

1.2 *Basic Time Signals*

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Exponential Signals (指数信号)

$$x(t) = Be^{at}$$

B and a are real parameters

- $a < 0$: decaying exponential
- $a > 0$: growing exponential

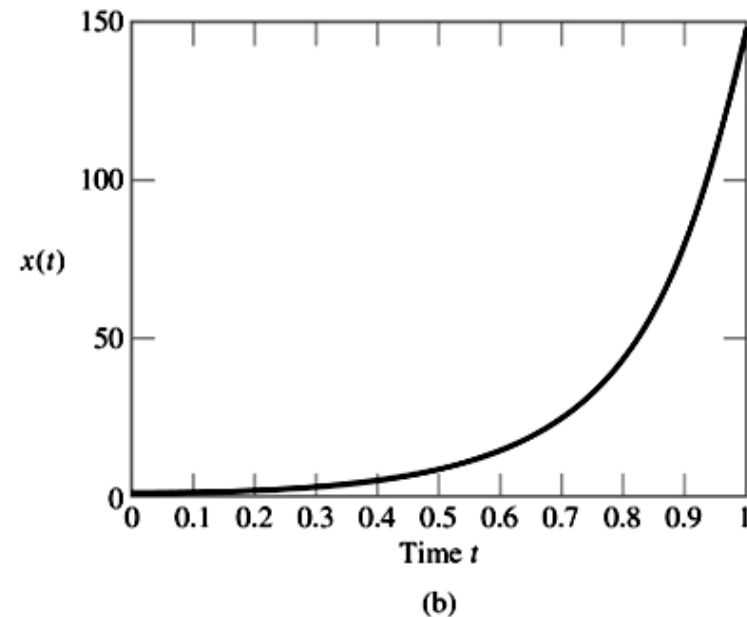
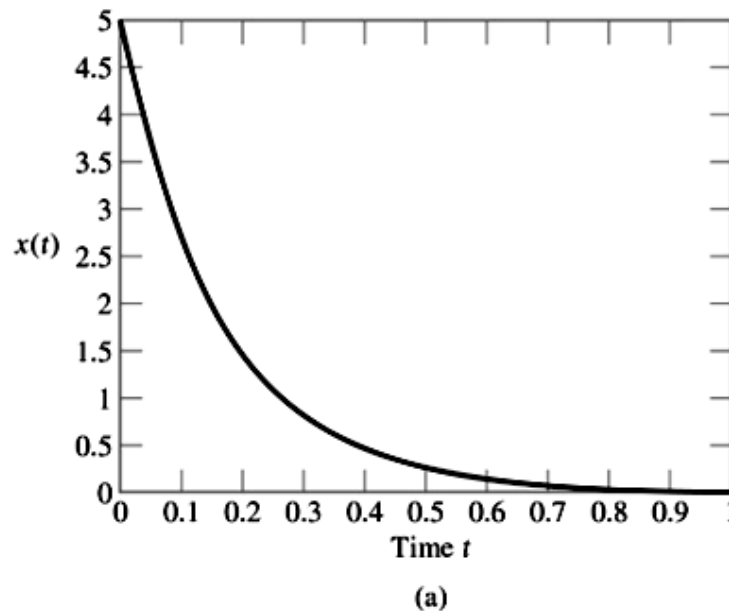


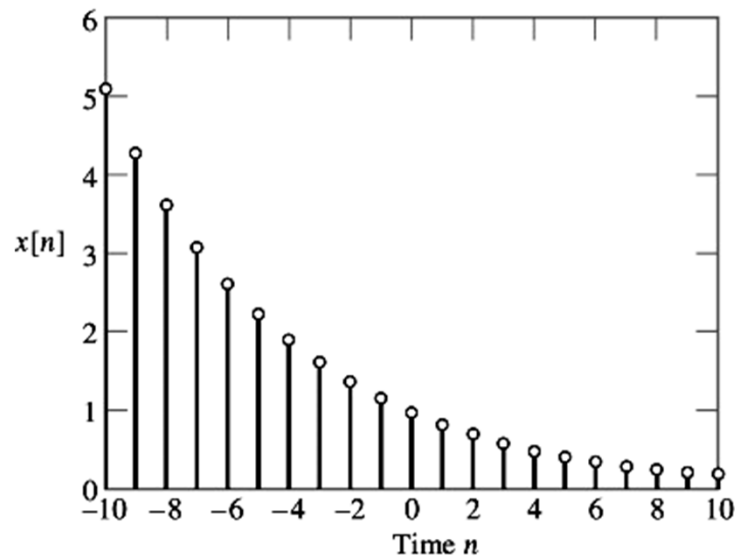
Figure 1.28 (a) Decaying exponential form of continuous-time signal. (b) Growing exponential form of continuous-time signal.

Exponential Signals

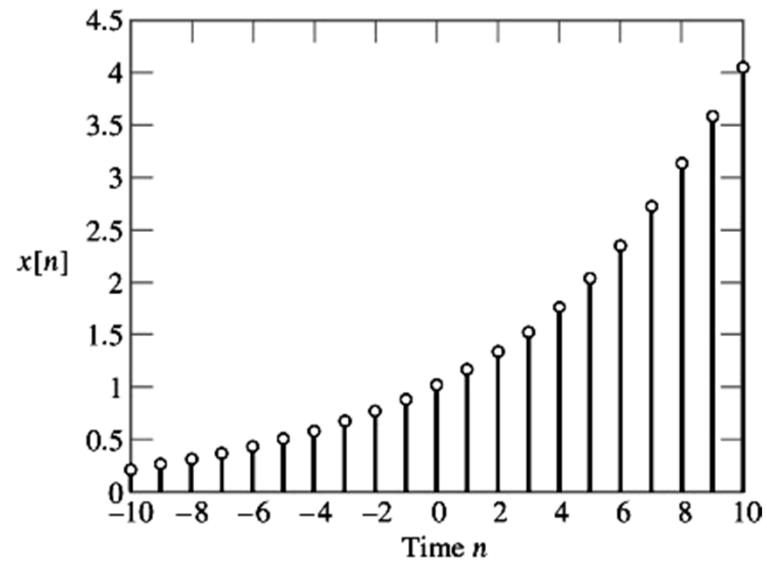
■ Discrete-time Case

$$x[n] = Br^n \quad \text{where } r = e^a$$

- $0 < r < 1$: decaying exponential
- $r > 1$: growing exponential
- $r < 0$: alternating signs



(a)



(b)

Sinusoidal Signals (正弦信号)

■ Continuous-time Case

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

- A: amplitude
- ω : angular frequency in rad/s
- ϕ : phase angle in radians
- period: $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t+T) &= A \cos(\omega(t+T) + \phi) \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + \omega T + \phi) \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + 2\pi + \phi) \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\ &= x(t) \end{aligned}$$

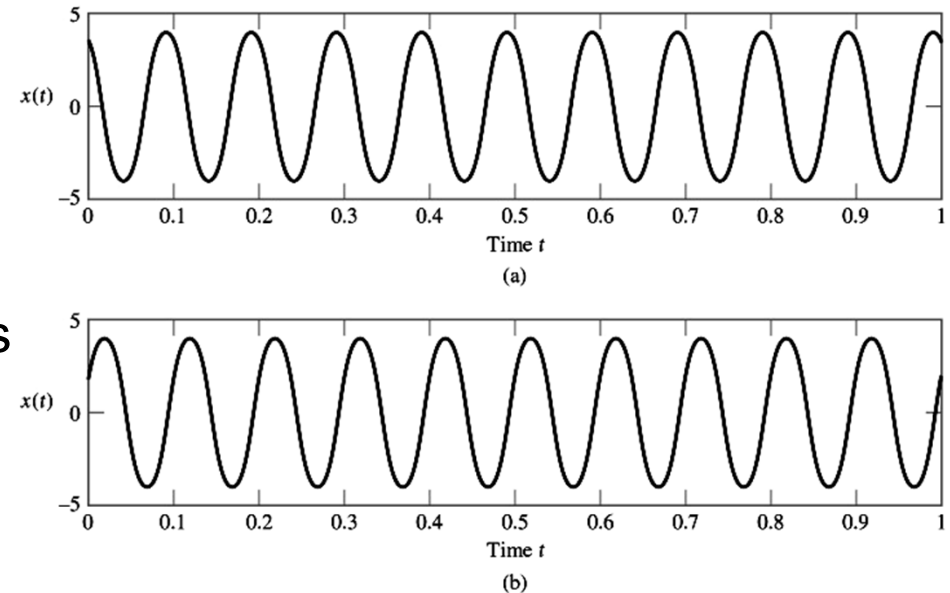


Figure 1.31

(a) Sinusoidal signal $A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ with phase $\phi = +\pi/6$ radians.

(b) Sinusoidal signal $A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$ with phase $\phi = +\pi/6$ radians.

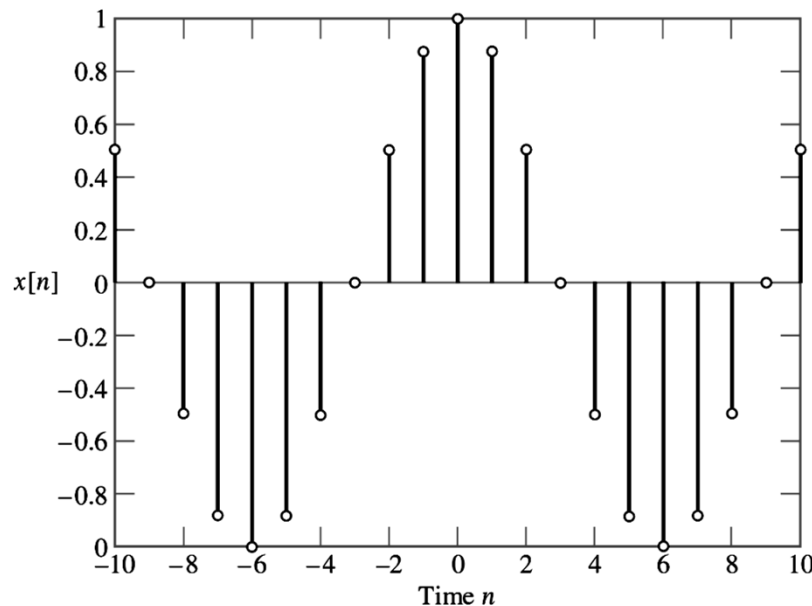
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■ Discrete-Time Case $x[n] = A \cos(\Omega n + \phi)$

□ Periodic condition: $x[n + N] = A \cos(\Omega n + \Omega N + \phi)$

$$\Omega N = 2\pi m \implies \Omega = \frac{2\pi m}{N} \text{ radians/cycle, integer } m, N$$

Ex. A discrete-time sinusoidal signal: $A = 1$, $\phi = 0$, and $N = 12$.



$$x[n] = \cos(\Omega n)$$

$$= \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{12}n\right) = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{6}\right)$$

Figure 1.33 Discrete-time sinusoidal signal.

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Example 1.7 Discrete-Time Sinusoidal Signal

A pair of sinusoidal signals with a common angular frequency is defined by

$$x_1[n] = \sin[5\pi n] \quad \text{and} \quad x_2[n] = \sqrt{3} \cos[5\pi n]$$

(a) Both $x_1[n]$ and $x_2[n]$ are periodic. Find their common fundamental period.

(b) Express the composite sinusoidal signal

$$y[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$$

In the form $y[n] = A \cos(\Omega n + \phi)$, and evaluate the amplitude A and phase ϕ .

<Sol.>

(a) Angular frequency of both $x_1[n]$ and $x_2[n]$:

$$\Omega = 5\pi \text{ radians/cycle} \quad \Rightarrow \quad N = \frac{2\pi m}{\Omega} = \frac{2\pi m}{5\pi} = \frac{2m}{5}$$

This can be only for $m = 5, 10, 15, \dots$, which results in $N = 2, 4, 6, \dots$

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(b) $y[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n] = \sin[5\pi n] + \sqrt{3} \cos[5\pi n]$

Trigonometric identity:

$$A \cos(\Omega n + \phi) = A \cos(\Omega n) \cos(\phi) - A \sin(\Omega n) \sin(\phi)$$

$$A \sin(\phi) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad A \cos(\phi) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\phi) = \frac{\sin(\phi)}{\cos(\phi)} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \phi = -\pi / 6$$

$$A \sin(\phi) = -1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{-1}{\sin(-\pi / 6)} = 2$$

Accordingly, $y[n] = 2 \cos\left(5\pi n - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$

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Prob 1.17 Determine whether each $x[n]$ is periodic, and if it is, find its fundamental period.

a) $x[n] = 5 \sin[2n] \implies N = \frac{2\pi m}{\Omega} = \frac{2\pi m}{2} = m\pi$ **nonperiodic**

b) $x[n] = 5 \cos[0.2\pi n] \implies N = \frac{2\pi m}{\Omega} = \frac{2\pi m}{0.2\pi} = 10m$ **periodic**

Fundamental period=10 for $m=1$

c) $x[n] = 5 \cos[6\pi n] \implies N = \frac{2\pi m}{\Omega} = \frac{2\pi m}{6\pi} = \frac{m}{3}$ **periodic**

Fundamental period=1 for $m=3$

d) $x[n] = 5 \cos[6\pi n/35] \implies N = \frac{2\pi m}{\Omega} = \frac{35m}{3}$ **periodic**

Fundamental period=35 for $m=3$

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Prob 1.18 Find the smallest angular frequencies for which discrete-time sinusoidal signals with the following periods would be periodic:

$$a) N = 8 \implies \Omega = \frac{2\pi m}{N} = \frac{2\pi m}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}m = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ when } m = 1.$$

$$b) N = 32 \implies \Omega = \frac{2\pi m}{32} = \frac{\pi}{16}m = \frac{\pi}{16} \text{ when } m = 1.$$

$$c) N = 64 \implies \Omega = \frac{2\pi m}{64} = \frac{\pi}{32}m = \frac{\pi}{32} \text{ when } m = 1.$$

$$d) N = 128 \implies \Omega = \frac{2\pi m}{128} = \frac{\pi}{64}m = \frac{\pi}{64} \text{ when } m = 1.$$

Relation between sinusoidal and complex exponential signals

■ Euler's identity

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

⇒ $x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi) = \operatorname{Re}\{B e^{j\omega t}\}$ where $B = A e^{j\phi}$.

□ Complex exponential signal: $B e^{j\omega t}$

$$\begin{aligned} B e^{j\omega t} &= A e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega t} \\ &= A e^{j(\phi + \omega t)} \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + \phi) + j A \sin(\omega t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

□ Continuous-time signal in terms of sine function:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= A \sin(\omega t + \phi) = \operatorname{Im}\{B e^{j\omega t}\} \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + \phi - \pi/2) \end{aligned}$$

Relation between sinusoidal and complex exponential signals

■ Discrete-Time Case

$$A \cos(\Omega n + \phi) = \operatorname{Re}\{B e^{j\Omega n}\}$$

where $B = A e^{j\phi}$.

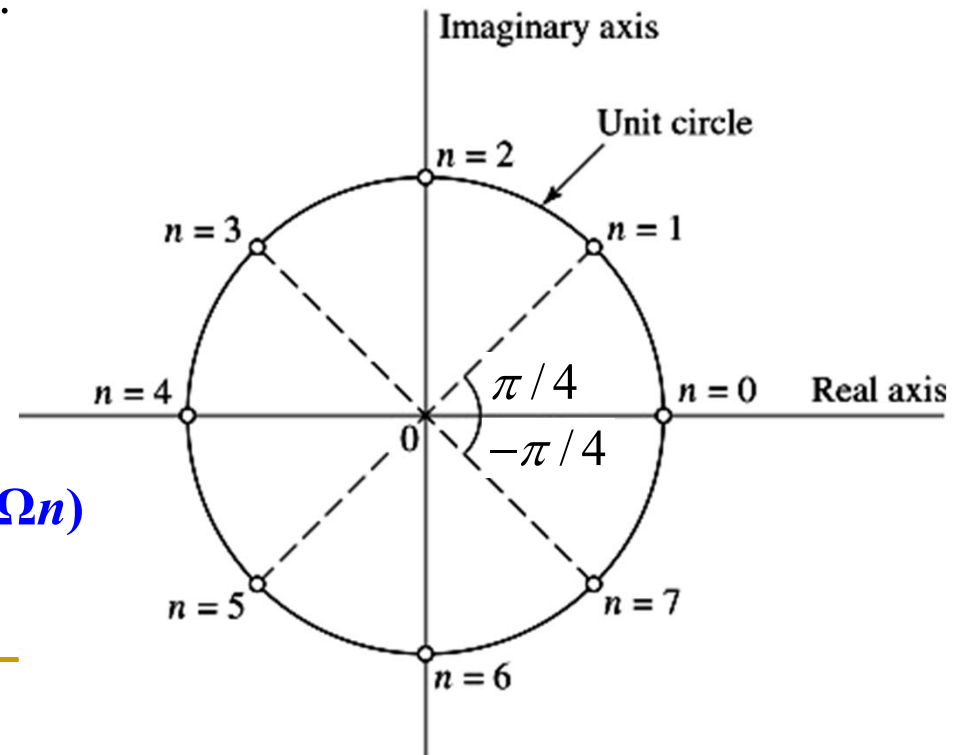
$$A \sin(\Omega n + \phi) = \operatorname{Im}\{B e^{j\Omega n}\}$$

- **Ex.** Two-dimensional representation of the complex exponential $e^{j\Omega n}$ for $\Omega = \pi/4$ and $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 7$.

$$\begin{aligned} e^{j\Omega n} &= \cos \Omega n + j \sin \Omega n \\ &= \cos \frac{\pi n}{4} + j \sin \frac{\pi n}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Projection on real axis: $\cos(\Omega n)$

Projection on imaginary axis: $\sin(\Omega n)$

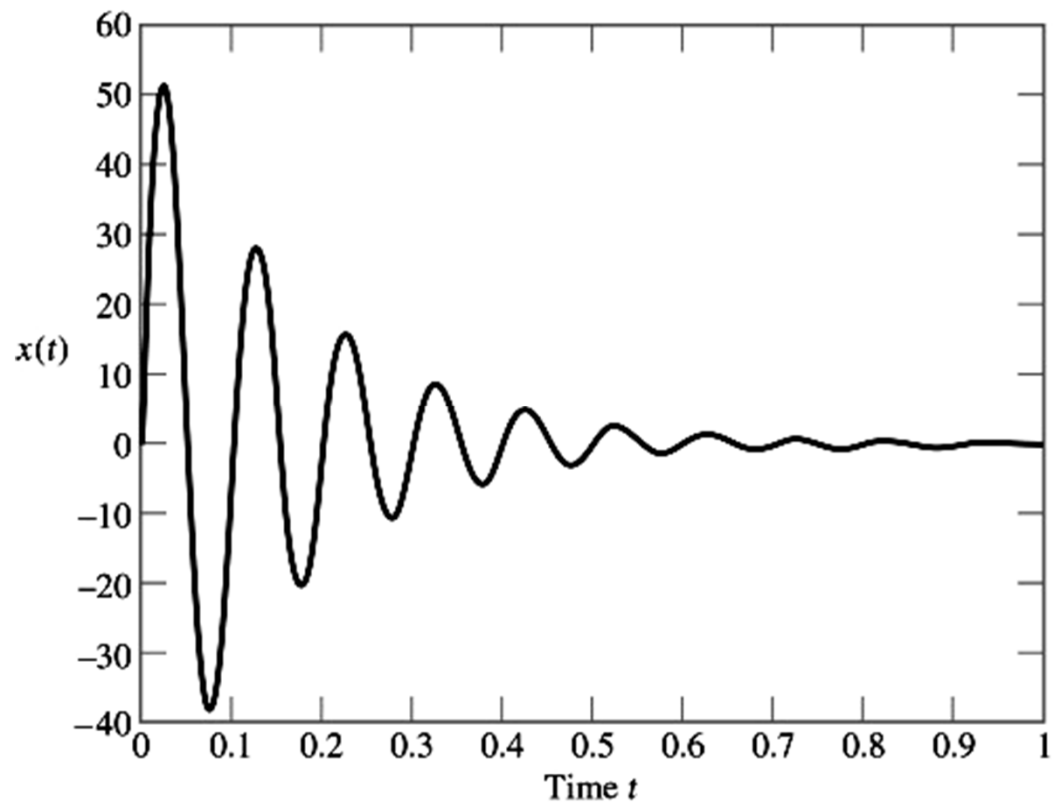


Exponential Damped Sinusoidal Signals (指数阻尼正弦信号)

$$x(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega t + \phi), \quad \alpha > 0$$

$A = 60$,
 $\alpha = 6$, and $\phi = 0$

Figure 1.35 Exponentially damped sinusoidal signal $Ae^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega t)$, with $A = 60$ and $\alpha = 6$.



Exponential Damped Sinusoidal Signals

Prob 1.20 evaluate the real and imaginary components of complex-valued exponential signal $x(t)$ for the following cases:

(a) $\alpha = \alpha_1$, real; (b) $\alpha = j\omega_1$, imaginary; (c) $\alpha = \alpha_1 + j\omega_1$, complex.

$$x(t) = Ae^{\alpha t + j\omega t}$$

$$a) x(t) = Ae^{\alpha_1 t + j\omega t} = Ae^{\alpha_1 t} (\cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}\{x(t)\} = Ae^{\alpha_1 t} \cos \omega t, \quad \operatorname{Im}\{x(t)\} = Ae^{\alpha_1 t} \sin \omega t$$

$$b) x(t) = Ae^{j\omega_1 t + j\omega t} = Ae^{j(\omega_1 + \omega)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}\{x(t)\} = A \cos(\omega_1 + \omega)t, \quad \operatorname{Im}\{x(t)\} = A \sin(\omega_1 + \omega)t$$

$$c) x(t) = Ae^{\alpha_1 t + j\omega_1 t + j\omega t} = Ae^{\alpha_1 t} e^{j(\omega_1 + \omega)t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}\{x(t)\} = Ae^{\alpha_1 t} \cos(\omega_1 + \omega)t, \quad \operatorname{Im}\{x(t)\} = Ae^{\alpha_1 t} \sin(\omega_1 + \omega)t$$

Unit-Step Function (单位阶跃函数)

■ Discrete-Time Case

$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

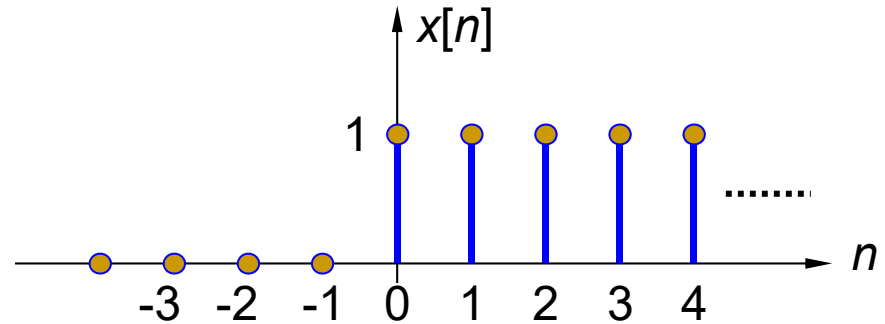


Figure 1.37 Discrete-time version of step function of unit amplitude.

■ Continuous-Time Case

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

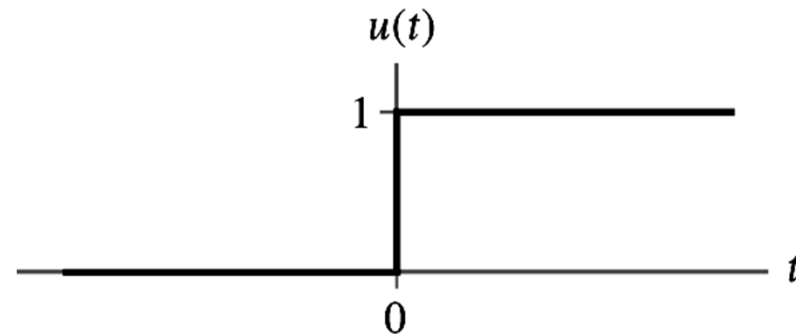


Figure 1.38 Continuous-time version of the unit-step function of unit amplitude.

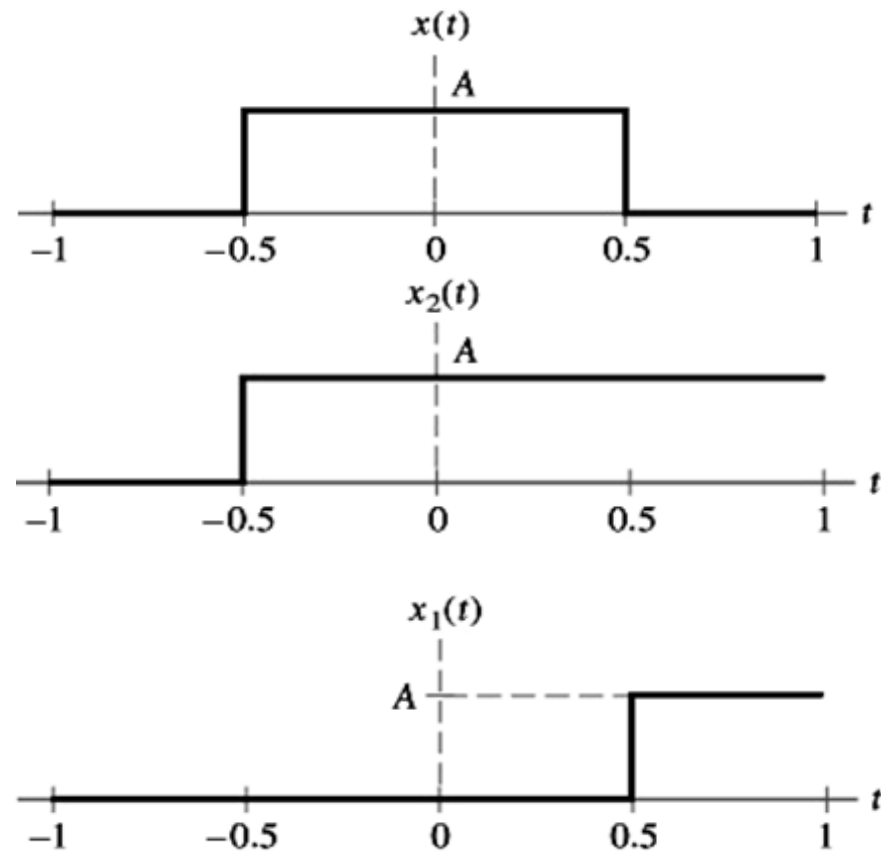
Unit-Step Function

Example 1.8 Consider the rectangular pulse $x(t)$ shown in Fig. 1.39 (a). This pulse has an amplitude A and duration of 1 second. Express $x(t)$ as a weighted sum of two step functions.

<Sol.>

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} A, & 0 \leq |t| < 0.5 \\ 0, & |t| > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$= Au\left(t + \frac{1}{2}\right) - Au\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$



Unit-Impulse Function (单位冲激函数)

■ Discrete-time version of unit impulse

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ 0, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

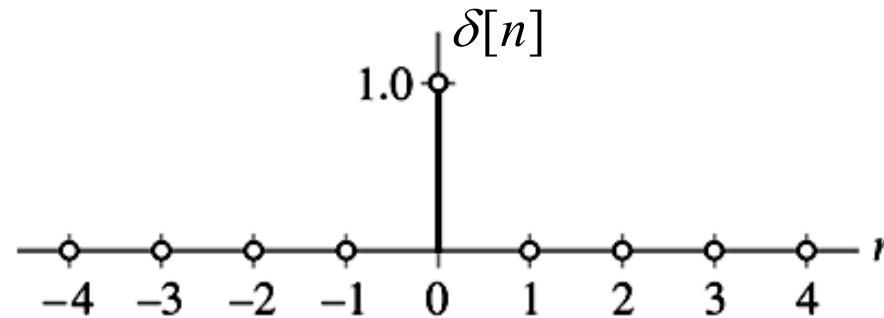
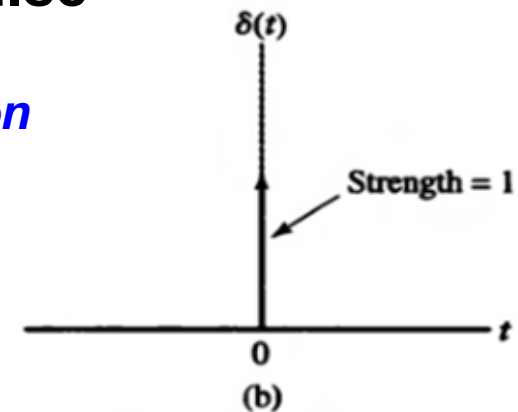


Figure 1.41 Discrete-time form of impulse.

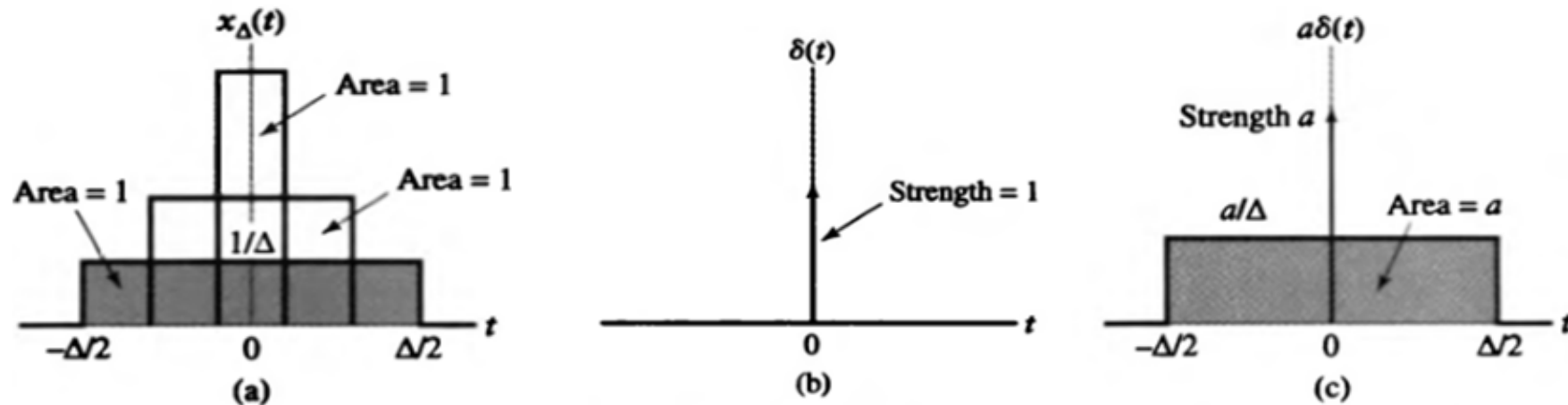
■ Continuous-time version of unit impulse

$$\delta(t) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad t \neq 0 \quad \sim \text{Dirac delta function}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$



Unit-Impulse Function



- $x_{\Delta}(t)$: even function of t with duration Δ and unit area

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} x_{\Delta}(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} \left[u\left(t + \frac{\Delta}{2}\right) - u\left(t - \frac{\Delta}{2}\right) \right]$$

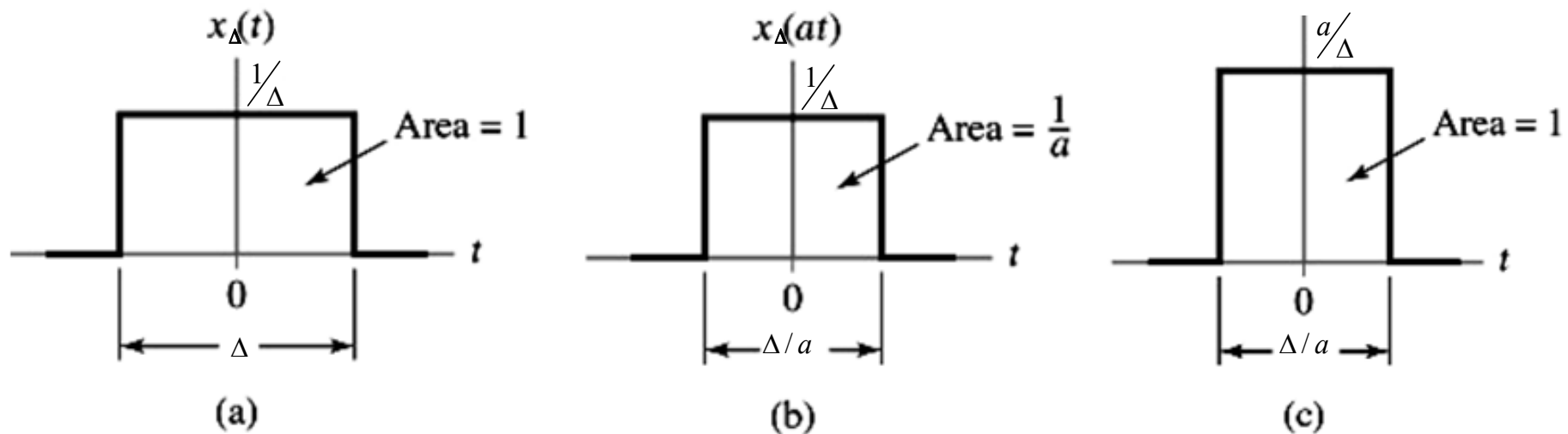
- strength of the impulse: area under the pulse
- relations between impulse and unit step function

$$\delta(t) = \frac{d}{dt} u(t) \quad u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau$$

Unit-Impulse Function

■ Properties of impulse function

- Even function: $\delta(-t) = \delta(t)$
- Sampling property: $x(t)\delta(t - t_0) = x(t_0)\delta(t - t_0)$
- Shifting property: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)\delta(t - t_0)dt = x(t_0)$
- Time-scaling property: $\delta(at) = \frac{1}{a}\delta(t), \quad a > 0$

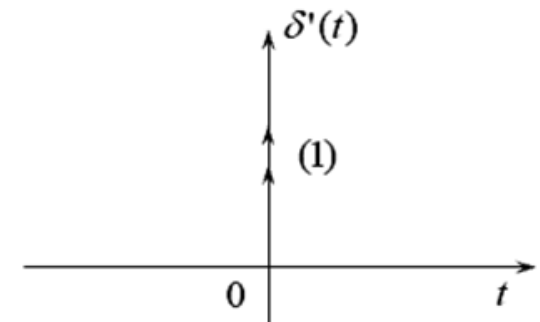
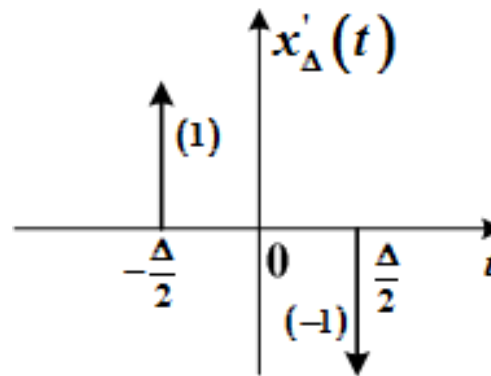
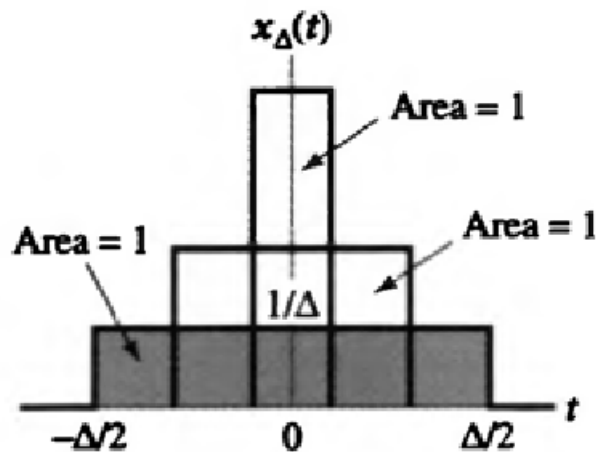


$$\delta(at) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} x_{\Delta}(at) = \frac{1}{a}\delta(t) \quad \text{while} \quad \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} ax_{\Delta}(at) = \delta(t).$$

Unit-Impulse Function

■ derivatives of the impulse

$$\begin{aligned}\delta'(t) &= \frac{d\delta(t)}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dt} x_{\Delta}(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left[u\left(t + \frac{\Delta}{2}\right) - u\left(t - \frac{\Delta}{2}\right) \right] \\ &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} [\delta(t + \Delta/2) - \delta(t - \Delta/2)]\end{aligned}$$



- **doublet:** the first derivative of $\delta(t)$ is the limiting form of the first derivative of the same rectangular pulse

$$\delta^{(1)}(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} [\delta(t + \Delta/2) - \delta(t - \Delta/2)]$$

Unit-Impulse Function

- Fundamental property of the doublet

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta^{(1)}(t) dt = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta^{(1)}(t - t_0) dt &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) [\delta(t - t_0 + \Delta / 2) - \delta(t - t_0 - \Delta / 2)] dt \\ &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} [f(t_0 - \Delta / 2) - f(t_0 + \Delta / 2)] = -\frac{d}{dt} f(t) \Big|_{t=t_0} \end{aligned}$$

- Second derivative of impulse

$$\delta^{(2)}(t) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \delta(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \delta^{(1)}(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta^{(1)}(t + \Delta / 2) - \delta^{(1)}(t - \Delta / 2)}{\Delta}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta^{(2)}(t - t_0) dt = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f(t) \Big|_{t=t_0}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta^{(n)}(t - t_0) dt = (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) \Big|_{t=t_0}$$

Ramp Function (斜坡函数)

■ Continuous-time Case

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} t, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= tu(t)$$

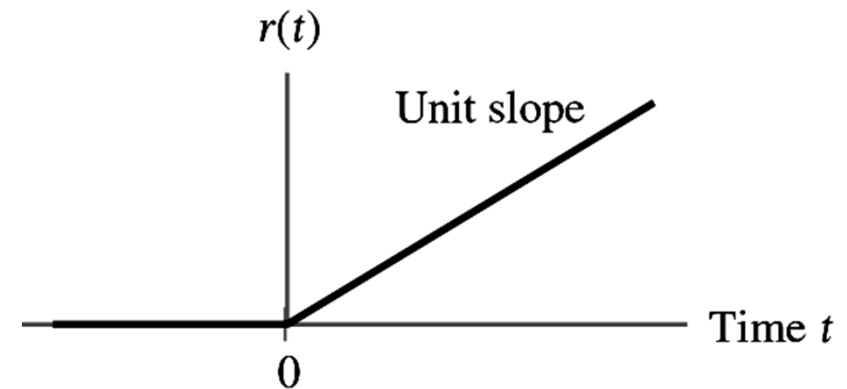


Figure 1.46 Ramp function of unit slope.

■ Discrete-time Case

$$r[n] = \begin{cases} n, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= nu[n]$$

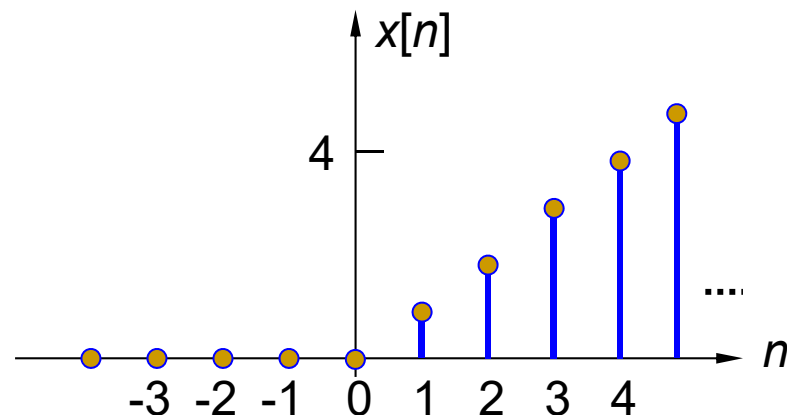


Figure 1.47 Discrete-time version of the ramp function.

Summary

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 - Exponential Signals
 - Sinusoid Signals
 - The Unit-Step Function
 - The Unit-Impulse Function

- Reference in textbook: 1.6
- Homework: 1.58, 1.60