Signal Models

Signal Models – Unit Step Function u(t)

Step function defined by:

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \ge 0\\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

	1	<i>u</i> (<i>t</i>)	
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	0		t —>

Useful to describe a signal that begins at t = 0 (i.e. causal signal).

For example, the signal e^{-at} represents an everlasting exponential that starts at $t = -\infty$.

The causal for of this exponential e^{-at}u(t)



Signal Models – Pulse Signal

A pulse signal can be presented by two step functions:

x(t) = u(t-2) - u(t-4)



Signal Models – Unit Impulse Function $\delta(t)$

First defined by Dirac as:



Multiplying Function $\phi(t)$ by an Impulse

Since impulse is non-zero only at t = 0, and $\phi(t)$ at t = 0 is $\phi(0)$, we get:

$$\phi(t)\delta(t) = \phi(0)\delta(t)$$

We can generalize this for t = T:

$$\phi(t)\delta(t-T) = \phi(T)\delta(t-T)$$

Sampling Property of Unit Impulse Function

Since we have:

$$\phi(t)\delta(t) = \phi(0)\delta(t)$$

It follows that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(t)\delta(t) dt = \phi(0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt$$
$$= \phi(0)$$

This is the same as "sampling" $\phi(t)$ at t = 0. If we want to sample $\phi(t)$ at t = T, we just multiple $\phi(t)$ with

 $\delta(t-T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(t)\delta(t-T) dt = \phi(T)$ This is called the set of the impulse.



Simplify the following expression

$$\left(\frac{1}{j\omega+2}\right)\delta(\omega+3)$$

Evaluate the following

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t+3) e^{-t} dt$$

Find dx/dt for the following signal

$$x(t) = u(t-2) - 3u(t-4)$$

This exponential function is very important in signals & systems, and the parameter *s* is a complex variable given by:

$$s = \sigma + j\omega$$

Therefore

$$e^{st} = e^{(\sigma + j\omega)t} = e^{\sigma t}e^{j\omega t} = e^{\sigma t}(\cos \omega t + j\sin \omega t)$$

Since $s^* = \sigma - j\omega$ (the conjugate of s), then $e^{s^*t} = e^{\sigma - j\omega} = e^{\sigma t}e^{-j\omega t} = e^{\sigma t}(\cos \omega t - j\sin \omega t)$ and

$$e^{\sigma t} \cos \omega t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{st} + e^{s^*t})$$

If $\sigma = 0$, then we have the function $e^{j\omega t}$, which has a real frequency of ω

Therefore the complex variable $s = \sigma + j\omega$ is the complex frequency

The function *est can be used to describe a very large class of* signals and functions. Here are a number of example:

A constant k = ke^{0t} (s = 0)
A monotonic exponential e^{σt} (ω = 0, s = σ)
A sinusoid cos ωt (σ = 0, s = ±jω)
An exponentially varying sinusoid e^{σt} cos ωt (s = σ ± jω)

The Exponential Function est



A real function $x_e(t)$ is said to be an even function of t if



A real function $x_o(t)$ is said to be an odd function of t if



Even and odd functions have the following properties:

- Even x Odd = Odd
- Odd x Odd = Even
- Even x Even = Even

Every signal *x*(*t*) can be expressed as a sum of even and odd components because:

$$x(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}[x(t) + x(-t)]}_{\text{even}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}[x(t) - x(-t)]}_{\text{odd}}$$

Even and Odd Function

