Signal Processing EE2S31

Digital Signal Processing - Lecture 2: Non-ideal sampling and reconstruction

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Recap: Ideal sampling and reconstruction



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Recap: Spectrum of a sampled signal



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Goal of this lecture

- Part 1: Non-bandlimited signals
 - Explain the phenomenon of aliasing
 - Anti-aliasing filters
- Part 2: Bandpass signals
 - How to sample bandpass signals?
 - How to reconstruct bandpass signals?
- Part 3: Reconstruction in practice linear interpolation



Part 1



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Landline phone audio signal sampled at 8kHz!

- Original speech
- Sampled speech
- Sampling after prefilter



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However, a very sharp filter in the analog domain is difficult to implement.



Antialiasing in practice

Solution 1:

- Choose a desired Ω_N (e.g. 20kHz, then the Nyquist rate would be $2 \cdot \Omega_N = 40$ kHz)
- Take a somewhat larger sampling rate $\Omega_s = 2 \cdot (1 + r)\Omega_N$ with 0 < r < 1 (e.g. 44,1kHz \rightarrow CD!)
- Make use of a non-ideal lowpass filter with a transition band between Ω_N and $(1 + r)\Omega_N = \Omega_s/2$
- filter further in digital domain if needed





Antialiasing in practice

Solution 2:

- Use a cheap antilaliasing filter with a broad transition band
- oversample $x_a(t)$ with a factor 2*M*: $\Omega_s = 2M\Omega_N$
- digitally filter unwanted frequencies, where sharp filters are cheaper to implement
- downsample with a factor M (see multirate systems!)





Part 2



Sampling of bandpass signals

Bandpass signal

A bandpass signal with bandwidth *B* and center frequency F_c is a signal with nonzero spectral content at frequencies *F* defined by $0 < F_L < |F| < F_H$, where $F_c = \frac{F_L + F_H}{2}$ and $B = F_H - F_L$.



 $F_L = 200Hz, F_H = 250Hz, B = 50Hz, F_c = 225Hz$

According to the sampling theory, we should sample with $F_s = 500 Hz$.



























Example: spinning wheel

Let's assume that the car drives on the highway with 100-120km/h and has a 16 inch wheel (20-25Hz)!



Exercise:

- Let's assume that we sample the signal with $F_s = 8Hz$, $F_s = 10Hz$ and $F_s = 30Hz$. Sketch the resulting spectrum!
- Answer the following questions (for each F_s):
 - 1 Is the Nyquist rate respected?
 - Is there aliasing?
 - 3 Can we reconstruct the original signal?
 - 4 Can you suggest other sampling rates that will enable reconstruction?

Solution





The Nyquist rate is not respected in any of the three cases. Aliasing occurs in each case, yet, it is possible to reconstruct, except for $F_s = 8Hz$ (=destructive aliasing)

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Integer band positioning

In case $F_H = mB$ sampling with $F_s = 2B$ is possible without aliasing.



In the current example $F_H = 250$, B = 50 and m = 5.













































In the second example $F_H = 200$, B = 50 and m = 4.













































The specta of the sampled even and odd band positioned singals are both free from aliasing





The original signal can be reconstructed using



$$x_{a}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_{a}(nT)g(t - nT), \text{ with}$$
$$g(t) = \frac{\sin\pi Bt}{\pi Bt}\cos 2\pi F_{c}t$$



Note: g(t) is equal to the interpolation function of bandlimited signals, modulated with the carrier frequency F_c





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With k = 0 we obtain the equivalent *baseband* signal.

Note: the baseband spectra with even and odd band positions signal are 'inverted'.



Example: radio receiver

FM radio uses VHF band 87.5 - 108 MHz. Each channel uses a 0.2MHz wide band. However, designing a filter with a tunable pass band is difficult.

- Analog radio:
 - Superheterodyne (Edwin Armstrong 1918):
 - recieved signal is shifted to a fixed intermediate frequency (IF) using a mixer with a tunable local oscillator (LO)
 - signal can be amplified at IF, demodulated and low-pass filtered to reconstruct the broadcast signal
- Digital radio:
 - choosing an appropriate sampling frequency will digitally downconvert the signal to baseband
 - reconstruction with a low-pass filter
 - Challenge: A/D conversion speed must be consistent with F_H
 - Other applications: radar, satellite communications, etc.
 - Further reading: Direct RF sampling

Arbitrary band positioning

- A signal has *arbitrary band positioning*, when there is no particular relationship between F_H and B (as opposed to integer band positioning)
- How to choose *F_s* in this case?



Conditions on F_s :

$$(k-1)F_s - F_L \le F_L$$

 $kF_s - F_H \ge F_H$



Arbitrary band positioning

Reorganizing the above conditions, we can arrive to the following expression:

$$\frac{2}{k}\frac{F_{H}}{B} \leq \frac{F_{s}}{B} \leq \frac{2}{k-1}\left(\frac{F_{H}}{B} - 1\right) , \ k_{max} = \left\lfloor\frac{F_{H}}{B}\right\rfloor$$



For our signal, we know F_H and B.

Then, we can choose an F_s/B along the vertical line corresponding to F_H/B

See problem 6.11

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Part 3



Reconstruction in practice

Ideal interpolation:

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]g_{ideal}(t-nT_s) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\frac{sin(\pi/T_s(t-nT_s))}{\pi/T_s(t-nT_s)}$$

However:

- sinc function is infinite and nondeterministic!
- in practice we sum from -L to L
- quality of reconstruction increases with L
- not practical in real-time applications
- instead: sample-and-hold (zero-order hold) or linear interpolation (first order hold)



Sample-and-hold interpolation



• time domain:

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]g_{SH}(t - nT_s) , g_{SH}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \le t \le T_s \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• frequency domain:

$$G_{SH}(F) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_{SH}(t) e^{-j2\pi Ft} dt = T_s \frac{\sin \pi F T_s}{\pi F T_s} e^{-j2\pi F(T_s/2)}$$





$$x_{lin}(t) = x[1] + \frac{x[2] - x[1]}{T_s}(t - T_s), \ T_s \le t \le 2T_s$$

In general:

$$x_{lin}(t) = x[n] + \frac{x[n+1] - x[n]}{T_s}(t - nT_s), \ nT_s \le t \le (n+1)T_s$$





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• Problem 6.15: formulas are presented with a delay of T

Comparison of interpolation filters



$$G_{ideal}(F) = \begin{cases} T_s, & |F| \le F_s/2\\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$G_{SH}(F) = T_s \frac{\sin(\pi F T_s)}{\pi F T_s} e^{-2j\pi F(T_s/2)}$$

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Distortion due to practical interpolation





Compensation with a postfilter

Let's denote the actual interpolation filter with H_0 and the ideal interpolation filter with H_r ! The postfilter H_{pf} compensates for the difference:





In practice, this filter is applied in the digital domain before the D/A

Summary





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Discrete time processing of continuous signals

Provided that the analog signal $x_a(t)$ is band-limited with bandwidth B and we sample with an $F_s \ge 2B$, then the discrete-time processing of $x[n] = x_a(nT_s)$ with a system H(F) is equivalent to the analog processing of $x_a(t)$ with a system $H_a(F)$ in case $H_a(F) = H(F)$ for $|F| \le F_s/2$ and $H_a(F) = 0$ otherwise.

Practical limitations and solutions:

- $x_a(t)$ is not (perfectly) band-limited \rightarrow antialiasing filter
- A/D conversion: sampling is finite and not instantaneous!
- D/A converion: \rightarrow interpolation and postfiltering

