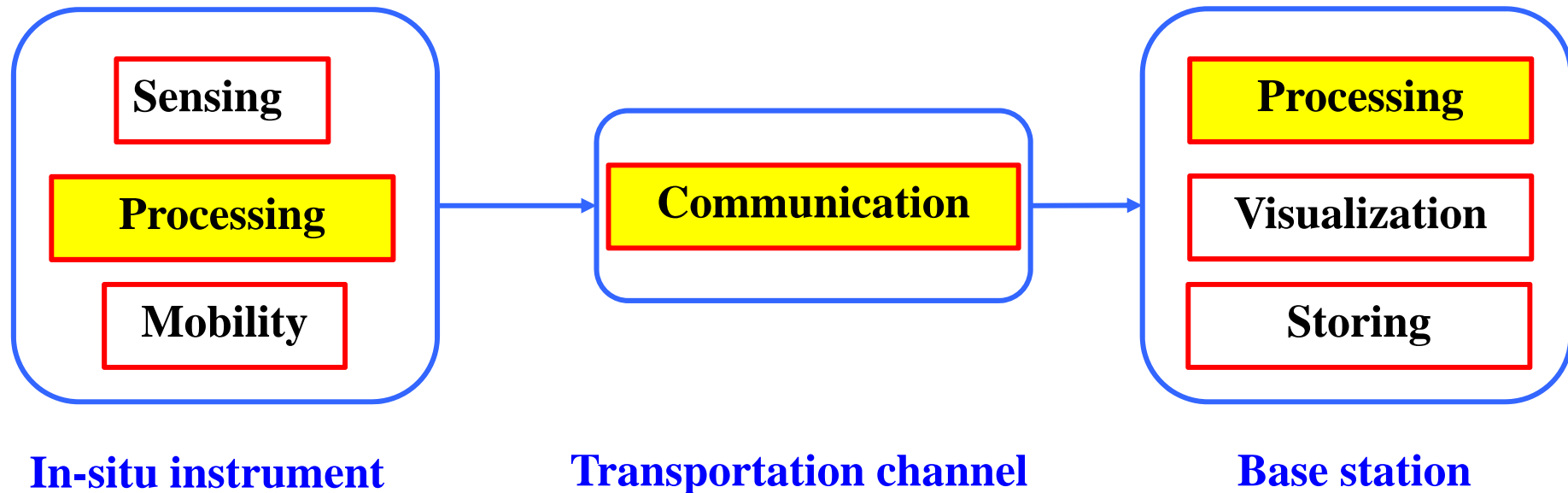


Signals, Instruments, and Systems – W5

Introduction to Signal
Processing – Convolution,
Sampling, Reconstruction

Motivation from Week 1 Lecture



Highlighted blocks are those mainly leveraging the content of this lecture.

Convolution

Convolution

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) \cdot g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

- For each value of t :

1. Flip (reflect) g

$$1) g(\tau) \rightarrow g(-\tau)$$

2. Shift g by t

$$2) g(-\tau) \rightarrow g(t - \tau)$$

3. Multiply f and g

$$3) f(\tau) \cdot g(t - \tau)$$

4. Integrate over τ

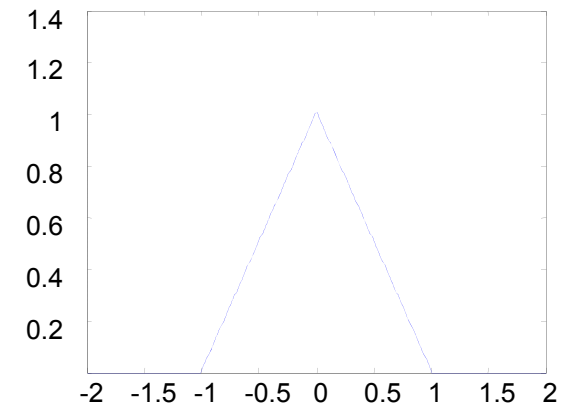
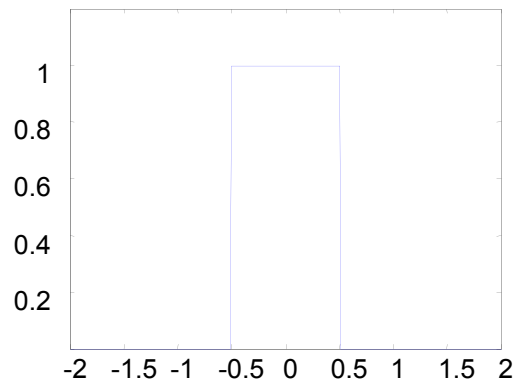
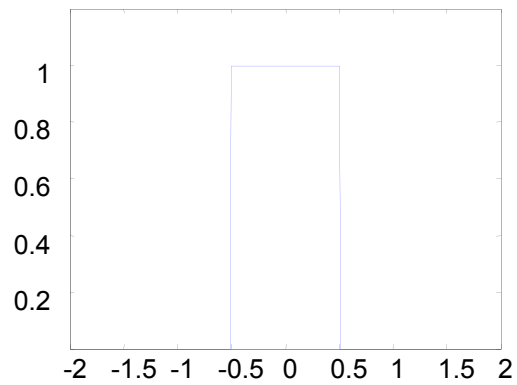
$$4) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) \cdot g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

- Note that the result does **not** depend on τ !

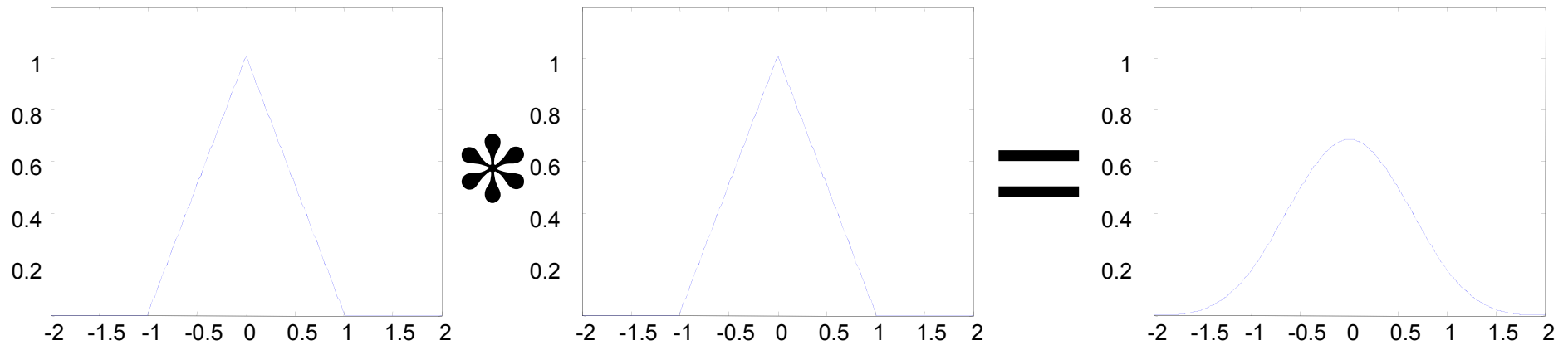
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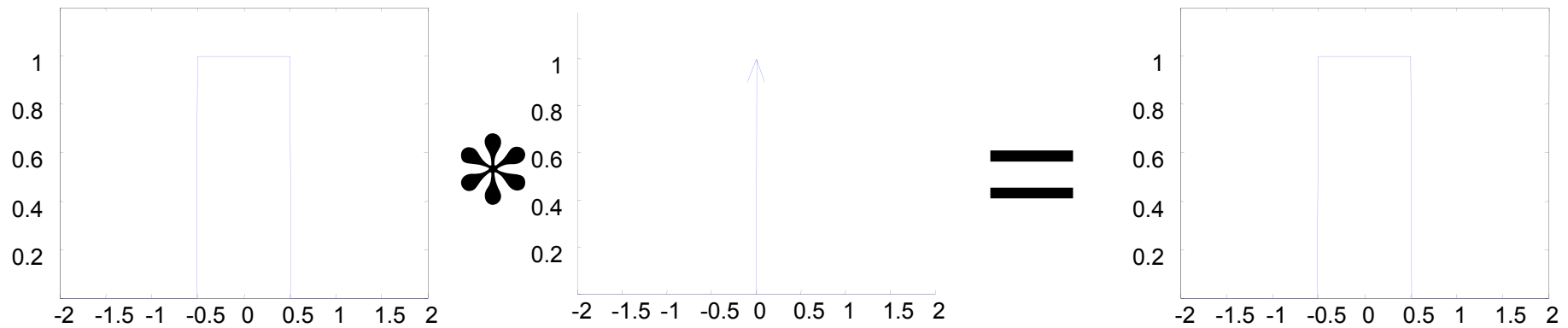
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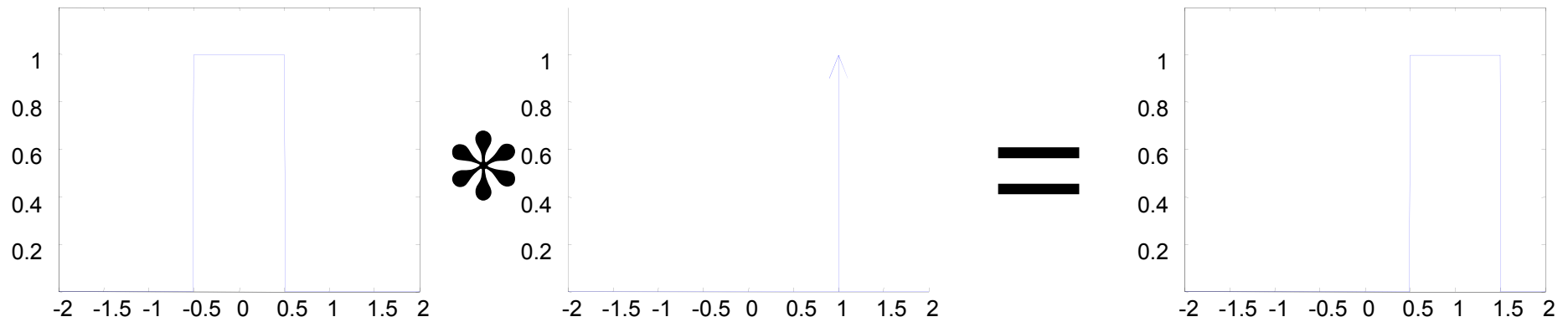
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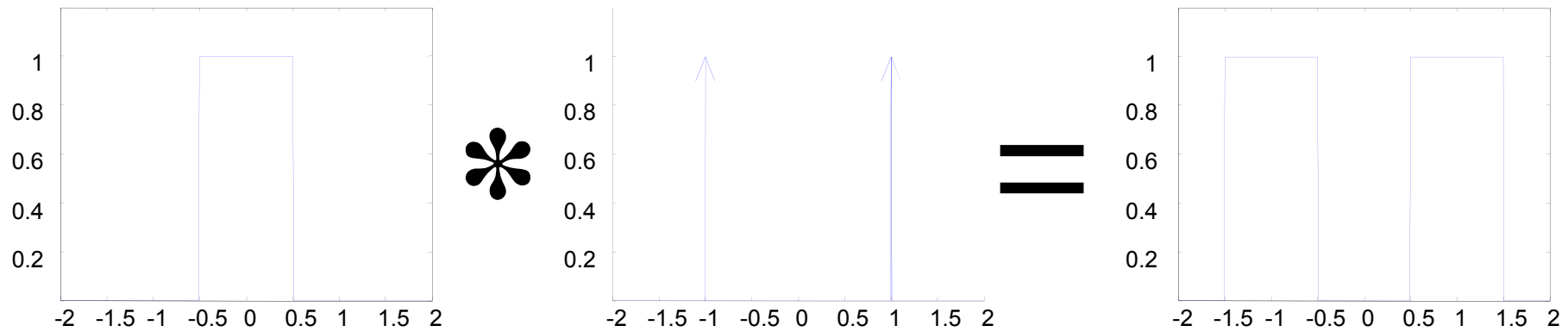
Examples



Examples



Examples



Convolution in Time and Frequency Domains

Time domain

Frequency domain

$$h(t) = (f * g)(t) \Leftrightarrow \hat{h}(\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi) \cdot \hat{g}(\xi)$$

$$h(t) = f(t) \cdot g(t) \Leftrightarrow \hat{h}(\xi) = (\hat{f} * \hat{g})(\xi)$$

$$h(t) = (f * g)(t) \Leftrightarrow H(\omega) = F(\omega) \cdot G(\omega)$$

$$h(t) = f(t) \cdot g(t) \Leftrightarrow H(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} (F * G)(\omega)$$

Unitary, ordinary
frequency

Non-unitary, angular
frequency

Convolution Properties

Commutativity

$$f * g = g * f$$

Associativity

$$f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h$$

Distributivity

$$f * (g + h) = (f * g) + (f * h)$$

Associativity with scalar multiplication

$$a(f * g) = (af) * g = f * (ag)$$

Discrete Convolution

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau) \cdot g(t - \tau) d\tau$$

↓

$$(f * g)[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} f[m] \cdot g[n - m]$$

Notes:

- Similar to the continuous version
- The integral becomes an infinite sum (note: **in theory** no bounds on the sum by definition as in the DFT)
- **In practice**, a computer (i.e. a digital device), running Matlab for instance, can only emulate continuity and therefore discrete time and quantized amplitude as well as finite bounds of the convolution window are used

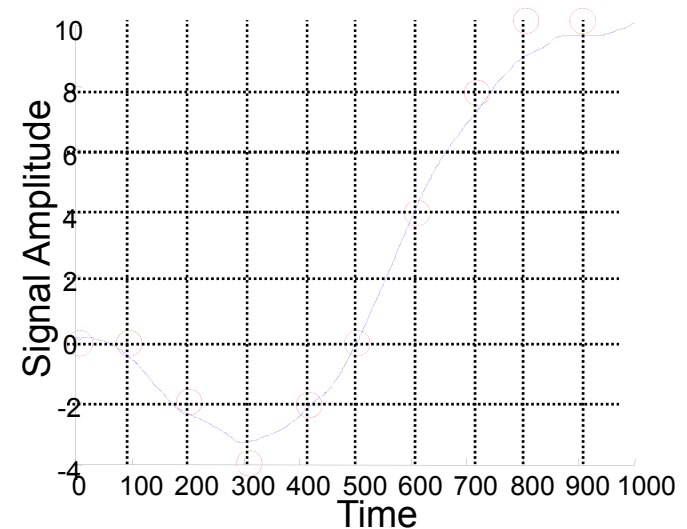
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Sampling

Analog-Digital Converter (ADC)

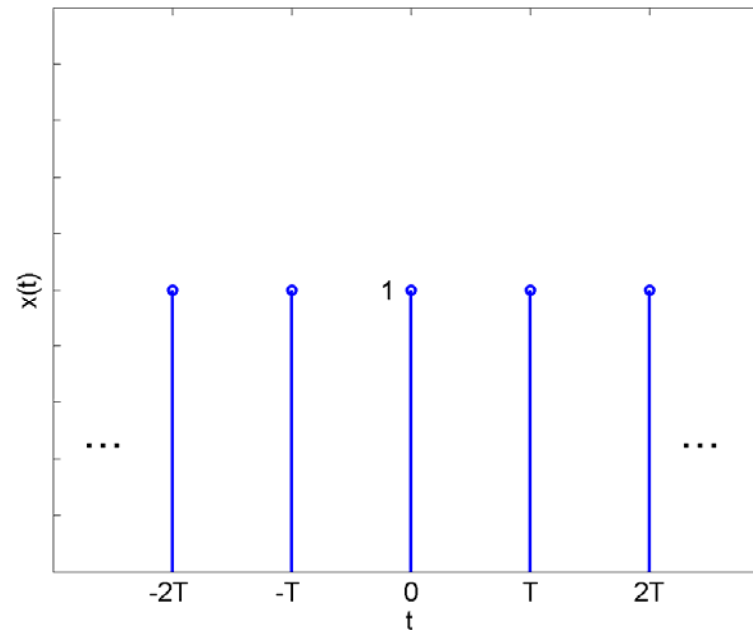
- Transforms continuous analog signal into series of values
- Two key elements
 - **Sampling (in time)**
 - **Quantization (of values)**



$$y[n]=0 \ 0 \ -2 \ -4 \ -2 \ 0 \ 4 \ 8 \ 10 \ 10$$

Periodic Train of Dirac Impulses

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)$$

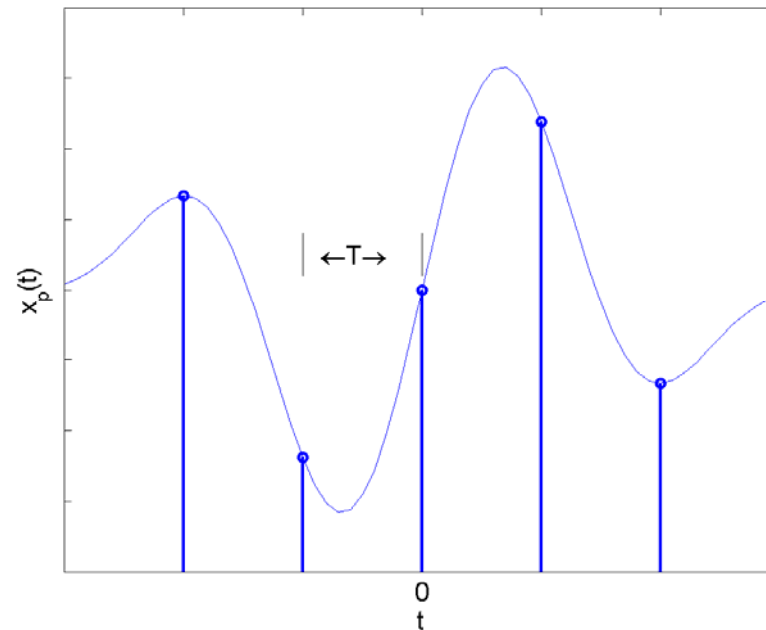


Sampling in Time Domain

$x(t)$

$p(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)$ Periodic train of Dirac pulses

$$x_p(t) = x(t)p(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)\delta(t - nT) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT)\delta(t - nT)$$



$T =$ sampling period
 $f_s = 1/T =$ sampling frequency

Sampling in the Frequency Domain

- It would be nice to understand what does it mean sampling in the frequency domain so that we can leverage this representation for further reasoning (e.g., filter design)
- Multiplication in time domain means convolution in frequency domain but ...
- how does look like **a periodic train of Dirac impulses in the frequency domain?**

From W4 (s.41): Fourier Series with Complex Fourier Coefficients

Fourier series

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{in\omega_0 t}$$

Fourier coefficients

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) e^{-in\omega_0 t} dt$$

Rem: $C_n = |C_n| e^{i\varphi}$ Magnitude: $|C_n|$ Phase: φ

From W4 (s.46): Fourier Transform

Non-unitary, angular frequency notation

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

**Fourier
Transform**

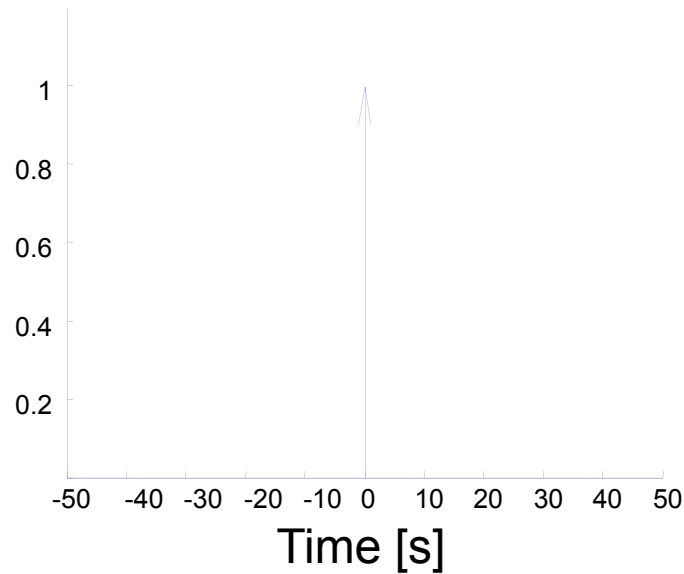
$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

**Inverse Fourier
Transform**

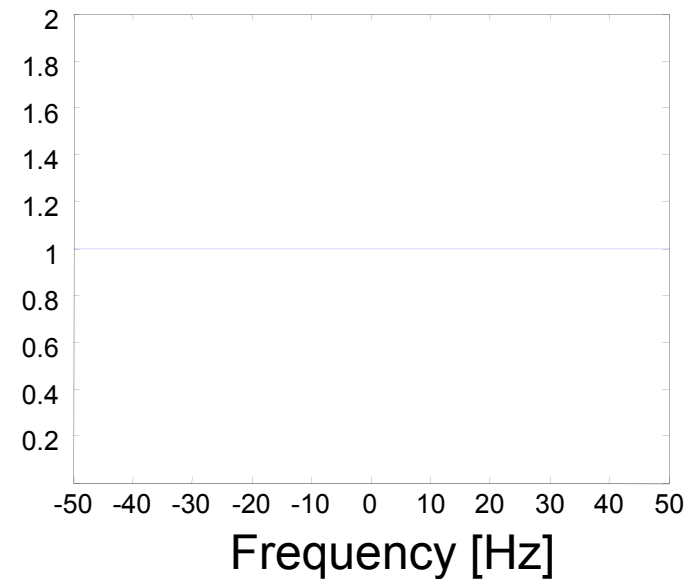
Notes:

- $\omega = 2\pi\xi \rightarrow$ obtained from unitary, ordinary frequency transform with $\xi = \omega/2\pi$
- F can be replaced with f^\wedge
- In electrical engineering i is substituted by j (“i” booked for current)
- Often, in order to emphasize the frequency response aspect, the imaginary aspect of the transform is emphasized: $F(\omega)$, $F(i\omega)$, or $F(j\omega)$ are all equivalent notations

From W4 (s. 47): FT of Dirac Impulse



$$f(t) = \delta(t)$$



$$\hat{f}(\xi) = 1$$

FT for Periodic Signals

- Although it generalizes to aperiodic signals, the FT can be also applied to periodic signals
- We can derive the FT of a periodic signal from its Fourier series (which have been developed for periodic signals, see W4)
- The FT of a periodic Dirac train of impulses consists of a **periodic train of impulses in the frequency domain** as well, with the area of impulses proportional to the Fourier series coefficients

FT for Periodic Signals

(assume: period T , $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$)

$$X(\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0)$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

W4, s. 46, IFT

$$x(t) = e^{i\omega_0 t}$$

W4, s. 52, modulation property

Linear combination of impulses equally spaced in frequency:

$$X(\omega) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} 2\pi C_n \delta(\omega - n\omega_0)$$

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} C_n e^{in\omega_0 t}$$

Compare with
W4, s. 41,
Fourier series

FT for Periodic Impulse Train

(assume: period T , $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$)

Now consider the periodic impulse train of before:

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t - nT)$$

Calculate the coefficient of its Fourier series:

$$C_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} \delta(t) e^{-in\omega_0 t} dt = \frac{1}{T}$$

Compare with
W4, s. 41, Fourier series
 $T = 2\pi$ for sin/cos functions

This means that each Fourier coefficient of the periodic impulse train has the same value; insert C_n in previous expression (s. 24):

$$X(\omega) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} 2\pi C_n \delta(\omega - n\omega_0)$$

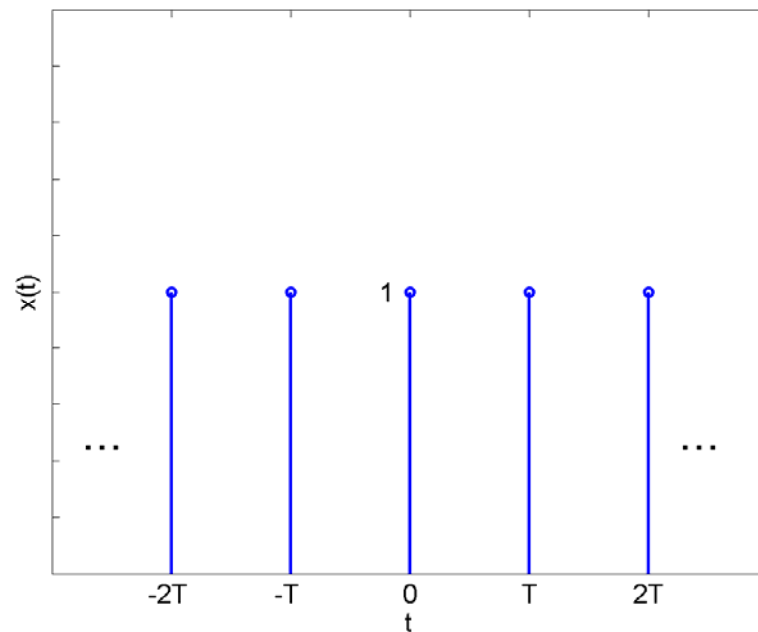
$$X(\omega) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{2\pi}{T} \delta(\omega - n\omega_0) = \frac{2\pi}{T} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(\omega - n\omega_0)$$

Train of Dirac Impulses

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)$$

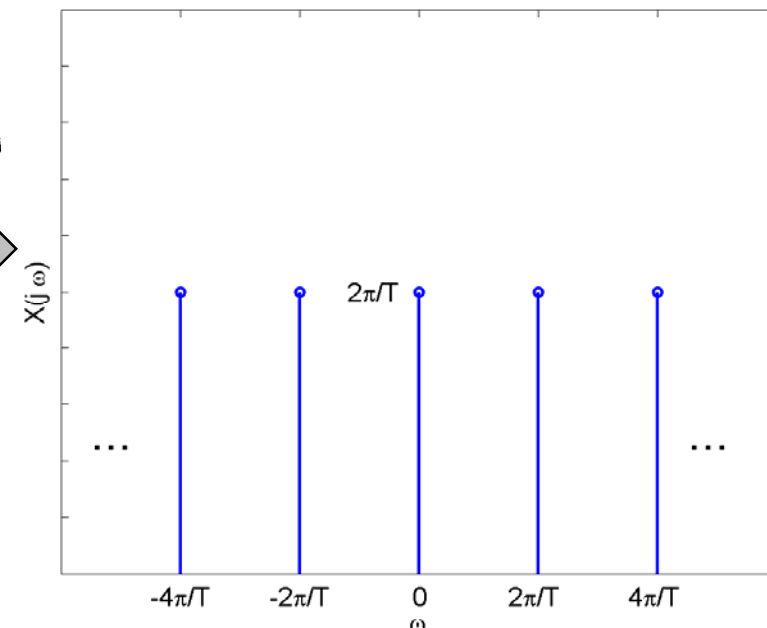
$$X(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2\pi}{T} \delta\left(\omega - \frac{k2\pi}{T}\right)$$

Time domain



$\mathcal{F}()$

Frequency domain



Sampling in Frequency Domain

Time domain

$$x_p(t) = x(t)p(t)$$

Frequency domain

$$X_p(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} X(\omega) * P(\omega)$$

$$P(\omega) = \frac{2\pi}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - k\omega_s)$$

$$\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad \text{Sampling angular frequency}$$

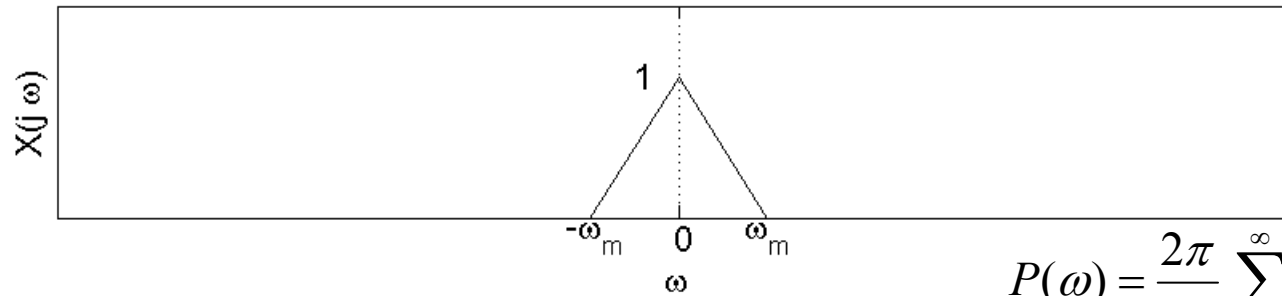
$$X_p(\omega) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) * \delta(\omega - k\omega_s)$$

Note: see also ss. 8-10 as examples for this operation

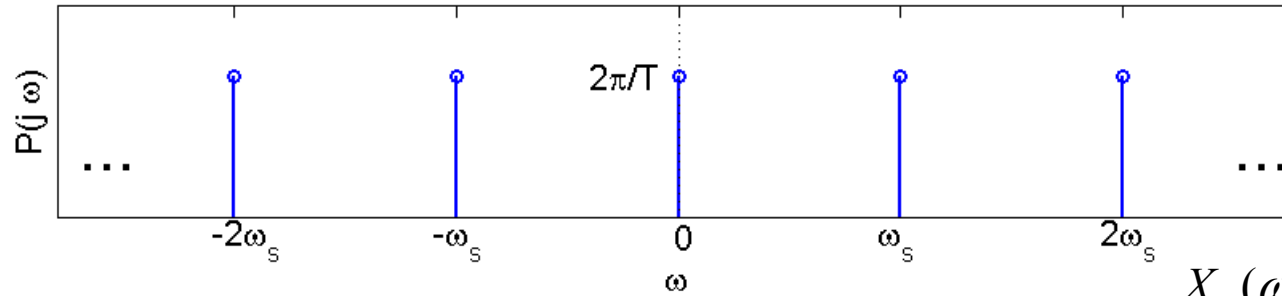
$$= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega - k\omega_s)$$

Sampling a Band-Limited Signal

$X(\omega) \rightarrow$ spectrum of signal $x(t)$
with highest frequency $< \omega_m$

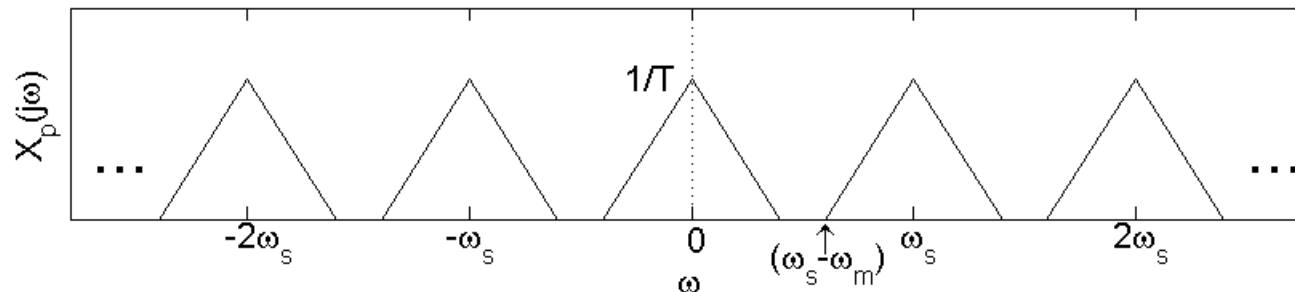


$$P(\omega) = \frac{2\pi}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - k\omega_s)$$



Angular sampling frequency
 $\omega_s > 2\omega_m$

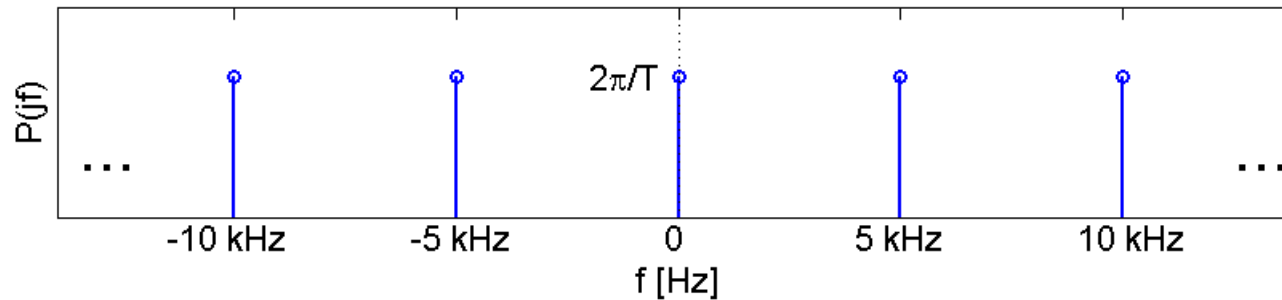
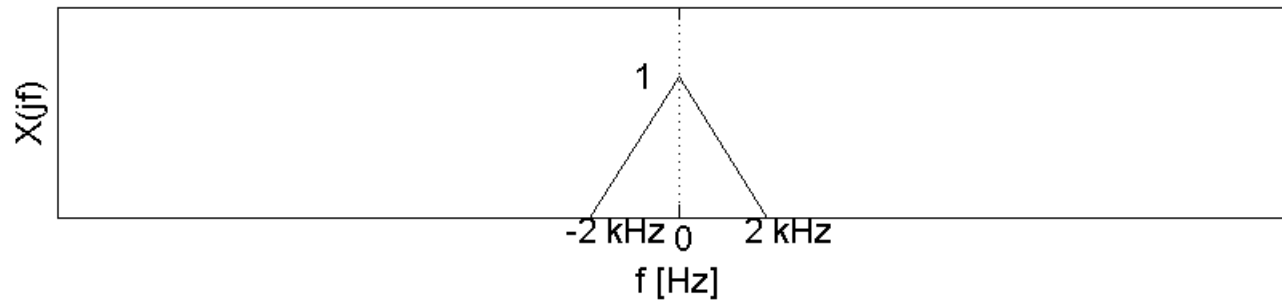
$$X_p(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} X(\omega) * P(\omega)$$



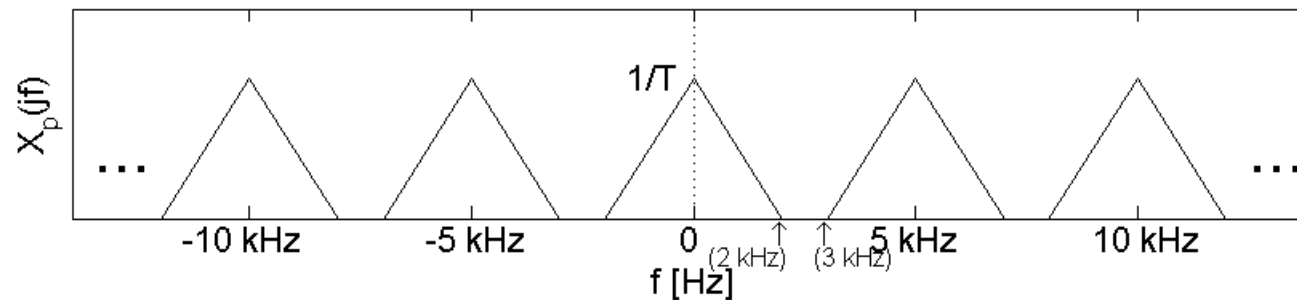
$$= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega - k\omega_s)$$

Sampling a Band-Limited Signal

$X(\xi) \rightarrow$ spectrum of signal $x(t)$
with highest frequency < 2 kHz

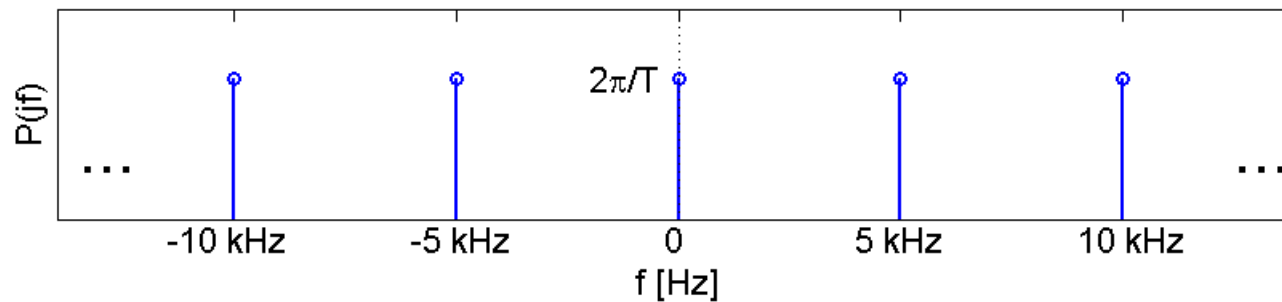
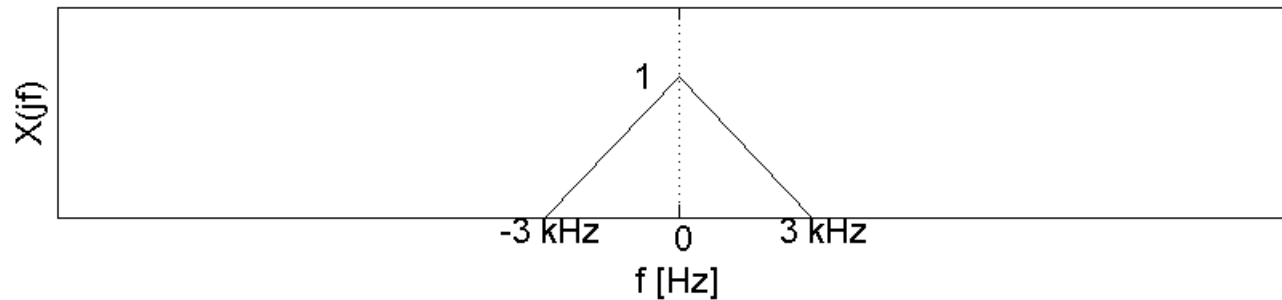


Sampling frequency:
5 kHz $>$ $2 * 2$ kHz

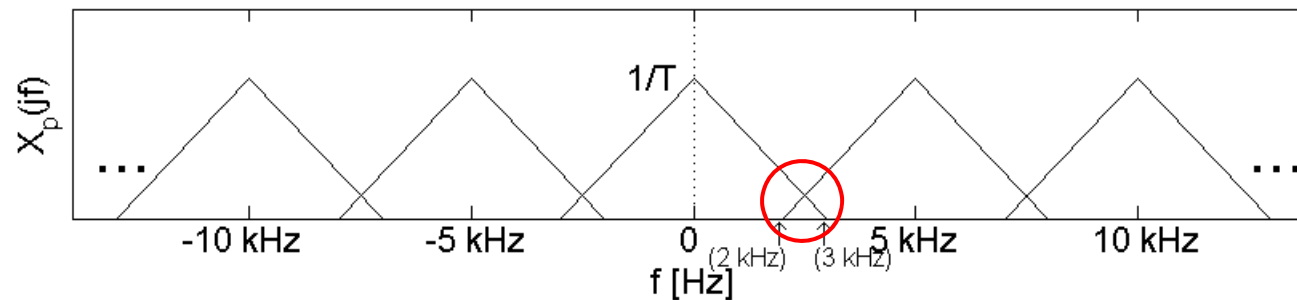


Sampling a Band-Limited Signal

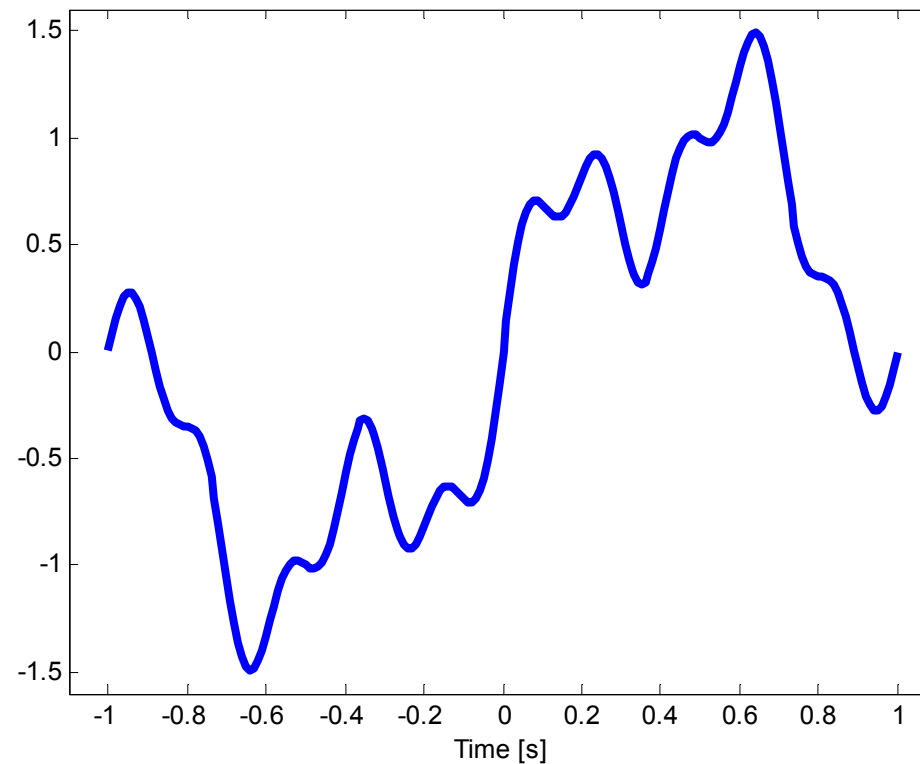
$X(\xi) \rightarrow$ spectrum of signal $x(t)$
with highest frequency < 3 kHz



Sampling frequency:
 5 kHz $< 2 * 3$ kHz

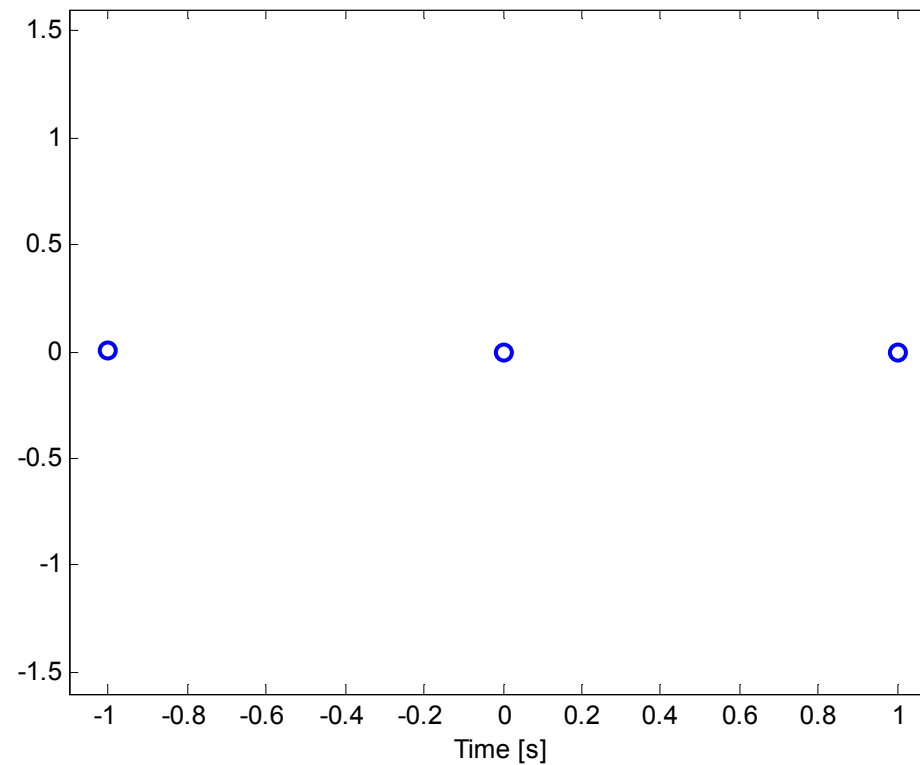


Original Signal



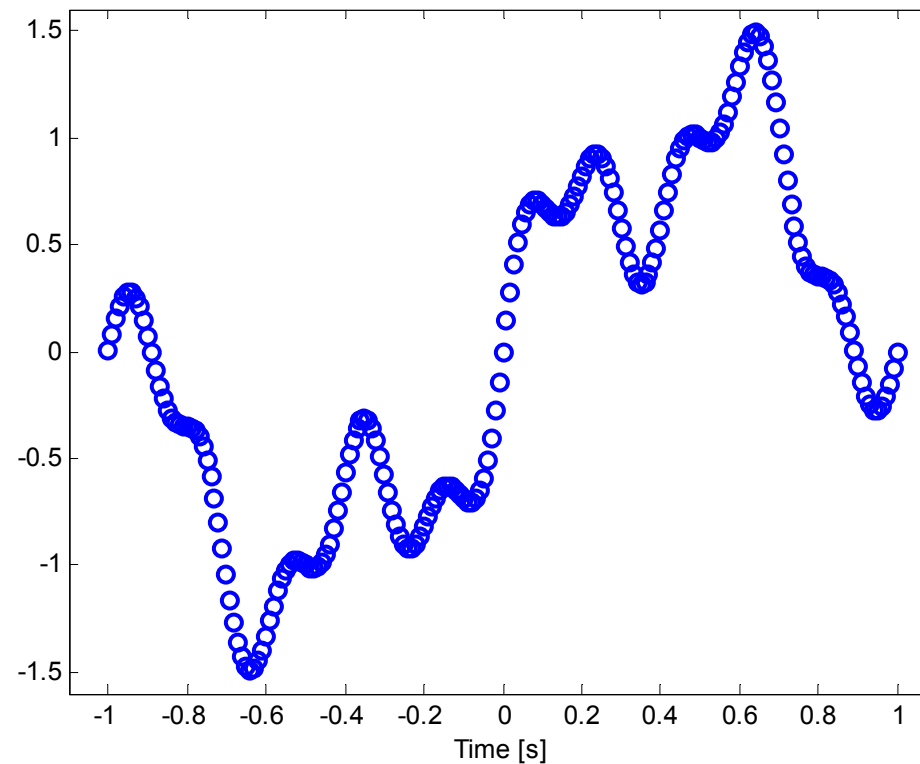
$$f(t) = \sin(2\pi t) + 0.4 \sin(2\pi \cdot 2t) + 0.2 \sin(2\pi \cdot 5t)$$

Too Few Samples (1Hz)



→ Data is lost

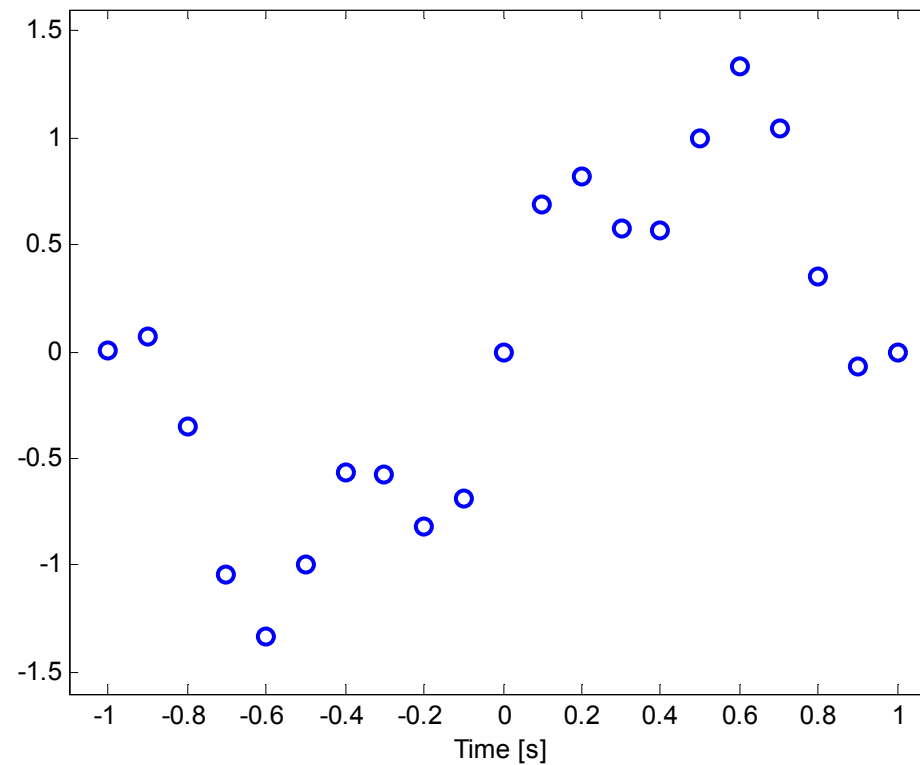
Too Many Samples (100 Hz)



→ Redundant data

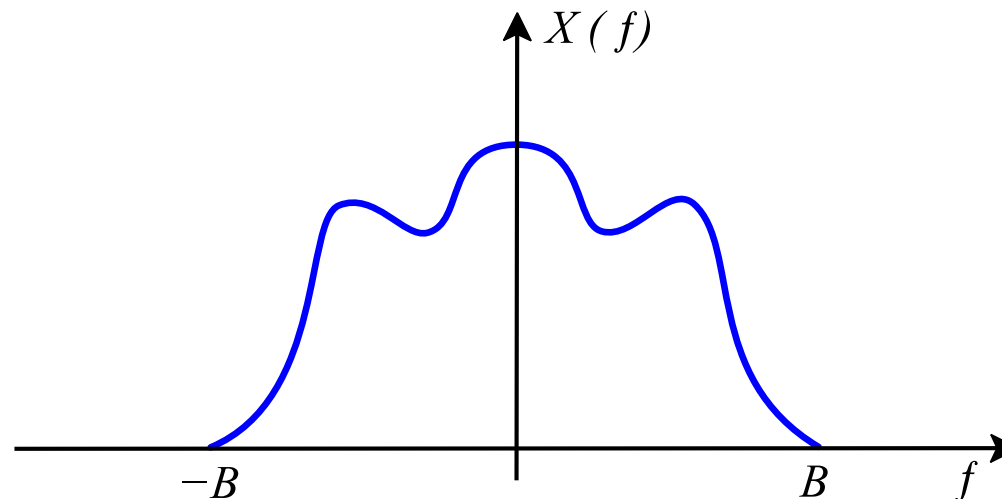
→ Increase of data size

Minimal Possible Sampling (> 10 Hz)



Nyquist–Shannon Theorem

- If a function $x(t)$ contains no frequencies higher than B Hz, it is completely determined by giving its coordinates at a series of points spaced $1/(2B)$ seconds apart.
- Sampling frequency must be at least two times greater than the maximal signal frequency

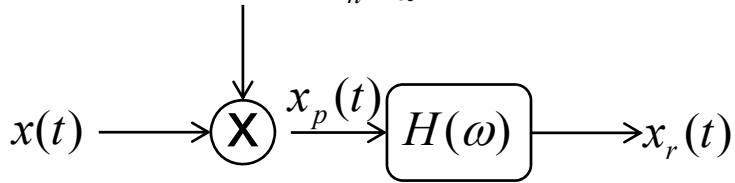


Sampling in Practice

- Sampling frequency two times greater than maximal frequency is the limit
- Example: audio CD, sampling at 44.1 kHz since maximal hearable frequency: 20 kHz
- If possible, try to use a sampling frequency 10 times greater than the maximal frequency (help all sorts of filtering and reconstruction processes)

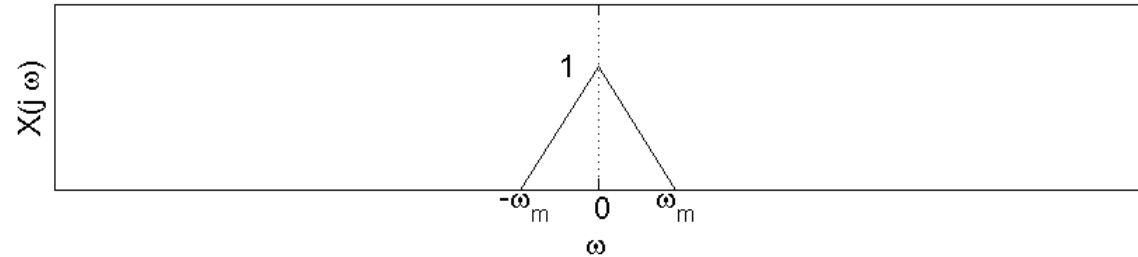
Signal Reconstruction

$$p(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t - nT)$$



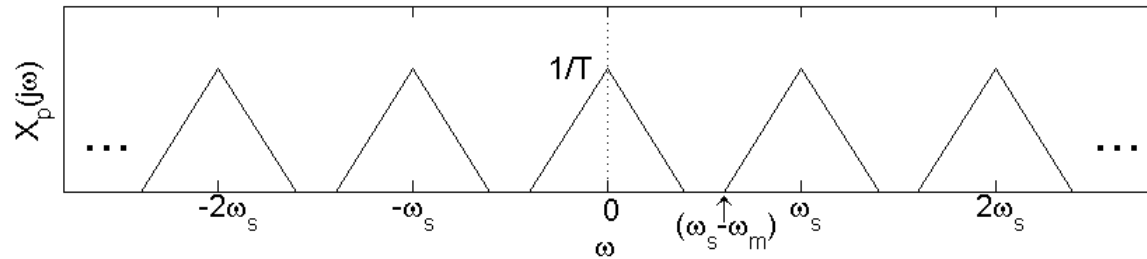
If there is no overlap between the shifted spectra the signal $x_r(t)$ can be perfectly reconstructed from $x(t)$

spectrum of original signal



spectrum of sampled signal

sampling angular frequency
 $\omega_s > 2 \omega_m$

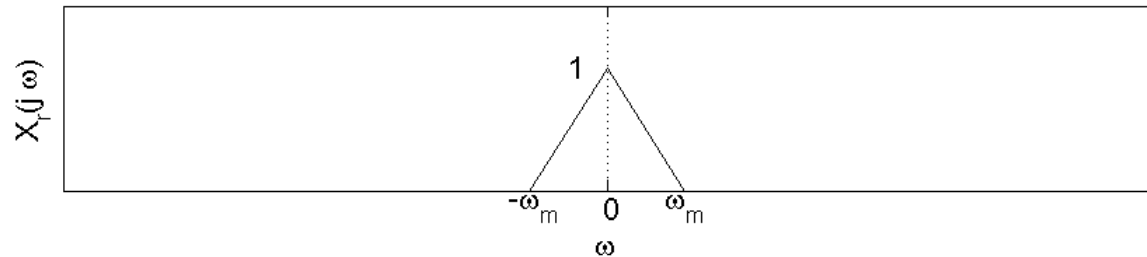
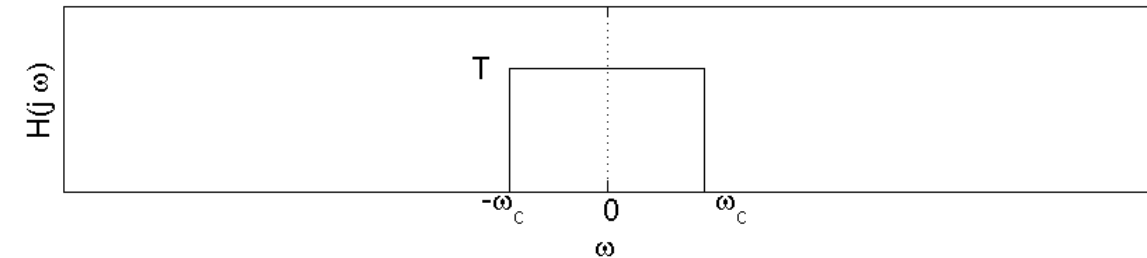


filtering

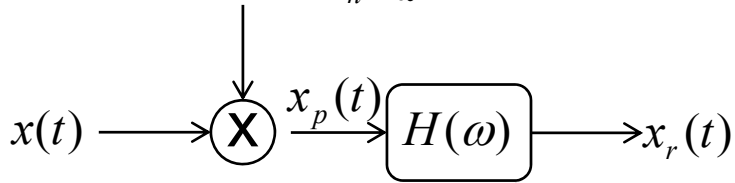
filter cut-off angular frequency
 $\omega_m < \omega_c < (\omega_s - \omega_m)$

$$X_r(\omega) = X_p(\omega)H(\omega)$$

spectrum of reconstructed signal

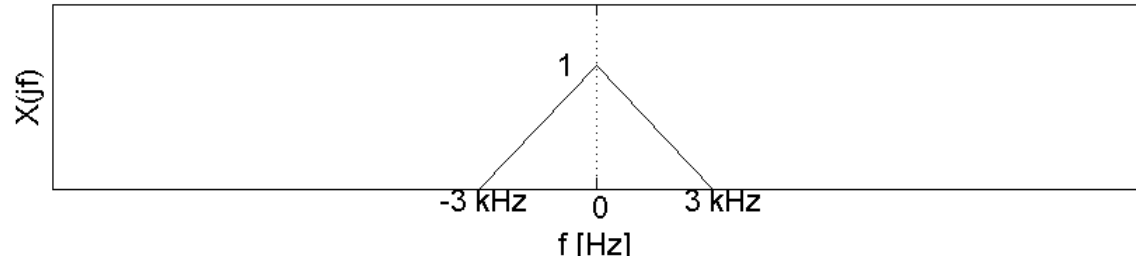


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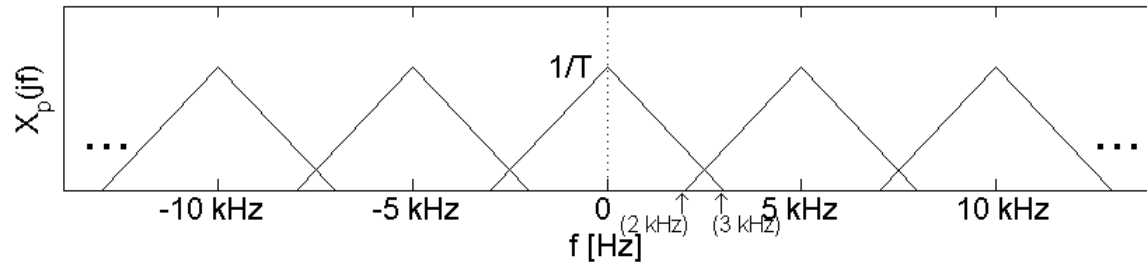
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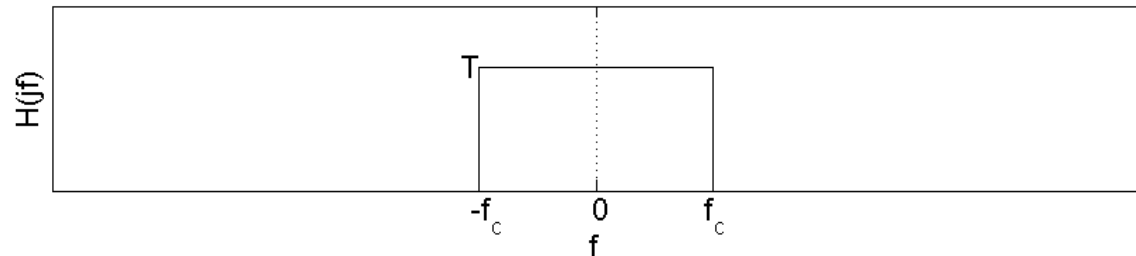
sampling frequency
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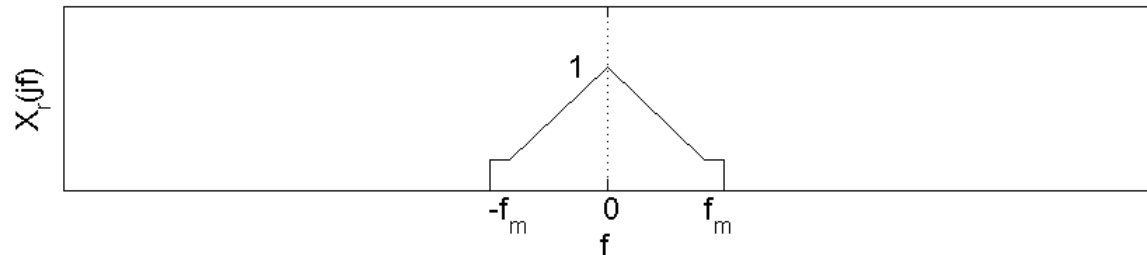
filtering

filter cut-off frequency f_c
 $f_m < f_c < (f_s - f_m)$

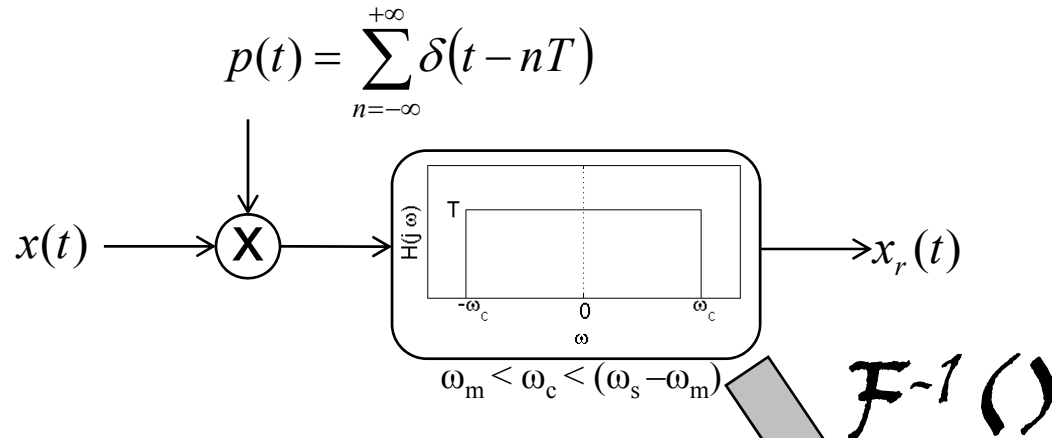
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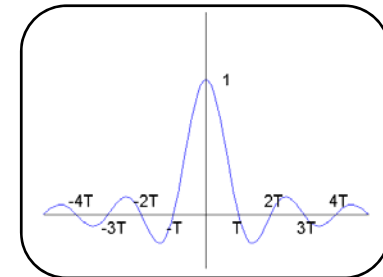


Time Domain Interpretation of Signal Reconstruction



$$\begin{aligned} x_r(t) &= x_p(t) * h(t) \\ &= \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) \delta(t - nT) \right) * h(t) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) h(t - nT) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) \frac{T \sin(\omega_c(t - nT))}{\pi(t - nT)} \end{aligned}$$

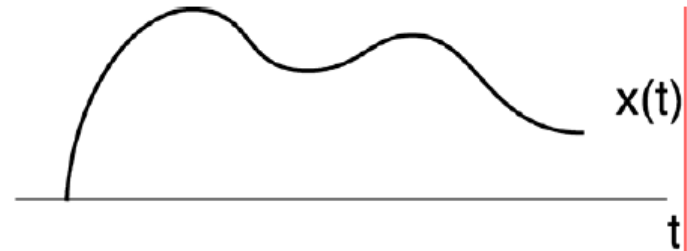
$$\text{with } h(t) = \frac{T \sin(\omega_c t)}{\pi t}$$



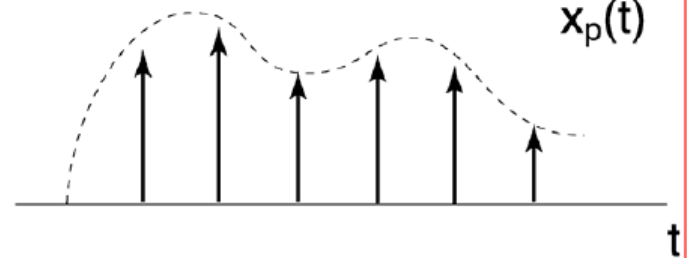
The lowpass filter interpolates the samples assuming $x(t)$ contains no energy at frequencies $> \omega_c$ ($\omega_c =$ cutoff angular frequency)

Graphic Illustration of Time-Domain Interpolation

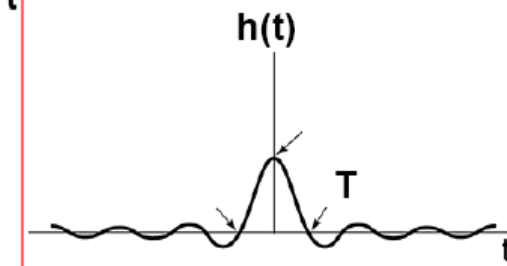
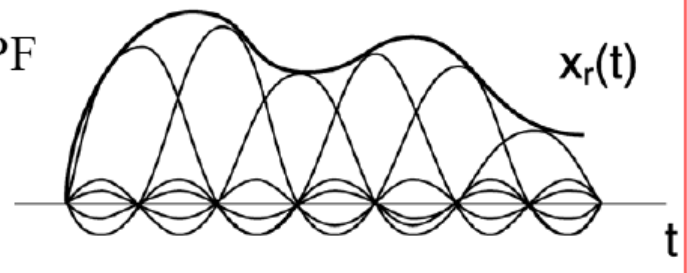
Original
CT signal



After sampling



After passing the LPF
(Low Pass Filter)



Signal Reconstruction in Practice

1. Whittaker-Shannon interpolation (band-limited interpolation):

$$x_r(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) \cdot \text{sinc}\left(\frac{t-nT}{T}\right)$$

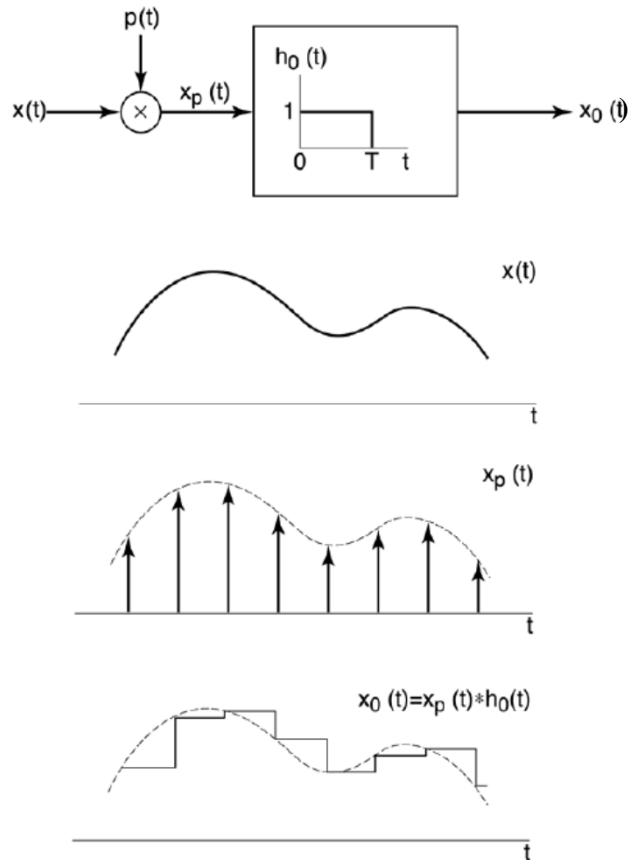
$$x_r(t) = \left(\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT) \cdot \delta(t-nT) \right) * \text{sinc}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \quad (\text{Alternative equivalent formulation})$$

- Signal has to be band limited
(i.e. Fourier transform for frequencies greater than B equal 0)
- The sampling rate must exceed twice the bandwidth, 2B

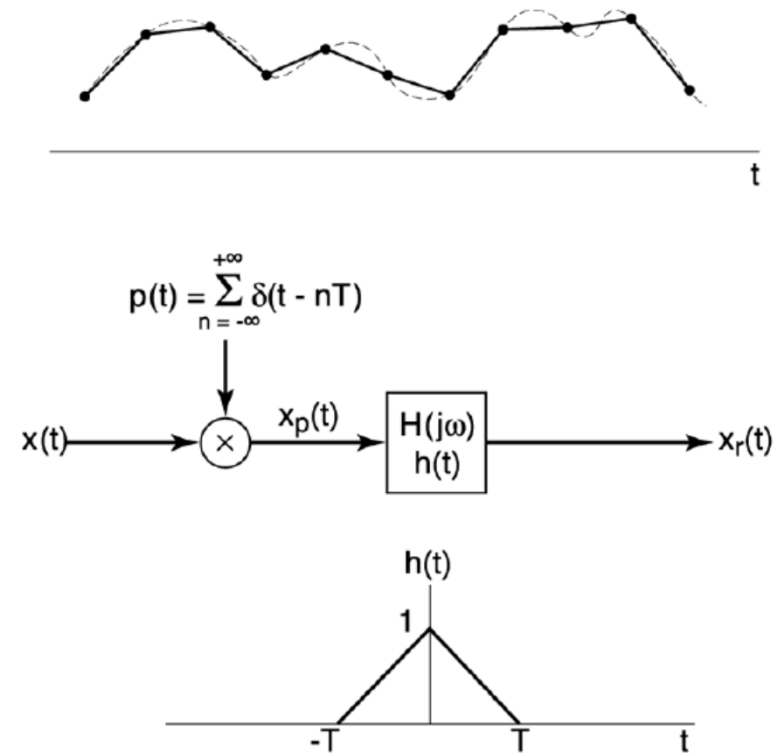
$$f_s > 2B \quad \text{or} \quad T < \frac{1}{2B}$$

Signal Reconstruction in Practice

2. Zero-order hold

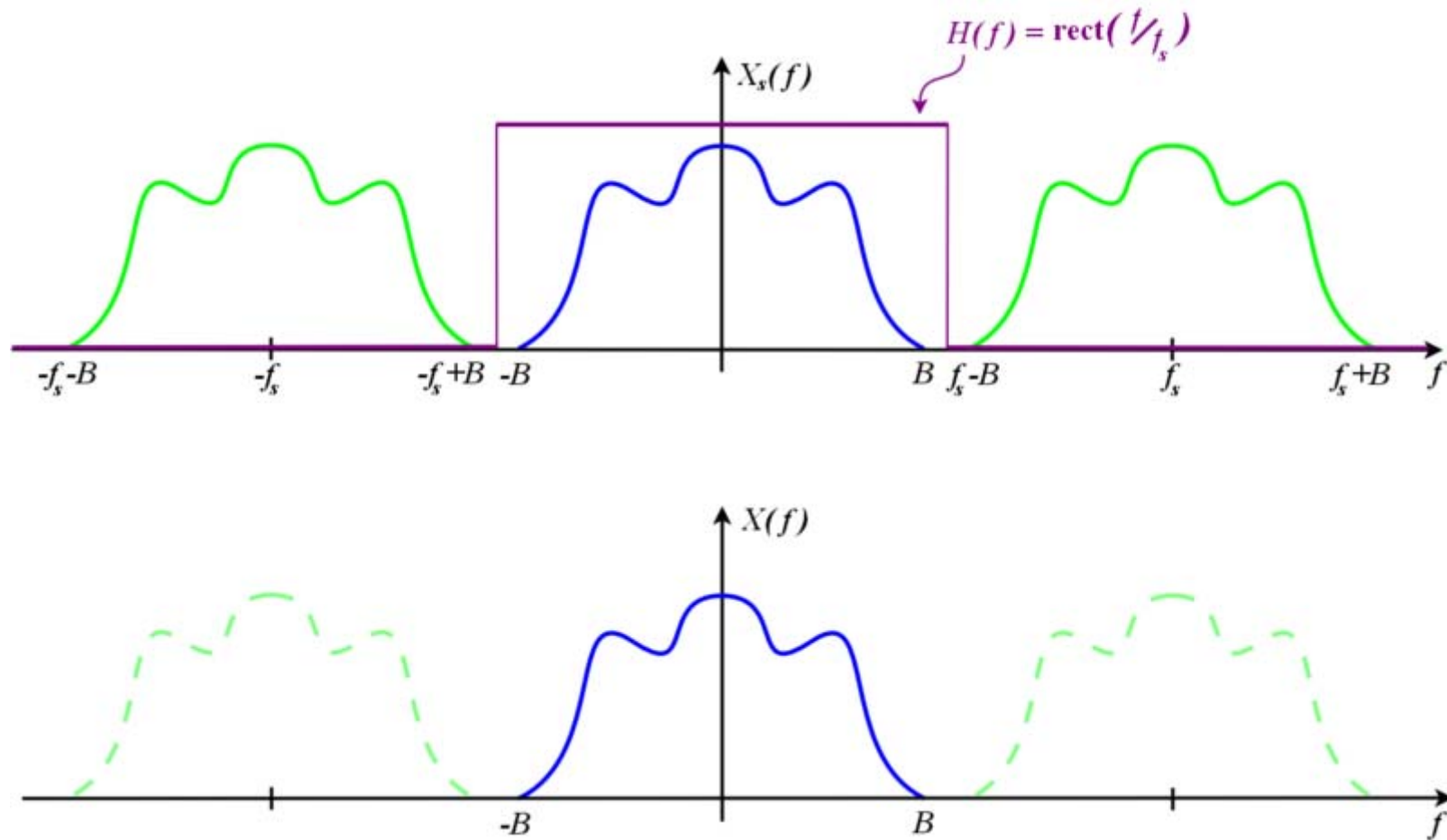


3. First-order hold (linear interpolation)



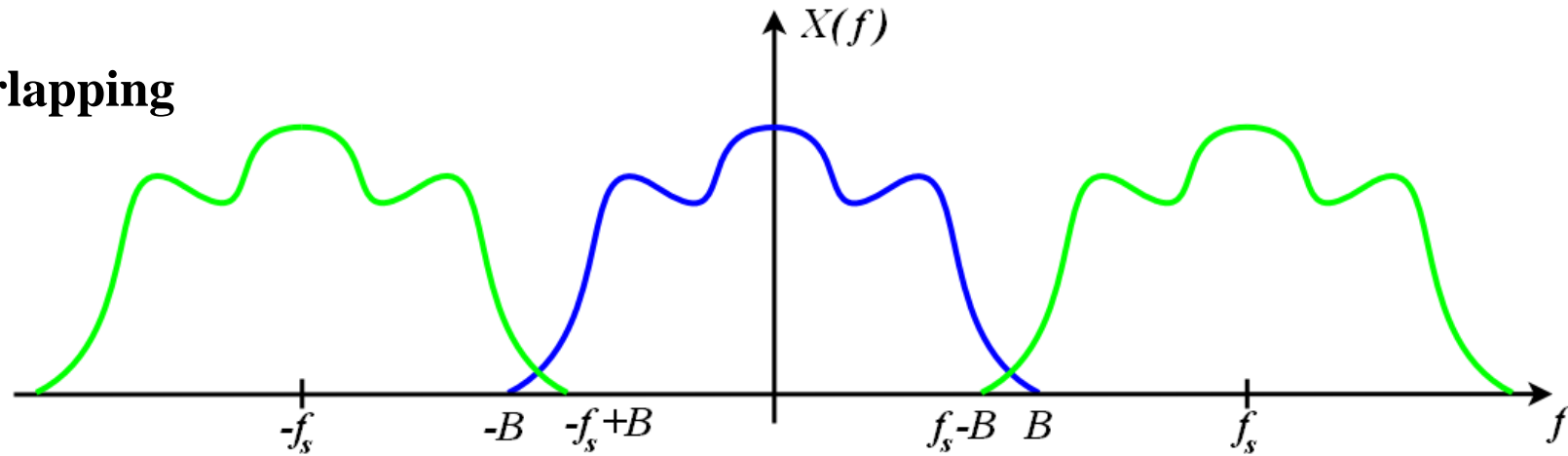
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No Problems in Reconstruction

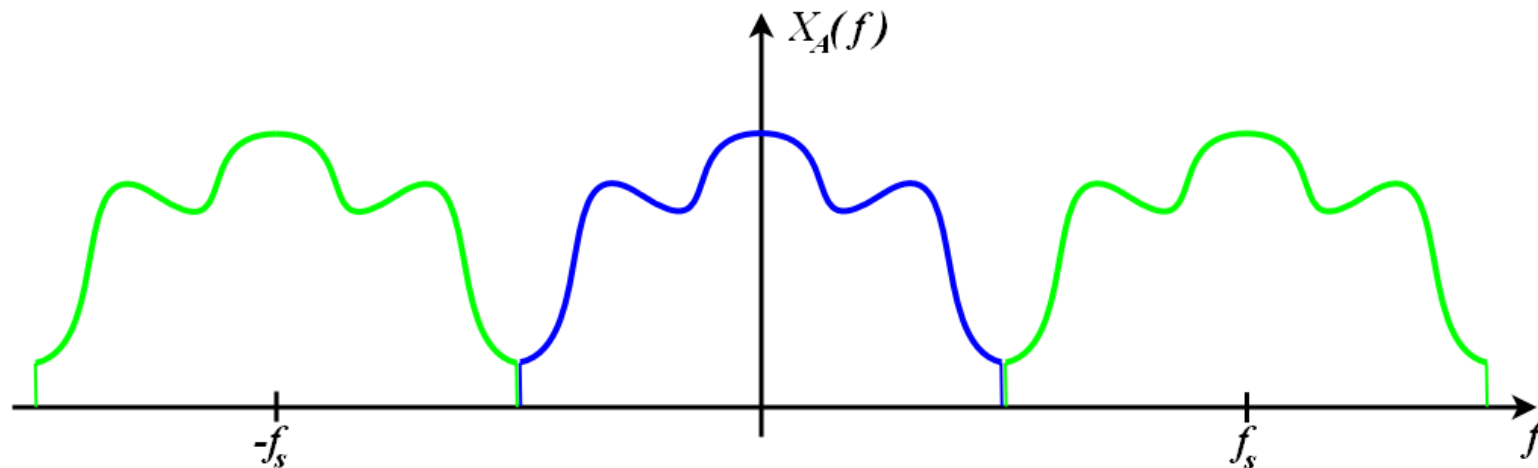


Reconstruction Problems

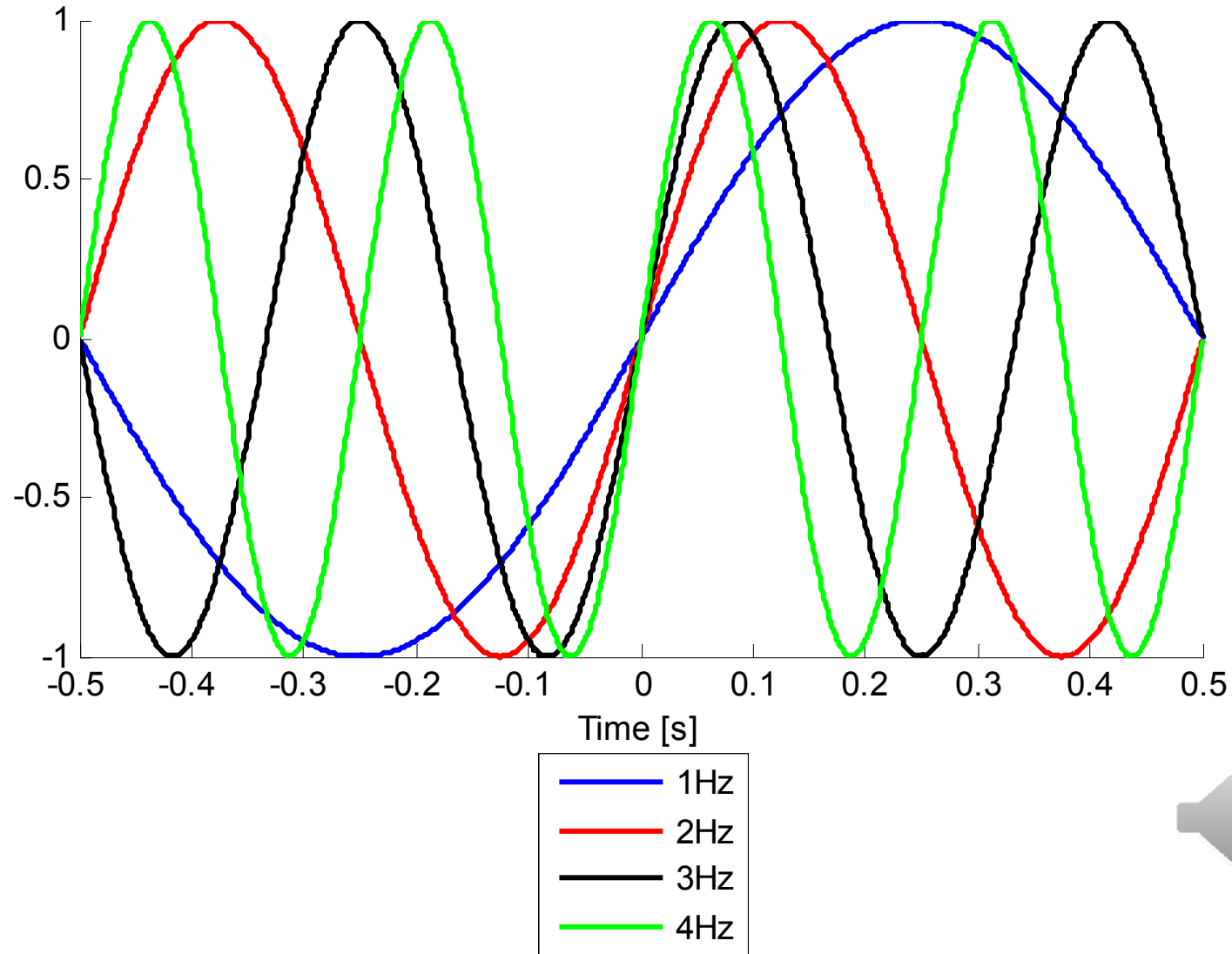
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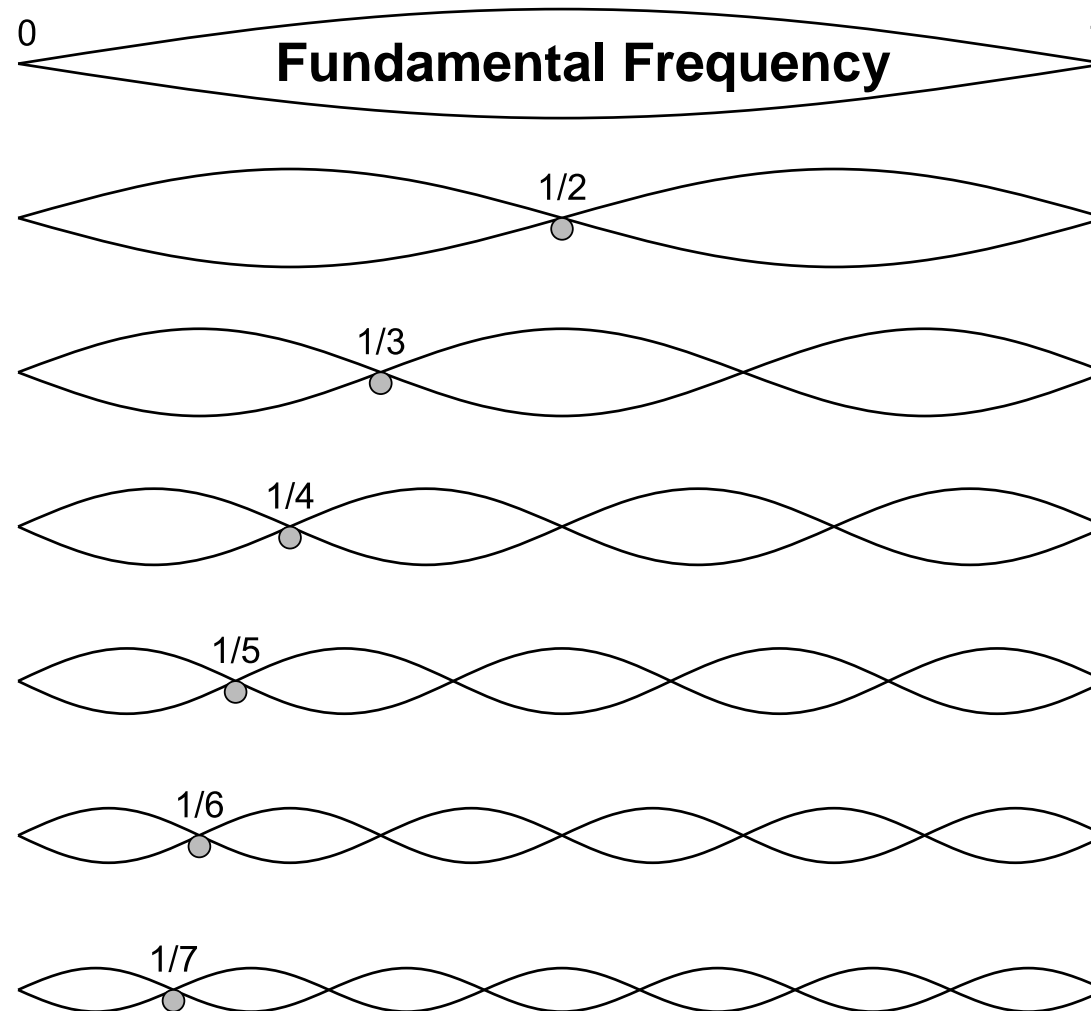
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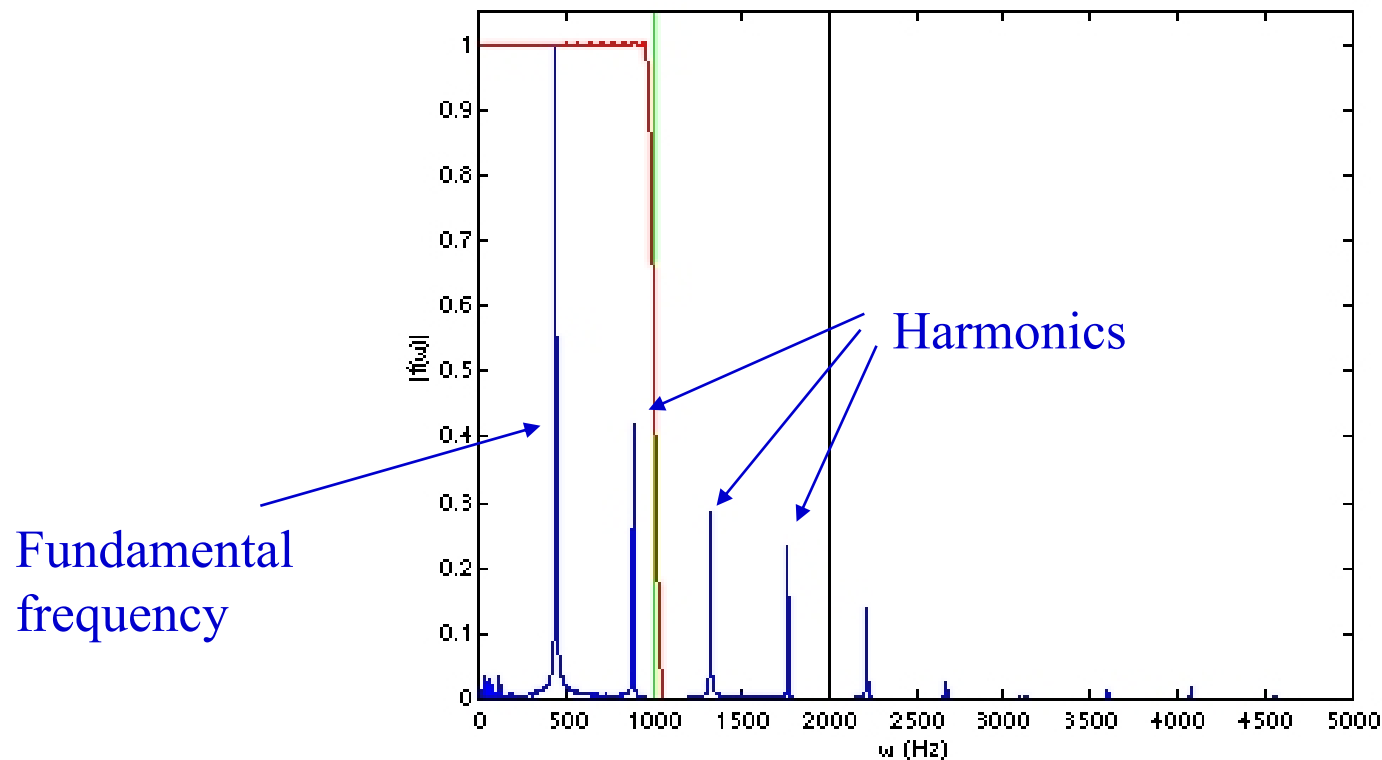
Harmonics



Harmonics



La-Tone (440 Hz) sampled at 44.1 kHz (CD standard)

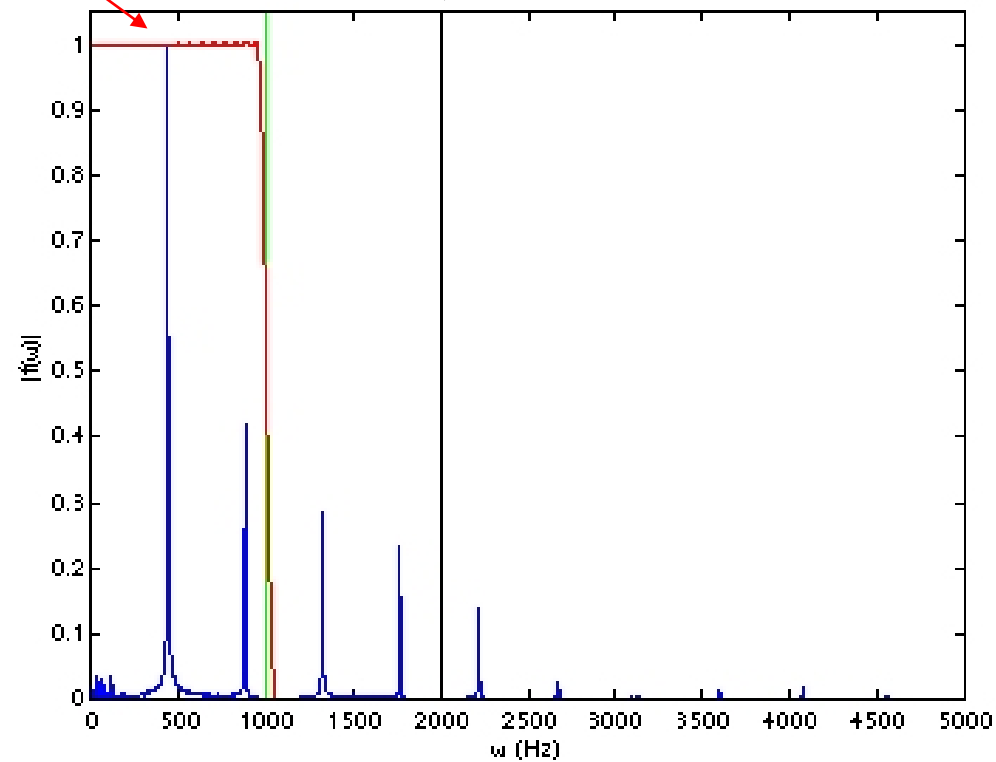


La-Tone (440 Hz) sampled at 2 kHz

Actual high-order
digital filter
(see next week)

Anti-alias filter:
desired cut-off
frequency 1 kHz

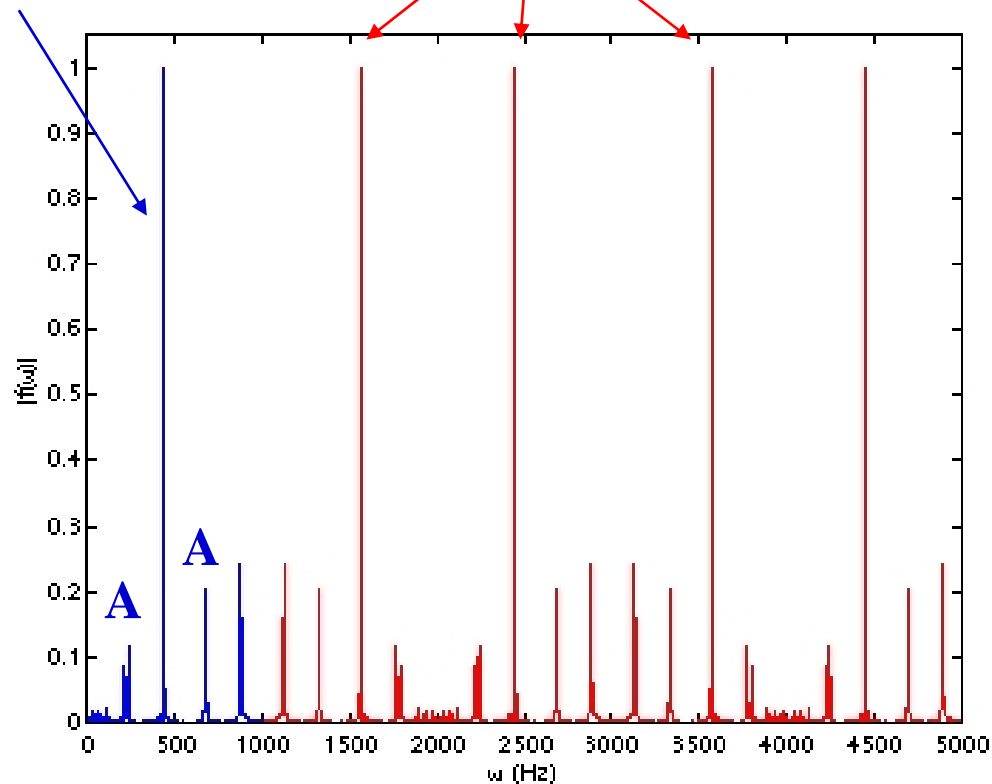
Reduced sampling frequency: 2 kHz



La-Tone (440 Hz) sampled at 2 kHz without filtering

Original signal with aliasing effect (A)

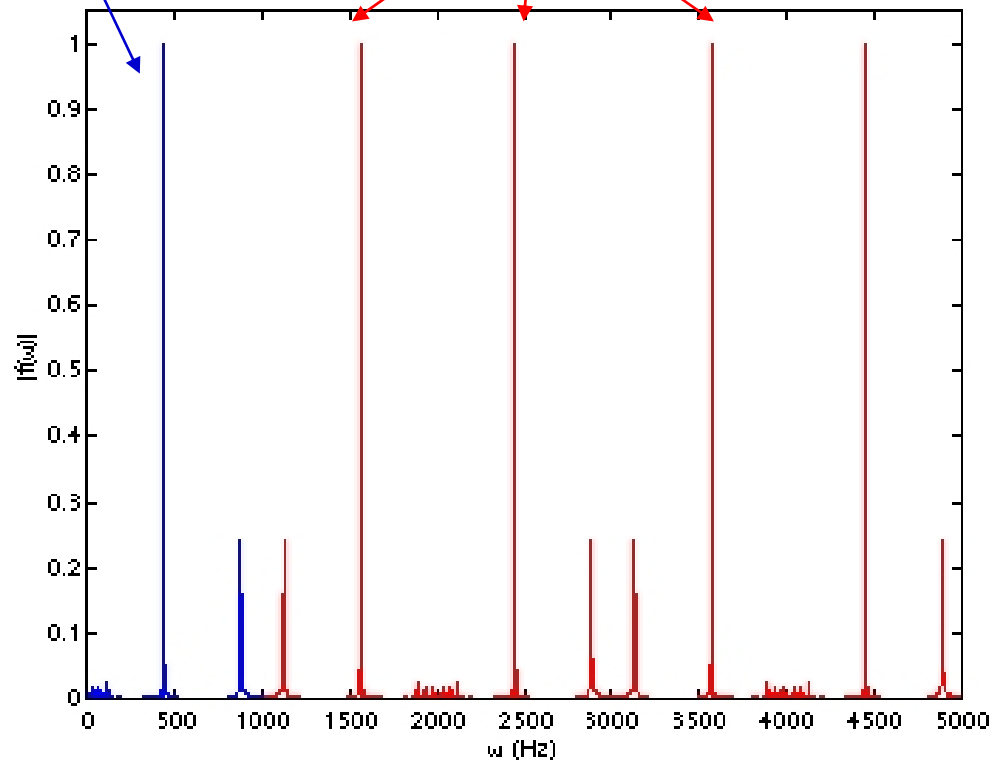
Repeated & shifted spectrum through sampling



La-Tone (440 Hz) sampled at 2 kHz filtered at 1 kHz

Original signal without aliases through anti-alias filtering

Repeated & shifted spectrum through sampling but without aliasing (anti-alias filter); will be eliminated through low-pass filtering at signal reconstruction stage



Aliasing Audio Examples

Original sound



Aliases 4 kHz

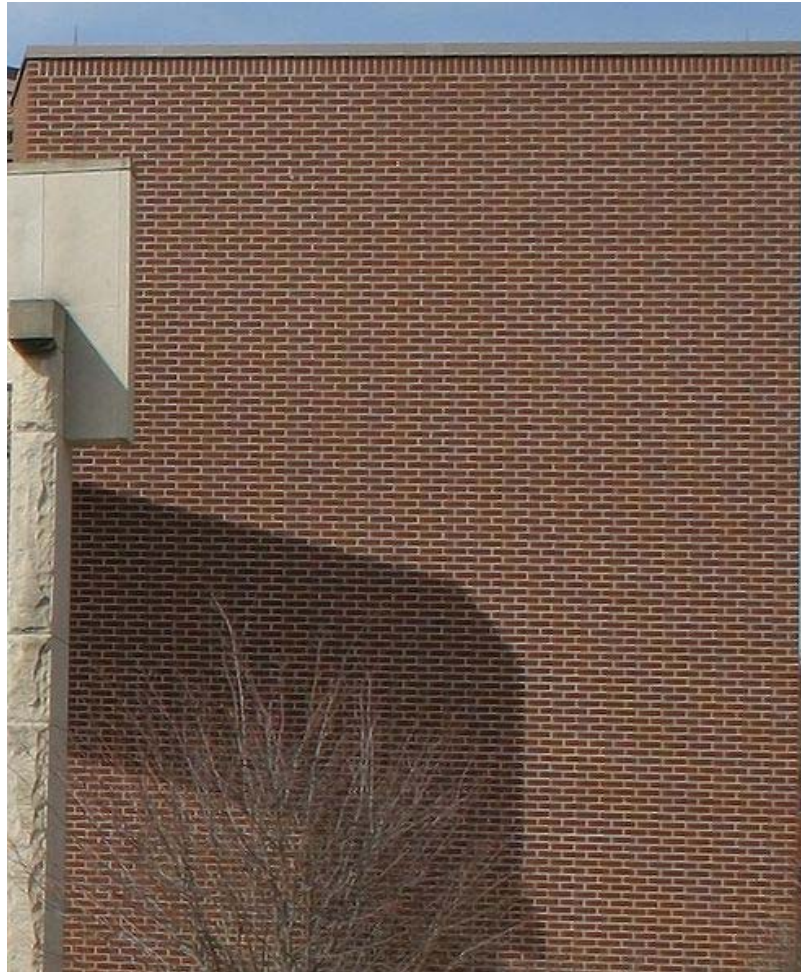


Correct sampling 4 kHz

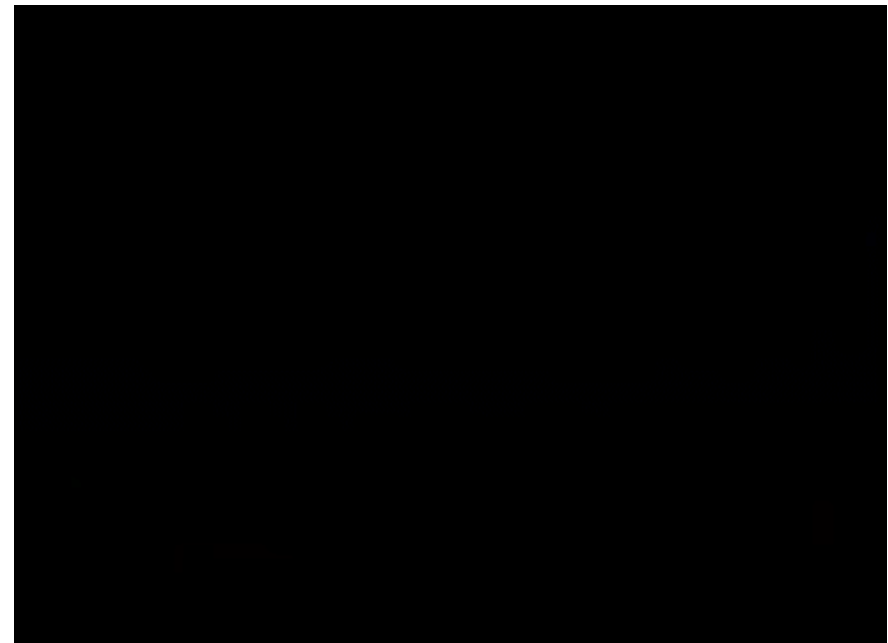


Note: for instance cymbals (8-16 kHz) fully cut off, no matter what

Moiré Pattern



Aliasing Video Examples



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-IVw8OKjvQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHS9JGkEOmA>

Conclusion

Take Home Messages

- Multiplication in time domain means convolution in frequency domain and vice versa
- Continuous vs. discrete convolution (analogy: FT vs. DFT)
- Sampling: multiplication of the signal with a periodic train of Dirac pulses and therefore repeated shifted spectrum in the frequency domain
- Aliasing: higher frequency “folded back” on original spectrum
-> prevent proper signal reconstruction
- When you sample a signal ...
 - Make sure you know what the maximum frequency f_{\max} is or enforce it through an anti-alias low-pass filter
 - Make sure you sample at $f_s > 2 f_{\max}$ (Nyquist rule)

Additional Literature – Week 5

- **Books:**
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“DSP First: A Multimedia Approach”, Prentice Hall, 1999.
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