

# Spectrum Analysis for Discrete Time Signals

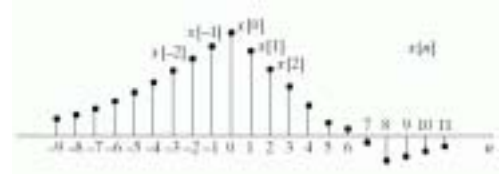
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- Just like continuous signals but with a few twists!
- Let's take things slowly...and start with a quick review of discrete time signals

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# Discrete Time Signals

$$x[n], \quad n = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots$$

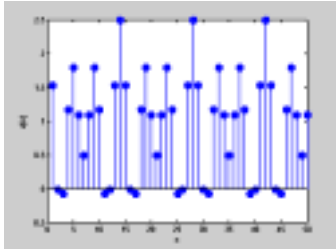


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# Periodic discrete-time signals

- $x[n]$  periodic with period  $N$  satisfies  $x[n + N] = x[n], \quad n = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots$

- Example 1:
- Period  $=N=13$

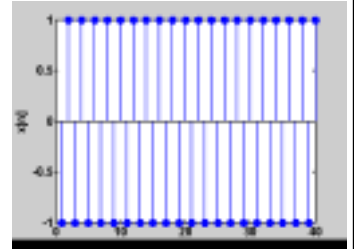


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- Example 2:  $x[n+2]=x[n]$

$$x[n] = (-1)^n = \cos(\pi n)$$

- Period  $=N=2$



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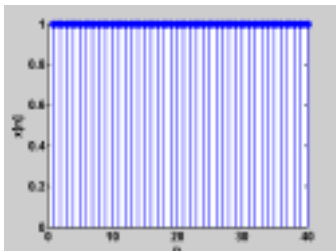
# Example 3: Minimum possible value of $N$ : $N=1$

$$x[n + 1] = x[n]$$

- This can only be a constant signal, e.g.  $x[n] = 1$

Period  $=N=1?$

Convention:  
 $N = \infty$



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# Digital frequency

- For a periodic DT signal with fundamental period  $N$  its (digital) frequency is

$$\hat{\omega} = 2\pi/N, \quad (\text{rads/sample})$$

- or

$$\hat{f} = 1/N, \quad (\text{cycles/sample})$$

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## Examples

- Periodic signal 1:   $\hat{\omega} = 2\pi/13$

- Periodic signal 2:   $\hat{\omega} = 2\pi/2$

- Periodic signal 3:   $\hat{\omega} = 0, 2\pi$

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## Interesting observation

- It appears that the digital frequency for a DT signal has to satisfy

$$0 \leq \hat{\omega} \leq 2\pi$$

- Or

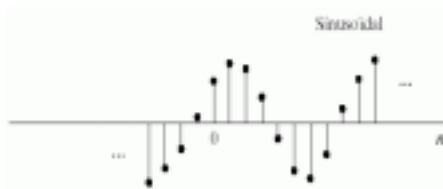
$$0 \leq \hat{f} \leq 1$$

- Q. Is this true?
- A. No...need to study DT sinusoids to see why

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## Discrete time sinusoids

$$x[n] = A \cos(\omega_0 n + \phi), \quad n = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots$$



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## Not all DT sinusoids are periodic!

- Consider DT sinusoid  $x[n] = A \cos(\omega_0 n)$

- For period N require  $x[n+N] = x[n]$  or

$$\cos(\omega_0(n+N)) = \cos(\omega_0 n + \omega_0 N)$$

- Thus there must exist integer M such that:

$$\omega_0 N = 2\pi M \quad \text{or} \quad \omega_0 = 2\pi \underbrace{\frac{M}{N}}_{f_0}$$

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- Condition for DT sinusoid to be periodic:

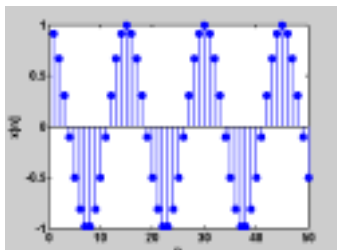
$$f = \hat{f} = M/N$$

- i.e. freq (cycles/sample) must be rational.

- Example

$$x[n] = \cos(2\pi/15n)$$

$$\hat{f} = 1/15$$

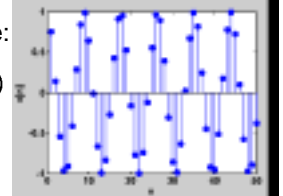


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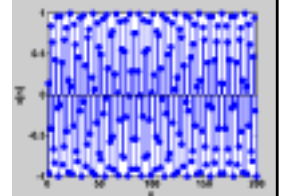
- Non-Periodic example:

$$x[n] = \cos(2\pi\sqrt{\pi}/2n)$$

- After 50 samples...



- ...after 200 samples



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## Periodic DT Sinusoids are Doubly Periodic

- If the period is  $N$  then for any integer  $m$ 

$$\cos(\hat{\omega}_o(n + mN)) = \cos(\hat{\omega}_o n)$$
- and
 
$$\cos((\hat{\omega}_o + m2\pi)n) = \cos(\hat{\omega}_o n + mn2\pi) = \cos(\hat{\omega}_o n)$$
- Conclude: it's periodic in frequency too!

$\hat{\omega}_o$  and  $\hat{\omega}_o + m2\pi$  are equivalent

$\hat{f}_o$  and  $\hat{f}_o + m$  are equivalent

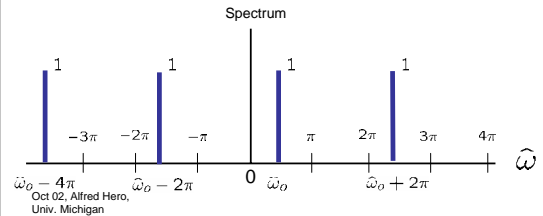
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## DT Spectrum Analysis

- First consider a DT complex exponential

$$x[n] = e^{j\hat{\omega}_o n}$$

$$\hat{\omega}_o = 2\pi M/N \leq 2\pi \text{ rads/sample}$$

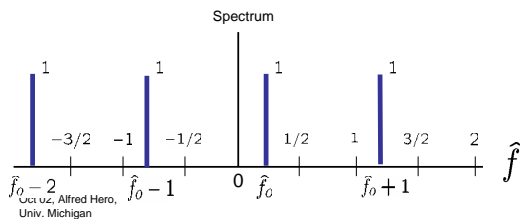


## DT Spectrum Analysis(ctd)

- Equivalently, in cycles/sample

$$x[n] = e^{j2\pi\hat{f}_o n}$$

$$\hat{f}_o = M/N \leq 1 \text{ cycles/sample}$$

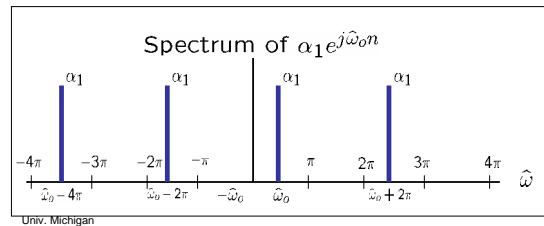


## Spectrum of DT periodic sinusoid

- Use inverse Euler to obtain

$$A \cos(\hat{\omega}_o n + \phi) = \alpha_1 e^{j\hat{\omega}_o n} + \alpha_{-1} e^{-j\hat{\omega}_o n}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_{-1}^* = \frac{Ae^{j\phi}}{2}$$

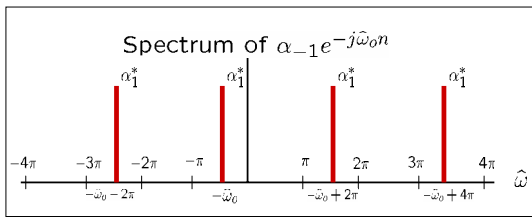


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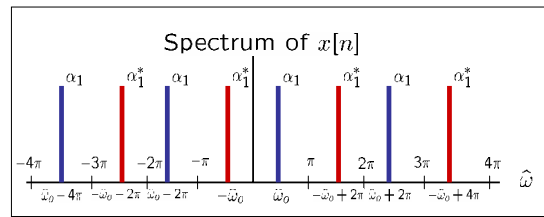


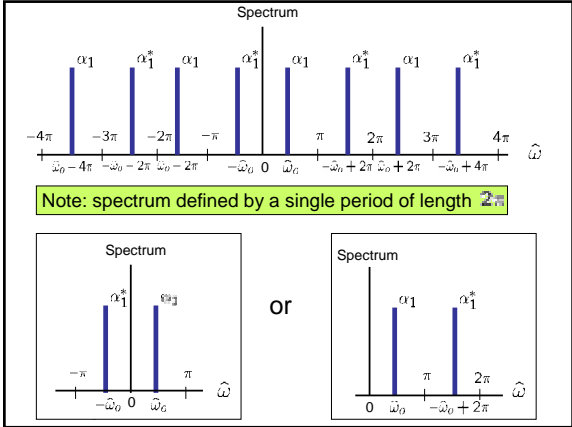
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### DT Fourier Series for Periodic Signals

- For any periodic DT signal with period N:

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \alpha_k e^{jk\hat{\omega}_0 n}$$

$$\alpha_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-jk\hat{\omega}_0 n}$$

$\hat{\omega}_0 = 2\pi/N$

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- Alternative form for DT Fourier series: Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) pair:

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}n} \quad \text{Inverse DFT}$$

$$X[k] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{N}n} \quad \text{DFT}$$

$X[k] = \alpha_k, \quad n = 0, \dots, N - 1,$  are DFT coefficients

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### Some properties of DT FS

- DT FS is a finite number of sinusoids
- Parseval relation:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x[n]|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |X[k]|^2$$

- For real DT signal: Conjugate symmetry

$$X[k] = X^*[N - k]$$

This follows from csymmetry of spectrum about  $\hat{\omega} = \pi$  (or  $\hat{f} = 1/2$ )

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### Important Facts about DFT

- DFT represents N successive samples of any signal, periodic or not.
- DFT requires only finite number N of complex exponentials to represent N samples of signal
- There is a very fast DFT algorithm called FFT when  $N = 2^M$
- The DFT coefficients inherit many properties of FS coefficients (Parseval, etc.)
- For real periodic DT signals  $x[n]$  and  $N = \text{even}$ :
  - Only need specify  $X[0], \dots, X[N/2]$  since  $X[k] = X^*[N - k]$

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