

Chapter 2

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§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

- In digital signal processing, signals represented as **sequences of numbers**, called **samples**
- Sample value of a typical signal or sequence denoted as **$x[n]$** with n being an **integer** in the range $-\infty \leq n \leq \infty$
- $x[n]$ defined only for integer values of n and undefined for noninteger values of n
- Discrete-time signal represented by $\{x[n]\}$

§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

- Discrete-time signal may also be written as a sequence of numbers inside braces:

$$\{x[n]\} = \{\dots, -0.2, 2.17, 1.1, 0.2, -3.67, 2.9, \dots\}$$



- The arrow is placed under the sample at time index $n = 0$
- In the above, $x[-1] = -0.2$, $x[0] = 2.17$, $x[1] = 1.1$, etc.

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- Here, n -th sample is given by

$$x[n] = x_a(t) \big|_{t=nT} = x_a(nT), \quad n = \dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, \dots$$

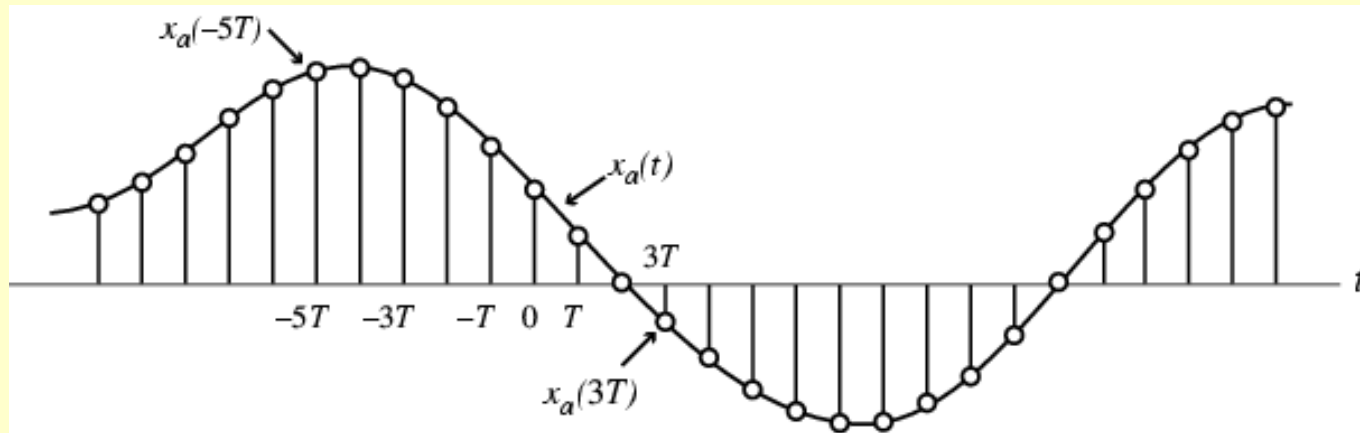
- The spacing T between two consecutive samples is called the **sampling interval** or **sampling period**
- Reciprocal of sampling interval T , denoted as F_T , is called the **sampling frequency**:

$$F_T = 1/T$$

- Unit of sampling frequency is cycles per second, or **hertz (Hz)**, if T is in seconds

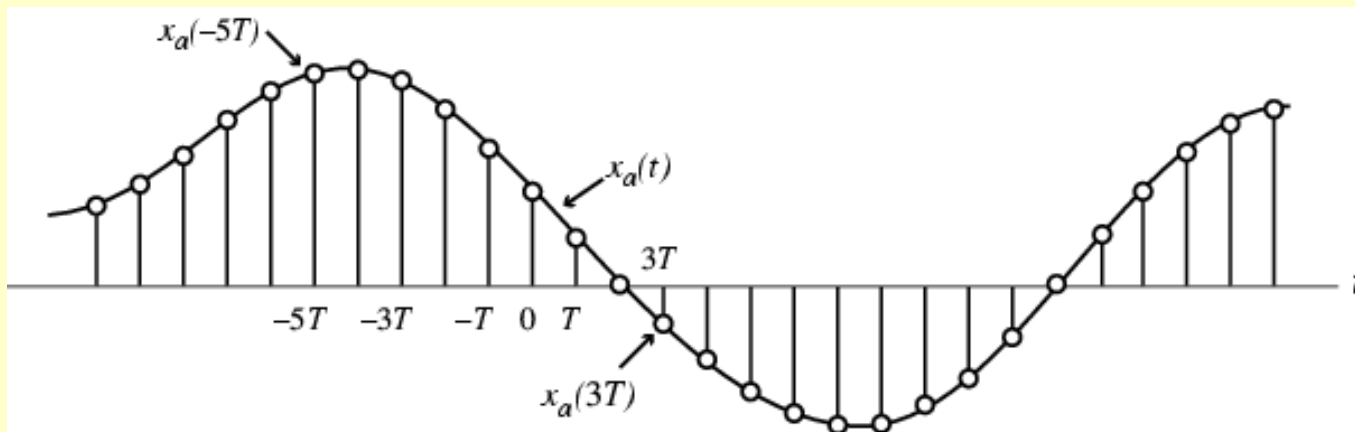
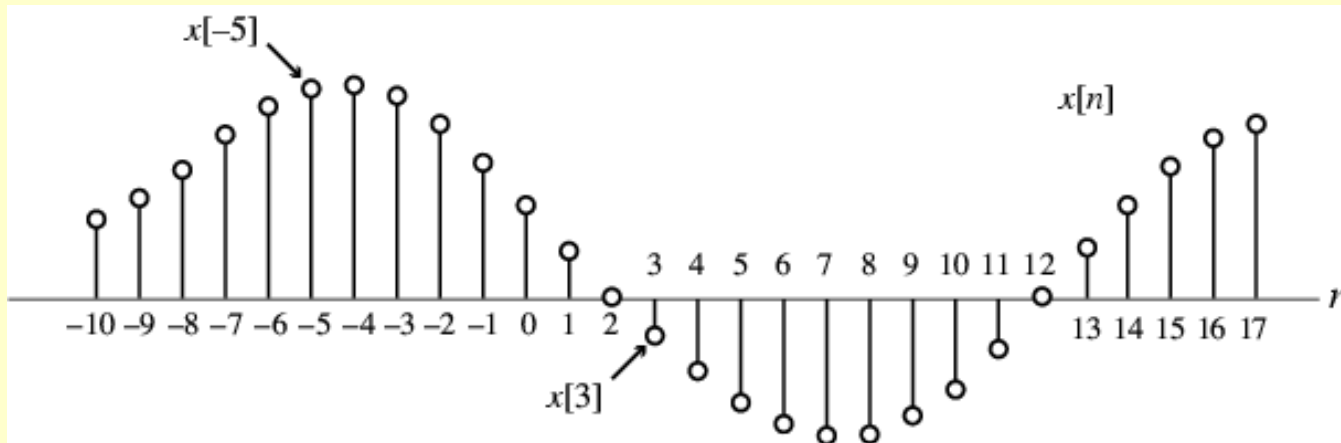
§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

A discrete-time sequence $\{x[n]\}$ generated by periodically sampling a continuous-time signal $x_a(t)$ at uniform intervals of time



§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

- Graphical representation of a discrete-time signal with real-valued samples :



§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

- $\{x[n]\}$ is a **real sequence**, if the n -th sample $x[n]$ is real for all values of n
- Otherwise, $\{x[n]\}$ is a **complex sequence**
- A complex sequence $\{x[n]\}$ can be written as $\{x[n]\} = \{x_{\text{re}}[n]\} + j\{x_{\text{im}}[n]\}$ where x_{re} and x_{im} are the real and imaginary parts of $x[n]$

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- Example - $\{x[n]\} = \{\cos 0.25n\}$ is a real sequence
- $\{y[n]\} = \{e^{j0.3n}\}$ is a complex sequence
- We can write

$$\begin{aligned}\{y[n]\} &= \{\cos 0.3n + j \sin 0.3n\} \\ &= \{\cos 0.3n\} + j\{\sin 0.3n\}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\{y_{re}[n]\} &= \{\cos 0.3n\} \\ \{y_{im}[n]\} &= \{\sin 0.3n\}\end{aligned}$$

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- The complex conjugate sequence of $\{x[n]\}$ is given by $\{x^*[n]\} = \{x_{\text{re}}[n]\} - j\{x_{\text{im}}[n]\}$

- Example -

$$\{w[n]\} = \{\cos 0.3n\} - j\{\sin 0.3n\} = \{e^{-j0.3n}\}$$

is the complex conjugate sequence of $\{y[n]\}$

- That is,

$$\{w[n]\} = \{y^*[n]\}$$

- **Often the braces are ignored to denote a sequence if there is no ambiguity**

§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

- Two types of discrete-time signals:
 - Sampled-data signals in which samples are continuous-valued
 - **Digital signals** in which **samples are discrete-valued**
- Signals in a practical digital signal processing system are digital signals obtained by quantizing the sample values either by **rounding** or **truncation**

§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

- A discrete-time signal may be a **finite-length** or an **infinite-length** sequence
- Finite-length (also called **finite-duration** or **finite-extent**) sequence is defined only for a finite time interval: $N_1 \leq n \leq N_2$
where $-\infty < N_1$ and $N_2 < \infty$ with $N_1 \leq N_2$
- Length or duration of the above finite-length sequence is $N = N_2 - N_1 + 1$

§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

- Example - $x[n] = n^2, -3 \leq n \leq 4$ is a finite-length sequence of length $4 - (-3) + 1 = 8$

$y[n] = \cos 0.4n$ is an infinite-length sequence

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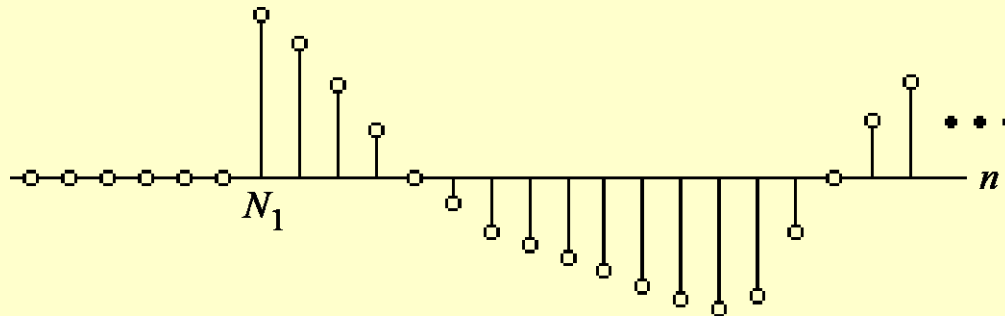
- A length- N sequence is often referred to as an N -point sequence
- The length of a finite-length sequence can be increased by zero-padding, i.e., by appending it with zeros
- Example -

$$x_e[n] = \begin{cases} n^2, & -3 \leq n \leq 4 \\ 0, & 5 \leq n \leq 8 \end{cases}$$

is a finite-length sequence of length 12
obtained by zero-padding $x[n] = n^2, -3 \leq n \leq 4$
with 4 zero-valued samples

§ 2.1 Discrete-Time Signals: Time-Domain Representation

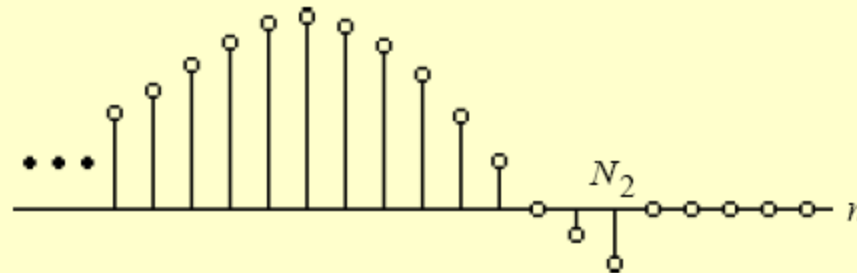
- A **right-sided sequence** $x[n]$ has zero-valued samples for $n < N_1$



A right-sided sequence

- If $N_1 \geq 0$, a right-sided sequence is called a **causal sequence**

- A left-sided sequence $x[n]$ has zero-valued samples for $n > N_2$

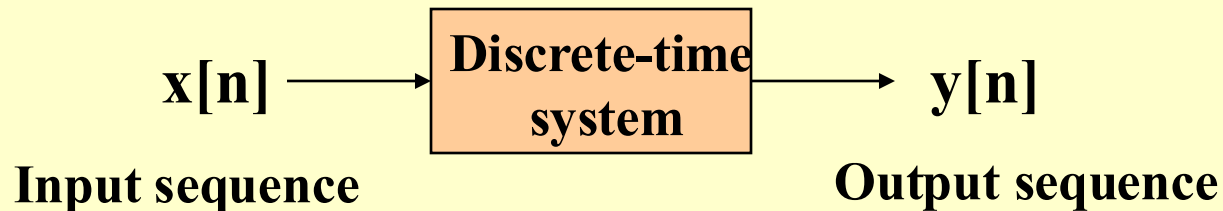


A left-sided sequence

- If $N_2 \leq 0$, a left-sided sequence is called a **anti-causal sequence**
- A **two-sided sequence** is defined for both negative and positive values of n .

§ 2.2 Operations on Sequences

- A single-input, single-output discrete-time system operates on a sequence, called the **input sequence**, according some prescribed rules and develops another sequence, called the **output sequence**, with more desirable properties.

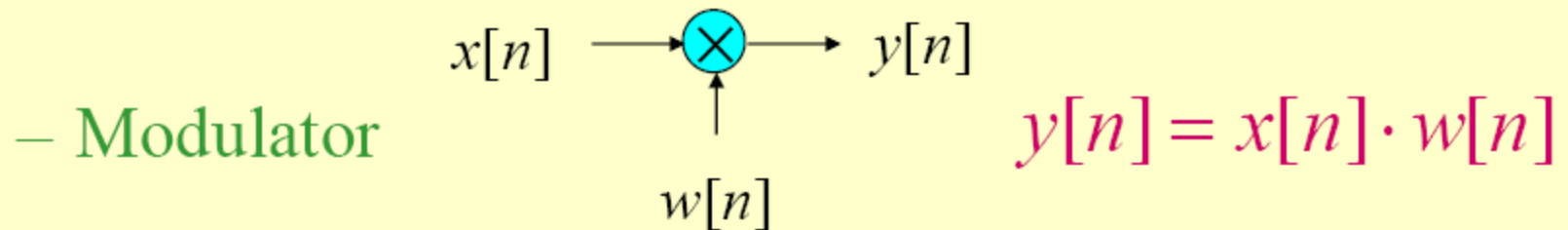


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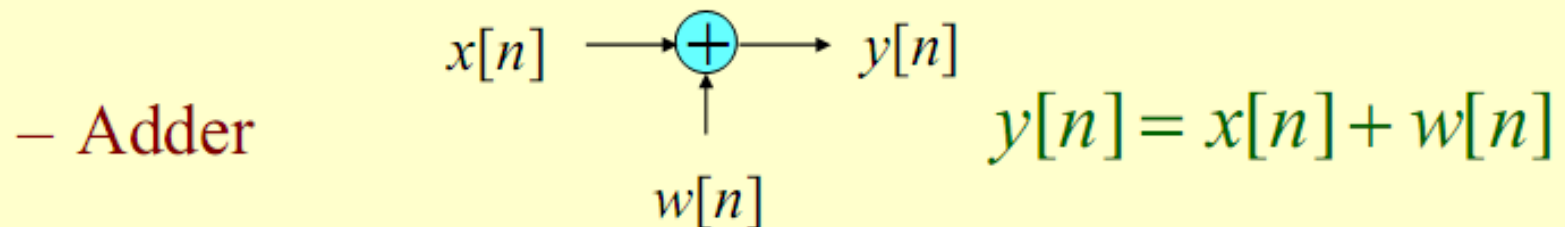
- **For example, the input may be a signal corrupted with additive noise**
- **Discrete-time system is designed to generate an output by removing the noise component from the input**
- **In most cases, the operation defining a particular discrete-time system is composed of some **basic operations****

§ 2.2.1 Basic Operations

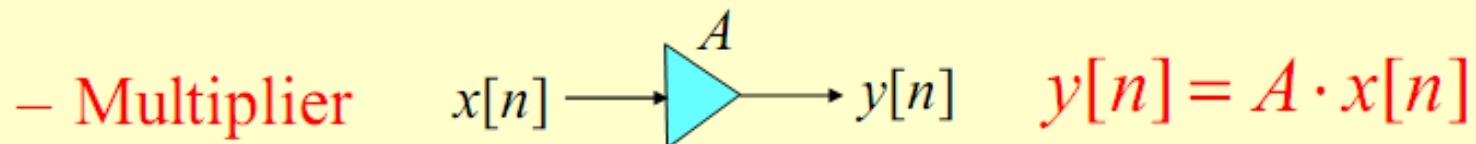
- **Product (modulation) operation:**



- **Addition operation:**



- **Multiplication operation**



§ 2.2.1 Basic Operations

- **Time-shifting operation:** $y[n] = x[n - N]$
where N is an integer

- If $N > 0$, it is **delaying** operation

– Unit delay

$$x[n] \longrightarrow \boxed{z^{-1}} \longrightarrow y[n] \quad y[n] = x[n - 1]$$

- If $N < 0$, it is an **advance** operation

– Unit advance

$$x[n] \longrightarrow \boxed{z} \longrightarrow y[n] \quad y[n] = x[n + 1]$$

§ 2.2.1 Basic Operations

- **Time-reversal (folding) operation:**

$$y[n] = x[-n]$$

§ 2.2.1 Basic Operations

- Example - Consider the sequence of length 3 defined for $0 \leq n \leq 2$: $\{f[n]\} = \{-2 \ 1 \ -3\}$
 $\{a[n]\} = \{3 \ 4 \ 6 \ -9 \ 0\}$ for $0 \leq n \leq 4$
- We therefore first append $\{f[n]\}$ with 2 zero-valued samples resulting in a length-5 sequence $\{f_e[n]\} = \{-2 \ 1 \ -3 \ 0 \ 0\}$
- Then
$$\{g[n]\} = \{a[n]\} + \{f_e[n]\} = \{1 \ 5 \ 3 \ -9 \ 0\}$$

§ 2.2.1 Basic operations

Example:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{d}_i$$

Measured data vector

Uncorrupted data vector

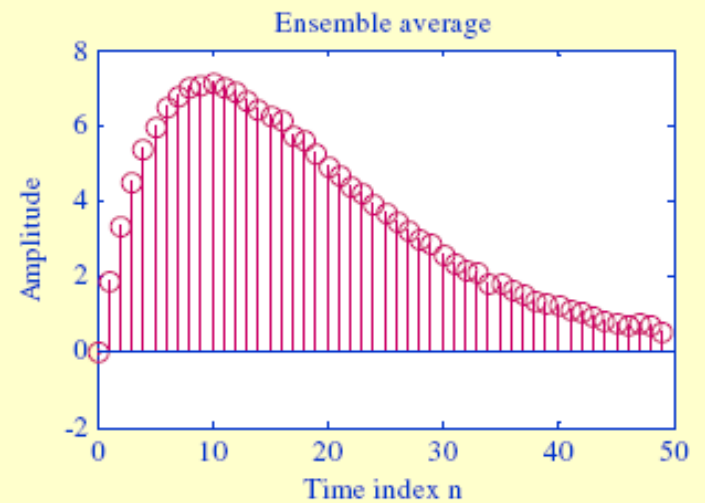
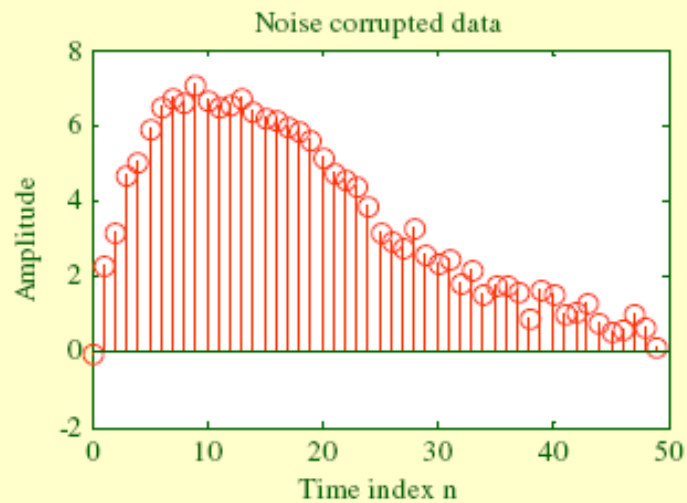
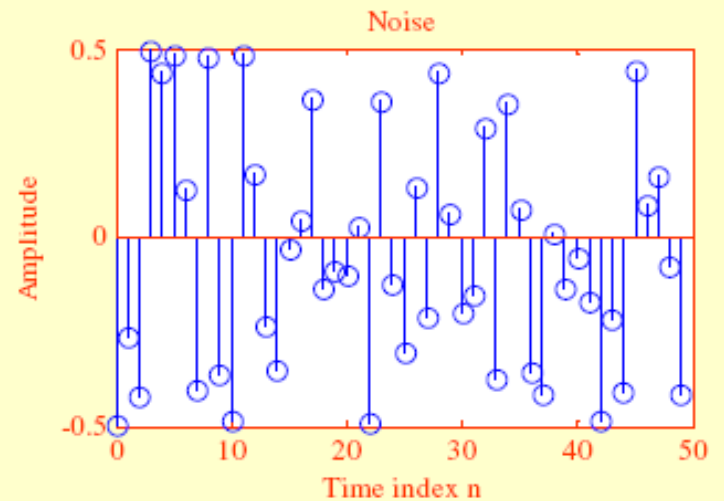
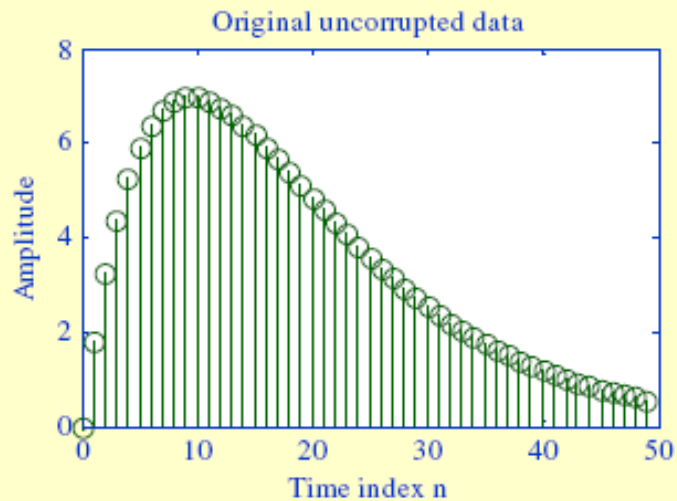
Noise vector

- The average data vector, called the **ensemble average**, obtained after K measurements is given by

$$\mathbf{x}_{ave} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbf{x}_i = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K (\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{d}_i) = \mathbf{s} + \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbf{d}_i$$

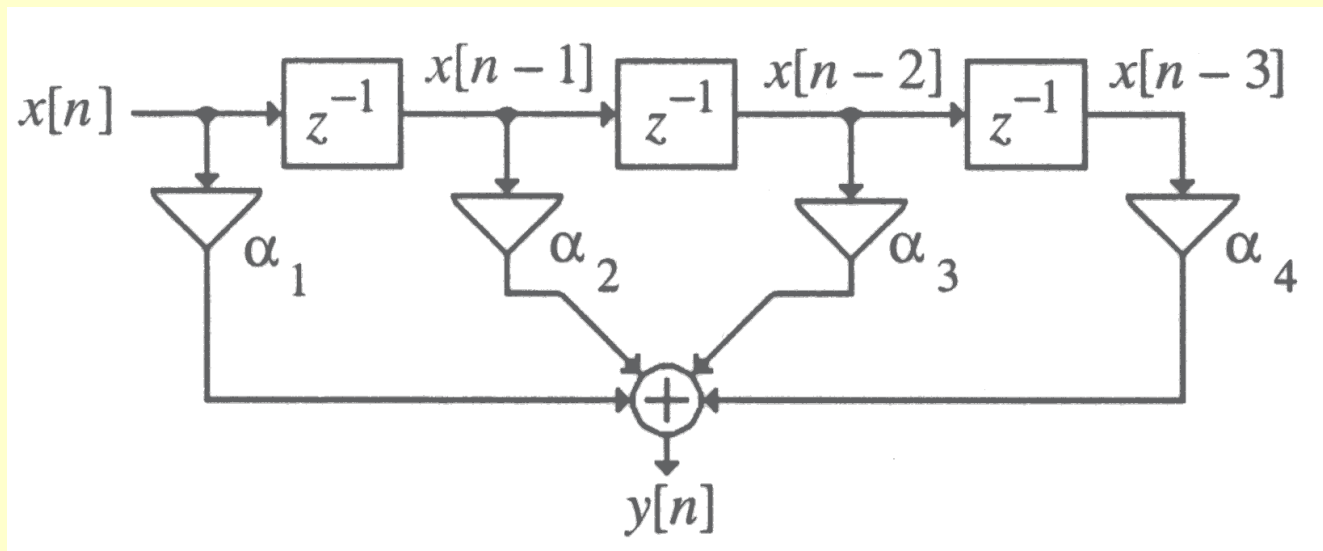
- For large values of K , \mathbf{x}_{ave} is usually a reasonable replica of the desired data vector

• Example



§ 2.2.2 Combinations of Basic Operations

- A Simple Example:



$$y[n] = \alpha_1 x[n] + \alpha_2 x[n-1] + \alpha_3 x[n-2] + \alpha_4 x[n-3]$$

§ 2.2.3 Convolution Sum

- The summation

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n-k]h[k]$$

is called the **convolution sum** of the sequences $x[n]$ and $h[n]$ and represented compactly as

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

§ 2.2.3 Convolution Sum

- **Interpretation -**
- 1) Time-reverse $x[k]$ to form $x[-k]$
- 2) Shift $x[-k]$ to the right by n sampling periods if $n > 0$ or shift to the left by n sampling periods if $n < 0$ to form $x[n-k]$
- 3) Form the product $v[k] = h[n]x[n-k]$
- 4) Sum all samples of $v[k]$ to develop the n -th sample of $y[n]$ of the convolution sum

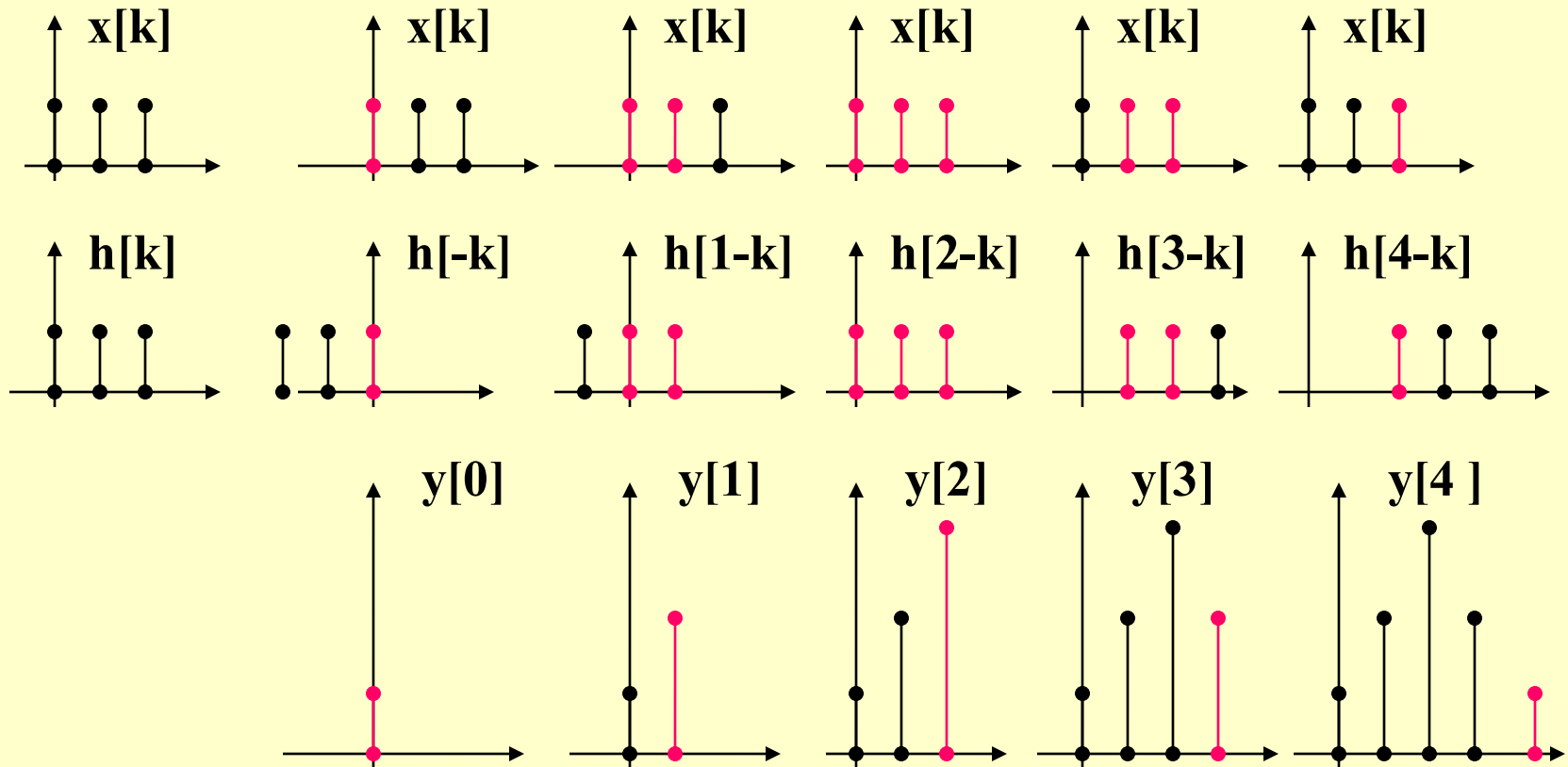
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- **Example:** Develop the sequence $y[n]$ generated by the convolution of the sequences $x[n]$ and $h[n]$:

$$x[n] = h[n] = \delta[n] + \delta[n-1] + \delta[n-2]$$

$$y[n] = x[n] \circledast h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x[k]h[n-k]$$

$$\mathbf{x}[n] = \mathbf{h}[n] = \delta[n] + \delta[n-1] + \delta[n-2]$$



$$\mathbf{y}[n] = \delta[n] + 2\delta[n-1] + 3\delta[n-2] + 2\delta[n-3] + \delta[n-4]$$

§ 2.2.3 Convolution Sum

- Note: The sum of indices of each sample product inside the convolution sum is equal to the index of the sample being generated by the convolution operation
- For example, the computation of $y[3]$ in the previous example involves the products $x[0]h[3]$, $x[1]h[2]$, $x[2]h[1]$, and $x[3]h[0]$
- The sum of indices in each of these products is equal to 3

§ 2.2.3 Convolution Sum

- In the example considered the convolution of a sequence $\{x[n]\}$ of length 5 with a sequence $\{h[n]\}$ of length 4 resulted in a sequence $\{y[n]\}$ of length 8
- In general, if the lengths of the two sequences being convolved are M and N , then the sequence generated by the convolution is of length $M + N - 1$

§ 2.2.3 Convolution Sum

- In Matlab, the M-file **conv** implements the convolution sum of two finite-length sequences
- If $\mathbf{a} = [-2 \ 0 \ 1 \ -1 \ 3]$
 $\mathbf{b} = [1 \ 2 \ 0 \ -1]$
then **conv(a,b)** yields
 $[-2 \ -4 \ 1 \ 3 \ 1 \ 5 \ 1 \ -3]$

§ 2.2.4 Sampling Rate Alteration

- **Sampling Rate Alteration --**

Employed to generate a new sequence $y[n]$ with a sampling rate F_T' higher or lower than that of the sampling rate F_T of a given sequence $x[n]$

- Sampling rate alteration ratio is $R = \frac{F_T'}{F_T}$
- If $R > 1$, the process called *interpolation*
- If $R < 1$, the process called *decimation*

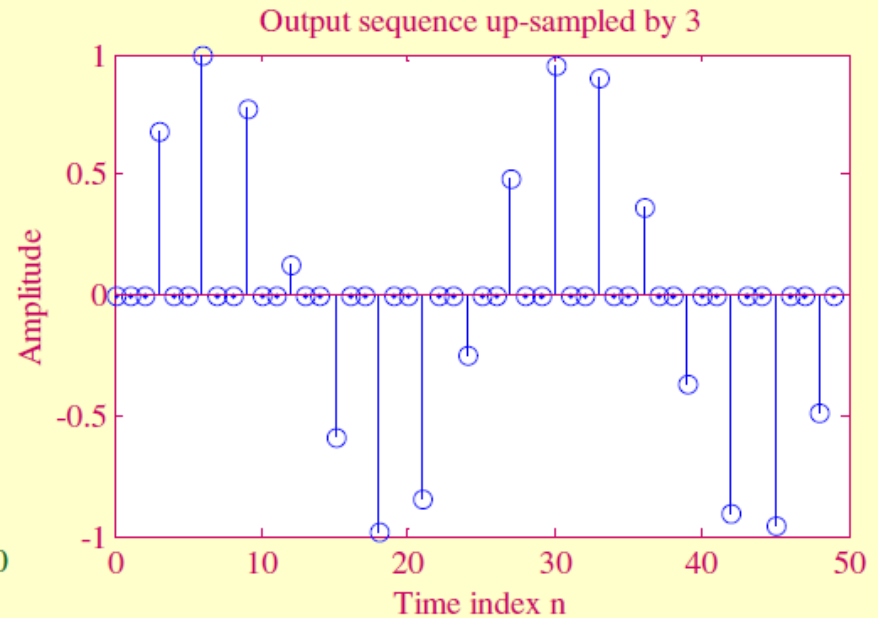
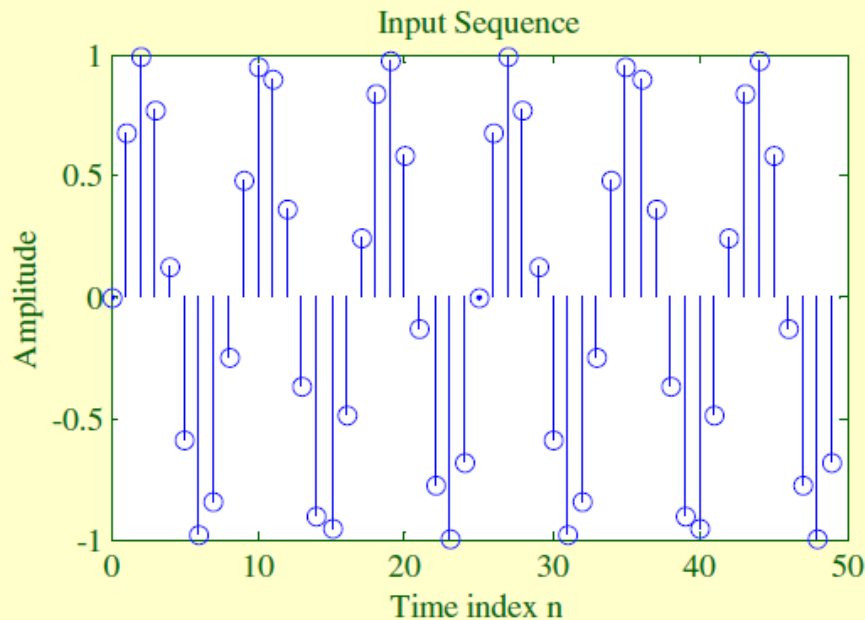
§ 2.2.4 Sampling Rate Alteration

- In **up-sampling** by an integer factor $L > 1$, $L-1$ equidistant zero-valued samples are inserted by the **up-sampler** between each two consecutive samples of the input sequence $x[n]$:

$$x_u[n] = \begin{cases} x(n / L) & n = 0, \pm L, \pm 2L, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

§ 2.2.4 Sampling Rate Alteration

- An example of the up-sampling operation



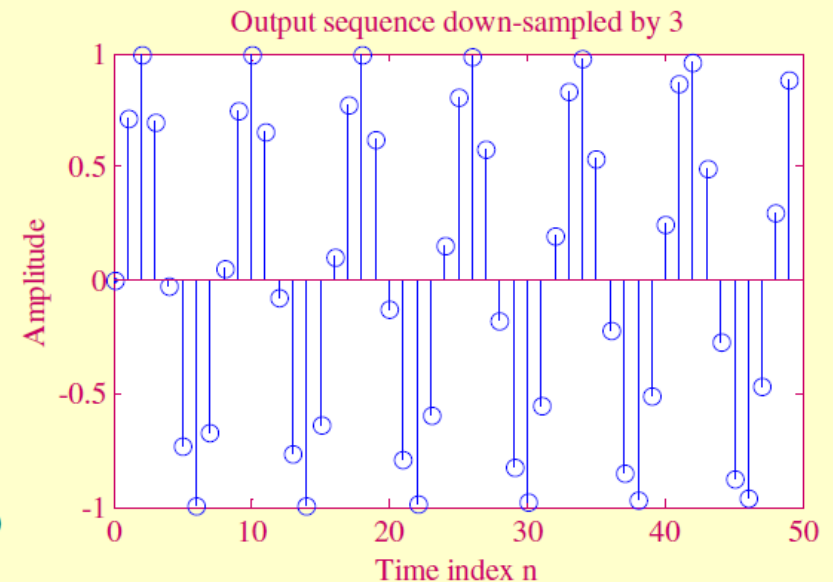
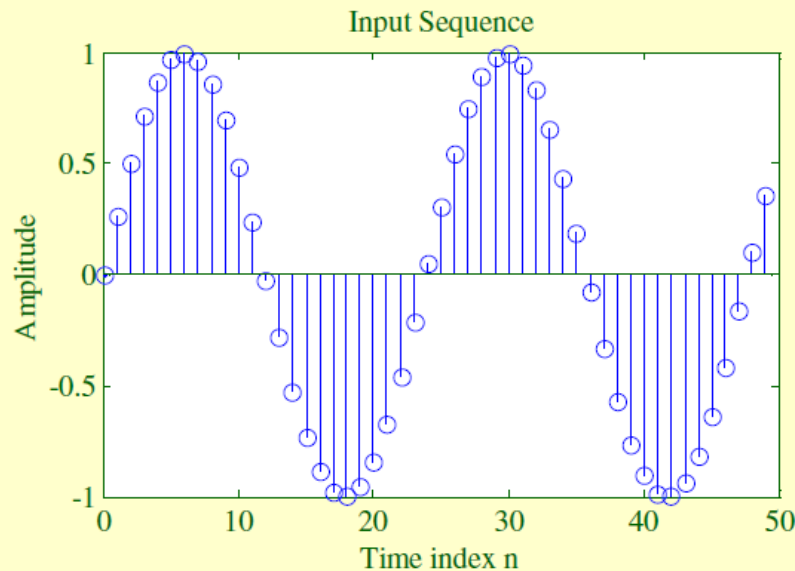
§ 2.2.4 Sampling Rate Alteration

- In **down-sampling** by an integer factor $M > 1$, every M -th samples of the input sequence are kept and $M-1$ in-between samples are removed:

$$y[n] = x[nM]$$

§ 2.2.4 Sampling Rate Alteration

- An example of the down-sampling operation



2.3 Operations on Finite-Length Sequences

2.3.1 Circular Time-Reversal Operation

- The time-reversal operation on a finite-length sequence is obtained using the **modulo operation**
- Let $0, 1, \dots, N-1$ be a set of N positive integers and let m be any integer
- The integer r obtained by evaluating
$$m \text{ modulo } N$$
is called the **residue**
- The residue r is an integer with a value between 0 and $N-1$

§ 2.3.1 Circular Time Time-Reversal Operation

- The modulo operation is denoted by the notation

$$\langle m \rangle_N = m \text{ modulo } N$$

- If we let $r = \langle m \rangle_N$ then $r = m + lN$ where l is a positive or negative integer chosen to make $m + lN$ an integer between 0 and $N-1$

§ 2.3.1 Circular Time Time-Reversal Operation

- **Example** – For $N = 7$ and $m = 25$, we have

$$r = 25 + 7\ell = 25 - 7 \times 3 = 4$$

Thus, $\langle 25 \rangle_7 = 4$

- **Example** – For $N = 7$ and $m = -15$, we get

$$r = -15 + 7\ell = -15 + 7 \times 3 = 6$$

Thus, $\langle -15 \rangle_7 = 6$

§ 2.3.1 Circular Time Time-Reversal Operation

- The **circular time-reversal** version $\{y[n]\}$ of a length- N sequence $\{x[n]\}$ defined for $0 \leq n \leq N-1$ is given by $\{y[n]\} = \{x[\langle -n \rangle_N]\}$

- **Example** – Consider

$$\{x[n]\} = \{x[0], x[1], x[2], x[3], x[4]\}$$

Its circular time-reversed version is given by $\{y[n]\} = \{x[\langle -n \rangle_5]\}$

$$= \{x[0], x[4], x[3], x[2], x[1]\}$$

§ 2.3.2 Circular Shift of a Sequence

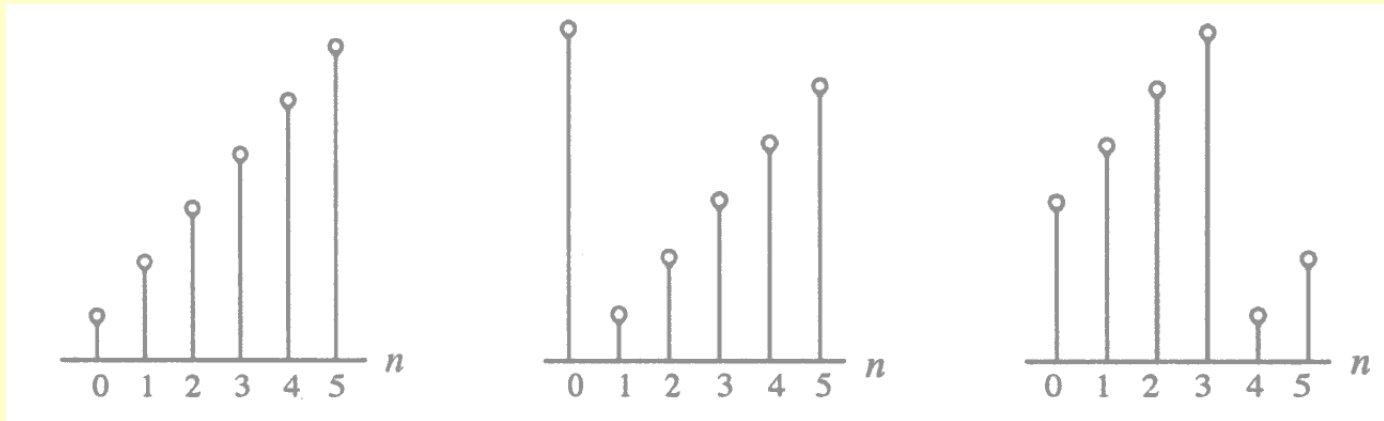
- The **circular shift operation** for a finite-length sequence is defined using the modulo operation
- Let $x[n]$ be a length- N sequence defined for $0 \leq n \leq N-1$
- Its circularly shifted version $x_c[n]$, shifted n_0 by samples, is given by

$$x_c[n] = x[\langle n - n_0 \rangle_N]$$

$x_c[n]$ is also a **length- N sequence** defined for $0 \leq n \leq N-1$

§ 2.3.2 Circular Shift of a Sequence

- Illustration of the concept of a circular shift



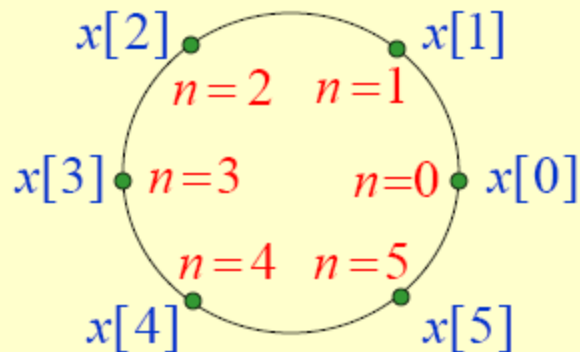
$$x[n]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & x[\langle n-1 \rangle_6] \\ &= x[\langle n+5 \rangle_6] \end{aligned}$$

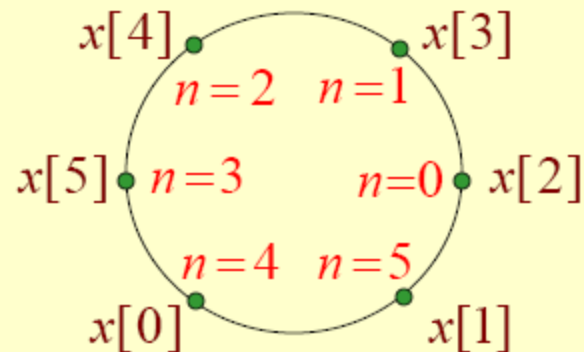
$$\begin{aligned} & x[\langle n-4 \rangle_6] \\ &= x[\langle n+2 \rangle_6] \end{aligned}$$

§ 2.3.2 Circular Shift of a Sequence

- If the length- N sequence is displayed on a circle at N equally spaced points, then the **circular shift operation can be viewed as a clockwise or anti-clockwise rotation of the sequence by n_0 sample spacings.**



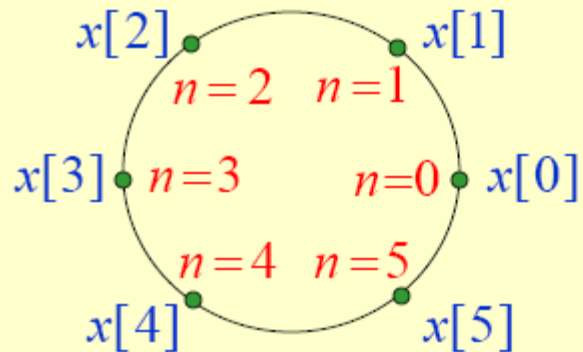
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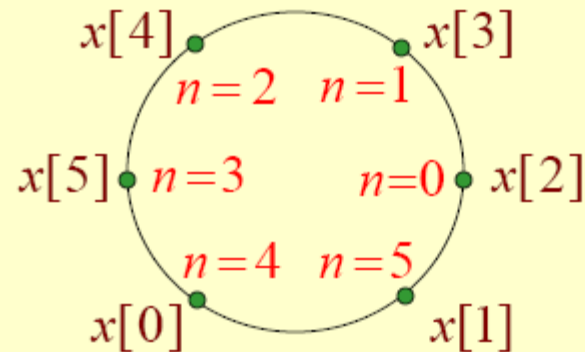
$$x[\langle n - 4 \rangle_6] = x[\langle n + 2 \rangle_6]$$

§ 2.3.2 Circular Shift of a Sequence

- As can be seen from the previous figure, a **right circular shift by n_0 is equivalent to a left circular shift by $N-n_0$ sample periods**

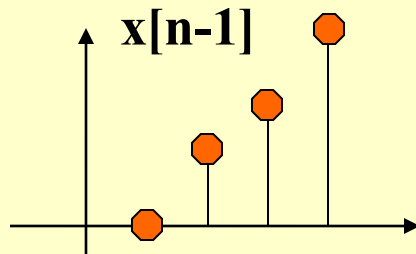
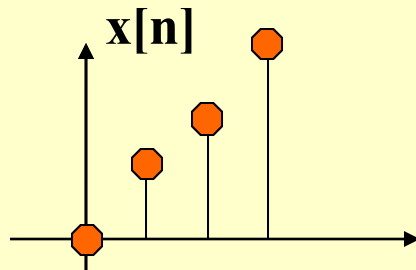


$x[n]$

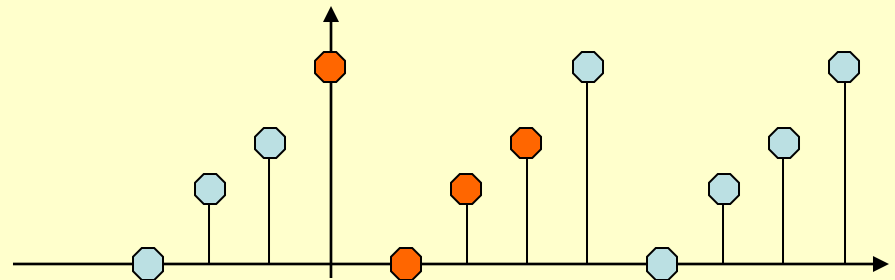
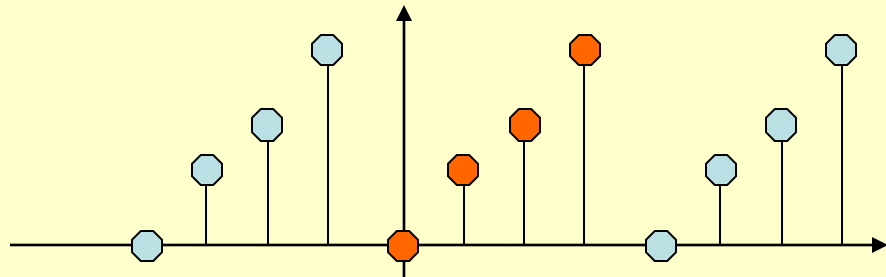
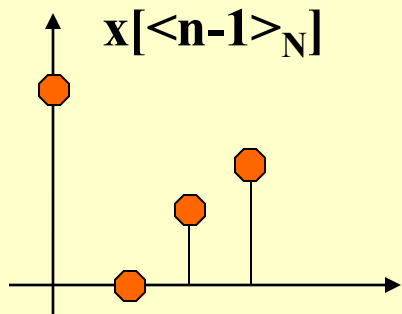


$$x[\langle n - 4 \rangle_6] = x[\langle n + 2 \rangle_6]$$

§ 2.3.2 Circular Shift of a Sequence



$$n = \langle 4 \rangle_4 = 0$$



§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

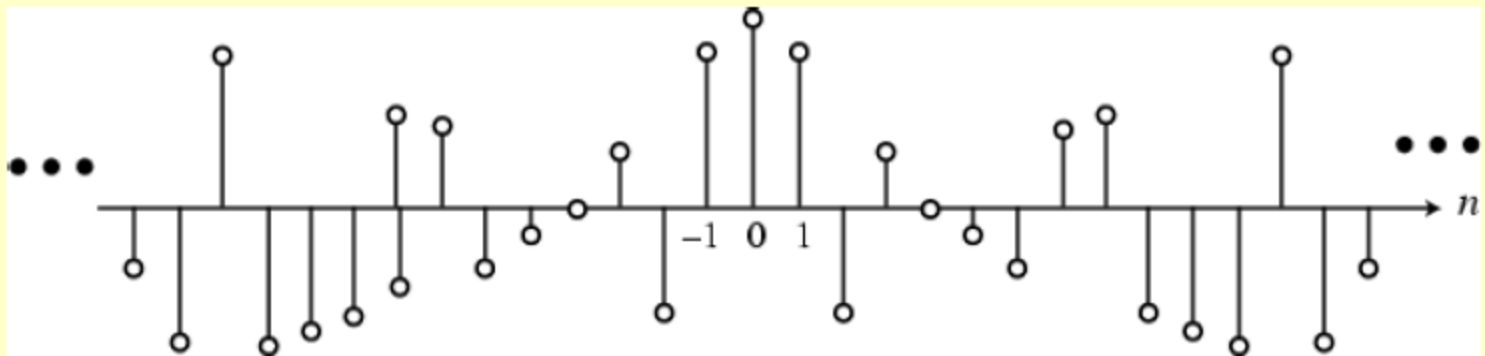
- There are several types of classification
- One classification is in terms of the number of samples defining the sequence
- Another classification is based on its symmetry with respect to time index $n = 0$
- Other classifications in terms of its other properties, such as periodicity, summability, energy and power

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- **Conjugate-symmetric sequence:**

$$x[n] = x^*[-n]$$

If $x[n]$ is real, then it is an **even sequence**



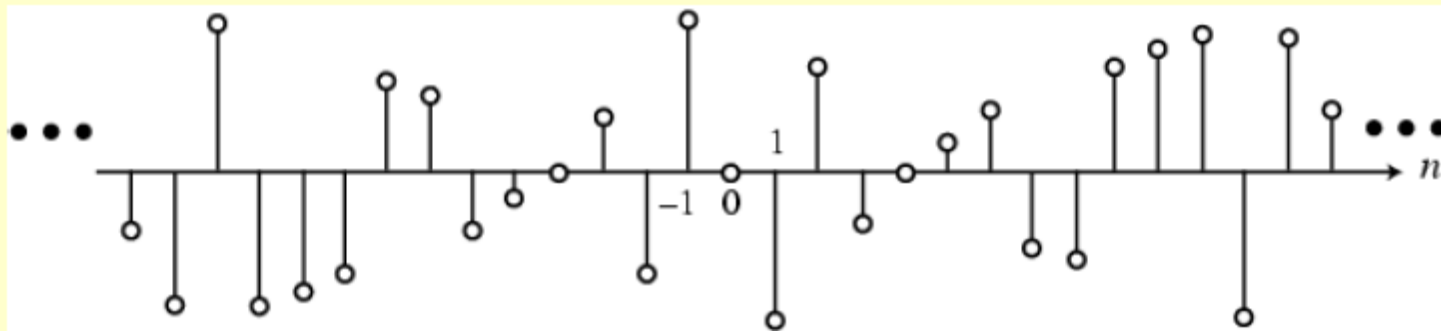
An even sequence

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- **Conjugate-antisymmetric sequence:**

$$x[n] = -x^*[-n]$$

If $x[n]$ is real, then it is an **odd sequence**



An odd sequence

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- It follows from the definition that for a conjugate-symmetric sequence $\{x[n]\}$, $x[0]$ must be a real number
- Likewise, it follows from the definition that for a conjugate anti-symmetric sequence $\{y[n]\}$, $y[0]$ must be an imaginary number
- From the above, it also follows that for an odd sequence $\{w[n]\}$, $w[0] = 0$

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- Any complex sequence can be expressed as a sum of its conjugate-symmetric part and its conjugate-antisymmetric part:

$$x[n] = x_{cs}[n] + x_{ca}[n]$$

where

$$x_{cs}[n] = \frac{1}{2}(x[n] + x^*[-n])$$

$$x_{ca}[n] = \frac{1}{2}(x[n] - x^*[-n])$$

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- Any real sequence can be expressed as a sum of its **even part** and its **odd part**:

$$x[n] = x_{ev}[n] + x_{od}[n]$$

where

$$x_{ev}[n] = \frac{1}{2}(x[n] + x[-n])$$

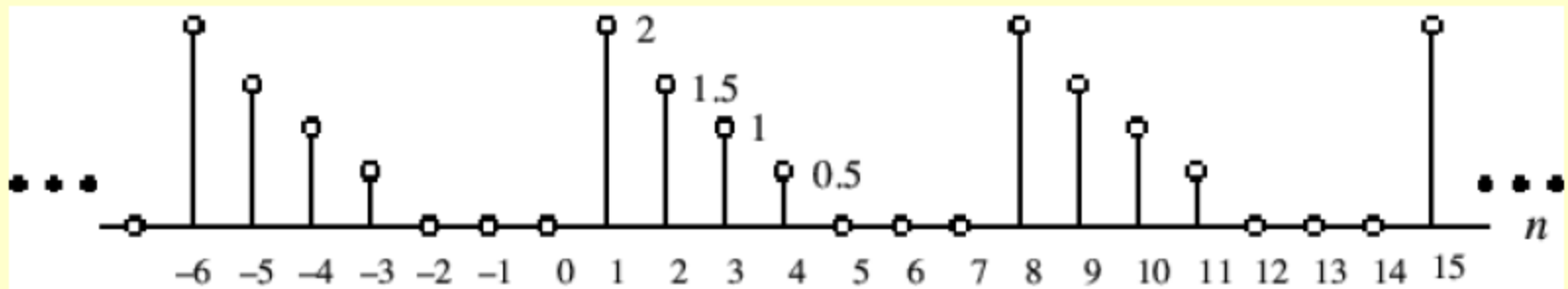
$$x_{od}[n] = \frac{1}{2}(x[n] - x[-n])$$

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- A sequence $\tilde{x}[n]$ satisfying $\tilde{x}[n] = \tilde{x}[n + kN]$ is called a **periodic sequence with a period N** where N is a positive integer and k is any integer
- Smallest value of N satisfying $\tilde{x}[n] = \tilde{x}[n + kN]$ is called the **fundamental period**

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- Example -



- A sequence not satisfying the periodicity condition is called an **aperiodic sequence**

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- Total **energy** of a sequence $x[n]$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{E}_x = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2$$

- The **average power** of an aperiodic sequence is defined by

$$P_x = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2K+1} \sum_{n=-K}^K |x[n]|^2$$

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- An infinite energy signal with finite average power is called a **power signal**

Example - A periodic sequence which has a finite average power but infinite energy

- A finite energy signal with zero average power is called an **energy signal**

Example - A finite-length sequence which has finite energy but zero average power

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- A sequence $x[n]$ is said to be bounded if

$$|x[n]| \leq B_x < \infty$$

- Example - The sequence $x[n] = \cos 0.3\pi n$ is a bounded sequence as

$$|x[n]| = |\cos 0.3\pi n| \leq 1$$

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- A sequence $x[n]$ is said to be **absolutely summable** if

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]| < \infty$$

- Example - The sequence

$$y[n] = \begin{cases} 0.3^n, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

is an absolutely summable sequence as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |0.3^n| = \frac{1}{1-0.3} = 1.42857 < \infty$$

§ 2.3.3 Classification of Sequences

- A sequence $x[n]$ is said to be **square-summable** if

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2 < \infty$$

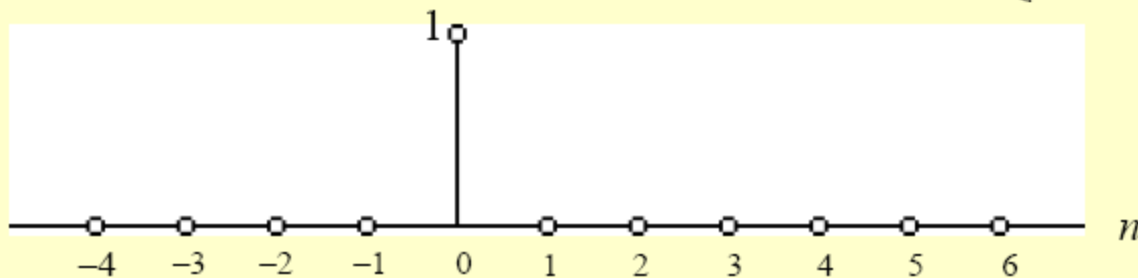
- Example - The sequence

$$h[n] = \frac{\sin 0.4n}{\pi n}$$

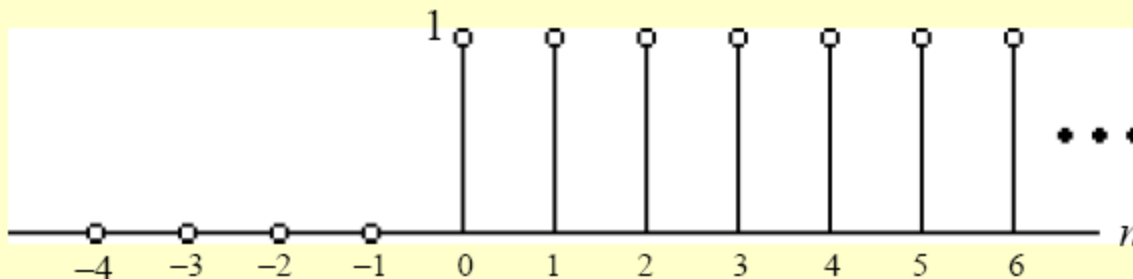
is square-summable but not absolutely summable

§ 2.4 Typical Sequences and Sequence Representation

- **Unit sample sequence** - $\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ 0, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$



- **Unit step sequence** - $\mu[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$



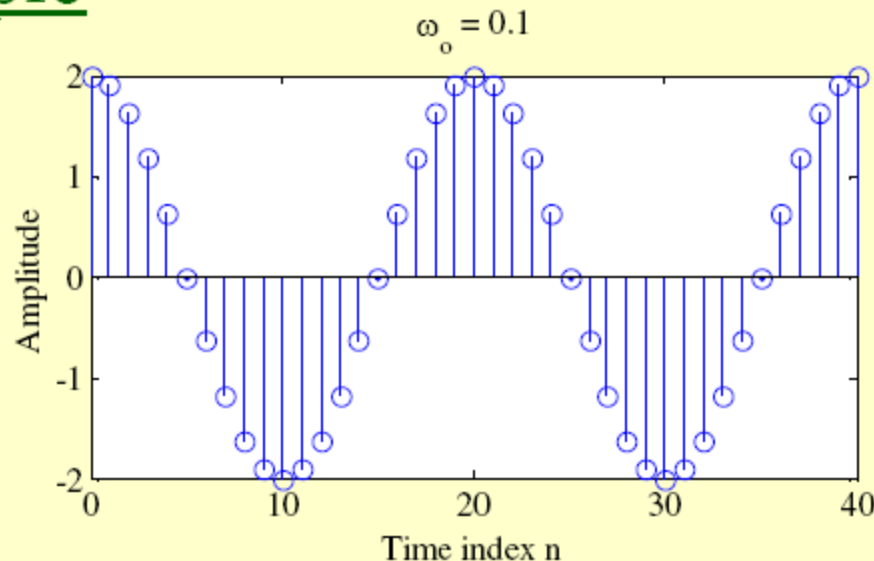
§ 2.4 Typical Sequences

- Real sinusoidal sequence -

$$x[n] = A \cos(\omega_o n + \phi)$$

where A is the amplitude, ω_o is the angular frequency, and ϕ is the phase of $x[n]$

Example -



§ 2.4 Typical Sequences

- **Exponential sequence -**

$$x[n] = A\alpha^n, \quad -\infty < n < \infty$$

where A and α are **real or complex** numbers

If we write $\alpha = e^{(\sigma_o + j\omega_o)}$, $A = |A|e^{j\phi}$,

then we can express

$$x[n] = |A|e^{j\phi}e^{(\sigma_o + j\omega_o)n} = x_{re}[n] + jx_{im}[n],$$

where

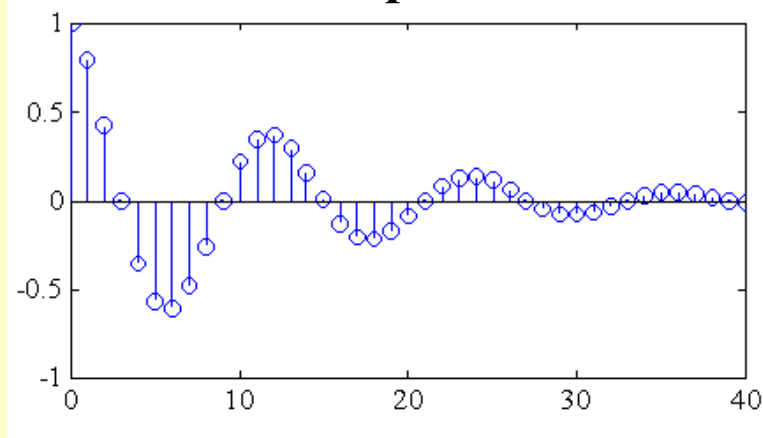
$$x_{re}[n] = |A|e^{\sigma_o n} \cos(\omega_o n + \phi)$$

$$x_{im}[n] = |A|e^{\sigma_o n} \sin(\omega_o n + \phi)$$

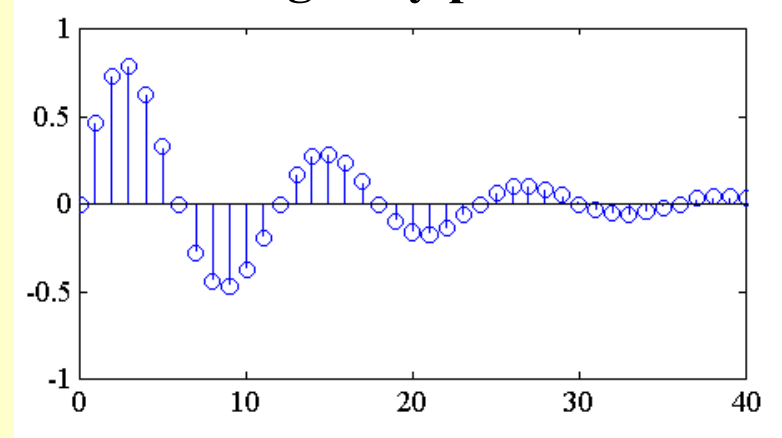
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- $x_{\text{re}}[n]$ and $x_{\text{im}}[n]$ of a complex exponential sequence are **real sinusoidal sequences** with constant ($\sigma_0=0$), growing ($\sigma_0>0$), and decaying ($\sigma_0<0$) amplitudes for $n > 0$

Real part



Imaginary part



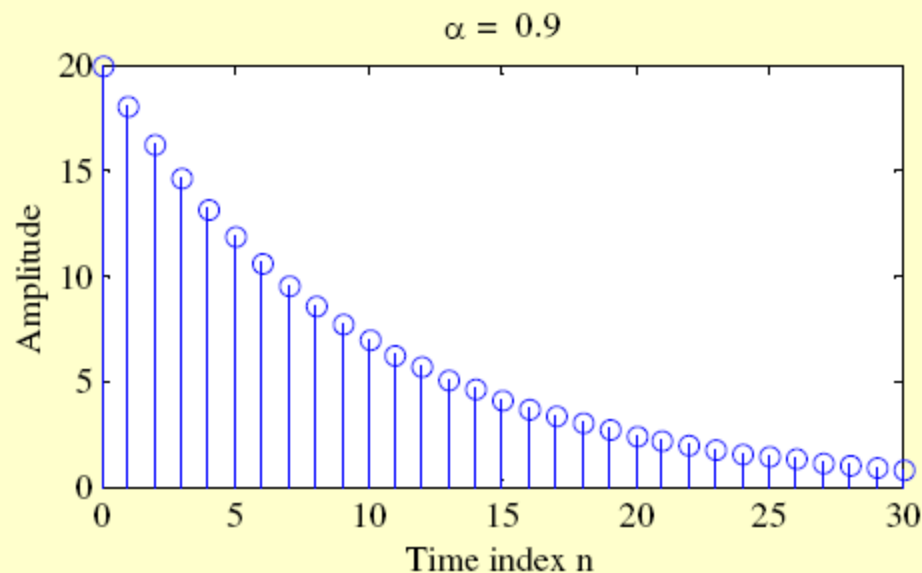
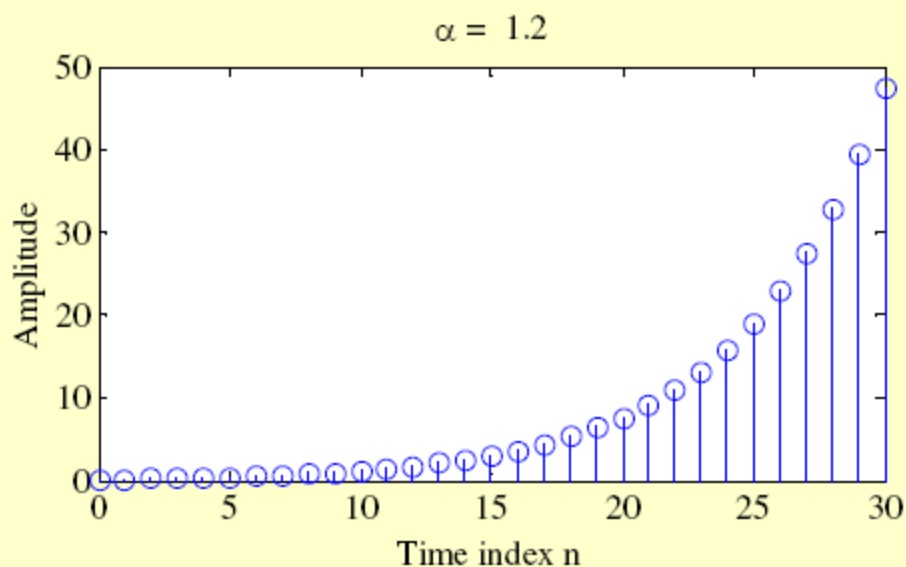
$$x[n] = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{12} + j\frac{\pi}{6}\right)n$$

§ 2.4 Typical Sequences

- Real exponential sequence -

$$x[n] = A\alpha^n, \quad -\infty < n < \infty$$

where A and α are real numbers



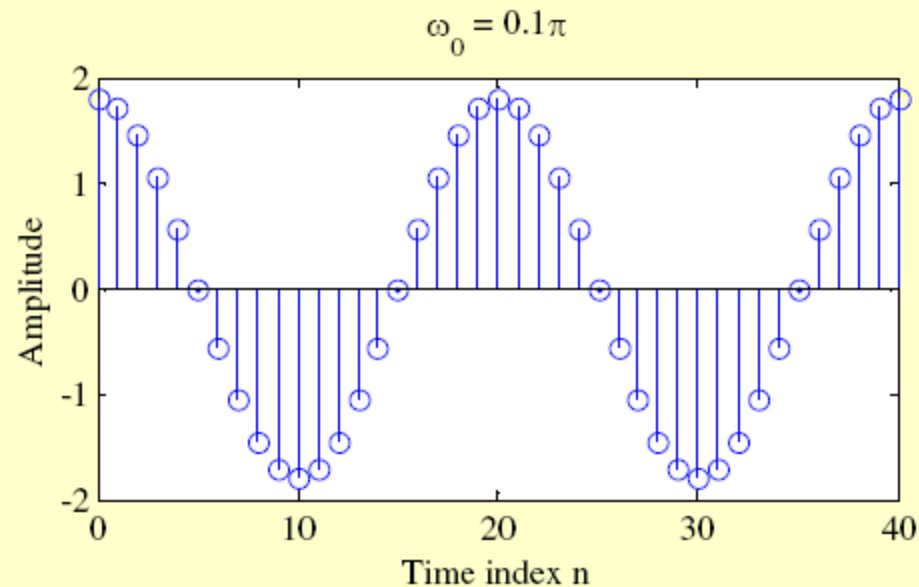
§ 2.4 Typical Sequences

- Sinusoidal sequence $A \cos(\omega_o n + \phi)$ and complex exponential sequence $B \exp(j\omega_o n)$ are periodic sequences of period N if $\omega_o N = 2\pi r$ where N and r are positive integers
- Smallest value of N satisfying $\omega_o N = 2\pi r$ is the fundamental period of the sequence

§ 2.4 Typical Sequences

- If $2\pi/\omega_o$ is a noninteger rational number, then the period will be a multiple of $2\pi/\omega_o$
- Otherwise, the sequence is **aperiodic**
- Example - $x[n] = \sin(\sqrt{3}n + \phi)$ is an aperiodic sequence

§ 2.4 Typical Sequences



- Here $\omega_0 = 0.1\pi$
- Hence $N = \frac{2\pi r}{0.1\pi} = 20$ for $r = 1$

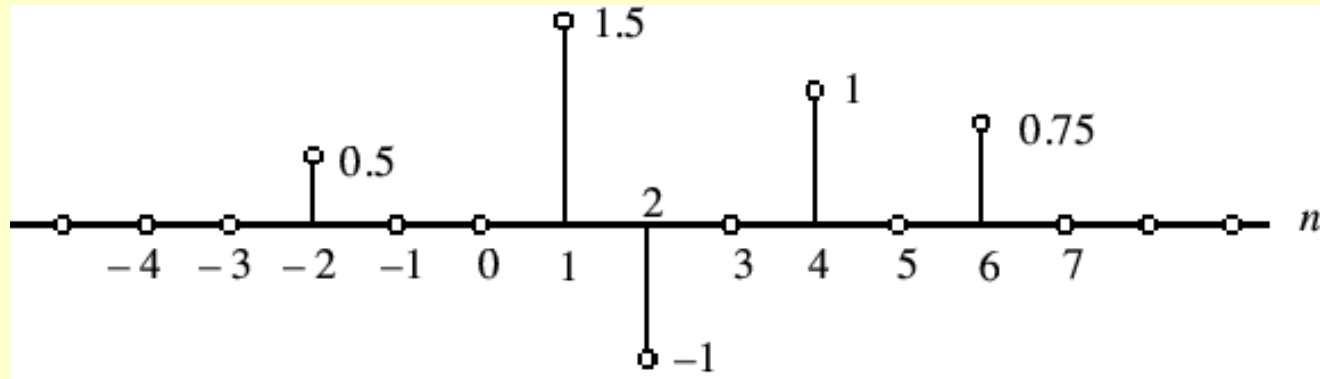
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- Property 1 - Consider $x[n] = \exp(j\omega_1 n)$ and $y[n] = \exp(j\omega_2 n)$ with $0 \leq \omega_1 < \pi$ and $2\pi k \leq \omega_2 < 2\pi(k+1)$ where k is any positive integer
- If $\omega_2 = \omega_1 + 2\pi k$, then $x[n] = y[n]$
- Thus, $x[n]$ and $y[n]$ are indistinguishable

§ 2.4 Typical Sequences

2.4.3 Representation of an Arbitrary Sequences

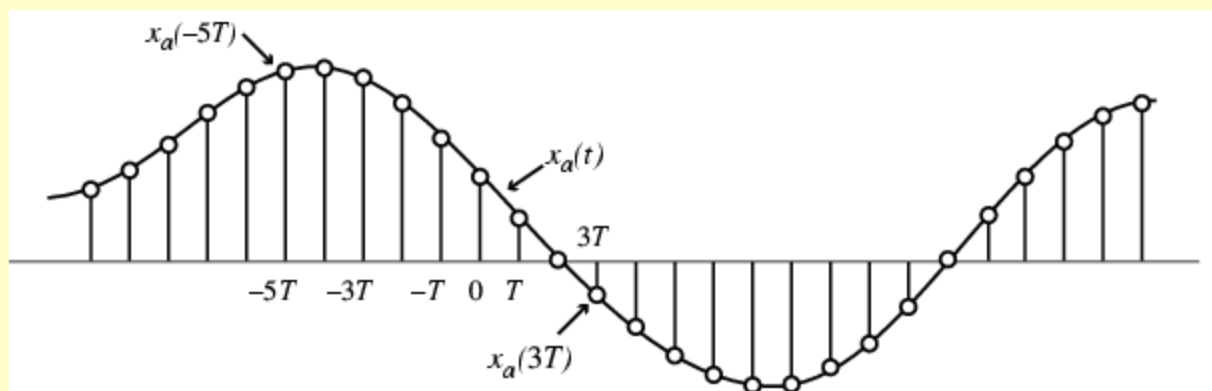
- An arbitrary sequence can be represented in the time-domain as a weighted sum of some basic sequence and its **delayed** (**advanced**) versions



$$x[n] = 0.5\delta[n+2] + 1.5\delta[n-1] - \delta[n-2] + \delta[n-4] + 0.75\delta[n-6]$$

§ 2.5 The Sampling Process

- Often, a discrete-time sequence $x[n]$ is developed by uniformly sampling a continuous-time signal $x_a(t)$ as indicated below



- The relation between the two signals is

$$x[n] = x_a(t) \Big|_{t=nT} = x_a(nT), \quad n = \dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

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- Time variable t of $x_a(t)$ is related to the time variable n of $x[n]$ only at discrete-time instants t_n given by

$$t_n = nT = \frac{n}{F_T} = \frac{2\pi n}{\Omega_T}$$

with $F_T = 1/T$ denoting the sampling frequency and

$\Omega_T = 2\pi F_T$ denoting the sampling angular frequency

§ 2.5 The Sampling Process

- Consider the continuous-time signal

$$x_a(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_o t + \phi) = A \cos(\Omega_o t + \phi)$$

- The corresponding discrete-time signal is

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] &= A \cos(\Omega_o n T + \phi) = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi\Omega_o}{\Omega_T} n + \phi\right) \\ &= A \cos(\omega_o n + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

where $\omega_o = 2\pi\Omega_o / \Omega_T = \Omega_o T$

is the normalized digital angular frequency
of $x[n]$

§ 2.5 The Sampling Process

- If the unit of sampling period T is in seconds
- The unit of normalized digital angular frequency ω_0 is radians/sample
- The unit of normalized analog angular frequency Ω_0 is radians/second
- The unit of analog frequency f_0 is hertz (Hz)

§ 2.5 The Sampling Process

- The three continuous-time signals

$$g_1(t) = \cos(6\pi t)$$

$$g_2(t) = \cos(14\pi t)$$

$$g_3(t) = \cos(26\pi t)$$

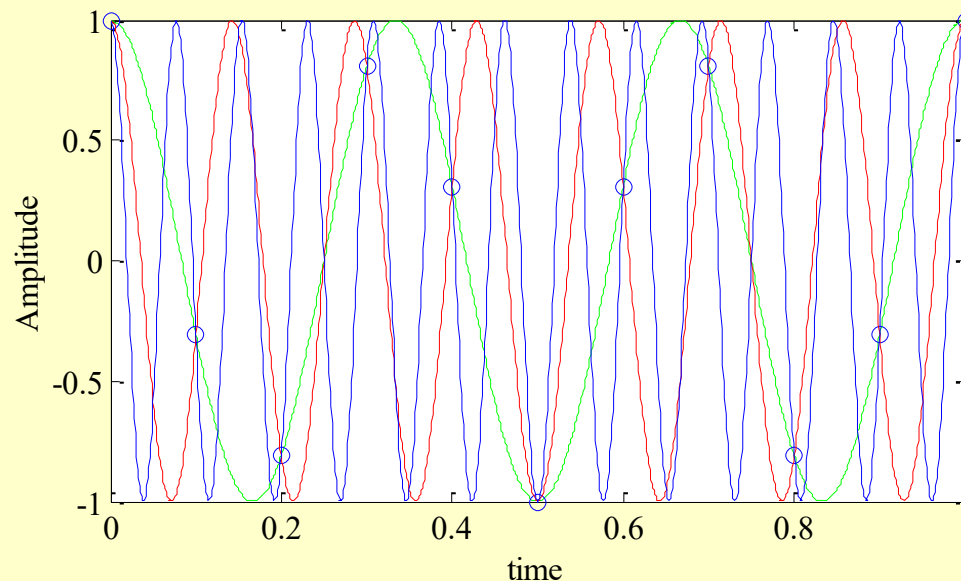
of frequencies 3 Hz, 7 Hz, and 13 Hz, are sampled at a sampling rate of 10 Hz, i.e. with $T = 0.1$ sec. generating the three sequences

$$g_1[n] = \cos(0.6\pi n) \quad g_2[n] = \cos(1.4\pi n)$$

$$g_3[n] = \cos(2.6\pi n)$$

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- Plots of these sequences (shown with circles) and their parent time functions are shown below:



- Note that each sequence has exactly the same sample value for any given n**

§ 2.5 The Sampling Process

- This fact can also be verified by observing that

$$g_2[n] = \cos(1.4\pi n) = \cos((2\pi - 0.6\pi)n) = \cos(0.6\pi n)$$

$$g_3[n] = \cos(2.6\pi n) = \cos((2\pi + 0.6\pi)n) = \cos(0.6\pi n)$$

- As a result, all three sequences are identical and it is difficult to associate a unique continuous-time function with each of these sequences

§ 2.5 The Sampling Process

- The above phenomenon of a continuous-time signal of higher frequency acquiring the identity of a sinusoidal sequence of lower frequency after sampling is called **aliasing**

§ 2.5 The Sampling Process

- Example - Determine the discrete-time signal $v[n]$ obtained by uniformly sampling at a sampling rate of 200 Hz the continuous-time signal

$$v_a(t) = 6\cos(60\pi t) + 3\sin(300\pi t) + 2\cos(340\pi t) \\ + 4\cos(500\pi t) + 10\sin(660\pi t)$$

- Note: $v_a(t)$ is composed of 5 sinusoidal signals of frequencies 30 Hz, 150 Hz, 170 Hz, 250 Hz and 330 Hz

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- The sampling period is $T = \frac{1}{200} = 0.005$ sec
- The generated discrete-time signal $v[n]$ is thus given by

$$\begin{aligned}v[n] &= 6 \cos(0.3\pi n) + 3 \sin(1.5\pi n) + 2 \cos(1.7\pi n) \\&\quad + 4 \cos(2.5\pi n) + 10 \sin(3.3\pi n) \\&= 6 \cos(0.3\pi n) + 3 \sin((2\pi - 0.5\pi)n) + 2 \cos((2\pi - 0.3\pi)n) \\&\quad + 4 \cos((2\pi + 0.5\pi)n) + 10 \sin((4\pi - 0.7\pi)n) \\&= 6 \cos(0.3\pi n) - 3 \sin(0.5\pi n) + 2 \cos(0.3\pi n) + 4 \cos(0.5\pi n) \\&\quad - 10 \sin(0.7\pi n) \\&= 8 \cos(0.3\pi n) + 5 \cos(0.5\pi n + 0.6435) - 10 \sin(0.7\pi n)\end{aligned}$$

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$$v[n] = 8 \cos(0.3\pi n) + 5 \cos(0.5\pi n + 0.6435) - 10 \sin(0.7\pi n)$$

- **Note:** $v[n]$ is composed of 3 discrete-time sinusoidal signals of normalized angular frequencies: 0.3π , 0.5π , and 0.7π
- **Note:** An identical discrete-time signal is also generated by uniformly sampling at a 200-Hz sampling rate the following continuous-time signals:

$$w_a(t) = 8 \cos(60\pi t) + 5 \cos(100\pi t + 0.6435) - 10 \sin(140\pi t)$$

$$g_a(t) = 2 \cos(60\pi t) + 4 \cos(100\pi t) + 10 \sin(260\pi t) \\ + 6 \cos(460\pi t) + 3 \sin(700\pi t)$$

§ 2.5 The Sampling Process

- Recall $\omega_o = \frac{2\pi\Omega_o}{\Omega_T}$
- Thus if $\Omega_T > 2\Omega_o$, then the corresponding normalized digital angular frequency ω_o of the discrete-time signal obtained by sampling the parent continuous-time sinusoidal signal will be in the range $-\pi < \omega < \pi$
-  No aliasing

Homework

- **Problems**

2.3, 2.4(b), 2.21(a),(c), 2.22, 2.26, 2.41,
2.43 (只须做 $x[n]$) ,2.51

- **MATLAB Exercise**

M 2.1, M 2.2, M 2.4, M 2.6