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# LINEAR SYSTEMS

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#### Poles and Zeros





Transfer function of the seismometer:

$$H(\omega) = \frac{Y(\omega)}{U(\omega)} = \frac{-(i\omega)^2}{(i\omega)^2 + 2\gamma(i\omega) + (\omega_0)^2}$$









 $\infty$  $f(t) * h(t) = \int f(\tau)h(t-\tau) d\tau$  $-\infty$ 



Convolution



















Consider the boxcar function (box filter):

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \le t \le \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & t > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$























#### $\bigcirc$ This function windows our function f(t).





























































































































































Convolution



This particular convolution smooths out some of the high frequencies in f(t).







A Sampling Function or Impulse Train is defined by:

$$S_{T}(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - k\Delta t)$$

where  $\Delta t$  is the sample spacing.







The Fourier Transform of the Sampling Function is itself a sampling function.

The sample spacing is the inverse.

 $S_{\Delta^{\dagger}}(\dagger) \Leftrightarrow S_{\frac{1}{\Delta^{\dagger}}}(\omega)$ 





The convolution theorem states that convolution in the spatial domain is equivalent to multiplication in the frequency domain, and viceversa.

## $f(t) * g(t) \Leftrightarrow F(\omega) \cdot G(\omega)$

 $\mathsf{f}(\mathsf{t}) \cdot \mathsf{g}(\mathsf{t}) \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{F}(\omega) \ast \mathsf{G}(\omega)$ 





This powerful theorem can illustrate the problems with our point sampling and provide guidance on avoiding aliasing.

Consider:  $f(t) \cdot S_{\Delta t}(t)$ 







#### What does this look like in the Fourier domain?







#### In Fourier domain we would convolve







- What this says, is that any frequencies greater than a certain amount will appear intermixed with other frequencies.
- In particular, the higher frequencies for the copy at  $1/\Delta t$  intermix with the low frequencies centered at the origin.





- Note, that the sampling process introduces frequencies out to infinity.
- We have also lost the function f(t), and now have only the discrete samples.
- This brings us to our next powerful theory.





#### The Shannon Sampling Theorem:

A band-limited signal f(t), with a cutoff frequency of  $\lambda$ , that is sampled with a sampling spacing of  $\Delta t$ may be perfectly reconstructed from the discrete values f[n $\Delta t$ ] by convolution with the sinc(t) function, provided the Nyquist limit:  $\lambda < 1/(2\Delta t)$ 

Why is this?

The Nyquist limit will ensure that the copies of  $F(\omega)$  do not overlap in the frequency domain.

We can completely reconstruct or determine f(t) from  $F(\omega)$  using the Inverse Fourier Transform.





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So, given  $f[n\Delta t]$  and an assumption that f(t) does not have frequencies greater than  $1/(2\Delta t)$ , we can write the formula:

 $f[nT] = f(t) \cdot S_{\Delta t}(t) \Leftrightarrow F(\omega) * S_{\Delta t}(\omega)$ 

 $\mathsf{F}(\omega) = (\mathsf{F}(\omega) * \mathsf{S}_{\Delta \dagger}(\omega)) \cdot \mathsf{Box}_{1/(2\Delta \dagger)}(\omega)$ 

therefore,

 $f(t) = f[n\Delta t] * sinc(t)$ 

http://www.thefouriertransform.com/pairs/box.php

http://195.134.76.37/applets/AppletNyquist/Appl\_Nyquist2.html







$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} B_{T}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt = \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} e^{-i\omega t} dt = \frac{\sin(\pi fT)}{\pi fT}$$
$$\approx \operatorname{sinc}(\pi fT) = \operatorname{sinc}(\omega T / 2)$$





### Spectral leakage





 $\Delta f \Delta t \geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-N}}$ 

Resolving power in frequency domain is related to maximum duration in time domain:

$$\Delta f \geq \frac{1}{2\pi T} \left( = \frac{1}{2\pi N \Delta t} \right)$$

Resolving power in time domain decides maximum resolvable frequency:

$$\Delta f \ge \frac{1}{2\Delta t}$$

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBnnXbOM5S4