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ELEN E4810: Digital Signal Processing  
Topic 5:  
Transform-Domain Systems

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



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# 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:

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y[n] &= \sum_m h[m] e^{j\omega_0(n-m)} \\ &= \sum_m \underbrace{h[m] e^{-j\omega_0 m}}_{H(e^{j\omega_0})} \cdot \underbrace{e^{j\omega_0 n}}_{e^{j(\omega_0 n + \theta(\omega_0))}} \end{aligned}$$

$H(e^{j\omega}) = |H(e^{j\omega})| e^{j\theta(\omega)}$

- Output is sinusoid **scaled by FT at  $\omega_0$**



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

- If  $x[n]$  is a **complex sinusoid** at  $\omega_0$   
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...)

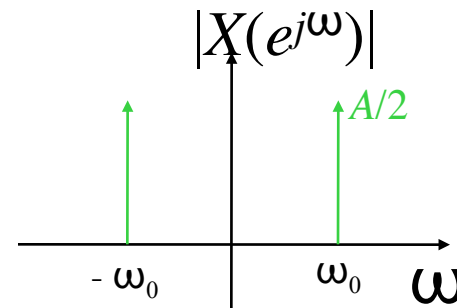
- $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  “**magnitude response**”  $\rightarrow$  gain
- $\arg\{H(e^{j\omega})\}$  “**phase resp.**”  $\rightarrow$  phase shift



# Real Sinusoids

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

$$\begin{aligned}x[n] &= A \cos(\omega_0 n + \phi) \\ &= \frac{A}{2} \left( e^{j(\omega_0 n + \phi)} + e^{-j(\omega_0 n + \phi)} \right) \\ &= \frac{A}{2} e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega_0 n} + \frac{A}{2} e^{-j\phi} e^{-j\omega_0 n}\end{aligned}$$



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

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

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



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# Real Sinusoids

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

- A **real** sinusoid of frequency  $\omega_0$  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  $\theta(\omega_0)$ .



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# Transient / Steady State

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

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

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

**Steady state**  
- same as with pure sine input

**Transient response**  
- consequence of gating



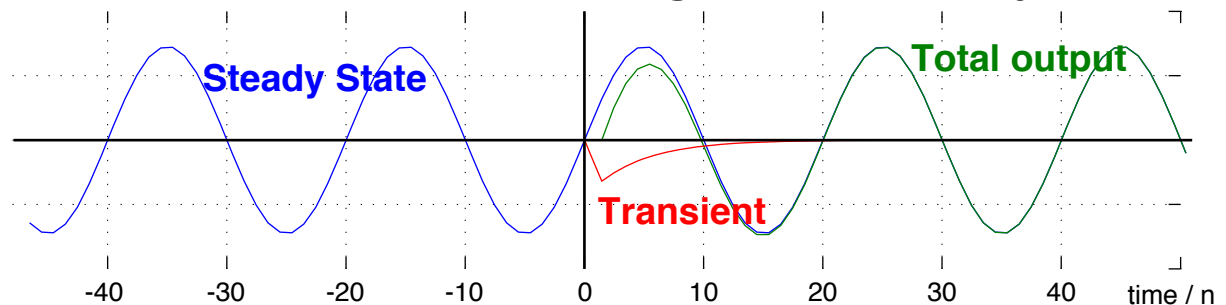
# Transient / Steady State

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

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

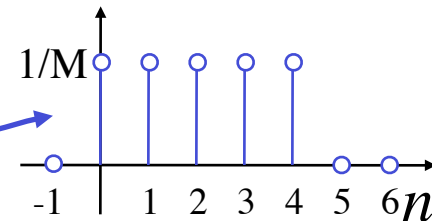
*transient*

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



$$\Rightarrow H(e^{j\omega}) = \text{DTFT}\{h[n]\}$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n] e^{-j\omega n} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} e^{-j\omega n}$$

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



# FR example

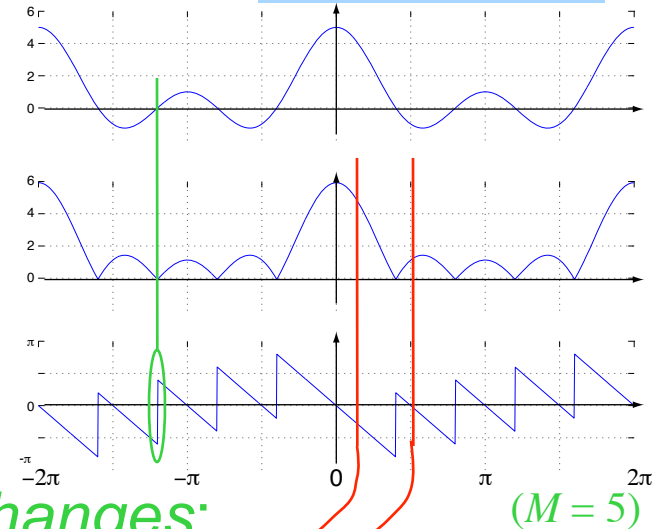
- MA filter:

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

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

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

(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

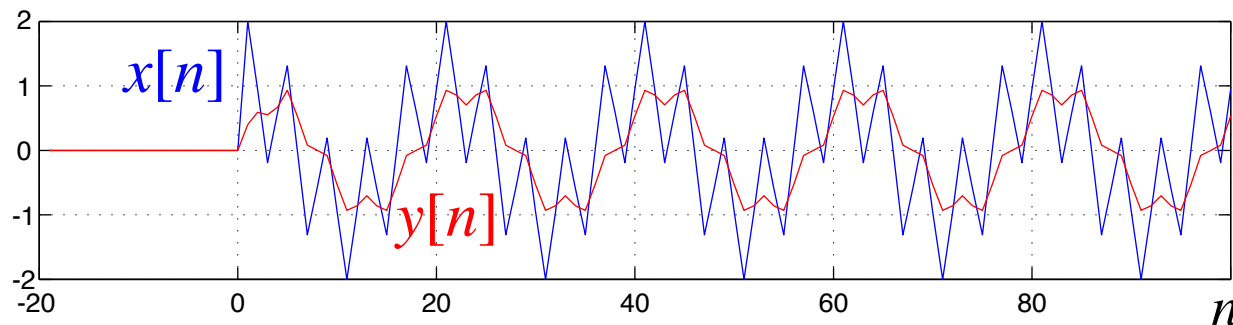
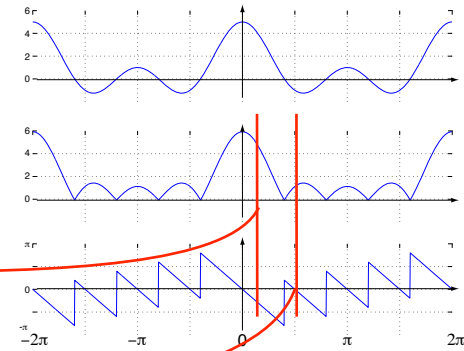
- MA filter

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

$$\omega_0 = 0.1\pi \rightarrow H(e^{j\omega_0}) \approx 0.8e^{j\phi_0}$$

$$\omega_1 = 0.5\pi \rightarrow H(e^{j\omega_1}) \approx (-)0.2e^{j\phi_1}$$

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

■ 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  
 $H(z)$**



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# Transfer Function (TF)

- Alternatively,  $y[n] = h[n] \circledast x[n]$   
ZT  $\rightarrow Y(z) = H(z)X(z)$

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

- 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:

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

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

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

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

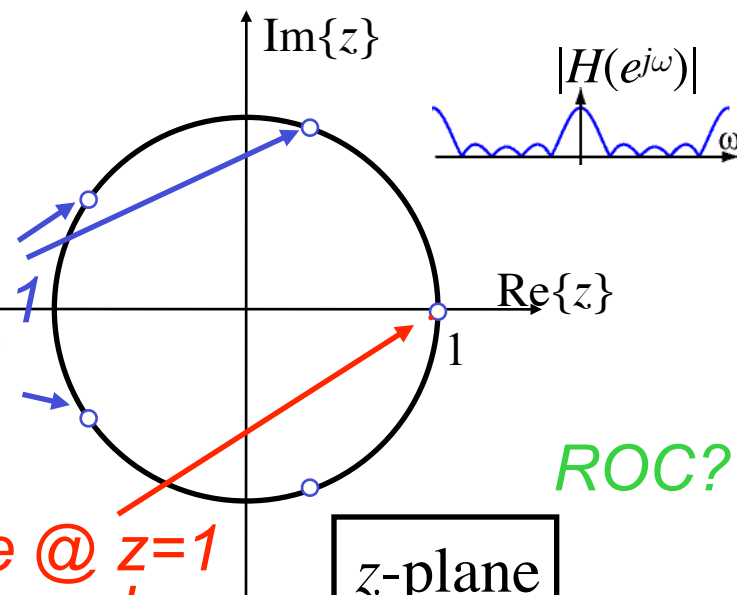
(ignore...)

$z^M = 1$  i.e.  
M roots of 1  
@  $z = e^{j2\pi r/M}$

pole @  $z=1$   
cancels

ROC?

z-plane



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# TF example

- $y[n] = x[n-1] - 1.2x[n-2] + x[n-3] + 1.3y[n-1] - 1.04y[n-2] + 0.222y[n-3]$

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

- **factorize:**

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

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

$$\lambda_0 = 0.3$$

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

→ ...



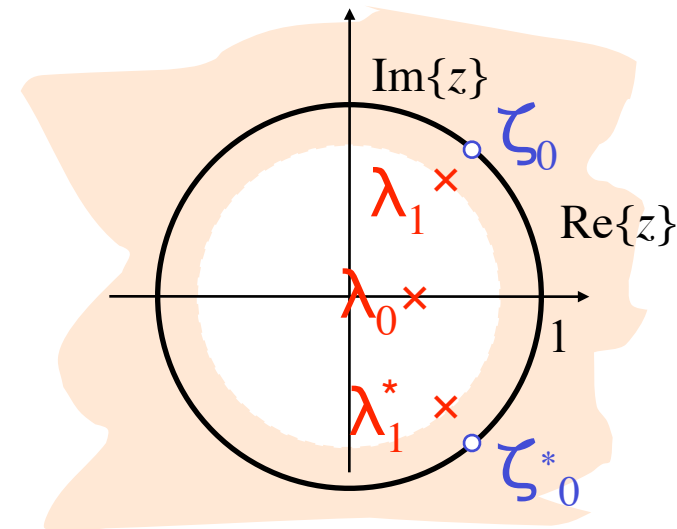
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- Poles  $\lambda_i \rightarrow$  ROC
  - *causal*  $\rightarrow$  ROC is  $|z| > \max|\lambda_i|$
  - includes u.circle  $\rightarrow$  *stable*

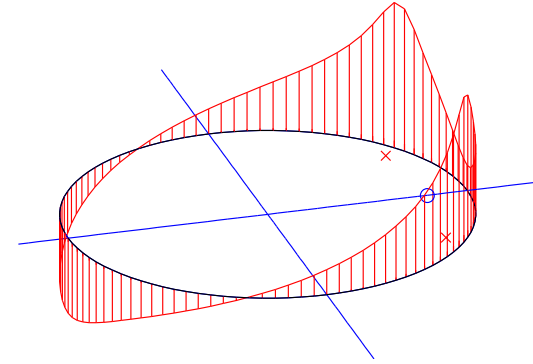


# TF → FR

- 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

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

$\zeta_i, \lambda_i$  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

$$\theta(\omega) = \arg \left\{ \frac{p_0}{d_0} \right\} + \omega \cdot (N - M)$$
$$+ \sum_{k=1}^M \arg \{ e^{j\omega} - \zeta_k \} - \sum_{k=1}^N \arg \{ e^{j\omega} - \lambda_k \}$$

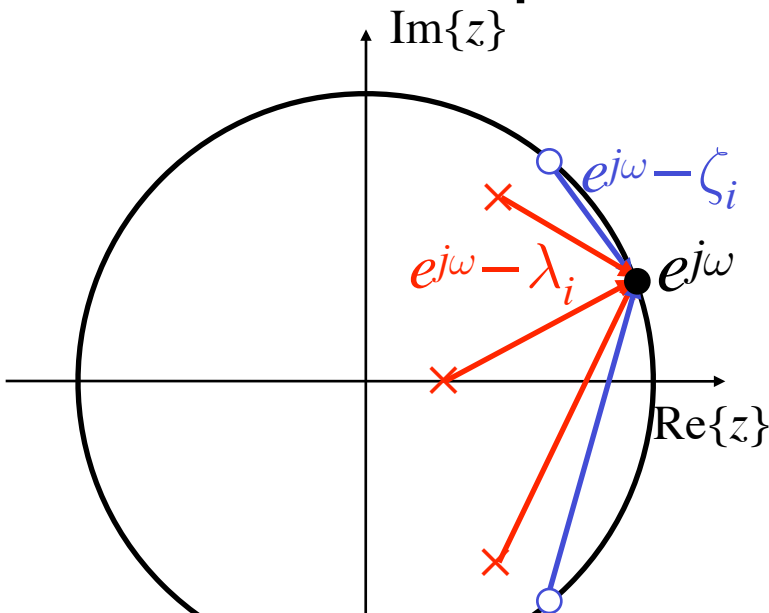
Phase response



# FR: Geometric Interpretation

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

- On z-plane:

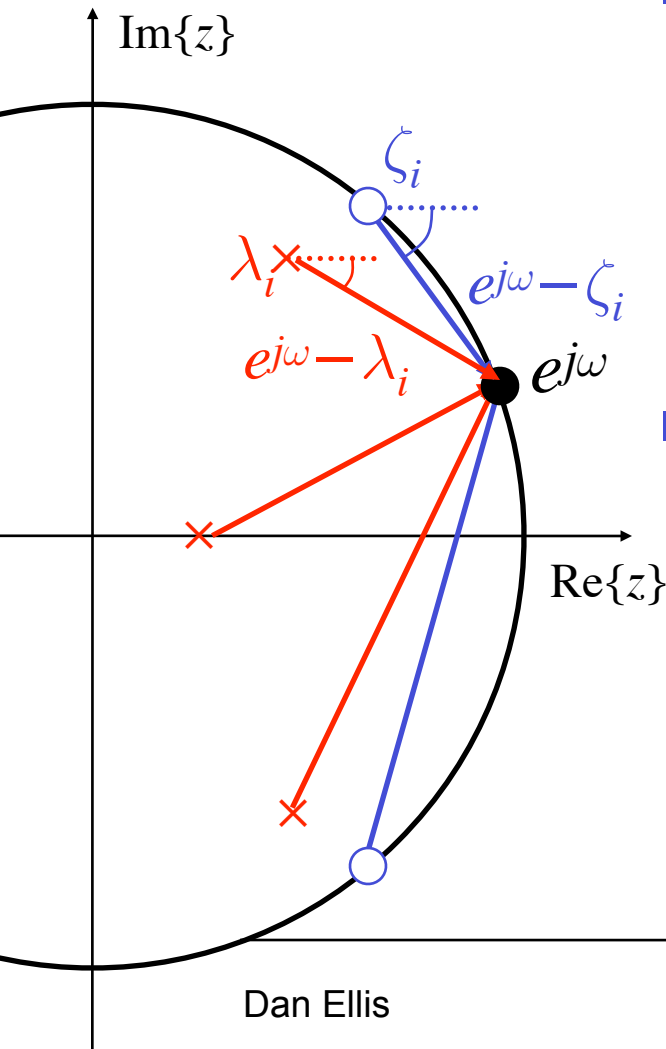


Each  $(e^{j\omega} - \nu)$  term corresponds to a **vector** from pole/zero  $\nu$  to point  $e^{j\omega}$  on the unit circle

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



# FR: Geometric Interpretation

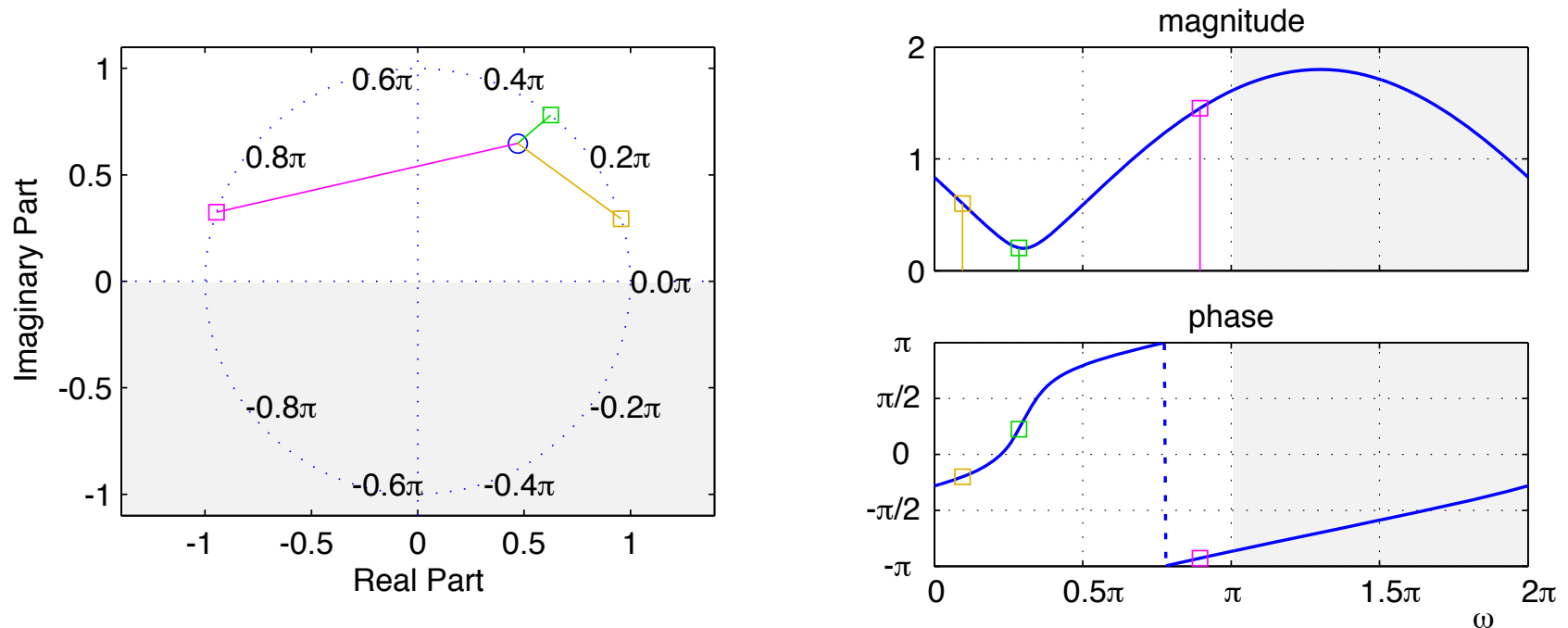


- **Magnitude**  $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  is **product** of **lengths** of vectors from **zeros** divided by product of lengths of vectors from **poles**
- **Phase**  $\theta(\omega)$  is **sum** of **angles** of vectors from **zeros** minus sum of angles of vectors from **poles**



# FR: Geometric Interpretation

- Magnitude and phase of a single zero:



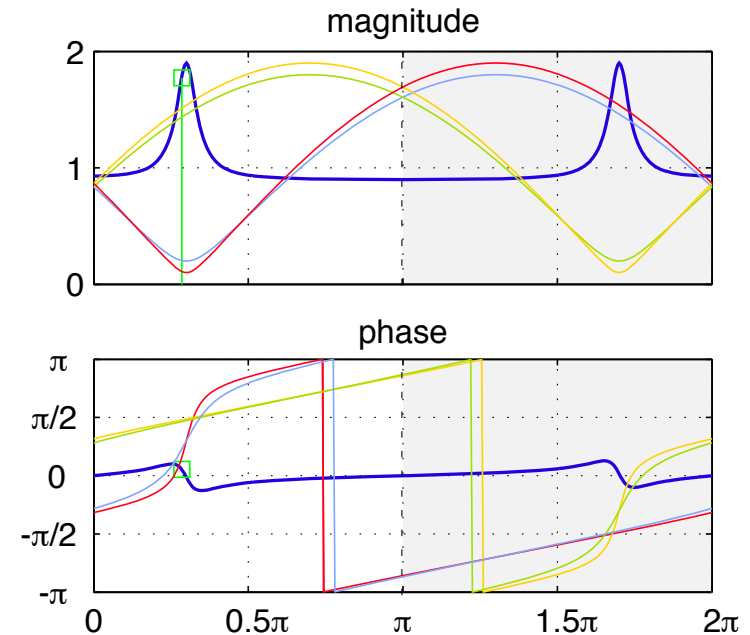
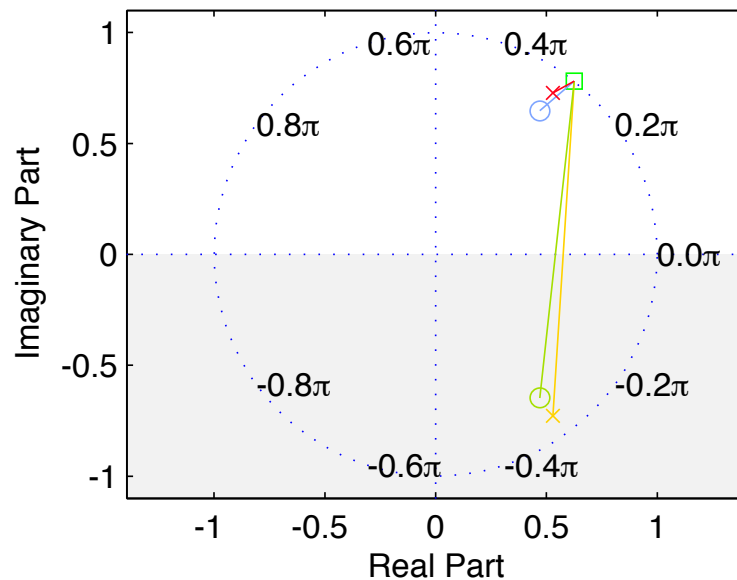
- Pole is reciprocal mag. & negated phase



# FR: Geometric Interpretation

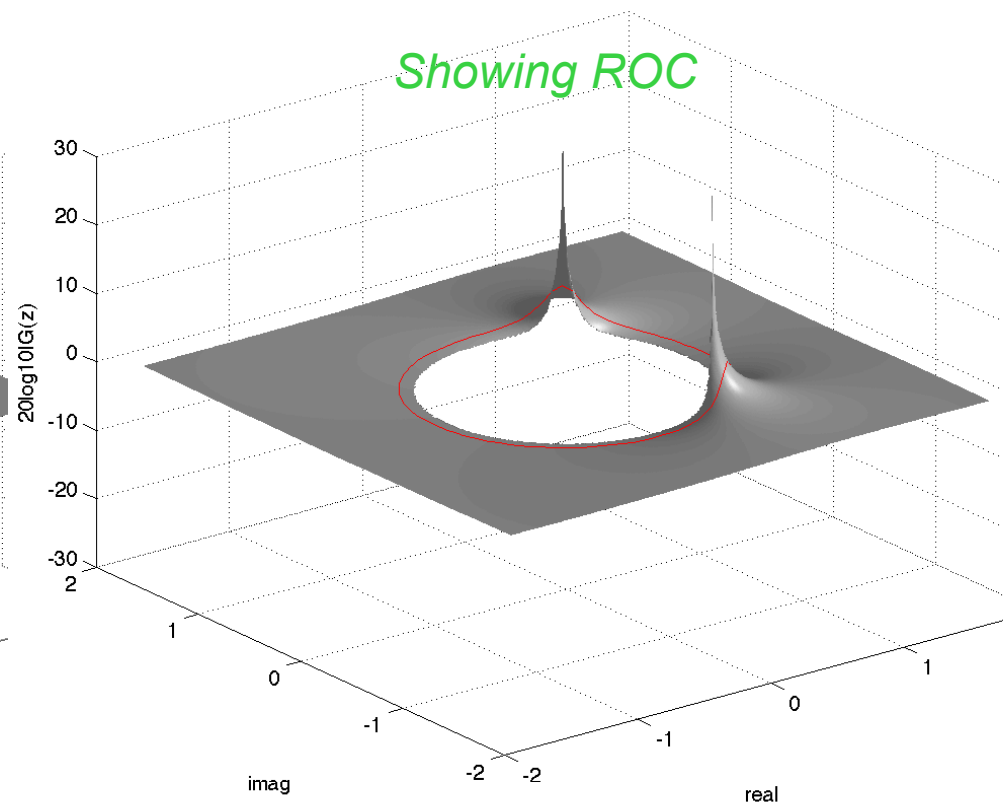
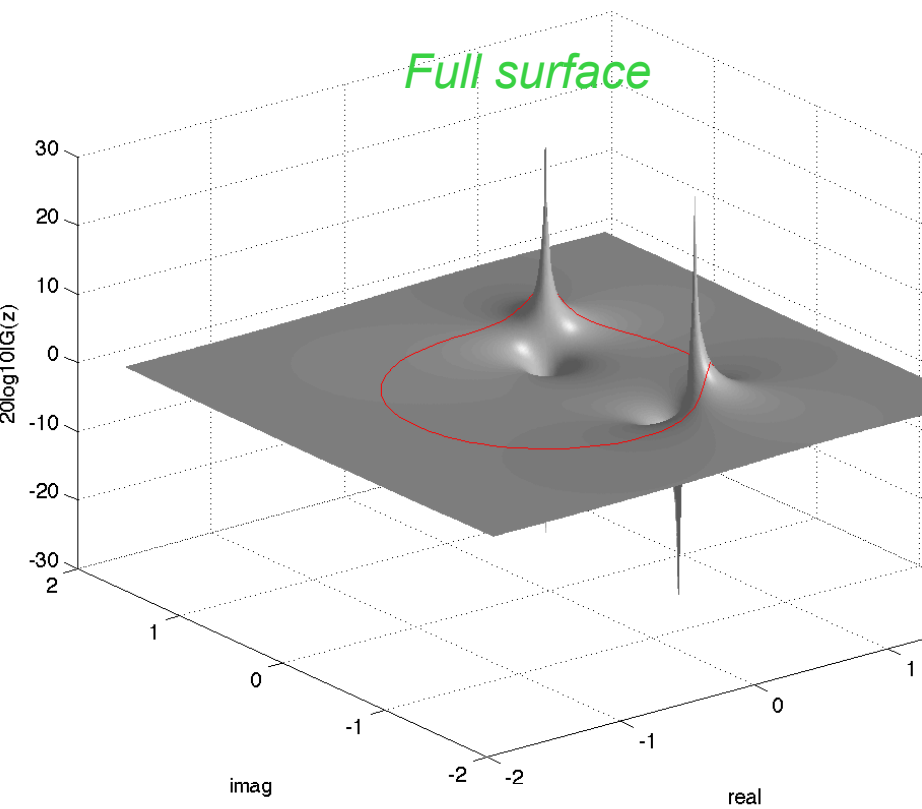
- Multiple poles, zeros:

$$H(z) = \frac{(z - 0.8e^{j0.3\pi})(z - 0.8e^{-j0.3\pi})}{(z - 0.9e^{j0.3\pi})(z - 0.9e^{-j0.3\pi})}$$



# Geom. Interp. vs. 3D surface

- 3D magnitude surface for same system



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# Geom. Interp: Observations

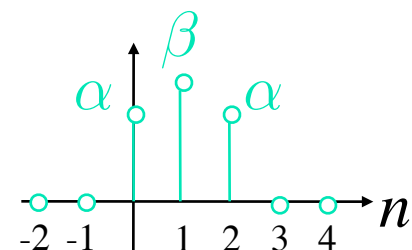
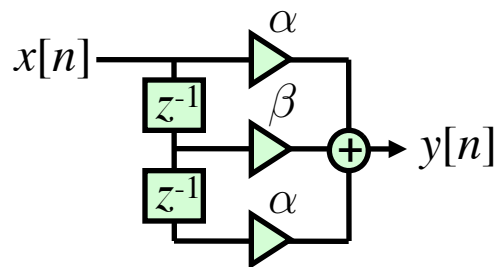
- Roots **near unit circle**
  - **rapid changes** in magnitude & phase
    - **zeros** cause mag. **minima** ( $= 0 \rightarrow$  on u.c.)
    - **poles** cause mag. **peaks** ( $\rightarrow 1 \div 0 = \infty$  at u.c.)
    - rapid change in relative angle  $\rightarrow$  phase
- Pole and zero ‘near’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





# Filtering example

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



- Frequency Response:

$$\begin{aligned} H(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{\forall n} h[n] e^{-j\omega n} = \alpha + \beta e^{-j\omega} + \alpha e^{-2j\omega} \\ &= e^{-j\omega} \left( \beta + \alpha \left( e^{j\omega} + e^{-j\omega} \right) \right) = e^{-j\omega} \left( \beta + 2\alpha \cos \omega \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

*can set  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$   
to obtain desired  
 $|H(e^{j\omega})|$  ...*



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# 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  $H(e^{j\omega_2}) = 0$

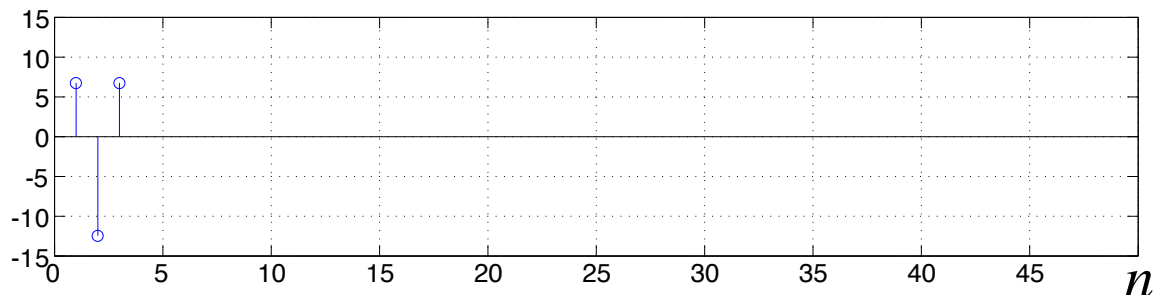
- Solve  $|H(e^{j\omega})| = |\beta + 2\alpha \cos \omega|$   
$$= \begin{cases} 1 & \omega = \omega_1 = 0.1 \\ 0 & \omega = \omega_2 = 0.4 \end{cases}$$

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

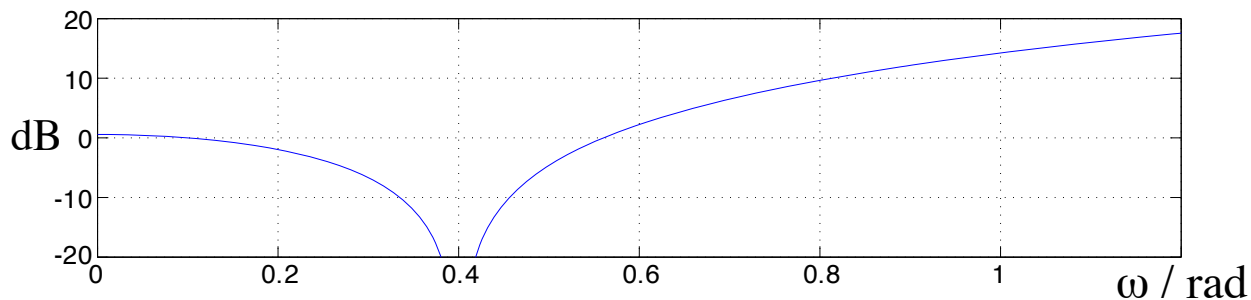


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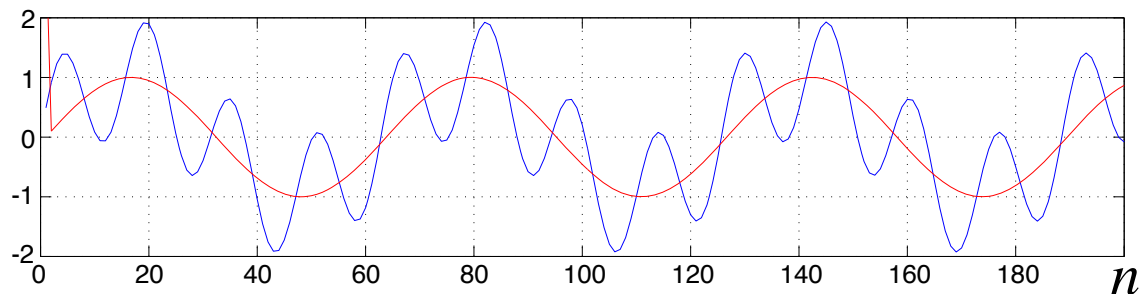
- Filter IR



- 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  $\cos\left(\omega_0\left(n - \tau_p(\omega_0)\right)\right)$

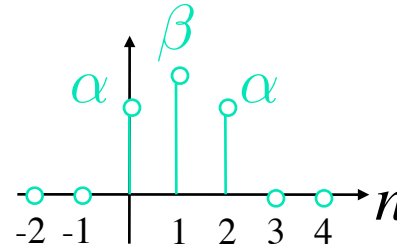
*subtraction so positive  $\tau_p$  means delay (causal)*

- 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)



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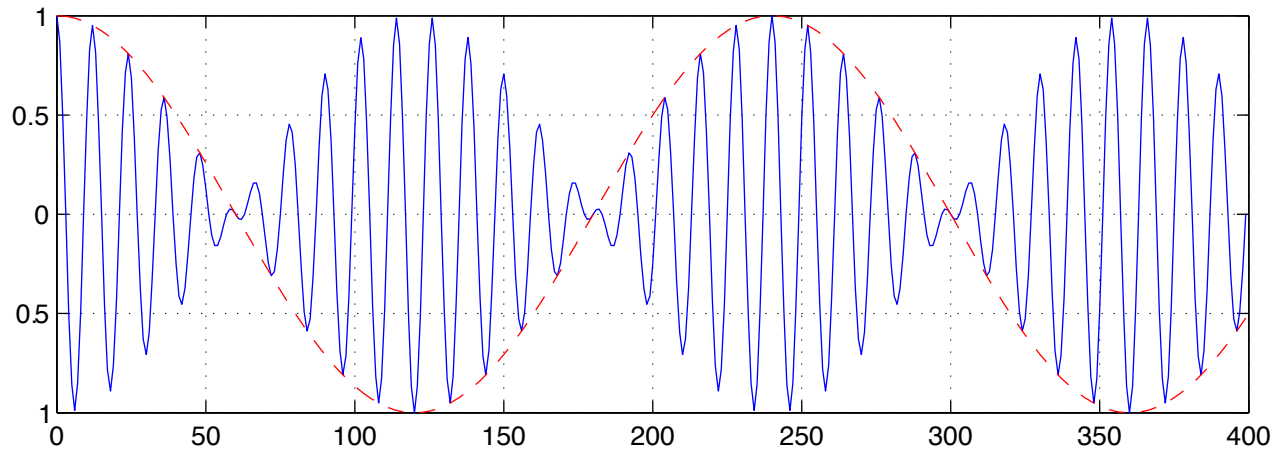
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# Group Delay

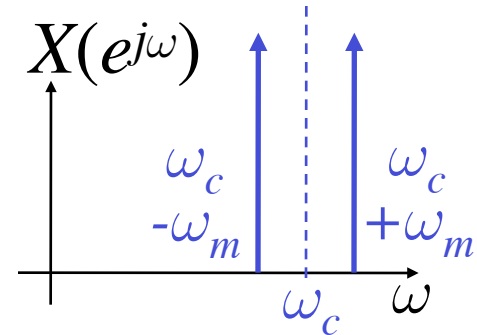
- Consider a **modulated carrier**

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



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# Group Delay

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

*phase shift  
of carrier*

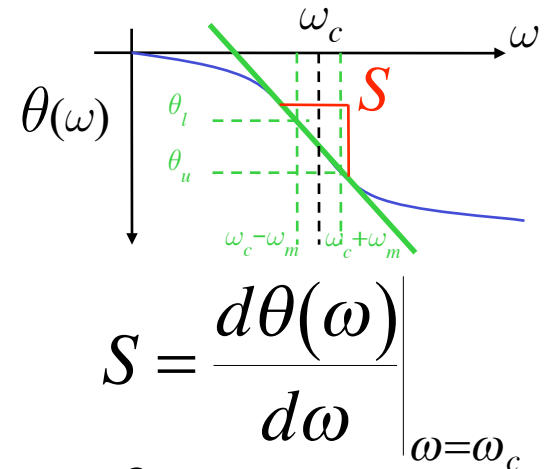
*phase shift  
of envelope*



# Group Delay

- If  $\theta(\omega_c)$  is locally linear i.e.

$$\theta(\omega_c + \Delta\omega) = \theta(\omega_c) + S\Delta\omega,$$



- Then **carrier phase shift**  $\frac{\theta_l + \theta_u}{2} = \theta(\omega_c)$

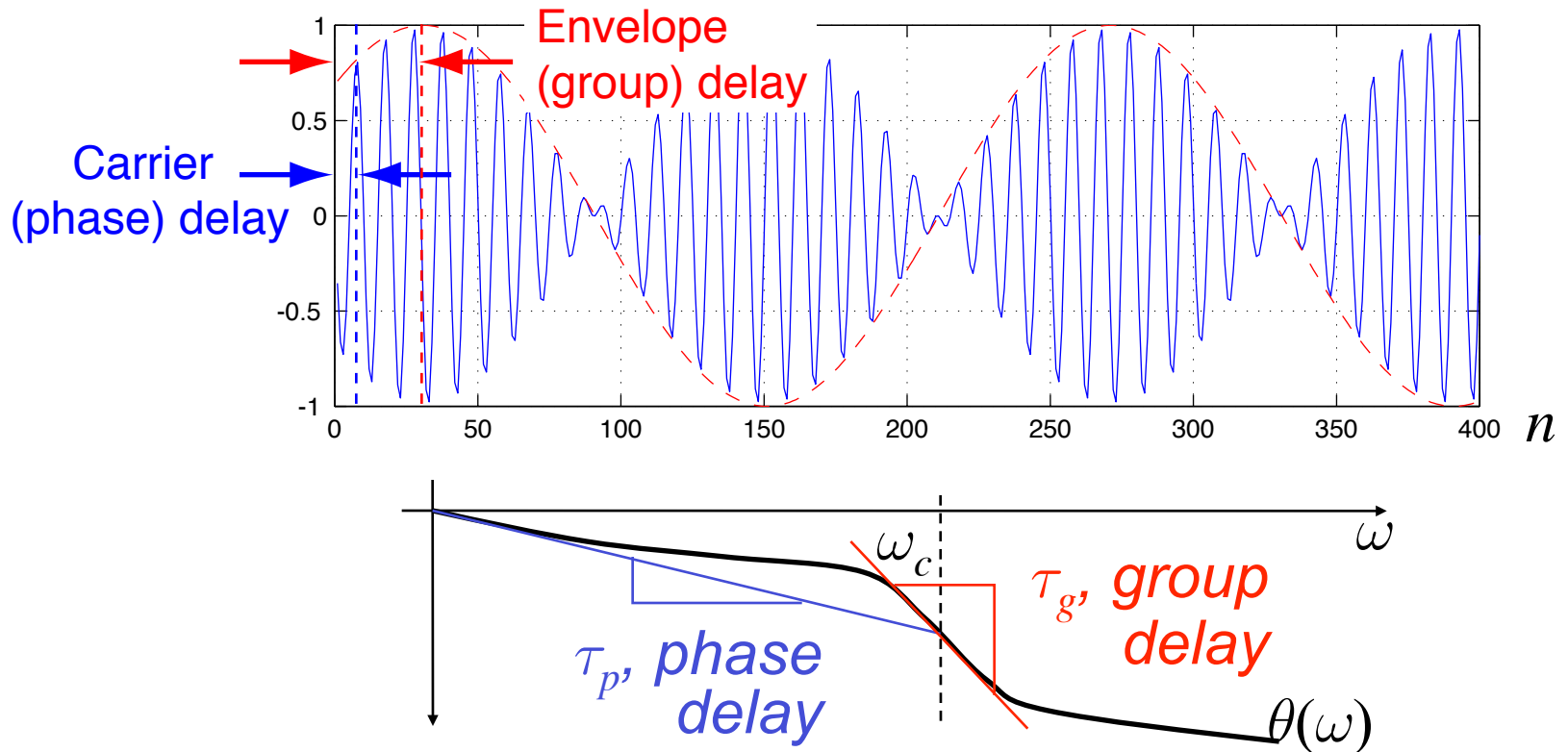
so **carrier delay**  $-\frac{\theta(\omega_c)}{\omega_c} = \tau_p$ , **phase delay**

- **Envelope phase shift**  $\frac{\theta_u - \theta_l}{2} = \omega_m \cdot S$

→ delay  $\tau_g(\omega_c) = -\frac{d\theta(\omega)}{d\omega} \Big|_{\omega=\omega_c}$  **group delay**



# Group Delay



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

