| = \sqrt{(-3)^2+4^2} = \sqrt{9+16} = \sqrt{25} = \boxed{5}$
- $\phi_1 = \arctan(\frac{4}{3}) \approx \boxed{0.927}$
- $\phi_2 = \arctan(-\frac{4}{3}) = \pi - \arctan(\frac{4}{3}) \approx \boxed{2.214}$
- Write  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in polar form.  
 $z_1 = 5e^{j \cdot 0.927}$      $z_2 = 5e^{j \cdot 2.214}$

a)



- Use Euler's Identity to show that

$$\cos(2\pi ft) = \frac{e^{2\pi jft} + e^{-2\pi jft}}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\sin(2\pi ft) = \frac{e^{2\pi jft} - e^{-2\pi jft}}{2j} \quad (3)$$

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

$$e^{-j\theta} = \cos \theta - j \sin \theta$$

$$e^{j2\pi ft} = \cos(2\pi ft) + j \sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$e^{-j2\pi ft} = \cos(2\pi ft) - j \sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$e^{j2\pi ft} + e^{-j2\pi ft} = \cos(2\pi ft) + j \sin(2\pi ft) + \cos(2\pi ft) - j \sin(2\pi ft) = 2 \cos(2\pi ft)$$

$$\cos(2\pi ft) = \frac{e^{j2\pi ft} + e^{-j2\pi ft}}{2}$$

$$e^{j2\pi ft} - e^{-j2\pi ft} = \cos(2\pi ft) + j \sin(2\pi ft) - (\cos(2\pi ft) - j \sin(2\pi ft)) = 2j \sin(2\pi ft)$$

$$\sin(2\pi ft) = \frac{e^{j2\pi ft} - e^{-j2\pi ft}}{2j}$$

- Let  $v_1(t) = 4 \cos(2\pi f_1 t)$ ,  $v_2(t) = 4 \cos(2\pi f_2 t - \phi)$ . Use the results of the previous exercise in the following questions. (a) Show that  $P = v_1(t)v_2(t)$  is a pair of sinusoids with frequencies  $f_+ = f_1 + f_2$  and  $f_- = f_1 - f_2$ , offset by a total phase shift of  $2\phi$ . (b) Show that  $P_{\max} = 16$ , if  $\phi = 0$  and  $f_1 = f_2$ . Why is 16 the correct number?<sup>1</sup>

$$a) v_1(t) = 4 \left( \frac{e^{j2\pi f_1 t} + e^{-j2\pi f_1 t}}{2} \right), v_2(t) = \left( \frac{e^{j2\pi f_2 t - \phi} + e^{-j2\pi f_2 t - \phi}}{2} \right)$$

$$P = v_1(t)v_2(t) = 16 \cdot \left( \frac{e^{j2\pi f_1 t} + e^{-j2\pi f_1 t}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{e^{j2\pi f_2 t - \phi} + e^{-j2\pi f_2 t - \phi}}{2} \right)$$

$$= 4 \left( e^{j(2\pi f_1 t - \phi)} + e^{j(2\pi f_1 t + \phi)} + e^{-j(2\pi f_1 t - \phi)} + e^{-j(2\pi f_1 t + \phi)} \right)$$

$$= 8(\cos(2\pi f_1 t - \phi) + \cos(2\pi f_1 t + \phi))$$

$$b) f_- = 0, f_+ = 2f_1$$

$$\cos(0) = 1, P = 8(1 + \cos(4\pi f_1 t))$$

$$\max \text{ of } \cos(4\pi f_1 t) = 1 \text{ so}$$

$$P_{\max} = 8(1+1) = 16$$

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- Suppose that

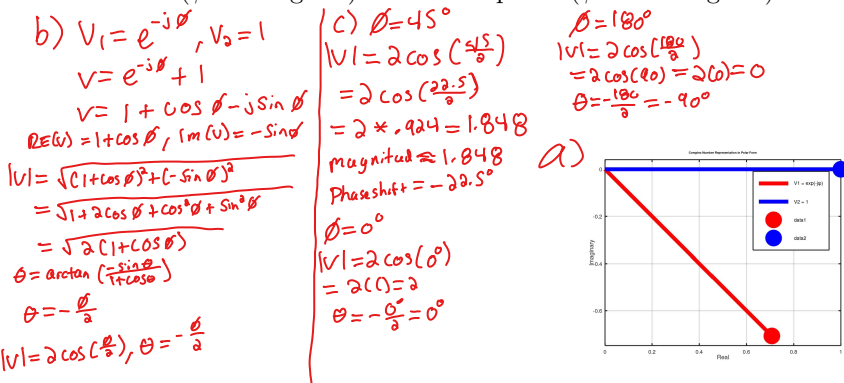
$$v_1(t) = \Im \{ \exp(j(2\pi ft - \phi)) \} \quad (4)$$

$$v_2(t) = \Im \{ \exp(2\pi jft) \} \quad (5)$$

Drop the portion of the complex phase containing the frequency  $f$ , and represent the signals with just  $\exp(-j\phi)$  and 1. (a) Graph these signals by treating the 1 and  $\exp(-j\phi)$  as complex numbers in polar form. (b) Add the complex numbers, and obtain formulas for the new magnitude and phase angle. (c) Test your formulas for  $\phi = 45$  degrees. When you add two signals of the same frequency offset by a phase, you should obtain a new

<sup>1</sup>The product of two mixed signal voltages, divided by the resistance, is the power (in Watts). The formula is  $P = v^2/R$ .

signal at the same frequency with a new phase and amplitude. What happens when the signals are in phase ( $\phi = 0$  degrees) and out of phase ( $\phi = 180$  degrees)?



### 3 Probability and Statistics, Noise

1. Consider the following octave code:

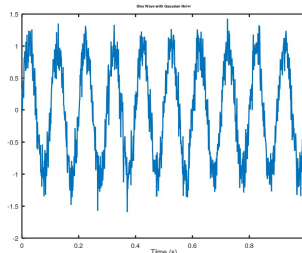
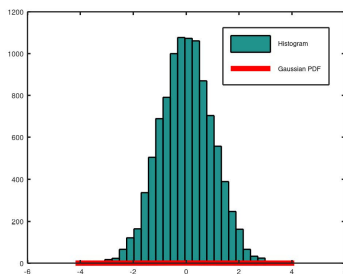
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clear;
close;
home;

x = randn(10000,1);
figure(1)
hist(x,30);
figure(2);
plot(x)
axis([-1 10001 -10 10]);
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The octave workspace is cleared, and a vector of data **x** is created. This vector contains pseudo-random numbers drawn from the *Gaussian distribution*, with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ :

$$p(x)dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2} e^{-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx \quad (6)$$

(a) Graph Eq. 6, and compare to Figure 1 created by the code. This figure contains a *histogram*, that counts how often the pseudo-random numbers fall into each of 30 bins. Does the histogram resemble Eq. 6? (b) Examine Figure 2 created by the code. If the numbers represent digitized, sampled noise voltages, they appear to be pure noise. (c) Write code that adds gaussian noise to a sine wave. (d) Notice that, as the amplitude of the sine wave decreases, the signal appears to be lost in the noise. The ratio of sine wave amplitude divided by  $\sigma$  in Eq. 6 is called the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR).



2. The octave function **rand** gives pseudo-random numbers drawn from a *uniform distribution*:

$$p(x)dx = \frac{dx}{b-a}, \quad a \leq x \leq b \quad (7)$$

This PDF is flat between  $a$  and  $b$ , where any number between these is equally likely to occur. The **rand** function has default settings of  $b = 1$  and  $a = 0$ . Write an octave code that demonstrates that the sum of a large set of numbers drawn from **rand** is distributed according to Eq. 6. That is, we get gaussian noise from the repeated addition of many uniform random numbers.

### 4 ADC and DAC

1. Create an octave code that graphs a sine wave of frequency **f** and sampling frequency **fs** (see Code Lab 1 on Moodle for examples). Now tune the sampling frequency to with a factor of 2 of the signal frequency. Qualitatively, what happens to the signal graph?

As **fs** increases the sine wave will get more accurate and smoother and if it is below  $2*f$  it will be less accurate and not look like the original sine wave.