# Lecture 5 Frequency Domain Representation of Discrete Time Systems

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#### **Signal & Frequency Components**

- Continuous periodic signal Discrete frequency components (Fourier Series)
- Continuous non-periodic signal Continuous frequency components (CTFT)
- Discrete-time signal components (DTFT)

#### **Linear Combination**

 When a signal can be represented as a linear combination of complex exponentials:

$$x[n] = \sum_{k} a_k e^{j\omega_k n}$$

knowing the response of the LTI system to a single sinusoidal signal, we can determine its response to more complicated signals by making use of superposition property.

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$$x[n] \longrightarrow h[n] \qquad y[n]$$

$$x[n] = \delta[n] \longrightarrow h[n]$$

$$x[n] = e^{j\omega n} \qquad h[n] \longrightarrow y[n]$$

$$y[n] = h[n] \bigoplus e^{j\omega n} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] e^{j\omega(n-k)}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] e^{-j\omega k}\right) e^{j\omega n}$$

Let

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]e^{-j\omega k}$$

## Eigenfunction

Then, we can write

$$y[n] = H(e^{j\omega})e^{j\omega n}$$

- Thus, for a complex exponential input signal  $e^{j\omega n}$ , the output of an LTI discrete-time system is also a complex exponential signal of the same frequency multiplied by a complex constant  $H(e^{j\omega})$ .
- If applying a function as an input to a system, and the output of the system is the same function multiplied by a constant, such function is an **eigenfunction** of the system.
- So,  $e^{j\omega n}$ , is an eigenfunction of the system.

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## The Frequency Response

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k]e^{-j\omega k}$$

is defined to be the **frequency response** of the LTI system with impulse response h[n]

- $H(e^{j\omega}) = H_{\rm re}(e^{j\omega}) + jH_{\rm im}(e^{j\omega})$
- $H(e^{j\omega}) = |H(e^{j\omega})|e^{j\theta(\omega)}$ , where,  $\theta(\omega) = \arg\{H(e^{j\omega})\}$
- $|H(e^{j\omega})|$ : magnitude response
- $\theta(\omega)$ : phase response

#### **Example**

- Consider the ideal delay system defined by  $y[n] = x[n n_d]$ , for constant integer  $n_d$
- With input  $x[n] = e^{j\omega n}$ , we have  $y[n] = e^{j\omega(n-n_d)} = e^{-j\omega n_d}e^{j\omega n}$

The frequency response of the ideal delay is therefore

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega n_d}$$

• An alternative method: the impulse response of the ideal delay is  $h[n] = \delta[n - n_d]$ . So the frequency response of the ideal delay system is

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n - n_d] e^{-j\omega n} = e^{-j\omega n_d}$$

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#### **Frequency Response in Decibels**

• Gain Function:

$$\mathcal{G}(\omega) = 20\log_{10}\left|H(e^{j\omega})\right|$$

the unit is in dB

Attenuation (or loss function):

$$\mathcal{A}(\omega) = -20\log_{10}\left|H(e^{j\omega})\right|$$

is the negative of the gain function.

#### Symmetry of frequency Response

- Due to DTFT, for a real impulse response h[n],  $H(e^{j\omega})$  is conjugate symmetric, i.e.,
  - $H(e^{j\omega}) = H^*(e^{-j\omega})$ , or
  - $|H(e^{j\omega})| = |H(e^{-j\omega})|$ , and  $\theta(\omega) = -\theta(-\omega)$ , or
  - $H_{\rm re}(e^{j\omega})$  is even and  $H_{\rm im}(e^{j\omega})$  is odd.
- For a real symmetric impulse response,  $H(e^{j\omega})$  is real and symmetric.

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## Frequency-Domain **Characterization of LTI DT System**

 For LTI system in time domain, we have  $y[n] = x[n] \oplus h[n]$ 

$$x[n] \qquad y[n] \qquad$$

Applying convolution property of DTFT, we have  $Y(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega})H(e^{j\omega})$ 

$$X(e^{j\omega}) \qquad Y(e^{j\omega})$$

#### Frequency Response of FIR System

The time-domain input-output relation of FIR system:

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=N_1}^{N_2} h[k]x[n-k], \quad N_1 < N_2$$

• Applying DTFT on both sides, we arrive at 
$$Y(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=N_1}^{N_2} h[k]e^{-j\omega k}X(e^{j\omega}),$$

The frequency response of FIR system is given by

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=N_1}^{N_2} h[k]e^{-j\omega k},$$

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#### Frequency Response of IIR System

The time-domain input-output relation of IIR system

$$\sum_{m=0}^{N} b_m y[n-m] = \sum_{m=0}^{M} a_m x[n-m]$$

Applying DTFT on both sides, we arrive at

$$\sum_{m=0}^{N} b_m e^{-j\omega m} Y(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{m=0}^{M} a_m e^{-j\omega m} X(e^{j\omega})$$

The frequency response of IIR system is given by

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{Y(e^{j\omega})}{X(e^{j\omega})} = \frac{\sum_{m=0}^{M} a_m e^{-j\omega m}}{\sum_{m=0}^{N} b_m e^{-j\omega m}}$$

#### **Example**

- Determine the frequency response of the *M*-point moving average filter.
- Since the input-output relation is given by:

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} x[n-l]$$

• the impulse response is given by:

$$h[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{l=0}^{M-1} \delta[n-l] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{M}, & 0 \le n \le M-1\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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• Thus, the frequency response is given by 
$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} e^{-j\omega n} = \frac{1}{M} \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-jM\omega}}{1 - e^{-j\omega}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{M} \cdot \frac{\sin(M\omega/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} e^{-j(M-1)\omega/2}$$

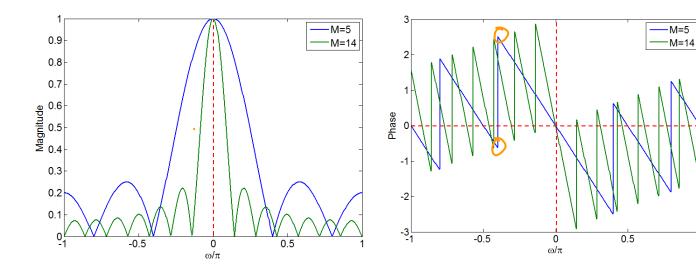
$$= \frac{1}{M} \cdot \frac{\sin(M\omega/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} e^{-j(M-1)\omega/2}$$

$$|H(e^{j\omega})| = \frac{1}{M} \left| \frac{\sin\left(\frac{M\omega}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)} \right|$$

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$$\theta(\omega) = \frac{-(M-1)\omega}{2} + \pi \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor M/2 \rfloor} \mu\left(\omega - \frac{2\pi k}{M}\right)$$

• The plots of the magnitude response and phase response of the *M*-point moving average filter, for *M*=5 and *M*=14

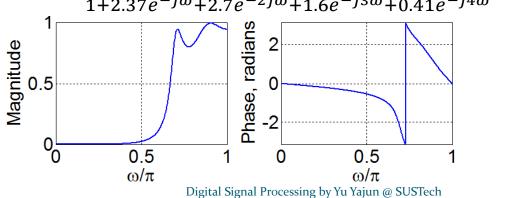


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## **Unwrapped Phase Function**

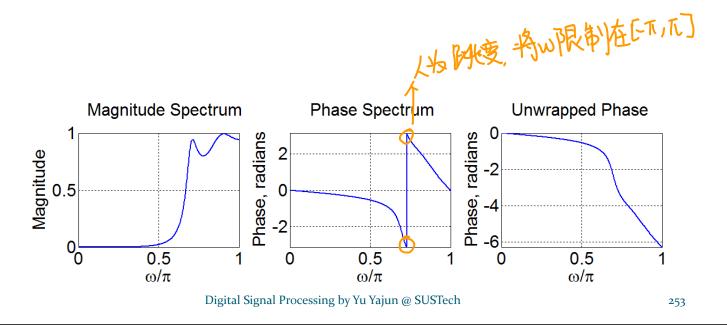
- The principle value of phase function is defined to within a range  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .
- The phase function of DTFT thus computed exhibits discontinuity of  $2\pi$  radians in plots.
- Example:  $X(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{0.008 0.033e^{-j\omega} + 0.05e^{-j2\omega} 0.033e^{-j3\omega} + 0.008e^{-j4\omega}}{1 + 2.37e^{-j\omega} + 2.7e^{-2j\omega} + 1.6e^{-j3\omega} + 0.41e^{-j4\omega}}$



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#### **Unwrapped Phase Function**

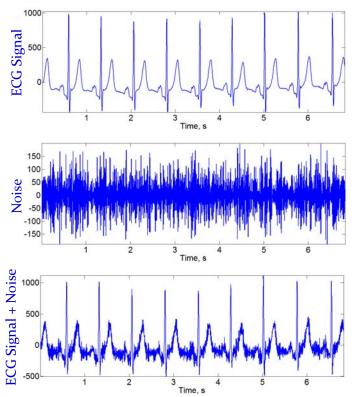
• The process to remove the  $2\pi$  discontinuity is called **unwrapping the phase.** 

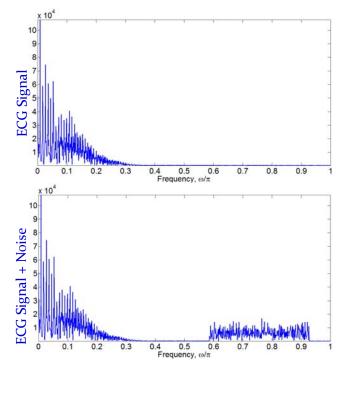


## The Concept of Filtering

- One application of an LTI discrete-time system is to pass certain frequency components in an input sequence without any distortion (if possible) and to block other frequency components.
- Such systems are called digital filters and are one of main devices in digital signal processing

- A time domain signal with noise
- Their frequency spectrum





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# The Concept of Filtering

Any discrete-time signal may be expressed as

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$

- Any frequency component  $e^{j\omega n}$  may be scaled by a frequency response  $H(e^{j\omega})$  at frequency  $\omega$ , such that the frequency component is passed without distortion, or attenuated.
- For example, if we have an ideal LTI system with magnitude response given by

$$\left| \frac{H(e^{j\omega})}{0} \right| = \begin{cases} 1, & |\omega| \le \omega_c \\ 0, & \omega_c < |\omega| \le \pi \end{cases}$$

## A Simple Example

• We apply an input x[n] to the system, where

$$x[n] = A\cos\omega_1 n + B\cos\omega_2 n,$$
  
$$0 < \omega_1 < \omega_c < \omega_2 < \pi$$

Because of linearity, the output of the system is

$$y[n]$$

$$= A \left| H(e^{j\omega_1}) \right| \cos(\omega_1 n + \theta(\omega_1))$$

$$+ B \left| H(e^{j\omega_2}) \right| \cos(\omega_2 n + \theta(\omega_2))$$

- As  $|H(e^{j\omega_1})| = 1$ , and  $|H(e^{j\omega_2})| = 0$ , the output reduces to  $y[n] = A\cos(\omega_1 + \theta(\omega_1))$
- The LTI system acts like a lowpass filter.

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## **Design Example**

- Design a very simple digital filter.
- Requirement: An input, consisting of two sinusoidal sequences of angular frequencies 0.1 rad/sample and 0.4 rad/sample, is to be filtered to keep the high-frequency component, but block the low-frequency component.
- For simplicity, we assume a filter of length 3 with an impulse response:  $h[0]=h[2]=\alpha$ , and  $h[1]=\beta$ .

- The input-output relation in time-domain would be: y[n] = h[0]x[n] + h[1]x[n-1] + h[2]x[n-2]  $= \alpha x[n] + \beta x[n-1] + \alpha x[n-2]$
- **Design objective:** Choose suitable values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , such that the output contains only a sinusoidal sequence with an angular frequency 0.4 rad/sample.
- Now the frequency response of the filter is given by,  $H(e^{j\omega}) = h[0] + h[1]e^{-j\omega} + h[2]e^{-j2\omega}$  $= \alpha(1 + e^{-j2\omega}) + \beta e^{-j\omega}$  $= 2\alpha \left(\frac{e^{j\omega} + e^{-j\omega}}{2}\right)e^{-j\omega} + \beta e^{-j\omega} = (2\alpha\cos\omega + \beta)e^{-j\omega}$

Magnitude responsegital Signal Processing by Yu Yajun @ SUSTech

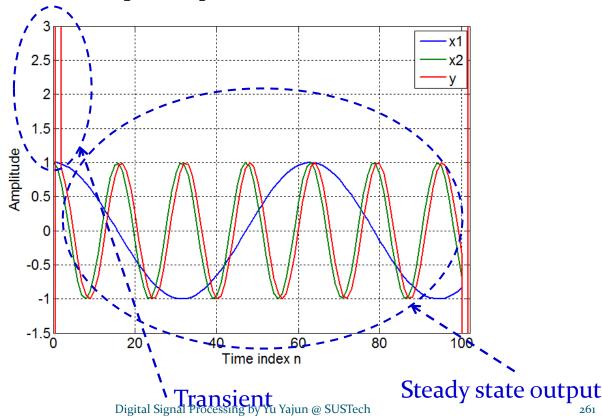
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- To block the low-frequency component, let  $H(e^{j0.1}) = (2\alpha\cos(0.1) + \beta) = 0$
- To pass the high-frequency component, let  $H(e^{j0.4}) = (2\alpha\cos(0.4) + \beta) = 1$
- Result in:

$$\alpha = -6.76185$$
,  $\beta = 13.456335$  i.e.,  $h[n] = \{-6.76185, 13.456335, -6.76185\}$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2$ 

• So the designed filter has the input-output relation in time-domain given by y[n] = -6.76185(x[n] + x[n-2]) + 13.456335x[n-1] and the input is  $x[n] = (\cos(0.1n) + \cos(0.4n))\mu[n]$ 

Input and output sequences in time-domain



## **Phase Delay and Group Delay**

Re-examine a system with an input of pure sinusoidal signal

$$y[n] = h[n] \bigotimes A\cos(\omega_0 n + \varphi)$$

$$= A \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] e^{-j\omega_0 k} \right) \cos(\omega_0 n + \varphi) \qquad (-\tau_p(\omega_0))$$

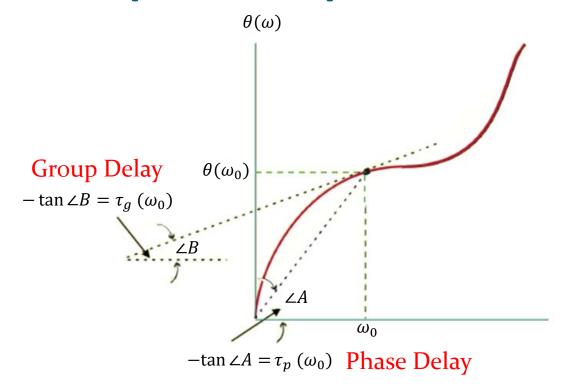
$$= A |H(e^{j\omega_0})| \cos(\omega_0 n + \theta(\omega_0) + \varphi)$$

$$= A |H(e^{j\omega_0})| \cos\left(\omega_0 \left[n + \frac{\theta(\omega_0)}{\omega_0}\right] + \varphi\right)$$

Define phase delay and group delay, respectively, as

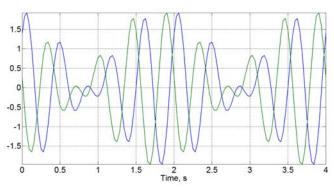
$$au_p(\omega_0) = -rac{ heta(\omega_0)}{\omega_0}, \qquad au_g(\omega) = -rac{d heta(\omega)}{d\omega}.$$

#### **A Graphic Comparison**

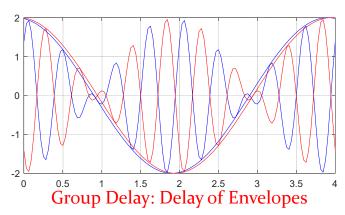


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#### \*Physical Meanings



Phase Delay: Delay of Samples



• 
$$T = \frac{1}{32}$$
,  $\omega_1 = 4\pi$ ,  $\omega_2 = 5\pi$ 

• Blue Signal:  $\sin(\omega_1 n + 0.2\pi) + \sin(\omega_2 n + 0.3\pi)$ 

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• Green Signal:  

$$\sin(\omega_1 n + 0.2\pi + 5\omega_1 T) + \sin(\omega_2 n + 0.3\pi + 5\omega_2 T)$$

$$\theta(\omega_1) = 5\omega_1 T, \ \theta(\omega_2) = 5\omega_2 T,$$

$$\tau_p(\omega_1) = \tau_p(\omega_2) = -5T$$

$$\tau_q(\omega_1) = \tau_q(\omega_2) = -5T$$

• Red Signal:

$$\sin(4\pi n + 0.2\pi + 5\omega_1 T + 0.4\pi) + \sin(5\pi n + 0.3\pi + 5\omega_2 T + 0.2\pi)$$

$$\theta(\omega_1) = 5\omega_1 T + 0.4\pi, \ \theta(\omega_2) = 5\omega_2 T + 0.2\pi,$$

$$\tau_p(\omega_1) = -5T - 0.1$$

$$\tau_p(\omega_2) = -5T - 0.04$$

$$\tau_g(\omega_1) = \tau_g(\omega_2) = -\frac{\Delta\theta(\omega)}{\Delta\omega} - \frac{\theta(\omega_2) - \theta(\omega_1)}{\omega_2 - \omega_1}$$

$$= -(5T - 0.2) = 1.4T$$

• 
$$H(e^{j\omega}) = (2\alpha\cos\omega + \beta)e^{-j\omega}$$
,

• 
$$\tau_p(\omega) = -\frac{\theta(\omega)}{\omega} = 1$$
,  $\tau_g(\omega) = -\frac{d\theta(\omega)}{d\omega} = 1$ 

