

# ECE355: Signal Analysis and Communications

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## 0.1 Introduction and Course Information

This document offers an overview of the ECE355 course. They comprise my condensed course notes for the course. No promises are made relating to the correctness or completeness of the course notes. These notes are meant to highlight difficult concepts and explain them simply, not to comprehensively review the entire course.

Primary course topics include:

1. Signals and Systems (Chapter 2).
2. Frequency Domain Analysis (Chapters 3-5).
3. Sampling (Chapter 9).
4. Introduction to Communication Systems (Chapter 8).

### Course Information

- Professor: Ben Liang
- Course: Engineering Science, Machine Intelligence Option
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## 0.2 Useful Connections

Lots of the stuff we learn here is deeply connected to linear algebra, differential equations, and more. Here are a few connections I find useful when thinking about signal processing problems.

- Continuous time signals are an **infinite-dimensional vector space**, complete with inner products, projection, norms, etc.
- Most signal transforms (including Fourier transform) is the **projection** (in the linear algebraic sense) of a signal onto a set of basis vectors. For equality to the original signal, you need infinite basis vectors (hence why the Fourier transform is an integral operation and why the Fourier series is an infinite sum).
  - There are multiple options for basis vectors/spanning sets of vectors to project onto – see Wavelet transform, Chirplet transform, etc.
- Fourier transform is Laplace transform's little brother.
- Discrete time signals are countably infinite-dimensional vector spaces.

- The reason you need any only  $n \in \langle N \rangle$  discrete-time Fourier series components to **perfectly reconstruct** a signal with period  $N$  is because those  $N$  signals are linearly independent (and orthonormal). Since you know the period is  $N$ , you can think of them all as just  $N$ -long vectors repeated infinite times.
- Since the  $n \in \langle N \rangle$  discrete-time vectors are orthonormal, you can project an arbitrary signal onto them just by taking inner products (which is exactly the operation we do) and reconstruct it perfectly.

Signal processing is a pretty fascinating (and inescapable) field, so making these connections can be very helpful for thinking deeply about problems.

# Chapter 1

## Signal Basics

### 1.1 Definitions

**Two types of signals:** Continuous ( $f(x)$  defined  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ) and Discrete  $f(n)$  defined  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Power and Energy of a signal:**

- Power of  $x(t)$  is  $|x(t)|^2$ .
- Energy of  $x(t)$  is defined on interval  $[t_1, t_2]$  as

$$E_{[t_1, t_2]} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

$$E_{n_1 \leq n \leq n_2} = \sum_{n=n_1}^{n_2} |x[n]|^2$$

- Average power of in  $[t_1, t_2]$ :

$$P_{[t_1, t_2]} = \frac{E_{[t_1, t_2]}}{t_2 - t_1}$$

$$P_{[n_1, n_2]} = \frac{E_{n_1 \leq n \leq n_2}}{n_2 - n_1 + 1}$$

- Total Energy:

$$E_{\infty} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^2 dt$$

$$E_{\infty} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^N |x[n]|^2$$

## 1.2 Signal Transformations

**Time Shifting:** Shifts  $t_0$  units RIGHT

$$y(t) = x(t - t_0)$$

$$y[n] = x[n - n_0]$$

**Time Scaling:** Speeds original signal up by factor  $a$ ) (or slowed down by factor  $\frac{1}{a}$ ). Time reversal occurs when  $a < 0$ .

$$y(t) = x(at)$$

**Continuous Scaling AND Shifting:** It is important to remember the following steps for  $y(t) = x(at + b)$

1. **SHIFT:**  $v(t) = x(t + b)$ .
2. **SCALE:**  $y(t) = v(at)$ .

**Discrete Time Scaling AND Shifting:** Remember to IGNORE fractional indexes. Interpolation for ‘slowing down’ a signal is a poorly defined process that will be covered later.

## 1.3 Periodic Signals

**Definition:** A signal is periodic iff  $\exists T > 0$  s.t.  $x(t + T) = x(t) \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- $T$  is the period of the signal.
- **Fundamental** period is the smallest possible  $T$ .
- If  $x(t)$  is constant, then the fundamental period is undefined.

## 1.4 Even and Odd Signals

**Even:**  $x(t) = x(-t)$

**Odd:**  $x(-t) = -x(t)$

**ANY SIGNAL** can be decomposed into an even and odd component.

$$x_{\text{even}}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(x(t) + x(-t))$$

$$x_{\text{odd}}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(x(t) - x(-t))$$

$$x(t) = x_{\text{even}}(t) + x_{\text{odd}}(t)$$

## 1.5 Complex Exponential

**Function Family:**  $x(t) = ce^{at}$ ,  $c, a \in \mathbb{C}$

### 1.5.1 Complex Number Review

- $z = a + jb$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ .
- Magnitude =  $r = |z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .
- Angle (phase) =  $\theta = \arctan(\frac{b}{a})$ .
- $z = re^{j\theta} = r(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)$ .

### 1.5.2 Useful Sinusoid Shortcuts

$$\cos \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{j2}$$

### 1.5.3 Periodic Case

Letting  $c = 1$ :

$$x(t) = e^{j\omega_0 t} = \cos(\omega_0 t) + j \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

- Combination of two **real** signals.
- $|x(t)| = 1 \ \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- **PERIOD:**  $T = \frac{2\pi}{|\omega_0|}$ .



For more general  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ : We let  $c = |c|e^{j\phi}$  where  $\phi$  is the phase. Then  $x(t) = ce^{j\omega_0 t}$ , then:

$$x(t) = |c|e^{j(\omega_0 t + \phi)}$$

For fully general  $c, a \in \mathbb{C}$ :  $x(t) = ce^{at} = ce^{(r+j\omega_0)t}$  where  $a = (r + j\omega_0)$

$$x(t) = |c|e^{rt}e^{j(\omega_0 t + \phi)}$$

$$\text{Re}\{x(t)\} = |c|e^{rt} \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

Which leads to two cases ('forced harmonic' when  $r > 0$ , 'damped harmonic' when  $r < 0$ ).

### 1.5.4 Discrete Time Complex Exponential

$$x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} = \cos(\omega_0 n) + j \sin(\omega_0 n)$$

- Signal 'hops' around the unit circle in **increments of**  $\omega_0$ .
- **NOT ALWAYS PERIODIC!**  $\omega_0 \in a2\pi, a \in \mathbb{Q}$  for periodicity to hold.
- $c \in \mathbb{C}$  just changes magnitude and phase.

## 1.6 Unit Step and Impulse

### 1.6.1 Discrete Time

$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 0 & n < 0 \\ 1 & n \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq 0 \\ 1 & n = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

**Important Properties:**

- $\delta[n] = u[n] - u[n-1]$
- $u[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \delta[n-k]$
- $u[n] = \sum_{m=n}^{-\infty} \delta[m]$ , if we let  $m = n - k$
- $u[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^n \delta[m]$ , if we let  $m = n - k$

**Sampling property:**  $x[n]\delta[n-n_0] = x[n_0]\delta[n-n_0]$

### 1.6.2 Continuous Time Case

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

$$\delta(t) = \frac{d}{dt}u(t) \quad (1.4)$$

There are some more formal definitions, but this will do for now. Consider it a finite amount of energy in an infinitely small period.

#### Important Properties:

- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1 = u(\infty) - u(-\infty)$
- $u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau$
- $u(t) = \int_0^{\infty} \delta(\sigma - t) d\sigma$
- Sampling still holds:  $x(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \delta(t - t_0) dt$

## 1.7 Basic System Properties

1. **Memoryless** if  $y(t_0)$  depends ONLY on  $x(t_0) \forall t_0$ .
2. **Invertable** when you can recover input SIGNAL given output SIGNAL (not value).
3. **Causal**:
  - *Discrete Time*: If  $y[n_0]$  does not depend on *future information*.
  - *Continuous Time*: If  $y(t_0)$  does not depend on  $x(t)$  for  $t > t_0$ .
  - **Equivalently**: If two inputs are identical for  $t < t_0$ , the outputs are identical for  $t < t_0$ .
4. **Stability**: Small input does not lead to infinite output. *Definition*: System is **bounded-input-bounded-output** (BIBO) if bounded input leads to bounded output.
5. **Time Invariance**: Shifted input  $\rightarrow$  shifted output with same time shift. If  $y(t) = \sin(x(t))$ , then for input  $x(t - t_0)$ , the output is:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \sin(x(t - t_0)) \\ &= y(t - t_0) \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

6. **Linearity:** Must satisfy *additivity* and *homogeneity* (in other words: **superposition**).

$$ax_1(t) + bx_2(t) \rightarrow_S ay_1(t) + by_2(t)$$

Where  $x_1 \rightarrow y_1$ ,  $x_2 \rightarrow y_2$ .

- Linear systems commute with scaling and addition.
- Scaling then pushing through system is the same as pushing through system and scaling.
- Adding signals together then pushing through the system is the same as pushing each individual signal through the system and then adding the outputs together.

**Initial Rest Condition:** if  $x(t) = 0 \ \forall t < t_0$ , then the corresponding output  $y(t) = 0 \ \forall t < t_0$ .

# Chapter 2

## Linear Time-Invariant Systems

### 2.1 Discrete Time LTI Properties

The system's response to an impulse function  $\delta[n]$  is called  $h[n]$ . **IF WE KNOW**  $h[n]$ , we can map any input to its respective output due to *time invariance and linearity*!

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k] \quad (2.1)$$

#### 2.1.1 Convolution in Discrete Time

**Convolution of**  $x[n], h[n] \rightarrow y[n]$  is defined as:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k] \equiv x[n] * h[n] \quad (2.2)$$

Interpretations:

1. Weighted superposition of time shifted impulse responses (pretty clear).
2. Sum over dimension  $k$  of function  $x[k]h[n-k]$ .
  - $h[n-k] = h[-k+n]$  is **flipped** and shifted **right** by  $n$ .
  - Multiply  $h[n-k]$  by  $x[k]$  and **sum** the result to get  $y[n]$ .

### 2.2 Continuous Time LTI Systems

**Unit Impulse Response:**  $h(t)$  results from input  $\delta(t)$ .

### Theorem 1

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau$$
$$y(t) \equiv x(t) * h(t) \quad (2.3)$$

## 2.3 Properties of LTI Systems

### Properties of Convolution:

1. **Convolution is Commutative:**  $x(t) * h(t) = h(t) * x(t)$
2. **Convolution is Associative:**  $x(t) * [h_1(t) * h_2(t)] = [x(t) * h_1(t)] * h_2(t)$
3. **Convolution is Distributive:**  $x(t) * [h_1(t) + h_2(t)] = x(t) * h_1(t) + x(t) * h_2(t)$

**Identity System:** If the unit impulse response is  $\delta(t)$ , then the system is the **identity system** – it will produce the same output as the input.

**Time shift note:** Shifting the input AND the step response yields double that shift. One must only shift one to shift the output correspondingly (time invariance property).

### Properties of LTI:

1. **Memory:** LTI is *memoryless* iff  $h(t) = K\delta(t)$  ( $K \in \mathbb{R}$ ), leading to  $y(t) = Kx(t)$  being the **only memoryless LTI** family.
2. **Invertibility:** If an LTI is invertible, *its inverse is also an LTI*.
3. **Causality:** LTI is causal iff  $h(t) = 0 \ \forall t < 0$ . *Note that ‘causality’ is interchangeable for ‘initial rest condition’.*
4. **Stability:** Conditions for LTI stability are as follows (tl;dr: bounded unit impulse response is the necessary and sufficient condition).
  - *Absolutely Integrable:*  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h(\tau)|d\tau < \infty$
  - *Absolutely Summable:*  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |h[n]| < \infty$

## 2.4 Linear Constant-Coefficient Differential (Difference) Equations: LCCDE's

**General Form for Continuous Time:**

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k}{dt^k} y(t) = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k}{dt^k} x(t) \quad (2.4)$$

- Always assume *initial rest* condition.
- LCCDE's are a subset of *causal LTI systems*.
- LCCDE's provide a *close approximation* of most LTI systems. *This is because the "transfer function" is a rational function that can easily approximate most functions.*

**Standard Solution:** We would normally use **method of undetermined coefficients** – this is a relatively unsophisticated method, but it's important to keep in mind.

1. We are given some  $x(t)$  and are asked to solve for  $y(t)$  given an LCCDE relationship (e.g.  $A \frac{d}{dt} y(t) + B y(t) = x(t)$ ).
2. Assume a solution  $y(t) = y_h(t) + y_p(t)$  where
  - $y_h$  is the solution for the case of  $x(t) = 0 \forall t$ . This is the *natural response* or the *unforced response*.
  - $y_p$  is the solution for the given  $x(t)$ .
3. We guess  $y_h(t)$  is of the form  $Ae^{st}$ . We can substitute into the homogeneous equation to solve a relationship between  $A$ ,  $s$  and initial conditions.
4. For  $y_p(t)$  we guess again (usually the same form as  $x(t)$ ). We substitute in and solve for coefficients.
5. Finally, we solve for remaining unknown coefficients given some initial conditions.

**Better tools for solving LTI/LCCDES's:** Solve them in the frequency domain using the Fourier transform and Laplace transform!

**How to solve LTI via Transfer Function Laplace Transform Example:**  $\frac{d}{dt}y(t) + 4y(t) = x(t)$ .

1. Assume there exists some  $H(s)$  (eigenvalue of the eigenfunction family  $e^{st}$ ).
2. Therefore,  $H(s)[\frac{d}{dt}e^{st} = 4e^{st}] = e^{st}$
3. We can now solve for  $H(s) = \frac{1}{s+4}$
4. If we can write the input  $x(t)$  as the sum of complex exponentials, we can solve for  $y(t)$ !
5. For the case  $x(t) = \cos(\pi t) = 0.5e^{j\pi t} + 0.5e^{-j\pi t}$ , the corresponding output would be:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(j\pi) + 4} e^{(j\pi)t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{-j\pi + 4} e^{-j\pi t} \quad (2.5)$$

## 2.5 Discrete Case for LCCDE's

*Stands for Linear Constant Coefficient Difference Equations:*

**General form for discrete LCCDE:**

$$\hat{a}_0 y[n] + \sum_{k=1}^N \hat{a}_k (y[n] - y[n-k]) = \hat{b}_0 x[n] + \sum_{k=1}^M \hat{b}_k (x[n] - x[n-k]) \sum_{k=0}^N a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k] \quad (2.6)$$

**Solution Options:**

1. We could solve in a manner similar to the CT case:

$$y[n] = y_h[n] + y_p[n] \quad (2.7)$$

2. That said, there is a **more efficient** method that takes advantage of the discrete nature of this problem. By rearranging, we get:

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{a_0} \left[ \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k] - \sum_{k=1}^N a_k y[n-k] \right] \quad (2.8)$$

## Chapter 3

# Fourier Representations of Periodic Signals

### 3.1 LTI Response to Complex Exponentials

It turns out that the guess of  $y_p(t) = Ae^{st}$  is **always** a good guess for LTI systems. In fact, it is **SCALED** every time! Given a system with an impulse response  $h(t)$  that is fed an input of  $e^{st}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{s(t-\tau)} d\tau \\ &= e^{st} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau \\ &= e^{st} H(s) \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Where  $H(s) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) e^{-s\tau} d\tau$  is the **Laplace Transform** of  $h$  (a.k.a. the **transfer function**).

**Theorem 2** If  $x(t) = e^{st}$  and  $H(s)$  exists:

$$y(t) = H(s)e^{st} \tag{3.2}$$

*In essence, the response of the LTI is a scaled version of the same complex exponential by factor  $H(s)$  defined above.*



### 3.1.1 Discrete Time Case

Let  $e^{sn} \equiv z^n$ .  $z^n \rightarrow h[n] \rightarrow y[n]$ . We define

$$H(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]z^{-k} \quad (3.3)$$

As the  $z$ -transform.

**Theorem 3**  $y[n] = H[z]z^n$ .

- $z^n$  is therefore an **eigenfunction** of any LTI.
- $H[z]$  is the corresponding **eigenvalue** of that eigenfunction.

**Cautionary Notes:**

- $(e^x)^z$  does not hold in general for  $x, y, \in \mathbb{C}$ .
- $(e^x)^n$  DOES hold for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## 3.2 Continuous Time Fourier Series

**Guiding Fact:** Almost all periodic signals are approximated by a sum of weighted **harmonically related** complex exponentials.

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t} \quad (3.4)$$

**Note on utilizing frequency response with Fourier series signal representation:** If  $x(t) = \sum_k a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$ :

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k H(jk\omega_0) e^{jk\omega_0 t} \quad (3.5)$$

**Finding Laplace Transform for LTI:** If given the system in implicit form: **input the eigenfunction**  $x(t) = e^{st}$

**Result of Passing Signal through LTI:**

1. Frequency-dependent **amplification**
2. Frequency-dependent **phase shift**

### 3.2.1 Calculating CT Fourier Series

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt \quad (3.6)$$

Where  $\int_T$  is integration over any period of length  $T$ .

### 3.2.2 Convergence of Fourier Series

Which periodic signals have Fourier series representations?

**Theorem 4** *We define the finite fourier series*

$$x_n(t) = \sum_{k=-N}^N a_k e^{j\omega_0 kt} \quad (3.7)$$

where the error is  $e_N(t) = x(t) - x_N(t)$ ,  $E_N \int_T |e_N(t)|^2 dt$ .

**If**  $x(t)$  has finite energy in one period, then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E_N = 0 \quad (3.8)$$

If  $x(t)$  satisfies **Dirchlet conditions** (nearly all signals), then  $x(t) = FS(x(t))$  except at **isolated points**.

**Gibbs Phenomena:** Small oscillations about discontinuities in a signal (e.g. approximations of a square wave).

## 3.3 Properties of Continuous Time Fourier Series

**Setup:** Let  $x(t)$  be periodic with fundamental period  $T \rightarrow \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  that has Fourier series coefficients  $a_k$ .

**Properties:**

1. **Linearity:**

$$Ax(t) + By(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Aa_k + Bb_k \quad (3.9)$$

2. **Time Shift:**

$$x(t - t_0) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} e^{-jk\omega_0 t_0} a_k \quad (3.10)$$

3. **Time Scaling:** For  $\alpha > 0$ :

$$x(\alpha t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} a_k \quad (3.11)$$

Where  $a_k$  now has fundamental period  $\alpha\omega_0$

4. **Time Reversal:**

$$x(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} a_{-k} \quad (3.12)$$

Therefore even functions have  $a_k = a_{-k}$  and odd functions have  $-a_k = a_{-k}$ .

5. **Conjugation:**

$$x^*(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} a_{-k}^* \quad (3.13)$$

- Special case:  $x(t)$  is a real signal so  $x^*(t) = x(t)$ . Then we have  $a_k = a_{-k}^*$
- Known as “conjugate symmetric” or “Hermitian”.
- If you know  $x(t)$  is real, then:

$$x(t) = a_0 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2A_k \cos(k\omega_0 t + \theta)$$

Where  $a_k = A_k e^{j\theta_k}$ .

6. **multiplication:** Multiplication in one domain corresponds to convolution in the other!

$$x(t)y(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} c_k = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} a_l b_{k-l} \quad (3.14)$$

7. **Parseval's Transform:** The average power of  $x(t)$  is given by:

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_T |x(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 \quad (3.15)$$

*Other properties can be found in table 3.1*

## 3.4 Continuous Time Fourier Transform

*Recap:* Fourier series can approximate nearly all periodic signals. we now introduce the Fourier Transform, a system to approximate aperiodic signals!

**Theorem 5** *We define the Fourier Transform as follows:*

$$X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad (3.16)$$

*And its inverse operation as:*

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(j\omega)e^{j\omega t} d\omega \quad (3.17)$$

### Important Notes on the Fourier Transform Properties:

- $\text{sinc}(x) \equiv \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x}$
- Wider signal in time domain leads to narrower signal in frequency domain.
- $x(t) = \delta(t) \rightarrow X(j\omega) = 1$
- $X(j\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega) \rightarrow x(t) = 1$
- $x(t) = u(t) \rightarrow X(j\omega) = \delta(\omega)\pi + \frac{1}{j\omega}$

### 3.4.1 Periodic Signal Fourier Transform

**Key struggle:** Periodic signals have infinite energy and therefore do not converge in the Fourier transform integral.

**Theorem 6** *For an arbitrary periodic  $x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$ :*

$$X(j\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta(\omega - k\omega_0) \quad (3.18)$$

*In other words, a periodic signal is simply a collection of delta functions in the frequency domain.*

Steps to find the Fourier Transform of periodic signal:

1. Find Fourier Series version of  $x(t)$ .
2. Use  $a_k$  in the above formula  $X(j\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta(\omega - k\omega_0)$ .

### 3.4.2 Properties of Continuous Time Fourier Transform

1. **Linearity:**

$$ax(t) + by(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} aX(j\omega) + bY(j\omega) \quad (3.19)$$

2. **Time Shift:**

$$x(t - t_0) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} e^{-j\omega t_0} X(j\omega) \quad (3.20)$$

3. **Time + Frequency Scaling:**

$$x(at) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{j\omega}{a}\right) \quad (3.21)$$

4. **Conjugation:**

$$x^*(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X^*(-j\omega) \quad (3.22)$$

5. **Differentiation and Integration:**

$$x'(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} j\omega X(j\omega) \quad (3.23)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{j\omega} X(j\omega) \quad (3.24)$$

6. **Duality:** If  $x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j\omega) = g(\omega)$  then  $g(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} 2\pi x(-\omega)$ .

7. **Frequency Shifting:**

$$e^{j\omega_0 t} x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j(\omega - \omega_0)) \quad (3.25)$$

8. **Differentiation in Frequency Domain:**

$$-jtx(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{d}{d\omega} X(j\omega) \quad (3.26)$$

9. **Integration in Frequency Domain:**

$$\frac{-1}{j\omega} x(t) + \pi x(0)\delta(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} X(j\eta) d\eta \quad (3.27)$$

10. **Parseval's Relation:**

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (3.28)$$

### 3.4.3 Special Properties: Multiplication and Convolution

Convolution and multiplication are the two most important properties to deeply understand about Fourier Transform. They let you use  $\mathcal{F}(h(t)) = H(s)$  as you might use the laplace transform of  $H$ , but this time, you get more information about the **steady-state** harmonic response.

**Convolution:**

$$x(t) * h(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(jw)H(jw) \quad (3.29)$$

- **Eigen function:**  $e^{st} \rightarrow$  any LTI with  $h(t) \rightarrow H(s)e^{st}$ 
  - Since we can break down any signal into the weighted sums of  $e^{st}$  terms with  $s = j\omega$ , we can determine frequency response for any function by multiplying to  $H(s)$  in the frequency domain.
- **Key point:** System with impulse response  $h(t)$  and input  $x(t)$  has output  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(H(jw)X(jw)) = \mathcal{F}(Y(jw)) = y(t)$ .
- An idealized low-pass filter is therefore a “box” in the frequency domain and a *sinc* function in the time domain.

**Multiplication:**

$$x_1(t)x_2(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{2\pi}(X_1 * X_2)(jw) \quad (3.30)$$

## 3.5 Solving LCCDE's with Fourier Transform

*This was high-key on the midterm before it was taught, so I put it in section 2.4 as well.*

**Recall:** LCCDE's relate some output  $y(t)$  to an input  $x(t)$  in the following form:

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k \frac{d^k}{dt^k} y(t) = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k \frac{d^k}{dt^k} x(t) \quad (3.31)$$

### Frequency Response for an LCCDE:

$$H(s) = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k s^k}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k s^k} \quad (3.32)$$

Since it's a rational function, you can approximate any  $H(s)$  well. To get the **impulse response**  $h(t)$ , just compute  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(H(s))$ .

You should probably use partial fractions to do that, it makes life a lot easier.

## 3.6 Discrete Time Fourier Series

- $x[n]$  has period  $N \rightarrow w_0 = \frac{2\pi}{N}$
- $e^{jk\omega_0 n}$  is **harmonically related** for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 7** *Discrete Time Fourier Series:*

**Synthesis Equation:**

$$x[n] = \sum_{k \in \langle N \rangle} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 n} \quad (3.33)$$

**Analysis Equation:**

$$a_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in \langle N \rangle} x[n] e^{-jk\omega_0 n} \quad (3.34)$$

- $n \in \langle N \rangle$  just means  $n$  in any **contiguous set** of  $N$  integers.
- **DTFS always converges!** It's basically projecting the vector of size  $N$  (that repeats, but whatever) onto  $N$  linearly independent basis vectors  $e^{jk\omega_0 n}$ . The linear algebra checks out (this is an extension of course content).
- $a_k$  is **periodic** with period  $N$  (it therefore makes little difference to represent  $k$  for all integers).

## 3.7 Discrete Time Fourier Transform

*Intuition:* Like for the continuous time case, we take the limit as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 8** *Discrete Time Fourier Series*

**Synthesis Equation:**

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{2\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega \quad (3.35)$$

**Transform/Analysis Equation:**

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} \quad (3.36)$$

**Notes on DTFT:**

- Note that  $e^{j\omega}$  is only allowable as the argument for  $X$  because  $e^{j\omega n} = (e^{j\omega})^n$ .
- $X(e^{j\omega})$  is periodic with  $T = 2\pi$ .
- Convergence does have some conditions, but they can be assumed for all problems in this class.
- Values at  $0, 2\pi$  correspond to **lower frequencies** while values at  $\pi$  correspond to the highest possible frequency in discrete time.

**Theorem 9 DTFT For Periodic Signals** For any periodic signal  $x[n]$

$$x[n] = \sum_{k \in \langle N \rangle} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 n} \quad (3.37)$$

Where  $\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{N}$ , we have DTFT

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta(\omega - k\omega_0) \quad (3.38)$$

### 3.7.1 Properties of Discrete Time Fourier Transform

1. Periodic on  $2\pi$ :

$$X(e^{j(\omega+2\pi)}) = X(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.39)$$

2. Linearity:

$$a_1 x_1[n] + a_2 x_2[n] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} a_1 X_1(e^{j\omega}) + a_2 X_2(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.40)$$



3. Time and Frequency Shift:

$$x[n - n_0] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} e^{-j\omega n_0} X(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.41)$$

$$e^{j\omega_0 n} x[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(e^{j(\omega - \omega_0)}) \quad (3.42)$$

4. Conjugation:

$$x^*[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X^*(e^{-j\omega}) \quad (3.43)$$

- $x[n] \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X(e^{j\omega}) = X^*(e^{j\omega})$  (“Conjugate Symmetry”).
- $\text{Even}(x[n]) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \Re\{X(e^{j\omega})\}$
- $\text{Odd}(x[n]) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} j\Im\{X(e^{j\omega})\}$

5. Differencing and Accumulation

- Difference:

$$x[n] - x[n - 1] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} (1 - e^{-j\omega}) X(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.44)$$

$$x[n] - x[n - k] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} (1 - e^{-j\omega k}) X(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.45)$$

- Accumulation:

$$\sum_{m=-\infty}^n x[m] = x[n] * u[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(e^{j\omega}) U(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.46)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - e^{-j\omega}} X(e^{j\omega}) + \pi X(e^{j\theta}) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - 2\pi k) \quad (3.47)$$

6. Time Reversal:

$$x[-n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(e^{-j\omega}) \quad (3.48)$$

7. Time Scaling:  $x[an]$  is not defined for all  $a \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

- Time Contraction:  $|a| > 1, a \in \mathbb{Z}$  has **no general formula**.
- Time Expansion:

$$x_{(k)}[n] \equiv \begin{cases} x[n/k], & \text{if } n \text{ is a multiple of } k \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (3.49)$$

$$X_{(k)}(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{jk\omega}) \quad (3.50)$$

8. Differentiating in Frequency:

$$-jnx[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{d}{d\omega} X(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.51)$$

9. Parseval's Relation:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X(e^{j\omega})|^2 d\omega \quad (3.52)$$

10. Convolution in Time:

$$x[n] * h[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(e^{j\omega}) H(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.53)$$

11. Multiplication in Time:

$$x_1[n] x_2[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} (X_1 *_p X_2)(e^{j\omega}) \quad (3.54)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X_1(e^{j\theta}) X_2(e^{j(\omega-\theta)}) d\theta \quad (3.55)$$

12. Duality – From CTFT to DTFT

$$x[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(e^{j\omega}) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{FS}} x[-n] \quad (3.56)$$

## 3.8 LCCDE in Discrete Time

**Form of LCCDE:**

$$\sum_{k=0}^N a_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^M b_k x[n-k] \quad (3.57)$$

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{Y(e^{j\omega})}{X(e^{j\omega})} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^M b_k e^{-j\omega k}}{\sum_{k=0}^N a_k e^{-j\omega k}} \quad (3.58)$$

Then simply use the resulting rational function  $\rightarrow$  partial fraction  $\rightarrow$  inverse DTFT.

# Chapter 4

## Reconstruction from Samples

### 4.1 Continuous Time Sampling

**Recall: Impulse Train Sampling** – We multiply  $x(t)$  with  $p(t)$  (the “picket fence” function  $p(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)$ ) to get  $x_p(t)$  – the sampled version of  $x(t)$ . It looks like a bunch of delta functions that match the “value” of  $x(t)$  at each instance  $t = nT$  where one exists.

**Guiding Question:** How do we **interpolate** between discrete points recorded for a continuous waveform?

**Answer:** Use an **ideal low-pass filter**. Make sure you visually understand the following things first.

- $x_p$  is  $X(j\omega) * P(j\omega)$ , which corresponds to a **bunch of copies of**  $X(e^{j\omega})$  spaced  $w_s = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  apart.
- To prevent **overlap in the frequency domain (aliasing)**, the **band limit** of the signal must be  $w_c \leq w_s/2$  (draw it out to visualize it). This is the Nyquist rate.
- We can recover  $X(j\omega)$  by low-pass filtering  $x_p(t)$  under  $w_c \leq w_s/2 = \pi/T$ .

And honestly, that’s the central idea of the communications theory we learn in this course! For the theoretically perfect case, just convolve the sampled  $x_p(t)$  with an idealized low-pass filter *sinc* function:

$$x_r(t) = x_p(t) * h(t) \quad (4.1)$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) \delta(t - nT) * h(t) \quad (4.2)$$

$$x_r(t) = x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) h(t - nT) \quad (4.3)$$

Which is pretty wild. Literally it just boils down to multiplying a bunch of *sinc* functions **by the value of**  $x_p(t)$  at each sampled point. The only problem is that it is not **causal** and is therefore not practical in real time to perform idealized low-pass filtering.

**Signal Reconstruction – Key Facts and Equations:** In summary,

- Input signal is band limited by  $\omega_m$ .
- Sampling occurs with period  $T$  and frequency  $\omega_s$  using function  $p(t)$ , a bunch of delta functions spaced  $T$  distance apart in time.
- **Nyquist Rate:**  $\omega_s \geq 2\omega_m$ .
- To reconstruct  $x(t)$ , we **low-pass filter**  $x_p(t)$  with an ideal low-pass filter with bounds  $\omega_c$  which must be between  $\omega_m$  and  $\omega_s/2$ . By default, we use  $\omega_c = \frac{\omega_s}{2} = \frac{\pi}{T}$ .

#### 4.1.1 Practical Interpolation Strategies

Since an ideal low pass filter is, well, *ideal*, we have a few methods to approximate the original signal in real time.

**Zero-Order Hold:** Literally just keep the reconstruction constant as new samples are received.

$$x_r(t) = x(kT) \text{ for } kT \leq t \leq (k+1)T \quad (4.4)$$

- Frequency response:  $x_r(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) h_0(t - nT)$ , where  $h_0(t)$  is

$$h_0(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \in [0, T] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4.5)$$

$$H_0(j\omega) = e^{-j\omega \frac{T}{2}} \left( \frac{2 \sin(\omega \frac{T}{2})}{\omega} \right) \quad (4.6)$$

$$(4.7)$$

- **Limits on Error:** You get a bit of high-frequency distortion from the left and right lobes of the  $X_p$  signal.

**First-Order Hold:** Simply applying linear interpolation ( $x_r(t)$  is weighted average of two closest samples).

$$x_r(t) = \frac{(k+1)T - t}{T}x(kT) + \frac{t - kT}{T}x((k+1)T) \quad \forall kT \leq t \leq (k+1)T \quad (4.8)$$

- Frequency response:  $x_r(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT)h_1(t - nT)$  where

$$h_1(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{T} + 1 & \text{for } t \in [-T, 0] \\ \frac{-t}{T} + 1 & \text{for } t \in [0, T] \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases} \quad (4.9)$$

$$H_1(j\omega) = \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{2 \sin(\omega \frac{T}{2})}{\omega} \right)^2 \quad (4.10)$$

- Limits on Error: Reduces the error seen in the 0-order hold approximation, as one would expect from increasing... the order... of the approximation.

### 4.1.2 Under Sampling and Aliasing

**Under Sampling:** When the sampling rate results in overlapping ‘lobes’ for  $X_p(j\omega)$ . That is, when  $\omega_s < 2\omega_m$ .

- High frequency energy is added from the tails of the left and right ‘lobes’.
- It is visible in the time domain that information is being lost.
- Due to overlap, you can get **much lower frequencies** in the reconstructed signals, due to overlap of lobes in time domain.
- Same phenomena as the wagon wheel effect.

## 4.2 Discrete Time Sampling

**Core Idea:**

- Given some discrete time signal  $x[n]$ , we **sample** it by taking the  $k$ th samples.

- To reconstruct the original signal, we use similar principles to before: Low-pass filter the signal in the frequency domain.
- Like in Continuous Time, we have a Nyquist rate and a similar “picture” in the frequency domain.
- **Difference to Deeply Understand:** How do frequency domain representations differ for DT?

**Sampling:** Our sampling function is the same as before, just with **unit impulse functions**.

$$p[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n - kN] \quad (4.11)$$

$$P(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - k\omega_w) \quad (4.12)$$

$$(4.13)$$

Where  $\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{N}$ .  $N$  takes the place of sampling period  $T$  from the continuous time case. **Recall:**  $P(e^{j\omega})$  is periodic in  $\omega$  with period  $2\pi$ .

We can determine the **frequency domain representation** of our sampled  $x_p[n] = x[n]p[n]$  by convolving their DTFT counterparts:

$$X_p(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{2\pi} X(e^{j(\omega-\theta)}) P(e^{j\omega}) d\theta \quad (4.14)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j(\omega-k\omega_s)}) \quad (4.15)$$

**End Result:** Try to visualize the above equation. It’s just a bunch of translated copies of  $X(e^{j\omega})$ , spaces  $\omega_s$  apart. But remember that DTFT is **periodic with period  $2\pi$** ! So you have ‘genuine’ copies of  $X(e^{j\omega})$  at intervals of  $2\pi$ , too.

**Information Loss Conditions:** Like before, we only lose information if there is overlap between the aforementioned copies of  $X(e^{j\omega})$ . That is, **we lose information if  $\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{N} < \omega_m$**  (where  $\omega_m$  is the band limit of the original signal  $x[n]$ ).

**Signal Reconstruction via Ideal Low-Pass Filter:** Our low pass filter is defined similarly to before.

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} N & , \text{ for } |\omega| < \omega_c \\ 0 & , \text{ else. Periodic on } 2\pi. \end{cases} \quad h[n] = N \frac{\omega_c}{\pi} \frac{\sin(\omega_c n)}{\omega_c n} \quad (4.16)$$

$$(4.17)$$

We reconstruct  $x[n]$  to form  $x_r[n]$  by convolving the sampled version with the low-pass filter  $h[n]$  in the time domain (or multiplying in the frequency domain):

$$x_r[n] = x_p[n] * h[n] \quad (4.18)$$

$$x_r[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_p[kN] \cdot N \frac{\omega_c}{\pi} \frac{\sin(\omega_c(n - kN))}{\omega_c(n - kN)} \quad (4.19)$$

$$(4.20)$$

And that's pretty much it for discrete time sampling and reconstruction (at its core).

### 4.3 Downsampling (a.k.a. “Decimation”)

**Theorem 10 Decimation Definition:** We define decimation (or “down-sampling”) as follows: The downsampled version of  $x[n]$  with downsampling period  $N$  is  $x_b[n]$ , given by

$$x_b[n] = x[nN] \quad (4.21)$$

$$(4.22)$$

**Frequency Domain Representation of Decimated Signal:** We begin by observing that  $x_b[n] = x[nN] = x_p[nN]$  if  $x_p$  is sampled with period  $n$ . Therefore,

$$X_b(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_b[k] e^{(-j\omega k)} \quad (4.23)$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_p[n] e^{(-j\omega n/N)} \quad (4.24)$$

$$X_b(e^{j\omega}) = X_p(e^{j\frac{\omega}{N}}) \quad (4.25)$$

Therefore the frequency domain representation for  $x_b[n]$  is the **exact same** as that of  $x_p[n]$  but **stretched by factor  $N$** .

### 4.3.1 Upsampling and Resampling

**Upsampling** is the inverse of downsampling. In our context, it means transforming  $x_b[n] \rightarrow x[n]$ .

1. Add  $N - 1$  zeros between samples of  $x_b[n]$  to create  $x_p[n]$ .
2. Perform same low-pass filtering from conventional discrete-time sampling to create the interpolated version and recover  $x[n]$ .
  - Note that the same limitations on reconstruction hold as for the case of  $x_p[n] \rightarrow x[n]$ .

**Resampling** is how we “speed up” or “slow down” a discrete-time signal by a **fractional value**. For rational re-sampling rate  $r = \frac{a}{b} | a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :

1. Up-sample by factor  $a$ .
2. Down-sample by factor  $b$ .



# Chapter 5

## Communications Systems

### 5.1 Basic Components and Facts

**Problem with Regular Sampling:** To transmit human voices directly as electromagnetic waves, you would need a giant antenna.

**General Solution:** We “shift up” the frequency representation of the original voice signal, send it, then shift it backdown, and play it.

1.  $x(t)$ : “**Base band**”, our original signal to transmit (generally low frequency relative to other parts). Also known as the “**modulated signal**”.
2.  $\omega_c$ : **Carrier frequency**, the frequency about which the transmitted signal is centered.
3.  $y(t)$ : “**Pass-band**” or “**modulated**” signal. This is what we send through the air (or channel) to be received, demodulated, and played back as  $x(t)$ .

### 5.2 Amplitude Modulation

$$y(t) = x(t)c(t) \tag{5.1}$$

Where  $c(t)$  is the carrier signal.

#### 5.2.1 Form 1: Complex Exponential Carrier

$$c(t) = e^{j(\omega_c t + \theta_c)} \tag{5.2}$$

For now, we assume  $\theta_c = 0$ .

$$y(t) = e^{j(\omega_c t)} x(t) \quad (5.3)$$

$$Y(j\omega) = X(j(\omega - \omega_c)) \quad (5.4)$$

So  $Y(j\omega)$  is literally just  $X(j\omega)$  shifted up to center on  $\omega_c$ .

**Demodulation:** Just shift back with another complex exponential.

$$x(t) = y(t)e^{-j\omega_c t} \quad (5.5)$$

**PROBLEM:** It's a pain to send real AND imaginary components (remember imaginary stuff is a convenient fabrication, so we would need to literally have two signals broadcasted and received independently). To solve this problem, we use different systems.

### 5.2.2 Form 2: Sinusoidal Carrier

$$c(t) = \cos(\omega_c t + \theta_c) \quad (5.6)$$

Again, we assume that  $\theta_c = 0$  for convenience. The fourier series representation of  $c(t)$  is just two delta functions at  $\pm\omega_c$ , so convolving that with  $X(j\omega)$  yields two copies of  $X(j\omega)$  centered at  $\pm\omega_c$ .

$$C(j\omega) = \pi[\delta(\omega - \omega_c) + \delta(\omega + \omega_c)] \quad (5.7)$$

$$Y(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi}[X(j(\omega - \omega_c)) + X(j(\omega + \omega_c))] \quad (5.8)$$

**Reconstructing:** Conveniently, re-convolving  $Y(j\omega)$  with the same two delta functions in  $C(j\omega)$  yields one larger “lobe” (copy of  $X(j\omega)$ ) centered at 0 and two smaller ones centered at  $\pm 2\omega_c$ . We can then **low-pass filter** to extract the central lobe and get  $X(j\omega)$ .

**Time Domain Representation:** We can also see this process algebraically in the time domain.

$$y(t) = x(t) \cos(\omega_c t) \quad (5.9)$$

$$w(t) = y(t) \cos(\omega_c t) \quad (5.10)$$

$$= x(t) \cos^2(\omega_c t) \quad (5.11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x(t) + \frac{1}{2}x(t) \cos(2\omega_c t) \quad (5.12)$$

And we filter out the second term in the final expression with the low-pass filter.

## 5.3 Non-Ideal Demodulation

### 5.3.1 Problems with Synthronous Demodulation

*Previously:* We assumed that  $\omega_c, \theta_c$  were shared perfectly between transmitter and receiver. This isn't true in practice and is known as **synchronous demodulation**.

- Non-zero  $\theta_c$  is incorporated fairly easily into equations from before for modulation/demodulation.

**Phase Mis-Synchronization:** If the receiver thinks the phase of  $\phi_c \neq \theta_c$ , you can do a bunch of algebra to figure out that

$$x_{out}(t) = x_{in}(t) \cos(\theta_c - \phi_c) \quad (5.13)$$

While you could just amplify the reconstruction for when  $\phi_c \neq \theta_c$ , you might run into  $\phi_c - \theta_c = \pi/2 + k\pi$ , leading to  $\cos(\theta_c + \phi_c)$  being zero. Pretty bad situation overall.

**Carrier Frequency Mis-Synchronization:** If the modulator has carrier frequency  $\omega_c$  but the demodulator has frequency  $\omega_d$ , then

$$x_{out} = x_{in}(t) \cos((\omega_c - \omega_d)t) \quad (5.14)$$

Leading to an oscillating envelope on the gain of the signal. Pretty bad for the *audiophile experience*.

**Solution:** Don't use synchronous modulation lmao

### 5.3.2 Asynchronous Modulation

**Envelope Detector:** A relatively simple circuit that performs "half wave rectification" on an incoming modulated signal with high frequency carrier and low frequency base band. The circuit follows the wave on the positive derivative portion and then has a slow exponential discharge on the downward portion.

- When  $\omega_c \gg \omega_m$ ,  $x_{reconstructed}(t) \approx x(t)$ .

- Usually is sent through a low-pass filter to get rid of noise afterward.
- **Non-linearity** is introduced by the diode  $\rightarrow$  harder to analyze.
  - $X_{reconstructed}(j\omega)$  is harder to find.
- **Assumes**  $x(t) \geq 0$ . If this is not true by default, we add **offset**  $x(t) := x(t) + a, a \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - Results in a delta function of amplitude  $\pi a$  at  $\pm\omega_c$  in the frequency domain representation of

$$y(t) = (x(t) + a) \cos(\omega_c t) \quad (5.15)$$

- **Transmitted carrier mode:**  $x(t)$  has offset and therefore has aforementioned delta function spikes. **This enables envelope detection.** Corresponds to signal being greater than 0.
- **Suppressed carrier mode:** no offset on  $x(t) \rightarrow$  no delta function spikes in frequency domain.
- Transmitting the carrier takes **more energy**.
- Tradeoff: More energy/work on the transmitter side OR more energy/work on receiver side.

## 5.4 Frequency Division Multiplexing

**Goal:** Simultaneously transmit multiple signals through one channel (“wide-band” channel).

**Solution:** Given

$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix}; \quad \vec{c}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\omega_1 t) \\ \cos(\omega_2 t) \\ \vdots \\ \cos(\omega_n t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.16)$$

We let

$$w(t) = \vec{x}(t)^T \vec{c}(t) \quad (5.17)$$

Supposing that all  $x_i(t) \in \vec{x}(t)$  are band limited by  $\pm\omega_m$  and  $\omega_i - \omega_j > 2\omega_m$ , we would have  $2n$  separated “lobes” representing each signal in the frequency domain that can be band-pass filtered and demodulated to reconstruct the original! This is basically how AM radio works. How bout that.

## 5.5 Single-Sideband Sinusoidal AM

*Recall:* In our AM-modulated signals, we have two “lobes” in  $Y(j\omega)$  centered at  $\pm\omega_c$ . In other words, we are sending **one redundant copy of the signal!**

**Leveraging Extra Information:** We use a **low-pass filter** with cut-off  $\omega_c$  (i.e. the frequency at which the two lobes are centered) BEFORE TRANSMISSION.

- When the convolution is done on the receiving side, we still end up with a **complete central lobe**, it’s just not two times the size of the left and right lobes.
- No information is lost!
- We can utilize less bandwidth per signal and encode **more information in frequency-division multiplexing!**

## 5.6 AM Pulse-Train Carrier

**Key Idea:** We aren’t stuck with using sinusoidal carriers. It’s a pain to create sinusoidal signals – much easier to create a **pulse train**.

$$c_T(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ for } |t - kT| \leq \Delta, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & , \text{ elsewhere.} \end{cases} \quad (5.18)$$

**Frequency Domain Representation for  $c(t)$ :** Since  $c$  is periodic, we calculate its Fourier series where  $\omega_c = 2\pi/T$ :

$$C(j\omega) = 2\pi \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k \delta(\omega - k\omega_c) \quad (5.19)$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_T c(t) e^{-jk\omega_c t} dt \quad (5.20)$$

$$a_k = \frac{\sin(k\omega_c \frac{\Delta}{2})}{k\pi} \quad (5.21)$$

$$(5.22)$$

Once convolved with  $X(j\omega)$ , we end up with a bunch of *sinc*-scaled copies of  $X(j\omega)$  at multiples of  $\omega_c$ .

To demodulate the signal, we apply the same techniques as before to capture the  $\pm\omega_c$  signals. The main benefit of the method is the **low complexity for encoding** a signal.

- $\Delta$  only relates to the amplitude of the final signal – it doesn't affect things otherwise.
- $\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0^+}$  is just sampling.
- **Time division multiplexing:** With pulse-train carriers, there's some empty space between pulses you can fill with other signals if you're clever .

## 5.7 Angle Modulation

Tbh this part was kind of half-assed. Here are some of the key points.

**Angle Modulation:** Instead of  $y(t) = c(t)x(t)$ , put  $x(t)$  INSIDE  $c(t)$

$$y(t) = A_c \cos(\theta(t)) \quad (5.23)$$

Where  $\theta(t)$  is a function of  $x(t)$ . The angle argument of the cosine is modulated by  $x(t)$ .

**Phase Modulation:**

$$\theta(t) = \omega_c t + k_p x(t) \quad (5.24)$$

**Frequency Modulation:**

$$\theta(t) = \omega_c t + k_f \int_0^t x(\tau) d\tau \quad (5.25)$$

**Connection:**

- In frequency modulation, we use an integral because the instantaneous frequency is given by  $\frac{d\theta}{dt}$ . Solving for the derivative, we get that frequency is  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega_c + k_f x(t)$ , which is exactly what frequency modulation sounds like in the first place.
- Instantaneous frequency in phase modulation is  $\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega_c + k_p \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$ .

**Benefits and Detriments:**

- Transmission power is constant (i.e. not a function of the signal being communicated) – makes it more reliable and higher quality (this is why all my homies listen to FM radio).
- Non-linear modulation process makes it kind of hard to analyze, though.