#### EE327 Digital Signal Processing ADC and DAC Yasser F. O. Mohammad

# REMINDER 1 Histogram (acquired signal)













# REMINDER 3: How to combine random signals

• Assume *X*, *Y* are INDEPENDENT random signals with mean  $\mu_x$ ,  $\mu_y$  and std. dev.  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ :

$$\mu_{aX\pm b} = a\mu_X \pm b \qquad \qquad \sigma_{aX\pm b}^2 = a^2\sigma_X^2$$

$$\mathcal{U}_{aX\pm bY} = a\mu_X \pm b\mu_Y \qquad \qquad \sigma_{aX\pm bY}^2 = a^2\sigma_X^2 + b^2\sigma_Y^2$$

**SELF Test:** Prove these identities

# REMINDER 4: Precision and Accuracy

- Precision = repeatability
- Accuracy = bias
  - $\rightarrow$  systematic errors
- The two questions:
  - Repeating will remove the error
     → precision
  - Calibration will remove the error → accuracy



ADC



# Sampling and Quantization

- S/H
  - Sampling
  - Discretizes the independent variable
- ADC
  - Quantization
  - Discretizes the dependent variable

#### **Error Due To Quantization**

- $\pm \frac{1}{2}LSB$
- Additive Error
- Continuous = Quantized + Quantization Error
- Uniform Distribution with mean of zero and standard deviation of (LSB/√12≈0.29LSB)
- Depends on #Bits and controls precision

### **Quantization Example**

- Signal Amplitude = 1.0 Volt
- Uniformly random noise = 1 millivolt RMS
- 8 Bit Digitizer
- Noise = 0.255 LSB
- Noise + Quantization =  $\sqrt{0.255^2 + 0.29^2} LSB = 0.386 LSB$

• 50% increase in noise

# Dithering

- Add noise to reduce quantization error !!!!!
- 3005 a. Digitization of a small amplitude signal Willivolts (or digital number) 3003 3001 3001 analog signal 3002 digital signal 3000 15 20 25 10 30 40 45 50 0 5 35 Time (or sample number)



- Used when input is constant for a long time
- Quantization error is constant and additive





# Sampling Example (math)

$$x(t) = \sin(2\pi f_0 t)$$

$$x[n] = \sin(2\pi f_0 n t_s)$$

$$x[n] = \sin(2\pi f_0 n t_s + 2m\pi)$$

$$x[n] = \sin\left(2\pi \left(f_0 + \frac{m}{nt_s}\right)n t_s\right)$$

$$= \sin\left(2\pi \left(f_0 + kf_s\right)n t_s\right)$$

$$\cdot \sin\left(2\pi \left(f_s\right)n t_s\right) = \sin\left(2\pi \left(f_s + kf_s\right)n t_s\right)$$

 $\therefore \sin(2\pi (f_0)nt_s) = \sin(2\pi (f_0 + kf_s)nt_s) \text{ for any integer } k$ 

### Is this limited to sinusoidals?

- Yes and No!!!!
- Every signal can be approximated to infinite accuracy using a set of sinusoidals:
- Periodic Time Domain → Discrete Frequency Domain
- Discrete Time Domain  $\rightarrow$  Periodic Frequency Domain

		Periodicity	
Continuity		Periodic	aperiodic
	continuous	Fourier Series Aperiodic Spectrum Discrete Spectrum	Fourier Transform Aperiodic Spectrum Continuous Spectrum
	discrete	Discrete Fourier Transform Periodic Spectrum Discrete Spectrum	Discrete Fourier Transform Periodic Spectrum Continuous Spectrum

# Sampling

• Our goal is to be able to reconstruct the analog signals completely from the digitized version (ignoring quantization).



#### **Nyquist Frequency**

• Half the sampling rate

• The maximum frequency representable in the discrete signal without aliasing

$$f_n = \frac{f_s}{2}$$

# Aliasing

Aliasing causes information loss about both high and low frequencies





### Impulse Train

• Identical information to the discrete signal



 Continuous signal can be perfectly reconstructed by passing the impulse train through a low pass filter if sampling was proper



a. Original analog signal

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Amplitude

#### Proper Sampling Example



#### Aliasing Example



#### DAC

- Zeroth-order hold (generates quantized continuous signal)
  - Similar to S/H
- Reconstruction Filter
  - Removes all frequencies above half the sampling rate
  - Boost the signal by the reciprocal of the zeroth order hold effect

# **DAC Example**





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**SELF TEST**: Why do we need an antialiasing filter even if we are not interested in signals over the Nyquest frequency?

#### SELF READING

Analog Filters for Data Conversion

• Single Bit Data Conversion

• Pages 48-66