



## MA2011 MECHATRONICS SYSTEMS INTERFACING

Lecture 4

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## RECAP OF LECTURE 3

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### Ordinary Differential Equations

Linear System, Homogenous Equation, and Characteristic Equation

### Zero-order, First-order, and Second-order Systems

Solutions, and Analysis

### System Modelling and Analogies

Electrical, Mechanical, Hydraulic Systems, etc

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CLAUDE ELWOOD SHANNON

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American mathematician  
Electronic engineer  
Cryptographer  
**Father of Information Theory**

Founded both digital computer  
and digital circuit design theory  
Founded Information Theory

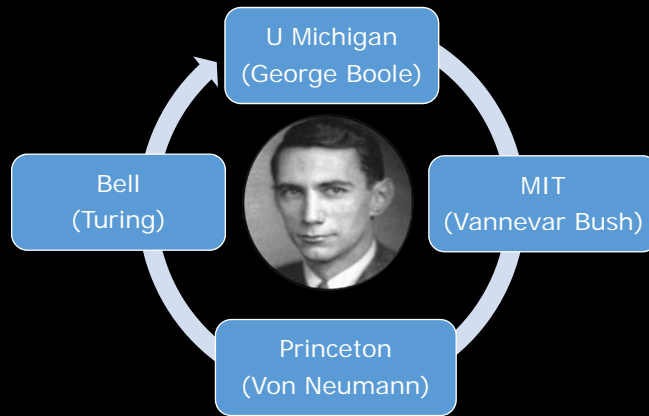


**Claude Elwood Shannon**  
(1916 – 2001)

## CLAUDE ELWOOD SHANNON

When	Where	What
1932	University of Michigan	Took a course that introduced him to the work of George Boole
1936	University of Michigan	Received bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and bachelor's degree in mathematics
1937(21 year old)	MIT	The most important master's thesis of all time: A Symbolic Analysis of Relay and Switching Circuits Founded both digital computer and digital circuit design theory
1940	MIT	Ph D Thesis: An Algebra for Theoretical Genetics
World War II		Contributed to the field of cryptanalysis for national defense
1948	Princeton	Founded Information Theory with one landmark paper that he published in.

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## PART 4: SAMPLING

## PART 4.1 BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

### OBJECTIVES

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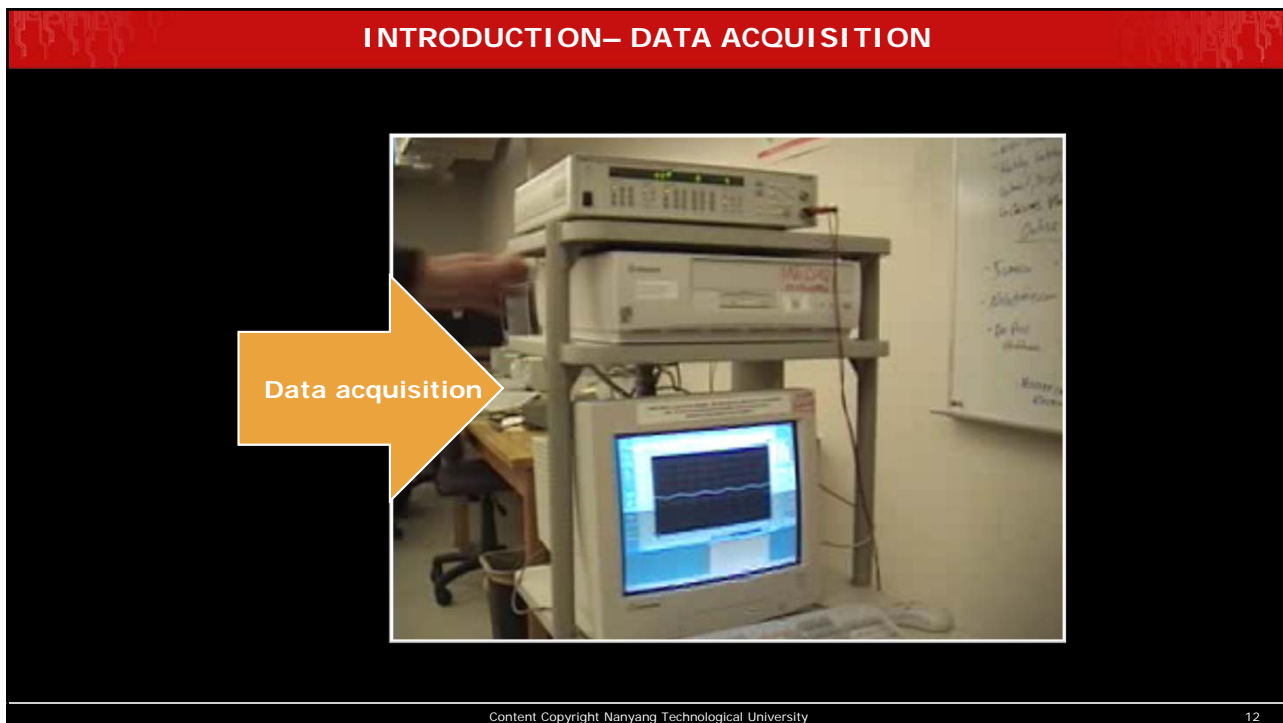
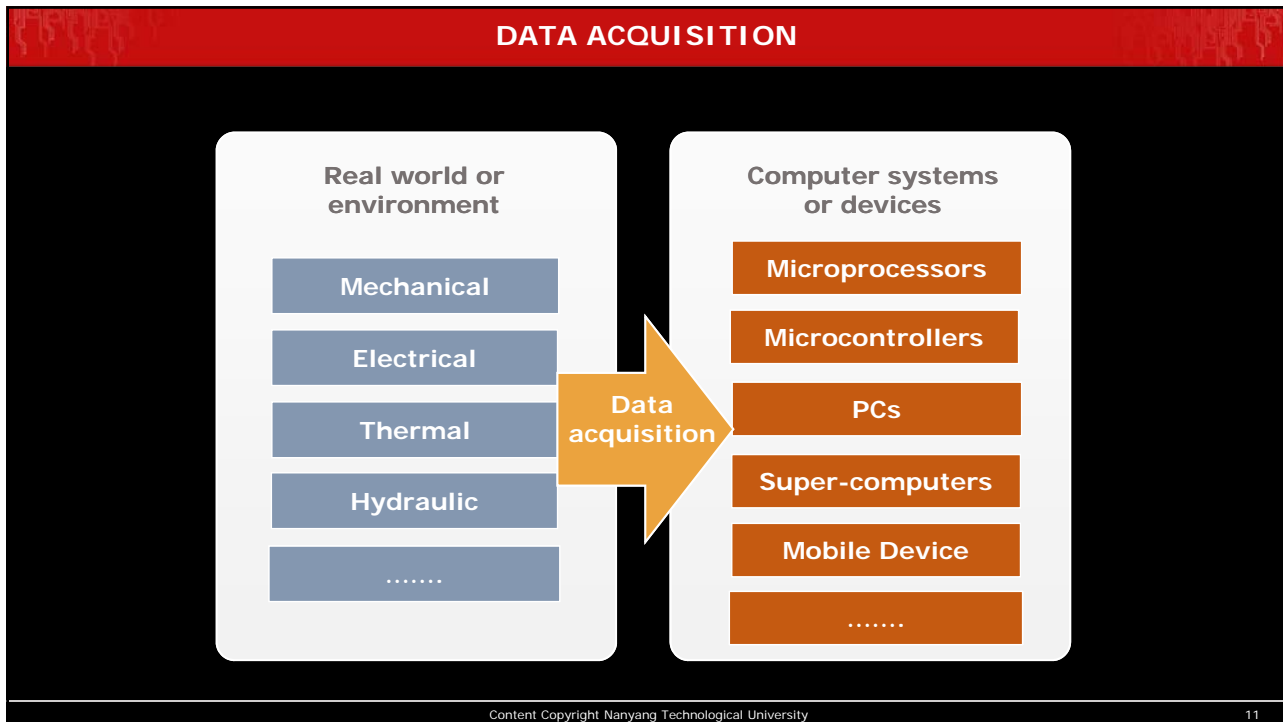
How to properly sample a signal for digital processing

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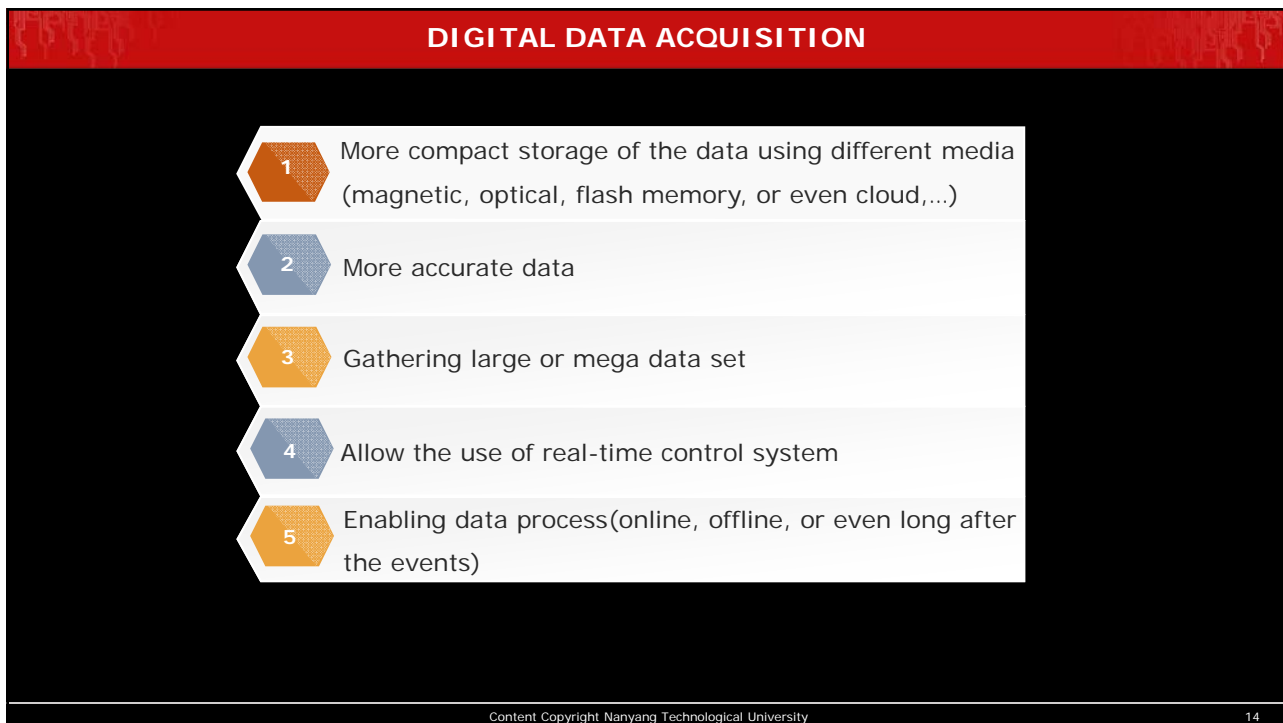
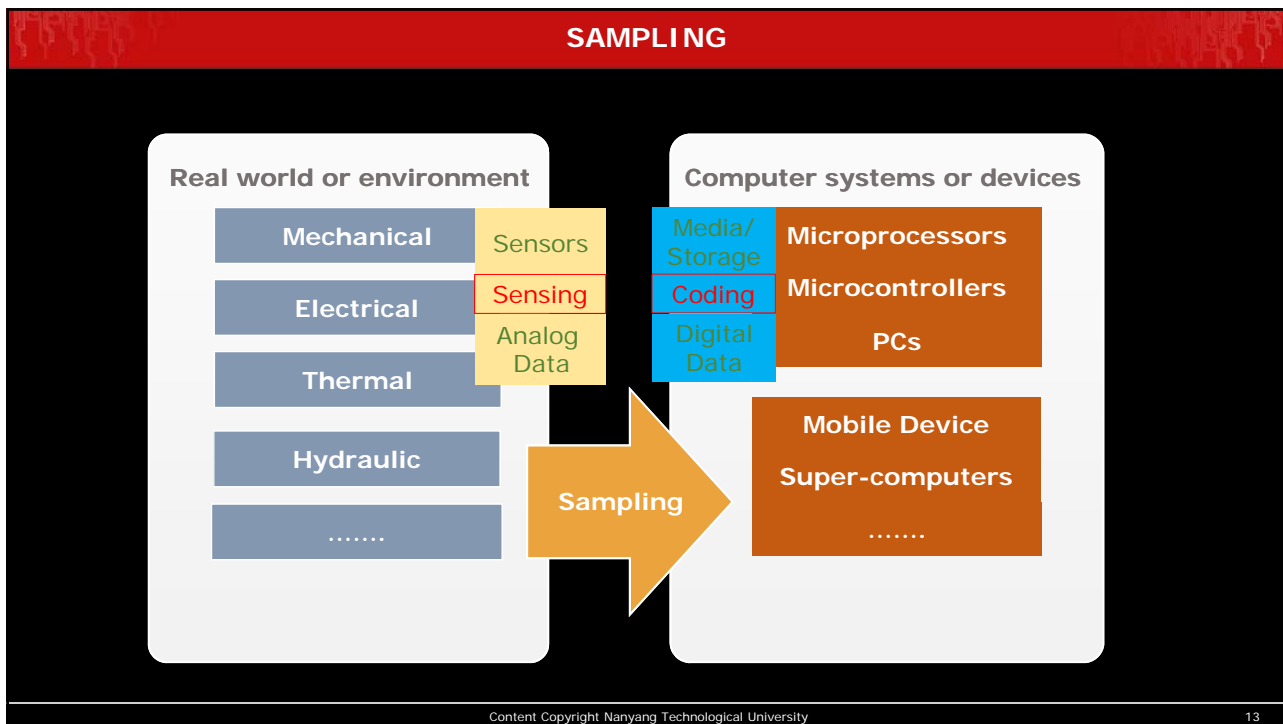
How digital data are coded

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Related components of an A/D converter



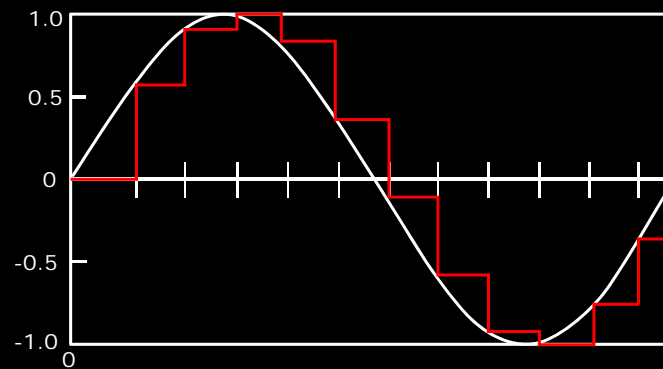




## WAVEFORM SAMPLING

### Objective

To represent waveforms on digital computers, we need to digitize or sample the waveform.



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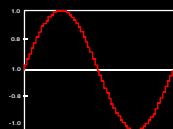
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## SAMPLING RATE

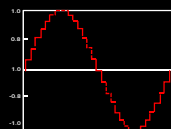
### Sampling: Higher rate or low rate

Higher sampling rates allow the waveform to be more accurately represented.

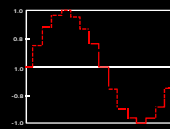
Low sampling rates may lead the waveform to be less accurately represented.



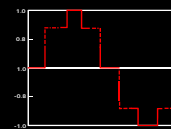
64 samples/period



32 samples/period



16 samples/period



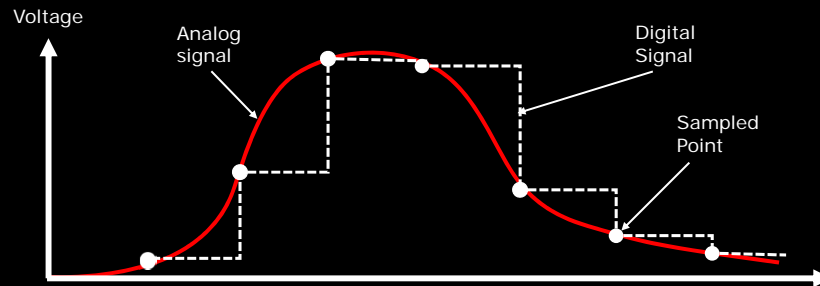
8 samples/period

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## ANALOG SIGNAL VS. DIGITAL SIGNAL



Analog Signal	Digital Signal
Continuous	Discrete
Generated via analog devices	Sampled in a fixed interval
Not coded	Coded value
Original signal	Sequential data array

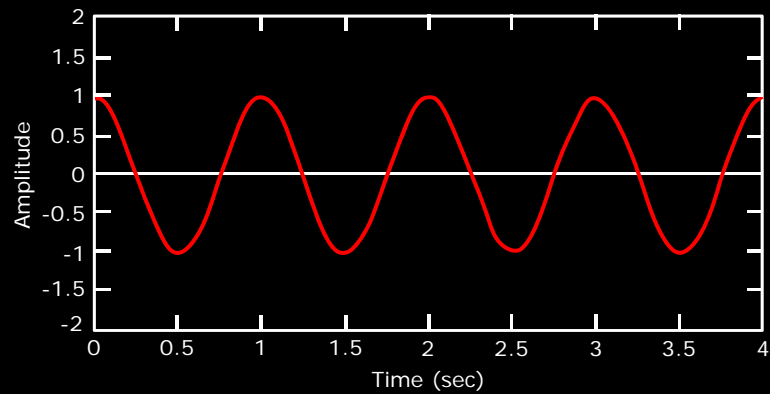
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## PART 4.2 SHANNON & NYQUIST THEOREM

## SHANNON & NYQUIST THEOREM

Example 1: Single sine wave at a frequency=1Hz (1 period per second)

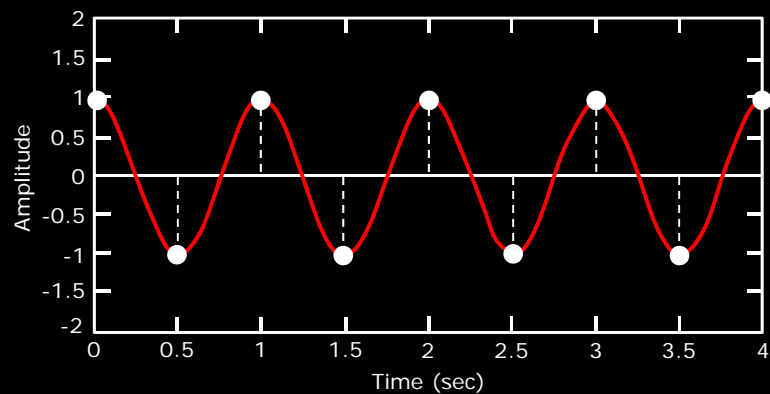


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## SHANNON & NYQUIST THEOREM

Example 1: Single sine waveform at a frequency=1Hz (1 period per second)



Sample rate: 2Hz (2 points per second)

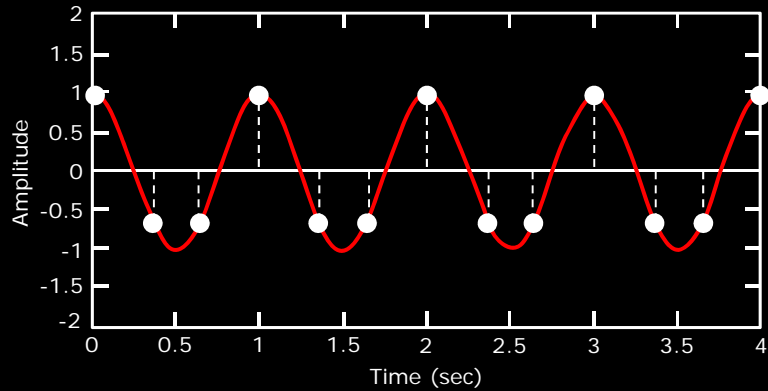
Result: Sufficient to capture each peak and trough of the signal.

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Sample rate: 3Hz (3 points per second)

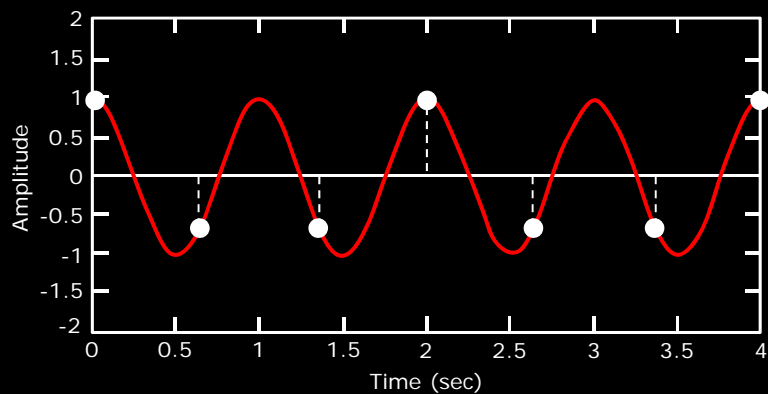
Result: More than enough samples to capture the variations in the signal.

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## SHANNON & NYQUIST THEOREM

Example 1: Single sine wave at a frequency=1Hz (1 period per second)



Sample rate: 1.5Hz (3 points per 2 second)

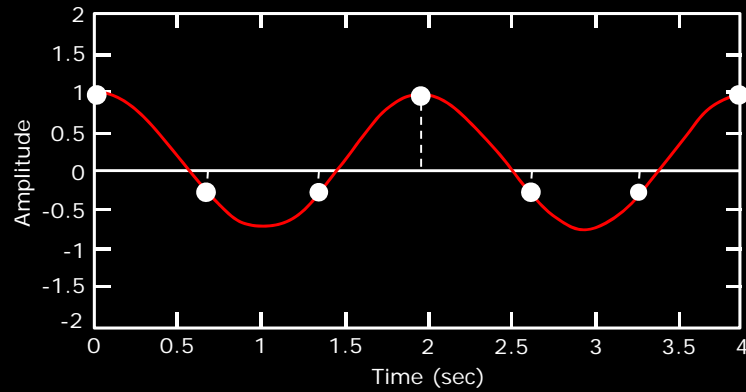
Result: Not enough samples to capture all the peaks and troughs in the signal.

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Example 1: Single sine wave at a frequency=1Hz (1 period per second)



Sample Rate: 1.5Hz (3 points per 2 second)

Result: Not enough samples to capture all the peaks and troughs in the signal.  
**Not only losing information, but also misleading the understanding of the signal.**

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## SHANNON & NYQUIST THEOREM

### SAMPLING IS IMPORTANT!



What is the proper sample rate?  
 Shannon-Nyquist Theorem



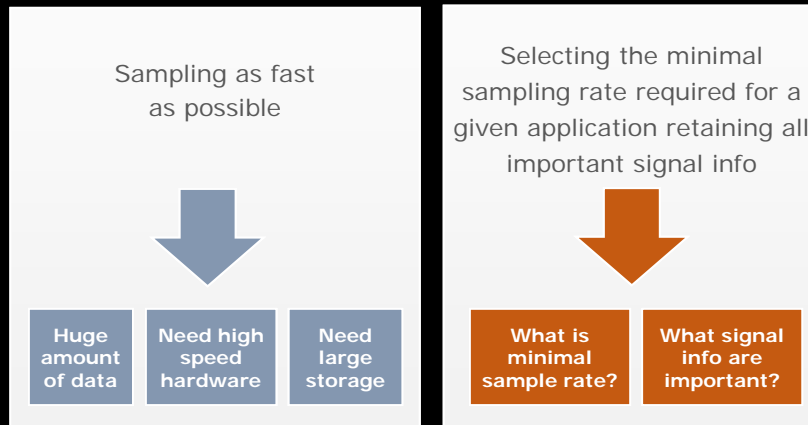
How to deal with any periodic waveform?  
 Fourier Series Representation

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## SHANNON & NYQUIST THEOREM

### SAMPLING GOOD OR BAD?



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## SHANNON & NYQUIST THEOREM

### SHANNON & NYQUIST THEOREM

- We need to sample a digital signal at a rate more than two times the **maximum frequency ( $f_{max}$ ) component** in the signal to retain all frequency components
- In other words, to faithfully represent the analogue signal, the digital samples must be taken at a frequency  $f_s$ , such that

$$f_s > 2f_{max}$$

$f_s$  is called **sampling rate** (not sampling frequency), and  $f_{max}$  is called **Nyquist frequency**

- If we approximate a signal by a truncated Fourier series (**N** terms), the maximum frequency component is the **highest** harmonic frequency. Then the time interval between the digital samples is

$$\Delta t = 1/f_s$$

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## SHANNON &amp; NYQUIST THEOREM

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$$F(t) = \sum_{n=0}^N C_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \varphi_n)$$

$$F(t) = \sum_{n=-N}^N D_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$

Maximum frequency component:  $N$

Sampling rate:  $f_s$

Nyquist frequency:  $f_{max}$

Shannon-Nyquist Theorem:  $f_s > 2f_{max}$

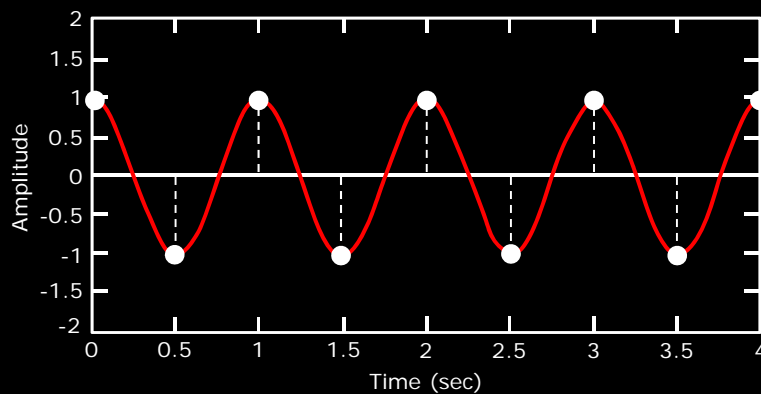
Time interval between the digital samples:  $\Delta t = 1/f_s$

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Maximum frequency component:  $N = 1$

Nyquist frequency:  $f_{max} = 1\text{Hz}$

Shannon-Nyquist Theorem:  $f_s = 2\text{Hz} > 2f_{max} = 2 * 1\text{Hz}$

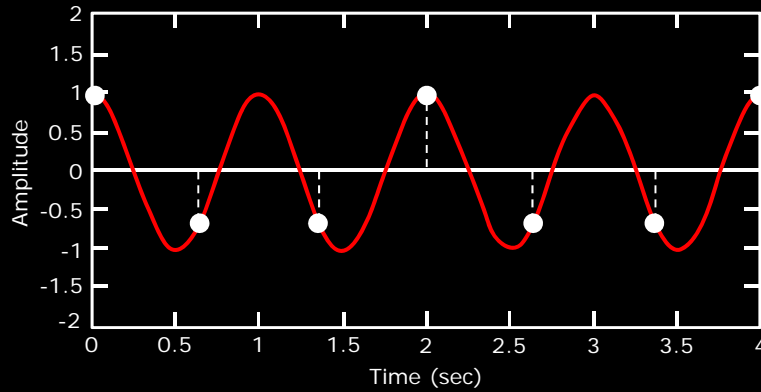
Time interval between the digital samples:  $\Delta t = 1/2 \text{ sec}$

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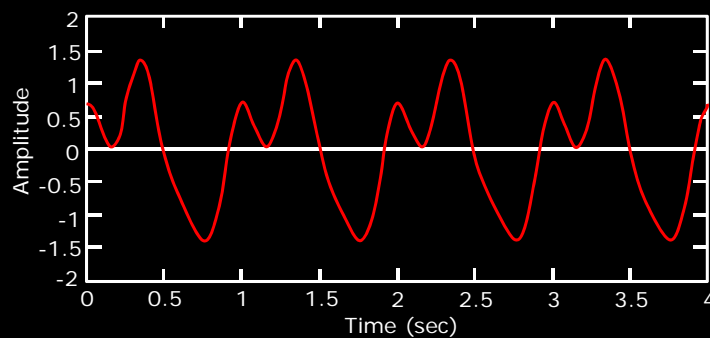
Time interval between the digital samples:  $\Delta t = 2/3 \text{ sec}$

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## SHANNON &amp; NYQUIST THEOREM

Example 2: Adding three sinewaves at frequencies of 1Hz, 2Hz, and 3Hz



Maximum frequency component:  $N = 3$

Nyquist frequency:  $f_{max} = 3\text{Hz}$

Shannon-Nyquist Theorem:  $f_s > 2f_{max}$

Time interval between the digital samples:  $\Delta t = ?$

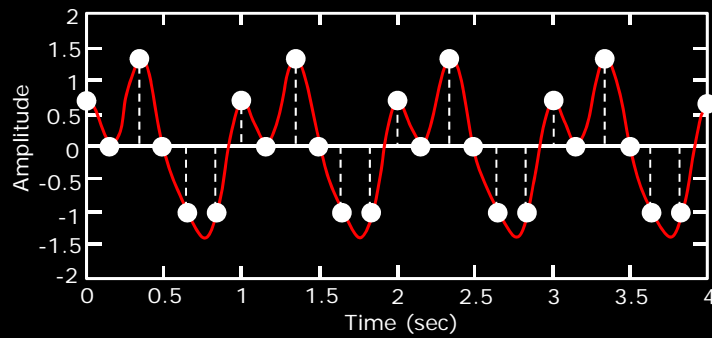
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Nyquist frequency:  $f_{max} = 3\text{Hz}$

Shannon-Nyquist Theorem:  $f_s > 2f_{max} = 6$

Time interval between the digital samples:  $\Delta t = 1/6$

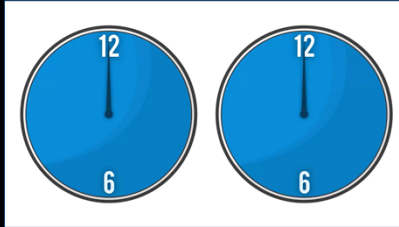
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## PART 4.3 ALIASING

## ALIASING

Consider the revolution of a hand of a clock. The second hand of a clock has a period of 60s.



$$T = 60s$$

$$f_{max} = 1/60Hz$$

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## SAMPLING THEOREM

### SAMPLING OF A CLOCK WITH ONLY ONE HAND



Samples can mean that the clock is moving either forward or backward.  
(12-6-12-6-12)

(a). Sampling at Nyquist rate:  $T_s = T \frac{1}{2}$



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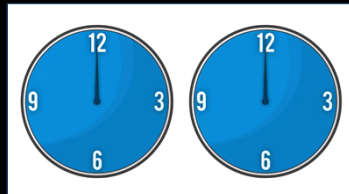
Samples show clock is moving forward.  
(12-3-6-9-12)

(b). Oversampling (above Nyquist rate):  $T_s = T \frac{1}{4}$



Samples show clock is moving backward.  
(12-9-6-3-12)

(c). Oversampling (below Nyquist rate):  $T_s = T \frac{3}{4}$



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## ALIASING

According to the Shannon-Nyquist theorem, we need to sample at least 2 times of the Nyquist frequency, or sample the hand no more than every 30s ( $f_s > 2f_{max} = 1/30\text{Hz}$  or  $T_s < T/2 = 30\text{s}$ ).

**Aliasing occurs:** When the sample points, in order, are 12, 6, 12, 6, 12, and 6, the receiver of the samples cannot tell if the clock is moving forward or backward.

Or

Samples can mean that the clock is moving either forward or backward: (12-6-12-6-12)



(a). Sampling rate at  $f_s > 2f_{max} = 1/30\text{Hz}$  :  $T_s < T/2 = 30\text{s}$   
 Nyquist frequency =  $f_{max} = 1/60\text{Hz}$

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## ALIASING

In part(b), we sample at 4 times of the Nyquist frequency

( $f_s = 4 * f_{max} > 2 * f_{max}$ ) or every 15s.

The sample points are 12, 3, 6, 9, and 12.

The clock is moving forward.

Samples show clock is moving forward: (12-3-6-9-12)



(b). Oversampling (above 2 times Nyquist frequency):  
 $f_s = 4\text{Hz} > 2 * \text{Nyquist frequency} = 2f_{max} = 1/30\text{Hz}$ , or  $T_s = T/4$

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## ALIASING

In part(c), we sample below the Nyquist rate

( $f_s < 2f_{max}$  or  $T_s > T/2$ ).

The sample points are 12, 9, 6, 3, and 12.

Although the clock is moving forward, the receiver thinks that the clock is moving backward.

Samples show clock is moving backward: (12-9-6-3-12)



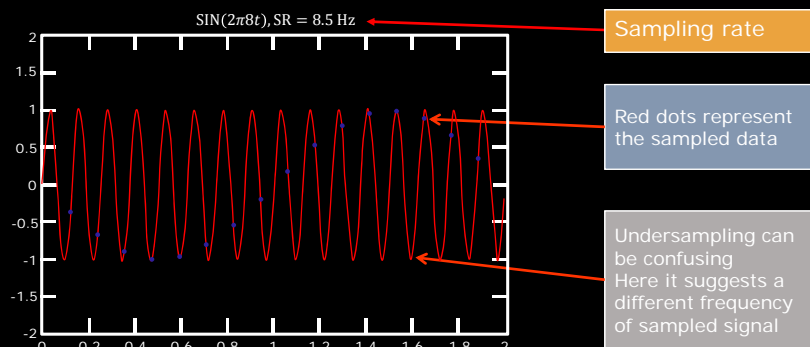
(c). Undersampling (below  $2 \times$  Nyquist frequency):

$$T_s = \frac{3}{4}T = 45\text{sec}, f_s = 1/45\text{Hz} = 4/3 * f_{max}(1/60\text{Hz}) < 2f_{max} = 1/30\text{Hz}$$

## QUANTISING & CODING

### AN UNDERSAMPLED SIGNAL

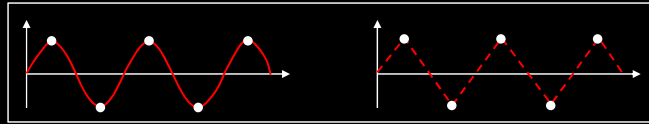
Here sampling rate is 8.5 hz and the frequency is 8 hz



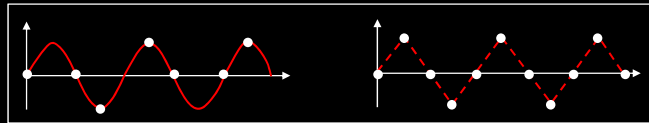
Under-sampled signal can confuse you about its frequency when reconstructed. Because we used to small frequency of sampling.  
Nyquist teaches us what should be a good frequency.

## QUANTISING & CODING

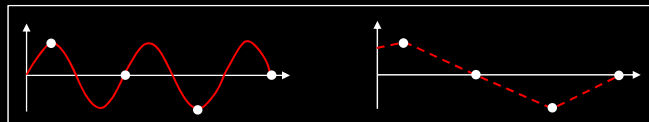
### RECOVERY OF A SAMPLED SINE WAVE FOR DIFFERENT SAMPLING RATES



a. Nyquist rate sampling:  $f_s = 2f$



b. Oversampling:  $f_s = 4f$



c. Undersampling:  $f_s = f$

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## ALIASING

### ALIASING

- If a signal is sampled at less than Nyquist frequency  $2f_{max}$ , aliasing can result or obtain wrong digital signal.

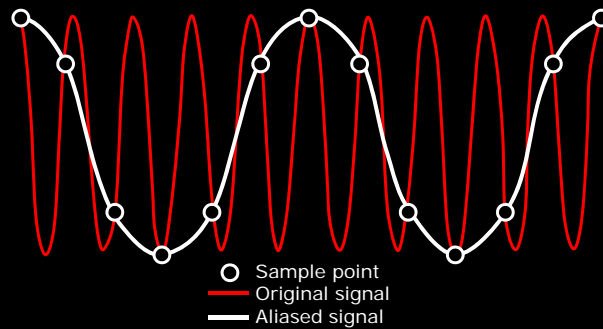
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## ALIASING

If sampling rate is too low, we obtain wrong digital signal.  
This is called aliasing.

**Example 1:** 12 equally samples are taken over 10 cycles of an analog signal, so  $f_s = 1.2f_0$  with  $f_0$  frequency of the analog signal. Since  $f_s < 2f_0$ , digitized signal does not describe the original signal accurately.



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## ALIASING

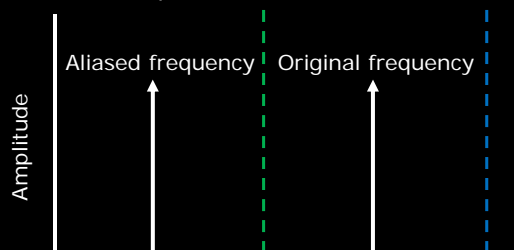
Aliasing frequency ( $f_a$ ),

Shannon-Nyquist Theorem  $f_s > 2 \cdot f_{max}$  (two times of the Nyquist frequency),

Original frequency ( $f_n$ ), and

Sampling rate ( $f_s$ )

An example:



$$f_a = 30\text{MHz} \quad f_{max} = 50\text{MHz} \quad f_n = 70\text{MHz} \quad f_s = 100\text{MS/s}$$

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## ALIASING

The frequency of the aliased signal ( $f_a$ ) can be found from the following simple equation:

$$f_a = \text{abs}(f_s * i - f_n)$$

Where  $i$  is the closest integer multiple of the sampling rate( $f_s$ ) to the signal being aliased ( $f_n$ ).

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### Example 2:

If the signal is of  $f_n = 21\text{Hz}$  and is sampled with  $f_s = 10\text{Hz}$ , then the aliased frequency would be  $\text{abs}(i * f_s - f_n) = \text{abs}(2 * 10 - 21) = 1\text{Hz}$ .

## ALIASING

Although sampling at twice the **Nyquist frequency** will ensure that you measure the correct frequency of your signal, it will not be sufficient to capture the shape of the waveform.

If the shape of the waveform is desired, you should sample at a rate approximately **10** times the **Nyquist frequency**.

## PART 4.4 APPLICATIONS

## APPLICATIONS

### Example 3: Range of human hearing

- 20 – 20,000Hz
- We lose high frequency response with age
- Women generally have better response than men
- To reproduce 20KHz requires a sampling rate of 40KHz
- **Below** the sampling rate 40KHz will introduce aliasing according to Shannon-Nyquist Theorem

## APPLICATIONS

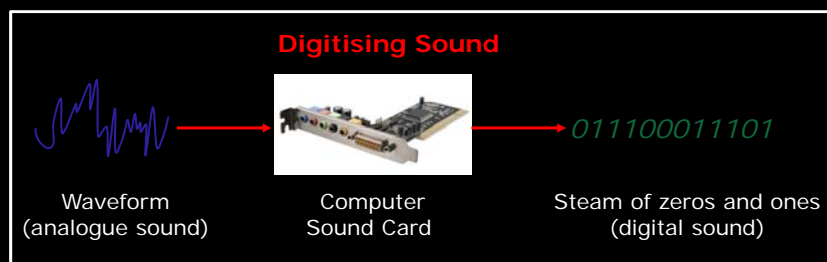
### Example 4: Digital voice telephone transmission

- Voice data for telephony purposes is limited to frequencies less than 4,000Hz
- According to Shannon-Nyquist Theorem, it would take 8,000 samples(2 times 4,000) to capture a 4,000Hz signal perfectly
- Generally, one byte is recorded per sample(256 levels). One byte is eight bits of binary data
- $(8 \text{ bits} * 8,000 \text{ samples per second} = 64\text{K bps})$  over a circuit

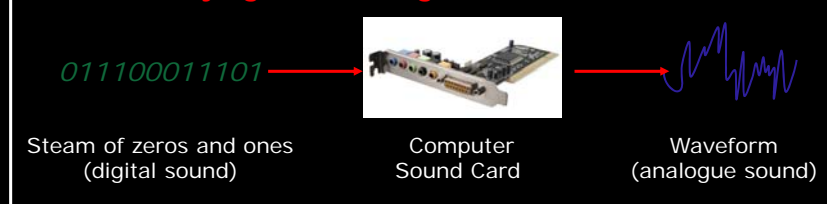
## PART 4.5 QUANTISING & CODING

### QUANTISING & CODING

#### DIGITISING



#### Playing back the digital sound file



## QUANTISING & CODING

### KEY PARAMETERS

- Sampling frequency
- E.g., 11.025KHz or 22.05KHz or 44.1KHz
- Number of bits per sample
- E.g., 8 bits(256 levels) or 16 bits(65,536 levels)

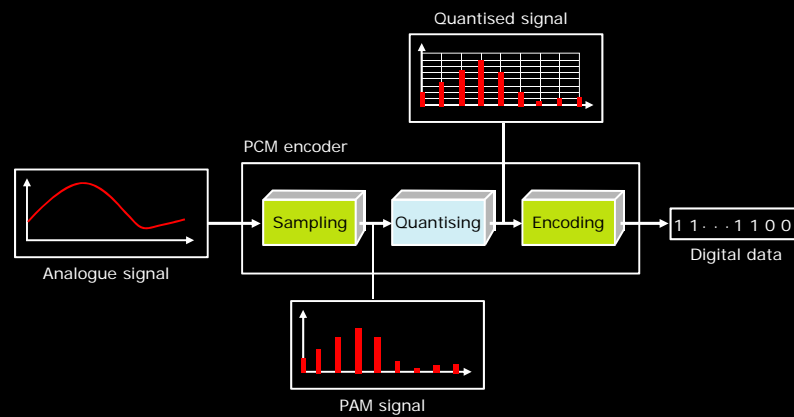
## QUANTISING & CODING

### PULSE CODE MODULATION(PCM)

- PCM consists of three steps to digitize an analogue signal:
  - 1) Sampling
  - 2) Quantisation
  - 3) Binary encoding
- Before we sample, we have to filter the signal to limit the maximum frequency of the signal as it affects the sampling rate
- Filtering should ensure that we do not distort the signal, ie. remove high frequency components that affect the signal shape

## QUANTISING & CODING

### COMPONENTS OF PCM ENCODER



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## QUANTISING & CODING

### SAMPLING METHODS & PAM

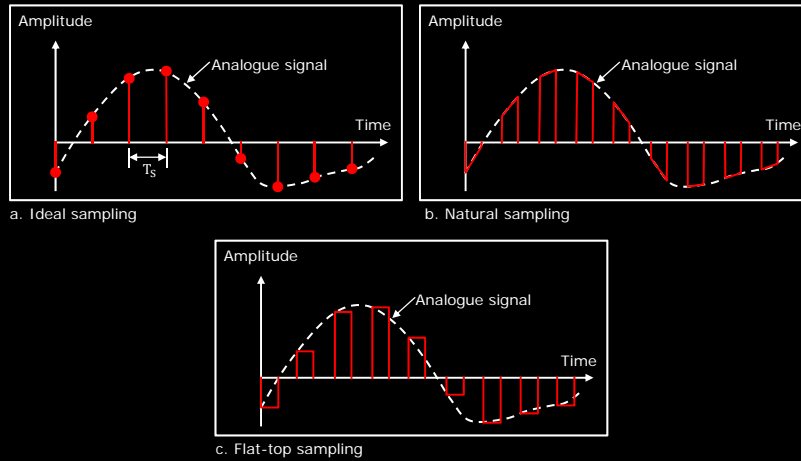
- Analogue signal is sampled every  $T_s$  secs
- $T_s$  is referred to as the sampling interval
- $f_s = 1/T_s$  is called the sampling rate or sampling frequency
- There are 3 sampling methods:
  - 1) Ideal- An impulse at each sampling instant
  - 2) Natural- A pulse of short width with varying amplitude
  - 3) Flattop- Sample and hold, like natural but with single amplitude value
- The process is referred to as pulse amplitude modulation(PAM) and the outcome is a signal with analogue(non integer) values

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## QUANTISING & CODING

### THREE DIFFERENT SAMPLING METHODS FOR PCM



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## QUANTISATION

Sampling results in a series of pulses of varying amplitude values ranging between two limits: a min and a max.

The amplitude values are finite between the two limits.

We need to map the finite amplitude values onto a finite set of known values.

This is achieved by dividing the distance between min and max into  $L$  zones, each of height  $\Delta$ .

$$\Delta = (\max - \min)/L$$

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## ANALOGUE QUANTISATION SIZE OR CODE WIDTH Q

An example:  $Q = (V_{\max} - V_{\min}) / N$

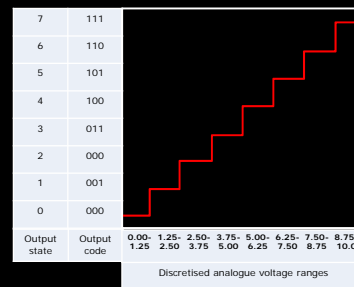
Given  $N=8$ ,  $V_{\max}=10\text{ V}$ ,  $V_{\min}=0$ ;

Analogue Quantisation Size or Code Wide

$$Q = (V_{\max} - V_{\min}) / N = (10 - 0) / 8 = 1.25\text{V}$$

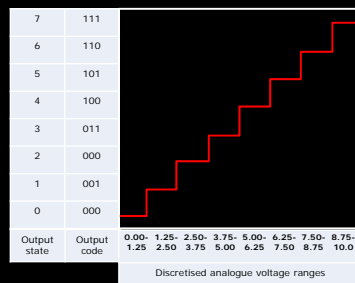
This means that the amplitude of the digitised signal has an error of at most 1.25V

Therefore, the A/D converter can only resolve a voltage within 1.25V of the exact analogue voltage



## QUANTISING VS. CODING

- Quantising is the transformation of a continuous analogue input into a set of discrete output states
- Coding is the assignment of a digital code word or number to each output states



Notes:

- Each output state covers a subrange of the overall voltage range
- The step-stair signal represents the states of a digital signal generated by sampling a linear ramp of an analogue signal occurring over the voltage range
- The figure shows how a continuous voltage range is divided into discrete output states, each of which is assigned a unique code

## ANALOGUE-TO-DIGITAL (A/D) CONVERTER

Is an electronic device that converts an analog voltage to a digital code

The output of the A/D converter can be directly interfaced to a digital device (microcontroller and computer)

The resolution of an A/D converter is the number of bits used to digitally approximate the analog value of the input.

The number of possible states  $N$  is equal to the number of bit combinations that can be output from the converter:

$$N = 2^n$$

Where  $n$  is the number of bits

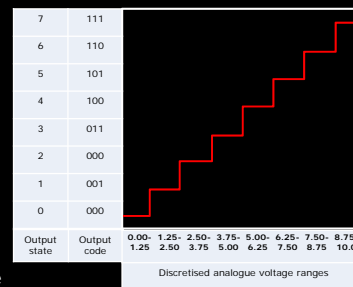
Most of the commercial A/D converters are with 8/10/12-bit device or  $256(2^8)$ ,  $1024(2^{10})$  or  $4096(2^{12})$ .

$$n = 3$$

$$N = 2^3 = 8$$

The first column: 8 output states (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

The second column: 8 corresponding code word



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## MIDPOINTS

- The midpoint of each zone is assigned a value from 0 to  $L-1$  (resulting in  $L$  values)
- Each sample falling in a zone is then approximated to the value of the midpoint

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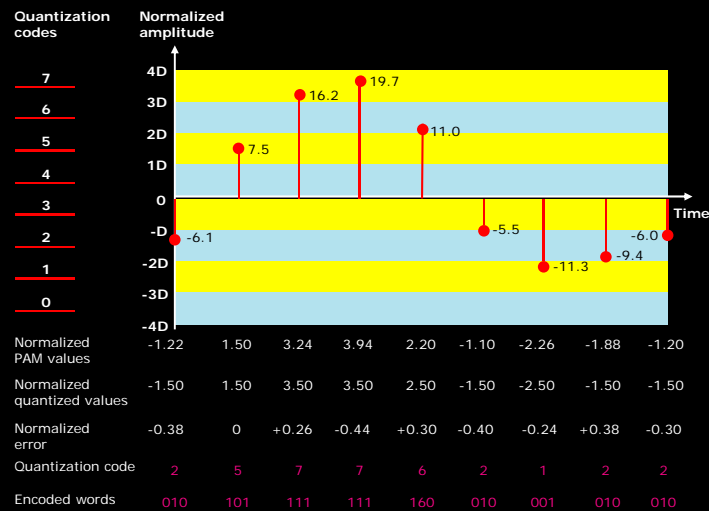
## QUANTISING ZONES & MID POINTS

- Assume we have a voltage signal with amplitudes  $v_{\min} = -20V$  and  $v_{\max} = +20V$ .
- We want to use  $L=8$  quantization levels.
- Zone width  $\Delta = (20 - (-20)) / 8 = 5$
- The 8 zones are: -20 to -15, -15 to -10, -10 to -5, -5 to 0, 0 to +5, +5 to +10, +10 to +15, +15 to +20
- The midpoints are: -17.5, -12.5, -7.5, -2.5, 2.5, 7.5, 12.5, 17.5

## ASSIGNING CODES TO ZONES

- Each zone is then assigned a binary code
- The number of bits required to encode the zones, or the number of bits per sample as it is commonly referred to, is obtained as follows:  $n_b = \log_2 L$
- Given our example,  $n_b = 3$
- The 8 zone(or level) codes are therefore: 000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, and 111
- Assigning codes to zones:
  - 000 will refer to zone -20 to -15
  - 001 to zone -15 to -10, etc.

## QUANTIZATION AND ENCODING OF A SAMPLED SIGNAL



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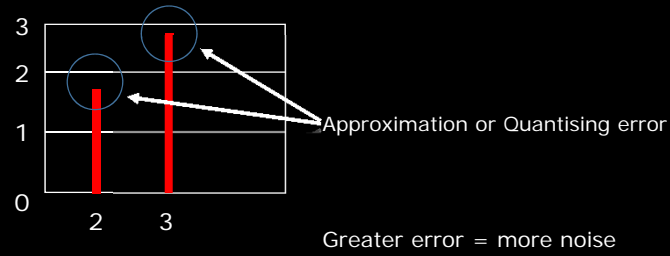
## QUANTISING ERROR

- When a signal is quantized, we introduce an error- The coded signal is an approximation of the actual amplitude value
- The difference between actual and coded value(midpoint) is referred to as the quantization error
- The more zones, the smaller  $\Delta$  which results in smaller errors
- But, the more zones the more bits required to encode the samples-> higher bit rate

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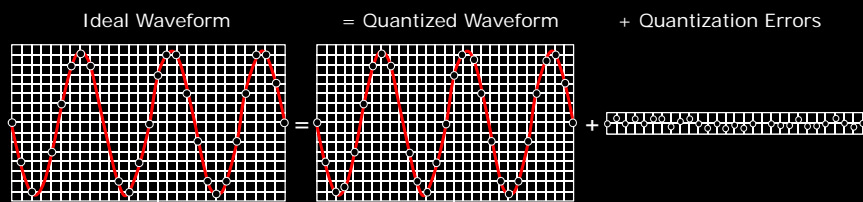
## QUANTISING ERROR



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## QUANTISING ERROR



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## QUANTISING & CODING

A YouTube video— Music Sampling Rate and Resolution Effects

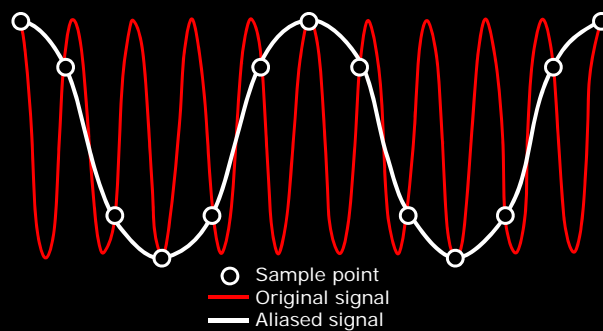
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## MUSIC & FOURIER SERIES REPRESENTATION

ALIASING – A VIDEO



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