

# Linear Systems (034032)

## lecture no. 4

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## Discrete harmonic signal

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$$\alpha[t] = a e^{j\theta t} = |a| e^{j(\theta t + \arg(a))} =$$

for  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  is called **harmonic signal** with frequency  $\theta$ , amplitude  $|a|$ , and initial phase  $\arg(a)$ . Given  $T \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\alpha[t + T] = a e^{j\theta(t+T)} = a e^{j\theta t + j\theta T} = a e^{j\theta t} e^{j\theta T} = \alpha[t] e^{j\theta T}$$

so that

$$\alpha[t + T] = \alpha[t] \iff e^{j\theta T} = 1 \iff |\theta| T = 2\pi k \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

and this condition is independent of  $t$ . Therefore,

- $\alpha$  is  $T$ -periodic iff  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|\theta| = \frac{2\pi k}{T}$ ,

which happens iff  $2\pi/|\theta| \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

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If  $x \in \ell_2$ , then the DTFT sum might converge only in the (weaker)  $\ell_2$ -norm sense, so that  $X$  is defined *almost everywhere* and might not be continuous or even bounded. The use of distributions facilitates extending the DTFT to yet wider classes of signals.



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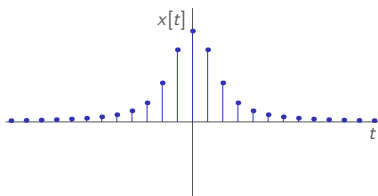
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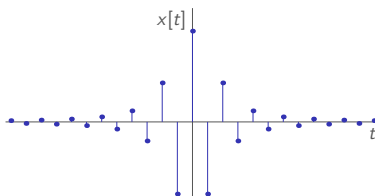
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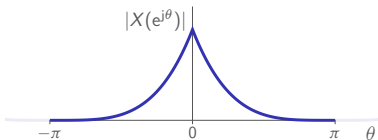
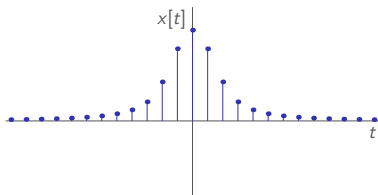


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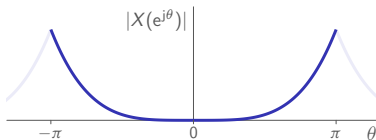
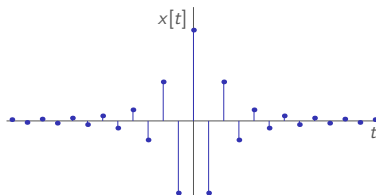


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## Basic properties

property	time domain	frequency domain
linearity	$x = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2$	$X(e^{j\theta}) = a_1X_1(e^{j\theta}) + a_2X_2(e^{j\theta})$
time shift	$y = \mathcal{S}_\tau x$	$Y(e^{j\theta}) = e^{j\theta\tau} X(e^{j\theta})$
time reversal	$y = \mathcal{P}_{-1}x$	$Y(e^{j\theta}) = X(e^{-j\theta})$
conjugation	$y = \bar{x}$	$Y(e^{j\theta}) = \overline{X(e^{-j\theta})}$
modulation	$y = x \exp_{e^{j\theta_0}}$	$Y(e^{j\theta}) = X(e^{j(\theta-\theta_0)})$
convolution	$z = x * y$	$Z(e^{j\theta}) = X(e^{j\theta})Y(e^{j\theta})$

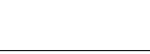

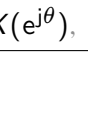
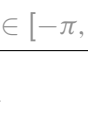
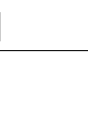
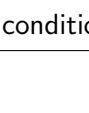
**Parseval:** if  $x \in \ell_2$ , then

$$\|x\|_2^2 = \sum_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} |x[t]|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X(e^{j\theta})|^2 d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \|X\|_2^2$$

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Remember,  $(\mathcal{S}_\tau x)[t] = x[t + \tau]$  and  $(\mathcal{P}_{-1}x)[t] = x[-t]$ .

## DTFTs of some discrete signals

$x[t]$	$X(e^{j\theta}), \theta \in [-\pi, \pi]$	condition
$\delta[t] =$ 	1	
$\mathbb{1}[t] =$ 	$\frac{1}{1 - e^{-j\theta}} + \pi\delta(\theta)$	
$\lambda^t \mathbb{1}[t] =$ 	$\frac{1}{1 - \lambda e^{-j\theta}}$	$ \lambda  < 1$
$e^{j\theta_0 t} =$ 	$2\pi \text{rect}_{2\pi}(\theta) \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \delta(\theta - \theta_0 - 2\pi i)$	$ \theta_0  \leq \pi$
$\text{sinc}[\pi\eta t] =$ 	$\frac{1}{\eta} \text{rect}_{2\pi\eta}[\theta]$	$0 < \eta \leq 1$
$\frac{1}{1 +  t } =$ 	$-\ln(2 - 2\cos\theta) \cos\theta$ $+ (\pi -  \theta ) \sin \theta  - 1$	

## Discrete Fourier transform

The discrete counterpart of the Fourier series is called the **discrete Fourier transform** (DFT). Namely, if  $x : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $T$ -periodic, then at every  $t$

$$x[t] = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} X[k] e^{j2\pi t k/T},$$

where

$$X[k] = \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} x[t] e^{-j2\pi k t/T}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_{0..T-1}$$

Note that each harmonic in the DFT,  $e^{j2\pi t k/T}$ , is a  $T$ -periodic function of  $t$ . The DFT plays an important role in

- numerical algorithms (including numerical Fourier transforms, via FFT)
- image processing
- ...

but is less prominent in the context of linear systems studied in this course.

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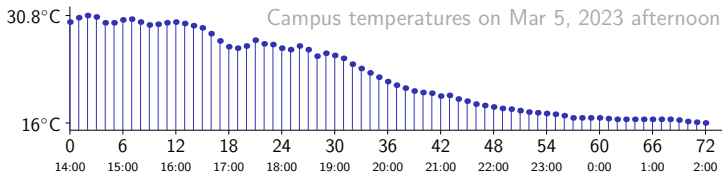
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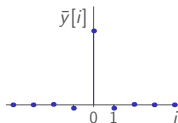
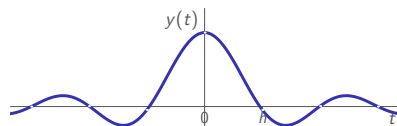
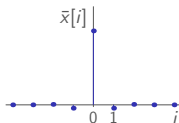
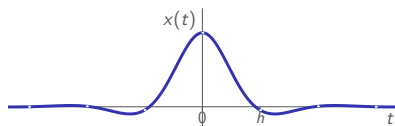
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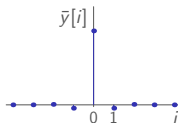
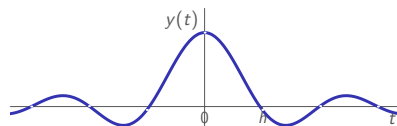
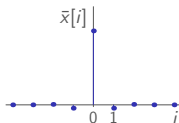
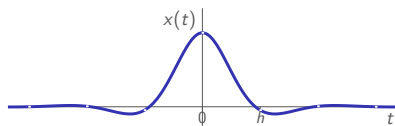


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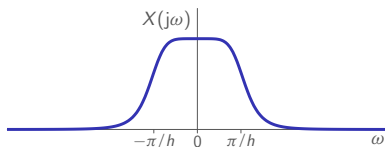


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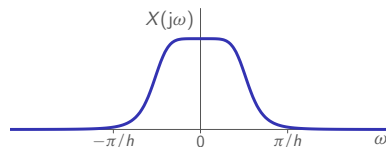
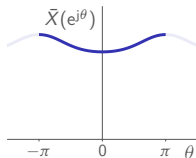
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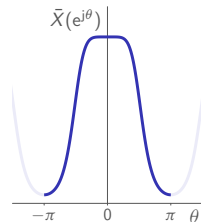
## Sampling: a key question (contd)



$$h = h_0 \downarrow$$



$$\downarrow h = h_0/2$$



Let's try to understand

- what is lost in transforming (squeezing) the domain  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $[-\pi, \pi]$ .

## Periodic summation

Consider a function  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ , its periodic summation with period  $T$  is

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Example: if  $x = \text{tent}$ , then

$$x_T = \begin{cases} \text{tent} & \text{if } T = \frac{1}{3} \\ \text{tri} & \text{if } T = \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

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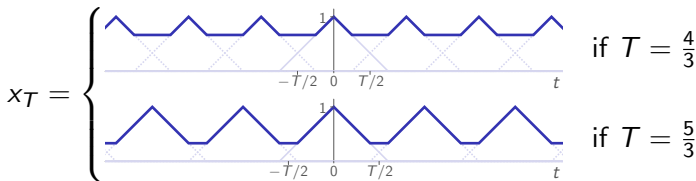
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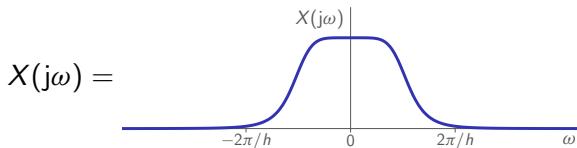
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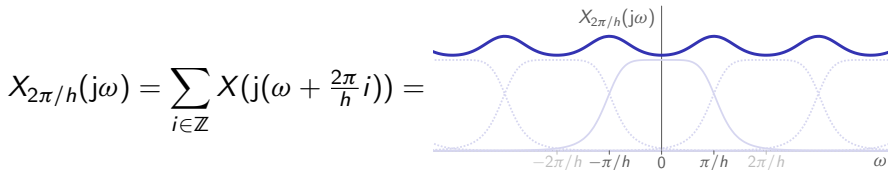


## Periodic summation of continuous-time spectra

Let  $x$  be a continuous-time signal with the frequency response  $X$ , say



and consider its periodic summation with the period  $T = 2\pi/h$ ,



Because this function is periodic, it can be expanded into the Fourier series

$$X_{2\pi/h}(j\omega) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} X_{2\pi/h}[k] e^{jhk\omega} \quad (\text{the fundamental frequency is } \omega_0 = h).$$



## Fourier coefficients of $X_{2\pi/h}(j\omega)$

By the definition of Fourier coefficient and taking into account that  $\omega_0 = h$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{2\pi/h}[k] &= \frac{1}{2\pi/h} \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} X_{2\pi/h}(\omega) e^{-jkh\omega} d\omega \\
 &= \frac{h}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/h}^{\pi/h} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} X(j(\omega + \frac{2\pi}{h}i)) e^{-jkh\omega} d\omega \underbrace{e^{-j2\pi ki}}_{=1} \\
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 &= \frac{h}{2\pi} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{(2i-1)\pi/h}^{(2i+1)\pi/h} X(j\eta) e^{-j\eta kh} d\eta \Big|_{\omega = \eta} \\
 &= \frac{h}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} X(j\omega) e^{j\omega(-kh)} d\omega \quad \text{cf. } x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} X(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \\
 &= hx(-kh)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Fourier series of $X_{2\pi/h}(j\omega)$

Thus

$$X_{2\pi/h}(j\omega) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} hx(-kh)e^{jhk\omega} \Big|_{i=-k} = h \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} x(ih)e^{-j(h\omega)i}$$

At the same time, the DTFT of  $\bar{x}$  such that if  $\bar{x}[i] = x(ih)$  satisfies

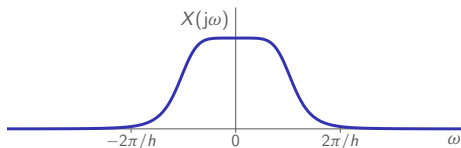
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Hence, the DTFT of the sampled signal  $\bar{x}$

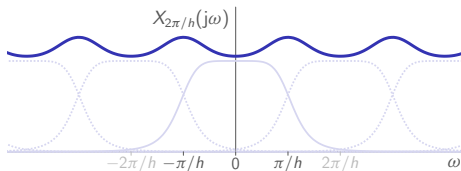
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i.e. it's the periodic summation, whose period equals the sampling frequency  $\omega_s$ , of the spectrum of the continuous-time  $x$ , scaled by the factor  $1/h$  both in amplitude and in frequency.

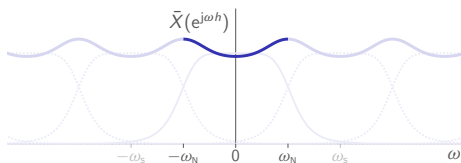
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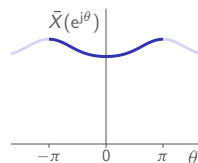
↓ periodic summation



↓ scaling by  $\frac{1}{h}$



$\theta = \omega h \rightarrow$



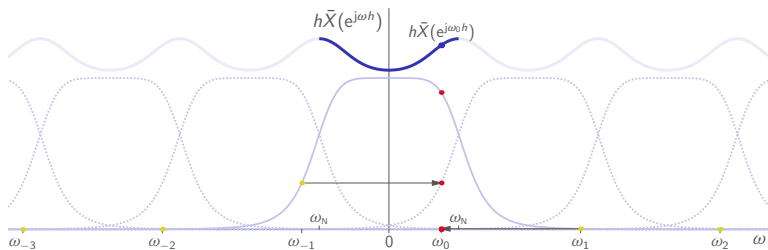
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Nyquist frequency

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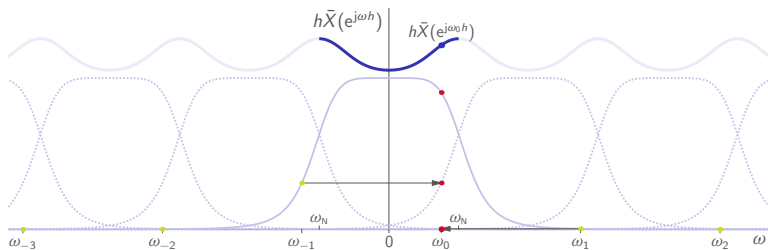
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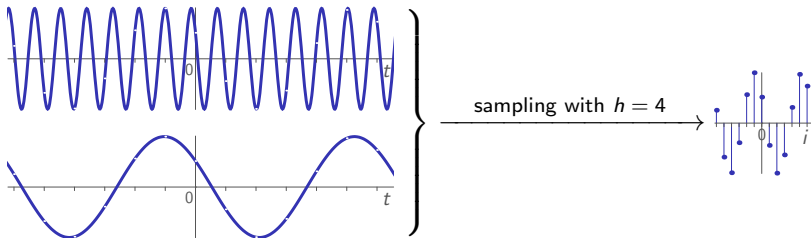
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## Aliasing: examples

Two sine waves: Remember (Lect. 2, Slide 35)



They are both of the form  $\sin(\omega_i t + 2.6)$  for  $\omega_1 = \frac{2\pi+1}{4}$  and  $\omega_2 = \frac{1}{4}$ . With  $h = 4$  the dominant frequencies of their spectra **alias** as  $\theta_0 = \omega_0 h = 1$ :

$$\omega_1 = \omega_0 + 1 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{h} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 = \omega_0 + 0 \cdot \frac{2\pi}{h}$$

That's why sampled versions of both these signals are the same,  $\sin[t + 2.6]$ .

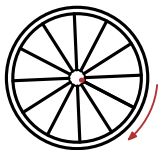
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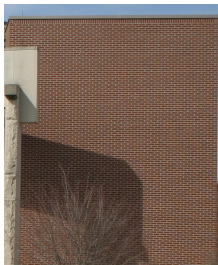
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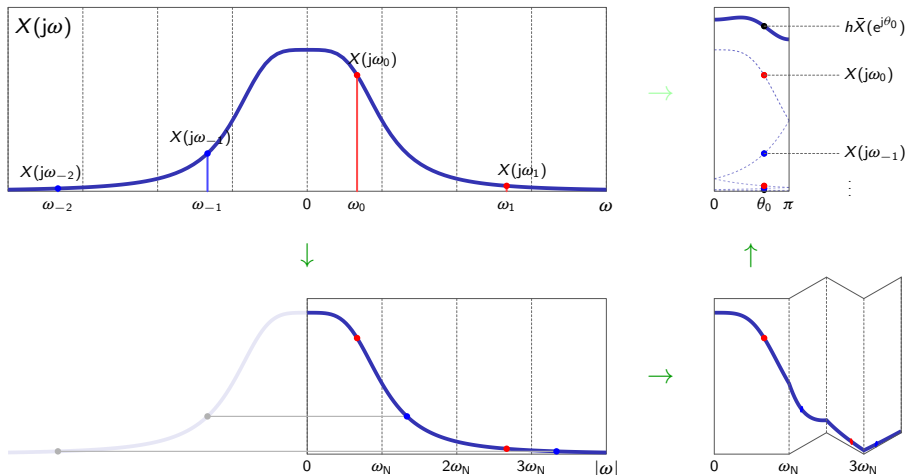
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# Frequency folding

If  $x$  is real-valued and even, then so is  $X$  and  $\bar{X}$  can be also constructed via the **folding** procedure:



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## The zero-order-hold: what do we know

It maps discrete signals  $\bar{x} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to continuous-time signals  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$x(t) = \bar{x}[i], \quad \forall t \in (ih, (i+1)h)$$

for a given sampling period  $h > 0$ .

## Spectrum of $x$

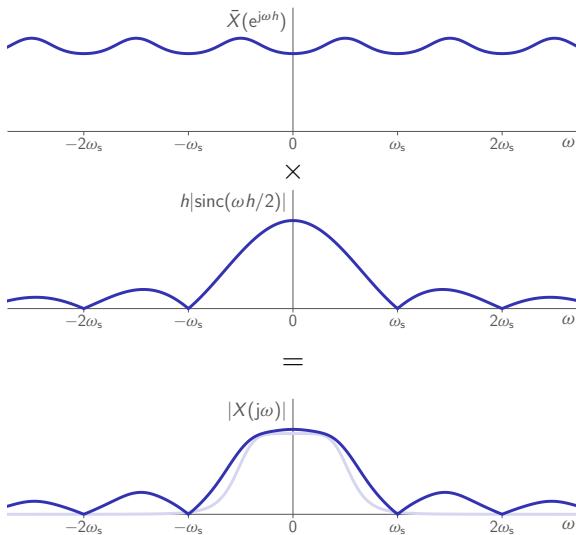
By the definition of the Fourier transform,

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \bar{x}[i] e^{-j\omega hi} \frac{1 - e^{-j\omega h}}{j\omega} \quad \text{cf. } \bar{X}(e^{j\theta}) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \bar{x}[i] e^{-j\theta i} \\
 &= h \frac{1 - e^{-j\omega h}}{j\omega h} \bar{X}(e^{j\omega h}) = h \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega h}{2}\right) e^{-j\omega h/2} \bar{X}(e^{j\omega h})
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(note that  $\bar{X}$  is  $\omega_s$ -periodic as a function of  $\omega$ ).

# Example

With  $\bar{x}$  as above,



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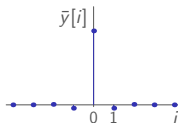
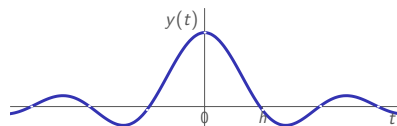
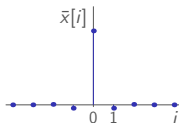
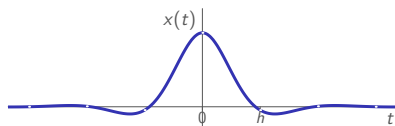
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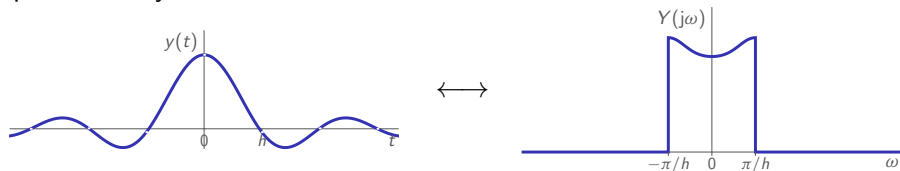


We saw why sampling of  $x$  is problematic (strong aliasing,  $\bar{X}$  is qualitatively different from  $X$ ). But

- why do we lose nothing in sampling  $y$ ?

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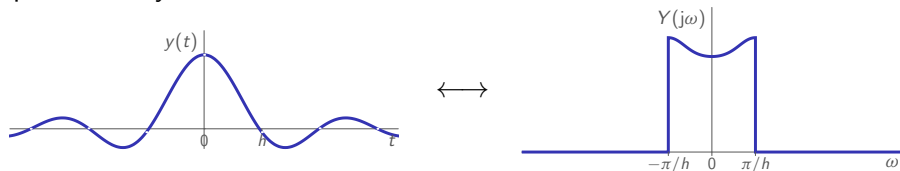
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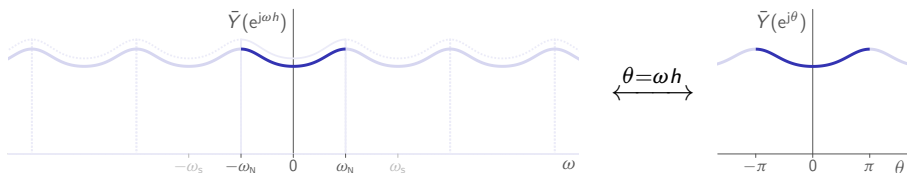


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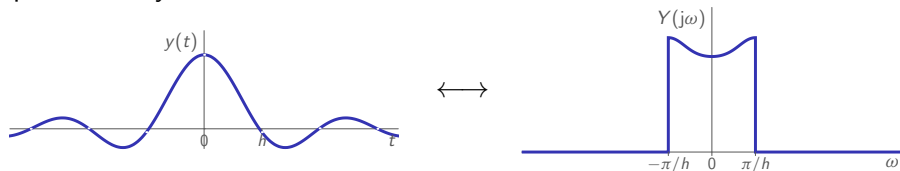
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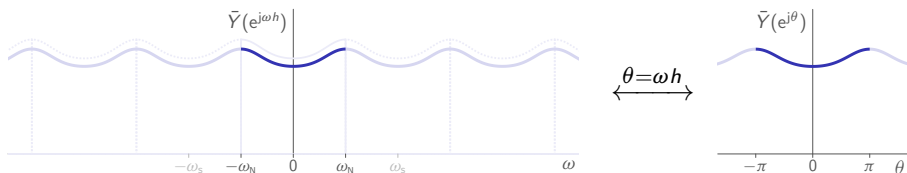
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## Reconstructing $x$ from its lossless sampling

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$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} X(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega = \frac{h}{2\pi} \int_{-\omega_N}^{\omega_N} \bar{X}(j\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega \\
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In other words, signals that are bandlimited within  $[-\omega_N, \omega_N]$  are uniquely described by their periodic samples.

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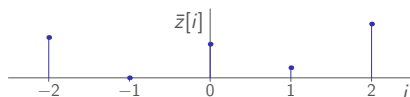
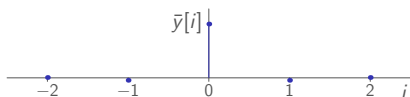
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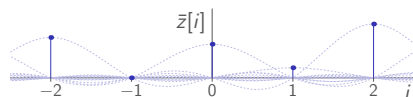
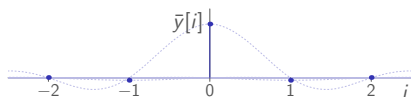
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