### 6.003: Signals and Systems

## Fourier Series

## Mid-term Examination \#2

Wednesday, April 7, 7:30-9:30pm, 34-101.
No recitations on the day of the exam.

Coverage: Lectures 1-15
Recitations 1-15
Homeworks 1-8

Homework 8 will not collected or graded. Solutions will be posted.

Closed book: 2 pages of notes ( $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 11$ inches; front and back).

Designed as 1-hour exam; two hours to complete.

Review sessions during open office hours.

Conflict? Contact freeman@mit.edu before Friday, April 2, 5pm.

## Last Time: Describing Signals by Frequency Content

Harmonic content is natural way to describe some kinds of signals.
Ex: musical instruments (http://theremin.music.uiowa.edu/MIS)


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We can think of Fourier series as an orthogonal decomposition.

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Sifting as an inner product:

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The complex conjugate (*) makes the inner product of the $k^{\text {th }}$ and $m^{\text {th }}$ components equal to 1 iff $k=m$ :

$$
\frac{1}{T} \int_{T}\left(e^{j \frac{2 \pi}{T} k t}\right)^{*}\left(e^{j \frac{2 \pi}{T} m t}\right) d t=\frac{1}{T} \int_{T} e^{-j \frac{2 \pi}{T} k t} e^{j \frac{2 \pi}{T} m t} d t= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } k=m \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

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How many of the following pairs of functions are orthogonal ( $\perp$ ) in $T=3$ ?

1. $\cos 2 \pi t \perp \sin 2 \pi t$ ?
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$\int_{0}^{3} d t \neq 0$ therefore NO

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How many of the following are orthogonal ( $\perp$ ) in $T=3$ ?
$\cos 2 \pi t \perp e^{2 \pi t} ?$

$$
e^{2 \pi t}=\cos 2 \pi t+j \sin 2 \pi t
$$

$\cos 2 \pi t \perp \sin 2 \pi t$ but not $\cos 2 \pi t$
Therefore NO

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How many of the following pairs of functions are orthogonal $(\perp)$ in $T=3$ ? 2

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3. $\cos 2 \pi t \perp \sin \pi t ? \quad \times$
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## Speech

Vowel sounds are quasi-periodic.


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## Speech Production

Speech is generated by the passage of air from the lungs, through the vocal cords, mouth, and nasal cavity.


## Speech Production

Controlled by complicated muscles, the vocal cords are set into vibrational motion by the passage of air from the lungs.

Looking down the throat:


## Vocal cords open



Adapted from T.F. Weiss

## Speech Production

Vibrations of the vocal cords are "filtered" by the mouth and nasal cavities to generate speech.


## Filtering

Notion of a filter.

LTI systems

- cannot create new frequencies.
- can only scale magnitudes and shift phases of existing components.

Example: Low-Pass Filtering with an RC circuit


## Lowpass Filter

Calculate the frequency response of an RC circuit.


## Lowpass Filtering

Let the input be a square wave.


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& x(t)=\sum_{k \text { odd }} \frac{1}{j \pi k} e^{j \omega_{0} k t} ; \quad \omega_{0}=\frac{2 \pi}{T}
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## Lowpass Filtering

Low frequency square wave: $\omega_{0} \ll 1 / R C$.


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Higher frequency square wave: $\omega_{0}<1 / R C$.


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## Lowpass Filtering

Still higher frequency square wave: $\omega_{0}=1 / R C$.


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## Lowpass Filtering

High frequency square wave: $\omega_{0}>1 / R C$.


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## Source-Filter Model of Speech Production

Vibrations of the vocal cords are "filtered" by the mouth and nasal cavities to generate speech.


## Speech Production

X-ray movie showing speech in production.


## Demonstration

Artificial speech.


## Formants

## Resonant frequencies of the vocal tract.



|  | Formant | heed | head | had | hod | haw'd | who'd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Men | F1 | 270 | 530 | 660 | 730 | 570 | 300 |
|  | F2 | 2290 | 1840 | 1720 | 1090 | 840 | 870 |
|  | F3 | 3010 | 2480 | 2410 | 2440 | 2410 | 2240 |
| Women | F1 | 310 | 610 | 860 | 850 | 590 | 370 |
|  | F2 | 2790 | 2330 | 2050 | 1220 | 920 | 950 |
|  | F3 | 3310 | 2990 | 2850 | 2810 | 2710 | 2670 |
|  | F1 | 370 | 690 | 1010 | 1030 | 680 | 430 |
|  | F2 | 3200 | 2610 | 2320 | 1370 | 1060 | 1170 |
|  | F3 | 3730 | 3570 | 3320 | 3170 | 3180 | 3260 |

http://www.sfu.ca/sonic-studio/handbook/Formant.html

## Speech Production

Same glottis signal + different formants $\rightarrow$ different vowels.

vocal tract filter
vowel sound




We detect changes in the filter function to recognize vowels.

## Singing

We detect changes in the filter function to recognize vowels ... at least sometimes.

Demonstration.
"la" scale.
"Iore" scale.
"loo" scale.
"Ier" scale.
"lee" scale.
Low Frequency: "la" "lore" "loo" "ler" "lee".
High Frequency: "la" "lore" "loo" "ler" "lee".
http://www.phys.unsw.edu.au/jw/soprane.html

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## Continuous-Time Fourier Series: Summary

Fourier series represent signals by their frequency content.
Representing a signal by its frequency content is useful for many signals, e.g., music.

Fourier series motivate a new representation of a system as a filter.
Representing a system as a filter is useful for many systems, e.g., speech synthesis.

