

## List of acronyms

**A/D** Analogue to Digital Convertor  
**AR** Auto-Regressive  
**ARMA** Auto-Regressive Moving Average  
**ARIMA** Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average  
**CD** Compact Disc  
**CFT** Continuous Fourier Transform  
**CGI** Computer Generated Imagery  
**CWT** Continuous Wavelet Transform  
**DAC** Digital to Analogue Convertor  
**DCT** Discrete Cosine Transform  
**DFT** Discrete Fourier Transform  
**DWF** Discrete Wavelet Filters  
**DWT** Discrete Wavelet Transform  
**EWMA** Exponentially Weighted Moving Average  
**FFT** Fast Fourier Transform  
**FIR** Finite Impulse Response  
**FS** Fourier Series  
**FT** Fourier Transform  
**IFFT** Inverse Fast Fourier Transform  
**IFT** Inverse Fourier Transform  
**IIR** Infinite Impulse Response  
**JPEG** Joint Photographics Experts Group  
**ITI** Linear Time-Invariant (filter/system)  
**MRA** Multi-Resolution Analysis (or Approximation)  
**MA** Moving Average  
**RMS** Root Mean Square  
**STFT** Short Time Fourier Transform  
**WFT** Windowed Fourier Transform

## Units

Some frequently used terminology (see notes for details)

- **dB:** Decibels (defined WRT a reference power level  $p_{\text{ref}}$ ) by

$$dB = 10 \log_{10} \frac{p}{p_{\text{ref}}}.$$

Note that  $p = m^2$ , where  $m$  is the RMS magnitude of a signal, so we may write  $dB = 20 \log_{10} \frac{m}{m_{\text{ref}}}$

- **Dynamic range:** expresses the range of values we can represent in our digital format expressed in  $dB$ . In a representation with  $b$  bits (ignoring the sign bit), the dynamic range is roughly  $6dB$  per bit.
- **Hz** Unit of frequency.  $1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ cycle per second}$

## Common Mathematical Notation

$\mathbb{R}$	the real numbers
$\mathbb{C}$	the complex numbers
$\mathbb{R}^n$	length $n$ vectors of real numbers
$\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$	$n \times m$ matrices of real numbers
$\mathbb{R}^{n \times m \times k}$	$n \times m \times k$ tensors of real numbers
$ x $	absolute value of $x$
$ S $	cardinality of set $S$
$\ \cdot\ $	a norm
$\ \cdot\ _p$	the $L_p$ norm
$\ \cdot\ _2$	the $L_2$ norm
$\ \cdot\ _\infty$	the $L_\infty$ norm
$\ \cdot\ _F$	the Frobenius norm
$\langle f, g \rangle$	the inner product of $f$ and $g$
$\text{argmin}_x f(x)$	the value (argument) of $x$ that minimises $f$
$\text{argmax}_x f(x)$	the value (argument) of $x$ that maximises $f$
$[a, b]$	the closed interval $\{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$
$(a, b)$	the open interval $\{x \mid a < x < b\}$

## Complex Number Notation and Terminology

For any  $x \in \mathbb{C}$  we can write

$$x = a + ib, \text{ where } i = \sqrt{-1}.$$

- real part of  $x$  is  $\Re(x) = a$
- imaginary part of  $x$  is  $\Im(x) = b$
- complex conjugate  $\bar{x} = x^* = a - ib$
- commonly used identities
  - $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$
  - $\cos(x) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{ix} + e^{-ix})$
  - $\sin(x) = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{ix} - e^{-ix})$
- Hermitian of a complex matrix  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is  $A^H = [a_{ji}^*]$ .

## Matrix and Vector Notation and Terminology

The standard convention is that

- Lower case letters denote scalars, *e.g.*,  $x = 6$ , though some are used to denote functions, *e.g.*,  $f$  and  $g$ .
- Boldface letters denote column vectors, *e.g.*,  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , but note that it is becoming more common to omit the distinction between scalars and vectors.
- Upper case letters denote matrices (but may also denote random variables in a probabilistic context).
- Tensors are higher-dimensional analogues of vectors and matrices. These are typically also represented using upper case letters but usually with subscripts to indicate the order, *e.g.*,  $T_{\mu\nu\sigma}$ .
- We indicate elements of an array with square brackets, *e.g.*,  $[A]_{ij}$  is the  $(i, j)$ th element of the matrix  $A$ . When its obvious the brackets may be omitted, *e.g.*,  $A_{ij}$ , but this can get confusing with tensors so be aware of context.

### Vector, Matrix and Tensor notation

$[A]_{ij}$	the element of $A$ from the $i$ th row and $j$ th column
$\mathbf{e}^{(i)}$	$i$ th standard basis vector $(0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , with 1 in the $i$ th position
$A^T$	the transpose of $A$
$A^H$	the Hermitian transpose (the transpose and complex conjugate)
$\det A$	the determinant of $A$
$\text{tr}(A)$	the trace of $A$
$A^{-1}$	the inverse of $A$ , <i>i.e.</i> , $AA^{-1} = I$
$N(A)$	the null-space of $A$ , <i>i.e.</i> , .....
$\text{rank}(A)$	the rank of $A$
$\text{vect}(A)$	the vectorised matrix (converted to a vector by stacking)

$$\text{vect} \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \\ b \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

## Matrix types

$I$	the identity matrix
symmetric	$A = A^T$
skew-symmetric	$A = -A^T$
Hermitian	$A = A^H$
skew-Hermitian	$A = -A^H$
diagonal	all elements off the (principle) diagonal are 0
lower triangular	all elements above the (principle) diagonal are 0
upper triangular	all elements below the (principle) diagonal are 0
square	a matrix with the same number of rows and columns
permutation	a square binary matrix with exactly one '1' in each row and column
Toeplitz	a matrix whose diagonals are constant
circulant	a Toeplitz matrix where each row is the previous one shifted one element to the right (and wrapped back around)
orthogonal	a real, square matrix $Q$ such that $QQ^T = Q^TQ = I$
unitary	a complex, square matrix $U$ such that $UU^H = U^H U = I$
normal	a complex, square matrix $A$ such that $AA^H = A^H A$
projection	a square matrix $P$ such that $P^2 = P$ , also called <i>idempotent</i>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_named\\_matrices](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_named_matrices)

- any signal  $x(t) = x_{\text{even}}(t) + x_{\text{odd}}(t)$  where

$$x_{\text{even}}(t) = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) + x(-t)] \quad \text{and} \quad x_{\text{odd}}(t) = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) - x(-t)]$$

- Hermitian:  $x(-t) = x^*(t)$

- periodic:  $x(t + nT) = x(t)$  for any  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and some  $T > 0$ .

The minimal value  $T = T_0 > 0$  for which periodic signal  $x(t + nT) = x(t)$  for any  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and some  $T > 0$  is called the fundamental period, and has units of seconds.

$T$  = period (maybe measured in seconds)

$f$  =  $1/T$  = frequency (measured in Hz)

$\omega$  =  $2\pi f$ , frequency (measured in radians per second)

## Probability Notation and Terminology

$P(A)$	probability of event $A$
$P(X = x)$	probability of random variable $x$ takes the value $x$
$E[X]$	the expectation of random variable $X$
$\text{Var}(X)$	the variance of random variable $X$

## Function Notation and Terminology

### Standard functions

- unit step:  $u(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$
- rectangular pulse:  $r(t) = u(t + 1/2) - u(t - 1/2)$ .
- sign (signum) function:  $\text{sgn}(t) = \begin{cases} -1, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t > 0 \end{cases}$
- sinc function:  $\text{sinc}(t) = \frac{\sin(\pi t)}{\pi t}$
- Delta "function"  $\delta(t)$  definition

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(-t) &= \delta(t) \\ \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(s) ds &= u(t) \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta(t - t_0) dt &= f(t_0) \end{aligned}$$

### Function characteristics

- even:  $f(-t) = f(t)$
- odd:  $f(-t) = -f(t)$

## Useful Results

### Inequalities

- Hölder: Take  $p, q \in [1, \infty]$  with  $1/p + 1/q = 1$  then

$$\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q,$$

for all (suitable constrained) functions  $f$  and  $g$ .

- Cauchy-Schwarz: For all vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$

$$|\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|,$$

where we use the norm defined by  $\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle$

- Cauchy-Schwarz, common case of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2 \right).$$

- Jensen: For any convex function  $\phi(\cdot)$  and random variable  $X$

$$\phi(E[X]) \leq E[\phi(X)].$$

- Log-sum:  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are non-negative numbers, and  $a = \sum_i a_i$  and  $b = \sum_i b_i$ , then

$$\sum_i a_i \log \frac{a_i}{b_i} \geq a \log \frac{a}{b},$$

with convention that  $0 \log 0 = 0$  and equality if and only if  $a_i = cb_i$  for some constant  $c$ .

- Gibbs: For discrete probability distributions  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  and  $Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$  then

$$-\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log p_i \leq -\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \log q_i,$$

with equality if and only if  $p_i = q_i$ .

- Nyquist: Perfect reconstruction of a signal (from discrete samples) is possible if the sampling frequency  $f_s$  is

$$f_s > 2B,$$

where  $B$  is the bandwidth of the signal.

## Fourier Cheatsheet

**Fourier series:** We can write a periodic function as an (infinite) discrete sum of trigonometric terms, *e.g.*, period  $2\pi$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

**Fourier transform:**  $F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i2\pi st} dt$

**Inverse Fourier transform:**  $f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(s) e^{i2\pi st} ds$

Example FTs

Function	Transform
$\delta(t)$	1
$\delta(t - t_0)$	$e^{-i2\pi t_0 s}$
$r(t)$	$\text{sinc}(s)$
$e^{- t }$	$\frac{2}{4\pi^2 s^2 + 1}$
$e^{-\pi t^2}$	$e^{-\pi s^2}$
1	$\delta(t)$
$e^{i2\pi s_0 t}$	$\delta(s - s_0)$
$\text{sinc}(t)$	$r(s)$

### Discrete Fourier Transformation

A signal  $x(n)$ , with  $N$  data points, has DFT

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-i2\pi kn/N},$$

Inverse DFT

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{i2\pi kn/N},$$