

# Sweep sin approach for system identification

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- theory: sinusoidal signals are perpendicular to each other if they are at different frequencies. sinusoids at the same frequency are parallel to each other. Doing the inner product:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A \sin(\omega t + \phi) e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A \frac{e^{j(\omega t + \phi)} - e^{-j(\omega t + \phi)}}{2j} e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} A \frac{1}{2j} \left( e^{j\phi} - e^{-j(2\omega t + \phi)} \right) dt \\ &= \frac{A\pi}{j\omega} e^{j\phi} \end{aligned}$$

gives the following procedure of sin-based system ID:

- consider the input and the output given by  $A_1 \sin(\omega t + \phi_1)$  and  $A_2 \sin(\omega t + \phi_2)$
- perform FFT to get  $X_1 = \frac{A_1\pi}{j\omega} e^{j\phi_1}$  and  $X_2 = \frac{A_2\pi}{j\omega} e^{j\phi_2}$
- extract the magnitude and phase information from the above to get  $A_2/A_1 = |X_2/X_1|$  and  $\phi_2 - \phi_1 = \angle X_2 - \angle X_1$