

## **EC 415: Homework 2**

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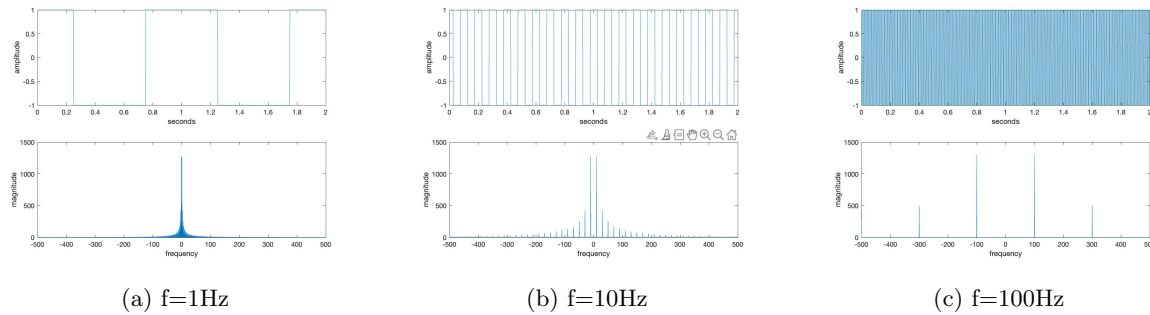


Figure 1: A figure with three subfigures

### Exercise 3.1

Use `specsquare.m` to investigate the relationship between the time behavior of the square wave and its spectrum. The Matlab command `zoom on` is often helpful for viewing details of the plots.

- Try square waves with different frequencies:  $f=20, 40, 100, 300$  Hz. How do the time plots change? How do the spectra change?
- Try square waves of different lengths,  $\text{time}=1, 10, 100$  seconds. How does the spectrum change in each case?
- Try different sampling times,  $T_s=1/100, 1/10000$  seconds. How does the spectrum change in each case?

### Solution

To obtain all solutions to this exercise, a copy of the provided `specsquare.m` was used. For each part of the exercise, the relevant variable was changed before re-running the script and generating a plot.

Listing 1: MATLAB code for Exercise 3.1

```
% specsquare.m plot the spectrum of a square wave
f = 10;                               % "frequency" of square wave, 10
time = 2;                             % length of time, 2
Ts = 1/1000;                          % time interval between samples, 1/1000
t = Ts:Ts:time;                       % create a time vector
x = sign(cos(2*pi*f*t));              % square wave = sign of cos wave
plotspec(x,Ts)                       % call plotspec to draw spectrum
```

- As the frequency increases, the density of square waves on the time plot increases. TODO how do the spectra change
- As the length of time increases, the magnitude of the spectra increases.
- As the sampling time decreases, the sampling frequency increases. This means the spectrum plot is a more complete picture with more plotted spectra. However, this does not change the actual shape of the spectrum.

## Exercise 3.3

Mimic the code in specsquare.m to find the spectrum of:

- An exponential pulse  $s(t) = e^{-t}$  for  $0 < t < 10$
- A scaled exponential pulse  $s(t) = 5e^{-t}$  for  $0 < t < 10$
- A Gaussian pulse  $s(t) = e^{-t^2}$  for  $-2 < t < 2$
- A Gaussian pulse  $s(t) = e^{-t^2}$  for  $-20 < t < 20$
- The sinusoids  $s(t) = \sin(2\pi ft + \phi)$  for  $f = 20, 100, 1000$  with  $\phi = 0, \pi/4, \pi/2$  and  $0 < t < 10$

## Solution

- Here is the MATLAB code:

Listing 2: MATLAB code for part a

```
% 3.3 PART A
time = 10; % run fo 10 sec
Ts = 1/1000; % ms timescale
t = Ts:Ts:time; % time vector
x = exp(-t); % signal
plotspec(x, Ts) % plot spectrum
```

The resulting plot is shown in the figure below.

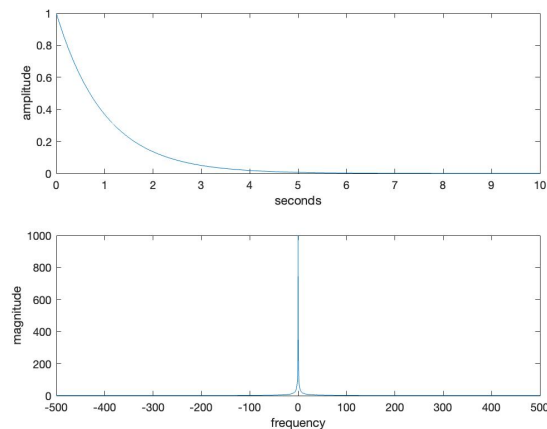


Figure 2: p3.3a d

- Here is the MATLAB code:

Listing 3: MATLAB code for part b

```
%p3_3b.m
time = 10; % run fo 10 sec
Ts = 1/1000; % ms timescale
t = Ts:Ts:time; % time vector
x = 5*exp(-t); % signal
plotspec(x, Ts) % plot spectrum
```

The resulting plot is shown in the figure below.

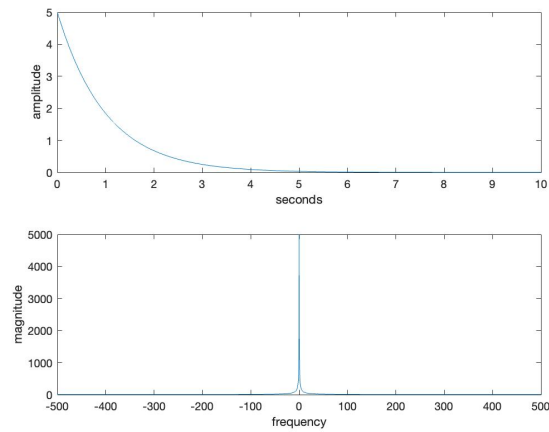


Figure 3: p3.3b

c. Here is the MATLAB code:

Listing 4: MATLAB code for part c

```
%p3-3c.m
time = 2; % run fo 10 sec
Ts = 1/1000; % ms timescale
t = (0-time):Ts:time; % time vector from -time to time
x = 5*exp(-t); % signal
plotspec(x, Ts) % plot spectrum
```

The resulting plot is shown in the figure below.

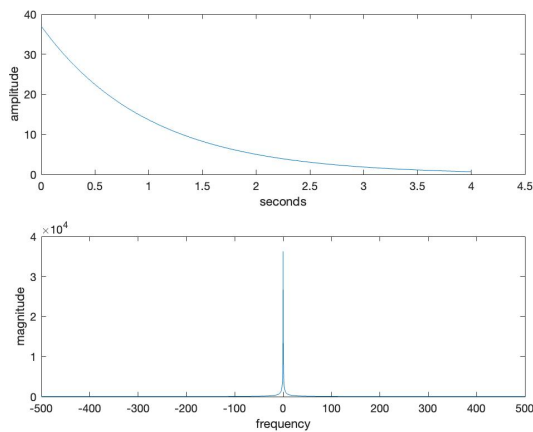


Figure 4: p3.3c

d. Here is the MATLAB code:

Listing 5: MATLAB code for part d

```
%p3_3d.m
time = 20; % run fo 10 sec
Ts = 1/1000; % ms timescale
t = (0-time):Ts:time; % time vector from -time to time
x = 5*exp(-t); % signal
plotspec(x, Ts) % plot spectrum
```

The resulting plot is shown in the figure below.

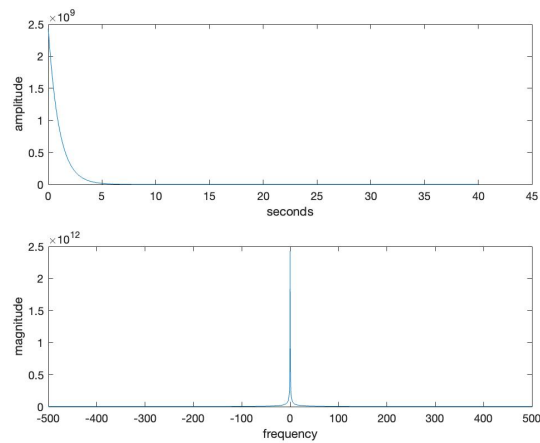


Figure 5: p3.3d

e. Here is the MATLAB code: TODO

**Exercise 3.6**

Mimic the code in speccos.m to find the spectrum of a cosine wave

- a. For different frequencies  $f=1, 2, 20, 30$  Hz, b. for different phases  $\phi = 0, 0.1, \pi/8, \pi/2$  radians
- b. For different sampling rates  $T_s=1/10, 1/1000, 1/100000$ .

**Solution**

- a. A
- b. B

**Exercise 3.9**

Mimic the code in `filternoise.m` to create a filter that

- a. Passes all frequencies above 500 Hz
- b. Passes all frequencies below 3000 Hz
- c. Rejects all frequencies between 1500 and 2500 Hz

**Solution**

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C

**Exercise 3.10**

Change the sampling rate to  $T_s=1/20000$ . Redesign the three filters from Exercise 3.9.

**Solution**

soln here



**Exercise 3.11**

Let  $x_1(t)$  be a cosine wave of frequency  $f = 800$ ,  $x_2(t)$  be a cosine wave of frequency  $f = 2000$ , and  $x_3(t)$  be a cosine wave of frequency  $f = 4500$ . Let  $x(t) = x_1(t) + 0.5 * x_2(t) + 2 * x_3(t)$ . Use  $x(t)$  as input to each of the three filters in `filternoise.m`. Plot the spectra, and explain what you see.

**Solution**

soln here

**Exercise 3.26**

Mimic the code in `modulate.m` to find the spectrum of the output  $y(t)$  of a modulator block (with modulation frequency  $f_c = 1000$  Hz) when

- a. The input is  $x(t) = \cos(2 * \pi * f_1 * t) + \cos(2 * \pi * f_2 * t)$  for  $f_1 = 100$  and  $f_2 = 150$  Hz
- b. The input is a square wave with fundamental  $f = 150$  Hz
- c. The input is a noise signal with all energy below 300 Hz

**Solution**

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C

## Problem 1

What is Wi-Fi? What frequencies does it operate on? List out various 802.11 protocols and their respective frequencies and data rates. Finally, specify three factors that contribute to the weakening of Wi-Fi signals as they propagate in space.

### Solution

**Wi-Fi** is technology for radio wireless local area networking of devices based on the IEEE 802.11 standards. *Wi-Fi* is a trademark of the Wi-Fi Alliance, which restricts the use of the term *Wi-Fi Certified* to products that successfully complete interoperability certification testing.<sup>1</sup>

Wi-Fi operates on the following frequencies:

- 2.4 GHz
- 5 GHz
- 60 GHz

The table below lists out different Wi-Fi protocols, the frequency on which they operate and data rates associated with them.<sup>2</sup>

Designation	Spectrum	single-MIMO PHY
802.11a	5 GHz	54 Mbps
802.11b	2.4 GHz	11 Mbps
802.11g	2.4 GHz	54 Mbps
802.11n	2.4 GHz / 5 GHz	144 Mbps / 300 Mbps
802.11ac	5 GHz	433 Mbps
802.11ad	60 GHz	5 Gbps
802.11ax (draft)	2.4 GHz / 5 GHz	500 Mbps
802.11ay (draft)	60 GHz	40 Gbps

The three concepts that explain weakening of the Wi-Fi signal strength as it propagates in space are:

1. Path loss
2. Shadowing
3. Multipath fading

## Problem 2

Find the Fourier Transform of the rectangular pulse:

$$\Pi(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -T/2 \leq t \leq T/2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

<sup>1</sup>"What is Wi-Fi (IEEE 802.11x)? A Webopedia Definition", <https://www.webopedia.com/TERM/W/Wi-Fi.html>

<sup>2</sup>"Downloading the newest Wi-Fi protocols: 802.11ax and 802.11ay explained", <https://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2018/11/802-eleventy-which-802-11ax-and-802-11ay-explained/>

## Solution

The Fourier Transform of the rectangular pulse is calculated in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W(f) &= \int_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} \Pi(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt = \int_{t=-T/2}^{T/2} (1) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt = \left. \frac{e^{-j2\pi ft}}{-j2\pi f} \right|_{t=-T/2}^{T/2} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-j\pi fT} - e^{j\pi fT}}{-j2\pi f} = T \frac{\sin(\pi fT)}{\pi fT} \equiv T \text{sinc}(fT)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

## Problem 3

Write a Matlab code to upconvert an input sine signal (frequency  $f_i$ ) to a higher frequency ( $f_c$ ) of a carrier so that it can more easily propagate over long distances and plot the result. Be sure to also plot the input and the carrier signal.

## Solution

Here is the Matlab code:

Listing 6: Sample code from Matlab

```

% modulate.m: change the frequency of the input
time=.5; Ts=1/10000;           % time and sampling interval
t=Ts:Ts:time;                  % define a 'time' vector
fc=1000; cmod=cos(2*pi*fc*t); % create cos of freq fc
fi=100; x=cos(2*pi*fi*t);      % input is cos of freq fi
y=cmod.*x;                     % multiply input by cmod
figure(1), plotspec(cmod,Ts)   % find spectra and plot
figure(2), plotspec(x,Ts)
figure(3), plotspec(y,Ts)

%Here's how the figure was actually drawn
N=length(x);                  % length of the signal x
t=Ts*(1:N);                   % define a time vector
ssf=(-N/2:N/2-1)/(Ts*N);      % frequency vector
fx=fftshift(fft(x(1:N)));
figure(4), subplot(3,1,1), plot(ssf,abs(fx))
xlabel('magnitude_spectrum_at_input')
fcm=fftshift(fft(cmod(1:N)));
subplot(3,1,2), plot(ssf,abs(fcm))
xlabel('magnitude_spectrum_of_the_oscillator')
fy=fftshift(fft(y(1:N)));
subplot(3,1,3), plot(ssf,abs(fy))
xlabel('magnitude_spectrum_at_output')

```

The resulting plots are shown in the figures below.