Introduction to Time and Frequency: **Using Digital Filters** 25.108 Introduction to Engineering Dr. Jay Weitzen

Experiment Objectives:

- Introduce concepts of time and frequency
- Build complicated waveforms from harmonics
- Introduce concepts of digital filtering
- Reduce complicated waveform to simple sinusoid

Basic Theory

- In the early 1800's Fourier showed that any periodic waveform could be expressed as an infinite sum of sine's and cosines.
 - He developed a mathematical relationship between a waveform in the time domain and it's component sines and cosines called the Fourier Series and The Fourier Transform

Time Frequency Plane



Wave Generation from Components





Example: Spectrum of a Triangle Wave



Basic Theory (You will learn this in 16.362 so do not worry now)

 $x(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[a_n \cos n\omega t + b_n \sin n\omega t \right]$

where
$$a_o = \frac{2}{T} \int_{a}^{a+T} x(t) dt$$

 $a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{a}^{a+T} x(t) \cos n\omega t dt$
 $b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{a}^{a+T} x(t) \sin n\omega t dt$

③ Polar Fourier Series

• Another form of FS is obtained by combining the sine and cosine terms to give a single component with a phase angle

 $x(t) = d_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[d_n \cos(n\omega t + \theta_n) \right]$

where
$$d_0 = a_0 = C_0$$

 $d_n = \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} = 2|C_n|, \quad \theta_n = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b_n}{a_n}\right)$

Analog Signals

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What is a Digital Spectrum Analyzer



An Example



Try it Yourself



Square Wave has infinite bandwidth



>> sq5=sign(sin5);
>> plot(time(1:1000),sq5(1:1000))
>> SpectrumAnalyzer(sq5,1000)



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What is a Filter?

- Passes a band of frequencies and rejects other frequencies
 - Three Bands of Interest
 - Pass band, The frequencies which get through
 - Stop band, the frequencies which don't get through
 - Transition bands, the bands in which part of the frequencies get through, between stop and pass bands

Tuning a Radio, an example of Filtering



What does it do? Passes the frequencies you want and rejects those that you do not want.

Types of Digital Filters

- Low Pass: Passes low frequencies, rejects high frequencies
- High Pass: Passes high frequencies, rejects low frequencies
- Band Pass: Passes a band of frequencies
- Band Stop: Rejects a band of frequencies

Filter Implementations

- Infinite Impulse Response (IIR)
 - Feedback filter
- Finite Impulse response
 - Feed Forward
- Hybrid IIR/FIR

Key parameters in filter design

- Sampling rate
- Number of Taps
- Pass band
- Stop Band

Using FDA tool

• Type "FDATOOL" at command prompt



Sampling

Step 2: Enter Parameters

- Enter Sampling Frequency
- Pass Band
- Stop Band
- Leave Everything else the same

Step 3: Design Filter

Push "design Filter Button

Filter Response Shown



Step 4: Export Coefficients

 On "File Menu" Type Export

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Export To	
Workspace	•
Export As	
Coefficients	•
– Variable Names – – – – –	
Numerator Num	
🗖 Overwrite Variables	
OK Cancel	Apply

Create "Num", and "Den". If you have matlab 6.5, type "Den=1"

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Step 5: do the filtering

- Type
- ">> Output=filter(Num,Den,Input)" to apply the filter you have created. It is simple as that.

Quick Question?

 If you take a triangle wave with spectrum shown and low pass filter remove all frequencies except the fundamental, what will you see?



Answer: A sine wave at the fundamental frequency

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