

TUTORIAL 4

## **1** Topics

Discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT). Sampling in the frequency domain. Zero-order hold (ZOH).

## 2 Background results

The discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT) is defined as

$$X(e^{j\theta}) = (\mathfrak{F}{x})(e^{j\theta}) = \sum_{t=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[t]e^{-j\theta t}.$$

Under some technical conditions (see slides), the inverse discrete-time Fourier transform results in

$$x[t] = (\mathfrak{F}^{-1}\{X\})[t] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\theta}) e^{j\theta t} d\theta.$$

The periodic summation of a signal x with period T is

$$x_T := \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{S}_{iT} x \implies x_T(t) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x(t+iT).$$

The spectrum of the sampled version of x, i.e. the discrete signal  $\bar{x}$  such that  $\bar{x}[i] = x(ih)$ , is

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{P}_{1/h} X_{2\pi/h} \implies \bar{X}(e^{j\theta}) = \frac{1}{h} X_{2\pi/h}(j\theta/h)$$

Let  $\bar{x}$  be a discrete signal and  $x_{\text{ZOH}}$  be a continuous-signal obtained from  $\bar{x}$  via the zero-order hold, i.e.

$$x_{\text{ZOH}}(t) = \bar{x}[i], \quad \forall t \in (ih, (i+1)h)$$

for a given sampling period h > 0. The spectrum of x is then

$$X(j\omega) = h \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega h}{2}\right) e^{-j\omega h/2} \bar{X}(e^{j\omega h}).$$

**Theorem 1** (the Sampling Theorem). If  $supp(X) \subset [-\omega_N, \omega_N]$ , then x can be perfectly recovered from its sampled measurements as

$$x = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x(ih) \mathbb{S}_{-ih} \mathbb{P}_{\omega_{N}} \operatorname{sinc} \implies x(t) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x(ih) \operatorname{sinc}((t-ih)\omega_{N})$$

known as the sinc-interpolator (sinc hold).



## **3** Problems

Question 1. Let  $x = \operatorname{rect}_{2N}$ , i.e.

$$x[t] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |t| \le N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

see Fig. 1. Find the DTFT of x.



Fig. 1: Discrete-time signal x[i]

**Question 2.** Let *y* be such that

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{sinc}^2(t/2)$$

- 1. What is the minimal sampling frequency,  $\omega_s$ , to fulfil the sampling theorem? What is the corresponding sampling period, *h*?
- 2. What is the DTFT of sampled signal  $\tilde{y}$  sampled at  $\tilde{\omega}_s = 3/4\omega_s$  of the frequency in section 1?
- 3. What is the DTFT of sampled signal  $\bar{y}$  sampled at the frequency in section 1,  $\omega_s$ ?
- 4. Let  $\hat{y}$  be the signal resulting from performing zero-order hold on  $\bar{y}$ . What is the Fourier transform of  $\hat{y}$ ?

**Question 3.** Let *y* be a signal with the Fourier transform

$$Y(i\omega) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega^2}$$

Its spectrum is shown in Fig. 2. What is the minimal sampling frequency that fulfils the Sampling Theorem?



Fig. 2: Fourier transform,  $Y(j\omega)$ 

**Question 4.** Let *x* be a signal with the Fourier transform in Fig. 3.



Fig. 3: Fourier transform,  $X(j\omega)$ 

Draw the spectrum of the sampled signal, sampled with a sampling period of  $h = \pi$ 



Fig. 5: Fourier transform  $X(j\omega)$  and DTFT  $\bar{X}(e^{j\theta})$ 

## 4 Homework problems

**Question 5.** Consider the continuous time signal x and its sampled signal  $\bar{x}$ . The Fourier transform  $X(j\omega)$  and DTFT  $\bar{X}(e^{j\theta})$  are shown in Fig. 4.



Fig. 4: Fourier transform  $X(j\omega)$  and DTFT  $\overline{X}(e^{j\theta})$ 

- 1. What is the minimal sampling frequency needed to have perfect reconstruction?
- 2. Has the signal been distorted in the frequency domain?
- 3. What is the sampling period *h*?
- 4. Calculate the sampling frequency  $\omega_s$ . Does this conform with the sampling theorem?
- 5. What is the height of the triangle  $\bar{X}(e^{j\theta})$ ?

**Question 6.** Consider a continuous time signal x and its sampled version  $\bar{x}$ . The Fourier transform  $X(j\omega)$  and DTFT  $\bar{X}(e^{j\theta})$  are shown in Fig. 5.

- 1. Has the signal been distorted in the frequency domain?
- 2. Calculate the sampling frequency  $\omega_s$  and sampling period *h*.
- 3. What is the height of the triangle  $\bar{X}(e^{j\theta})$ ?

**Question 7.** Consider a continuous time signal x and its sampled version  $\bar{x}$ . The Fourier transform  $X(j\omega)$  and DTFT  $\bar{X}(e^{j\theta})$  are shown in Fig. 6.



Fig. 6: Fourier transform  $X(j\omega)$  and DTFT  $\bar{X}(e^{j\theta})$ 

- 1. Has the signal been distorted in the frequency domain?
- 2. Calculate the sampling frequency  $\omega_s$  and sampling period *h*.
- 3. Does this conform with the sampling theorem.





Fig. 7: Fourier transform,  $X(j\omega)$ 

Draw the spectrum of the sampled signal, sampled with a sampling frequency of  $\omega_{\rm N} = 1.5$