

Sampling : discrete sampling  $\rightarrow$  aliasing

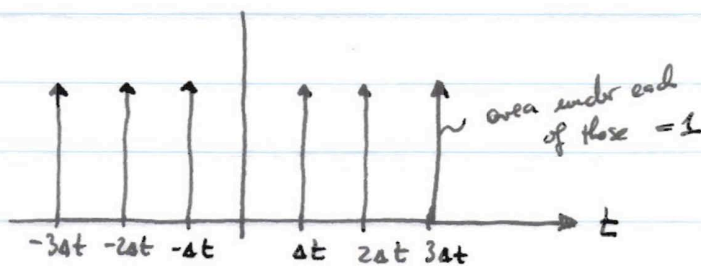
put fig. 5.3 of Bingham (1988) on the board as an "outline"

Define a "sampling" function

$$\text{III}(\Delta t, t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - n\Delta t) = \begin{cases} \infty & t = n\Delta t \\ 0 & t \neq n\Delta t \end{cases} \quad n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

a "data comb"

a train of  $\frac{1}{\text{unit}}$  impulse functions



or discrete

We can now define a sampled  $\checkmark$  version  $\hat{x}(t, \Delta t)$  of the continuous process  $x(t)$  as

$$\hat{x}(t, \Delta t) = \text{III}(t, \Delta t) \cdot x(t)$$

This multiplication in the time domain will correspond to a convolution in the frequency domain that ~~we'll discuss~~ is the main goal of this lecture  $\rightarrow$  SAMPLING THEOREM

First, however, we need to explore  $\text{III}(t, \Delta t)$ .

Interpret  $\text{III}(t, \Delta t)$  as a periodic function with period  $\Delta t$   
 Its Fourier series representation is thus

$$\text{III}(t, \Delta t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{j 2\pi \frac{n}{\Delta t} t}$$

with

$$c_n = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{-\Delta t/2}^{\Delta t/2} \text{III}(\Delta t, t) e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{\Delta t} n t} dt$$

$t \in [-\frac{\Delta t}{2}, \frac{\Delta t}{2}]$   $\rightarrow$   $\text{III}(\Delta t, t)$  on that interval equals  $\delta(t)$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{-\Delta t/2}^{\Delta t/2} \delta(t - n\Delta t) e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{\Delta t} n t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta t} e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{\Delta t} n t} \Big|_{t=n\Delta t} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} e^{-j 2\pi n^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \cos(2\pi n^2) - i \sin(2\pi n^2) = \frac{1}{\Delta t}$$

Hence

$$\text{III}(t, \Delta t) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j 2\pi \frac{n}{\Delta t} t}$$

The Fourier Transform of this sampling function thus is

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{III}(t, \Delta t)) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j 2\pi \frac{n}{\Delta t} t} e^{-j 2\pi f t} dt$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{III}(t, \Delta t)) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j \frac{2\pi}{\Delta t} n t} \cdot e^{-j 2\pi f t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-j 2\pi f' t} dt \quad f' = f - \frac{n}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(1) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(f') = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(f - \frac{n}{\Delta t}\right)$$

This is quite a remarkable and very useful result, i.e., the Fourier transform of a sequence of  $\delta$ -functions is a sequence of  $\delta$ -functions

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}\left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - n\Delta t)\right) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(f - \frac{n}{\Delta t}\right)$$

Now we can compute the Fourier Transform of our sampled time series  $\hat{x}(t, \Delta t) = \text{III}(t, \Delta t) \cdot x(t)$ :

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}(\hat{x}(t, \Delta t)) = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(\text{III}(t, \Delta t)) * \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(x(t))$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(\text{III}(t, \Delta t)) \cdot X(f-f') df' \quad \text{convolution}$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(f - \frac{n}{\Delta t}\right) \cdot X(f-f') df'$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\hat{x}(t, \Delta t)) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X(f - f')$$

with  $f' = n/\Delta t$

as there  $\delta(f' - \frac{n}{\Delta t}) = \delta(0)$

$$\mathcal{F}(\hat{x}(t, \Delta t)) = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X(f - \frac{n}{\Delta t}) \neq X(f) = \mathcal{F}(x(t))$$

The sampled waveform is an infinitely shifted sum of the continuous (unsampled) Fourier transform  $X(f)$ .

Instead of a single transformed waveform we now have an infinite number of these which possibly overlap! The overlap or separation is crucially dependent upon  $\Delta t$  which is the sampling interval. The potentially devastating effect of the discrete sampling is called ALIASING.

Discuss graphically (Bingham, 1988; fig. 5.3-5.8) the different choices of  $\Delta t$  and what they'll do to the Fourier transform of your data.

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How does one ~~made~~ avoid aliasing? not possible in practice but ...

- (1) Data may not contain any contributions from frequencies larger than  $f_N$ , the Nyquist frequency.  
→ data with a limited frequency bandwidth

- (2) Data must be sampled <sup>at a rate</sup> faster than  $f_N = 1/2\Delta t$