1: Introduction

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I. WHAT IS A SIGNAL

- A function of one or more variables representing data
- Represented by a physical aspects e.g. voltage
- Measured by observing physical aspects

II. TYPES OF SIGNALS

A. Continuous-time and discrete-time

- Continuous:
 - Signal defined for all time t
 - E.g. sound
- Discrete:
 - Signal defined only at discrete instants of time nT_s
 - E.g. Digital music

B. Even and odd

• All signals composed of even and odd components

$$x(t) = x_e(t) + x_o(t)$$

• Even:

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

- Positive and negative are the same

$$x_e(t) = x_e(-t)$$

• Odd:

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

- Positive and negative are different

$$x_o(t) = -x_o(-t)$$

C. Periodic and non-periodic

• Continuous-time periodic T_0 signal:

$$x(t) = x(t + T_0) \ \forall t$$

where T_0 is the **fundamental period**

• Discrete-time periodic N_0 signal:

$$x[n] = x[n + N_0]$$

with fundamental angular frequency $\Omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{N_0}$

D. Deterministic and Random signals

- Deterministic signal: Specified function of time i.e. no uncertainty about signal value at any observed instant of time
- Random process: Describes group of random signals
- Random signal: Cannot be determined before occurring
 - Different waveform and occurring probabilities
 - A particular occurrence of a random process

E. Energy and Power signal

- Described in terms of a 1Ω load
- Instantaneous power:

$$p(t) = \frac{v^2(t)}{R} = Ri^2(t) = x^2(t)$$

• Total energy:

$$E = \lim_{T \to \infty} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} x^2(t)dt$$
$$E = \sum_{T \to \infty}^{n = \infty} x^2[n]$$

• Average power:

$$P = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} x^2(t) dt$$
$$P = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} x^2[n]$$

- Signals either energy signals or power signals
 - Energy signal: $0 < E < \infty$ and 0 power
 - Power signal: $0 < P < \infty$ and infinite energy
 - Signals can be neither power or energy signals

III. SPECIAL SIGNALS

- Unit impulse function:
 - Discrete-time:

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 0 & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Continuous-time:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t)dt = 1$$

for t = 0

• Unit-step function:

$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & n \ge 0 \\ 0 & n < 0 \end{cases}$$
$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \ge 0 \\ 0 & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

• Relationship:

$$\delta(t) = \frac{d}{dt}u(t) \text{ and } u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} \delta(\tau)$$

IV. SIGNAL OPERATIONS

• Amplification:

$$y(t) = c * x(t)$$
$$y[n] = c * x[n]$$

• Addition:

$$y(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$$

 $y[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$

• Multiplication or modulation:

$$y(t) = x_1(t) * x_2(t)$$

 $y[n] = x_1[n] * x_2[n]$

• Differentiation:

$$y(t) = \frac{d}{dt}x(t)$$

• Integration:

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t x \tau d\tau$$

• Time scaling:

$$y(t) = x(at)$$
$$y[n] = x[kn]$$

- a > 1: Compression
- **–** 0 < a < 1: Expansion
- Time shifting:
 - $t_0 > 0$: Shift to right i.e. delay

$$y(t) = x(t-t_0)$$

- $t_0 < 0$: Shift to left i.e. advance

$$y(t) = x(t + t_0)$$

• Time reflection:

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

A. Precedence Rule

• Time-shift first before time-scaling

V. Systems

- System: Operations applied on the input signal
- System operations can be represented mathematically

$$y(t) = H\{x(t)\} \qquad \qquad y[n] = H\{x[n]\}$$

$$\xrightarrow{x(t)} H \qquad \xrightarrow{y(t)} H \qquad \xrightarrow{y[n]} H$$

- Two important types of operations *H*:
 - Linear or non-linear function
 - Time-invariant or time-varying function

A. Properties of a LTI system

Linearity: Satisfies superposition and homogeneity

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_i x_i(t)$$
$$y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} a_i y_i(t)$$

- Superposition:
 - * Input: $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$
 - * Output: $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$

$$x_1(t) + x_2(t) = y_1(t) + y_2(t)$$

- Homogeneity:
 - * Input: $x_1(t)$
 - * Output: $y_1(t)$

$$x_1(t) = y_1(t)$$
$$a * x_1(t) = a * y_1(t)$$

- Time-invariance: H does not change over time
 - Time-shift in input equals time-shift of output
- Memory and memoryless systems:
 - Memoryless: Function depends on current input
 - **Memory**: Function depends on past and future inputs
- Stability: Stable if output bounded if input bounded
- BIBO: Bounded-input, bounded-output

$$|y(t)| \le M_y < \infty$$
 given $|x(t)| \le M_x < \infty$

where M_x and M_y are finite positive bounds

- Most linear system applications require BIBO stability
- Causality: Output depends on past and present inputs

$$y[n] = 0.25(x[n] + x[n-1] + x[n-2] + x[n-3])$$

• Non-causal: Present, future and past input required

$$y[n] = 0.25(x[n+2] + x[n+1] + x[n] + x[n-1])$$

• Anticausal: Only future signal required

$$y[n] = 0.33(x[n+3] + x[n+2] + x[n+1])$$