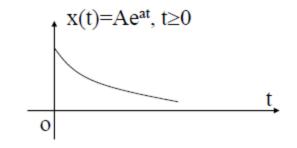
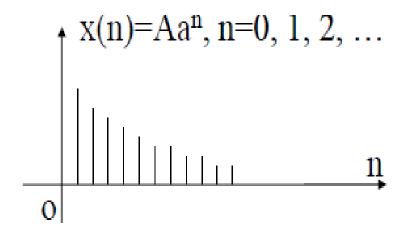
# Definition, types of signals and their representations

## Introduction to Signals

- A Signal is the function of one or more independent variables that carries some information to represent a physical phenomenon.
- A continuous-time signal, also called an analog signal, is defined along a continuum of time.



# A discrete-time signal is defined at discrete times.



## **Elementary Signals**

#### Sinusoidal & Exponential Signals

- Sinusoids and exponentials are important in signal and system analysis because they arise naturally in the solutions of the differential equations.
- Sinusoidal Signals can expressed in either of two ways : cyclic frequency *form*- A sin  $2\Pi f_o t = A \sin(2\Pi/T_o)t$ radian frequency form- A sin  $\omega_o t$

$$\omega_o = 2\Pi f_o = 2\Pi/T_o$$

T<sub>o</sub> = Time Period of the Sinusoidal Wave

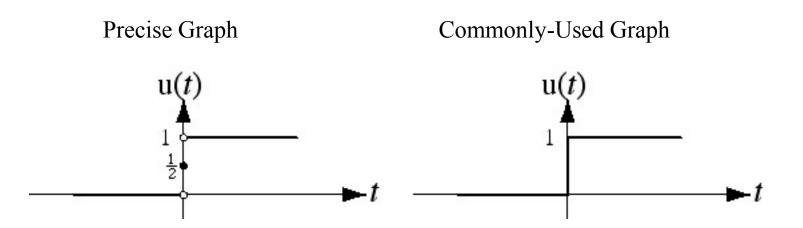
#### Sinusoidal & Exponential Signals Contd.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t) &= A \sin \left(2\Pi f_o t + \theta\right) \\ &= A \sin \left(\omega_o t + \theta\right) \end{aligned} \ \ \begin{aligned} &\text{Sinusoidal signal} \\ \mathbf{x}(t) &= A e^{at} & \text{Real Exponential} \\ &= A e^{j\omega_o t} &= A [\cos \left(\omega_o t\right) + j \sin \left(\omega_o t\right)] \end{aligned} \ \end{aligned}$$

 $\theta$  = Phase of sinusoidal wave A = amplitude of a sinusoidal or exponential signal  $f_o$  = fundamental cyclic frequency of sinusoidal signal  $\omega_o$  = radian frequency

#### **Unit Step Function**

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , t > 0 \\ 1/2 & , t = 0 \\ 0 & , t < 0 \end{cases}$$

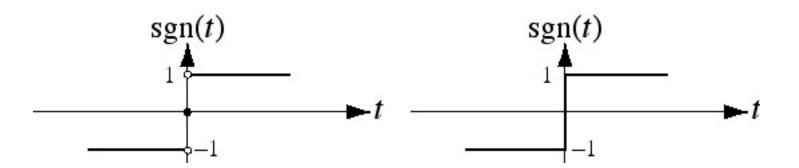


#### **Signum Function**

$$\operatorname{sgn}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , t > 0 \\ 0 & , t = 0 \\ -1 & , t < 0 \end{cases} = 2 u(t) - 1$$

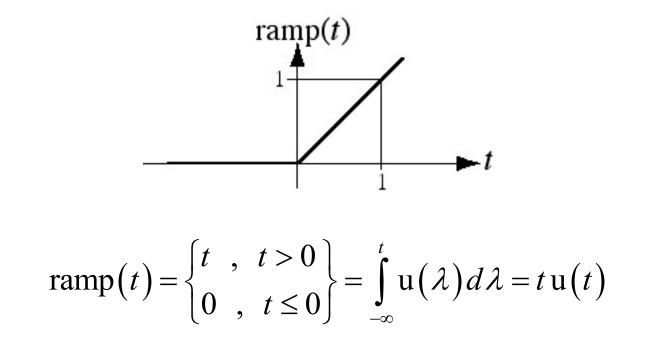


Commonly-Used Graph



The signum function, is closely related to the unit-step function.

#### **Unit Ramp Function**



- •The unit ramp function is the integral of the unit step function.
- •It is called the unit ramp function because for positive t, its slope is one amplitude unit per time.

#### **Rectangular Pulse or Gate Function**

