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Experiment 1: Sampling

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1 Tasks

1.1 Sampling of a sinusoidal waveform

1. Take an analog waveform:

$$x(t) = 10 \cos(2\pi \times 10^3 t) + 6 \cos(2\pi \times 2 \times 10^3 t) + 2 \cos(2\pi \times 4 \times 10^3 t)$$

2. Sample it at $F_s = 12\text{kHz}$
3. Obtain DFT of $x(t)$ with $N=\{64, 128, 256\}$ points and plot the respective magnitude spectra. *Note the change in spectrum as N is increased*

1.2 Sampling at below Nyquist rate and effect of aliasing

1. Repeat above with $F_s = \{8\text{kHz}, 5\text{kHz}, 4\text{kHz}\}$
2. Find out from the spectrum, what are the aliases of the original frequencies present in $x(t)$ when the sampling rate is below the Nyquist rate.

1.3 Spectrum of a square wave

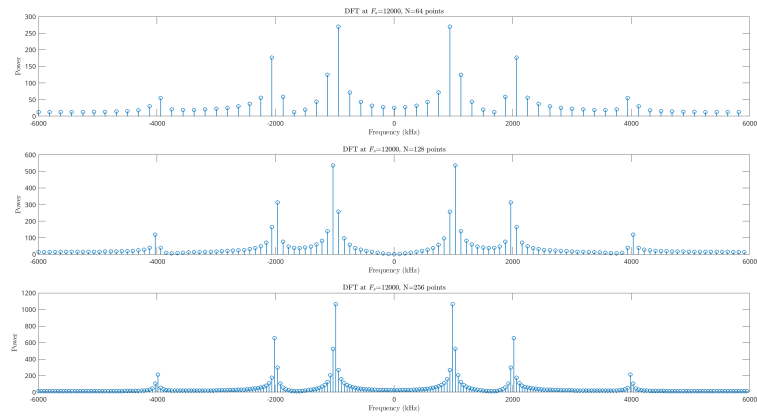
1. Take a square wave with time period $T = 1\text{ms}$ ($F=1\text{kHz}$)
2. Sample it at $F=20\text{kHz}$
3. Obtain DFT of the sampled square wave with $N=256$ and plot the result

1.4 Interpolation or upsampling

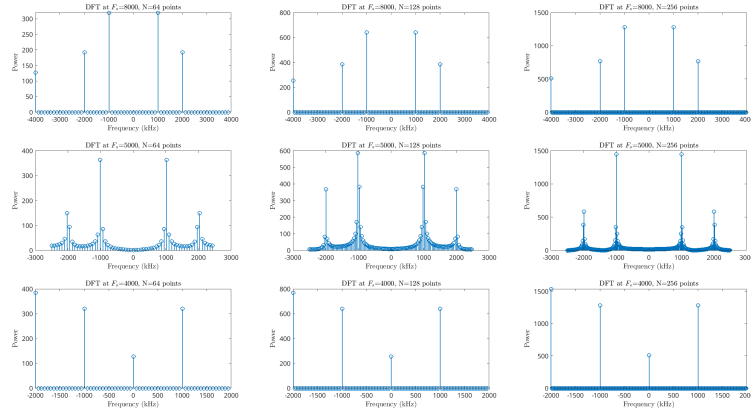
1. Take a lowpass signal of bandwidth 6kHz
2. Sample it at $F_{s1} = 12\text{kHz}$
3. Insert a zero between every two samples
4. Pass it through a lowpass filter of cutoff frequency 6kHz *Note that at step 4, the LPF is a digital filter, and sampling frequency to be used is $F_{s2} = 24\text{kHz}$*
5. Plot the output of the lowpass filter and compare it with the original signal sampled at $F_s = 24\text{kHz}$ *It may differ by a delay and a scaling factor*

2 Graphs and Diagrams

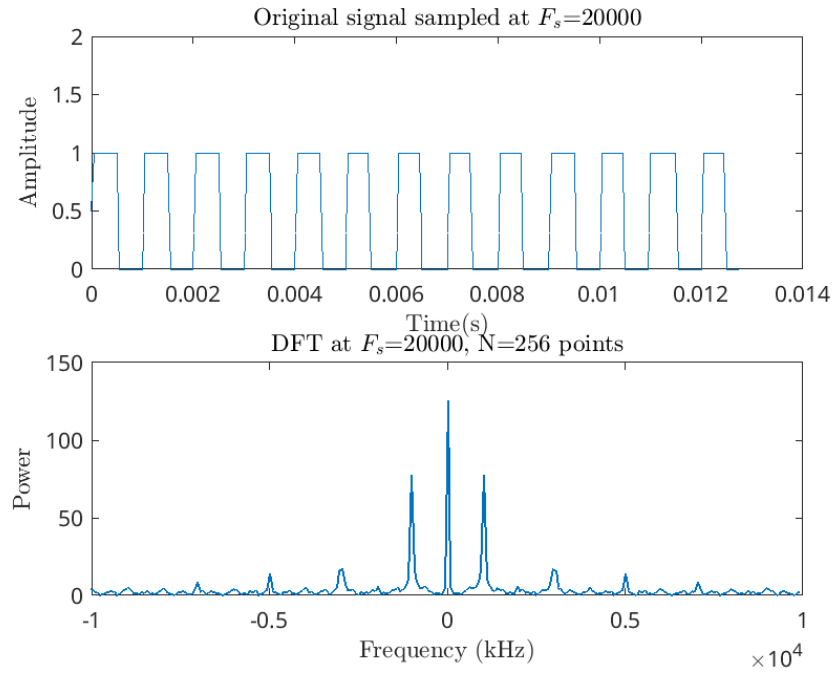
2.1 Task 1.1



2.2 Task 1.2



2.3 Task 1.3



2.4 Task 1.4

Figure 1: The input signal

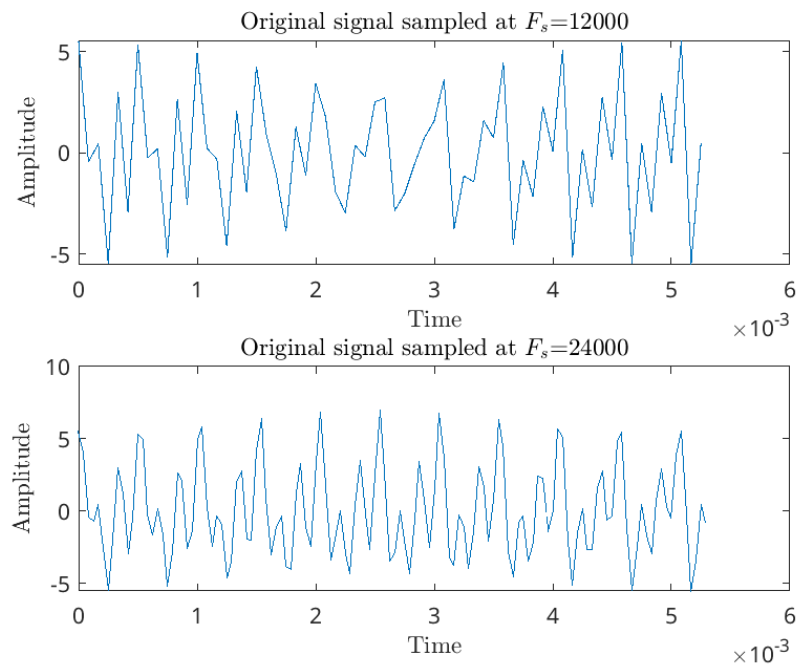
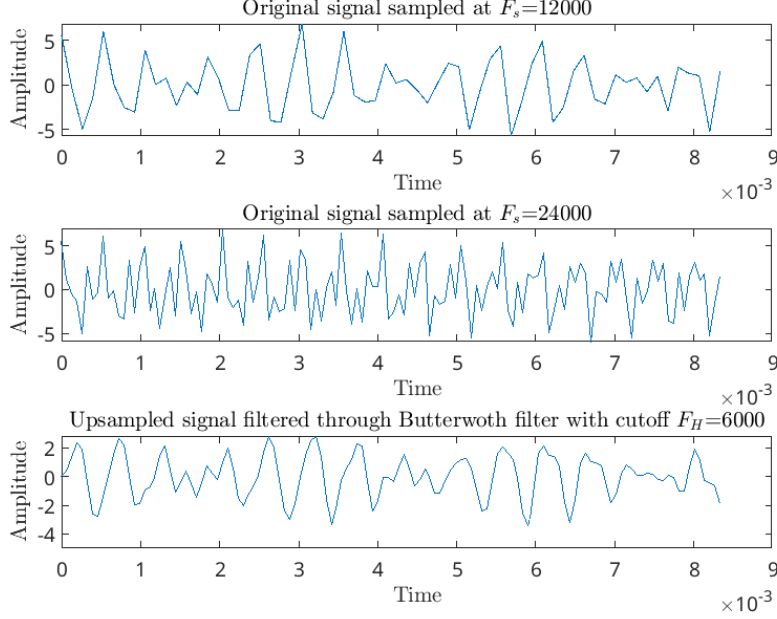


Figure 2: The upsampled and filtered signals



3 Discussions

3.1 Samyak Sheersh

1. In part 1.1, we sampled at a rate above the Nyquist rate and in every plot, we see some sharp peaks, which correspond to the composite frequencies present in the original signal. However, as we increase the number of samples, we see the peaks grow sharper and the values in the middle shrink down. This is reflective of the fact that a larger sample size will better approximate the continuous Fourier transform which will just have δ 's of different strength on the frequencies in the signal
2. In part 1.2, as we repeat the plots for lower sampling frequencies, the variation of N provides similar results as 1.1. We, however, observe aliasing for sampling below the Nyquist rate.
 - For sampling exactly at 8kHz, we find that the peak at 4kHz gets omitted, however we still observe a peak at -4 kHz.
 - For a sampling rate of 5kHz, we observe additional peaks at 1kHz and 2kHz due to aliasing as these are further multiples of the 4kHz component of the original signal modulo 5.

- For sampling at 4kHz, we observe a peak at 0Hz, inferring a DC value which occurs due to the overlap of the 4kHz components as their multiples modulo 4 give zero and the sampling rate is lower than their Nyquist rate. Just like the first case where we saw -4kHz but not +4kHz, we see that we also get a peak at -2kHz but not at +2kHz
3. In part 1.3, we see that the pulse signal is not a continuous signal and has jumps each time it flips between 0 and 1. Thus it can never be truly approximated and Gibbs phenomena will occur around the discontinuous. Since we are also limiting the bandwidth to the 10th harmonic at 20 kHz, we'll not get the full range of frequencies.
 4. In part 1.4, we observe that the filtered signal is delayed and has half the amplitude of the original signal. Also compared to the signal sampled at double the original frequency, we clearly see that the higher frequencies have been filtered out and as a result the signal is much smoother. We believe that because of upsampling, the sharp changes coming due to the fact that it was going back to zero were interpreted as high frequency and thus filtered off.