

Lecture 29

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FT of DT exponential periodic signals

DT periodic signals are not absolutely summable. But their Fourier transforms exist and can be defined **using impulses in the frequency domain**.

Consider a DT periodic complex exponential signal:

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

Its Fourier transform is

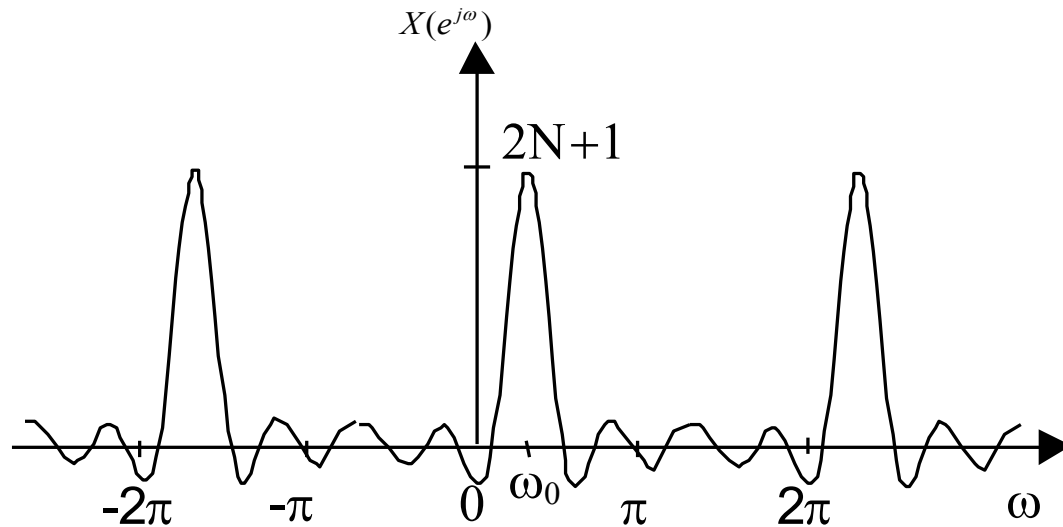
$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{j\omega_0 n} e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-j(\omega-\omega_0)n}$$

This last sum does not converge to a regular function.

But, this sum is **an impulse train** as shown below.

First, consider the **finite sum of exponential series**

$$\begin{aligned} X_N(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{n=-N}^{+N} e^{-j(\omega-\omega_0)n} = e^{j(\omega-\omega_0)N} \sum_{m=0}^{2N} e^{-j(\omega-\omega_0)m} \\ &= \frac{\sin[(N + 1/2)(\omega - \omega_0)]}{\sin[(\omega - \omega_0)/2]} \end{aligned}$$



Second, take the limit of the finite sum as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} X_N(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0 - 2\pi l).$$

Thus,

$$e^{j\omega_0 n} \stackrel{FT}{\leftrightarrow} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0 - 2\pi l)$$

Verify the inverse FT of the above $X(e^{j\omega})$ is $e^{j\omega_0 n}$:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{2\pi} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0 - 2\pi l) e^{j\omega n} d\omega = e^{j\omega_0 n}$$

Note that there is only one impulse per interval of width 2π .

FT of general DT periodic signal

Consider a periodic signal $x[n]$ with period N and with the Fourier series representation

$$x[n] = \sum_{k \in \langle N \rangle} a_k e^{jk \frac{2\pi}{N} n}$$

The above signal is a linear combination of $e^{jk\omega_0 n}$.

Its Fourier transform can be derived from the linear combination of the FT of $e^{jk\omega_0 n}$:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta\left(\omega - \frac{2\pi k}{N}\right)$$

Note: a_k is periodic of N .

The FT of a DT periodic signal is derived from the DTFT formula and the DTFT of $e^{jk\omega_0 n}$:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k=\langle N \rangle} a_k e^{jk\frac{2\pi}{N}n} e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$= \sum_{k=\langle N \rangle} a_k \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-j(\omega - k\frac{2\pi}{N})n}$$

The FT of $e^{jk\omega_0 n}$

$$= \sum_{k=\langle N \rangle} 2\pi a_k \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - k\frac{2\pi}{N} - 2\pi l)$$

$$= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta(\omega - k\frac{2\pi}{N})$$

Thus, we can write the DTFT of a periodic signal directly from the knowledge of its Fourier series coefficients

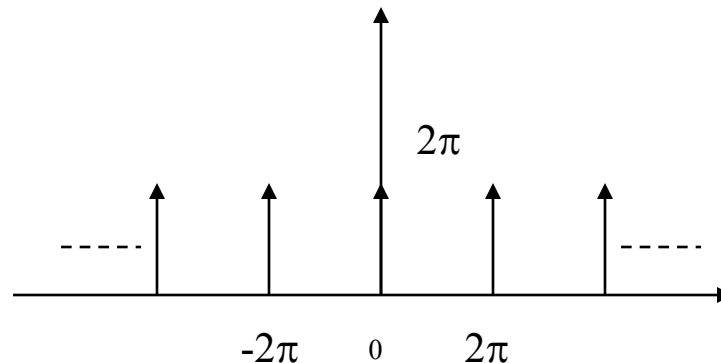
$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta(\omega - k \frac{2\pi}{N})$$

FT of a constant DT signal

Consider a constant signal $x[n] = 1$. It can be written as $x[n] = e^{j0n}$,

Its DTFT in the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ is an impulse located at $\omega = 0$.

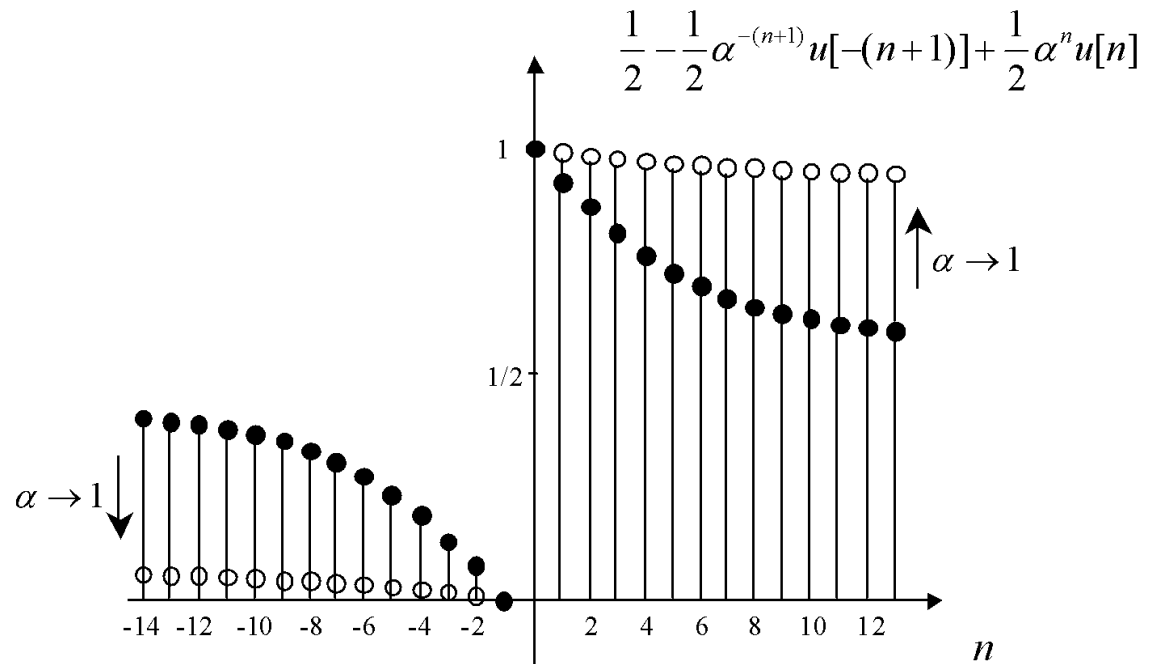
$$x[n] = 1 \stackrel{\mathcal{F}}{\leftrightarrow} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{+\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - 2\pi l)$$



Fourier transform of the unit step signal

$u[n]$ can be written as the limit of two exponential signals pieced together at the origin plus the constant $1/2$:

$$u[n] = \frac{1}{2} + \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-(n+1)} u[-(n+1)] + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^n u[n] \right)$$



DTFT of $\frac{1}{2}\alpha^n u[n]$ is $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-\alpha e^{-j\omega}}$,

and by the time reversal and time shifting

properties, we have $-\frac{1}{2}\alpha^{-(n+1)}u[-(n+1)] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} -\frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{j\omega}}{1-\alpha e^{j\omega}}$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} u[n] &\xleftrightarrow{FT} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \pi \delta(\omega - 2\pi l) + \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{j\omega}}{1-\alpha e^{j\omega}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-\alpha e^{-j\omega}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \pi \delta(\omega - 2\pi l) + \frac{1}{1-e^{-j\omega}} \end{aligned}$$

Example

Let us find the DTFT of $x[n] = 1 + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{7}n\right)$.

Periodic?

The sine term repeats every 3 time steps, whereas the cosine term repeats every 7 time steps. Thus, the signal is periodic of fundamental period $N = 21$.

Write the signal in terms of harmonics of the fundamental component :

$$x[n] = 1 + \frac{1}{2j} \left(e^{j\frac{2\pi}{21}n} - e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{21}n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j\frac{2\pi}{21}n} + e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{21}n} \right).$$

The nonzero DTFS coefficients of the signal are

$$a_0 = 1, a_{-7} = j\frac{1}{2}, a_7 = -j\frac{1}{2}, a_{-3} = a_3 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence, the FT of the signal is

$$\begin{aligned} X(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{k=0}^{20} 2\pi a_k \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - k\frac{2\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) \\ &= 1 + \pi \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega + \frac{6\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) + \pi \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \frac{6\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) \\ &\quad + j\pi \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega + \frac{14\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) - j\pi \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \frac{14\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) \\ &= 1 + \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\pi\delta(\omega + \frac{6\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) + \pi\delta(\omega - \frac{6\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) + j\pi\delta(\omega + \frac{14\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) - j\pi\delta(\omega - \frac{14\pi}{21} - 2\pi l) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Example: FT of DT impulse train

Find the DTFT of $x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[n - kN]$. This signal is periodic of period N . Its DTFS coefficients are given by:

$$a_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-jk \frac{2\pi}{N} n} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \delta[n] e^{-jk \frac{2\pi}{N} n} = \frac{1}{N}$$

and hence, the **DTFT of the impulse train** is simply:

$$\begin{aligned} X(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(\omega - k \frac{2\pi}{N} - 2\pi l\right) \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(\omega - k \frac{2\pi}{N}\right) \end{aligned}$$

