ELE 321 Linear System Analysis

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Lecture 1

Agenda

- Signals
- Energy
- Power
- Important classes of signals

Signal is a gesture, sound, action or a perceptional phenomenon, which conveys information or instruction. In electronics, signal is electrical form or electromagnetic field that is used to contain or convey data from one place to another one.







- Signals are represented in mathematical functions of one or more independent variables.
 - A music signal can be represented as a function with one independent variable, time. Dependent variable is amplitude of waveform of the music signal.
 - A digital photograph can be represented as a function with two independent variables, horizontal and vertical spatial coordinates. Dependent variable is pixel value of the photograph at spatial coordinates.
 - In the concept of this course, signals with one independent variable are considered; continuous time *t* for countinuous-time signals *x*(*t*) and discrete time *n* for discrete-time signals *x*[*n*].







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Natural Response of an RC Circuit

• For instance, natural response of an RC circuit will have a voltage signal, which is represented with mathematical continuous-time function $v(t)=V_{o}e^{-t/RC}$, $t\geq 0$ (V_{o} : Initial voltage of the capacitor).



Average Temperature per Month

• An example for discrete-time signal is average temperature per month.



Signals with two Independent Variables

• A gray-scale image is an example of two dimensional signal (with two independent variables).





Instantaneous power of a resistor

 $p(t)=v(t)i(t)=i(t)^2R = v(t)^2/R$ v(t): voltage (V) i(t): current (A) R: resistance (Ω) p(t): instantaneous power (W)



Energy and Power

- Total energy expended over the interval $t_1 \le t \le t_2$: $E_{t_2-t_1} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} p(t) dt$
- Average power over the same time interval $t_1 \le t \le t_2$: $P_{t_2-t_1} = \frac{1}{t_1 - t_2} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} p(t) dt$

Total Energy

In general, total energy over the continuous time interval t₁≤t≤t₂ for a continuous-time signal x(t) is given as

$$E_{t_2-t_1} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

Similarly, total energy over the discrete time interval n₁≤n≤n₂ for a discrete-time signal x[n] is described by

$$E_{n_2 - n_1} = \sum_{n = n_1}^{n_2} |x[n]|^2$$

Energy over Infinite Time Interval

• Energy over infinite time inverval in continuous time is $E_{\infty} \triangleq \lim_{T \to \infty} \int_{-T}^{T} |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$

and in discrete time it is given as

$$E_{\infty} \triangleq \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^{N} |x[n]|^2 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2$$

Total Power

 Total power expended over infinite time interval for continuous time signals is

$$P_{\infty} \triangleq \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} |x(t)|^2$$

• and for discrete time, it is

$$P_{\infty} \triangleq \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^{N} |x[n]|^2$$

Important classes of signals

- There are three important classes of signals considering power and energy definitions:
- 1. Signals with finite total energy, namely $E_{\infty} < \infty$. Such a signal will have zero average power, $P_{\infty} = 0$. It is $P_{\infty} = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{E_{\infty}}{2T} = 0.$

2. Signals with finite average power, $P_{\infty} < \infty$. Here, since $P_{\infty} > 0$ then total energy is required to be $E_{\infty} = \infty$.

3. Signals with $P_{\infty} = \infty$ and $E_{\infty} = \infty$.



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