



Figure 7.11 Frequency folding.

### Frequency Folding

Equation (7.3) can also be given another interpretation. The graph of the spectrum of the continuous-time signal is first drawn on a paper. The paper is then folded at abscissas that are odd multiples of the Nyquist frequency, as indicated in Fig. 7.11. The sampled spectrum is then obtained by adding the contributions, with proper phase, from all sheets.

### Prefiltering

A practical difficulty is that real signals do not have Fourier transforms that vanish outside a given frequency band. The high-frequency components may

**Table 7.1** Damping  $\zeta$  and natural frequency  $\omega$  for Butterworth, ITAE (Integral Time Absolute Error), and Bessel filters. The higher-order filters with arbitrary bandwidth  $\omega_B$  are obtained by cascading filters of the form (7.12).

Order	Butterworth		ITAE		Bessel	
	$\omega$	$\zeta$	$\omega$	$\zeta$	$\omega$	$\zeta$
2	1	0.71	0.99	0.71	1.27	0.87
4	1	0.38	1.49	0.32	1.60	0.62
		0.92	0.84	0.83	1.43	0.96
6	1	0.26	1.51	0.24	1.90	0.49
		0.71	1.13	0.60	1.69	0.82
		0.97	0.92	0.93	1.61	0.98

**Table 7.2** Approximate time delay  $T_d$  of Bessel filters of different orders.

Order	$T_d$
2	$1.3/\omega_B$
4	$2.1/\omega_B$
6	$2.7/\omega_B$

appear to be low-frequency components due to aliasing. The problem is largely serious if there are periodic high-frequency components. To avoid this problem, it is necessary to filter the analog signals before sampling. This can be done in many different ways.

Practically all analog sensors have some kind of filter, but it is seldom chosen for a particular control problem. It is therefore often necessary to modify the filter so that the signals obtained do not have frequencies above the Nyquist frequency.

Sometimes the simplest solution is to introduce an analog filter before the sampler. A standard analog circuit for a second-order filter is

$$G_f(s) = \frac{\omega^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta\omega s + \omega^2}$$

Higher-order filters are obtained by cascading first- and second-order filters. Examples of filters are given in Table 7.1. The table gives the bandwidth  $\omega_B = 1$ . The filters get bandwidth  $\omega_B$  by changing the time constant  $\tau$  to

$$\tau = \frac{\omega^2}{(s/\omega_B)^2 + 2\zeta\omega(s/\omega_B) + \omega^2}$$

where  $\omega$  and  $\zeta$  are given by Table 7.1. The Bessel filter has a flat magnitude response, which means that the shape of the signal is not distorted. Bessel filters are therefore common in high-performance systems.

The filter must be taken into account in the design of the control system. The desired crossover frequency is larger than about  $\omega_B/10$ , where  $\omega_B$  is the bandwidth of the filter. The Bessel filter can, however, be approximated by a time delay, because the filter has linear phase for low frequencies. Figure 7.12 shows the delay for different orders of the filter. Figure 7.12 shows that the delay for a sixth-order Bessel filter and a time delay of  $2.7/\omega_B$ . This property can be used to design a control system that contains a time delay compared to the process. Assume the bandwidth of the filter is chosen as