

Final Exam - “Signals” Part

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Exercise 1

Given the following time domain signal:

$$x(t) = [1 + \text{sinc}(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t}] \sin(\pi f_0 t) \cos(\pi f_0 t)$$

Compute its Fourier transform $X(f) = \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\}$.

Hint: Use the properties of the Fourier transform.

Solution 1

We start by observing that:

$$\sin(\pi f_0 t) \cos(\pi f_0 t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi f_0 t)$$

Using the fact that a multiplication in the time domain is a convolution in the frequency domain, and the linearity of the transform we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} &= \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{1}{2} [1 + \text{sinc}(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t}] \sin(2\pi f_0 t)\right\} \\ &= \mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{1}{2} [1 + \text{sinc}(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t}]\right\} * \mathcal{F}\{\sin(2\pi f_0 t)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}\{[1 + \text{sinc}(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t}]\} * \mathcal{F}\{\sin(2\pi f_0 t)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\mathcal{F}\{1\} + \mathcal{F}\{\text{sinc}(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t}\}] * \mathcal{F}\{\sin(2\pi f_0 t)\} \end{aligned}$$

Using the following properties:

1. $\mathcal{F}\{1\} = \delta(f)$.
2. $\mathcal{F}\{\sin(2\pi f_0 t)\} = \frac{j}{2} [\delta(f + f_0) - \delta(f - f_0)]$.
3. $\mathcal{F}\{x(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t}\} = X(f - f_0)$, when $\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} = X(f)$.
4. $\mathcal{F}\{\text{sinc}(t)\} = \text{rect}(f)$.

Hence:

$$\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{2} [\delta(f) + \text{rect}(f - f_0)] * \frac{j}{2} [\delta(f + f_0) - \delta(f - f_0)]$$

From the definition of the convolution we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} &= \frac{i}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\delta(\tau) + \text{rect}(\tau - f_0)] [\delta(f + f_0 - \tau) - \delta(f - f_0 - \tau)] d\tau \\
 &= \frac{i}{4} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\tau) \delta(f + f_0 - \tau) d\tau - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\tau) \delta(f - f_0 - \tau) d\tau \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(f + f_0 - \tau) \text{rect}(\tau - f_0) d\tau - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(f - f_0 - \tau) \text{rect}(\tau - f_0) d\tau \right] \\
 &= \frac{i}{4} [\delta(f + f_0) - \delta(f - f_0) + \text{rect}(f + f_0 - f_0) - \text{rect}(f - f_0 - f_0)] \\
 &= \frac{i}{4} [\delta(f + f_0) - \delta(f - f_0) + \text{rect}(f) - \text{rect}(f - 2f_0)]
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have:

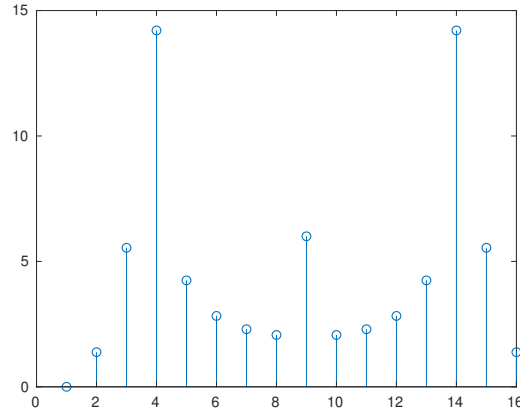
$$X(f) = \frac{i}{4} [\delta(f + f_0) - \delta(f - f_0) + \text{rect}(f) - \text{rect}(f - 2f_0)]$$

Exercise 2

Given the following continuous, time domain signal:

$$x(t) = 2 \sin(20\pi t + \frac{\pi}{2}) + \cos(60\pi t + \frac{2\pi}{3}).$$

1. Compute its continuous Fourier transform $X(f) = \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\}$.
2. Suppose now that the signal is first sampled at $f_s = 60\text{Hz}$, give the expression of the hereby obtained discrete signal $x[n] = x(nT_s)$, where $T_s = 1/f_s$.
3. Suppose that the DFT is computed over the first $N = 12$ samples of the discrete signal ($n = 0, \dots, 11$), provide the indices of the non-empty frequency bins, and their corresponding continuous frequency.
Hint: you do not need to actually compute the DFT to answer this question.
4. The DFT is now performed over $N = 16$ points and we obtained the following result:



Did you expect this result? Explain what caused the difference compared to the case $N = 12$.

Solution 2

1. Using the following properties:

- (a) $\mathcal{F}\{\sin(2\pi f_0 t)\} = \frac{j}{2}[\delta(f + f_0) - \delta(f - f_0)]$.
- (b) $\mathcal{F}\{\cos(2\pi f_0 t)\} = \frac{1}{2}[\delta(f + f_0) + \delta(f - f_0)]$.
- (c) $\mathcal{F}\{x(t - t_0)\} = X(f)e^{-j2\pi f t_0}$, when $\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} = X(f)$.

We obtain:

$$X(f) = [\delta(f + 10) + \delta(f - 10)] + \frac{1}{2} \left[e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}} \delta(f - 30) + e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}} \delta(f + 30) \right]$$

2. The signal sampled at $f_s = 60\text{Hz}$ is given by:

$$x[n] = x(nT_s) \tag{1}$$

$$= 2 \sin\left(20\pi nT_s + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(60\pi nT_s + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \tag{2}$$

$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{20\pi n}{f_s}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{60\pi n}{f_s} + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \tag{3}$$

$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}n\right) + \cos\left(\pi n + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \tag{4}$$

$$= 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}n\right) - \frac{1}{2}(-1)^n \tag{5}$$

3. By directly applying the DFT on the discrete signal we get:

$$\begin{aligned} X[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{11} e^{j(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{k\pi}{6})n} + \sum_{n=0}^{11} e^{j(-\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{k\pi}{6})n} + \frac{e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}}}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{11} e^{j(\pi - \frac{k\pi}{6})n} + \frac{e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}}}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{11} e^{j(-\pi - \frac{k\pi}{6})n} \end{aligned}$$

We observe that we have a sum of geometric series, and use $\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} q^n = \frac{1-q^N}{1-q}$:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{11} e^{j(2\pi \frac{l}{12} - \frac{k\pi}{6})n} = \frac{1 - e^{j(2\pi l - 2\pi k)}}{1 - e^{j(2\pi \frac{l}{12} - \frac{k\pi}{6})}} = \begin{cases} 12 & \text{if } k = 12m + l, \ m, l \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Therefore:

$$X[k] = 12\delta(k-2) + 12\delta(k+2) + 6\delta(k-6), \quad \text{with } k \in [-5, 6] \cap \mathbb{Z}.$$

This result is coherent with that of the continuous case. We indeed have well defined peaks at the frequencies corresponding to $\pm 10\text{Hz}$ and $\pm 30\text{Hz}$. As 30Hz is precisely $f_s/2$ the positive and negative peaks are situated at the same discrete position.

4. This result is expected. Indeed, the continuous signal is composed of two frequencies, namely $f_1 = 10\text{Hz}$ and $f_2 = 30\text{Hz}$, with a sampling frequency $f_s = 60\text{Hz}$ and $N = 12$ both of them are part of the harmonics. On the other hand, when the number of points is set to $N = 16$ the frequency resolution is $\Delta f = 3.75\text{Hz}$ and $f_1 = 10\text{Hz}$ is not part of the harmonics anymore, hence the observed result.