

# Lecture 5

## Frequency Domain Representation of Discrete Time Systems



## Signal & Frequency Components

- Continuous periodic signal  $\Rightarrow$  Discrete frequency components (Fourier Series)
- Continuous non-periodic signal  $\Rightarrow$  Continuous frequency components (CTFT)
- Discrete-time signal  $\Rightarrow$  Continuous frequency 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.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{c} x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h[n]} \rightarrow y[n] \\ x[n] = \delta[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h[n]} \rightarrow h[n] \\ x[n] = e^{j\omega n} \rightarrow \boxed{h[n]} \rightarrow y[n] \end{array} \\ & y[n] = h[n] \otimes e^{j\omega n} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] e^{j\omega(n-k)} \\ & = \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] e^{-j\omega k} \right) e^{j\omega n} \end{aligned}$$

- 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.

# 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  $h[n]$

- $H(e^{j\omega}) = H_{\text{re}}(e^{j\omega}) + jH_{\text{im}}(e^{j\omega})$
- $H(e^{j\omega}) = |H(e^{j\omega})|e^{j\theta(\omega)}$ , 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
$$y[n] = x[n - n_d], \text{ for constant integer } n_d$$

- 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

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

## Frequency Response in Decibels

- Gain Function:

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

the unit is in dB

- Attenuation (or loss function):

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

is the negative of the gain function.

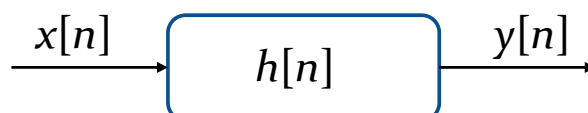
# Symmetry of frequency Response

- 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
  - $H_{\text{re}}(e^{j\omega})$  is even and  $H_{\text{im}}(e^{j\omega})$  is odd.
- For a real symmetric impulse response,
  - $H(e^{j\omega})$  is real and symmetric.

# Frequency-Domain Characterization of LTI DT System

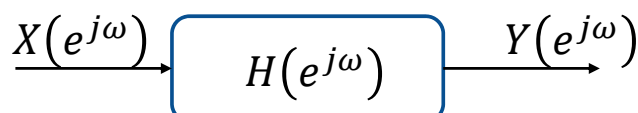
- For LTI system in time domain, we have

$$y[n] = x[n] \otimes h[n]$$



- Applying convolution property of DTFT, we have

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



# 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

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

# 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:

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

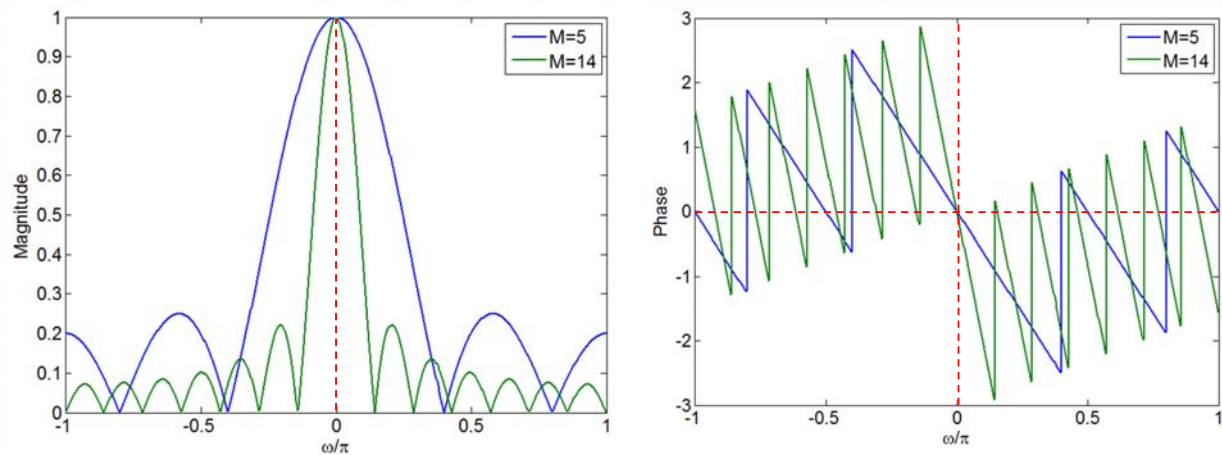
- Thus, the frequency response is given by

$$\begin{aligned} H(e^{j\omega}) &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} e^{-j\omega n} = \frac{1}{M} \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-jM\omega}}{1 - e^{-j\omega}} \\ &= \frac{1}{M} \cdot \frac{\sin(M\omega/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} e^{-j(M-1)\omega/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |H(e^{j\omega})| &= \frac{1}{M} \left| \frac{\sin\left(\frac{M\omega}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)} \right| \\ \theta(\omega) &= \frac{-(M-1)\omega}{2} + \pi \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor M/2 \rfloor} \mu\left(\omega - \frac{2\pi k}{M}\right) \end{aligned}$$



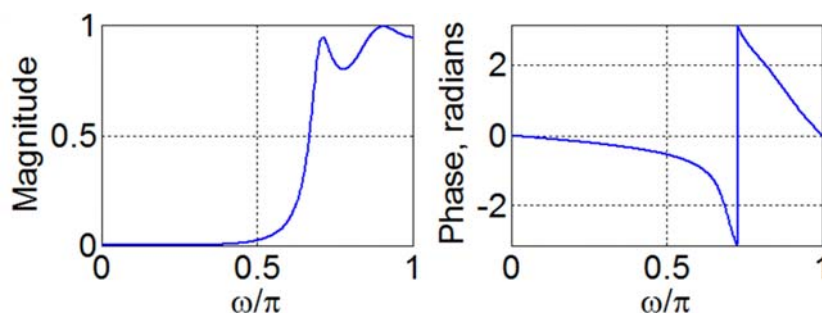
- The plots of the magnitude response and phase response of the  $M$ -point moving average filter, for  $M=5$  and  $M=14$



## 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:

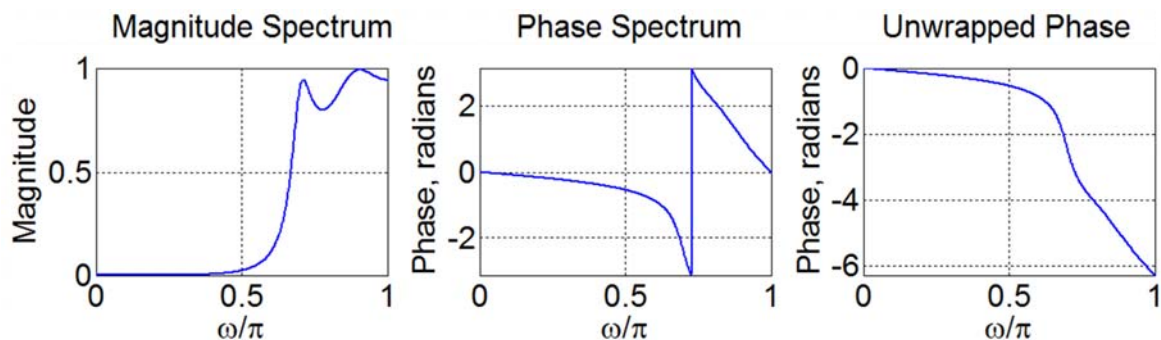
$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{0.008 - 0.033e^{-j\omega} + 0.05e^{-j2\omega} - 0.033e^{-j3\omega} + 0.008e^{-j4\omega}}{1 + 2.37e^{-j\omega} + 2.7e^{-j2\omega} + 1.6e^{-j3\omega} + 0.41e^{-j4\omega}}$$





# Unwrapped Phase Function

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



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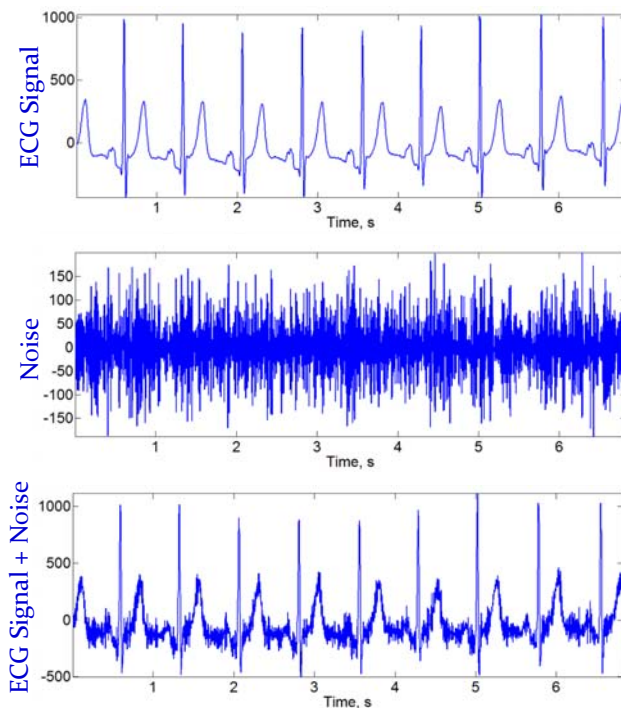
# The Concept of Filtering

- 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

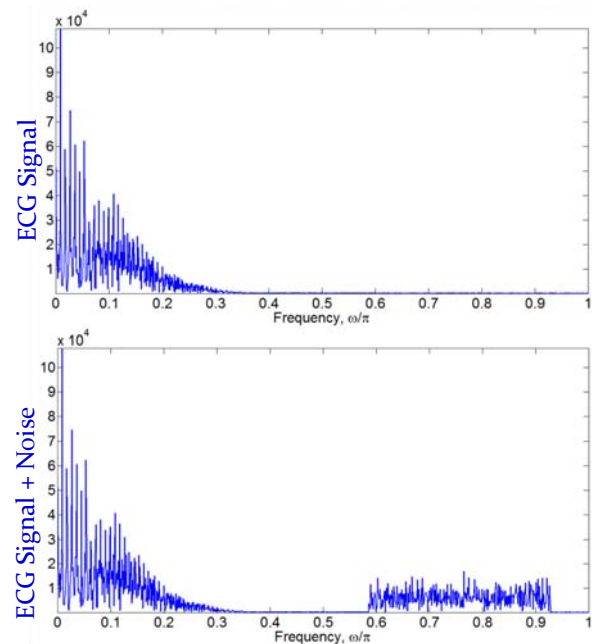
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- A time domain signal with noise



- Their frequency spectrum



## 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

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

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

# 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 a angular frequency **0.4 rad/sample**.
- Now the frequency response of the filter is given by,

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = h[0] + h[1]e^{-j\omega} + h[2]e^{-j2\omega} \\ = \alpha(1 + e^{-j2\omega}) + \beta e^{-j\omega} \\ = 2\alpha \left( \frac{e^{j\omega} + e^{-j\omega}}{2} \right) e^{-j\omega} + \beta e^{-j\omega} \\ = \underline{(2\alpha \cos \omega + \beta)} e^{-j\omega}$$

Magnitude response

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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:

$$\alpha = -6.76185, \quad \beta = 13.456335$$

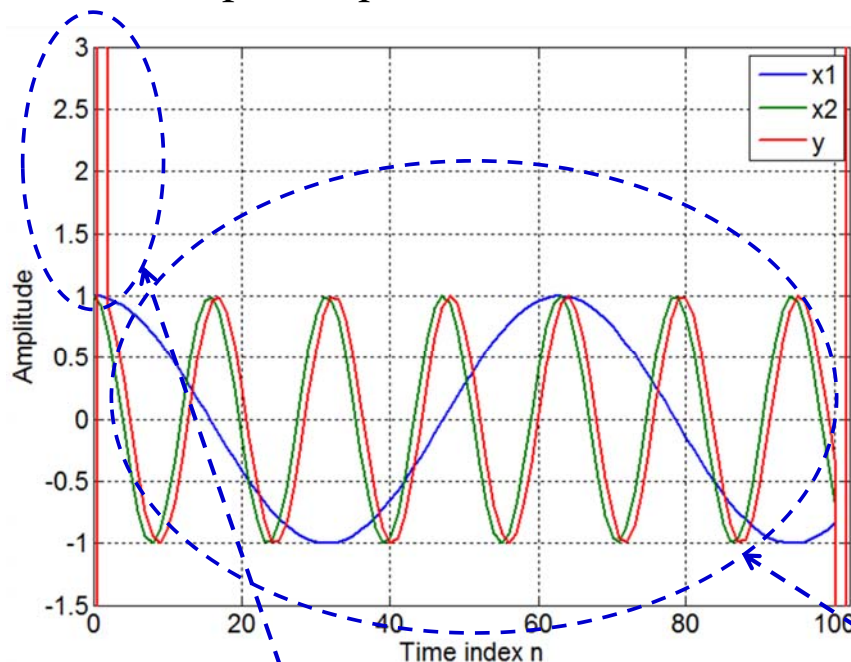
$$\text{i.e., } h[n] = \{-6.76185, 13.456335, -6.76185\}, \\ \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2$$

- So the designed filter has the input-output relation in time-domain given by

$$y[n] = -6.76185(x[n] + x[n-2]) + 13.456335x[n-1]$$

$$\text{and the input is } x[n] = (\cos(0.1n) + \cos(0.4n))\mu[n]$$

- Input and output sequences in time-domain



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## Phase Delay and Group Delay

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

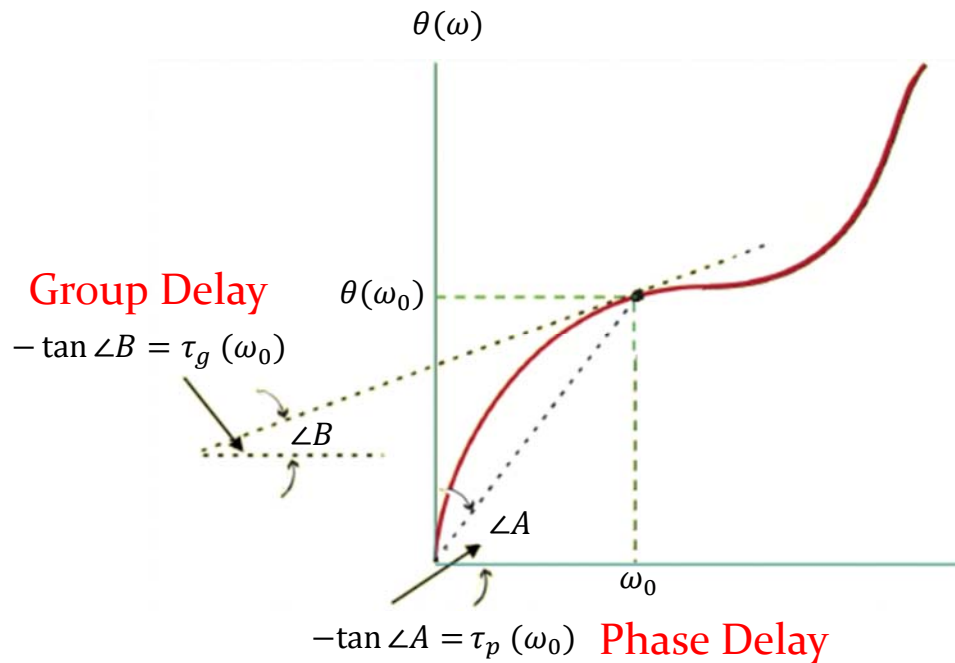
$$\begin{aligned}
 y[n] &= h[n] \otimes A \cos(\omega_0 n + \varphi) \\
 &= A \left( \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h[k] e^{-j\omega_0 k} \right) \cos(\omega_0 n + \varphi) \\
 &= A |H(e^{j\omega_0})| \cos(\omega_0 n + \theta(\omega_0) + \varphi) \\
 &= A |H(e^{j\omega_0})| \cos \left( \omega_0 \left[ n + \frac{\theta(\omega_0)}{\omega_0} \right] + \varphi \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Define **phase delay** and **group delay**, respectively, as

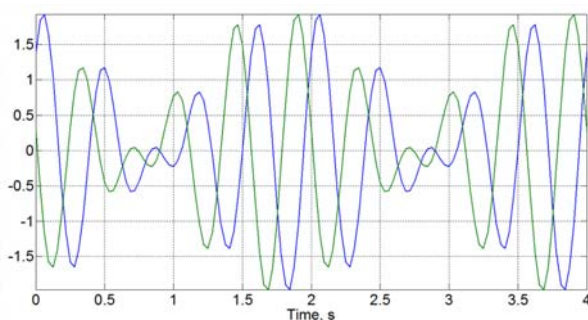
$$\tau_p(\omega_0) = -\frac{\theta(\omega_0)}{\omega_0}, \quad \tau_g(\omega) = -\frac{d\theta(\omega)}{d\omega}.$$



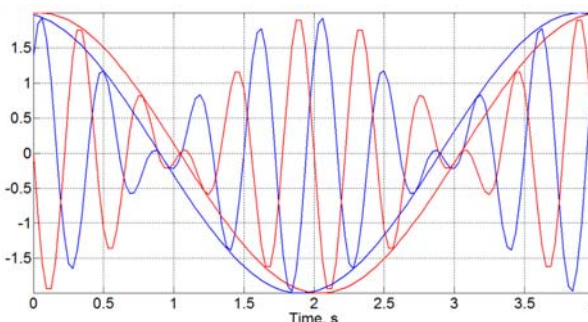
# A Graphic Comparison



# Physical Meanings



**Phase Delay: Delay of Samples**



**Group Delay: Delay of Envelopes**

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

- **Blue Signal:**

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

- **Green Signal:**

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

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

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

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

- **Red Signal:**

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

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

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

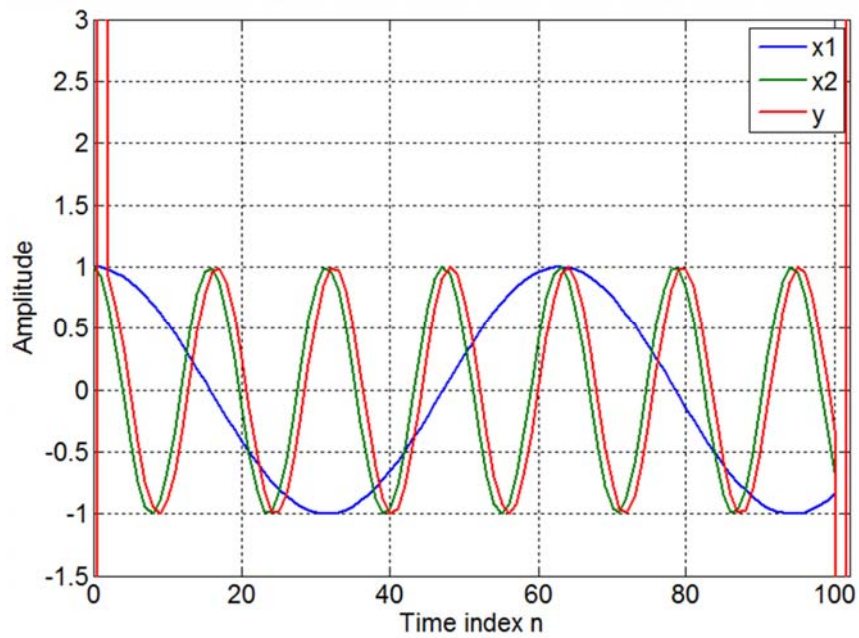
$$\tau_p(\omega_2) = -5T - 0.04$$

$$\tau_g(\omega_1) = \tau_g(\omega_2) = 5T$$



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

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



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