

Classification of Signals



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- Continuous-time and discrete-time signals
- **Even and Odd Signals**
- Periodic and aperiodic signals
- Power and energy signals
- Deterministic and random signals
- Causal and non-causal.

Continuous Time Signal

Signal that has a value for all points in time

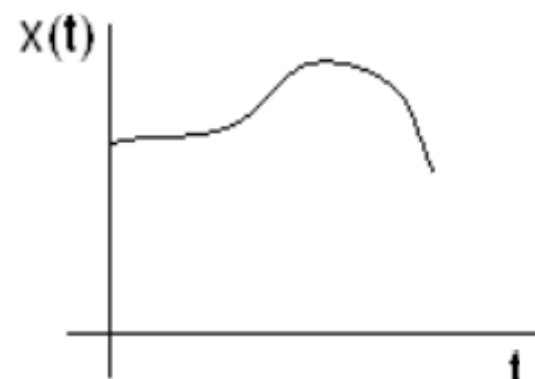
Function of time

Written as $x(t)$ because the signal x is a function of time

Commonly found in the physical world

ex. speech signal

Displayed graphically as a line



Discrete Time Signals

Signal that has a value for only specific points in time

Typically formed by “sampling” a continuous-time signal

Taking the value of the original waveform at specific intervals in time

Function of the sample value, n

Write as $x[n]$

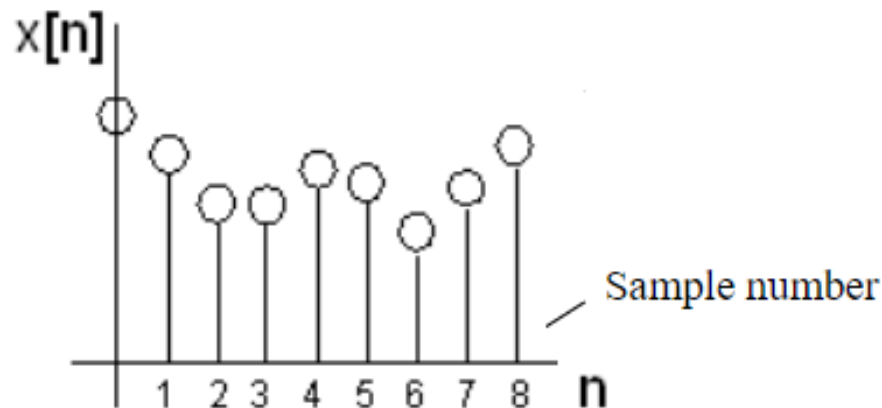
Often called a sequence

Commonly found in the digital world

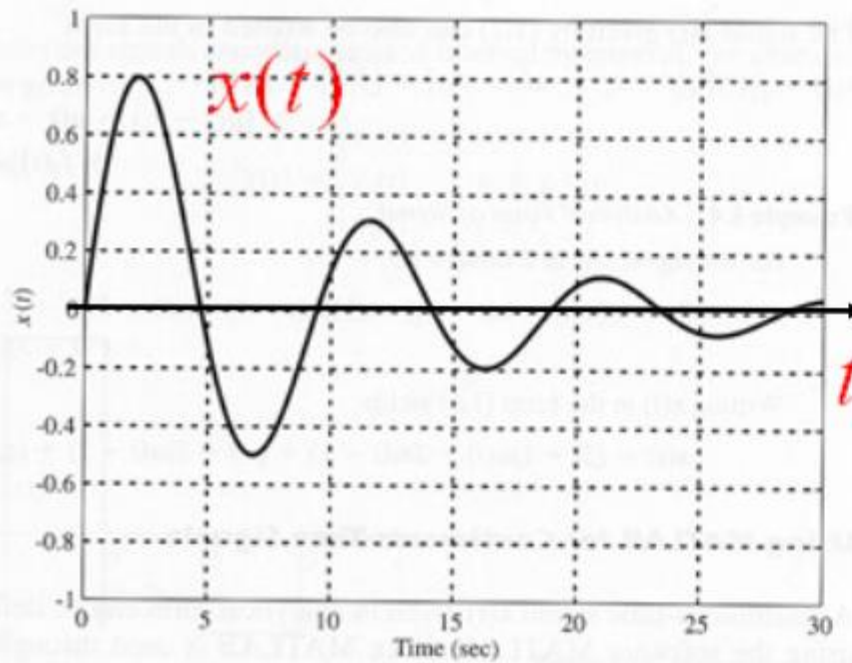
ex. mp3

Displayed graphically as individual values

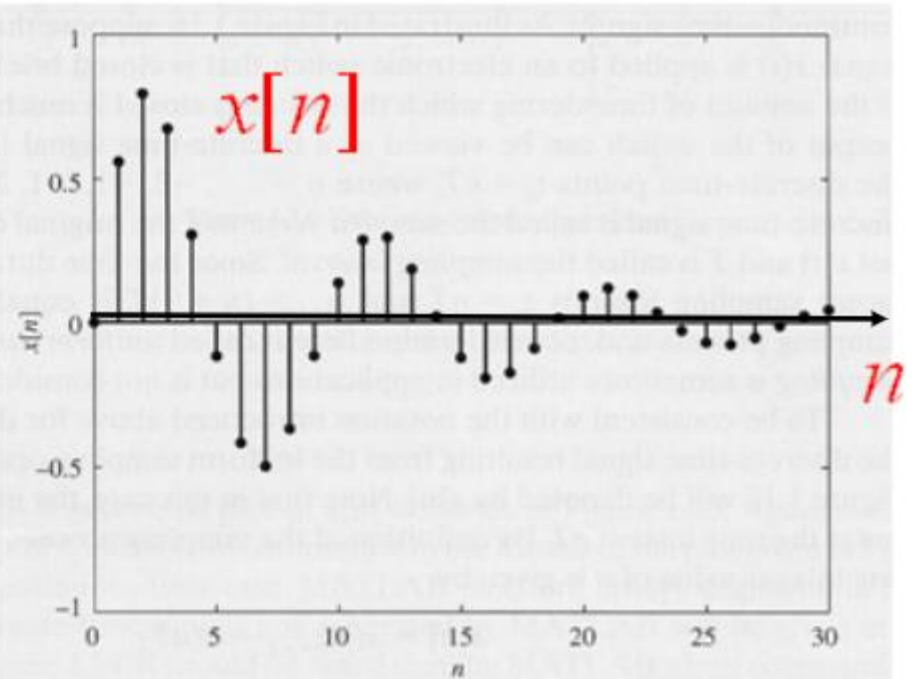
Called a “stem” plot



Example of CT & DT Signal



MATLAB plot of the signal $x(t) = e^{-0.1t} \sin \frac{1}{3} t$.

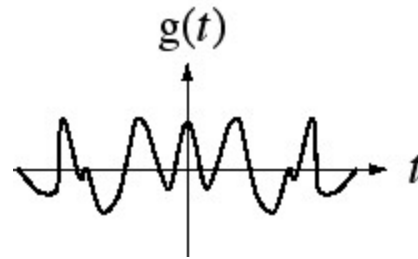


Sampled continuous-time signal.

Even And Odd Signals

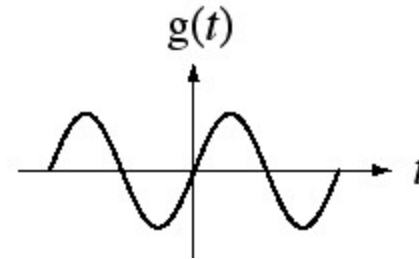
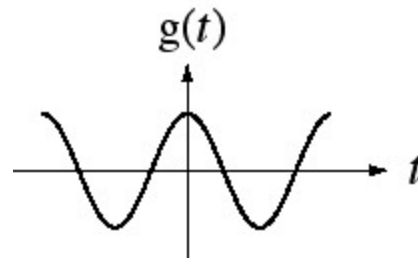
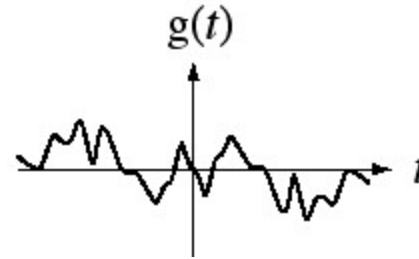
Even function

$$g(t) = g(-t)$$



Odd function

$$g(t) = -g(-t)$$



Even & Odd parts are Calculated as

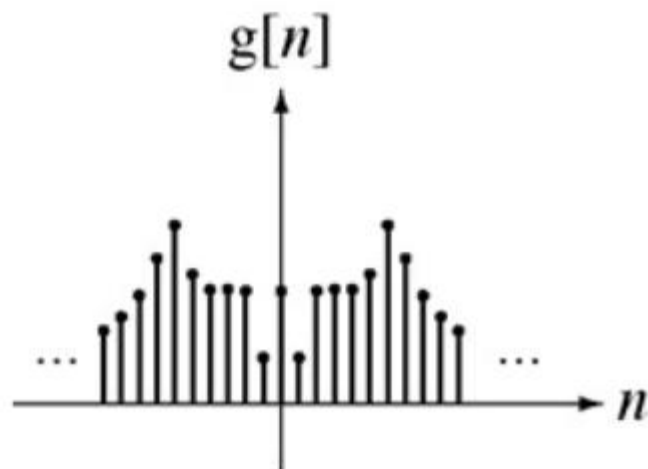
The **even part** of a function is $g_e(t) = \frac{g(t) + g(-t)}{2}$

The **odd part** of a function is $g_o(t) = \frac{g(t) - g(-t)}{2}$

Discrete Time Even and Odd Signals

$$g[n] = g[-n]$$

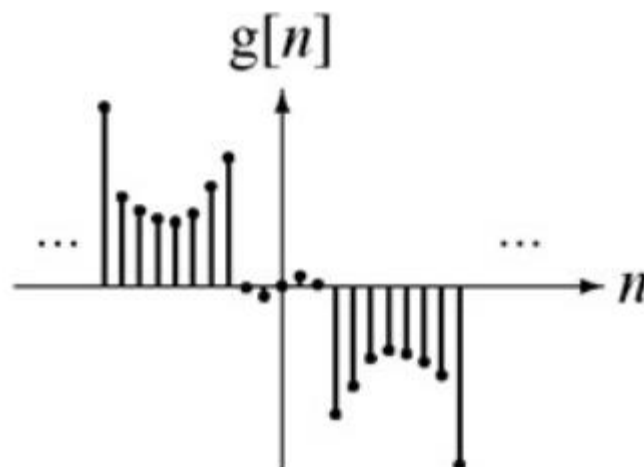
Even Function



$$g_e[n] = \frac{g[n] + g[-n]}{2}$$

$$g[n] = -g[-n]$$

Odd Function



$$g_o[n] = \frac{g[n] - g[-n]}{2}$$

Derivatives and Integrals of Functions

Function type	Derivative	Integral
Even	Odd	Odd + constant
Odd	Even	Even

Periodic Non-Periodic Signal

Given $x(t)$ is a continuous time signal

$x(t)$ is periodic if $x(t) = x(t+T_0)$ for any T and any integer n

Example

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t+T_0) &= A \cos[\omega(t+T_0)] = A \cos(\omega t + \omega T_0) = A \cos(\omega t + 2\pi) \\ &= A \cos(\omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Note: } T_0 = 1/f_0 ; \omega = 2\pi f_0$$

Non-Periodic Signal

For non-periodic signals

$$x(t) \neq x(t+T_0)$$

A non-periodic signal is assumed to have a period $T = \text{infinite}$

Example of non periodic signal is an exponential signal

Condition of periodicity for Discrete Time Signal

A discrete time signal is periodic if

$$x(n) = x(n+N)$$

For satisfying the above condition the frequency of the discrete time signal should be ratio of two integers

$$f_0 = k/N$$

Sum of Two periodic Signals

$$X(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$$

$$X(t+T) = x_1(t+m_1T_1) + x_2(t+m_2T_2)$$

$$m_1T_1 = m_2T_2 = T_o = \text{Fundamental period}$$

Example: $\cos(t\pi/3) + \sin(t\pi/4)$

$$- T_1 = (2\pi)/(\pi/3) = 6; T_2 = (2\pi)/(\pi/4) = 8$$

$$- T_1/T_2 = 6/8 = 3/4 = (\text{rational number}) = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$$

$$- m_1T_1 = m_2T_2 \rightarrow \text{Find } m_1 \text{ and } m_2 \rightarrow$$

$$- 6 \cdot 4 = 3 \cdot 8 = 24 = T_o$$

Energy and Power Signals

Energy Signal

- A signal with finite energy and zero power is called Energy Signal i.e. for energy signal

$$0 < E < \infty \text{ and } P = 0$$

- Signal energy of a signal is defined as the *area under the square of the magnitude of the signal*.

$$E_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

- The units of signal energy depends on the unit of the signal.

Energy and Power Signals

- A signal is referred to as an energy signal, if and only if the total energy of the signal satisfies the condition

$$0 < E < \infty$$

- On the other hand, it is referred to as a power signal, if and only if the average power of the signal satisfies the condition

$$0 < P < \infty$$

- An energy signal has zero average power, whereas a power signal has infinite energy.

- Periodic signals and random signals are usually viewed as power signals, whereas signals that are both deterministic and non-periodic are energy signals.

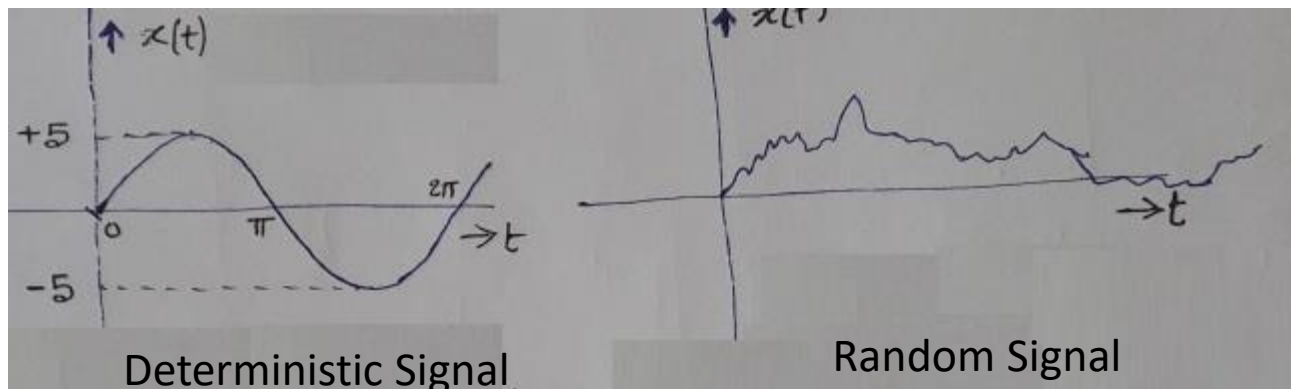
Power Signal	Energy Signal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="324 368 707 408">• Infinite Duration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="967 368 1321 408">• Finite Duration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="324 449 900 546">• Normalized Power is finite and non-zero. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="967 449 1557 546">• Normalized energy is finite and non-zero.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="324 606 915 761">• Normalized energy averaged over infinite time is infinite. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="967 606 1557 761">• Normalized Power averaged over infinite time is zero.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="967 852 1418 892">• Physically realizable

Deterministic Signal

- Any signal can be predictable or described in advance or by mathematical expression
- e.g. Sinusoidal signal

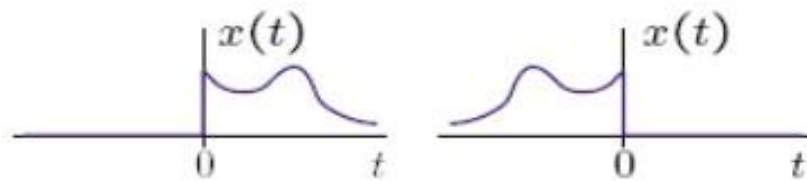
Random Signal

- Signals that cannot be described by is known as Random signal
- e.g- seismic signal , speech signal



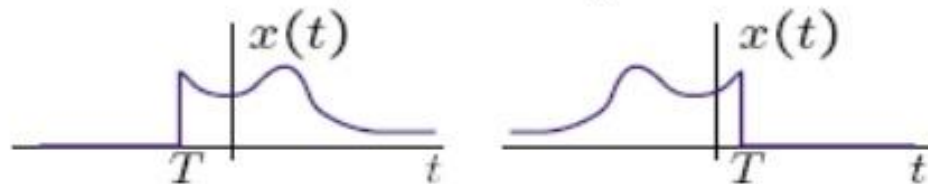
Causal vs. Non-causal

- A **causal** signal is zero for $t < 0$ and a **non-causal** signal is zero for $t > 0$

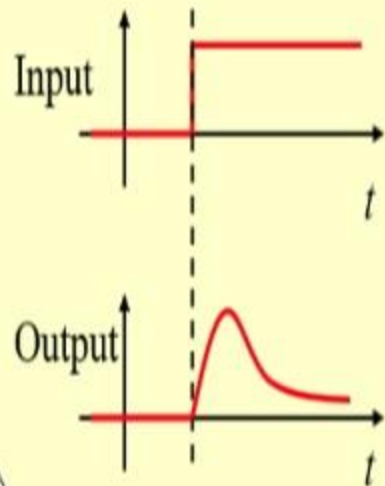


- **Right- and left-sided signals**

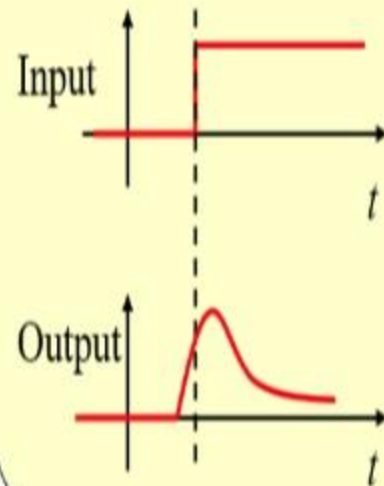
A right-sided signal is zero for $t < T$ and a left-sided signal is zero for $t > T$ where T can be positive or negative.



Causal System



Non-Causal System



Most systems in nature are causal

Thank You!

