

EN1020 Signals and Systems: Signals

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Section 1

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Continuous-Time Sinusoidal Signal

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi). \quad (1)$$

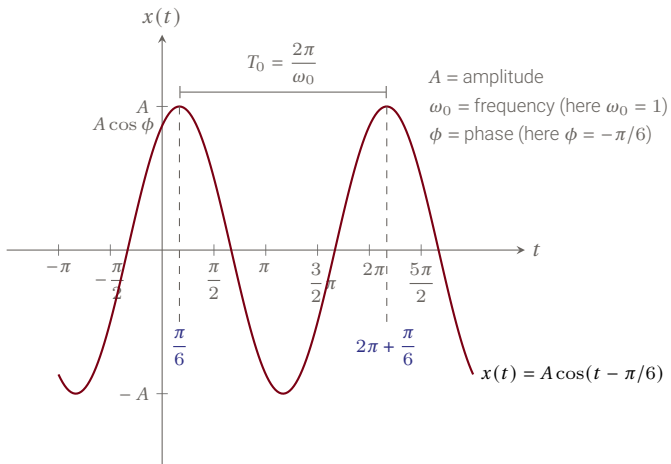


Figure: Continuous-time sinusoidal signal.

Periodicity of a Sinusoidal

Sinusoidal signal is **periodic**.

A periodic continuous-time signal $x(t)$ has the property that there is a positive value T for which

$$x(t) = x(t + T) \quad (2)$$

for all values of t . Under an appropriate time-shift the signal repeats itself. In this case we say that $x(t)$ is periodic with period T .

Fundamental period T_0 = smallest positive value of T for which 2 holds.

A signal that is not periodic is referred to as **aperiodic**.

E.g.: Consider $A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$

$$\begin{aligned} A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) &= A \cos(\omega_0(t + T) + \phi) \quad \text{here } \omega_0 T = 2\pi m \quad \text{an integer multiple of } 2\pi \\ &= A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi m}{\omega_0} \Rightarrow \text{fundamental period } T_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}.$$

Phase of a Sinusoidal

A time-shift in a CT sinusoid is equivalent to a phase shift.

E.g.: Show that a time-shift of a sinusoid is equal to a phase shift.

$$A \cos[\omega_0(t + t_0)] = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 t_0) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \Delta\phi), \quad \Delta\phi \text{ is a change in phase.}$$

$$A \cos[\omega_0(t + t_0) + \phi] = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \omega_0 t_0 + \phi) = A \cos(\omega_0(t + t_1)), \quad t_1 = t_0 + \phi/\omega_0.$$

Even and Odd Signals

A signal $x(t)$ or $x[n]$ is referred to as an **even** signal if it is identical to its time-reversed counterpart, i.e., with its reflection about the origin:

$$x(-t) = x(t)$$

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

A is referred to as an **odd** if

$$x(-t) = -x(t)$$

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

An odd signal must be 0 at $t = 0$ or $n = 0$.

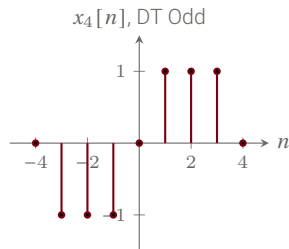
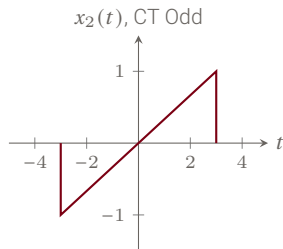
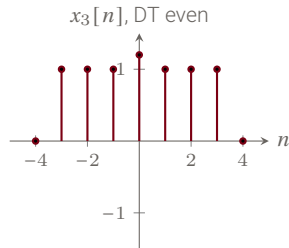
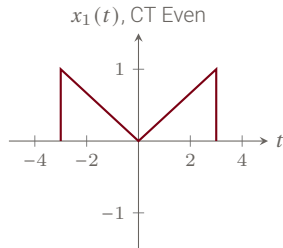
A signal can be broken into a sum of two signals, one of which is even and one for which is odd. Even part of $x(t)$ is

$$\text{Ev}\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{2}[x(t) + x(-t)]$$

Odd part of $x(t)$ is

$$\text{Od}\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{2}[x(t) - x(-t)]$$

Examples of Even and Odd Functions



Even and Odd Signals Contd.

Example

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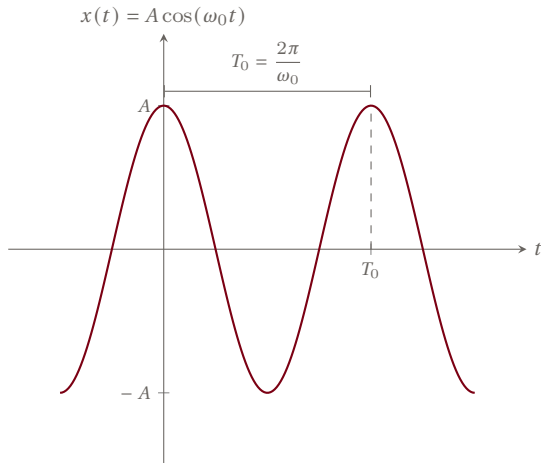
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Phase of a Sinusoidal: $\phi = 0$

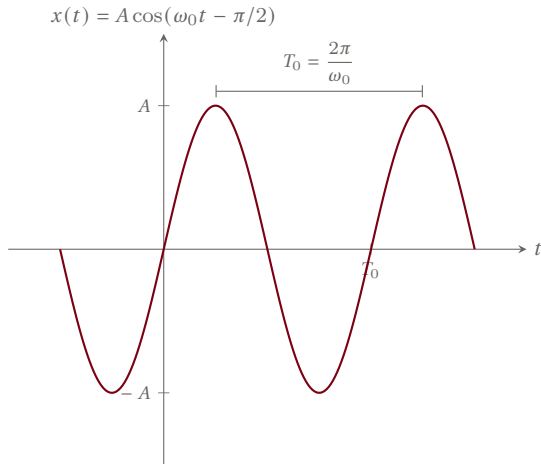


This signal is **even**. If we mirror an even signal about the time origin, it would look exactly the same.

Periodic: $x(t) = x(t + T)$.

Even: $x(t) = x(-t)$.

Phase of a Sinusoidal: $\phi = -\pi/2$



This signal is **odd**. If we flip an odd signal about the time origin, we also multiply it by a $(-)$ sign to get the original signal.

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Odd: $x(t) = -x(-t)$.

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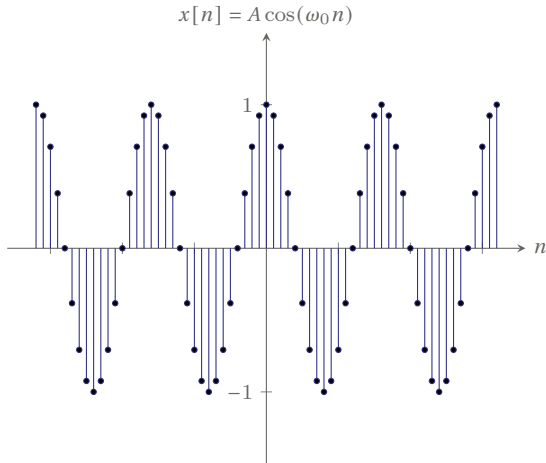
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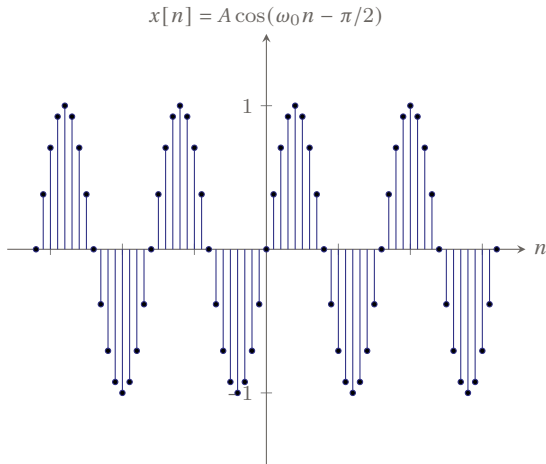
Even: $x[n] = x[-n]$.

Periodic: $x[n] = x[n + N]$. Here,

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$$A \cos(\omega_0 n + \phi) = A \cos(\omega_0 (n + n_0)).$$

n_0 must be an integer.

$$n_0 = \frac{\phi}{\omega_0} = \frac{-\pi/2}{\pi/8} = -4.$$

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Answer: No.

$$\begin{aligned} A \cos[\omega_0 n + \phi] &\stackrel{?}{=} A \cos[\omega_0(n + n_0)] \\ \omega_0 n + \omega_0 n_0 &= \omega_0 n + \phi \\ \omega_0 n_0 &= \phi, \quad n_0 \text{ is an integer.} \end{aligned}$$

- Depending on ϕ and ω_0 , n_0 may not come out to be an integer.
- In discrete time, the amount of time shift must be an integer.

Periodicity of a DT Signal

All continuous-time sinusoids are periodic. However, discrete-time sinusoids are not necessarily so.

$$x[n] = x[n + N], \quad \text{smallest integer } N \text{ is the fundamental period.} \quad (3)$$

$$A \cos[\omega_0(n + N) + \phi] = A \cos[\omega_0 n + \omega_0 N + \phi]$$

$\omega_0 N$ must be an integer multiple of 2π .

Periodic $\Rightarrow \omega_0 N = 2\pi m$

$$N = \frac{2\pi m}{\omega_0} \quad (4)$$

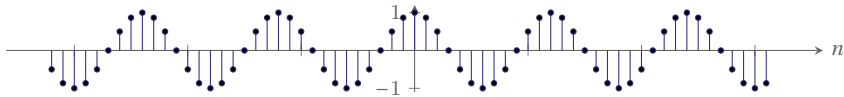
N and m must be integers.

Smallest N , if any, is the fundamental period.

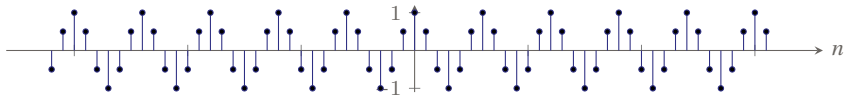
N may not be an integer. In this case, the signal is not periodic.

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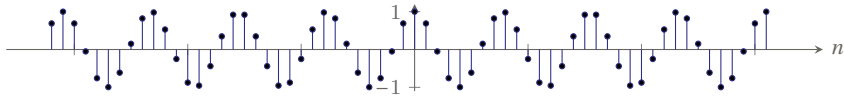
$$x[n] = A \cos(2\pi/12n)$$



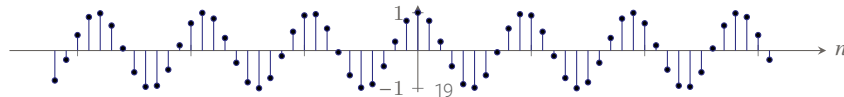
$$x[n] = A \cos(2\pi/6n)$$



$$x[n] = A \cos(8\pi/31n)$$



$$x[n] = A \cos(2/3n)$$



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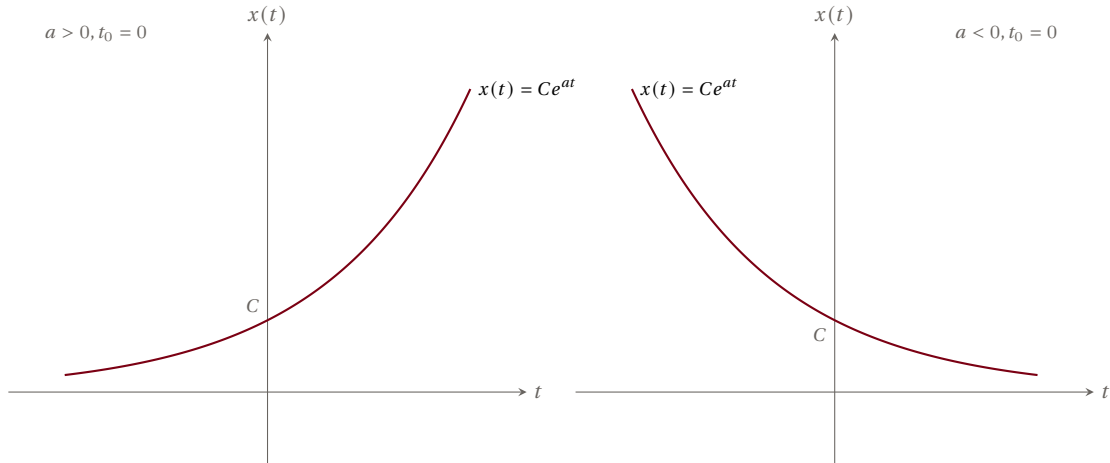
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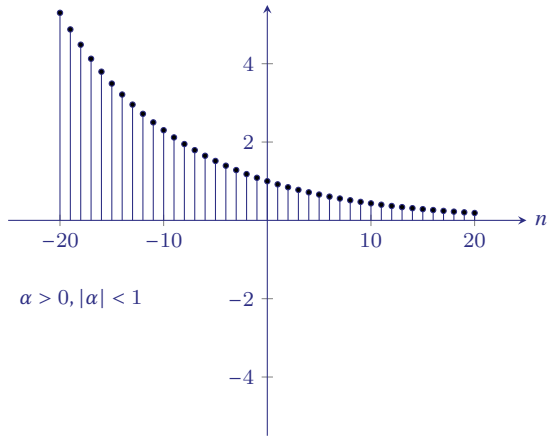
$$x(t) = Ce^{a(t+t_0)}, \quad C \text{ and } a \text{ are real numbers} \\ = Ce^{at_0} e^{at}.$$



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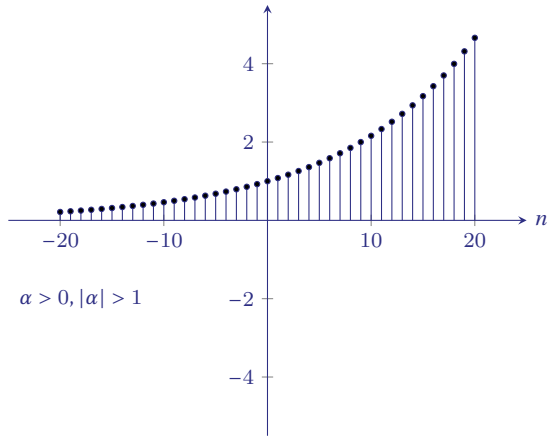
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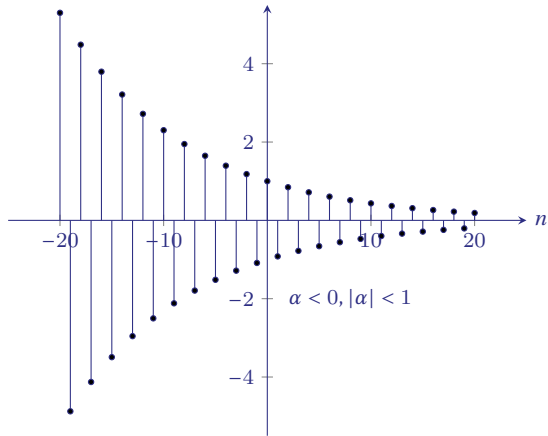
$$\alpha > 0, |\alpha| < 1$$

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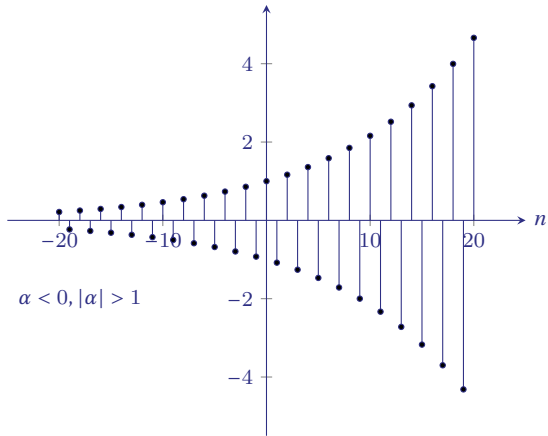


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Section 2

Complex Numbers

Representing Complex Numbers

The **Cartesian** or **rectangular** form:

$$z = x + jy,$$

where $j = \sqrt{-1}$ and x and y are real numbers referred to respectively as the real part and the imaginary part. I.e.,

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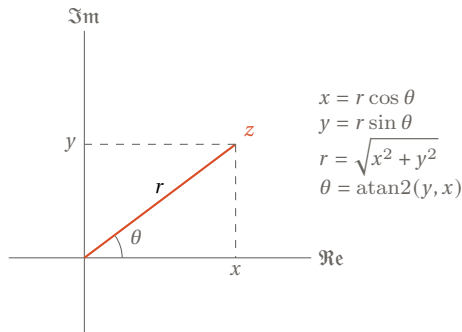
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The relationship between these two representations can be determined from **Euler's relation**:

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

or by plotting z in the complex plane.



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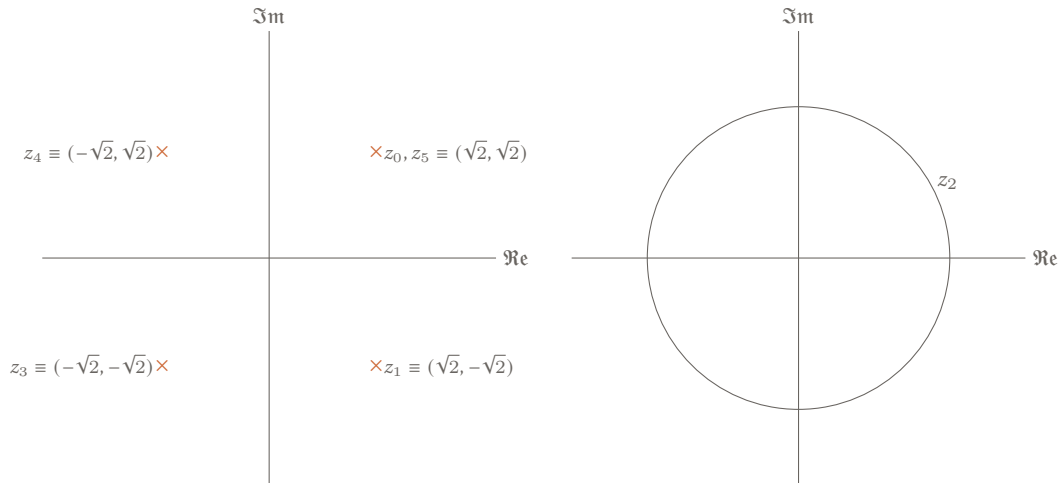
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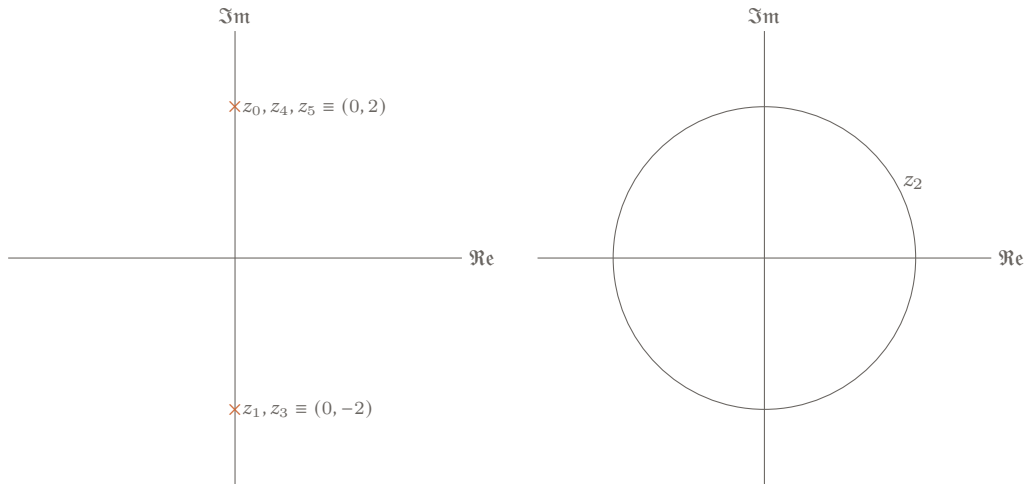
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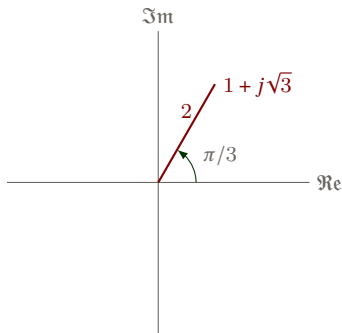
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4. $3 + 4j$

5. $(1 - j\sqrt{3})^3$

6. $\frac{e^{j\pi/3} - 1}{1 + j\sqrt{3}}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + j\sqrt{3} &= \sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2}} + j \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2}} \right) \\ &= 2e^{j\operatorname{atan2}(\sqrt{3},1)} \\ &= 2e^{j\pi/3} \end{aligned}$$



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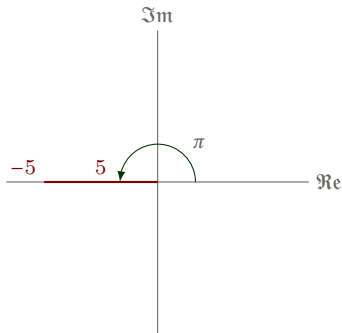
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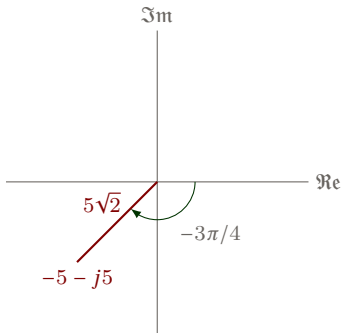
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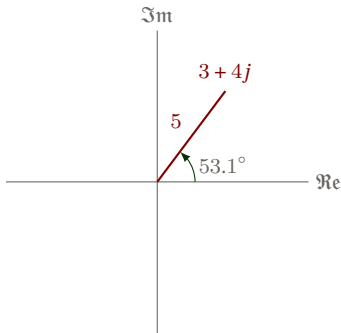
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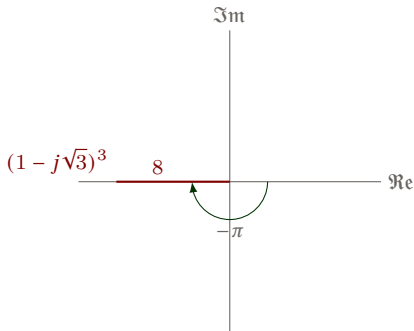
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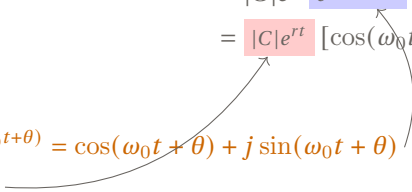
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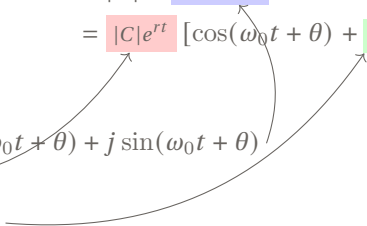
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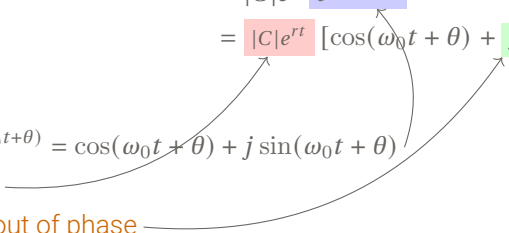
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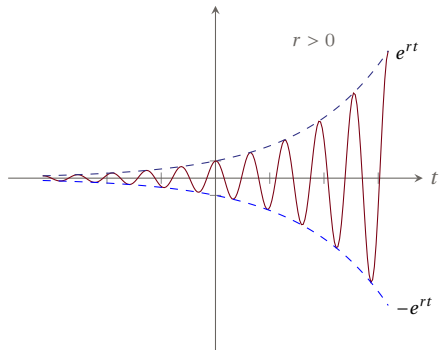
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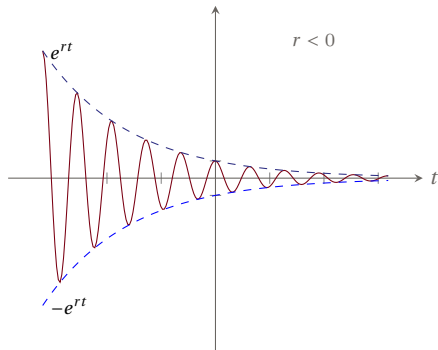
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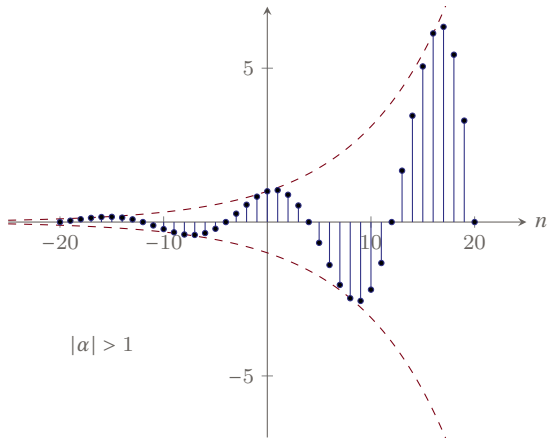
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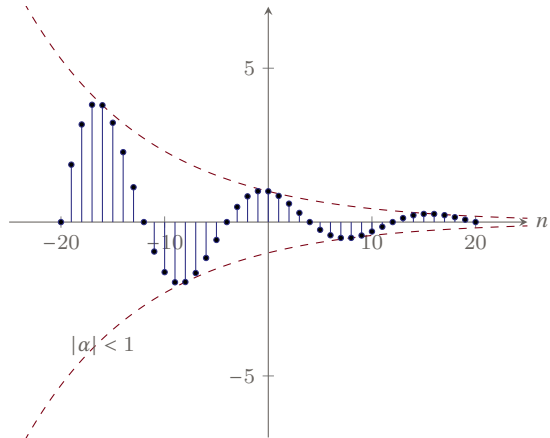
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DT Complex Exponentials Plot

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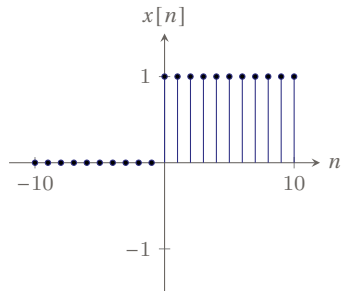
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Section 4

Step and Impulse Functions

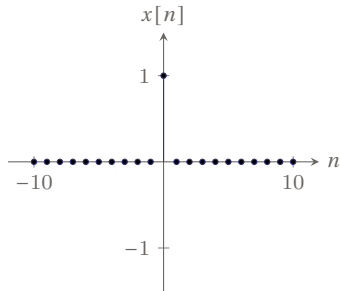
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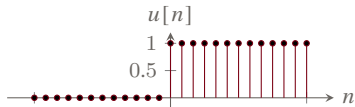
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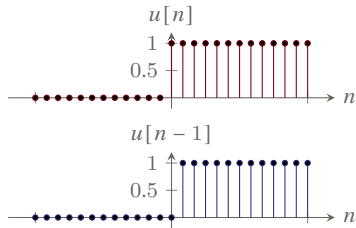
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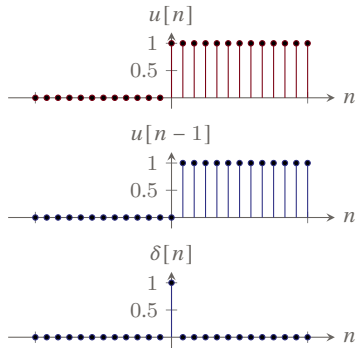
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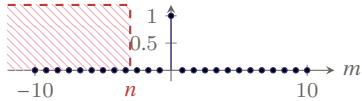
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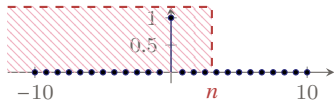
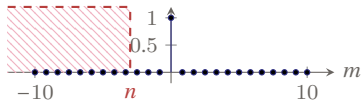
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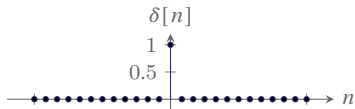
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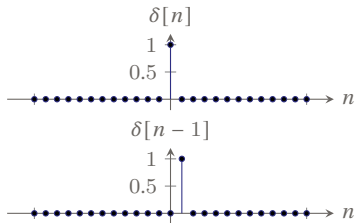
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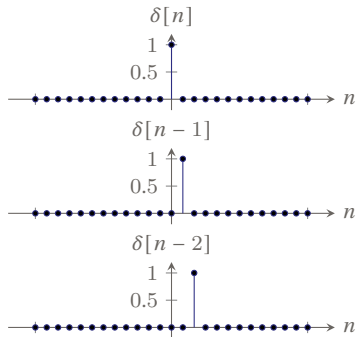
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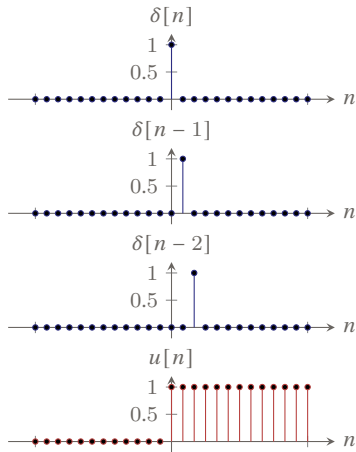
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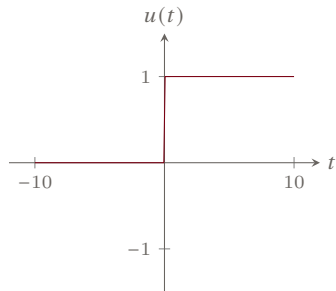
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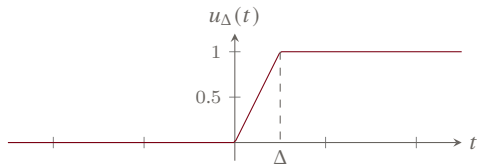


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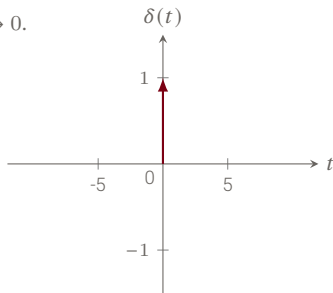


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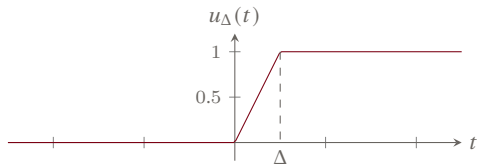
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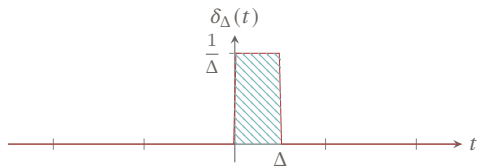
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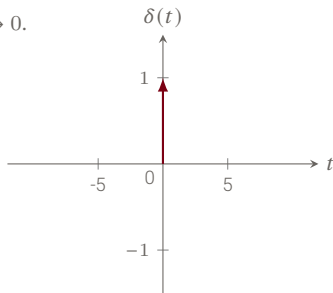


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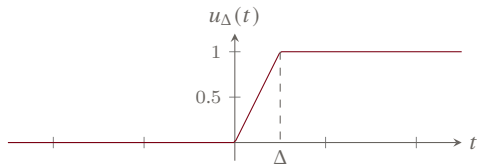
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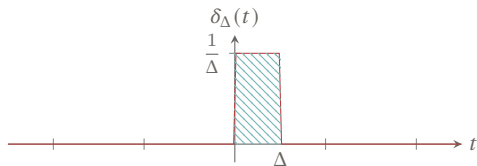
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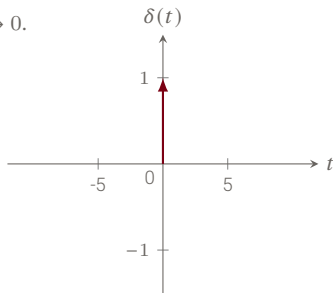


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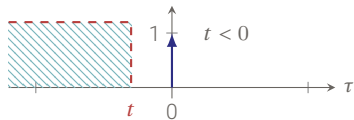


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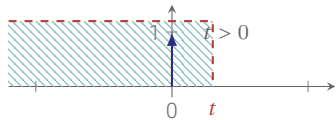
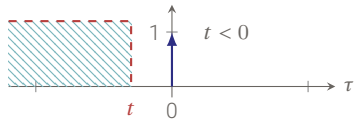
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Section 5

Signal Energy and Power

Energy I

The total energy over a time interval $t_1 \leq t \leq t_2$ in a continuous-time signal $x(t)$ is

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

The total energy over a time interval $n_1 \leq n \leq n_2$ in a discrete-time signal $x[n]$ is

$$\sum_{n=n_1}^{n_2} |x[n]|^2$$

Total energy over an infinite interval in a CT signal:

$$E_{\infty} \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt. \quad (13)$$

Energy II

Total energy over an infinite interval in a DT signal:

$$E_{\infty} \triangleq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^{+N} |x[n]|^2 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} |x[n]|^2. \quad (14)$$

Note that this integral and may not converge for some signals. Such signals have infinite energy, while signals with $E_{\infty} < \infty$ have finite energy.

Power

Time-averaged power over an infinite interval in a CT signal:

$$P_{\infty} \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^2 dt. \quad (15)$$

In a DT signal:

$$P_{\infty} \triangleq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^{+N} |x[n]|^2. \quad (16)$$

With these definitions, we can identify three important classes of signals:

1. Energy signals: Signals with finite total energy $E_{\infty} < \infty$. These have zero average power.
2. Power signals: Signals with finite average power $0 < P_{\infty} < \infty$. As $P_{\infty} > 0$, $E_{\infty} = \infty$.
3. Signals with neither E_{∞} nor P_{∞} are finite.

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Determine whether the following signals are energy signals, power signals, or neither.

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$$\begin{aligned} E_{\infty} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2at} dt \\ &= \frac{-1}{2a} [e^{-at}]_0^{\infty} = \frac{-1}{2a} [0 - 1] = \frac{1}{2a} \end{aligned}$$

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Considering T as an integer multiple of $2\pi/\omega_0$

$$E_\infty = A^2 \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T \rightarrow \infty.$$

This is not an energy signal.

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This is not a power signal either.

Summary

Real Signals

- Sinusoids

- Discrete-Time Sinusoidal Signal

- Exponentials

Complex Numbers

Complex Signals

- CT Complex Exponentials

- DT Complex Exponentials

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