



# Radar Systems Engineering Lecture 3 Review of Signals, Systems and Digital Signal Processing

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- Signals and systems, and digital signal processing are usually one semester advanced undergraduate courses for electrical engineering majors
- In no way will this 1+ hour lecture to justice to this large amount of material
- The lecture will present an overview of the material from these two courses that will be useful for understanding the overall Radar Systems Engineering course
  - Goal of lecture- Give non EE majors a quick view of material; they may wish to study in more depth to enhance their understanding of this course.
- UC Berkeley has an excellent, free, video Signals and Systems course (ECE 120) online at //webcast.berkeley.edu
  - <u>http://webcast.berkeley.edu/course\_details.php?seriesid=1906978405</u>
  - Given in Spring 2007





- Signal processing is the manipulation, analysis and interpretation of signals.
- Signal processing includes:
  - Adaptive filtering / thresholding
  - Spectrum analysis
  - Pulse compression
  - Doppler filtering
  - Image enhancement
  - Adaptive antenna beam forming, and
  - A lot of other non-radar stuff (Image processing, speech processing, etc.
- It involves the collection, storage and transformation of data
  - Analog and digital signal processing
  - A lot of processing "horsepower" is usually required







- Sampled Data and Discrete Time Systems
- Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)
- Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)
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- Weighting of Filters







## Examples: $x(t) = 100 \sin(\pi t) - 79 \cos(3\pi t)$ x(t) = 12t - 300 $x(t) = t^2 - t^3 + 25t^{-5}$







• Types of continuous time signals

- Periodic or Non-periodic







 $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t})$  is a complex periodic signal

- Types of continuous time signals
  - Periodic or Non-periodic
  - Real or Complex

Radar signals are complex



## Continuous, Linear, Time Invariant Systems



$$x(t) \longrightarrow \boxed{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Continuous} \\ \text{Linear Time} \\ \text{Invariant} \\ \text{System} \end{array} } \rightarrow y(t) \quad y(t) = T[x(t)] \qquad T = \text{Operator}$$

- Continuous
  - If x(t) and y(t) are continuous time functions, the system is a continuous time system
- Linear
  - If the system satisfies  $T[\alpha x_1(t) + \beta x_2(t)] = \alpha y_1(t) + \beta y_2(t)$
- Time Invariant
  - If a time shift in the input causes the same time shift in the output



## Linear Time Invariant Systems (Delta Function)





- The impulse response h(t) is the response of the system when the input is  $\delta(t)$ 













$$\mathbf{x}(t) \longrightarrow \underbrace{\underset{\text{linear Time}}{\underset{\text{Invariant}}{\underset{\text{System}}}}}}}}}}}} \rightarrow h(t)$$

• The output of any continuous time, linear, time-invariant (LTI) system is the convolution of the input x(t) with the impulse response of the system h(t)



## Why not Analog Sensors and **Calculation Systems ?**

Rule



#### Voltmeter



#### Courtesy of Hannes Grobe

### **Disadvantages**

- **Measurement Repeatability**
- **Environmental Sensitivity**
- Size
- Complexity

Cost





Courtesy of US Navy

#### **Torpedo Data Computer (1940s)**







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  - Sampling Theorem and Aliasing
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• Digital signal processing deals with sampled data

- Digital processing differs from processing continuous (analog) signals
- Digital Samples are obtained with a "Sample and Hold" (S/H) Amplifier followed by an "Analog-to-Digital" (A/D) converter
  - Sampling rate
  - Word length





• Sampling converts a continuous signal into a sequence of numbers



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- Sampling Theorem constraint (a.k.a. Nyquist criterion) to prevent "aliasing":
  - For continuous aperiodic signals:

 $F_s \ge 2B$   $F_s =$  Sampling Frequency

- Nyquist criterion:
  - Permits reconstruction via a low pass filtering
  - Eliminates Aliasing





Signal Reconstruction



• Elimination of "Aliasing"







• If  $x_c(t)$  is strictly band limited,

$$\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{F}) = \mathbf{0}$$
 for  $|\mathbf{F}| > \mathbf{B}$ 

then,  $x_c(t)$  may be uniquely recovered from its samples x[n] if

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{S}} = \frac{2\pi}{\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{S}}} \ge 2\mathrm{B}$$

The frequency  $B\,$  is called the Nyquist frequency, and the minimum sampling frequency,  $F_S=2\,B$  , is called the Nyquist rate





- Sampling periodically replicates the spectrum
  Fourier transform of a sampled signal is periodic
- If  $X_c(F)$  and X(F) are the spectra of  $x_c(t)$  and x[n]



## Distortion of a Signal Spectrum by "Aliasing"







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## **Spectrum of Reconstructed Signal**













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$$\begin{array}{c} x(t) \rightarrow \overbrace{\begin{array}{c} \text{Continuous} \\ \text{Linear Time} \\ \text{Invariant} \\ \text{System} \end{array} \rightarrow y(t) \\ y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) x(t-\tau) d\tau \\ \end{array}$$











• Step 1 : Plot the sequences, x[k] and h[k]







• Step 2 : Take one of the sequences and time reverse it







• Step 3 : Shift h[-k] by n, yielding

- n < 0 a shift to the left
- n > 0 a shift to the right









 Step 4 : For each value of n,multiply the sequences x[k] and h[n-k] ; and add products together for all values of k to produce y[n]












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 Any Linear and Time-Invariant (LTI) system can be completely described by its impulse response sequence

$$\delta[\mathbf{n}] \xrightarrow{H} \mathbf{h}[\mathbf{n}]$$

• The output of any LTI can be determined using the convolution summation

$$\mathbf{y}[\mathbf{n}] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{h}[k] \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{n}-k], \qquad -\infty < \mathbf{n} < \infty$$

- The impulse response provides the basis for the analysis of an LTI system in the time-domain
- The frequency response function provides the basis for the analysis of an LTI system in the frequency-domain

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- Decomposition of signals into their frequency components
  - A series of sinusoids of complex exponentials
- The general nature of signals
  - Continuous or discrete
  - Aperiodic or periodic
- Radar echoes, from each transmitted pulse, are continuous and aperiodic, and are usually transformed into discrete signals by an A/D converter before further processing
  - Complex signals





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- Continuous-Time Signals
  - Periodic Signals: Fourier Series
  - Aperiodic Signals: Fourier Transform
- Discrete-Time Signals
  - Periodic Signals: Fourier Series
  - Aperiodic Signals: Fourier Transform



#### Fourier Transform for Continuous-Time Aperiodic Signals



Time Domain Continuous and Aperiodic Signals

**Frequency Domain** Continuous and Aperiodic Signals



Adapted from Manolakis et al, Reference 1





# Continuous-Time Signals

- Periodic Signals: Fourier Series
- Aperiodic Signals: Fourier Transform

#### Discrete-Time Signals

- Periodic Signals: Fourier Series
- Aperiodic Signals: Fourier Transform



#### Fourier Transform for Discrete-Time Aperiodic Signals





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#### Summary of Time to Frequency Domain Properties





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Aka "Twiddle Factor"

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{X}[\mathbf{k}] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{n}] \mathbf{W}_{N}^{kn} \qquad 0 \le \mathbf{k} \le N-1 \qquad \qquad \mathbf{W}_{N}^{kn} = e^{-2\pi \mathbf{j} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{n}/N} \\ \mathbf{X}_{R}[\mathbf{k}] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left\{ \mathbf{x}_{R}[\mathbf{n}] \mathbf{cos} \left(\frac{2\pi}{N} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{n}\right) + \mathbf{x}_{I}[\mathbf{n}] \mathbf{sin} \left(\frac{2\pi}{N} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{n}\right) \right\} \\ \mathbf{X}_{I}[\mathbf{k}] &= -\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left\{ \mathbf{x}_{R}[\mathbf{n}] \mathbf{sin} \left(\frac{2\pi}{N} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{n}\right) - \mathbf{x}_{I}[\mathbf{n}] \mathbf{cos} \left(\frac{2\pi}{N} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{n}\right) \right\} \end{split}$$

- 1. 2N<sup>2</sup> evaluations of trigonometric functions
- 2.  $4N^2$  real (  $N^2$  complex) multiplications
- 3. 4N(N-2) real ( N(N-1) complex) additions
- 4. A number of indexing and addressing operations

 $\approx N^2$  Complex MADS

<u>MADS</u> Multiply And Divides

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- An algorithm for each efficiently computing the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) and its inverse
- DFT  $O(N^2)$  MADS (Multiplies and Divides)
- **FFT**  $O\left(\frac{N}{2}\log_2 N\right)$  **MADS**
- FFT algorithm Development Cooley / Tukey (1965) Gauss (1805)
- Many variations and efficiencies of the FFT algorithm exist
  - Decimation in Time (input bit reversed, output natural order)
  - Decimation in Frequency (input natural order, output bit reversed)
- The FFT calculation is broken down into a number of sequential stages, each stage consisting of a number of relatively small calculations called "Butterflies"



$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-2\pi j k n/N} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{kn} \quad 0 \le k \le N-1 \quad W_N^{kn} = e^{-2\pi j k n/N}$$

- Divide DFT of size N into two interleaved DFTs, each of size N/2
  - Example will be  $N = 2^3 = 8$ \_
  - Input to each DFT are even and odd x[n]s, respectively
- Solve each stage recursively, until the size of the stage's DFT is 2.

$$\mathbf{X}[\mathbf{k}] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{n}] \mathbf{W}_{N}^{nk} = \sum_{n \text{ Even}} \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{n}] \mathbf{W}_{N}^{nk} + \sum_{n \text{ Odd}} \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{n}] \mathbf{W}_{N}^{nk}$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} g[\mathbf{l}] \mathbf{W}_{N}^{lk} + \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} h[\mathbf{l}] \mathbf{W}_{N}^{(2l+1)k} = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} g[\mathbf{l}] \mathbf{W}_{N/2}^{lk} + \mathbf{W}_{N}^{k} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} h[\mathbf{l}] \mathbf{W}_{N/2}^{lk}$$

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 $\mathbf{X}[\mathbf{k}] = \mathbf{G}[\mathbf{k}] + \mathbf{W}_{N}^{nk} \mathbf{H}[\mathbf{k}]$ 

• Using the periodicity of the complex exponentials:

$$G[k] = G\left[k + \frac{N}{2}\right] \qquad H[k] = H\left[k + \frac{N}{2}\right]$$

• And the following properties of the "twiddle factors":

$$\begin{split} W_{N}^{k+(N/2)} &= W_{N}^{k} W_{N}^{N/2} = -W_{N}^{k} \\ \text{then} \quad W_{N}^{k+(N/2)} H(k+(N/2)) = -W_{N}^{k} H(k) \end{split}$$

• A block diagram of this computational flow is graphically illustrated in the next chart for an 8 point FFT



8 Point Decimation in Time FFT Algorithm (After First Decimation)



• If N/2 is even, g[n] and h[n] may again be decimated

$$G[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} g[n] W_{N/2}^{nk} = \sum_{n \text{ Even}}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} g[n] W_{N/2}^{nk} + \sum_{n \text{ Odd}}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} g[n] W_{N/2}^{nk}$$

• This leads to:

$$G[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{N}{4}-1} g[2n] W_{N/4}^{nk} + W_{N/2}^{k} \sum_{n=0}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} g[2n+1] W_{N/4}^{nk}$$









Now, Putting it all together.....



#### Flow of 8-Point FFT



(Radix 2 - Decimation in Time Algorithm)









Each "Butterfly" takes 2 MADS (Multiplies and Adds)
Twiddle Factors (For 8 point FFT)

$$W_8^0 = e^{-0} = 1 \qquad W_8^1 = e^{-2\pi j/8} = e^{-\pi j/4} = (1-j)/\sqrt{2}$$
$$W_8^2 = e^{-\pi j/2} = -j \qquad W_8^3 = e^{-3\pi j/4} = (-1-j)/\sqrt{2}$$

- 12 Butterflies implies 12 MADS vs. 64 MADS for 8 point DFT
- 512 point FFT more than 100 times faster than 512 DFT













- Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithms make possible the computation of DFT with O ((N/2) log<sub>2</sub> N) MADS as opposed to O N<sup>2</sup> MADS
- Many other implementations of the FFT exist:
  - Radix 2 decimation in frequency algorithm
  - Radar-Brenner algorithm
  - Bluestein's algorithm
  - Prime Factor algorithm
- The details of FFT algorithms are important to the designers of real-time DSP systems in software or hardware
- An interesting history of FFT algorithms
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- Infinite Impulse Response (IIR) Filters
  - Output of filter depends on past time history  $(-\infty)$
  - Example :

$$\mathbf{y}[\mathbf{n}] = \frac{1}{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{n}] + \frac{\mathbf{M} - 1}{\mathbf{M}} \mathbf{y}[\mathbf{n} - 1]$$

- Finite Impulse Response (FIR) Filters
  - Output depends on the finite past
  - Example: DFT

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-2\pi j k n/N}$$

Other examples:  

$$y[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a[k,n] x[n] x[1]$$
  
or  
 $y[n] = x[n,2] - x[n,1]$ 







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• If we take a square pulse, sample it M times, and calculate the Fourier transform of this uniform rectangular "window":

$$W(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} e^{-j\omega n} = \frac{1 - e^{-j\omega M}}{1 - e^{-j\omega}} = e^{-j(M-1)/2} \frac{\sin(\omega M/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)}$$
$$|W(\omega)| = \frac{|\sin(\omega M/2)|}{|\sin(\omega/2)|} \qquad -\pi \le \omega \le \pi$$

- This is recognized as the sinc function which has 13 dB sidelobes
- If lower sidelobes are needed, at the cost of a widened pass band, one can multiply the elements of the pulse sequence with one of a number of weighting functions, which will adjust the sidelobes appropriately




• Rectangular 
$$\mathbf{w}[\mathbf{n}] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le n \le M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
  
• Bartlett (triangular)  
 $\mathbf{w}[\mathbf{n}] = \begin{cases} 2n/M, & 0 \le n \le M/2 \\ 2-2n/M & M/2 < n \le M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
• Hanning  
 $\mathbf{w}[\mathbf{n}] = \begin{cases} 0.5 - 0.5 \cos(2\pi n/M), & 0 \le n \le M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
• Hamming  
 $\mathbf{w}[\mathbf{n}] = \begin{cases} 0.54 - 0.46 \cos(2\pi n/M), & 0 \le n \le M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

$$w[n] = \begin{cases} 0.42 - 0.5 \cos(2 \pi n / M) + 0.08 \cos(4 \pi n / M), & 0 \le n \le M \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Type of Window	Peak Sidelobe Amplitude (dB)	Approximate Width of Main Lobe
Rectangular	-13	$4\pi/(\mathbf{M}+1)$
Bartlett (triangular)	- 25	$8\pi/M$
Hanning	-31	$8\pi/M$
Hamming	-41	8π/Μ
Blackman	- 57	$12\pi/M$



## Comparison of Rectangular & Hamming Windows





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- A brief review of the prerequisite Signal & Systems, and Digital Signal Processing knowledge base for this radar course has been presented
  - Viewers requiring a more in depth exposition of this material should consult the references at the end of the lecture
- The topics discussed were:
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