The Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

Overview

In this exercise you will generate a few discrete signals, learn how to write MATLAB functions, and experiment with the DFT.

You may find the diary command useful for maintaining a history of your MATLAB session. Other commands you may find useful include subplot. As always to get information about a function and its usage, use the MATLAB help or doc commands, e.g. help subplot, doc filter, etc.

Basic Signals

1. Generate and plot (using MATLAB'S stem command) the sequence

$$x[n] = (0.95)^n \cos(\pi/20 \text{ n})$$

for $0 \le n \le 63$. Note that MATLAB'S indexing for the first element starts with 1 and not 0, so you will have to adjust for this in your plot.

2. The following is a simple example of a MATLAB function framp which generates an N-point ramp x[n] = n for $1 \le n \le N$. The input argument is N and the function generates the desired values.

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function x=framp(N)
% function x=framp(N)
% Generates an N-point ramp sequence
n=1:N;
x=n';
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Write a MATLAB function, fcosine, which will generate the values from a finite-length sinusoid A $cos(2\pi f_0 n + \phi)$ for $n_1 \le n \le n_f$. The function will need a total of five input arguments: A, f_0 , ϕ , n_1 , and n_f . The function should return a column vector which contains only the desired values of the sinusoid. Test your function by plotting the results with A = 4, $f_0 = 1/20$, $\phi = \pi/4$, $n_1 = -20$, and $n_f = 20$.

The DFT

- 3. Write a MATLAB function DFT that returns the N-point DFT of an input signal. Do not use fft.
- 4. Write a MATLAB function stem_DFT that perform DFT (or fft) on an input signal and plot (i.e. subplot) the magnitude and phase angle of the resulting Fourier Transform. You might find the functions angle and abs useful.
- 5. Use the function fcosine from exercise 2 to generate 2 discrete time signals $x_1[n]$ with $A_1 = 4$, $f_1 = 1/20$, $\phi_1 = \pi/4$, $n_1 = -20$, and $n_f = 20$ and $x_2[n]$ with $A_2 = 4$, $f_2 = 1/2$, $\phi_2 = \pi/4$, $n_1 = -20$, and $n_f = 20$. The choice of f_0 gives radically different results for the DFT. Use stem_DFT to compute and compare the DFTs $X_1[m]$ and $X_2[m]$. Comment on your results.

Zero Padding a DFT

6. Let $X_1[m]$ be the 64-point DFT of x[n] in Exercise 1, and let $X_2[m]$ be the 128-point DFT of the 128-point sequence obtained by appending x[n] in Exercise 1 with 64 zeros. Compute $X_1[m]$ and $X_2[m]$, and use stem_DFT to plot $|X_1[m]|$ and $|X_2[m]|$. Again, make sure the indexing in your plots is correct. Comment on the relationship, if any, between the values of $X_1[m]$ and $X_2[m]$.

Spectral Analysis

- 7. Load the file signal1.mat using load signal1.mat and look at its spectral component assume a sampling rate Fs = 120 Hz. What are the frequencies present in the signal?
- 8. Load the file signal2.mat using load signa2.mat and look at its spectral component assume a sampling rate Fs = 350 Hz. What are the frequencies present in the signal?
- 9. Are the frequencies the same in exercises 7 and 8? Given that in both cases the signals were generated using the same equation explain the frequencies encountered. The equation used:

$$x(n) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi) + 0.5\sin(2\pi 2 f_0 t + \phi)$$

 $f_0 = 50Hz$
 $\phi = 0$

Turn in

Turn in a one to two pages memo with a brief description of what you did. Highlight any challenges you had, clever approaches you used, any new insights you gained, etc. Be sure to include your code.