

Signal Analysis, Design of Experiments and System Identification

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5th Computer Exercise

Signal Processing 01

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1. Discrete Fourier Transform - Introduction

- (a) Create three signals on your own, e.g., a sum of sine or cosine functions with different frequencies and different lengths. Plot the signals.
- (b) Perform a discrete and a Fast Fourier Transform. What do you observe? Are the results reasonable? (Hint: For DFT, see the file `DFT.m`, and `DFT_cosine`. For FFT, see Matlab documentation `Doc fft`). At least compare the computing time for one of the signals (use commands: `tic` / `toc`) for both the FFT and the DFT. What is the difference in computing times?
- (c) Perform the FFT now on your signals. Plot the spectra (both amplitudes and phases). (Hint: see the file `myFFT.m`).
- (d) At least to one of the signals, you should add some random noise. Implement FFT again, what do you observe? Increase the noise level; how does the result change?
- (e) For the case of the noisy signal, try *signal averaging*, what seems more appropriate averaging in time domain or frequency domain? (This requires a repeated generation of a noise corrupted signal, e.g., 10 times and then averaging either in time or frequency domain). Does that improve the quality of the results?

2. Equation of Motion

- (a) Please perform an FFT on the solution of the equation of motion, and plot the spectrum.
- (b) Study the effect of changing the damping on the results of FFT (try no-damping and different values of damping). Compare the spectrum of different cases? What do you observe?
- (c) What happens to the spectrum if you change the parameters for stiffness and mass?
- (d) Write down your observations. Please be careful with the annotation on the axes of your plots.

3. Document observations, findings and conclusions carefully.