



- Data easily stored.
- Better control over accuracy requirements.
- Reproducibility.

- Finite word-length effect.
- Obsolescence (analog electronics has it, too!).













Frequency domain (hints)

Time & frequency: two complementary signal descriptions.
 Signals seen as "projected' onto time or frequency domains.



Example

Ear + brain act as frequency analyser: audio spectrum split into many narrow bands low-power sounds detected out of loud background.

Bandwidth: indicates rate of change of a signal.
 High bandwidth signal changes fast.

Sampling low-pass signals Continuous spectrum **(a)** Band-limited signal: **(a)** frequencies in [-B, B] ($f_{MAX} = B$). -R 0 В **(b)** Discrete spectrum No aliasing Time sampling **>** frequency **(b)** repetition. $f_{s} > 2 B \implies$ no aliasing. -B $B f_S/2$ 0 Discrete spectrum (\mathbf{C}) Aliasing & corruption (c) $f_s \leq 2B \implies aliasing!$ Aliasing: signal ambiguity 0 f_S/2 in frequency domain

Antialiasing filter



(a), (b) *Out-of-band* noise can alias into band of interest. Filter it before!

– (c) Antialiasing filter -

Passband: depends on bandwidth of interest.

Attenuation A_{MIN} : depends on

- ADC resolution (number of bits N). $A_{\text{MIN, dB}} \sim 6.02 \text{ N} + 1.76$
- Out-of-band noise magnitude.

Other parameters: ripple, stopband frequency...



2) ADC - Quantisation error



- Quantisation Error e_q in [-0.5 q, +0.5 q].
- e_q limits ability to resolve small signal.
- Higher resolution means lower e_q.

Frequency analysis: why?

- Fast & efficient insight on signal's building blocks.
- Simplifies original problem ex.: solving Part. Diff. Eqns. (PDE).
- Powerful & complementary to time domain analysis techniques.
- The brain does it?





A little history

Astronomic predictions by Babylonians/Egyptians likely via trigonometric sums.

1669: Newton stumbles upon light spectra (*specter* = ghost) but fails to recognise "frequency" concept (*corpuscular* theory of light, & no waves).

18th century: two outstanding problems

- → <u>celestial bodies orbits</u>: Lagrange, Euler & Clairaut approximate observation data with linear combination of periodic functions; Clairaut,1754(!) first DFT formula.
- \rightarrow <u>vibrating strings</u>: Euler describes vibrating string motion by sinusoids (wave equation).

> **1807**: Fourier presents his work on heat conduction \Rightarrow Fourier analysis born.

→ <u>Diffusion equation</u> ⇔ series (infinite) of sines & cosines. Strong criticism by peers blocks publication. Work published, 1822 (*"Theorie Analytique de la chaleur"*).

A little history -2

> 19th / 20th century: two paths for Fourier analysis - Continuous & Discrete.

CONTINUOUS

- \rightarrow Fourier extends the analysis to arbitrary function (Fourier Transform).
- \rightarrow Dirichlet, Poisson, Riemann, Lebesgue address FS convergence.
- \rightarrow Other FT variants born from varied needs (ex.: Short Time FT speech analysis).

DISCRETE: Fast calculation methods (FFT)

- \rightarrow **1805** Gauss, first usage of FFT (manuscript in Latin went unnoticed!!! Published 1866).
- → **1965** IBM's Cooley & Tukey "rediscover" FFT algorithm (*"An algorithm for the machine calculation of complex Fourier series"*).
- → Other DFT variants for different applications (ex.: Warped DFT filter design & signal compression).
- \rightarrow FFT algorithm refined & modified for most computer platforms.

Fourier Series (FS)

A <u>periodic</u> function s(t) satisfying Dirichlet's conditions * can be expressed as a Fourier series, with harmonically related sine/cosine terms.





FS analysis - 1



FS synthesis

Square wave reconstruction from spectral terms



Convergence may be slow (~1/k) - ideally need infinite terms. **Practically**, series truncated when remainder below computer tolerance (\Rightarrow error). **BUT**... Gibbs' Phenomenon.

Gibbs phenomenon



- First observed by Michelson, 1898. Explained by Gibbs.
- Max overshoot pk-to-pk = 8.95% of discontinuity magnitude. Just a minor annoyance.
- FS converges to (-1+1)/2 = 0 @ discontinuities, *in this case*.

FS time shifting

FS of even function: 1.5 · -2π square signal, sw(t) - 2.0 - 0 - 1 - 1 $\pi/2$ -advanced square-wave (zero average) a₀=0 10 t 2 4 6 8 $\frac{4}{k\cdot\pi}\quad,\quad k\text{ odd},\quad k=1,5,9...$ -1.5 $a_{k} = \begin{cases} -\frac{4}{k \cdot \pi} & , k \text{ odd}, k = 3, 7, 11... \end{cases}$ rk omplitude $4/\pi$, k even. 0 4/3π (even function) $-b_{k} = 0$ f_1 3f1 **5f**₁ 7f₁ θ_k f π Note: amplitudes unchanged **BUT** nase phases advance by $k \cdot \pi/2$. f f₁ $3f_1$ 5f₁ 7f₁

Complex FS

Euler's notation:



FS properties

	Time	Frequency
Homogeneity	a⋅s(t)	a·S(k)
Additivity	s(t) + u(t)	S(k)+U(k)
Linearity	a·s(t) + b·u(t)	a⋅S(k)+b⋅U(k)
Time reversal	s(-t)	S(-k)
Multiplication *	s(t)·u(t)	$\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} S(k-m)U(m)$
Convolution *	$\frac{1}{T} \cdot \int_{0}^{t} \mathbf{s}(t-\bar{t}) \cdot \mathbf{u}(\bar{t}) d\bar{t}$	S(k)·U(k)
Time shifting	s(t-t̄)	e ^{−j} ^{2π k⋅t̄} T ⋅S(k)
Frequency shifting	$e^{+j\frac{2\pi m t}{T}} \cdot s(t)$	S(k - m)

FS - "oddities"

Orthonormal base
 Fourier components {uk} form orthonormal base of signal space:

 $\begin{aligned} u_{k} &= (1/\sqrt{T}) \exp(jk\omega t) \ (|k| = 0, 1 \ 2, \ \dots + \infty) \quad \text{Def.: Internal product} \otimes : \ u_{k} \otimes u_{m} &= \int_{0}^{t} u_{k} \cdot u_{m}^{*} \ dt \\ u_{k} \otimes u_{m} &= \delta_{k,m} \ (1 \ \text{if } k = m, \ 0 \ \text{otherwise}). \quad (\text{Remember } (e^{jt})^{*} = e^{-jt} \) \end{aligned}$

Then $c_k = (1/\sqrt{T}) s(t) \otimes u_k$ i.e. $(1/\sqrt{T})$ times *projection* of signal s(t) on component u_k

Negative frequencies & time reversal



 $k = -\infty, \ \dots \ -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \ \dots + \infty, \qquad \omega_k = k\omega, \quad \varphi_k = \omega_k t, \quad \text{phasor turns anti-clockwise.}$

 \Rightarrow time reversal.

Negative $k \Rightarrow$ phasor turns clockwise (negative phase φ_k), equivalent to negative time t,

Careful: phases important when combining several signals!

FS - power

Average power W :
$$W = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} |s(t)|^{2} dt = s(t) \otimes s(t)$$

Parseval's Theorem
 $W = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_{k}|^{2} = a_{0}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_{k}^{2} + b_{k}^{2})$
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 $W_{k} = |c_{k}|^{2} carry most power.$
 $W_{k} vs. \omega_{k}$: Power density spectrum.
Example
Pulse train, duty cycle $\delta = 2 \tau / T$
 $\int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{10^{4}} \int_{0}^{2} \frac{1}{10^{4}} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{10^{4}} \int_{0}^{$

FS of main waveforms



Discrete Fourier Series (DFS)

Band-limited signal s[n], period = N.

DFS defined as:



Note: $c_{k+N} = c_k \Leftrightarrow$ same period N i.e. time periodicity propagates to frequencies!

$$s[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \widetilde{c}_k \cdot e^{j\frac{2\pi k n}{N}}$$

Synthesis: finite sum <= band-limited s[n]

DFS generate periodic c_k with same signal period



N consecutive samples of s[n] completely describe s in time or frequency domains.

DFS analysis

DFS of periodic discrete 1-Volt square-wave

s[n]: period N, duty factor L/N

$$\widetilde{c}_{k} = \begin{cases} \frac{L}{N} , & k = 0, +N, \pm 2N, ... \\\\ \frac{e^{-j\frac{\pi k(L-1)}{N}}}{N} \cdot \frac{sin\left(\frac{\pi kL}{N}\right)}{sin\left(\frac{\pi k}{N}\right)} , & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Discrete signals ⇒ periodic frequency spectra. Compare to continuous rectangular function (slide # 10, "FS analysis - 1")



DFS properties

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Additivity	s[n] + u[n]	S(k)+U(k)
Linearity	a·s[n] + b·u[n]	a·S(k)+b·U(k)
Multiplication *	s[n] ·u[n]	$\frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{h=0}^{N-1} S(h) U(k-h)$
Convolution *	$\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} s[m] \cdot u[n-m]$	S(k)·U(k)
Time shifting	s[n - m]	$e^{-j\frac{2\pi k\cdot m}{T}}\cdot S(k)$
Frequency shifting	e ^{+j} 2πht e ^T .s[n]	S(k - h)

DFT – Window characteristics

- Finite discrete sequence \Rightarrow spectrum convoluted with rectangular window spectrum.
- Leakage amount depends on chosen window & on how signal fits into the window.
- (1) **Resolution**: capability to distinguish different tones. Inversely proportional to mainlobe width. *Wish: as high as possible*.
- (2) Peak-sidelobe level: maximum response outside the main lobe.
 Determines if small signals are hidden by nearby stronger ones.
 Wish: as low as possible.
- (3) Sidelobe roll-off: sidelobe decay per decade. Trade-off with (2).

Several windows used (applicationdependent): Hamming, Hanning, Blackman, Kaiser ...





DFT - Window choice

Common windows characteristics

Window type	-3 dB Main-	-6 dB Main-	Max sidelobe	Sidelobe roll-off
	lobe width	lobe width	level	[ab/aecaae]
	[bins]	[bins]	[dB]	
Rectangular	0.89	1.21	-13.2	20
Hamming	1.3	1.81	- 41.9	20
Hanning	1.44	2	- 31.6	60
Blackman	1.68	2.35	-58	60

Observed signal Far & strong interfering components Near & strong interfering components \Rightarrow Accuracy measure of single tone

Window wish list high roll-off rate. small max sidelobe level wide main-lobe

NB: Strong DC component can shadow nearby small signals. Remove it!

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DFT - Window loss remedial

Smooth data-tapering windows cause information loss near edges.



DFT - parabolic interpolation



- Parabolic interpolation often enough to find position of peak (i.e. frequency).
- > Other algorithms available depending on data.

Systems spectral analysis (hints)

System analysis: measure input-output relationship.



Transfer function can be estimated by Y(f) / X(f)

Estimating H(f) (hints)

$$G_{XX}(f) = X(f) \cdot X^*(f)$$

Power Spectral Density of x[t] (FT of autocorrelation).

 $G_{yx}(f) = Y(f) \cdot X^{*}(f)$

Cross Power Spectrum of x[t] & y[t] (FT of cross-correlation).

$$H(f) = \frac{Y(f)}{X(f)} = \frac{Y(f) \cdot X^{*}(f)}{X(f) \cdot X^{*}(f)} = \frac{G_{yx}}{G_{xx}}$$

Transfer Function (ex: beam !)

