




Digital Communications

Signals, Random Processes and Spectral Analysis



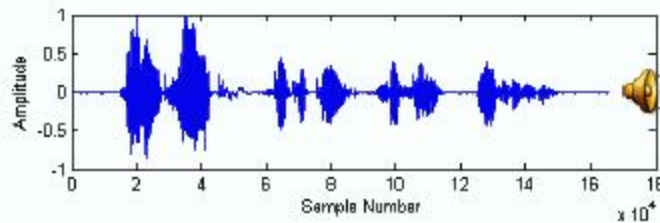
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Signals

What is Signal?

- In communication systems, a **signal** is any function that carries information. Also called **information bearing signal**



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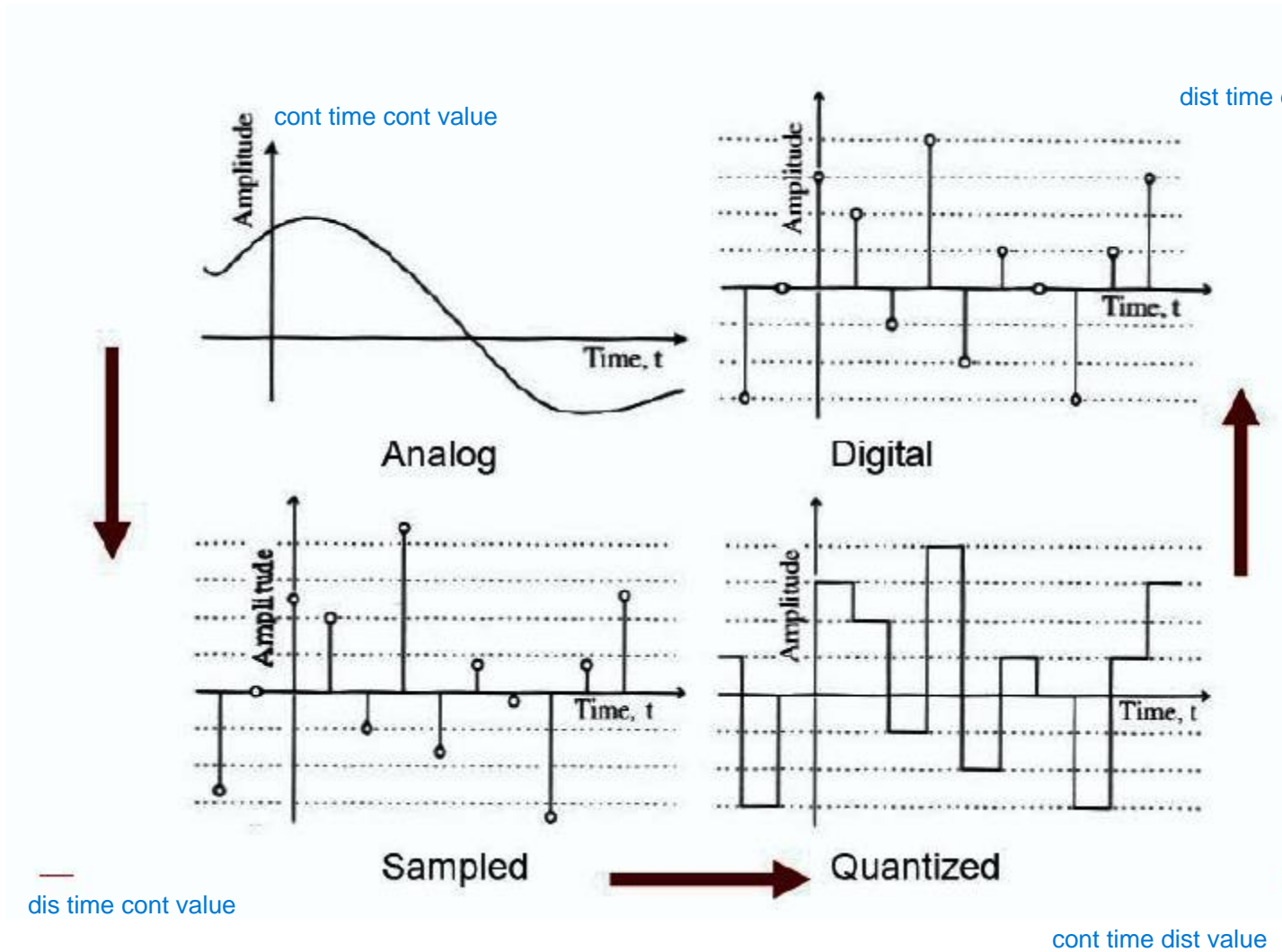
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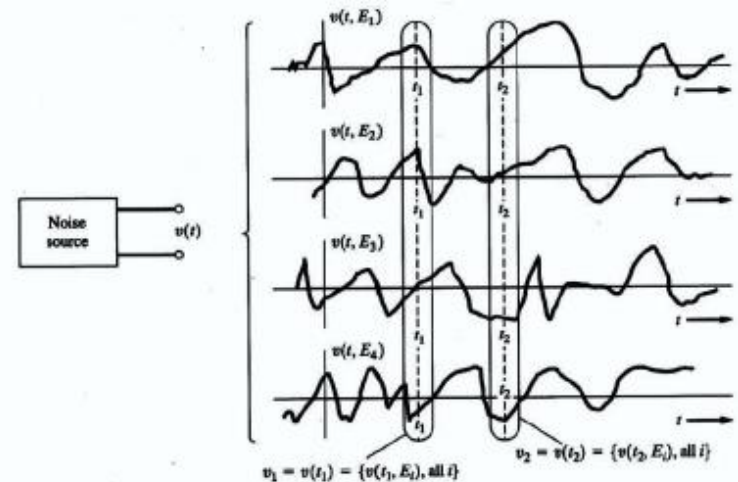
- Continuous-time signal vs. discrete-time signal
- Continuous valued signal vs. discrete-valued signal
 - Continuous-time and continuous valued: analog signal
 - Discrete-time and discrete valued: digital signal
 - Discrete-time and continuous valued: sampled signal
 - Continuous-time and discrete valued: quantized signal



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- Energy signal vs. power signal

- Energy $E_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |x(t)|^2 dt$ finite energy and 0 power

- Power $P_x = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |x(t)|^2 dt$ finite average power but infinite energy

- A signal is an **energy signal** iff E_x is finite

- A signal is a **power signal** iff P_x is finite

In general, energy signals are used to transmit information over a long distance or to store information for a long period of time. Examples of energy signals include radio waves, which can transmit information over long distances, and magnetic fields, which can store information on a magnetic tape or hard drive. In contrast, power signals are typically used to transmit information over short distances or to transmit information in real-time. Examples of power signals include electrical currents, which can transmit information over short distances through wires, and light waves, which can transmit information in real-time through fiber optic cables.



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Fourier Transform

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t)e^{-j2\pi ft} dt, \quad x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} X(f)e^{j2\pi ft} df$$

