Digital Signal Processing

Lecture (8): Standard Discrete-Time Signals

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The unit ramp signal

The unit ramp signal is denoted as $u_r[n]$ and is defined as

$$u_r[n] = \begin{cases} n & for \ n \ge 0 \\ 0 & for \ n < 0 \end{cases}$$

The graphical representation of unit ramp signal is shown in Figure (3).

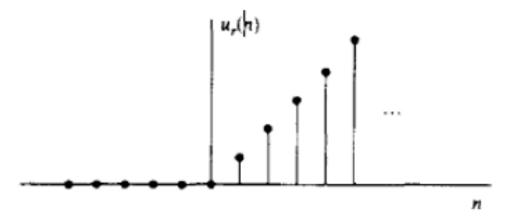


Figure (3): Unit ramp signal

The exponential signal is a sequence of the form

$$x[n] = a^n$$
 for all n

If the parameter a is real, then x[n] is a real signal. Figure (4) illustrates x[n] for various values of the parameter a.

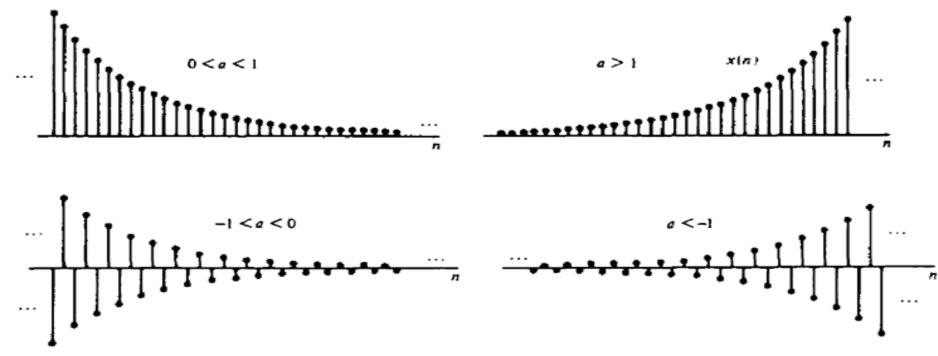




Figure (4): Graphical representation of exponential signals

When the parameter a is complex valued, it can be expressed as $a = re^{j\theta}$ where r and θ are now the parameters. Hence we can express x[n] as

$$x[n] = r^n e^{j\theta n} = r^n (\cos \theta n + j \sin \theta n)$$

Since x[n] is now complex valued, it can be represented graphically by plotting the real part

$$x_R[n] = r^n \cos \theta n$$

as a function of n, and separately plotting the imaginary part

$$x_I[n] = r^n \sin \theta n$$

as a function of n. Figure (5) illustrates the graphs of $x_R[n]$ and $x_I[n]$ for r=0.9 and

$$\theta=\frac{\pi}{10}.$$

