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Linear Systems with Generalized Linear Phase

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Linear Systems with Generalized Linear Phase

- For frequency selective filters, it is desirable to have
 - Constant MR at the band of interest.
 - Zero phase at the band of interest.
- For causal systems, zero phase is not achievable.
 - Hence, some phase distortion must be allowed.
 - The effect of linear phase with integer slope is a simple time shift.
 - A non-linear phase can have a major effect on the shape of a signal even when the MR is constant.
 - Hence, it is particularly desirable to design systems to have exactly or approximately linear phase.
 - A filter needs linear phase to in order to properly shift every cosine by the same amount.
 - This constraint is stricter than what we actually need for most filters.
 - In this lecture, we consider formalization and generalization of the notions of linear phase and ideal time delay by considering the class of systems that have constant group delay.

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Systems with Linear Phase

- Consider an LTI system whose FR over one period is

$$H_{id}(e^{j\omega}) = e^{-j\omega\alpha}, \quad |\omega| < \pi \quad (1)$$

Where α is a real number (not necessarily integer)

- Such a system is an ideal delay system with a delay of α .
- This type of system has:

- Constant MR ($|H_{id}(e^{j\omega})| = 1$)
- Linear PR ($\text{angle}(H_{id}(e^{j\omega})) = -\omega\alpha$)
- Constant GD ($\text{grd}[H_{id}(e^{j\omega})] = \alpha$)

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The inverse FT of $H_{id}(e^{j\omega})$ is the impulse response

$$h_{id}[n] = \frac{\sin\pi(n-\alpha)}{\pi(n-\alpha)}, \quad -\infty < n < \infty$$

The O/P of this system for an I/P $x[n]$ is

$$y[n] = x[n] * \frac{\sin\pi(n-\alpha)}{\pi(n-\alpha)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \frac{\sin\pi(n-k-\alpha)}{\pi(n-k-\alpha)}$$

If $\alpha = n_d$ is an integer, then

$$h_{id}[n] = \delta[n - n_d] \text{ and} \\ y[n] = x[n] * \delta[n - n_d] = x[n - n_d]$$

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- If the GD α is positive,
 - The time shift is a time delay.
- If the GD α is negative,
 - The time shift is a time advance.

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Representation of an LP LTI system as a cascade of a magnitude filter and time shift.



$$H(e^{j\omega}) = |H(e^{j\omega})|e^{-j\omega\alpha} \quad (2)$$

- The signal $x[n]$ is filtered by the zero phase FR $|H(e^{j\omega})|$ and the filtered output is then time-shifted by the amount α .

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Representation of an LP LTI system as a cascade of a magnitude filter and time shift.

If $H(e^{j\omega})$ is a linear phase ideal low pass filter,

$$H_{lp}(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} e^{-j\omega\alpha}, & |\omega| < \omega_c \\ 0, & \omega_c < |\omega| \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

The corresponding impulse response is

$$h_{lp}[n] = \frac{\sin\omega_c(n - \alpha)}{\pi(n - \alpha)}$$

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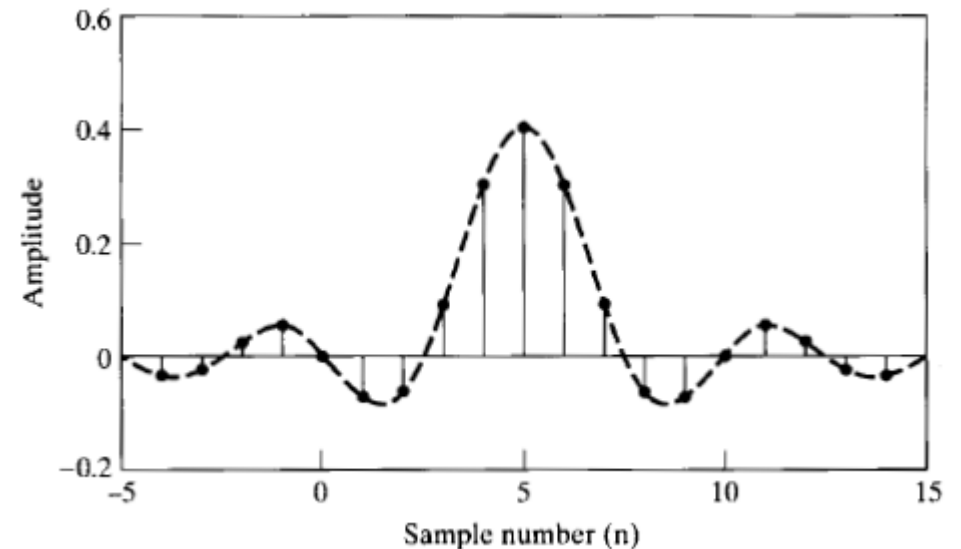
Example 5.16 (Ideal Low Pass with Linear Phase)

$$\omega_c = 0.4\pi$$

$$\alpha = n_d = 5$$

When α is an integer, the IR is symmetric about $n = n_d$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{lp}[2n_d - n] &= \frac{\sin\omega_c(2n_d - n - n_d)}{\pi(2n_d - n - n_d)} \\ &= \frac{\sin\omega_c(n_d - n)}{\pi(n_d - n)} \\ &= h_{lp}[n] \end{aligned}$$



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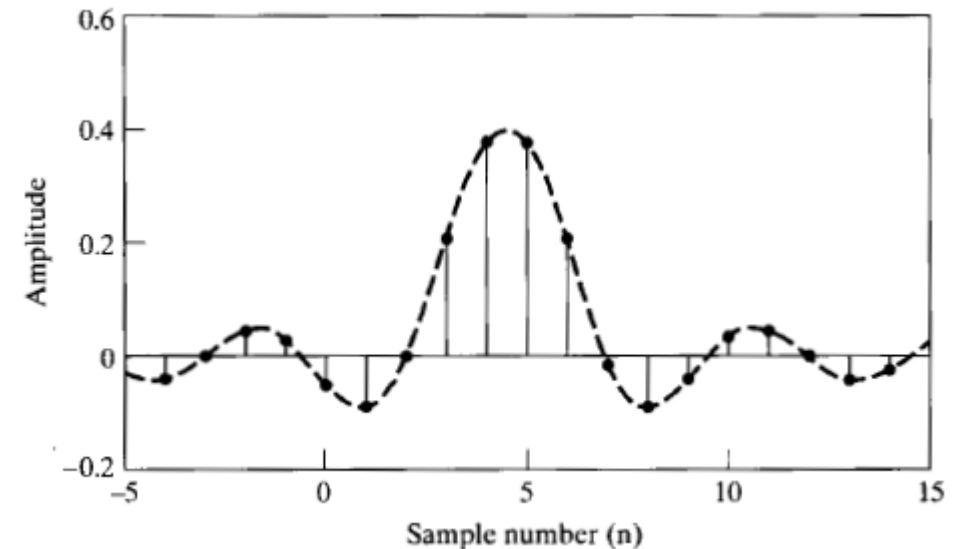
Example 5.16 (Ideal Low Pass with Linear Phase)

$$\omega_c = 0.4\pi$$

$$\alpha = n_d = 4.5$$

Symmetry around $\alpha = n_d = 4.5$ which is a non-integer.

If 2α is an integer, then $h_{lp}[2\alpha - n] = h_{lp}[n]$



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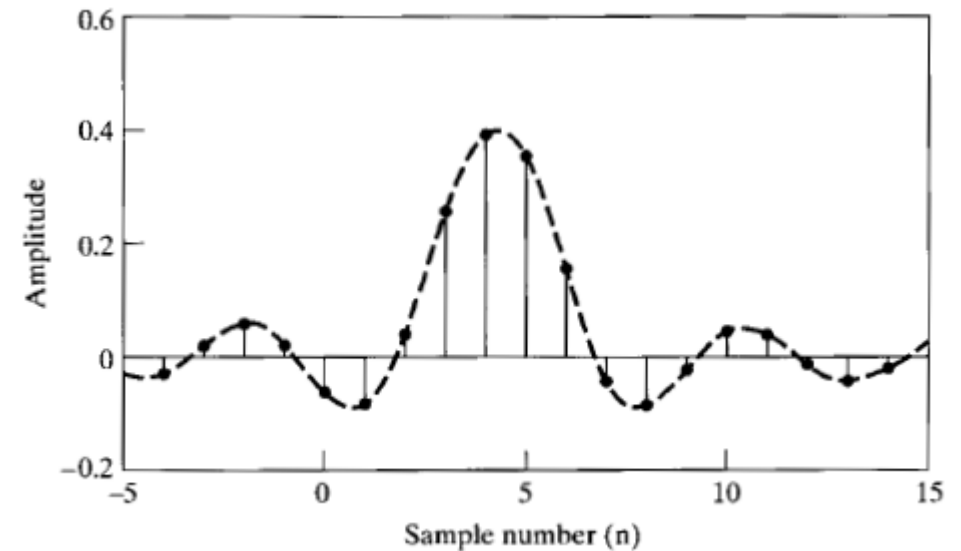
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Example 5.16 (Ideal Low Pass with Linear Phase)

$$\omega_c = 0.4\pi$$

$$\alpha = n_d = 4.3$$

No symmetry at all



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In general, an LPS has FR

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = |H(e^{j\omega})|e^{-j\omega\alpha} \quad (2)$$

- If 2α is an integer (i.e., if α is an integer or an integer plus one-half), the corresponding IR has even symmetry about α i.e.,
$$h[2\alpha - n] = h[n]$$
- If 2α is not an integer, then the IR will not have even symmetry, but it will still have linear phase and constant GD.

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Generalized Linear Phase

- We don't always need linear filters.
- In the earlier discussion on LPS, we discussed a class of systems whose FR is of the form of Eq. (2) i.e.,
 - A real valued non-negative function of ω multiplied by a linear phase term $e^{-j\omega\alpha}$.
- It is possible to generalize the definition of linear phase.

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Generalized Linear Phase

- A system is called a generalized linear phase system if its FR can be expressed in the form

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = A(e^{j\omega})e^{-j\alpha\omega+j\beta} \quad (3)$$

where α and β are constants and $A(e^{j\omega})$ is a real (possibly bipolar) function of ω .

- For such systems, the phase consists of constant terms added to the linear function $-\omega\alpha$ i.e., $-\omega\alpha + \beta$ is the equation of a straight line.
- If we ignore the discontinuities that result from the addition of constant phase over all or part of the band $|\omega| < \pi$,
 - Then the system can be characterized by constant GD.

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- Hence, the class of systems such that

$$\tau(\omega) = \text{grd}[H(e^{j\omega})] = -\frac{d}{d\omega} \{\arg[H(e^{j\omega})]\} = \alpha$$

Have linear phase of the more general form

$$\arg[H(e^{j\omega})] = \beta - \omega\alpha$$

Where β and α are both real constants.

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Generalized Linear Phase

- Earlier, we noted that the IR of LP systems may have symmetry about α if 2α is an integer.
- For systems with GLP,

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = A(e^{j\omega})e^{j(\beta - \alpha\omega)}$$

Necessary (but not sufficient) condition for the system to have constant delay:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n] \sin[\omega(n - \alpha) + \beta] = 0 \text{ for all } \omega \quad (4)$$

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E.g.,

One set of conditions that satisfies Eq. (4) is:

- $\beta = 0$ or π
 - $2\alpha = M = \text{an integer}$
 - $h[2\alpha - n] = h[n]$ (5)
- $\Rightarrow A(e^{j\omega})$ is an even function of ω

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Another set of conditions that satisfies Eq. (4) is:

- $\beta = 3\pi/2$ or $\pi/2$
 - $2\alpha = M = \text{an integer}$
 - $h[2\alpha - n] = -h[n]$ (6)
- $\Rightarrow A(e^{j\omega})$ is an odd function of ω

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- These two set of conditions, guarantee GLP or CGD, but there are other systems that also satisfy Eq. (3) without these symmetry conditions.