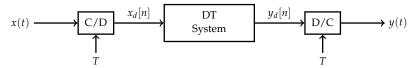
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Discrete-Time Processing of Continuous-Time Signals



Last time we saw that the combined system above mapping the continuous-time input x to the continuous-time output y is not LTI even if the discrete-time system at the core is LTI. Nevertheless, if x is bandlimited by $\omega_s/2 = \pi/T$, then

$$Y(\omega) = H_d(e^{j\Omega})\Big|_{\Omega = \omega T} X(\omega)$$
 (1)

where $H_d(e^{j\Omega})$ is the frequency response of the discrete-time system.

Example (Digital differentiator): Suppose we want y(t) to approximate $\frac{dx(t)}{dt}$. We can implement the Euler approximation of the derivative in the discrete-time block:

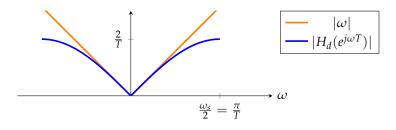
$$y_d[n] = \frac{x_d[n] - x_d[n-1]}{T} = h_d[n] * x_d[n]$$
 (2)

where $h_d[0] = \frac{1}{T}$, $h_d[1] = \frac{-1}{T}$, $h_d[n] = 0$ for n < 0 and n > 1. Then,

$$H_d(e^{j\Omega}) = \sum_n h_d[n]e^{-j\Omega n} = \frac{1}{T}(1 - e^{-j\Omega})$$
 (3)

$$H_d(e^{j\Omega})\Big|_{\Omega=\omega T} = \frac{1}{T}(1 - e^{-j\omega T}). \tag{4}$$

The plot below shows close agreement for small frequencies between the magnitude of this effective frequency response and the frequency response $H(\omega) = j\omega$ of continuous time differentiation.



Example: Digital implementation of a delay: $y(t) = x(t - \Delta)$

How should we design the discrete-time system?

If Δ is an integer multiple of T, then

$$y_d[n] = x_d[n - \underbrace{\frac{\Delta}{T}}_{\text{integer}}] \rightarrow \underbrace{1 \quad h_d[n]}_{\frac{\Delta}{T}} \quad n$$

What if $\frac{\Delta}{T}$ is not an integer? We want $y(t) = x(t - \Delta)$, *i.e.*,

$$Y(\omega) = e^{-j\omega\Delta}X(\omega).$$

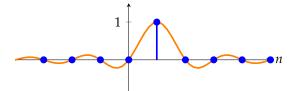
If we select $H_d(e^{j\Omega}) = e^{-j\frac{\Omega}{T}\Delta}$, $|\Omega| < \pi$, then the effective frequency response is indeed

$$H_d(e^{j\Omega})\Big|_{\Omega=\omega T}=e^{-j\omega\Delta}.$$

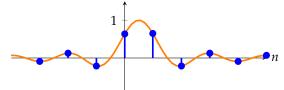
Thus, the desired impulse response of the discrete-time system is the inverse Fourier Transform of H_d :

$$h_d[n] = \operatorname{sinc}\left(n - \frac{\Delta}{T}\right).$$
 (5)

When $\Delta = T$, $h_d[n] = \operatorname{sinc}(n-1)$ which is identical to $\delta[n-1]$:



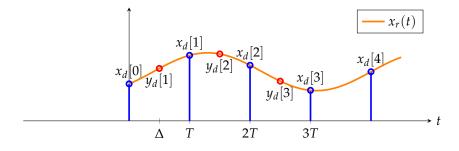
When $\Delta = \frac{T}{2}$, $h_d[n] = \text{sinc}(n - \frac{1}{2})$ is as shown below:



Note that

$$y_d[n] = (h_d * x_d)[n] = \sum_k x_d[k]h_d[n-k] = \sum_k x(kT)\operatorname{sinc}\left(n - \frac{\Delta}{T} - k\right)$$
$$= x_r(t - \Delta)|_{t=nT}$$

where $x_r(t)$ is the result of sinc interpolation as illustrated below.



Sampling of Discrete-Time Signals

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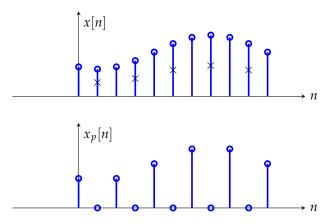
Impulse Train Sampling

We obtain samples of a discrete-time signal x[n] by multiplying it with a discrete-time impulse train with period N:

$$p[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n - kN]$$
 (6)

$$x_p[n] = x[n]p[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[kN]\delta[n-kN].$$
 (7)

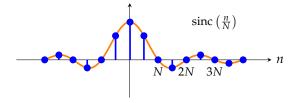
This is illustrated below for N = 2:



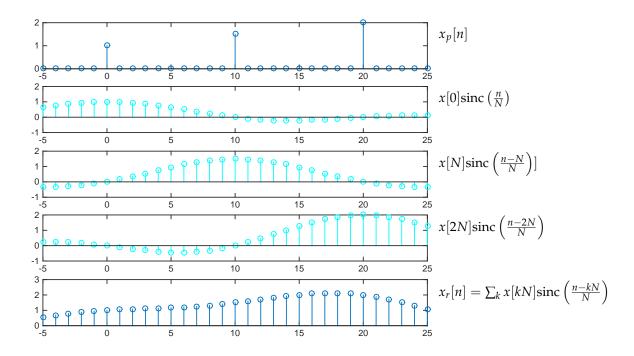
As in sampling of continuous-time signals we ask whether we can recover x[n] from the samples with sinc interpolation:

$$x_r[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_p[n] \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{n-kN}{N}\right). \tag{8}$$

The sequence sinc $(\frac{n}{N})$ is depicted below. The interpolated signal (8) is a sum of shifted copies of this sequence, each centered at a sample point and multiplied by the value of the sample at that point.



Sinc interpolation is illustrated below on a signal sampled with period N = 10.



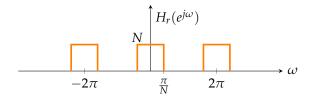
Note that we can view x_r as the response of a LTI system with impulse response

$$h_r[n] = \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{n}{N}\right) \tag{9}$$

to the input $x_p[n]$. Thus,

$$X_r(e^{j\omega}) = H_r(e^{j\omega})X_p(e^{j\omega})$$
(10)

where $H_r(e^{j\omega})$ is as depicted below:



Moreover, as we will show later,

$$X_p(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(e^{j(\omega - k\omega_s)}) \quad \omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{N}$$
 (11)

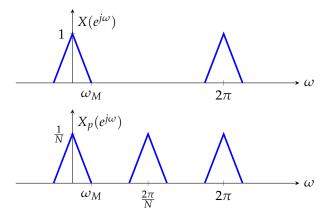
which consists of shifted copies of $X(e^{j\omega})$. Since these copies are ω_s apart, they do not overlap provided

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = 0 \quad \omega_M < |\omega| \le \pi \tag{12}$$

and

$$\omega_{\rm s} > 2\omega_{\rm M}.$$
 (13)

Below is an example of $X(e^{j\omega})$ and $X_p(e^{j\omega})$ when N=2 and (13) holds:



Thus,

$$X_p(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{N}X(e^{j\omega}) \quad |\omega| \le \frac{\omega_s}{2} = \frac{\pi}{N}$$
 (14)

and, from (10),

$$X_r(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega}). \tag{15}$$

This leads to the following conclusion:

Discrete-Time Sampling Theorem: If x[n] is bandlimited as in (12) and we select the sampling period N such that $\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{N}$ satisfies (13), then $x_r[n] = x[n]$.

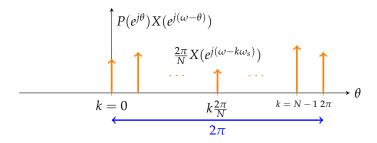
To see how (11) is obtained note that the Fourier series coefficients of the impulse train p[n] are $a_k = \frac{1}{N}$ for all k. Therefore,

$$P(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta\left(\omega - k\underbrace{\frac{2\pi}{N}}_{=\omega_s}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - k\omega_s).$$

Since $x_p[n] = x[n]p[n]$, the multiplication property of DTFT implies:

$$X_p(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{2\pi} P(e^{j\theta}) X(e^{j(\omega-\theta)}) d\theta \tag{16}$$

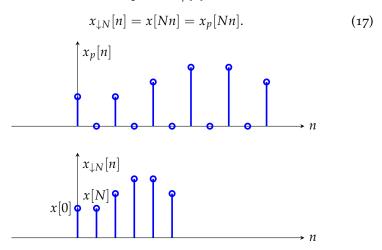
where the integrand has the form:



Integrating this over θ and dividing by 2π we get (11).

Downsampling and Upsampling

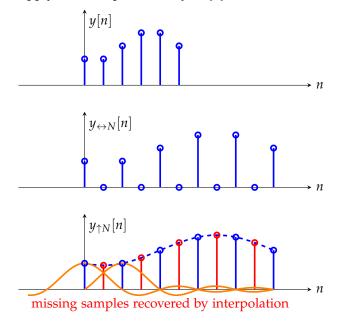
"Downsampling" a discrete-time sequence x[n] means selecting every Nth sample and discarding the rest. This is the same as removing the N-1 zeros between the samples in $x_p[n]$:



To "upsample" a sequence y[n] we do the opposite of downsampling. First we expand y[n] by a factor of N and pad zeros in between:

$$y_{\leftrightarrow N}[n] = \begin{cases} y[n/N] & n = 0, \mp N, \mp 2N, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then we apply sinc interpolation to $y_{\leftrightarrow N}[n]$:



Note from the Discrete-Time Sampling Theorem that downsampling followed by upsampling recovers the original signal if (12)-(13) hold.

2D Sampling

Given $x(t_1, t_2)$ and sampling periods T_1 , T_2 :

$$x_d[n_1, n_2] \triangleq x(n_1T_1, n_2T_2).$$

Impulse train sampling:

$$x_p(t_1, t_2) = x(t_1, t_2)p(t_1, t_2)$$

where

$$p(t_1, t_2) \triangleq \sum_{n_1} \sum_{n_2} \delta(t_1 - n_1 T_1, t_2 - n_2 T_2).$$

2D CTFT gives:

$$X_p(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \frac{1}{T_1 T_2} \sum_{k_1} \sum_{k_2} X(\omega_1 - k_1 \omega_{s_1}, \omega_2 - k_2 \omega_{s_2})$$

where

$$\omega_{s_1}=rac{2\pi}{T_1} \quad ext{and} \quad \omega_{s_2}=rac{2\pi}{T_2}.$$

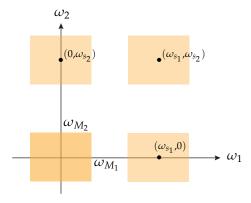
Therefore, if $x(t_1, t_2)$ is bandlimited:

$$X(\omega_1, \omega_2) = 0$$
 when $|\omega_1| > \omega_{c_1}$ or $|\omega_2| > \omega_{c_2}$

and

$$\omega_{s_1} > 2\omega_{M_1}, \qquad \omega_{s_2} > 2\omega_{M_2},$$

then there is no aliasing upon sampling:



Thus, $x(t_1, t_2)$ can be reconstructed from its samples with the sinc interpolation:

$$x_r(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n_1 T_1, n_2 T_2) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{t_1 - n_1 T_1}{T_1}\right) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{t_2 - n_2 T_2}{T_2}\right).$$

A discrete version of 2D sampling and interpolation can be derived similarly.