
CHAPTER 3

Data and Signals

Solutions to Review Questions and Exercises

Review Questions

1. **Frequency** and **period** are the inverse of each other. $T = 1/f$ and $f = 1/T$.
2. The **amplitude** of a signal measures the value of the signal at any point. The **frequency** of a signal refers to the number of periods in one second. The phase describes the position of the waveform relative to time zero.
3. Using Fourier analysis. **Fourier series** gives the frequency domain of a periodic signal; **Fourier analysis** gives the frequency domain of a nonperiodic signal.
4. Three types of transmission impairment are **attenuation**, **distortion**, and **noise**.
5. **Baseband transmission** means sending a digital or an analog signal without modulation using a low-pass channel. **Broadband transmission** means modulating a digital or an analog signal using a band-pass channel.
6. A **low-pass channel** has a bandwidth starting from zero; a **band-pass** channel has a bandwidth that does not start from zero.
7. The **Nyquist theorem** defines the maximum bit rate of a noiseless channel.
8. The **Shannon capacity** determines the theoretical maximum bit rate of a noisy channel.
9. **Optical signals** have very high frequencies. A high frequency means a short wavelength because the wave length is inversely proportional to the frequency ($\lambda = v/f$), where v is the propagation speed in the media.
10. A signal is **periodic** if its frequency domain plot is **discrete**; a signal is **nonperiodic** if its frequency domain plot is **continuous**.
11. The frequency domain of a voice signal is normally **continuous** because voice is a **nonperiodic** signal.
12. An alarm system is normally **periodic**. Its frequency domain plot is therefore **discrete**.
13. This is **baseband transmission** because no modulation is involved.
14. This is **baseband transmission** because no modulation is involved.
15. This is **broadband transmission** because it involves modulation.

Exercises

16.

a. $T = 1 / f = 1 / (24 \text{ Hz}) = 0.0417 \text{ s} = 41.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s} = \mathbf{41.7 \text{ ms}}$

b. $T = 1 / f = 1 / (8 \text{ MHz}) = 0.000000125 = 0.125 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s} = \mathbf{0.125 \mu\text{s}}$

c. $T = 1 / f = 1 / (140 \text{ KHz}) = 0.00000714 \text{ s} = 7.14 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s} = \mathbf{7.14 \mu\text{s}}$

17.

a. $f = 1 / T = 1 / (5 \text{ s}) = 0.2 \text{ Hz}$

b. $f = 1 / T = 1 / (12 \mu\text{s}) = 83333 \text{ Hz} = 83.333 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz} = \mathbf{83.333 \text{ KHz}}$

c. $f = 1 / T = 1 / (220 \text{ ns}) = 4550000 \text{ Hz} = 4.55 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz} = \mathbf{4.55 \text{ MHz}}$

18.

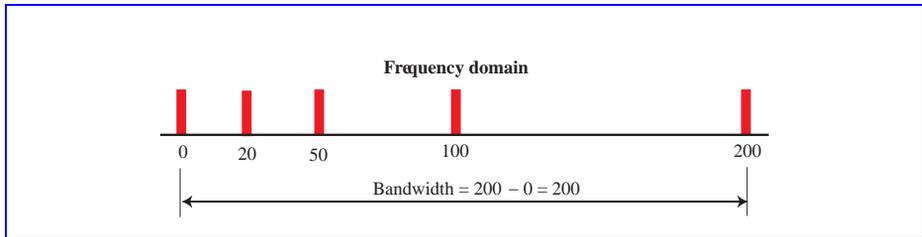
a. 90 degrees ($\pi/2$ radian)

b. 0 degrees (0 radian)

c. 90 degrees ($\pi/2$ radian)

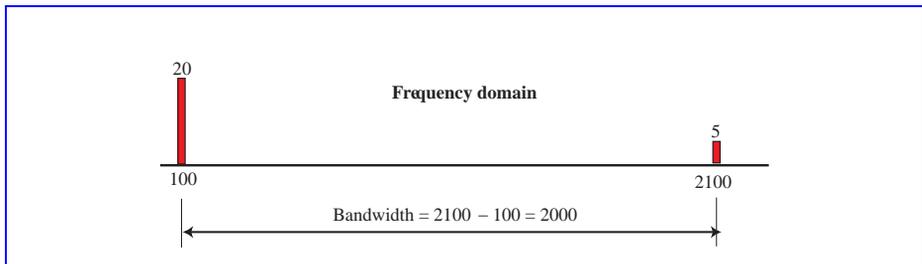
19. See Figure 3.1

Figure 3.1 Solution to Exercise 19



20. We know the lowest frequency, 100. We know the bandwidth is 2000. The highest frequency must be $100 + 2000 = \mathbf{2100 \text{ Hz}}$. See Figure 3.2

Figure 3.2 Solution to Exercise 20



21. Each signal is a simple signal in this case. The bandwidth of a simple signal is zero. So the bandwidth of both signals are the same.

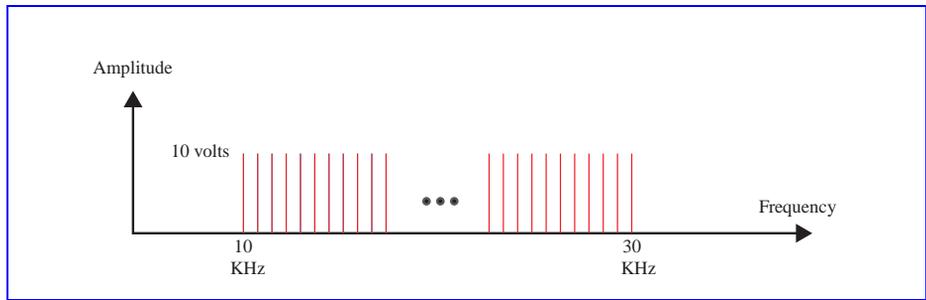
22.

a. bit rate = $1 / (\text{bit duration}) = 1 / (0.001 \text{ s}) = 1000 \text{ bps} = \mathbf{1 \text{ Kbps}}$

b. bit rate = $1 / (\text{bit duration}) = 1 / (2 \text{ ms}) = \mathbf{500 \text{ bps}}$

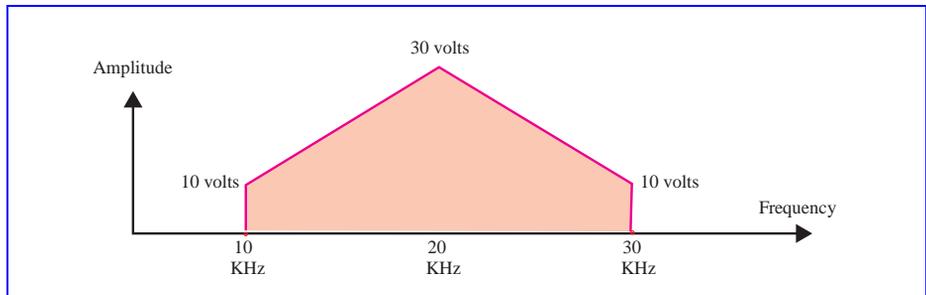
- c. bit rate = $1/(\text{bit duration}) = 1 / (20 \mu\text{s}/10) = 1 / (2 \mu\text{s}) = \mathbf{500 \text{ Kbps}}$
- 23.
- a. $(10 / 1000) \text{ s} = \mathbf{0.01 \text{ s}}$
- b. $(8 / 1000) \text{ s} = 0.008 \text{ s} = \mathbf{8 \text{ ms}}$
- c. $((100,000 \times 8) / 1000) \text{ s} = \mathbf{800 \text{ s}}$
24. There are 8 bits in 16 ns. Bit rate is $8 / (16 \times 10^{-9}) = 0.5 \times 10^{-9} = \mathbf{500 \text{ Mbps}}$
25. The signal makes 8 cycles in 4 ms. The frequency is $8 / (4 \text{ ms}) = \mathbf{2 \text{ KHz}}$
26. The bandwidth is $5 \times 5 = \mathbf{25 \text{ Hz}}$.
27. The signal is periodic, so the frequency domain is made of discrete frequencies. as shown in Figure 3.3.

Figure 3.3 Solution to Exercise 27



28. The signal is nonperiodic, so the frequency domain is made of a continuous spectrum of frequencies as shown in Figure 3.4.

Figure 3.4 Solution to Exercise 28



- 29.
- Using the first harmonic, data rate = $2 \times 6 \text{ MHz} = \mathbf{12 \text{ Mbps}}$
- Using three harmonics, data rate = $(2 \times 6 \text{ MHz}) / 3 = \mathbf{4 \text{ Mbps}}$
- Using five harmonics, data rate = $(2 \times 6 \text{ MHz}) / 5 = \mathbf{2.4 \text{ Mbps}}$
30. $\text{dB} = 10 \log_{10} (90 / 100) = \mathbf{-0.46 \text{ dB}}$
31. $-10 = 10 \log_{10} (P_2 / 5) \rightarrow \log_{10} (P_2 / 5) = -1 \rightarrow (P_2 / 5) = 10^{-1} \rightarrow P_2 = \mathbf{0.5 \text{ W}}$
32. The total gain is $3 \times 4 = 12 \text{ dB}$. The signal is amplified by a factor $10^{1.2} = \mathbf{15.85}$.

33. 100,000 bits / 5 Kbps = **20 s**
 34. 480 s × 300,000 km/s = **144,000,000 km**
 35. 1 μm × 1000 = 1000 μm = **1 mm**
 36. We have

$$4,000 \log_2 (1 + 1,000) \approx \mathbf{40 \text{ Kbps}}$$

37. We have

$$4,000 \log_2 (1 + 10 / 0.005) = \mathbf{43,866 \text{ bps}}$$

38. The file contains 2,000,000 × 8 = 16,000,000 bits. With a 56-Kbps channel, it takes 16,000,000/56,000 = **289 s**. With a 1-Mbps channel, it takes **16 s**.
 39. To represent 1024 colors, we need $\log_2 1024 = 10$ (see Appendix C) bits. The total number of bits are, therefore,

$$1200 \times 1000 \times 10 = \mathbf{12,000,000 \text{ bits}}$$

40. We have

$$\text{SNR} = (200 \text{ mW}) / (10 \times 2 \times \mu\text{W}) = \mathbf{10,000}$$

We then have

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} = 10 \log_{10} \text{SNR} = \mathbf{40}$$

41. We have

$$\text{SNR} = (\text{signal power}) / (\text{noise power}).$$

However, power is proportional to the square of voltage. This means we have

$$\text{SNR} = [(\text{signal voltage})^2] / [(\text{noise voltage})^2] = [(\text{signal voltage}) / (\text{noise voltage})]^2 = 20^2 = \mathbf{400}$$

We then have

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} = 10 \log_{10} \text{SNR} \approx \mathbf{26.02}$$

42. We can approximately calculate the capacity as
 a. $C = B \times (\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} / 3) = 20 \text{ KHz} \times (40 / 3) = \mathbf{267 \text{ Kbps}}$
 b. $C = B \times (\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} / 3) = 200 \text{ KHz} \times (4 / 3) = \mathbf{267 \text{ Kbps}}$
 c. $C = B \times (\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} / 3) = 1 \text{ MHz} \times (20 / 3) = \mathbf{6.67 \text{ Mbps}}$

- 43.

- a. The data rate is doubled ($C_2 = 2 \times C_1$).
 b. When the SNR is doubled, the data rate increases slightly. We can say that, approximately, ($C_2 = C_1 + 1$).

44. We can use the approximate formula

$$C = B \times (\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} / 3) \text{ or } \text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} = (3 \times C) / B$$

We can say that the minimum

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} = 3 \times 100 \text{ Kbps} / 4 \text{ KHz} = \mathbf{75}$$

This means that the minimum

$$\text{SNR} = 10^{\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}}/10} = 10^{7.5} \approx 31,622,776$$

45. We have

$$\text{transmission time} = (\text{packet length}) / (\text{bandwidth}) = \\ (8,000,000 \text{ bits}) / (200,000 \text{ bps}) = 40 \text{ s}$$

46. We have

$$(\text{bit length}) = (\text{propagation speed}) \times (\text{bit duration})$$

The bit duration is the inverse of the bandwidth.

- a. Bit length = $(2 \times 10^8 \text{ m}) \times [(1 / (1 \text{ Mbps}))] = 200 \text{ m}$. This means a bit occupies 200 meters on a transmission medium.
- b. Bit length = $(2 \times 10^8 \text{ m}) \times [(1 / (10 \text{ Mbps}))] = 20 \text{ m}$. This means a bit occupies 20 meters on a transmission medium.
- c. Bit length = $(2 \times 10^8 \text{ m}) \times [(1 / (100 \text{ Mbps}))] = 2 \text{ m}$. This means a bit occupies 2 meters on a transmission medium.

47.

- a. Number of bits = bandwidth \times delay = 1 Mbps \times 2 ms = 2000 bits
- b. Number of bits = bandwidth \times delay = 10 Mbps \times 2 ms = 20,000 bits
- c. Number of bits = bandwidth \times delay = 100 Mbps \times 2 ms = 200,000 bits

48. We have

$$\text{Latency} = \text{processing time} + \text{queuing time} + \\ \text{transmission time} + \text{propagation time}$$

$$\text{Processing time} = 10 \times 1 \mu\text{s} = 10 \mu\text{s} = 0.000010 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{Queuing time} = 10 \times 2 \mu\text{s} = 20 \mu\text{s} = 0.000020 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{Transmission time} = 5,000,000 / (5 \text{ Mbps}) = 1 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{Propagation time} = (2000 \text{ Km}) / (2 \times 10^8) = 0.01 \text{ s}$$

$$\text{Latency} = 0.000010 + 0.000020 + 1 + 0.01 = 1.01000030 \text{ s}$$

The transmission time is dominant here because the packet size is huge.

