

Homework 2, Unit 0: Foundations and Fundamentals

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1 Memory Bank

- $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i$... Sample mean.
- $\overline{x^2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i^2$... Sample mean of the square.
- $s = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (x_i - \bar{x})^2$... Sample std. deviation.
- $s^2 = \overline{x^2} - \bar{x}^2$... Formula for the variance.
- Let a **histogram** be defined by M bins i , with the data organized into M frequencies H_i .
- Total number of data points in a histogram: $N = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} H_i$
- (1) Sample mean and (2) variance from histograms:

$$1. \bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} i H_i$$

$$2. s = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} (i - \bar{x})^2 H_i$$

- For the following two formulas: $\omega = 2\pi f$, $\tau = RC$.
- **Low-pass filter response**, as a function of frequency:

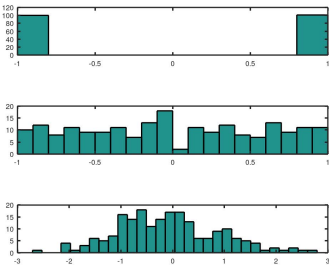
$$R(f) = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega\tau} \quad (1)$$

- **High-pass filter response**, as a function of frequency:

$$R(f) = \frac{j\omega\tau}{1 + j\omega\tau} \quad (2)$$

2 Probability and Statistics, Noise

- Consult Fig. 2-6 in Ch. 2 of the course text. (a) Write three functions in **octave** that produce the following: a square wave, a triangle wave, and gaussian noise. (b) Write code that creates histograms of the outputs of the three functions. (c) **Normalize** the histograms by dividing the frequencies by the total number. (d) Graph the histograms to see the mean and standard deviation.



e) Square : mean = 0.0050, std dev = 1.0025
 Triangle : mean = 0.0050, std dev = 0.5873
 Gaussian : mean = -0.0030, std dev = 0.9833

¹Hint: (1) square waves with amplitudes of 0 and 1 should have a mean of 0.5, (2) this is also true of flat PDFs, which also have a standard deviation of $1/\sqrt{12}$, and (3) Eq. 2-6 in the course text gives the Gaussian PDF, which has a std. dev. of σ .

3 ADC and DAC

- Complete the following exercises about the precision of ADC and DAC components:

- ADC:

- What is the ΔV (voltage per level) of an ADC with signals in the [0,2.55] V range with 255 levels, plus zero (8-bit precision)?

$$V_{range} = 2.55 - 0 = 2.55V$$

$$N = 255$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{2.55V}{255} = 0.01V = 10mV \text{ per level}$$

- What is the ΔV (voltage per level) of an ADC with signals in the [0,4.095] V range with 4095 levels, plus zero (12-bit precision)?

$$V_{range} = 4.095 - 0 = 4.095V$$

$$N = 4095$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{4.095}{4095} = 0.001V = 1mV \text{ per level}$$

- How many bits of precision, or how many voltage levels, are required for $\Delta V < 1mV$, if signals are in the [0,12] V range?

$$V_{range} = 12V$$

$$\Delta V = 0.001V$$

$$N = \frac{12}{0.001} = 12000$$

$$2^b - 1 = N$$

$$2^b \geq 12001$$

$$b \geq \log_2(12001)$$

$$b \approx 13.53$$

$$b = 14 \text{ bits}$$

- What is the digital amplitude (in counts) of a 2.52 V signal, if signals are in the [0,5] V range, and there are 2048 levels?

$$V_{range} = 5V$$

$$N = 2048$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{5V}{2048} \approx 0.00244V$$

$$Counts = \frac{2.52}{0.00244V} \approx 1033$$

1033 counts

- DAC:

- If the digital amplitude of a signal is 256 counts, and signals are in the [0,5] V range with 9.8 mV per level, what is the signal amplitude in volts?

$$Counts = 256$$

$$\Delta V = 9.8mV = 0.0098V$$

$$V_{out} = 256 * 0.0098V$$

$$= 2.5088V$$

- If the digital amplitude of a signal is 2048 counts, and signals are in the [0,5] V range with max counts 4095, what is the signal amplitude in volts?

$$Counts = 2048$$

$$V_{max} = 5V$$

$$max \text{ count} = 4095$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{5V}{4095} \approx 0.00122V$$

$$V_{out} = 2048 * 0.00122V \approx 2.5V$$

- If the digital amplitude of a signal is 128 counts, the max counts is 511, and the analog output is 0.25 V, what is the maximum voltage?

$$Counts = 128$$

$$max \text{ count} = 511$$

$$V_{out} = 0.25V$$

$$V_{max} = \frac{0.25V * 511}{128} \approx 0.998V$$

2. For the following exercises, refer to Fig. 3-4 in Ch. 3 of the course text.

- (a) If the sampling rate is 500 kHz, and the analog signal frequency is 50 kHz, what is the digital signal frequency?

$$f_s = 500 \text{ kHz} \quad 50 \text{ kHz} \leq 250 \text{ kHz} \quad \text{so} \\ \text{Nyquist frequency} = \frac{500}{2} = 250 \text{ kHz} \quad \text{Digital signal} = \text{analog} \\ \geq 50 \text{ kHz}$$

- (b) If the sampling rate is 500 kHz, and the analog signal frequency is 250 kHz, what is the digital signal frequency?

$$f_s = 500 \text{ kHz} \quad \text{digital} = f_s - \text{analog} \\ \text{Nyquist} = \frac{500}{2} = 250 \text{ kHz} \quad = 500 - 250 = 250 \text{ kHz} \\ 250 \text{ kHz} = 250 \text{ kHz} \quad \boxed{250 \text{ kHz}}$$

- (c) If the sampling rate is 500 kHz, and the analog signal frequency is 750 kHz, what is the digital signal frequency?

$$n = \left(\frac{750}{500} \right) = 1.5 = 2 \\ f_{alias} = |750 - (2 \times 500)| = |750 - 1000| = \boxed{250 \text{ kHz}}$$

- (d) If the sampling rate is 500 kHz, and the analog signal frequency is 1000 kHz, what is the digital signal frequency?

$$n = \left(\frac{1000}{500} \right) = 2 \\ f_{alias} = |1000 - (2 \times 500)| = |1000 - 1000| = \boxed{0 \text{ kHz}}$$

3. Consider Fig. 3-10 in the course text. The single-pole, low-pass RC filter is depicted in the top middle section of Fig. 3-10. (a) Suppose a signal has an amplitude of 3.3 V and a frequency of 25 MHz, while $R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$. What value of C is necessary to filter the signal to 0.33 V?

$$V_{in} = 3.3 \text{ V} \\ V_{out} = .33 \text{ V} \\ f = 25 \text{ MHz} = 25 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz} \\ R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega = 10 \times 10^3 \Omega \\ C = ?$$

$$A = \frac{.33 \text{ V}}{3.3 \text{ V}} = .1$$

$$0.1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi fRC)^2}}$$

$$0.01 = \frac{1}{1 + (2\pi fRC)^2}$$

$$0.01 (1 + (2\pi fRC)^2) = \frac{(1 + (2\pi fRC)^2)}{1 + (2\pi fRC)^2} = 1$$

$$1 + (2\pi fRC)^2 = \frac{1}{0.01} = 100$$

$$(2\pi fRC)^2 = 99$$

$$2\pi fRC = \sqrt{99}$$

then

$$C = \frac{\sqrt{99}}{2\pi fRC}$$

$$C = \frac{\sqrt{99}}{2\pi (25 \times 10^6) (10 \times 10^3)}$$

$$C = \frac{9.95}{1.57 \times 10^{12}}$$

$$C \approx 6.34 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

$$\boxed{C \approx 6.34 \text{ pF}}$$

4. Consider again Fig. 3-10. The single-pole, high-pass RC filter is similar to the depiction in the top middle section of Fig. 3-10, but with the C and R switched.

- (a) Suppose a signal has an amplitude of 3.3 V and a frequency of 10 MHz, while $R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$. What value of C is necessary to filter the signal to 0.33 V?

$$V_{in} = 3.3 \text{ V} \\ V_{out} = .33 \text{ V} \\ f = 10 \text{ MHz} = 10 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz} \\ R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega = 10 \times 10^3 \Omega \\ C = ?$$

$$A = 0.1 \\ 0.1 = \frac{2\pi fRC}{\sqrt{1 + (2\pi fRC)^2}}$$

$$0.01 = \frac{(2\pi fRC)^2}{1 + (2\pi fRC)^2}$$

$$0.01 (1 + (2\pi fRC)^2) = (2\pi fRC)^2$$

$$0.01 + 0.01 (2\pi fRC)^2 = (2\pi fRC)^2$$

$$0.01 = (1 - 0.01) (2\pi fRC)^2$$

$$0.01 = .99 (2\pi fRC)^2$$

$$\frac{0.01}{0.99} = (2\pi fRC)^2$$

$$0.0101 = (2\pi fRC)^2$$

$$2\pi fRC = \sqrt{0.0101}$$

$$C = \frac{\sqrt{0.0101}}{2\pi fRC}$$

$$C = \frac{\sqrt{0.0101}}{2\pi (10 \times 10^6) (10 \times 10^3)}$$

$$C = \frac{.1005}{6.28 \times 10^{11}}$$

$$C \approx .1005 (6.28 \times 10^{-11}) (10^{11})$$

$$C \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ F}$$

$$\boxed{C \approx 160 \text{ pF}}$$