# Chapter 1: Introduction to Comm. Eng'g





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## Overview

#### Introduction of Communication Engineering

- Elements of communication system
  - Channel characteristics
  - Signals and systems *Review*
  - Mathematical models of a channel
- Fundamentals of Analog Transmission
- The Hilbert Transform & Bandpass Signals



## **Common Signals**

#### Triangle pulse

$$\Lambda(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - |t| & |t| < 1 \\ 0 & |t| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Step function











#### Sinc squared function





## Frequency Domain Analysis of Signal and Systems

- Fourier series
- Fourier transform
- Power and energy
- Sampling Theorem



## **Periodic Signals**

• Periodic signals are important class of signals (widely used), where smallest T is a period

x(t) = x(t+T), for all t

- Examples:  $\cos(\omega_0 t) \& e^{j\omega_0 t}$ . Period  $T = 2\pi/\omega_0$
- Introduce a set of harmonically-related complex exponentials

$$\phi_n(t) = e^{jn\omega_0 t} = e^{jn\frac{2\pi}{T}t}, \quad n = 0,$$

±1,±2,... ∫ 1st harmonic

Construct a periodic signal

$$x'(t) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t}$$



#### Fourier Series of Periodic Signal

- Can x'(t) be made the same as x(t)?
- Yes, by adjusting c<sub>n</sub>,

- {c<sub>n</sub>} Fourier series coefficient (or spectral coefficients or discrete spectrum of the signal)
- c<sub>0</sub> DC component or average value of x(t)

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) dt$$



#### Fourier Series – Example 1





#### Fourier Series – Example 2





## **Convergence of Fourier Series**

- Dirichlet conditions:
  - x(t) must be absolutely integrable (finite power)

$$\int_T |x(t)| dt < \infty$$

- x(t) must be of bounded variation; that is the number of maxima and minima during a period is finite
- In any finite interval of time, there are only a finite number of discontinuities, which are finite.
- Dirichlet conditions are only sufficient, but are not necessary.
- All physically-reasonable (practical) signals meet these conditions.



#### Fourier Series of Real Signals

- For a real signal,  $Im\{x(t)\} = 0 \Rightarrow c_{-n} = c_n^*$
- Then the trigonometric Fourier series is given as

$$x(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t) \right], \quad \omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$
$$a_n = 2\operatorname{Re}\left\{c_n\right\} = \frac{2}{T} \int_T x(t) \cos(n\omega_0 t) dt, \quad b_n = -2\operatorname{Im}\left\{c_n\right\} = \frac{2}{T} \int_T x(t) \sin(n\omega_0 t) dt$$

• Another form of it is

$$x(t) = x_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n\omega_0 t + \varphi_n)$$
  
$$A_n = |c_n| = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}, \quad \varphi_n = -\arg(c_n) = -\tan^{-1}(b_n / a_n)$$



## Gibbs Phenomenon





#### **Properties of Fourier Series**

Linearity:

$$\mathbf{F}\left[\alpha x_{1}(t) + \beta x_{2}(t)\right] = \alpha \mathbf{F}\left[x_{1}(t)\right] + \beta \mathbf{F}\left[x_{2}(t)\right]$$

- Time shifting:  $x(t) \xleftarrow{F} c_n \Leftrightarrow x(t-t_0) \xleftarrow{F} e^{-jn\omega_0 t_0} c_n$
- Time reversal:  $x(t) \xleftarrow{F} c_n \Leftrightarrow x(-t) \xleftarrow{F} c_{-n}$
- Time scaling:

$$x(\alpha t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{jn(\alpha \omega_0)t}$$



#### **Properties of Fourier Series**

Multiplication:

$$x(t)y(t) \xleftarrow{F} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c'_k c''_{n-k}$$

- Convolution:
- Differentiation:

$$\int_T x(\tau) y(t-\tau) d\tau \longleftrightarrow Tc'_n c''_n$$

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \xleftarrow{F} jn\omega_0 c_n$$

Integration:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau) d\tau \xleftarrow{F} \frac{c_n}{jn\omega_0},$$

for  $c_0 = 0$ 



#### **Properties of Fourier Series**

- Real x(t):  $c_{-n} = c_n^*$
- Real & even x(t):

$$c_{-n} = c_n, \operatorname{Im}\{c_n\} = 0$$

• Real & odd x(t): 
$$c_{-n} = -c_n, \operatorname{Re}\{c_n\}$$

Parseval's Theorem:

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_{T} \left| x(t) \right|^{2} dt = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| c_{n} \right|^{2}$$

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## Frequency Domain Analysis of Signal and Systems

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#### Fourier Transform - Review

- Fourier series works for periodic signals only
- What about aperiodic signals?
  - This is very large and important class of signals
- Aperiodic signal can be considered as periodic for  $\mathsf{T}\to\infty$
- Fourier series changes to Fourier transform
- Complex exponents are infinitesimally close in frequency
- Discrete spectrum becomes a continuous one
  - Also known as spectral density



#### Fourier Series -> Fourier Transform





## Fourier Transform

• Fourier transform (spectrum)

$$S_x(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$



• Inverse Fourier transform

 $x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_x(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$ 

radial frequency  
$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_x(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

- Convergence of Fourier Transform Dirichlet conditions
  - x(t) is absolutely integrable
  - X(t) has a fine number of maxima and minima within any finite interval
  - X(t) has a finite number of discontinuities within any finite interval
  - These discontinuities must be finite



#### **Examples: Rectangular Pulse**





#### Example: Sinc(t)





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#### Fourier Transform of Periodic Signal

FT of a complex exponent:

$$x(t) = e^{j\omega_0 t} \leftrightarrow 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0) = \delta(f - f_0)$$

Important property:

$$\delta(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{\pm j 2\pi f t} dt$$

← prove this property

FT of a periodic signal:

$$x(t) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{+\infty} c_n e^{jn\omega_0 t} \stackrel{FT}{\leftrightarrow} 2\pi \sum_{n = -\infty}^{+\infty} c_n \delta(\omega - n\omega_0) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{+\infty} c_n \delta(f - nf_0)$$

• FT of  $\cos(\omega_0 t)$  ?



#### **Properties of Fourier Transform\***

- Very similar to those of Fourier series!
- Linearity:

$$\overset{F}{ \alpha x_1(t) + \beta x_2(t) \leftrightarrow \alpha S_{x_1}(f) + \beta S_{x_2}(f) }$$

- Time shifting:
- Time reversal:

$$x(t) \leftrightarrow S_x(\omega) \Rightarrow x(t-t_0) \leftrightarrow e^{-j\omega t_0} S_x(\omega)$$

$$x(t) \leftrightarrow S_x(\omega) \Rightarrow x(-t) \leftrightarrow S_x(-\omega)$$

Time scaling:

$$x(at) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{|a|} S_x\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$$

Prove these properties.

\*properties are useful for evaluating Fourier transform in a simple way



#### **Properties of Fourier Transform**

- Conjugation:  $x(t) \leftrightarrow S_x(\omega) \Rightarrow x^*(t) \leftrightarrow S_x(-\omega)$  $x(t) \leftrightarrow S_x(\omega) \Rightarrow \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \leftrightarrow j\omega S_x(\omega)$ Differentiation:  $\int_{\infty} x(t)dt \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{j\omega} S_x(\omega) + \pi S_x(0)\delta(\omega)$ Integration:  $\begin{aligned} x(t)y(t) &\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega') S_y(\omega - \omega') d\omega' = \\ &= S_x(\omega) * S_y(\omega) \end{aligned}$ Multiplication:
- Frequency shift (modulation):

$$x(t)e^{j\omega_0 t} \leftrightarrow S(\omega - \omega_0)$$



Prove these properties

#### **Duality of Fourier Transform**





## **Convolution Property**

• This property is of great importance





#### Parseval Theorem

• Total energy in time domain is the same as the total energy in frequency domain

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |S_x(f)|^2 df = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |S_x(\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

- $E(f) = |S_x(f)|^2$ . energy spectral density (ESD) of x(t)
- It represents the amount of energy per Hz of bandwidth
- Counterpart of Parseval theorem for periodic signal is the
- Autocorrelation property

$$R_{x}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t) x^{*}(t-\tau) dt \leftrightarrow |S_{x}(\omega)|^{2}$$



 $R_{r}(0) = E$ 

#### Fourier Transform of Real Signals

• If x(t) is real 
$$\operatorname{Im} \{ x(t) \} = 0 \Longrightarrow S_x(-\omega) = S_x^{*}(\omega)$$

• Fourier transform can be presented as

$$x(t) = 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} |S_x(f)| \cos(2\pi f + \varphi(f)) df,$$
  
$$\varphi(f) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\operatorname{Im}[S_x(f)]}{\operatorname{Re}[S_x(f)]} \right)$$



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#### Power and Energy

• Power  $P_x$  and energy  $E_x$  of a signal x(t) are

$$P_x = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} |x(t)|^2 dt \qquad \qquad E_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

- Energy-type signals:  $E_x < \infty$
- Power-type signals 0< P<sub>x</sub> <∞</li>
- Signal cannot be both energy and power type
- Signal energy: if x(t) is voltage or current, E<sub>x</sub> is the energy dissipated in 1 Ohm resistor
- Signal power: if x(t) is voltage or current, P<sub>x</sub> is the power dissipated in 1 Ohm resistor



## Energy-type Signals (Summary)

• Signal energy in time and frequency domains:

$$E_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |S_x(f)|^2 df = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |S_x(\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

• Energy spectral density (energy per Hz of bandwidth)

 $E_x(f) = \left| S_x(f) \right|^2$ 

• ESD is FT of autocorrelation function

$$R_{x}(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t) x^{*}(t-\tau) dt \leftrightarrow E_{x}(f)$$

$$R_{x}(0) = E_{x}$$



#### Power-type Signals: PSD

• Definition of the power spectral density (PSD) (power per Hz of bandwidth):

$$P_{x}(f) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{\left|S_{T}(f)\right|^{2}}{T} \Longrightarrow P_{x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{x}(f) df < \infty$$

where x<sub>T</sub>(t) is the truncated signal (to [-T/2,T/2]),

$$x_T(t) = x(t)\Pi\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) = \begin{cases} x(t), & -T/2 \le t \le T/2\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• and  $S_T(f)$  is its spectrum (FT),

 $S_T(f) = FT\left\{x_T(t)\right\}$ 



## Signal Bandwidth and Negative Frequencies

- What negative frequency means?
- It means that there is  $e^{-j2\pi ft}$  term in signal spectrum
- Convenient mathematical tool
  - Do not exist in practice (i.e., cannot be measured on spectrum analyzer)
- What is the signal bandwidth? There are many definitions
- Defined for positive frequency only
- Determines the frequency band over which a substantial part of the signal power/energy is concentrated
- For bandlimited signals

$$\Delta f = f_{\max} - f_{\min}, \quad f_{\max}, f_{\min} \ge 0$$



## Signal Bandwidth

- Defined for positive frequencies only
- Informal: a frequency band over which a substantial (or all) signal power is concentrated
- Absolute bandwidth: for band-limited signals, frequency band where spectrum is not zero
  - For all other frequencies, the spectrum must be zero
- 3 dB (half-power) bandwidth: frequency band where PSD (or ESD) is not lower than -3dB with respect to the maximum
- Zero-crossing bandwidth: frequency band limited by 1<sup>st</sup> zero(s) in the spectrum



## Signal Bandwidth





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#### **Baseband & Bandpass Signals**

 Baseband (lowpass) signal: Spectrum is nonzero around the origin (f=0) and zero (negligible) elsewhere

$$S_{\chi}(f) \neq 0, \quad |f| \leq f_{\max}$$

 Bandpass (narrowband) signal: spectrum is nonzero around the carrier frequency f<sub>c</sub> and zero (negligible) elsewhere

$$S_{\chi}(f) \neq 0, \quad \left| f - f_{\mathcal{C}} \right| \leq B$$





 $S_r(f)$ 

## **Complex Envelope Representation**

• Any narrowband (bandpass) signal can be presented as

$$x(t) = \operatorname{Re}\left\{C(t)e^{j\omega_{c}t}\right\} = A(t)\cos\left(\omega_{c}t + \varphi(t)\right)$$

- where
  - $c(t) = A(t)e^{j\phi(t)}$  is complex envelope (phasor)
  - A(t)=|c(t)| is amplitude
  - $\phi(t) = \angle c(t)$  is phase
- Amplitude and phase vary in time, but much slower than the carrier
- Equivalent form (in-phase (I) and quadrature (Q))

 $a_I(t) = \operatorname{Re}\{C(t)\} = A(t)\cos(\varphi(t))$ 

 $a_O(t) = \operatorname{Im}\left\{C(t)\right\} = A(t)\sin\left(\varphi(t)\right)$ 

$$x(t) = a_I(t)\cos(\omega_c t) - a_Q(t)\sin(\omega_c t)$$

where

#### Complex Envelope Representation ...

- C(t), A(t),  $\phi(t)$ ,  $a_{I}(t)$ ,  $a_{Q}(t)$  are baseband signals
- Some additional relations:

$$C(t) = a_I(t) + ja_Q(t)$$

$$A(t) = \sqrt{a_I^2(t) + a_Q^2(t)}$$

$$\varphi(t) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a_Q(t)}{a_I(t)}\right)$$

Very useful for analysis and simulation of modulated signals



## Geometric Viewpoint of Narrowband Signals



- A(t) is rotating at  $d\varphi(t)/dt$  (rad/s)
- z(t) is rotating at 2πf<sub>c</sub> (rad/s) w.r.t. A(t)

#### **Frequency-Domain Viewpoint**



Hilbert transform:  $\hat{x}(t) \rightarrow S_{\hat{x}}(f) = -j \operatorname{sgn}(f) \cdot S_{\chi}(f)$ 



## Hilbert Transform (Extra!)

• Frequency-domain representation

$$S_{\hat{x}}(f) = \begin{cases} -jS_{x}(f), f > 0\\ jS_{x}(f), f < 0 \end{cases} \longrightarrow H(f) = \begin{cases} -j(-90^{0}), f > 0\\ j(90^{0}), f < 0 \end{cases}$$

• Time-domain representation

$$\hat{x}(t) = \frac{1}{\pi t} * x(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau$$





• Example:  $x(t) = A\cos(\omega t + \theta) \rightarrow \hat{x}(t) = ?$ 



#### Example

• Consider the signal

 $x(t) = \cos(2\pi f_m t)\cos(2\pi f_c t)$ 

- A. Obtain and sketch the spectrum of the analytical signal (preenvelop)  $xp(t) = x(t) + j\hat{x}(t)$
- B. Obtain and sketch the spectrum of the complex envelope (or complex baseband representation)  $\tilde{x}(t)$





• Consider the signal

#### $x(t) = 2W \operatorname{sinc}(2W t) \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$

- A. Is the signal narrowband or wideband? Justify your answer.
- B. Obtain and sketch the spectrum of the analytical signal  $xp(t) = x(t) + j\hat{x}(t)$
- C. Obtain and sketch the spectrum of the complex envelope (or complex baseband representation)  $\tilde{x}(t)$



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## **Channel Impairments**

- There are factors that limit the performance of the communication system.
  - *Attenuation*: radio signal strength decreases as it propagates through matter.
  - Interference
  - *Noise* : Undesired or unwanted signal
    - Shot noise: the electrons are discrete and are not moving in a continuous steady flow, so the current is randomly fluctuating.
    - *Thermal noise:* caused by the rapid and random motion of electrons within a conductor due to thermal agitation. (*Thermal Noise Power* = *KB*.*T*.*BW*)
  - Phase delays
    - due multipath propagation: radio signal reflects off objects ground, arriving at destination at slightly different times
- Can be modeled as realizable (LTI) system



#### **Review of Linear Time Invariant Systems**

 A system performs a transformation on an input x(t) to produce an output y(t)





#### **Review of Linear Time Invariant Systems**

#### • Linear Systems

- A linear system is a system for which the **superposition** property applies
  - Consider a system that produces output y<sub>1</sub>(t) for input x<sub>1</sub>(t) and output y<sub>2</sub>(t) for input x<sub>2</sub>(t) then we write
    - $y_1(t) = H(x_1(t))$  and
    - $y_2(t) = H(x_2(t))$
  - Then the system H is linear if for  $x_3(t) = ax_1(t)+bx_2(t)$ ,  $y_3(t)=H(x_3(t)) = aH(x_1(t))+bH(x_2(t))$ =  $ay_1(t)+by_2(t)$ .



## **Time Invariant Systems**

 A system is time invariant if a time shift to the input results in no changes other than the same time shift being applied to the output

• If  $y_1(t)$  is the output of the system when  $x_1(t)$  is the input let  $x_2(t) = x_2(t-\tau)$  be the input that produces output  $y_2(t)$ 

• The system is time invariant if  $y_2(t) = y_1(t - \tau)$ 



#### Linear time Invariant Systems

- A system is LTI if it is both linear and time invariant
- An LTI system is described by its impulse response
- The system's impulse response is h(t) and it is the output of the system when the input is  $x(t) = \delta(t)$



## Output of LTI system

For any input x(t), the output of an LTI system is y(t) = x(t)\*h(t), where \* denotes convolution.

$$x(t) * h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\lambda)h(t-\lambda)d\lambda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\lambda)x(t-\lambda)d\lambda$$



- A system is causal if it's output depends only on past and present values of the input (it does not depend on future values of the input).
- For LTI system:

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

• When  $\lambda < 0$ ,  $\underline{y}(t)$  depends on future values of the input. Therefore an LTI system is causal if  $h(\lambda)=0$  for all  $\lambda < 0$ .



- A system is stable if for any bounded input, it's output is also bounded.
- For LTI system, this implies that

00  $|h(\lambda)| d\lambda \leq \infty$ 



#### Mathematical Models of Channels

• System-level model: linear time-invariant system



• Detailed model: based on Electromagnetics (i.e., radio wave propagation)



## **Distortionless Transmission**

- When a signal is not distorted by a filter?
- Output is a shifted and scaled copy of the input

$$y(t) = \mathbf{L}[x(t)] = a \cdot x(t - t_0)$$



$$S_y(f) = a \cdot e^{-j2\pi f t_0} S_x(f)$$







H(f)

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## Example

• A given communication channel has amplitude and phase responses as shown in the figure below:



- For which cases is the transmission distortion-less?
- With a plot of amplitude and phase spectrum of the output indicate what type of distortion in imposed.
  - a)  $cos(48\pi t) + 5 cos(126\pi t)$
  - *b)*  $\cos(10\pi t) + 4\cos(50\pi t)$



## Distortionless Transmission: Narrowband Signals

• Output is a shifted and scaled copy of the input + constant phase shift of the carrier is permitted





## Summary

- Baseband (lowpass) and narrowband (bandpass) signals and systems
- Complex envelope representation
  - Time-varying amplitude and phase
- Hilbert transform
  - In-phase and quadrature signals
- Geometric representation of narrowband signals
- Transmission of narrowband signals through bandpass systems
- Distortionless transmission

