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Learning to Learn

The Art of Doing Science and Engineering

Session 14: Digital Filters I

Need to be mentally flexible!



Inability to update skills and education makes you an economic and social loss

- Economic loss because you cost more to employ than you are putting into the business
- Social loss because disgruntled employees foster an unhealthy work environment

You will have to learn a new subject many times during your career

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Digital Filters overview



Linear Processing implies digital filters

Theory dominated by Fourier Series

- Any complete set of functions (e.g. sinusoids) can do as well as any other set of arbitrary functions
- But why the almost-exclusive use of Fourier Series in field of digital signal processing?
 - recent-vear interest: wavelets

What is really going on?

Digital Filters overview



Typically time-invariant representation of signals, given no natural origin of time.

Led to trigonometric functions, together with eigenfunctions of translation, in the form of Fourier series and Fourier integrals.

Linear systems use same eigenfunctions.

Complex exponentials are equivalent to the real trigonometric functions

Digital Filters: Nyquist Sampling Theorem



Given a band-limited signal, sampled at equal spaces at a rate of at least two in the highest frequency, then the original signal can be reconstructed from the samples.

Sampling process loses no information when replacing continuous signal with equally spaced samples, provided that the samples can cover entire real number line.

Fourier Functions



Three reasons for using Fourier series:

- Time Invariance
- Linearity
- Reconstruction of the original function from the equally spaced samples





























