# EE 230

## Lecture 2

# **Background Materials**

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Solution: Time, temperature, pressure, light level, sound pressure level, force, .....

### **Review from Last Time**

Electronics business is one the largest sectors in the world economy

worldwide sales from semiconductors alone projected to be at the \$250 Billion level in 2006



Example of electronic system: Force Measurement with Foil Strain Gauges



#### Force Measurement with Foil Strain Gauges



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 $\Delta L/L$  is often very small



If L=100ft, the thickness of the beam is 1 foot, and the deflection is 0.1ft, it can be shown that  $\Delta L$  is approximately 4E-3 feet

Thus,  $\Delta L/L$  is approximately 4E-5

 $\epsilon = \Delta L/L$  is defined to be the strain on the surface



Strain gauge characterization

$$GF = \frac{\Delta R}{\Delta L} = \frac{\Delta R}{\epsilon}$$

Typical GF for foil strain gauges are around 2



For the sample loaded beam

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \epsilon \ GF \cong 9E - 5$$

Thus, if the unstrained resistor is R=30.000000 $\Omega$ , the strained resistor would be R<sub>ST</sub>=30.0027 $\Omega$ 

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If  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 30.0000\Omega$  and  $V_{IN} = 5V$ , then  $V_{OUT} = 112.5\mu V$ 

- Often V<sub>OUT</sub> must be accurately determined (0.01% or better)
- Resistor accuracy is really important
- Temperature or environment can be critically important
- Cost for force (weight) measurement systems can be high

## **Strain Gauges**



## Load Cells





Button-Style Compression Load Cells



## Load Cells



Signal Processing

- Often includes a combination of digital and analog circuits
- May contain only digital circuits



Analog Signals

. Continuous time / Continuous Amplitude

· Discrete time / Discrete Amplitude



Digital Signals

- Often special case of DT/DA where only two amplitude levels Discrete Time Signals often Obtained By Sampling Continuous Time / Continuous Amplitude Signal.





Many continuous-time signals nearly periodic  

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Theorem: If 
$$f(t)$$
 is periodic with  
period T, then  $f(t)$  can be expressed  
as  $f(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k \sin(k\omega t + \Theta_k)$ 

where  $A_K \neq \Theta_K$  are constants and  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$ 

. This is termed the Fourier Series Representation

• 
$$\langle A_{k}, \Theta_{k} \rangle_{k=0}^{\infty}$$
 termed frequency spectrum of  $f(t)$ 

• 
$$f(t) \leftarrow F(w)$$
 represent a transform pair



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$$V_{sq}(t) = \frac{4V_x}{\Pi} \left( \sin \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3\omega_0 t + \frac{1}{5} \sin 5\omega_0 t + \cdots \right)$$

$$V_{sq}(t) = \frac{4V_x}{\Pi} \sum_{\substack{k=1\\ k \neq d}}^{\infty} \frac{\sin (k \omega_0 t)}{k}$$
where  $W_0 = \frac{2\Pi}{T}$ 



- Nonperiodic Signals Can Also Be Represented in the Frequency domain
- · Fourier Transform Used for this purpose
- · Discrete Time Signals Can Also Be Represented in the Frequency domain
- · Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) used for this purpose

- · Often interested in knowing how sinusordal signals propagate through a circuit
- Often design circuits so that sinusoidal signals will propagate through the Circuit in a predetermined way
- This is the major reason a strong emphasis on analyzing circuits with sinusoidal excitations was made in EE201

Linoanity



- A circuit is linear if

 $V_{0}\left(a_{1}V_{1}+a_{2}V_{2}\right) = a_{1}V_{0}(v_{1}) + a_{2}V_{0}(v_{2})$ for all  $V_{1}, v_{2}$  and all  $a_{1}, a_{2}$ 

- If a circuit is linear, the dc transfer characteristics is a straight line
- If the dc transfer characteristics are not a straight line, the circuit is not linear

Properties of Linear Networks

$$\frac{\overline{X_{i}(j\omega)}}{X_{i}(j\omega)} = T_{p}(j\omega)$$

$$\frac{\overline{X_{o}(j\omega)}}{\overline{X_{i}(j\omega)}} = T_{p}(j\omega)$$

$$T_{p}(j\omega) \text{ is called the phasor transfer function}$$

$$\frac{j(\arg(T(j\omega)))}{j(\arg(T(j\omega)))}$$

$$T_{p}(j\omega) = |T_{p}(j\omega)| e^{j\Theta} \qquad \Theta = \arg(T(j\omega))$$

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If a sinusoidal input is applied to a nonlinear system, harmonic components often appear in the output

If a sinusoidal input is applied to a system and harmonic components appear in the output, the system is nonlinear.

The introduction of harmonics by a nonlinear system introduces distortion and distortion (even small amounts) is very undesirable in many applications



Bell

- · Striking a boll results in a nearly sinusoiday waveform that sounds pleasurable
- If the sinusoidal output were altered in an amplifier or by a fault in the bell, the sound would usually be very objectionably