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Lab exercise I in Digital Signal Processing, winter semester 2018/19 (course #24505)

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All 4 lab exercises are due 10th Feb. 2019.

DFT and Windowing

Exercise: Windowing of a harmonic signal (10 points)

Solve the following tasks in Matlab or Python.

- a) Generate two sine signals of $f_1 = 200$ Hz and $f_2 = 200.25$ Hz and amplitude $|x[k]|_{\text{max}} = 1$ for the sampling rate $f_s = 800$ Hz in the range of $0 \le k < N = 1600$. (1 point)
- b) Generate a rectangular window, a Hanning window (in Matlab: w = hann(N, 'periodic')) and a flat top window (in Matlab: w = flattopwin(N, 'periodic')) with the same length as the sine signals. (1 point)
- c) Window both sine signals with the three windows and calculate the DFT spectra. (1 point)
- d) Plot the absolute value of the DFT spectra in dB as in fig. 1, 2 and 3. Pay attention to using the same normalisation: The DFT values apart from DC and $\frac{f_s}{2}$ have to be normalised with $\frac{2}{N}$ before calculating the logarithm to achieve physically interpretable spectra. (1 point)
- e) Plot the magnitude spectra of the three windows in dB normalised to their maximum. Use zero-padding or the formulas for interpolation towards the DTFT to achieve a sufficiently high resolution of the spectra to show the characteristics of the windows. (1 point)
- f) Interpret the results of d) with the help of e) regarding the best and worst case for the different windows. Why do the results for the signals with frequencies f_1 and f_2 differ? (2 points)
- g) Determine the width of the main lobe (at the -3 dB corner frequencies) and the attenuation of the highest side lobe from the window spectra. (1 point)

- h) Explain for which signal analysis task the rectangular window and the flat top window should be used. (1 point)
- i) Do some research on your own: Which advantages exhibit the Kaiser-bessel (in Matlab: kaiser) and the Dolph-Chebyshev (in Matlab: chebwin) window? (1 point)

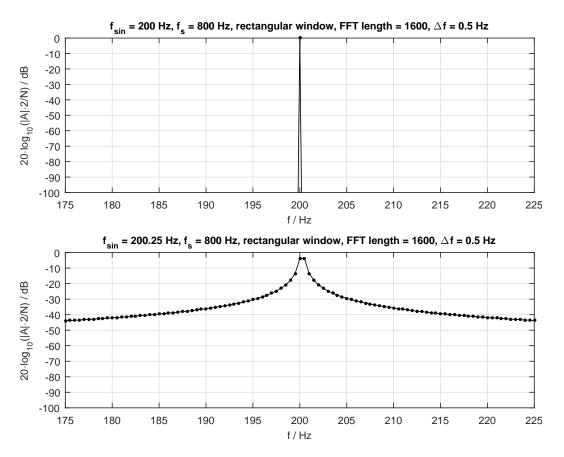


Figure 1: Rectangular windowing of sine signals

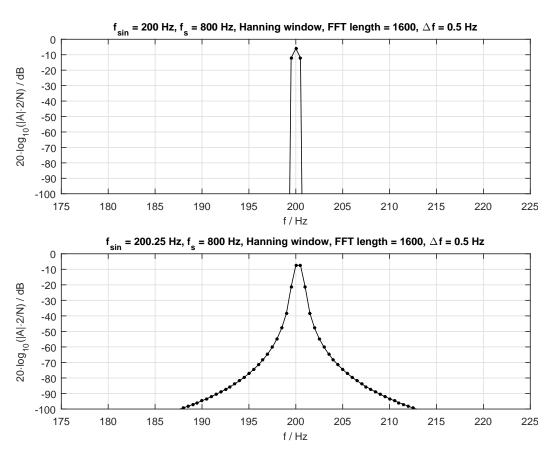


Figure 2: Hanning windowing of sine signals

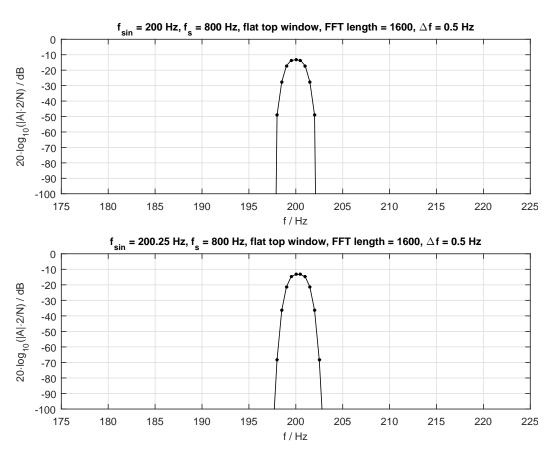


Figure 3: Flat top windowing of sine signals