



Lecture2 D/Continuous Conversion as Sinc Interpolation

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Recap: C/D Conversion

Recall that

$$X_s(j\Omega) = \mathcal{F}\{x_c(t)s(t)\} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_k X_c(j(\Omega - k\Omega_s)). \quad (1)$$

Thus, conceptually, we can use a *low-pass filter* to reconstruct $x_c(t)$ from $x[n] = x_c(nT)$ as long as the sampling rate f_s is higher than 2 times the bandwidth B .

In this lecture, we will calculate the *impulse response* of the reconstruction filter first, and then point out that what low-pass filtering does is essentially *interpolation*.





Let's consider an analog filter with a frequency response $H(j\Omega)$ as follows,

$$H(j\Omega) = \begin{cases} T, & |\Omega| < \pi f_s, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Remarks:

- ① From Eq. (1), it should be clear that $H(j\Omega)X_s(j\Omega) = X_c(j\Omega)$.
- ② This is the action of filtering, which is a multiplication in the frequency domain.
- ③ By *convolution theorem*, we can achieve filtering by convolving $x_s(t)$ with an *impulse response* $h(t)$, which is the inverse Fourier transform of $H(j\Omega)$ in the time domain.

Derivation of the Inverse Fourier transform of $H(j\Omega)$

In-class exercise: show that

$$h(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(H(j\Omega)) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(j\Omega) e^{j\Omega t} d\Omega = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{T}\right)}{\frac{\pi t}{T}},$$

and draw a sketch of $h(t)$.

D/C conversion as Sinc Interpolation

The function $\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$ is often called and denoted as the sinc function; that is, we write $\text{sinc}(\theta) = \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$. Be careful also to define that $\text{sinc}(0) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(t)}{t} = 1$.

In the previous slide, we showed that $h(t) = \text{sinc}(\pi t/T)$. Can you draw a sketch of convolving $x_s(t) = x_c(t) \sum_n \delta(t - nT)$ with $h(t)$?

Highlight: Write $x_s(t) = \sum_n x[n] \delta(t - nT)$, and thus we have $y(t) = x_s(t) * h(t) = \sum_n x[n] \text{sinc}(t - nT)$, where $*$ denotes convolution in time.





$$\boxed{\text{If } x(t) \in \mathbb{R}, \forall t}$$

$$X(-j\Omega) = X^*(j\Omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |X(j\Omega)| = |X(-j\Omega)| \\ \angle X(-j\Omega) = -\angle X(j\Omega) \end{cases}$$

Interpolation

$$x_s(t) \triangleq x_c(t) s(t),$$

where

$$s(t) = \sum_n \delta(t - nT)$$

$$X_s(j\Omega) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_k X_c(j(\Omega - k\Omega_s))$$

$H(j\Omega)$ low-pass

Nyquist Rate

cut-off

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}(H(j\Omega)) \triangleq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(j\Omega) e^{j\Omega t} d\Omega$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi f_s}^{\pi f_s} \frac{1}{T} e^{j\Omega t} d\Omega$$

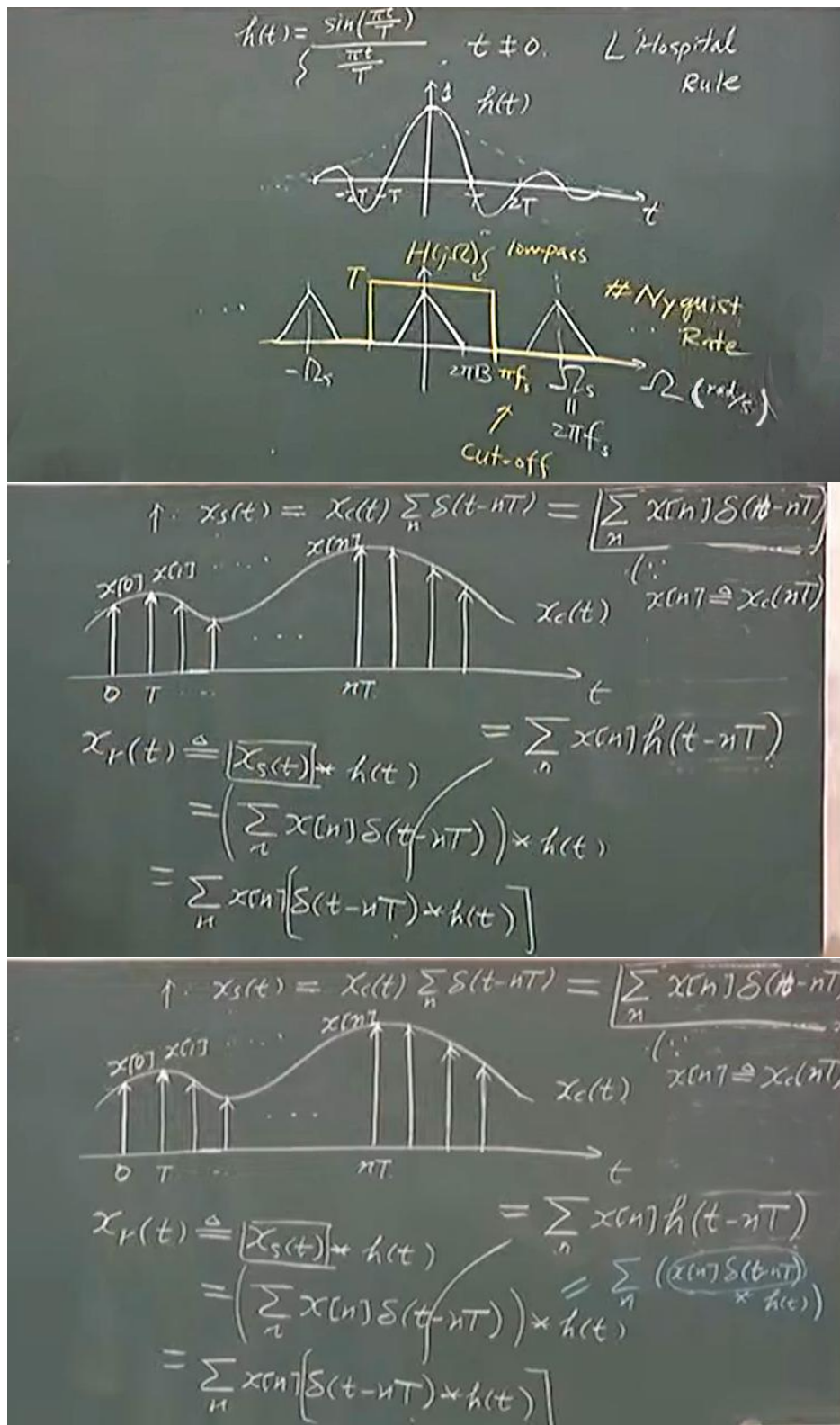
$$= \frac{T}{2\pi} \frac{1}{jt} e^{j\Omega t} \Big|_{-\pi f_s}^{\pi f_s} = \frac{T}{2\pi} \frac{1}{jt} (e^{j\pi f_s t} - e^{-j\pi f_s t})$$

$$= \frac{T}{\pi} \frac{\sin(\pi f_s t)}{t}$$

$$= \frac{\sin(\pi/T)t}{\pi/T}$$

$2j \sin(\pi f_s t)$

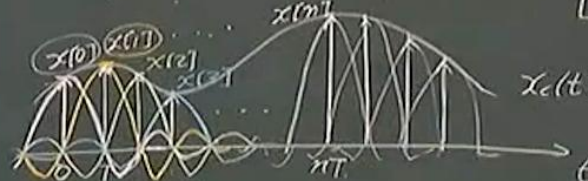






$$\uparrow \quad x_s(t) = x_c(t) \sum_n \delta(t - nT) = \left[\sum_n x[n] \delta(t - nT) \right]$$

(∵ $x[n] \triangleq x_c(nT)$)



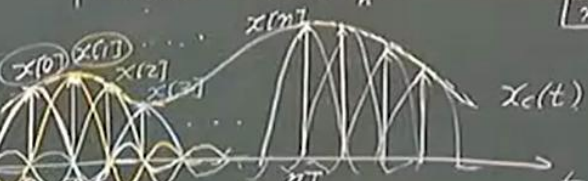
$$x_r(t) \triangleq \boxed{x_s(t)} * h(t) = \sum_n x[n] h(t - nT)$$

$$= \left(\sum_n x[n] \delta(t - nT) \right) * h(t) = \sum_n \left(\underbrace{x[n] \delta(t - nT)}_{* h(t)} \right)$$

$$= \sum_n x[n] \left[\delta(t - nT) * h(t) \right]$$

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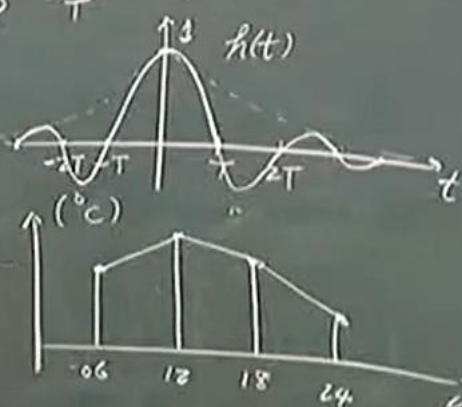
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$$= \sum_n x[n] \left[\delta(t - nT) * h(t) \right] = x_c(t)$$

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi t}{T})}{\frac{\pi t}{T}} & t \neq 0 \\ 1 & t = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{L'Hospital Rule}$$


(h_c)

(h_r)





Additional Remarks from the Textbook (1/3)

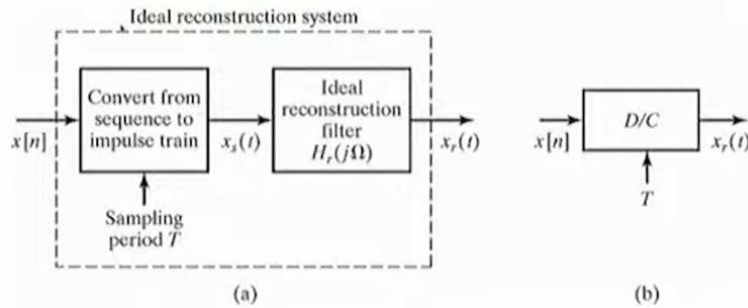


Figure 1: The sinc filter is referred to as the *ideal reconstruction filter*.

Additional Remarks from the Textbook (2/3)

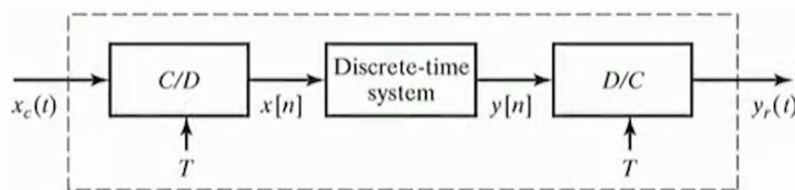


Figure 2: The idea of processing continuous-time signal in the discrete-time domain.
Discussion: What are the advantages?

Additional Remarks from the Textbook (3/3)

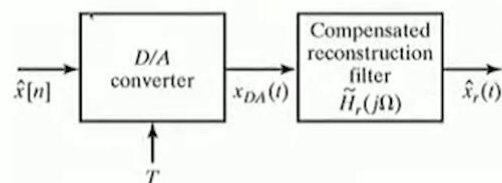


Figure 3: (Optional) The actual practice of D/C conversion. D = Digital, A = Analog. Refer to Sec. 4.8.4 of O&S if interested.

