# Introduction Definitions 

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## The Goal

Transfer information from source point to one or more destinations correctly
(using least amount of resources, in most cases)


Resources $=$ material, voltage, spectrum, health, circuit, $\ldots=$ time, money

## An Example Communication System



Some other examples of (electronic) source, channel and destination
Microphone - Twisted pair of wire - Amplifier
Modem - Twisted pair of telephone line - Modem
Fax scanner - Telephone system - Fax printer
Computer - Ethernet cable - Computer
Computer's data storage medium - Fiber optic network - Another computer's storage
Digital data generator - Magnetic disk - Digital data user
Radio transmitter - Air/Space - Radio receiver
Digital TV data from satellite - Atmosphere - Digital TV receiver
TV Remote controller - Air - IR sensor/receiver on TV

## Another Block Diagram


$\psi(r, t)=A \cos (k r-\omega t+\varphi) \quad$ (basic travelling wave)
$t$ : time
$r$ : distance from source
$A$ : amplitude
$k$ : spatial frequency
Magnetic wave is always perpendicular to electric field and travel direction
$\omega$ : temporal frequency
It turns out that we need to control value(s) of one ore more of these in order to carry information
We can control some properties of electric field, magnetic field occurs automatically
We can also control polarity of the wave using superposition of multiple waves

## An Example Digital Communication System



There are only 4 messages/values to sent

Consider: An analog system doing a similar job

## Analog / Digital Electronic Communication



## Digital Communication

## Advantages :

- Mathematical/Logical Processing on the data is possible
- Therefore : higher protection against noise
- More flexible when performed using reconfigurable / reprogrammable elements
- ?

Disadvantages: (against analog communication)

- Complexity is higher
- Higher speed devices are required
- Sometimes analog signals need to be converted/deconverted using ADC/DAC
- ?


## An Advantage of Digital Communication

Signal can be restored and resent halfway between transmitter and receiver


## An Advantage of Digital Communication



So that the signal is received with minimum (or no) error (but with additional delay)

## General Communication System


we will get back to this schema time-to-time.

## Various Signals

triangular pulse


square wave


## Energy of a Signal



Energy of a signal $x(t)$ is defined as the energy spent on a 1 Ohm load

$$
E_{x}=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|x(t)|^{2} d t
$$

Its unit is Volts ${ }^{2} / \mathrm{Ohm}=$ Joules

## Example

## Energy of a rectangular pulse


independent of the position on time axis (valid for all signals)

Example
Let $A T=1 \quad \Longrightarrow A=\frac{1}{T}$




## Power of a Signal

If the energy is infinite, then we talk about the energy spent in unit time.

$$
P_{x}=\lim _{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T / 2}^{+T / 2}|x(t)|^{2} d t
$$

For periodic signals

$$
P_{x}=\frac{1}{T} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+T_{0}}|x(t)|^{2} d t
$$

Its unit is Watts

## Example

Find the power of the saw-tooth signal


$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{s} & =\frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T}|s(t)|^{2} d t=\frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T}\left|\frac{A t}{T}\right|^{2} d t=\left.\frac{A^{2}}{3 T^{3}} t^{3}\right|_{0} ^{T} \\
P_{s} & =\frac{A^{2}}{3} \quad \text { power is independent of the period / frequency / time-shift }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example

Find the power and energy of the waveform $\quad y(t)=|\cos (8 \pi t)|$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P=\frac{1}{T} \int_{a}^{a+T}|x(t)|^{2} d t \\
& P=\frac{1}{1 / 8} \int_{-1 / 16}^{1 / 16} \cos ^{2}(8 \pi t) d t \\
& P=8\left[\frac{t}{2}+\frac{\sin (16 \pi t)}{32 \pi}\right]_{-1 / 16}^{1 / 16}=\frac{1}{2} \quad \text { (verify! }
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $\frac{1}{2}<\infty$ it is a power signal. Therefore it is not an energy signal. So, $E=\infty$

Since power is independent of the phase \& frequency, it is ok to shift \& squeze the waveform \& take advantage of symmetry in order to have easier integration

## Average / Expected Values

Average value of a continuous signal $m_{x}=\lim _{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T / 2}^{+T / 2} x(t) d t$
Average value of discrete samples $\quad x_{\text {avg }}=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i}$
$X$ is a random process, $\quad x$ is its generated values.
( we will define random process later )
Expected value of a continuous random process $E\{X\}=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) d x$
where $f(x)$ the pdf of $x$.

Average and expected values are equal when observation duration (or number of samples) is infinite

Example Let us have two sinusoidal signals

$$
\begin{gathered}
x(t)=\sin (2 \pi t / T) \quad \text { and } \quad y(t)=\cos (2 \pi t / T) \\
E_{x}=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|x(t)|^{2} d t=\infty \quad E_{y}=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}|y(t)|^{2} d t=\infty \\
\text { energies are both infinite (periodic signals) }
\end{gathered}
$$

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\begin{gathered}
P_{x}=\frac{1}{T} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+T_{0}}|x(t)|^{2} d t=\frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T}|\sin (2 \pi t / T)|^{2} d t=\frac{1}{2} \\
P_{y}=\frac{1}{T} \int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+T_{0}}|y(t)|^{2} d t=\frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T}|\cos (2 \pi t / T)|^{2} d t=\frac{1}{2} \\
\text { powers are the same, too } \\
m_{y}=m_{x}=\lim _{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T / 2}^{+T / 2} \sin (2 \pi t / T) d t=0 \quad \text { averages are the same }
\end{gathered}
$$

They are both sinusoidal
question : what is different?

## Similarity / Dissimilarity Measure

Similarity of signals is measured using an inner product

$$
\langle y(t), x(t)\rangle=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) x(t) d t
$$



It is obvious that the integral, except for finite duration signals, will be infinite. Therefore, we need to have some kind of normalization.

$$
<x(t), y(t)>=\int_{0}^{T} \sin (2 \pi t / T) \cos (2 \pi t / T) d t=0!
$$

Does this mean these two are dissimilar?

We need to check similarity for shifted versions of signals too.

## Cross-Correlation

Similarity of shifted versions of signals

$$
R_{x y}^{\prime \prime}(\tau)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) y(t+\tau) d t
$$

called Cross-Correlation Function, where $\tau$ represents the time/spatial shift

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
R_{x y}^{\prime}(\tau)=\int_{0}^{T} x(t) y(t+\tau) d t & \text { for periodic signals } \\
R_{x y}(\tau)=R_{x y}(\tau) / R_{\max } & (\text { normalized ) }
\end{array}
$$



Since our signals are periodic, $T_{x}=T_{y}=T$
we can select an integral interval of $T$

$$
R_{x y}^{\prime}=\int_{0}^{T} \sin (2 \pi t / T) \cos (2 \pi(t+\tau) / T) d t=-\frac{T}{2} \sin (2 \pi \tau / T)
$$



The signals are similar to each other on periodic intervals

## Autocorrelation

if both signals are same; $y(t)=x(t)$
the similarity is named as autocorrelation (function)

$$
R_{x y}^{\prime \prime}(\tau)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) x^{*}(t+\tau) d t
$$

Example

signal $x$ is similar to itself on periodic intervals

Example

$$
r(t)=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}
1 & , 0<t<T \\
0 & , \text { otherwise }
\end{array} \quad \text { and } \quad x(t)=r(t)\right.
$$



$$
R_{x y}^{\prime}(\tau)=\int_{-\tau}^{T} d t=T+\tau \quad R_{x y}^{\prime}(0)=\int_{0}^{T} d t=T \quad R_{x y}^{\prime}(\tau)=\int_{0}^{T-\tau} d t=T-\tau
$$



Example

$$
r(t)=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}
t & , 0<t<T \\
0 & , \text { otherwise }
\end{array} \quad \text { and } \quad x(t)=r(t)\right.
$$



## Orthogonal Signals

Inner product also tells us if the signals are orthogonal

$$
\text { If }\langle y(t), x(t)\rangle=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) x(t) d t=0
$$

then $y(t), x(t)$ are said to be orthogonal

$<x(t), y(t)>=\int_{0}^{T} \sin (2 \pi t / T) \cos (2 \pi t / T) d t=0$
meaning that $y(t)$ does not have any component of $x(t)$ within (shifted versions of signals may not be orthogonal)

## Example



Given a set of waveforms $x_{i}(t)$, we can find an orthogonal waveform set $\psi_{k}(t)$ so that $x_{i}(t)$ can be written as a weighted linear sum of $\psi_{k}(t)$

$$
x_{i}(t)=\sum_{k=0}^{M-1} c_{k, i} \psi_{k}(t)
$$

Hmw : study this subject (orthogonalization) from the referenced sources

## Probability

Die throwing experiment


$$
\sum_{i} p\left(x_{i}\right)=1
$$

Random variable : An event or value which is measured
$x$ : Value read on die after throwing event (random variable)
$p_{i}$ : probability of $x\left(p\left(x_{i}\right)\right)$

## Expected Value of Discrete Experiment

$$
E(X)=\sum_{i} x_{i} p\left(x_{i}\right)
$$

The name "expected value" does not imply that it is expected to happen Expected value of die throwing experiment $=3.5$ which will never happen


This graph is called Probability Mass Function (pmf)

## Probability Density Function



$$
\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) d x=1.0
$$


if this is a "total of something" then this is a "density"
shaded area gives the probability of $P\left(x_{1} \leq x<x_{2}\right)$

## Example What is $c$ ?



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) d x=1.0 \Rightarrow \int_{1}^{5} \frac{c}{4}(x-1) d x=\left.\frac{c}{8}(x-1)^{2}\right|_{1} ^{5}=2 c \Rightarrow c=\frac{1}{2} \\
& E(X)=\int_{1}^{5} x f(x) d x=\frac{1}{8} \int_{1}^{5}\left(x^{2}-x\right) d x=\frac{1}{8}\left[\frac{1}{3} x^{3}-\frac{1}{2} x^{2}\right]_{1}^{5} \simeq 3.67 \\
& p(x \leq 2)=\int_{1}^{2} \frac{1}{8}(x-1) d x=\frac{1}{16} \quad p(x>4)=\int_{4}^{5} \frac{1}{8}(x-1) d x=\frac{7}{16}
\end{aligned}
$$

Q : if $x$ is a periodic function, what are the possibilities of $x(t)$ ?

## Cumulative Distribution Function

$$
F(x)=\int_{-\infty}^{x} f(u) d u
$$

so that

$$
P\left(x_{1} \leq x<x_{2}\right)=F\left(x_{2}\right)-F\left(x_{1}\right)
$$



## Well Known Distributions




$$
\sigma=\sqrt{E\left((x-m)^{2}\right)} \quad \text { Standard deviation }
$$

## Histogram



Histogram : A graph showing the \#occurrences of r.v. within each bin. for a random experiment repeated N times.

For the given signal : See the resemblance to Gaussian r.v.

Histogram shows the distribution for the measured results.
pdf is the expected distribution (may not have done yet)
For large number of experiments, histogram becomes a representation of pdf
pdf shows only the probabilistic distribution, not the time function itself

For example, pdf of the following periodic function looks like a Gaussian


There may be infinite number of functions that have the same pdf (we might have an example on how to determine pdf for a given periodic waveform)

## Noise

Any signal other than our structured signal, but intentionally or unintentionally added onto our signal, is categorized as noise.

## Noise Sources

- Electronic / Thermal noise
- Electrical discharges in the atmosphere / nearby devices
- Interference / Crosstalk between channels and multipath effects
- Solar / Cosmic effects
- Distortion from nonlinearities of the electronics / media
(quantization noise and granular noise are evaluated in different contexts)


Channel input


Channel output

## AWGN

Noise is usually assumed to be (this assumption is not baseless)

Additive: $\quad S_{o}=k S_{i}+N$
White : $|F(N)|=c$ (has the same power at all frequencies)
Gaussian : Probability distribution function is Gaussian



## Impulse


as a result $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-\tau) x(t) d t=x(\tau) \quad$ where $\tau \quad$ is the position of impulse

Impulse Response of a System


$$
\begin{aligned}
& y(t)=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-\tau) h(\tau) d t=h(t) \\
& y(t)=h(t) \quad \text { when input is } \delta(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Convolution

Think of $x(t)$ as an infinite sum of $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\tau-t) x(\tau) d t=x(t)$

The output of the system will be an infinite sum of responses to each weighted impulse


For this infinite summation to hold, the system must be a Linear System

## Linearity


$h(t)$ is a Linear Time Invariant (LTI) system
Time Invariant : the system $h(t)$ does not change by time


## Signal + Noise



Distortion caused by limited bandwidth




Note that : If Signal/Noise decreases, it becomes more difficult to distinguish these hills

## END

