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Signal Processing Basics

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Frequency Response Function



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Digitization Analog to Digital

Time signals are sampled using an *analog-to-digital converter* (a digital logic hardware device) to yield a digitized version of the waveform for further processing.





Digitization Quantization Errors





Digitization Time Domain Terms



 $\Delta t =$ sample interval

 f_s = sampling rate = $1/\Delta t$

N = total number of data samples in one frame

T =total sample period or frame size

r =sample index number (1, 2, 3, ..., N)

 $t = r\Delta t$ time of any given sample



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Digitization Sample Rate



https://community.plm.automation.siemens.com/t5/Testing-Knowledge-Base/Digital-Signal-Processing-Sampling-Rates-Bandwidth-Spectral/ta-p/402991

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Time and Frequency Domains







FFT Frequency Domain Terms



 $\Delta f = 1/T$ frequency resolution

number of spectral lines (total number of frequency samples)

bandwidth is the highest frequency captured in Fourier transform



Fourier Transform

Used to determine the frequency spectrum of dynamic signals – spectrum analyzer hardware

$$y(t) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos(n\omega t) + B_n \sin(n\omega t))$$

$$y(t) = \frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (C_n \cos(n\omega t - \phi_n))$$

$$A_0 = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T y(t) dt \qquad A_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T y(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt \qquad B_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T y(t) \sin(n\omega t) dt$$

$$C_n = \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2} \qquad \phi_n = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{B_n}{A_n}\right)$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} \text{ Is the period of the signal, } \omega \text{ is the fundamental}$$

 $T = 2\pi/\omega$ Is the period of the signal, ω is the *fundamental* frequency (first harmonic), 2ω is the *second harmonic*, etc.



FFT Fast Fourier Transform

Discrete (digital) form:

$$A_n = \frac{2}{N\Delta t} \sum_{r=1}^N y(r\Delta t) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N\Delta t} \cdot n \cdot r\Delta t\right) \Delta t = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N y(r\Delta t) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot n \cdot r\right) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{N}{2}$$
$$B_n = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{r=1}^N y(r\Delta t) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot n \cdot r\right) \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{N}{2}$$

The DFT is a CPU intensive algorithm. N^2 operations are required. If we split the signal into parts and then take the DFT for each part, we can reduce the number of operations. The computation will take less than 1% of the original time if a smart algorithm referred to as the FFT is used. There are many different FFT recipes but all require a power of 2 number of samples i.e., 512, 1024, 2048, etc. (Bodén, Ahlin, and Carlsson, Signal Analysis)



FFT Settings

Pick	Then	And
Δt	$f_{max} = 1/2\Delta t$	$T = N\Delta t$
f _{max}	$\Delta t = 1/2 f_{max}$	$\Delta f = 1/N\Delta t$
Δf	$T = 1/\Delta f$	$\Delta t = T/N$
Т	$\Delta f = 1/T$	$f_{max} = N\Delta f/2$

Example

 $\Delta f = 5 \text{ Hz}$ and N = 1024

Then

$$T = 1/\Delta f = 1/5 \text{ Hz} = 0.2 \text{ sec}$$

 $f_s = N\Delta f = (1024)(5) \text{ Hz} = 5210 \text{ Hz}$
 $f_{max} = f_s = 5120/2 \text{ Hz} = 2560 \text{ Hz}$



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LP Filter The Aliasing Phenomenon

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Nyquist frequency (f_{max}) is the highest frequency resolved in a DFT is:

$$f_{max} = \frac{f_s}{2}$$

https://community.plm.automation.sie mens.com/t5/Testing-Knowledge-Base/Aliasing/ta-p/367750



LP Filter Aliasing Phenomenon



Aliasing results in harmonics above the Nyquist frequency being "folded" back onto their neighbors.

LP Filter Preventing Aliasing





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Windowing What is Leakage?





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From P. Avitabile (2017).



Windowing Applying a Window

Capturing an integer number of periods (minimum error).





Windowing Applying a Window

Capturing an integer number of periods plus half a period (maximum error).





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Averaging Data Processing Speed

Real Time Operation

Time Record 1	Time Re	cord 2	Time Record 3				
	FFT 1		FFT 2				

Non-Real Time Operation

Time Record 1	Time Record 2	Time Record 3	
	 FFT 1	FFT 2	



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- There is a problem in averaging time displaced signals
- We can plot correlation as a function of the time shift



Auto / Cross Correlation

Identical Signals (Autocorrelation)

Different Signals (Cross Correlation)







 $\tau = time shift$





Auto Correlation Square Wave



N = 16 samples



Auto Correlation Square Wave

	$\tau = 4$	$\cdot \Delta t$														
	1.0 1.	0 1.0	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.0 ~	1.0	1.0	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	
4 steps ──►	-1.0 -1.	0 -1.0	-1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
	-1.0 -1.	0 -1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	$=-\frac{16}{N}=-1.0$
	$\tau = 84$	Δt														
	1.0 1.	0 1.0	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	
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→ 0 310p3	1.0 1.	0 1.0	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	16
	1.0 1.	.0 1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	$=\frac{10}{N} = 1.0$



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Auto Correlation Square Wave





 $y(t) = \frac{4A}{\pi} \left(\frac{\sin(\omega t) + \frac{1}{3}\sin(3\omega t) + \frac{1}{5}\sin(5\omega t) + }{\cdots + \frac{1}{n}\sin(n\omega t) + \cdots} \right)$

Square Wave Input



Square Wave Auto Correlation



$$y(t) = \frac{8A^2}{\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\omega t) - \frac{1}{9}\cos(3\omega t) + \frac{1}{25}\cos(5\omega t) - \frac{1}{9}\cos(3\omega t) \\ \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}\cos(n\omega t) + \dots \end{pmatrix}$$



$$R_{xx}(\tau) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} x(t)x(t+\tau)dt$$

Example $x(t) = A \cdot \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$

Autocorrelation of a sine wave

$$R_{\chi\chi}(\tau) = \frac{A^2}{2}\cos(\omega t)$$







b) Auto correlation of random noise



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Autocorrelation of sine wave buried in noise after many averages.



Cross Correlation 2 Square Waves



N = 16 samples



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Cross Correlation 2 Square Wave





Cross Correlation

$$R_{xy}(\tau) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t)y(t+\tau)dt$$

$$x(t) = A_1 \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$y(t) = A_2 \sin(\omega t + \varphi + \vartheta)$$

$$A_1 A_2$$

$$R_{xy}(\tau) = \frac{A_1 A_2}{2} \cos(\omega \tau + \vartheta)$$

Example $x(t) = 2 \sin(\omega t)$ $y(t) = 3 \sin(\omega t + \pi)$







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Transfer Function Measurement



The Measurement Chain





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$$H_1(f) = \frac{Y(f)X'(f)}{X(f)X'(f)} = \frac{G_{xy}}{G_{xx}}$$
$$H_2(f) = \frac{Y(f)Y'(f)}{X(f)Y'(f)} = \frac{G_{yy}}{G_{yx}}$$

Use if output is more susceptible to noise

Use if input is more susceptible to noise



Transfer Function Measurement





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