

Discrete-Time Signals (DT signals)

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- typically obtained by sampling an analog signal at equi-spaced instants in time

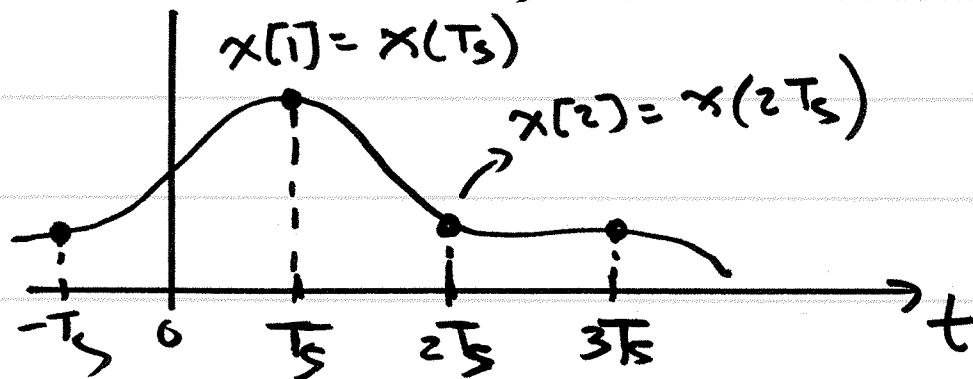
$$x[n] = x(t) \Big|_{t=nT_s} = x(nT_s) \quad -\infty < n < \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \vdots \\ x[-1] &= x(-T_s) \\ x[0] &= x(0) \\ x[1] &= x(T_s) \\ x[2] &= x(2T_s) \\ x[3] &= x(3T_s) \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

the samples of the CT signal are stored in an array.
CT = continuous time

THUS:
 $x[n]$
n must be an integer
n is "like" an index location

- $x[n + \frac{1}{2}]$ is meaningless \Rightarrow doesn't make sense
- corresponds to $x((n + \frac{1}{2})T_s) = x(nT_s + \frac{T_s}{2})$
- we have a sample at nT_s and $(n+1)T_s$ but not at halfway in between



$x[1 + \frac{1}{2}] = x[\frac{3}{2}]$
doesn't make sense

- also, how can you have an index location for an array (vector) that is not an integer?
- $\frac{1}{T_s}$ = sampling rate = no. of samples per sec.

DT sinewaves:

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$$x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n}$$

for all

n integer

- suppose DT sinewave was obtained sampling a CT sinewave

$$x[n] = e^{j2\pi f_0 t} \Big|_{t=nT_s} = e^{j(2\pi f_0 T_s)n}$$

$$= e^{j\omega_0 n}$$

$$\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0 T_s$$

- because n is an integer, DT sinewaves are very different from CT sinewaves
- two major differences

1. CT sinewaves are unique as long as frequencies are different
=> not true for DT sinewaves

- consider: $e^{j(\omega_0 + l2\pi)n}$
- where l is an integer

• recall: $e^{j\theta} = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta$

$$e^{j2\pi} = \underbrace{\cos(2\pi)}_1 + j \underbrace{\sin(2\pi)}_0 = 1$$

• THUS:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{j(\omega_0 + l2\pi)n} &= e^{j\omega_0 n} e^{j2\pi ln} \\
 &= e^{j\omega_0 n} (e^{j2\pi})^{ln} = e^{j\omega_0 n}
 \end{aligned}$$

• Any two DT sinewaves whose frequencies are separated by an integer multiple of 2π are the SAME sinewave.

2. CT sinewaves are always periodic

\Rightarrow not ¹ true for DT sinewaves always

• the period for a DT sinewave has to be an integer $N \Rightarrow x[n] = x[n+N]$

$$e^{j\omega_0(n+N)} = e^{j\omega_0 n} e^{j\omega_0 N} \quad \forall n$$

$$= e^{j\omega_0 n} e^{jm2\pi} \Rightarrow \omega_0 N = m 2\pi$$

$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{m}{N} \right\}$ must be rational for DT sinewave to be periodic

- IF this condition holds:

$$e^{j\omega_0 n} = e^{j 2\pi \frac{m}{N} (n+N)} = e^{j 2\pi \frac{m}{N} n}$$

- divide out ~~any~~ ^{greatest} common divisor between m and $N \Rightarrow$ resulting period is called

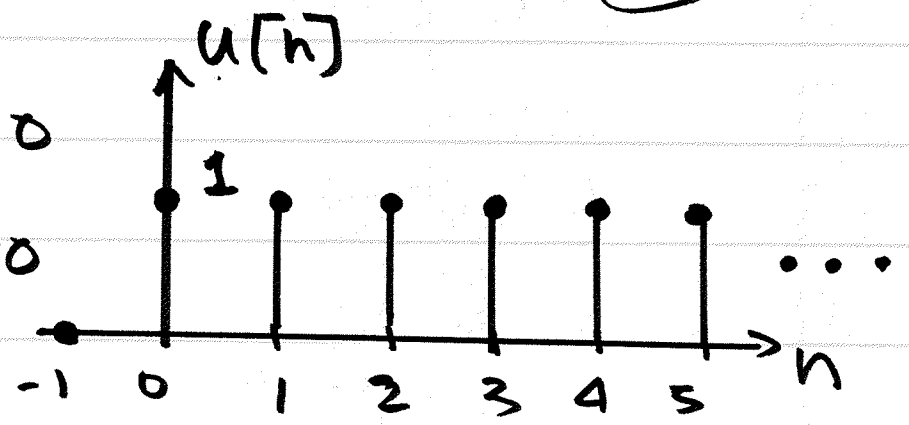
the fundamental period $N_0 = \frac{N}{\gcd(m, N)}$

- Table 1.1 in text summarizes differences between $e^{j\omega_0 n}$ and $e^{j\omega_0 m}$
- See also Hmwk. Prob. 1.36
- See Fig. 1.27 on pg. 27

• Basic DT signals

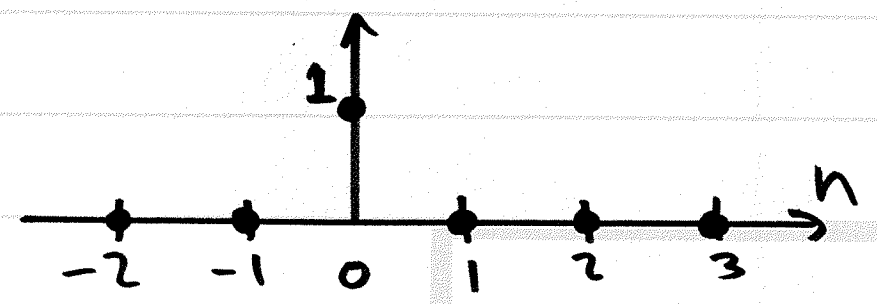
• unit step

• $x[n] = u[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$



• Kronecker Delta Function (DT impulse)

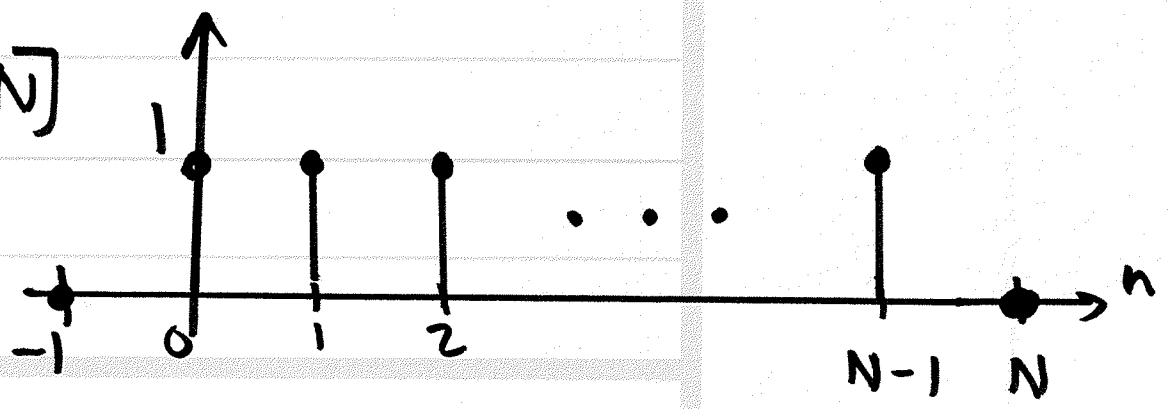
• $x[n] = \delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ 0, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$



• DT rectangle

$x[n] = u[n] - u[n-N]$

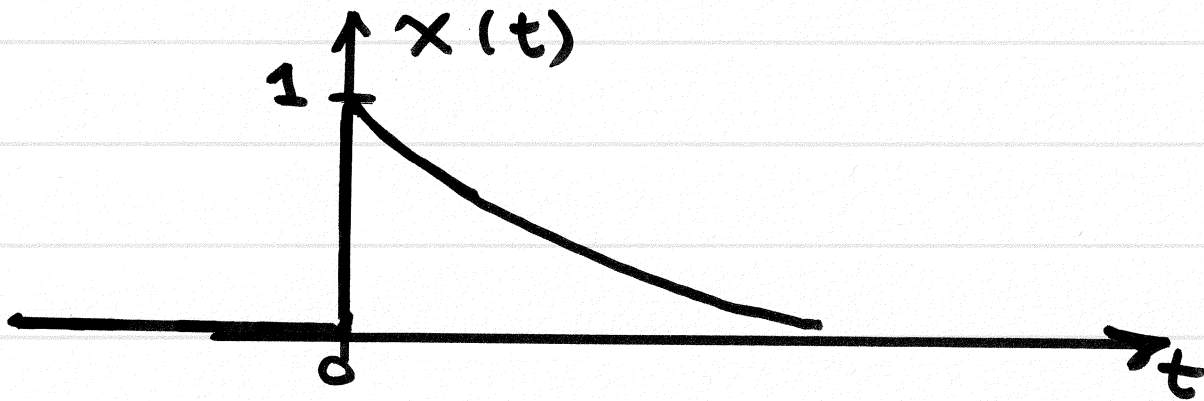
"turned on" for N units of DT from $n=0$ to $n=N-1$



CT Exponential Signals and DT Geometric Signals/Sequences

- CT: $x(t) = e^{-at} u(t)$
where a can be complex-valued, in general

- If a is real-valued and $a > 0$



- Consider sampling $x(t)$ at equi-spaced instants in time \Rightarrow every T_s seconds
 \Rightarrow replace t by nT_s , where $n = \text{integer}$

$$x[n] = x(t) \Big|_{t=nT_s} = x(nT_s) =$$

$$= e^{-anT_s} u(nT_s) = (e^{-aT_s})^n u[n]$$

$$\Rightarrow x[n] = \alpha^n u[n]$$

where: $\alpha = e^{-aT_s}$

- Sampling a CT exponential signal yields a DT geometric signal / sequence

