EE229: Signal Processing - I

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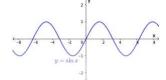
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Signals

- A signal is a pattern of some form of *variation*.
- Signals carry 'information'
- Signals are processed for extracting the information or for signal modification.
- Mathematically, a signal is a function of one or more independent variables. The function has a domain and a range.

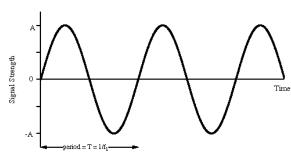
Signal: sine function



$$y = \sin x$$

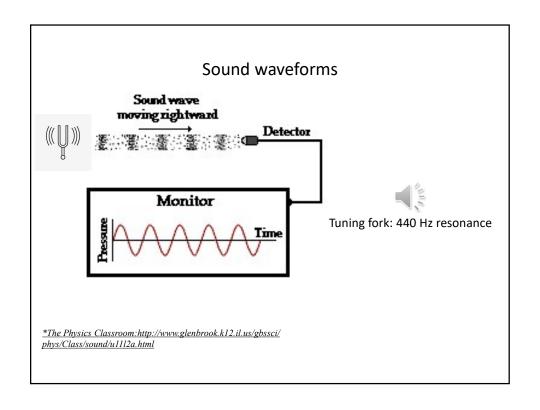
 $y(t) = A sin(2\pi f_1 t)$

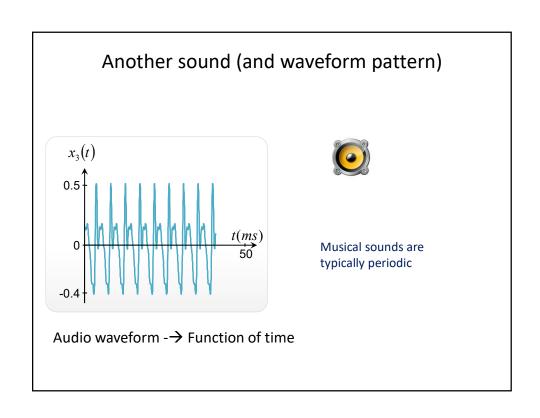
"Waveform"



(a) Sine Wave

- What is the information contained in a signal?
- How is the information embedded in the signal?

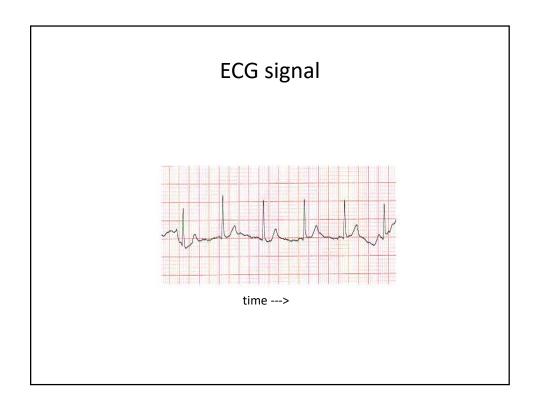




- Speech: see the signal "waveform"
- Music

Classification of Signals

- Continuous-time and discrete-time
 - more generally: continuous/discrete in "domain"
- Analog and digital
 - continuous/discrete in "range"



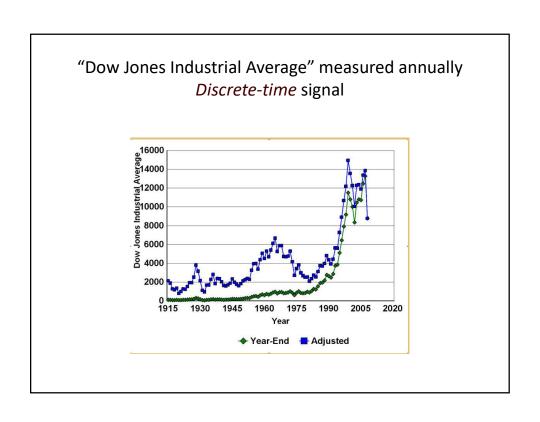
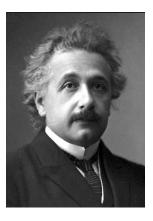


Image: a "multidimensional" signal



"Brightness" as a function of the spatial domain (x,y).

Colour photo



How about Video signals?

Text: a discrete-valued signal

THE ADVENTURE OF THE ENGINEER'S THUMB

F ALL the problems which have been submitted to my friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, for solution during the years of our intimacy, there were only two which I was the means of introducing to his notice—that of Mr. Hatherley's thumb, and that of Colonel Warburton's madness. Of these the latter may have afforded a finer field for an acute and original observer, but the other was so strange in its inception and so dramatic in its details that it may be the more worthy of being placed upon record, even if it gave my friend fewer openings for those deductive methods of reasoning by which he achieved such remarkable results. The story has, I believe, been told more than once in the newspapers, but, like all such narratives, its effect is much less striking when set forth *en bloc* in a single half-column of print than when the facts slowly evolve before your own eyes, and the mystery clears gradually

Signals & Systems...

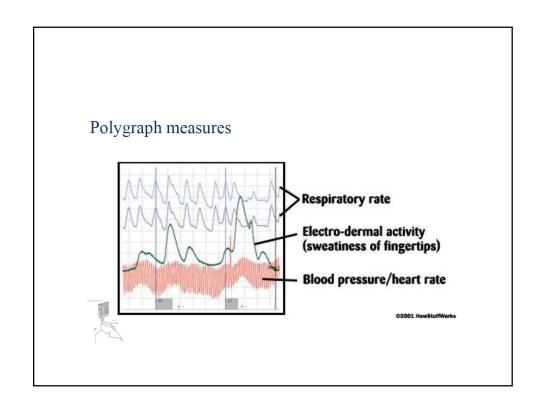
- Signals convey information
- · Systems process signals to transform them

The polygraph: how does it work?

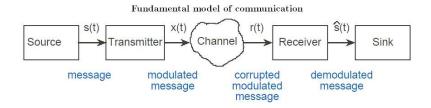
 A polygraph instrument is basically a combination of medical devices that are used to monitor changes occurring in the body (heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate and electro-dermal activity)







Communicating information

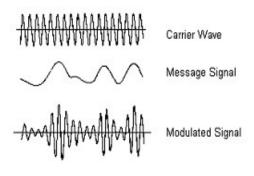


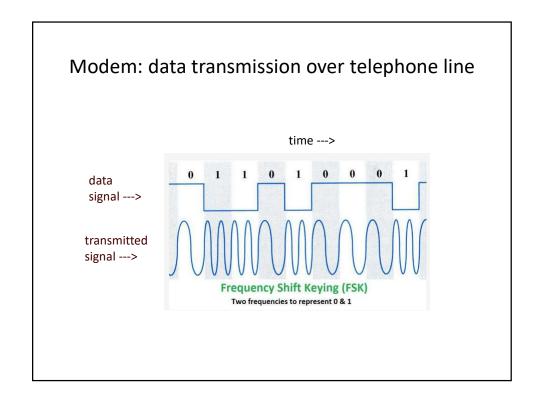
A signal is a function (with a domain and a range).

In the above block diagram, the signal is a function of time.

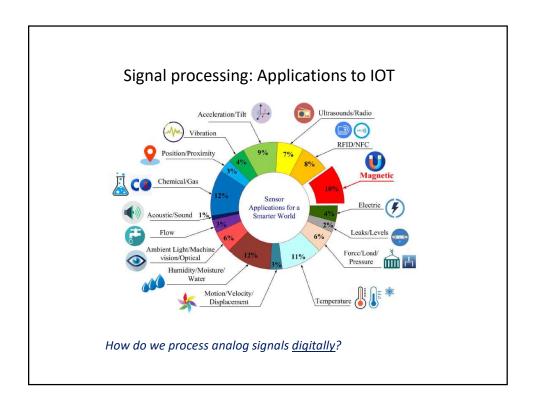
A system operates on an input signal to produce an output signal.

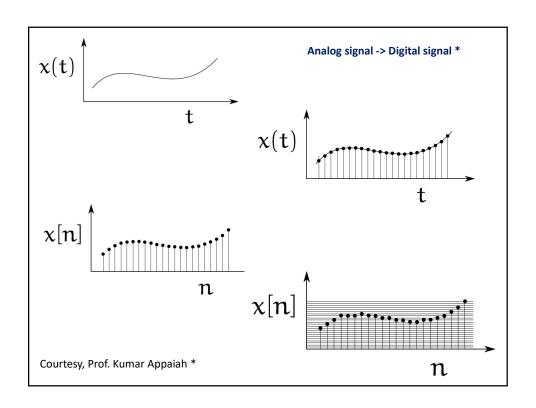
Radio transmission of signals











Conclusion

- Signals, signals everywhere...
- We need to model and design systems to achieve useful transformations of signals such as enhancement, transmission, information extraction.

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- · Description and properties of LTI systems
- · Fourier series representation of periodic signals
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Sounds too abstract?

• Where does this course fit in?

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+ Probability and Random Processes

Speech Processing, Image Processing, Adaptive Signal Proc.