

Chapter 5

Converting Between Analog & Digital Signals

5.1 Problems

Problem 5.1 (Sampling audio waveforms) *A talking book generates a digital audio waveform that was generated by sampling the original audio waveform 2,000 times a s. What is the maximum allowed frequency for proper operation?*

(ans:

$$f_s = 2,000 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow f_{max} < \frac{f_s}{2} = 1,000 \text{ Hz}$$

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Problem 5.2 (Cell phone audio waveforms) *The audio signals on your cell phone occupy the frequency range from 300Hz to 3,400Hz. What sampling frequency would you specify for digitizing the voice waveform?*

(ans:

$$f_{max} = 3,400 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow f_s > 2f_{max} = 6,800 \text{ Hz}$$

Many systems use $f_s = 8,000 \text{ Hz}$ as the standard.

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Problem 5.3 (Cell phone HD Voice waveforms) *The HD Voice systems for cell phone systems occupy the frequency range from 50Hz to 7,000Hz and permit high-quality speech to be transmitted. What sampling frequency would you specify for digitizing the voice waveform?*

(ans:

$$f_{max} = 7,000 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow f_s > 2f_{max} = 14,000 \text{ Hz}$$

A reasonable value falls in the range $15,000 < f_s < 20,000 \text{ Hz}$.

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Problem 5.4 (Aliasing) Let the sampling frequency $f_s = 10,000$ Hz with the result that the alias frequency $f_a = 1,000$ Hz is observed. What two values of the original frequency f_o could have produced this alias frequency?

(ans:

$$f_a = |f_s - f_o| = |10 \text{ kHz} - f_o| = 1 \text{ kHz} \rightarrow 10 \text{ kHz} - f_o = \pm 1 \text{ kHz}$$

or

$$f_o = (10 \pm 1) \text{ kHz}$$

Hence, the possible values are $f_o = 9 \text{ kHz}$ and $f_o = 11 \text{ kHz}$.

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Problem 5.5 (Maximum spacial frequencies) Your old cellphone display has a 180 rows and 320 columns. What are the maximum horizontal and vertical spacial frequencies present in an icon image that would produce an un-aliased image on that display?

(ans: In the horizontal (row) direction there are 320 columns. The maximum frequency is then

$$f_{H,max} < 160 \text{ cycles/row}$$

In the vertical (column) direction there are 180 rows. The maximum frequency is then

$$f_{V,max} < 90 \text{ cycles/column}$$

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Problem 5.6 (2014₁₀ in binary) What is the binary representation of 2014₁₀?

(ans:

Starting with the smallest power of 2 value that does not exceed 2014, we begin subtracting powers of 2. If subtraction produces positive result, the corresponding bit = 1; if not, we do not perform subtraction and make the corresponding bit = 0.

2014 - 1024	= 990	1 (MSB)
990 - 512	= 478	1
478 - 256	= 222	1
222 - 128	= 94	1
94 - 64	= 30	1
30 - 32	= -2	0
30 - 16	= 14	1
14 - 8	= 6	1
6 - 4	= 2	1
2 - 2	= 0	1
0 - 1	= -1	0 (LSB)

Hence,

$$2014_{10} = 11111011110_2$$

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Problem 5.7 (01011010_2 in decimal) What is the decimal representation of 01011010_2 ?

(ans: Starting from the LSB and including the powers of 2 that correspond to the 1-bit values gives

$$01011010_2 = 2 + 8 + 16 + 64 = 90_{10}$$

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Problem 5.8 (Magic cards) Magic cards allow you to guess a number between 0 and 15 that a person was thinking of by answering whether the number appeared on a set of four cards. These cards appear in Figure 5.1 with one number replaced by dashes in each card. What are the missing numbers?

(ans: The missing numbers have a binary representation with a 1 in the position corresponding to the

1	3	5		2	3	6		4	5	—	8	9	10
7	—	11		7	10	—		7	12	13	11	12	13
13	15			14	15			14	15		—	15	

Figure 5.1: Magic cards used in Problem 5.8.

number in the shaded square. For example, in the 1 box (1 box) all numbers have binary numbers that end in 1 ($xxx1$), in the 2 box ($xx1x$), in the 4 box ($x1xx$), and in the 8 box ($1xxx$).

The missing number is the value obtained by adding the smallest number that results in a 1 in the corresponding bit location. For example, in the 1 box ($xxx1$) $710 = 0111_2$, adding 2 gives the next value with a 1 on the LSB, or $1001_2 = 9$.

1	3	5		2	3	6		4	5	6	8	9	10
7	9	11		7	10	11		7	12	13	11	12	13
13	15			14	15			14	15		14	15	

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Problem 5.9 (Video game audio) Your computer game uses digitized audio stored as 10 bits per sample. How many voltage levels does this represent? If the audio is reproduced over a range of 0 V to 5 V, what is step size Δ ? If the audio samples were generated 44,000 times per s in each of two stereo channels, how many bits per s does the system produce to give your game sound?

(ans:

Ten bits can represent up to $2^{10} = 1024$ levels.

$$\Delta = \frac{5 \text{ V}}{1024} = 0.0049 \text{ V} = 4.9 \text{ mV}$$

A commonly used approximation is $2^{10} = 1,000$, giving $\Delta = 5 \text{ mV}$.

For sampling rate $f_s = 44 \text{ kHz}$ per channel, two 10-bit values are acquired 44 thousand times per s, or

$$2 \times 10 \times 44,000 = 880,000 \text{ bps}$$

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Problem 5.10 (Binary addresses on the Internet) Current binary addresses of Websites use 4 bytes. What is the number of possible unique addresses?

(ans: Four bytes corresponds to 32 bits, giving

$$2^{32} = 4 \times (2^{10})^3 = 4 \times (10^3)^3 = 4 \times 10^9$$

or 4 billion addresses.

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Problem 5.11 (CD audio duration) An audio CD stores 650 megabytes (650 MB) of data, where $1 \text{ MB} = 2^{20} \text{ bytes} = 1,048,576 \text{ bytes}$, and 1 byte is an 8-bit data unit. The sampling rate $f_s = 44 \text{ kHz}$ is used with 16-bit quantization. What duration of stereo music (two separate waveforms) can be stored on a CD? Give answer in minutes.

(ans: The bit rate of stereo (2 channel) music is

$$2 \times 16 \text{ bits/sample} \times 44,000 \text{ samples/s} = 1,408,000 \text{ bps}$$

giving a byte rate equal to

$$1,408,000 \text{ bits/s} \times \frac{1 \text{ byte}}{8 \text{ bits}} = 176,000 \text{ Bps}$$

The music duration is

$$\frac{650 \times 1,048,576 \text{ bytes}}{176,000 \text{ bytes/s}} = 3,872.6 \text{ s}$$

Dividing this duration by 60 s/min gives 64.5 minutes.

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Problem 5.12 (ADC with staircase quantizer) An 8-bit ADC performs a conversion every sampling period $T_s = 0.1 \text{ ms}$. What is the period of the staircase T_Δ ?

(ans: Eight bits gives $2^8 = 256$ levels. A staircase that produces 256 levels in T_s ss requires

$$T_\Delta = \frac{T_s}{256} = \frac{0.1 \text{ ms}}{256} = 3.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ms} = 0.39 \mu\text{s}$$

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Problem 5.13 (Quantizing with successive approximation) An 8-bit ADC performs a conversion using successive approximation with sampling period $T_s = 0.1 \text{ ms}$. What is the conversion time per bit T_Δ ?

(ans: Successive approximation using b bits requires b comparisons, giving

$$T_\Delta = \frac{T_s}{8} = \frac{0.1 \text{ ms}}{8} = 0.0125 \text{ ms} = 12.5 \mu\text{s}$$

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Problem 5.14 (Boxcar DAC output waveform) A digital memory produces the following bit sequence that goes to a 8-bit boxcar DAC that ranges between 0 V and 5 V, and produces a reconstruction every $T_s = 0.1 \text{ ms}$. Sketch the reconstructed analog waveform produced by the following bits, providing amplitude and time values in the sketch.

101000000110011100000111

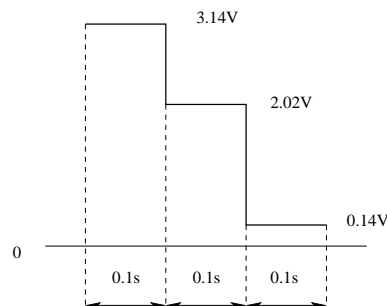
(ans: The step size for an 8-bit DAC extending from 0 to 5V is

$$\Delta = \frac{V_{max}}{2^8 - 1} = \frac{5V}{255} = 0.0196V$$

Dividing the bit sequence into 8-bit units and multiplying by Δ gives

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 160 \rightarrow 3.14V & 103 \rightarrow 2.02V & 7 \rightarrow 0.14V \\ \hline 10100000 & 01100111 & 00000111 \end{array}$$

These voltages occur every 0.1 ms to produce the waveform shown.



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Problem 5.15 (Musical greeting card with boxcar DAC) A musical greeting card plays a 10-s segment of a song when it is opened. If the original audio was processed to remove all frequencies at and above 3 kHz and 5 bits quantize the samples, what is the minimum number of bits stored on the card digital memory?

(ans: Using the minimum sampling rate $f_s = 6,000 \text{ Hz}$ gives

$$6,000 \text{ samples/s} \times 5 \text{ bits/sample} \times 10 \text{ s} = 300,000 \text{ bits}$$

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Problem 5.16 (PWM duty cycle) A PWM waveform extends from 0 V to 5 V and has a period $T_{PWM} = 10$ ms. What is the duty cycle of the PWM waveform that produces a 1 V average?

(ans: To produce 1V from a 5V supply requires a 20% duty cycle. The period T_{PWM} does not matter.)

Problem 5.17 (PWM DAC on-time) Let $V_{max} = 5$ V and $T_{PWM} = 2$ ms. What value of T_{ON} produces $V_{ave} = 3.4$ V?

(ans:

$$T_{ON} = \frac{V_{ave}}{V_{max}} T_{PWM} = \frac{3.4V}{5V} 2 \text{ ms} = 1.36 \text{ ms}$$

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Problem 5.18 (PWM DAC value) Let $V_{max} = 5$ V and $T_{PWM} = 2$ ms in a PWM DAC that uses 8-bits. What V_q is closest to $V_{ave} = 3.4$ V?

(ans:

$$T_{ON} = \frac{V_{ave}}{V_{max}} T_{PWM} = \frac{3.4V}{5V} 2 \text{ ms} = 1.36 \text{ ms}$$

An 8-bit quantizer requires

$$T_{\Delta} = \frac{T_{PWM}}{2^8 - 1} = \frac{2 \text{ ms}}{255} = 0.0078 \text{ ms}$$

Rounding to the closest integer gives the number of ON intervals as

$$\frac{T_{ON}}{T_{\Delta}} = \frac{1.36 \text{ ms}}{0.0078 \text{ ms}} = 174.4 \rightarrow 174$$

This gives

$$V_q = \frac{174}{255} 5V = 3.41V$$

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Problem 5.19 (SNR of quantized signals) The signal variance $\sigma_s^2 = 4V_{rms}^2$ and the quantizer has step size $\Delta = 0.01$ V. What is the SNR expressed as a ratio of powers and in dB units?

(ans: A quantizer having step size Δ gives equivalent noise variance equal to

$$\sigma_n^2 = \frac{\Delta^2}{12} V_{rms}^2 = \frac{10^{-4} V^2}{12} = 8.33 \times 10^{-6} V_{rms}^2$$

The $\sigma_s^2 = 4V_{rms}^2$ gives

$$SNR = \frac{\sigma_s^2}{\sigma_n^2} = \frac{4}{8.33 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.48 \times 10^6$$

and

$$SNR_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} (0.48 \times 10^6) = 60 + \overbrace{10 \log_{10}(0.48)}^{-3.2} = 56.8 \text{ dB}$$

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Problem 5.20 (Maximum SNR of a sinusoidal signal) A sinusoidal signal with amplitude A is offset and applied to a 10-bit quantizer with range from 0 to 5 V. What value of A maximizes the SNR of the samples? What is the SNR?

(ans: To obtain a very good match of the sinusoid to the quantizer we apply an offset of 2.5 V and make $A = 2.5$ V to give a waveform swing from 0 to 5 V. In this case the signal power equals

$$\sigma_s^2 = \frac{A^2}{2} = 3.125 V_{rms}^2$$

The 10-bit quantizer has step size

$$\Delta = \frac{5V}{1023} = 0.00489 V$$

and produces

$$\sigma_n^2 = \frac{\Delta^2}{12} V_{rms}^2 = \frac{0.00489V^2}{12} = 1.99 \times 10^{-6} V_{rms}^2$$

The SNR is

$$SNR = \frac{\sigma_s^2}{\sigma_n^2} = \frac{3.125}{1.99 \times 10^{-6}} = 1.57 \times 10^6$$

and

$$SNR_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} (1.57 \times 10^6) = 60 + \overbrace{10 \log_{10}(1.57)}^{1.96} = 61.96 \text{ dB}$$

The best match is made by making the waveform extend from $-\Delta/2$ V to $5 + \Delta/2$ V, so the extreme values have the same quantization error as the rest of the samples. In this case,

$$A = \frac{5V + \Delta}{2} = \frac{5.00489V}{2} = 2.502V \rightarrow \sigma_s^2 = 3.131 V_{rms}^2$$

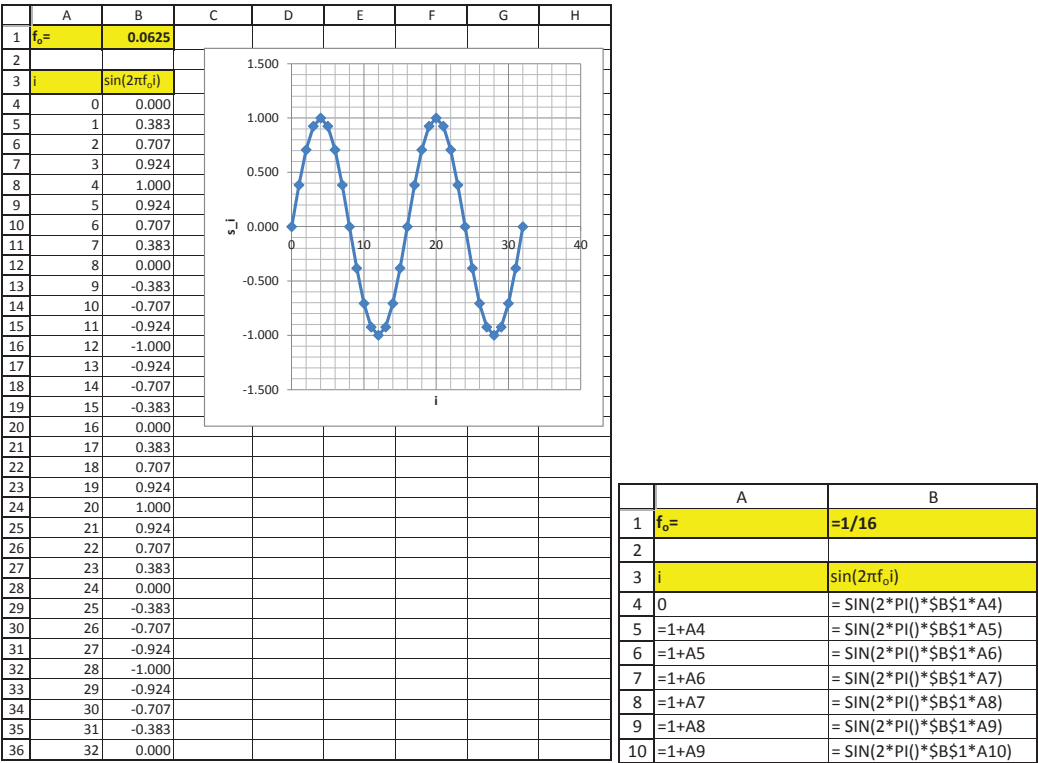
Doing this gives the same values for the SNR as above.

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5.2 Excel Projects

Project 5.1 (Sampling 2 periods of a sinusoid) Using Example 13.23 as a guide, compose a work-sheet to plot 2 periods of a sinusoidal waveform that are sampled 16 times per period.

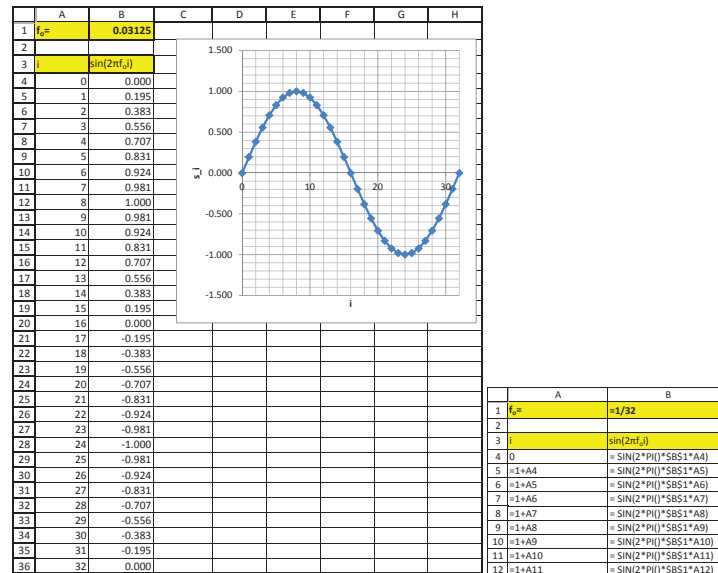
(ans:



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Project 5.2 (Sampling a sinusoid at 32 points) Using Example 13.23 as a guide, compose a worksheet to plot one period of a sinusoidal waveform that is sampled 32 times per period.

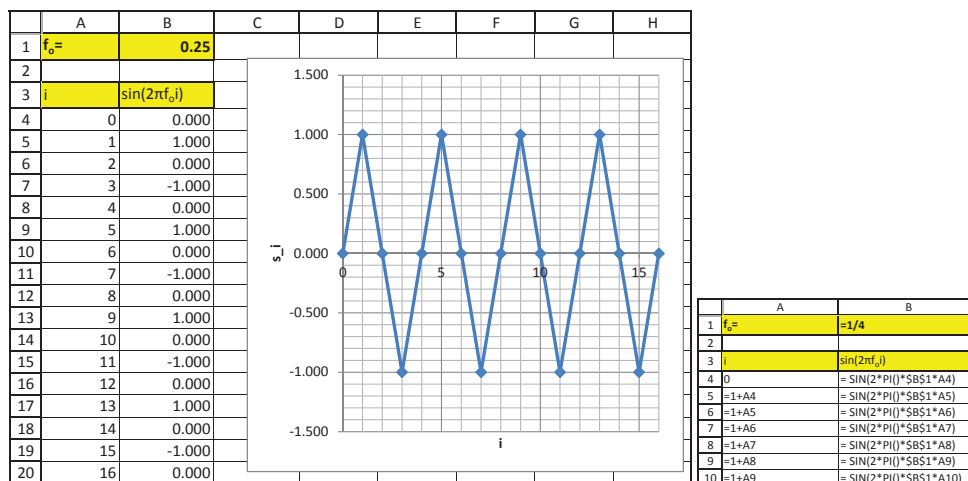
(ans: The x-axis has been re-formatted to set the minimum value to zero and the maximum value to 32.



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Project 5.3 (Sampling a sinusoid at 4 points) Using Example 13.23 as a guide, compose a worksheet to plot four periods of a sinusoidal waveform that is sampled 4 times per period.

(ans: The x-axis has been re-formatted to set the minimum value to zero and the maximum value to 16.

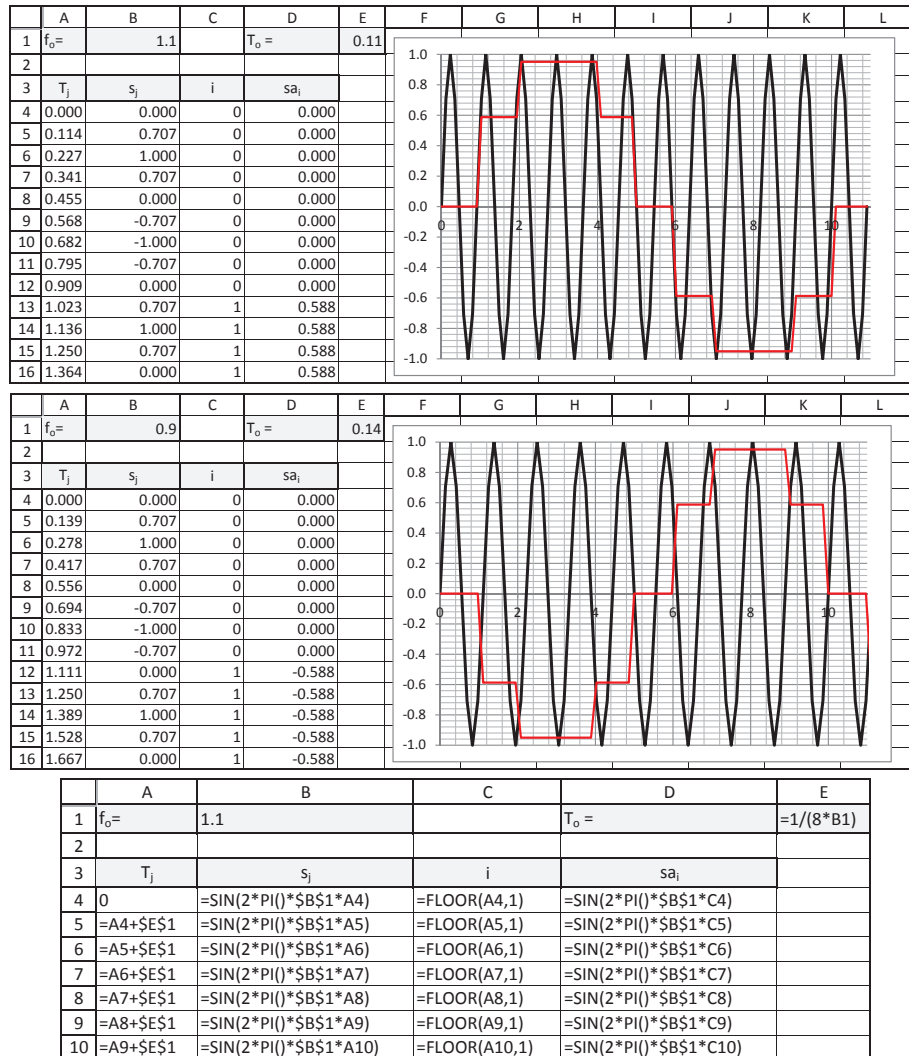


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Project 5.4 (Demonstration of aliasing) Using Example 13.24 as a guide, demonstrate the aliasing that occurs when we make $f_o = 0.9$ when $f_s = 1$. Explain the difference in the observed aliased

waveforms between $f_o = 0.9$ and $f_o = 1.1$.

ans: When $f_o = 1.1 > f_s = 1$ a positive aliased sinusoid occurs, while when $f_o = 0.9 < f_s = 1$ a negative aliased sinusoid occurs.



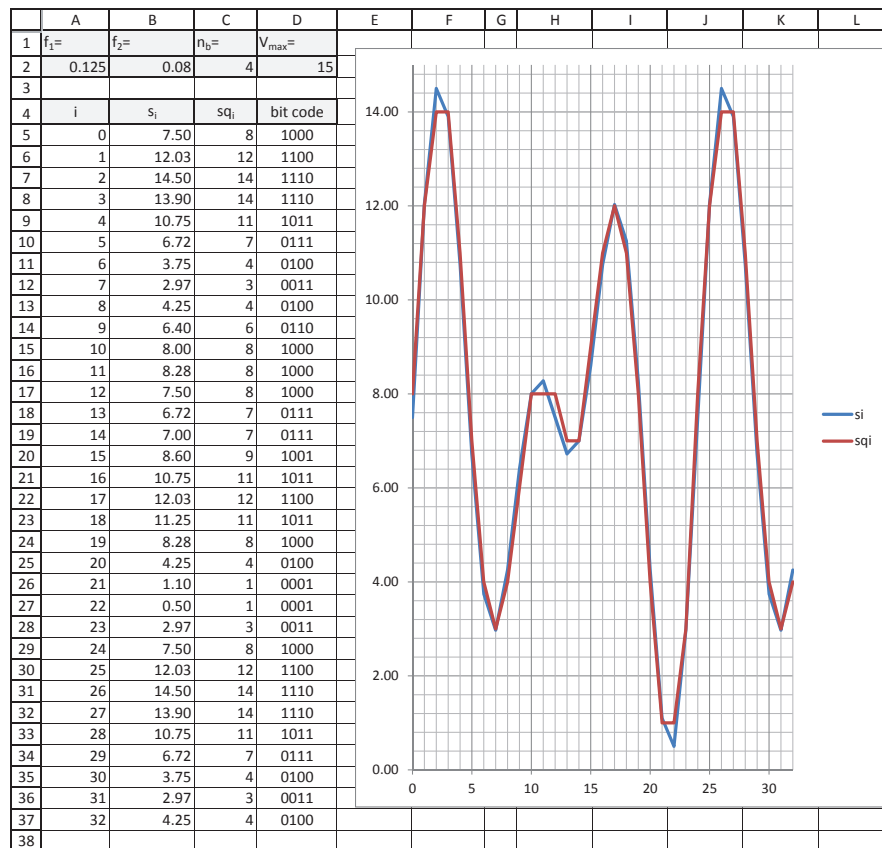
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Project 5.5 (Quantizing waveforms) Using Example 13.25 as a guide, compose a worksheet to quantize the waveform

$$(V_{\max}/4)(2 + \sin(2\pi i/8) + \sin(2\pi i/12)) \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq 32$$

using code words with $n_b = 4$ bits.

(ans:

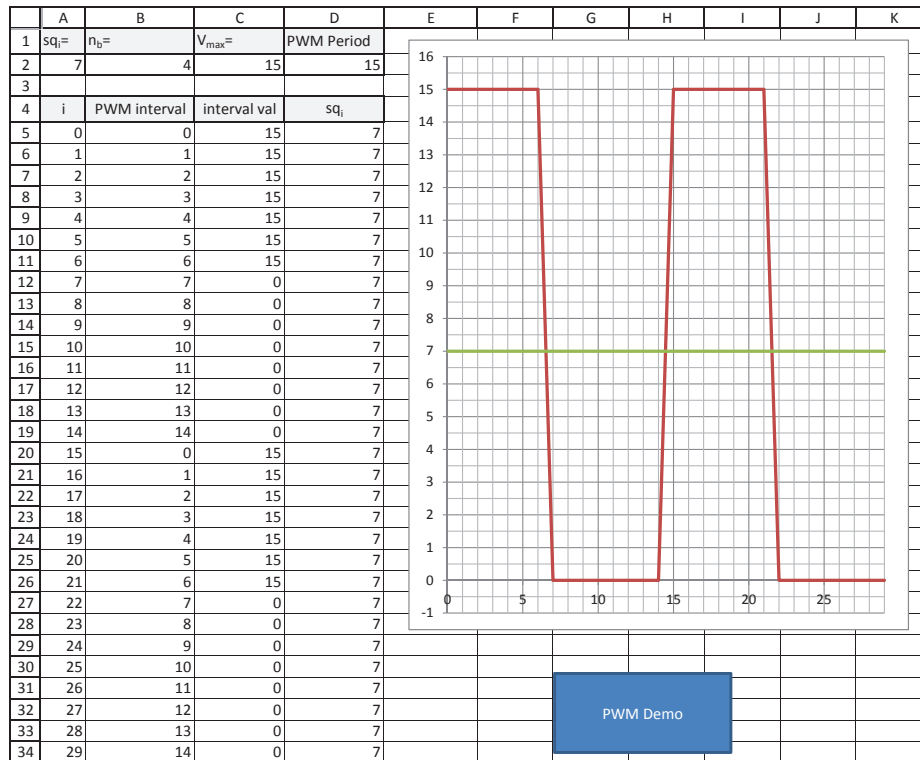


	A	B	C	D
1	$f_1=$	$f_2=$	$n_b=$	$V_{\max}=$
2	=1/8	=1/12	4	=2^4-1
3				
4	i	s_i	sq_i	bit code
5	0	=(\$D\$2/4)*(2+SIN(2*PI()*\$A\$2*A5) + SIN(2*PI()*\$B\$2*A5))	=ROUND(B5,0)	=DEC2BIN(C5,\$C\$2)
6	=1+A5	=(\$D\$2/4)*(2+SIN(2*PI()*\$A\$2*A6) + SIN(2*PI()*\$B\$2*A6))	=ROUND(B6,0)	=DEC2BIN(C6,\$C\$2)
7	=1+A6	=(\$D\$2/4)*(2+SIN(2*PI()*\$A\$2*A7) + SIN(2*PI()*\$B\$2*A7))	=ROUND(B7,0)	=DEC2BIN(C7,\$C\$2)
8	=1+A7	=(\$D\$2/4)*(2+SIN(2*PI()*\$A\$2*A8) + SIN(2*PI()*\$B\$2*A8))	=ROUND(B8,0)	=DEC2BIN(C8,\$C\$2)
9	=1+A8	=(\$D\$2/4)*(2+SIN(2*PI()*\$A\$2*A9) + SIN(2*PI()*\$B\$2*A9))	=ROUND(B9,0)	=DEC2BIN(C9,\$C\$2)
10	=1+A9	=(\$D\$2/4)*(2+SIN(2*PI()*\$A\$2*A10) + SIN(2*PI()*\$B\$2*A10))	=ROUND(B10,0)	=DEC2BIN(C10,\$C\$2)

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Project 5.7 (PWM DAC) Using Example 13.27 as a guide, compose a worksheet to form a PWM reconstruction using the code words formed in Project 5.5.

(ans: First, the worksheet and VBA code show an animation as sq_i increases from 0 to $2^b - 1$ for $b = 4$ bits. Two PWM periods are shown, and the average is computed over these two periods.



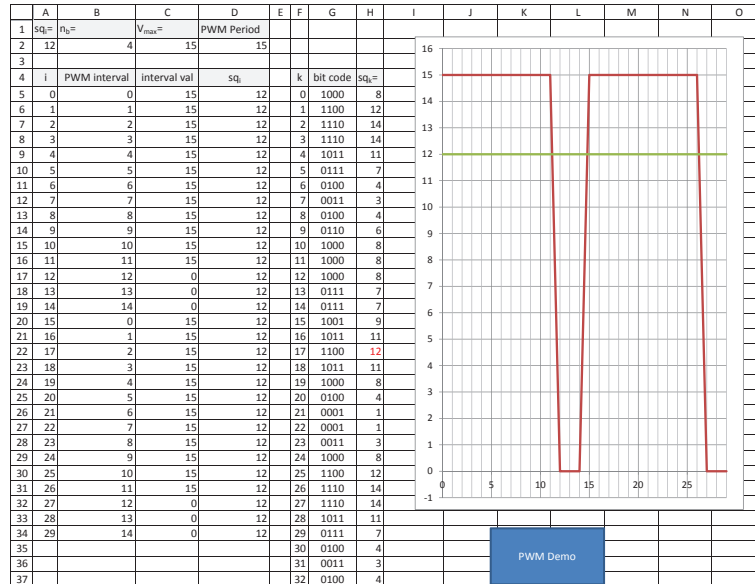
	A	B	C	D
1	$sq_i =$	$n_b =$	$V_{max} =$	PWM Period
2	7	4	$=2^B - 1$	$=C2$
3				
4	i	PWM interval	interval val	sq_i
5	0	$=MOD(A5, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B5, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5:\$C\$34)$
6	$=1+A5$	$=MOD(A6, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B6, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5:\$C\$34)$
7	$=1+A6$	$=MOD(A7, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B7, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5:\$C\$34)$
8	$=1+A7$	$=MOD(A8, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B8, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5:\$C\$34)$
9	$=1+A8$	$=MOD(A9, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B9, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5:\$C\$34)$
10	$=1+A9$	$=MOD(A10, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B10, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5:\$C\$34)$

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Sub PWM()
Do While Range("a2") < 100      ' endless loop
    Range("a2") = Range("a2") + 1 ' increment sq_i
    If Range("a2") > Range("d2") Then
        Range("a2") = 0        ' mod (sq_i, V_max)
    End If
    Application.Wait Now + TimeSerial(0, 0, 1) ' 1 s delay
Loop
End Sub

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The second worksheet applies the binary sequence from Project 5.5 and shows an animation of the average over two periods that produces the quantized value sq_i . The binary sequence from Project 5.5 is inserted into columns F–G changing the index to k . The binary number is converted into a decimal number in H and then inserted into A2 sequentially with the VBA Macro. The Macros also changes the color of the sq_k value being applied to sq_i for clarity.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	$sq_i =$	$n_b =$	$V_{max} =$	PWM Period				
2	12	4	$=2^B2 - 1$	$=C2$				
3								
4	i	PWM interval	interval val	sq_i		k	bit code	$sq_k =$
5	0	$=MOD(A5, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B5, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5: \$C\$34)$		0	1000	$=BIN2DEC(G5)$
6	$=1+A5$	$=MOD(A6, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B6, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5: \$C\$34)$		$=1+F5$	1100	$=BIN2DEC(G6)$
7	$=1+A6$	$=MOD(A7, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B7, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5: \$C\$34)$		$=1+F6$	1110	$=BIN2DEC(G7)$
8	$=1+A7$	$=MOD(A8, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B8, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5: \$C\$34)$		$=1+F7$	1110	$=BIN2DEC(G8)$
9	$=1+A8$	$=MOD(A9, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B9, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5: \$C\$34)$		$=1+F8$	1011	$=BIN2DEC(G9)$
10	$=1+A9$	$=MOD(A10, \$D\$2)$	$=IF(\$A\$2 > B10, \$C\$2, 0)$	$=AVERAGE(\$C\$5: \$C\$34)$		$=1+F9$	0111	$=BIN2DEC(G10)$

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Sub PWM()
Dim K As Integer          ' Define sq_k pointer
K = 5                    ' first row of data
Do While Range("a2") < 100 ' endless loop
    Range("H" & K).Font.Color = RGB(255, 0, 0) ' color sq_k red
    Range("a2").Value = Range("H" & K).Value ' set sq_i = sq_k
    Application.Wait Now + TimeSerial(0, 0, 1) ' 1 s delay
    Range("H" & K).Font.Color = RGB(0, 0, 0) ' restore color sq_k to black
    K = K + 1
    If K > 37 Then          ' last row of data
        K = 5              ' return to first row of data
    End If
Loop                        ' End While loop
End Sub

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