
ELEN E4810: Digital Signal Processing

Topic 5:

Transform-Domain Systems

1. Frequency Response (FR)
2. Transfer Function (TF)
3. Phase Delay and Group Delay



1. Frequency Response (FR)

- Fourier analysis expresses any signal as the sum of **sinusoids**
e.g. IDTFT: $x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$
- Sinusoids are the **eigenfunctions** of LSI systems (only **scaled**, not 'changed')
- Knowing the **scaling** for every sinusoid fully describes system behavior

→ **frequency response** *describes how a system affects each pure frequency*



Sinusoids as Eigenfunctions

- IR $h[n]$ completely describes LSI system:

$$x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{h[n]} \rightarrow y[n] = x[n] \otimes h[n] = \sum_{\forall m} h[m]x[n-m]$$

- Complex sinusoid input i.e. $x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n}$

$$\Rightarrow y[n] = \sum_m h[m]e^{j\omega_0(n-m)}$$

$$= \sum_m h[m]e^{-j\omega_0 m} \cdot e^{j\omega_0 n} \quad \begin{matrix} H(e^{j\omega}) \\ = |H(e^{j\omega})|e^{j\theta(\omega)} \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow y[n] = H(e^{j\omega_0}) \cdot x[n] = |H(e^{j\omega_0})| \cdot e^{j(\omega_0 n + \theta(\omega_0))}$$

- Output is sinusoid **scaled by FT at ω_0**



System Response from $H(e^{j\omega})$

- If $x[n]$ is a **complex sinusoid** at ω_0
then the output of a system with IR $h[n]$
is the **same sinusoid** scaled by $|H(e^{j\omega_0})|$
and phase-shifted by $\arg\{H(e^{j\omega_0})\} = \theta(\omega_0)$
where $H(e^{j\omega}) = \text{DTFT}\{h[n]\}$

(Any signal can be expressed as sines...)

- $|H(e^{j\omega})|$ “**magnitude response**” \rightarrow gain
- $\arg\{H(e^{j\omega})\}$ “**phase resp.**” \rightarrow phase shift



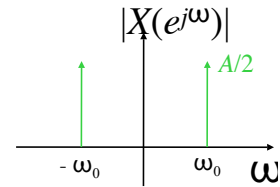
Real Sinusoids

- In practice signals are **real** e.g.

$$x[n] = A \cos(\omega_0 n + \phi)$$

$$= \frac{A}{2} \left(e^{j(\omega_0 n + \phi)} + e^{-j(\omega_0 n + \phi)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{A}{2} e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega_0 n} + \frac{A}{2} e^{-j\phi} e^{-j\omega_0 n}$$



$$\Rightarrow y[n] = \frac{A}{2} e^{j\phi} H(e^{j\omega_0}) e^{j\omega_0 n} + \frac{A}{2} e^{-j\phi} H(e^{-j\omega_0}) e^{-j\omega_0 n}$$

- Real $h[n] \rightarrow H(e^{-j\omega}) = H^*(e^{j\omega}) = |H(e^{j\omega})| e^{-j\theta(\omega)}$

$$\Rightarrow y[n] = A |H(e^{j\omega_0})| \cos(\omega_0 n + \phi + \theta(\omega_0))$$



Real Sinusoids

$$A \cos(\omega_0 n + \phi) \rightarrow \boxed{h[n]} \rightarrow |H(e^{j\omega_0})| A \cos(\omega_0 n + \phi + \theta(\omega_0))$$

- A **real** sinusoid of frequency ω_0 passed through an **LSI** system with a **real** impulse response $h[n]$ has its gain modified by $|H(e^{j\omega_0})|$ and its phase shifted by $\theta(\omega_0)$.



Transient / Steady State

- Most signals start at a finite time e.g.

$$x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} \mu[n] \quad \text{What is the effect?}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y[n] &= h[n] \otimes x[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^n h[m] e^{j\omega_0(n-m)} \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[m] e^{j\omega_0(n-m)} - \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} h[m] e^{j\omega_0(n-m)} \\ &= \underbrace{H(e^{j\omega_0}) e^{j\omega_0 n}}_{\text{Steady state}} - \underbrace{\left(\sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} h[m] e^{-j\omega_0 m} \right) e^{j\omega_0 n}}_{\text{Transient response}} \end{aligned}$$

Steady state
- same as with pure sine input

Transient response
- consequence of gating

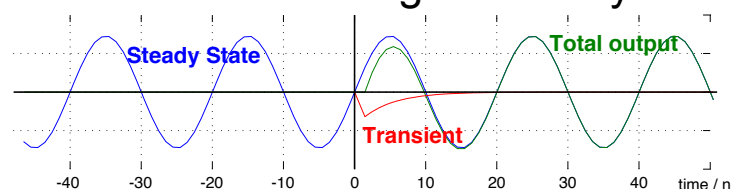


Transient / Steady State

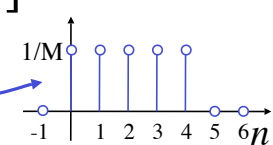
- $x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} \mu[n]$

$$\Rightarrow y[n] = H(e^{j\omega_0}) e^{j\omega_0 n} - \underbrace{\left(\sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} h[m] e^{-j\omega_0 m} \right) e^{j\omega_0 n}}_{\text{transient}}$$

- FT of IR $h[n]$'s *tail* from time n onwards
- zero for FIR $h[n]$ for $n \geq N$
- tends to zero with large n for any 'stable' IR



FR example

- MA filter $y[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\ell=0}^{M-1} x[n-\ell]$
 $= x[n] \circledast h[n]$


$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow H(e^{j\omega}) &= DTFT\{h(n)\} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n]e^{-j\omega n} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} e^{-j\omega n} \\ &= \frac{1}{M} \frac{1 - e^{-j\omega M}}{1 - e^{-j\omega}} = \frac{1}{M} e^{-j\omega(M-1)/2} \frac{\sin(M\omega/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} \end{aligned}$$



FR example

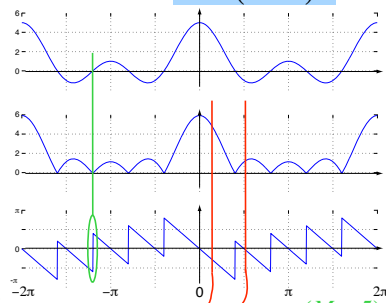
- MA filter: $H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{M} e^{-j\omega(M-1)/2} \frac{\sin(M\omega/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)}$

$$\Rightarrow |H(e^{j\omega})| = \left| \frac{1}{M} \frac{\sin(M\omega/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} \right|$$

$$\theta(\omega) = \frac{-(M-1)\omega}{2} + \pi \cdot r$$

(jumps at sign changes:

$r = \lfloor M\omega/2\pi \rfloor$)

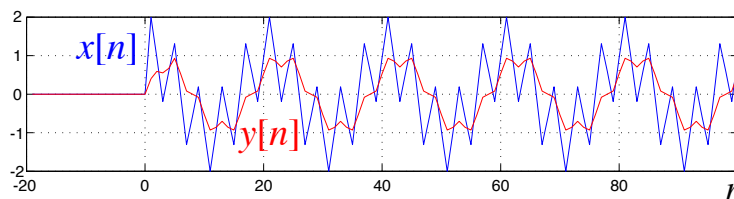


- Response to $x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} + e^{j\omega_1 n} \dots$



FR example

- MA filter
- input $x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} + e^{j\omega_1 n}$
 $\omega_0 = 0.1\pi \rightarrow H(e^{j\omega_0}) \sim 4/5 e^{j\phi_0}$
 $\omega_1 = 0.5\pi \rightarrow H(e^{j\omega_1}) \sim -1/5 e^{j\phi_1}$
- output $y[n] = H(e^{j\omega_0})e^{j\omega_0 n} + H(e^{j\omega_1})e^{j\omega_1 n}$



2. Transfer Function (TF)

Linking LCCDE, ZT & Freq. Resp...

- LCCDE:
$$\sum_{k=0}^N d_k y[n-k] = \sum_{k=0}^M p_k x[n-k]$$

- Take ZT:
$$\sum_k d_k z^{-k} Y(z) = \sum_k p_k z^{-k} X(z)$$

- Hence:
$$Y(z) = \frac{\sum_k p_k z^{-k}}{\sum_k d_k z^{-k}} X(z)$$

- or:
$$Y(z) = H(z) X(z)$$

Transfer function
 $H(z)$



Transfer Function (TF)

- Alternatively, $y[n] = h[n] \otimes x[n]$

$$\text{ZT} \rightarrow Y(z) = H(z)X(z)$$

- Note: same $H(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sum p_k z^{-k}}{\sum d_h z^{-k}} & \dots \text{ if system has DE form} \\ \sum_n h[n] z^{-n} & \dots \text{ from IR} \end{cases}$

- e.g. FIR filter, $h[n] = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_{M-1}\}$

$$\Rightarrow p_k = h_k, d_0 = 1, \text{ DE is } 1 \cdot y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} h_k x[n-k]$$



Transfer Function (TF)

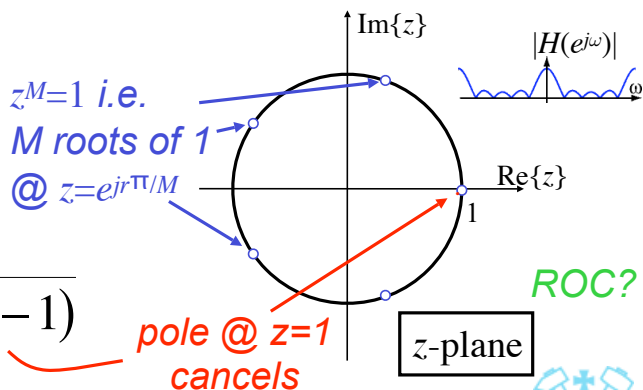
- Hence, MA filter:

$$y[n] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\ell=0}^{M-1} x[n-\ell] \Rightarrow h[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{M} & 0 \leq n \leq M \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$H(z) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} z^{-n}$$

$$= \frac{1 - z^{-M}}{M(1 - z^{-1})}$$

$$= \frac{z^M - 1}{M \cdot z^{M-1}(z - 1)}$$



TF example

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare y[n] = & x[n-1] - 1.2 x[n-2] + x[n-3] \\ & + 1.3 y[n-1] - 1.04 y[n-2] + 0.222 y[n-3] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow H(z) = \frac{Y(z)}{X(z)} = \frac{z^{-1} - 1.2z^{-2} + z^{-3}}{1 - 1.3z^{-1} + 1.04z^{-2} - 0.222z^{-3}}$$

■ factorize:

$$H(z) = \frac{z^{-1}(1 - \zeta_0 z^{-1})(1 - \zeta_0^* z^{-1})}{(1 - \lambda_0 z^{-1})(1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1})(1 - \lambda_1^* z^{-1})}$$

$$\zeta_0 = 0.6 + j0.8$$

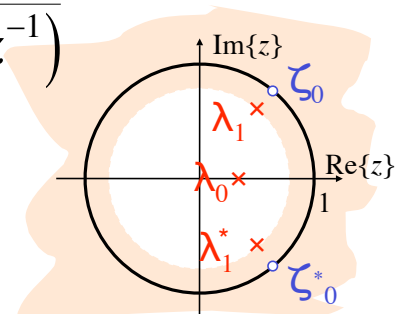
$$\lambda_0 = 0.3$$

$$\lambda_1 = 0.5 + j0.7$$



TF example

$$H(z) = \frac{z^{-1}(1 - \zeta_0 z^{-1})(1 - \zeta_0^* z^{-1})}{(1 - \lambda_0 z^{-1})(1 - \lambda_1 z^{-1})(1 - \lambda_1^* z^{-1})}$$



■ Poles $\lambda_i \rightarrow$ ROC

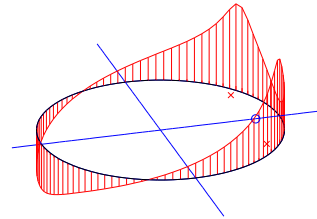
■ *causal* \rightarrow ROC is $|z| > \max|\lambda_i|$

■ includes u.circle \rightarrow *stable*



TF → FR

- DTFT $H(e^{j\omega}) = \text{ZT } H(z)|_{z=e^{j\omega}}$



i.e. **Frequency Response** is

Transfer Function eval'd on **Unit Circle**

factor:

$$H(z) = \frac{p_0 \prod_{k=1}^M (1 - \zeta_k z^{-1})}{d_0 \prod_{k=1}^N (1 - \lambda_k z^{-1})} = \frac{p_0 z^{-M} \prod_{k=1}^M (z - \zeta_k)}{d_0 z^{-N} \prod_{k=1}^N (z - \lambda_k)}$$

$$\Rightarrow H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{p_0}{d_0} e^{j\omega(N-M)} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (e^{j\omega} - \zeta_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (e^{j\omega} - \lambda_k)}$$



TF → FR

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{p_0}{d_0} e^{j\omega(N-M)} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (e^{j\omega} - \zeta_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (e^{j\omega} - \lambda_k)}$$

ζ_i, λ_i are TF roots on z-plane

$$\Rightarrow |H(e^{j\omega})| = \left| \frac{p_0}{d_0} \right| \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M |e^{j\omega} - \zeta_k|}{\prod_{k=1}^N |e^{j\omega} - \lambda_k|}$$

Magnitude response

$$\theta(\omega) = \arg \left\{ \frac{p_0}{d_0} \right\} + \omega \cdot (N - M)$$

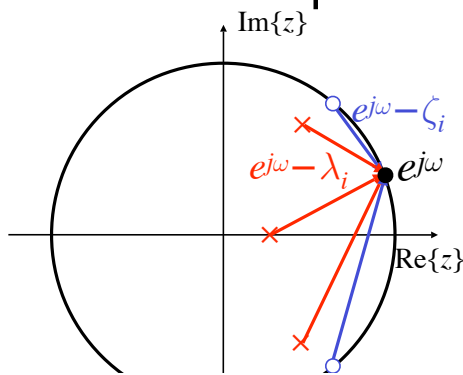
Phase response

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^M \arg \{ e^{j\omega} - \zeta_k \} - \sum_{k=1}^N \arg \{ e^{j\omega} - \lambda_k \}$$



FR: Geometric Interpretation

- Have $H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{p_0}{d_0} e^{j\omega(N-M)} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (e^{j\omega} - \zeta_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (e^{j\omega} - \lambda_k)}$
 - $\frac{p_0}{d_0}$ Constant/linear part
 - $\frac{\prod_{k=1}^M (e^{j\omega} - \zeta_k)}{\prod_{k=1}^N (e^{j\omega} - \lambda_k)}$ Product/ratio of terms related to poles/zeros
- On z-plane:



Each $(e^{j\omega} - \nu)$ term corresponds to a **vector** from pole/zero ν to point $e^{j\omega}$ on the unit circle

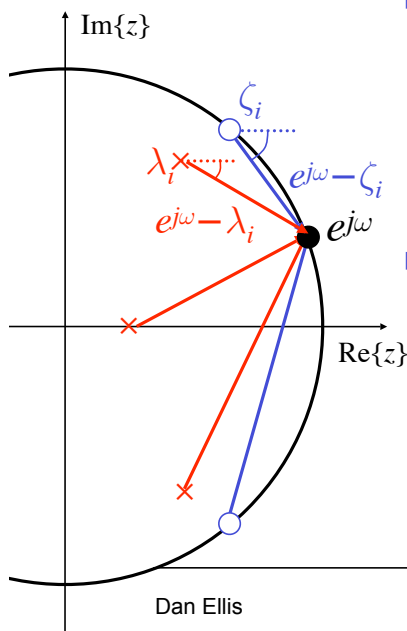
Overall FR is *product/ratio* of all these vectors

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FR: Geometric Interpretation



- Magnitude** $|H(e^{j\omega})|$ is **product** of **lengths** of vectors from **zeros** divided by product of lengths of vectors from **poles**
- Phase** $\theta(\omega)$ is **sum** of **angles** of vectors from **zeros** minus sum of angles of vectors from **poles**

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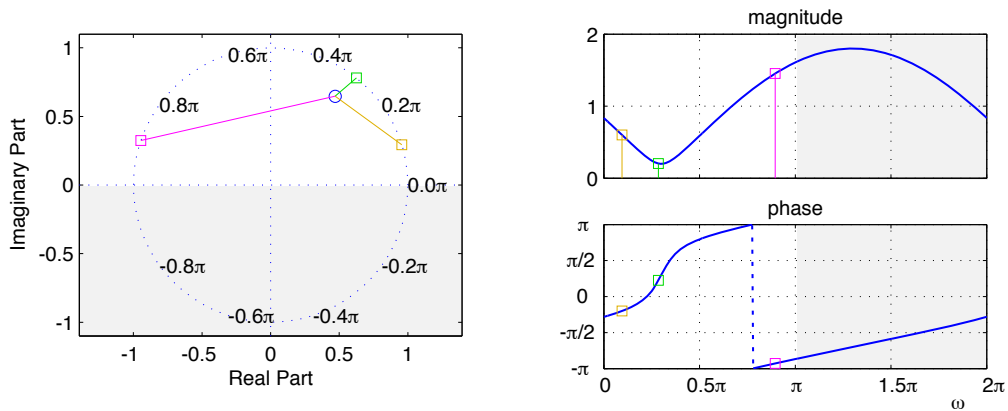
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FR: Geometric Interpretation

- Magnitude and phase of a single zero:

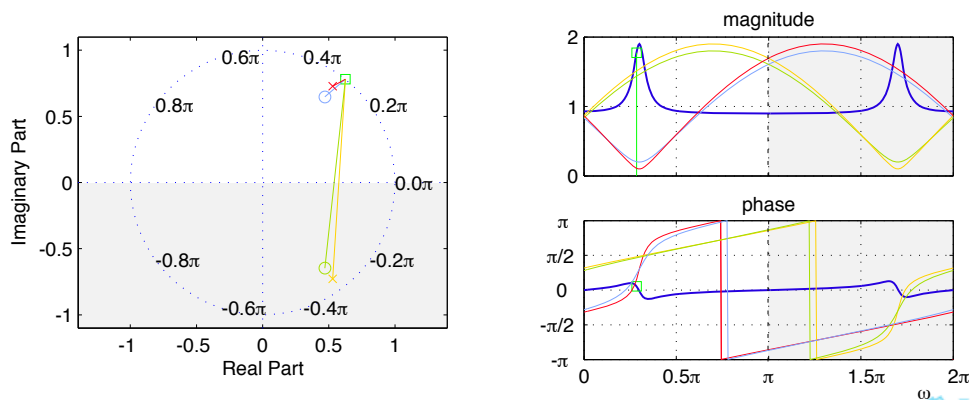


- Pole is reciprocal mag. & negated phase



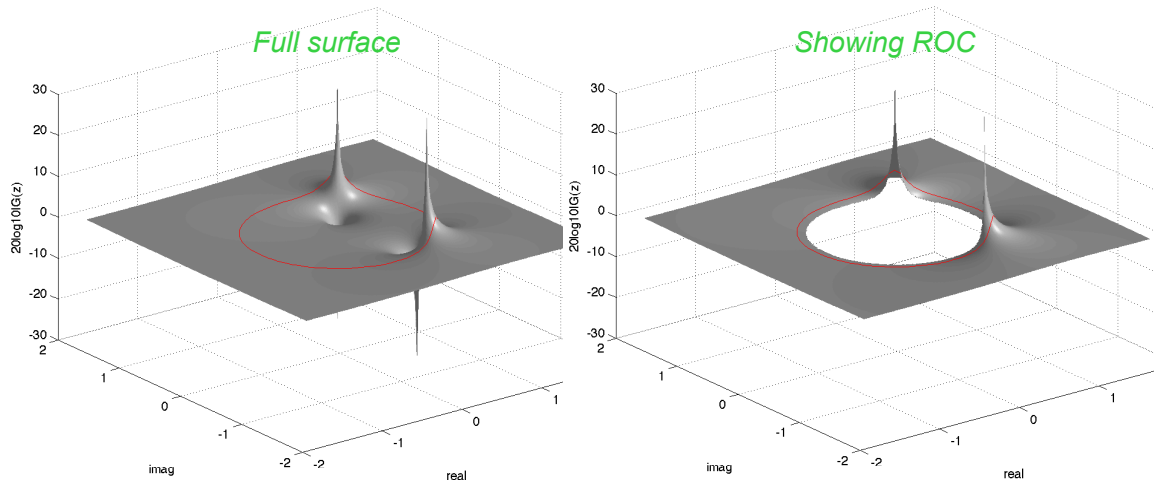
FR: Geometric Interpretation

- Multiple poles, zeros:
$$H(z) = \frac{(z - 0.8e^{j0.3\pi})(z - 0.8e^{-j0.3\pi})}{(z - 0.9e^{j0.3\pi})(z - 0.9e^{-j0.3\pi})}$$



Geom. Interp. vs. 3D surface

- 3D magnitude surface for same system



Geom. Interp: Observations

- Roots **near unit circle**
 - **rapid changes** in magnitude & phase
 - **zeros** cause mag. **minima** ($= 0 \rightarrow$ on u.c.)
 - **poles** cause mag. **peaks** ($\rightarrow 1 \div 0 = \infty$ at u.c.)
 - rapid change in relative angle \rightarrow phase
- Pole and zero 'near' each other **cancel out** when seen from 'afar'; affect behavior when $z = e^{j\omega}$ gets 'close'



Filtering

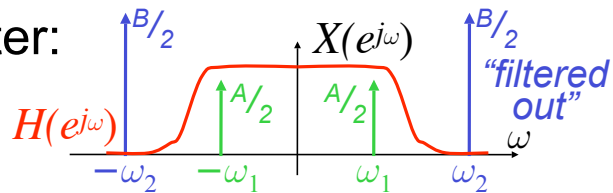
- Idea: Separate information in frequency with **constructed** $H(e^{j\omega})$

- e.g. $x[n] = \underbrace{A \cos(\omega_1 n)}_{\text{interested in this part}} + \underbrace{B \cos(\omega_2 n)}_{\text{don't care about this part}}$

- Construct a filter:

$$|H(e^{j\omega_1})| \sim 1$$

$$|H(e^{j\omega_2})| \sim 0$$

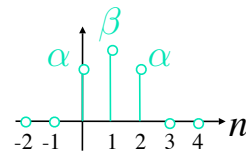
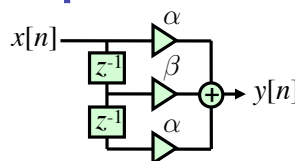


- Then $y[n] = h[n] \otimes x[n] \approx A \cos(\omega_1 n + \theta(\omega_1))$



Filtering example

- Consider filter 'family':
3 pt FIR filters
with $h[n] = \{\alpha \beta \alpha\}$



- Frequency Response:

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{\forall n} h[n] e^{-j\omega n} = \alpha + \beta e^{-j\omega} + \alpha e^{-2j\omega}$$

$$= e^{-j\omega} (\beta + \alpha(e^{j\omega} + e^{-j\omega})) = e^{-j\omega} (\beta + 2\alpha \cos \omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow |H(e^{j\omega})| = |\beta + 2\alpha \cos \omega|$$

can set α and β
to obtain desired
 $|H(e^{j\omega})| \dots$



Filtering example (cont'd)

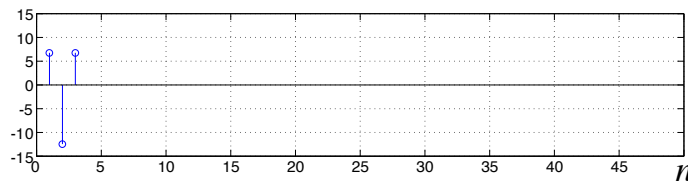
- $h[n] = \{\alpha \beta \alpha\} \Rightarrow |H(e^{j\omega})| = |\beta + 2\alpha \cos \omega|$
- Consider input as **mix of sinusoids**
at $\omega_1 = 0.1$ rad/samp
and $\omega_2 = 0.4$ rad/samp ← want to remove
i.e. make $H(e^{j\omega_2}) = 0$
- Solve $|H(e^{j\omega})| = |\beta + 2\alpha \cos \omega|$
$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \omega = \omega_1 = 0.1 \\ 0 & \omega = \omega_2 = 0.4 \end{cases}$$

 $\Rightarrow \beta = -12.46, \alpha = 6.76 \dots$

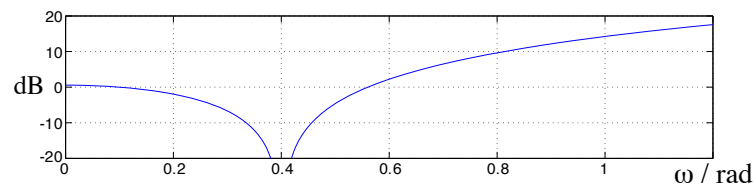


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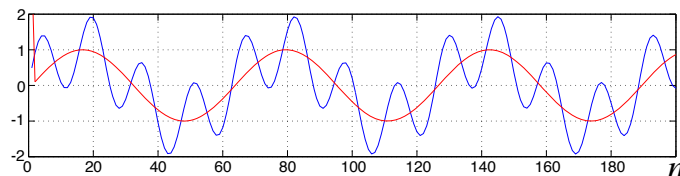
- Filter IR



- Freq. resp



- input/
output



3. Phase- and group-delay

- For sinusoidal input $x[n] = \cos\omega_0 n$,

we saw $y[n] = \underbrace{|H(e^{j\omega_0})|}_{\text{gain}} \cos(\omega_0 n + \underbrace{\theta(\omega_0)}_{\text{phase shift or time shift}})$

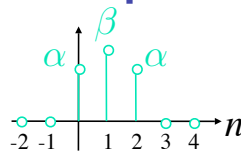
- i.e. $\cos\left(\omega_0 \left(n + \frac{\theta(\omega_0)}{\omega_0}\right)\right)$
 or $\cos\left(\omega_0 \left(n - \tau_p(\omega_0)\right)\right)$
- subtraction so positive τ_p means delay (causal)*

- where $\tau_p(\omega) = \frac{-\theta(\omega)}{\omega}$ is **phase delay**



Phase delay example

- For our 3pt filter:



$$H(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega} (\beta + 2\alpha \cos \omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(\omega) = -\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_p(\omega) = -\left(\frac{-\omega}{\omega}\right) = +1$$

- i.e. **1 sample delay** (at all frequencies)
(as observed)

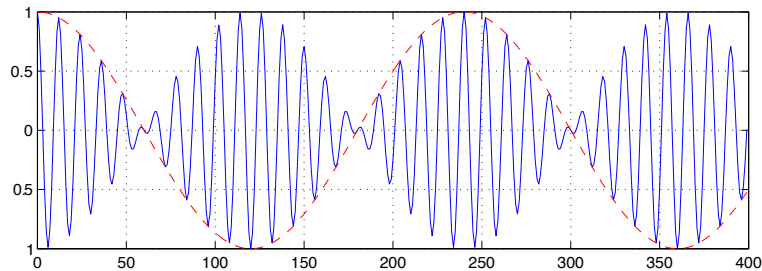


Group Delay

- Consider a **modulated carrier**

e.g. $x[n] = A[n] \cdot \cos(\omega_c n)$

with $A[n] = A \cos(\omega_m n)$ and $\omega_m \ll \omega_c$



Group Delay

- So: $x[n] = A \cos(\omega_m n) \cdot \cos(\omega_c n)$

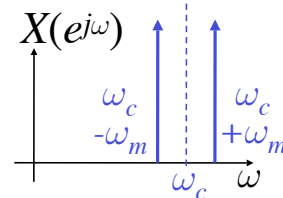
$$= \frac{A}{2} [\cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)n + \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)n]$$

- Now: $y[n] = h[n] \otimes x[n]$

$$= \frac{A}{2} \left(\begin{array}{l} H(e^{j(\omega_c - \omega_m)}) \cos(\omega_c - \omega_m)n \\ + H(e^{j(\omega_c + \omega_m)}) \cos(\omega_c + \omega_m)n \end{array} \right)$$

- Assume $|H(e^{j\omega})| \sim 1$ around $\omega_c \pm \omega_m$

but $\theta(\omega_c - \omega_m) = \theta_l$; $\theta(\omega_c + \omega_m) = \theta_u$...



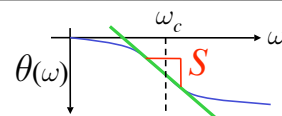
Group Delay

$$\begin{aligned}
 y[n] &= \frac{A}{2} \left(\cos[(\omega_c - \omega_m)n + \theta_l] + \cos[(\omega_c + \omega_m)n + \theta_u] \right) \\
 &= A \cos\left(\omega_c n + \frac{\theta_u + \theta_l}{2}\right) \cdot \cos\left(\omega_m n + \frac{\theta_u - \theta_l}{2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

phase shift of carrier
phase shift of envelope



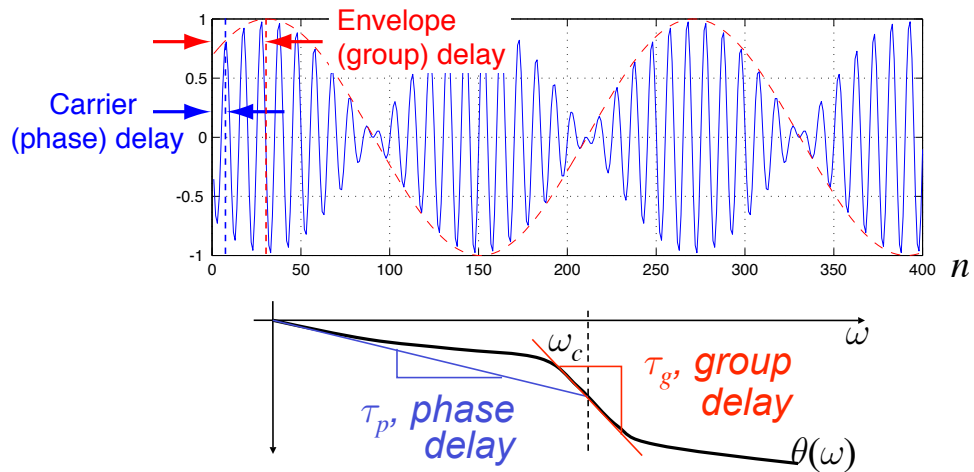
Group Delay



- If $\theta(\omega_c)$ is locally linear i.e.
 $\theta(\omega_c + \Delta\omega) = \theta(\omega_c) + S\Delta\omega$, $S = \left. \frac{d\theta(\omega)}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega=\omega_c}$
- Then **carrier phase shift** $\frac{\theta_l + \theta_u}{2} = \theta(\omega_c)$
 so **carrier delay** $-\frac{\theta(\omega_c)}{\omega_c} = \tau_p$, **phase delay**
- **Envelope phase shift** $\frac{\theta_u - \theta_l}{2} = \omega_m \cdot S$
 \rightarrow **delay** $\tau_g(\omega_c) = -\left. \frac{d\theta(\omega)}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega=\omega_c}$ **group delay**



Group Delay



- If $\theta(\omega)$ is **not** linear around ω_c , $A[n]$ suffers “phase distortion” → correction...

