

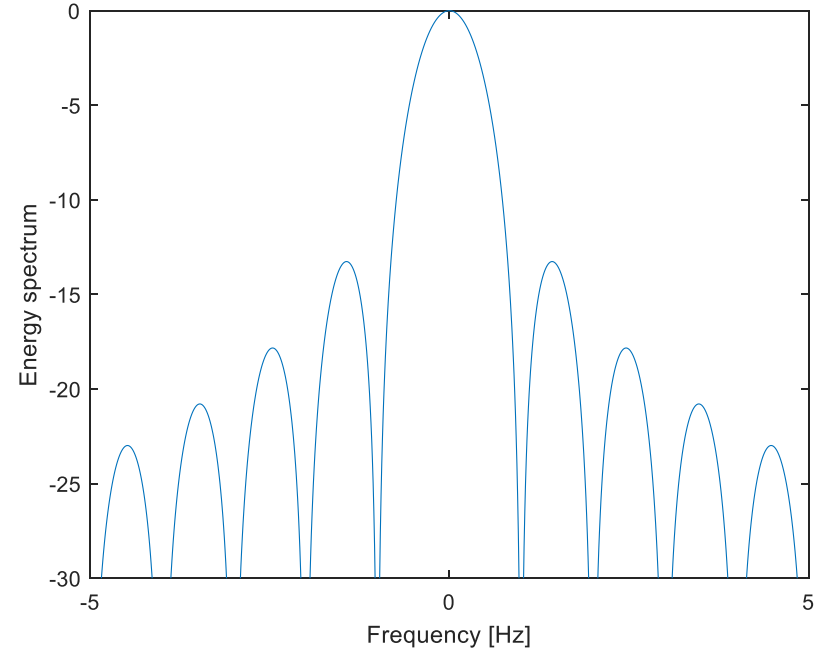
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Lecture 5 & 6 Fourier transform

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- **Fourier transform**
- **Fourier transform vs Laplace transform**
- **Rayleigh's energy theorem and energy spectrum**
- **Some properties of Fourier transform**
- **Bandwidth**
- **Fourier transform of special signals**

From Fourier series to Fourier transform

- Exponential Fourier series of a periodic signal $x(t) = x(t + T_0)$

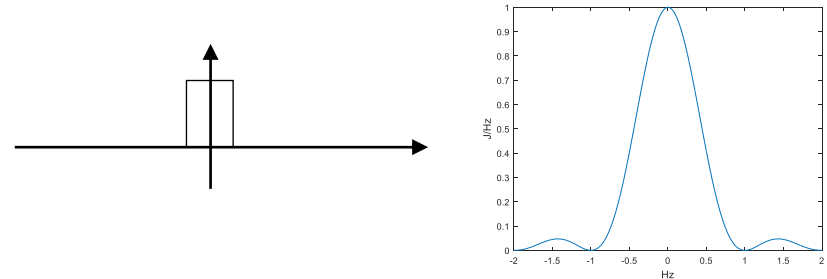
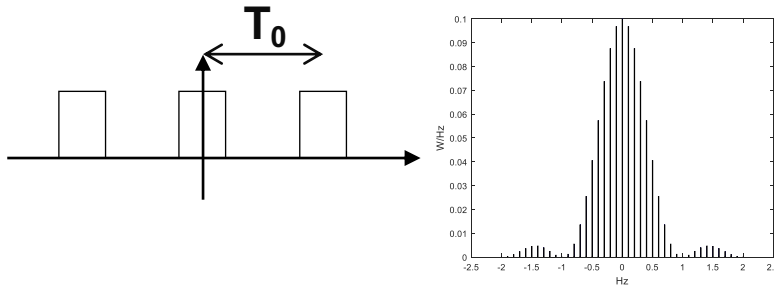
$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0} x(t) e^{-i\frac{2\pi k}{T_0} t} dt}_{X(k)} e^{i\frac{2\pi k}{T_0} t}$$

Coefficients of Exponential Fourier Series

- Aperiodic energy signal $x(t)$

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{x(t) e^{-i2\pi f t}}_{X(f)} dt e^{i2\pi f t} df$$

Fourier transform



Fourier transform and inverse transform

- **Fourier transform**

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i2\pi ft} dt \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F[x(t)]$$

- **Inverse transform**

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f)e^{i2\pi ft} df \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F^{-1}[X(f)]$$

The signal must satisfy $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)| dt < \infty$ in order the transform to exist

Alternative definitions used in the literature

$$X(\nu) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i\nu t} dt$$

$$\nu = \omega = 2\pi f$$

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\nu)e^{-i\nu t} d\nu$$

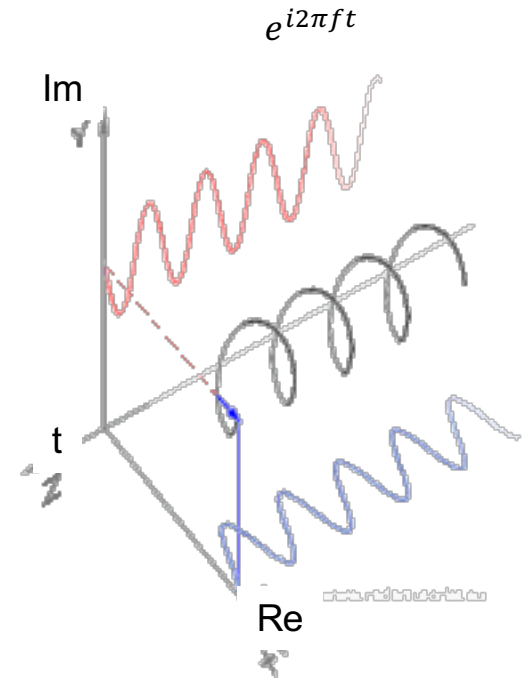
$$X(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

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

Fourier transform

Inner product of the pulse with the phasor

$$X(f) = \langle x(t), e^{i2\pi ft} \rangle \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-i2\pi ft} dt$$



Laplace transform vs Fourier Transform

One-sided Laplace transform

$$\hat{X}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} x(t)e^{-st} dt \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L[x(t)]$$

$$s = \gamma + i2\pi f$$

Fourier transform

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i2\pi ft} dt \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F[x(t)]$$

$= \hat{X}(i2\pi f)$ If signal is causal $x(t)=0$ $t < 0$
and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)| dt < \infty$

Inverse transform

$$x(t) = \int_{\gamma-i\infty}^{\gamma+i\infty} \hat{X}(s)e^{-st} ds \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L^{-1}[x(t)]$$

a.k.a. Fourier-Mellin integral

Inverse transform

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f)e^{i2\pi ft} df \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F^{-1}[x(t)]$$

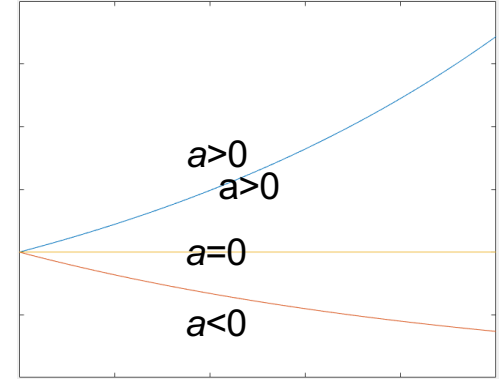
Set $\gamma=0$

and perform change of variables $s = i2\pi f$

Laplace transform vs Fourier Transform

Consider a signal $x(t) = e^{at}u(t)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)| dt = \int_0^{\infty} e^{at} dt = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a} e^{at} - \frac{1}{a} e^{a0} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{a} & a < 0 \\ \infty & a \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



$$X(f) = \frac{1}{i2\pi f - a}, \quad a < 0$$

Fourier transform does not exist for $a \geq 0$

$$\hat{X}(s) = \frac{1}{s - a},$$

$$-\infty < a < \infty$$

Laplace transform exists for all a

Laplace transform vs Fourier Transform

Consider a linear time invariant system

$$\frac{d}{dt}y(t) = ay(t) + x(t), \quad y(t) = 0, t \leq 0$$

Impulse response $h(t) = e^{at}u(t)$

Response to complex phasor input $x(t) = e^{i2\pi ft}$ is of the form $y(t) = H(f) e^{i2\pi ft}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}y(t) &= ay(t) + x(t) \\ i2\pi f H(f)e^{i2\pi ft} &= aH(f)e^{i2\pi ft} + e^{i2\pi ft} \\ \Rightarrow H(f) &= \frac{1}{i2\pi f - a} \end{aligned}$$

Frequency response of the system = Fourier transform $H(f)$ of $h(t)$ if $a < 0$
= Laplace transform $\hat{H}(i2\pi f)$ for all a

In this course, we really do not need to care if Fourier transform exists or not!

Fourier transform example 1: Rectangle pulse

Rectangle pulse $x(t)=\text{rect}(t)$

Fourier transform

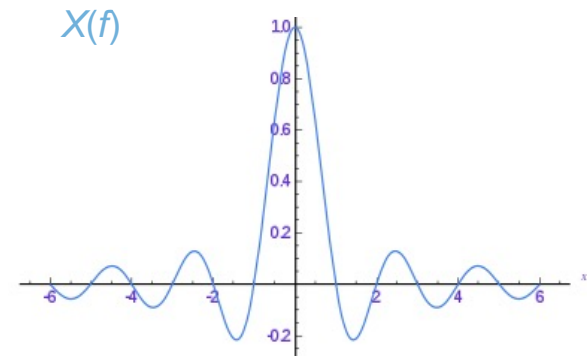
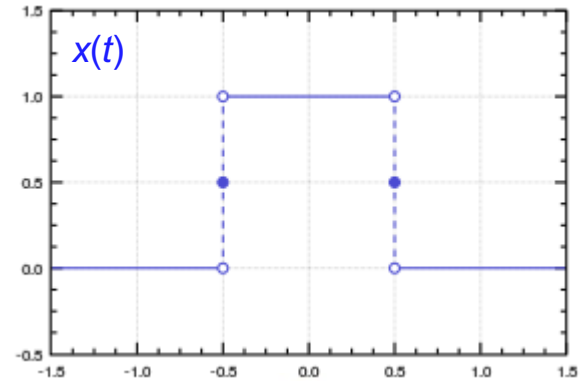
$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i2\pi ft} dt = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} 1e^{-i2\pi ft} dt$$

$$= -\frac{1}{i2\pi f} \left(e^{-i2\pi f \frac{1}{2}} - e^{-i2\pi f \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{i2\pi f} \left(e^{i\pi f} - e^{-i\pi f} \right) = \frac{\sin(\pi f)}{\pi f} = \text{sinc}(f)$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{i2} (e^{ix} - e^{-x})$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax_1} - \frac{1}{a} e^{ax_0}$$



Rayleigh's energy theorem & energy spectrum (a.k.a spectral density)

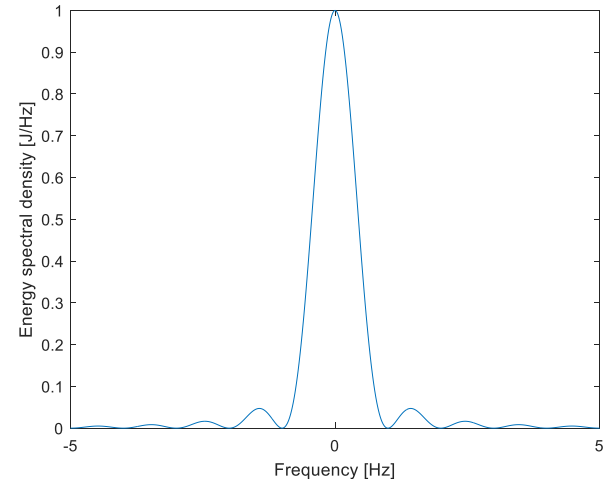
Signal energy

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X(f)|^2 df$$

$|X(f)|^2$ Energy density [J/Hz]

Energy spectrum describes

the division of the signal energy on different frequency components

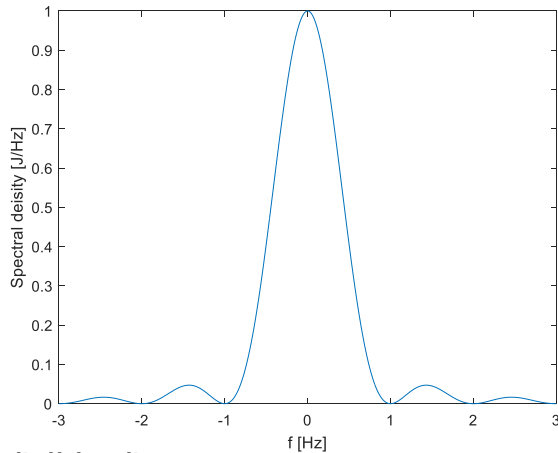


Single-sided and two-sided energy spectrum

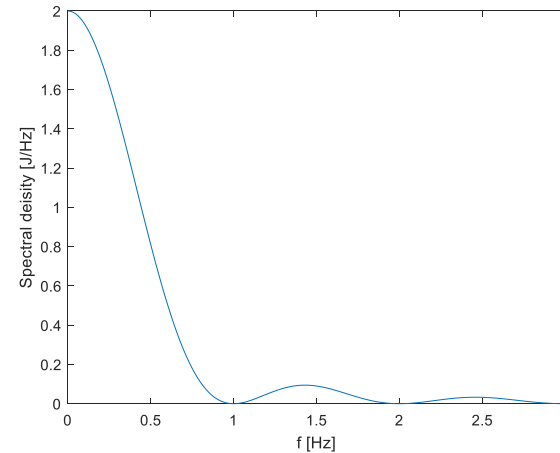
Rayleigh's energy theorem

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X_{Two-sided}(f)|^2 df = 2 \int_0^{\infty} |X_{Two-sided}(f)|^2 df = \int_0^{\infty} |X_{Single-sided}(f)|^2 df$$

Two-sided energy spectrum $|X_{Two-sided}(f)|^2$



Single-sided energy spectrum $|X_{Single-sided}(f)|^2$



Energy spectrum



Properties of the Fourier-transform

Part I

Superposition

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\sum_k a_k x_k(t) \right] = \sum_k a_k \mathcal{F} [x_k(t)]$$

Time and frequency scaling

$$\mathcal{F} [x(at)] = \frac{1}{|a|} X \left(\frac{f}{a} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1} [X(af)] = \frac{1}{|a|} x \left(\frac{t}{a} \right)$$

Duality

$$\mathcal{F} [X(t)] = x(-f)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1} [x(f)] = X(-t)$$

Time and frequency shift

$$\mathcal{F} [x(t - \tau)] = e^{-j2\pi f\tau} X(f)$$

$$\mathcal{F} [x(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t}] = X(f - f_0)$$

Linear modulation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} [s(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t)] \\ = \frac{1}{2} S(f + f_c) + \frac{1}{2} S(f - f_c) \end{aligned}$$

Convolution

$$\mathcal{F} [x(t) \otimes y(t)] = X(f)Y(f)$$

Derivative

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{d}{dt} x(t) \right] = j2\pi f \cdot X(f)$$

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{d^n}{dt^n} x(t) \right] = (j2\pi f)^n \cdot X(f)$$

Anti-derivative (integral)

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau \right] = \frac{1}{j2\pi f} X(f) + \bar{x} \delta(f)$$
$$\bar{x} = \int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$$

Example 2: Pulse

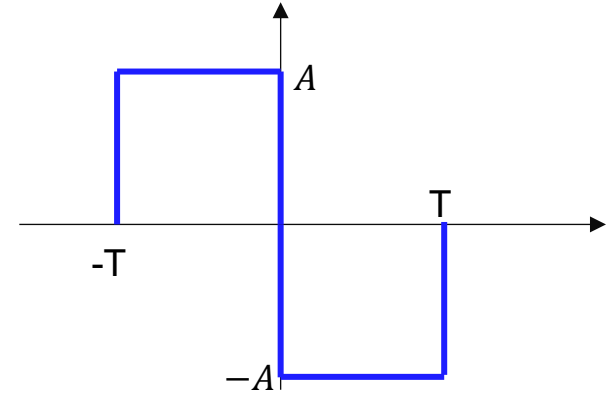
Pulse

$$x(t) = A \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t+\frac{1}{2}}{T}\right) - A \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t-\frac{1}{2}}{T}\right)$$

Fourier transform

$$X(f) = AT \operatorname{sinc}(fT) e^{i2\pi f \frac{1}{2}T} - AT \operatorname{sinc}(fT) e^{-i2\pi f \frac{1}{2}T}$$

$$X(f) = 2iAT \operatorname{sinc}(fT) \sin(\pi fT)$$



$$F[\operatorname{rect}(t)] = \operatorname{sinc}(f)$$

$$\mathcal{F}[x(at)] = \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{f}{a}\right) \quad a=1/T$$

$$\mathcal{F}[x(t - \tau)] = e^{-j2\pi f\tau} X(f)$$

$$\sin(x) = \frac{1}{i2} (e^{ix} - e^{-ix})$$

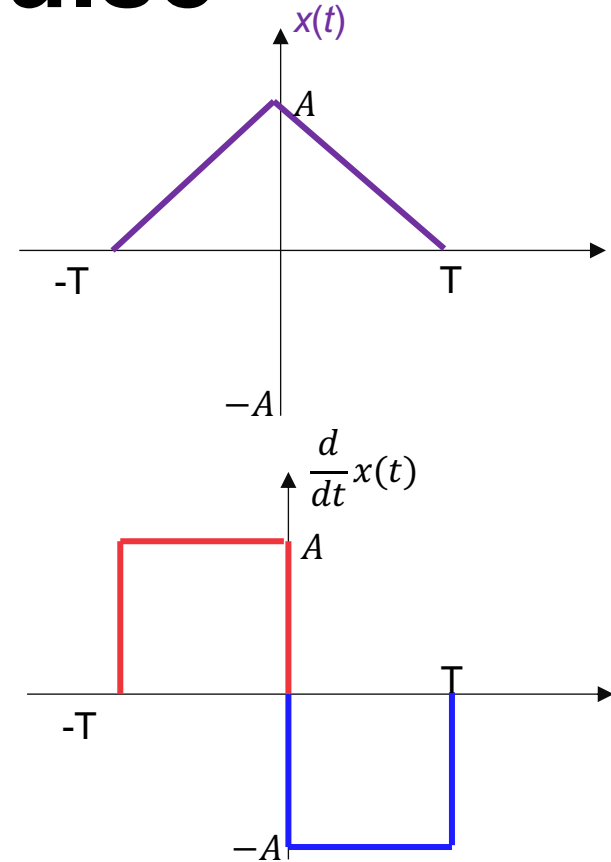
Example 3: Triangle pulse

Triangle pulse

$$x(t) = A \operatorname{tri} \left(\frac{t}{T} \right)$$

Time derivative

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = A \operatorname{rect} \left(\frac{t+1/2}{T} \right) - A \operatorname{rect} \left(\frac{t-1/2}{T} \right)$$



Example 3: Triangle pulse

Pulse

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = A \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t+1/2}{T}\right) - A \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t-1/2}{T}\right)$$

Fourier transform

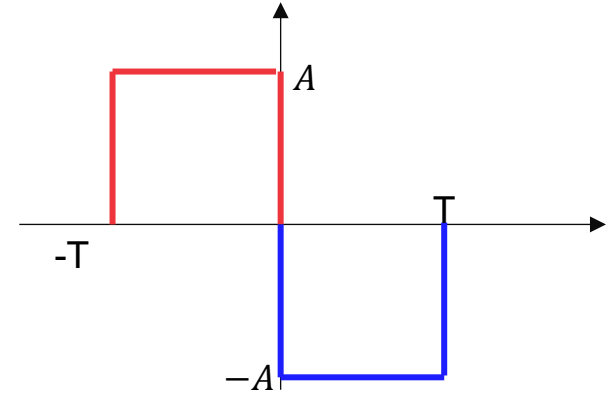
$$j2\pi f X(f) = AT \operatorname{sinc}(fT) e^{i2\pi f \frac{1}{2}T} - AT \operatorname{sinc}(fT) e^{-i2\pi f \frac{1}{2}T}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\left[\frac{d}{dt}x(t)\right] = j2\pi f \cdot X(f)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow j2\pi f X(f) = 2iAT \operatorname{sinc}(fT) \sin(\pi fT)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X(f) = AT \operatorname{sinc}(fT) \frac{\sin(\pi fT)}{\pi f}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X(f) = AT \operatorname{sinc}^2(fT)$$



$$F[\operatorname{rect}(t)] = \operatorname{sinc}(f)$$

$$\mathcal{F}[x(at)] = \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{f}{a}\right) \quad a=1/T$$

$$\mathcal{F}[x(t - \tau)] = e^{-j2\pi f\tau} X(f)$$

$$\sin(x) = \frac{1}{i2} (e^{ix} - e^{-ix})$$

$$\operatorname{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x}$$

Example: Triangle pulse vs rect pulse

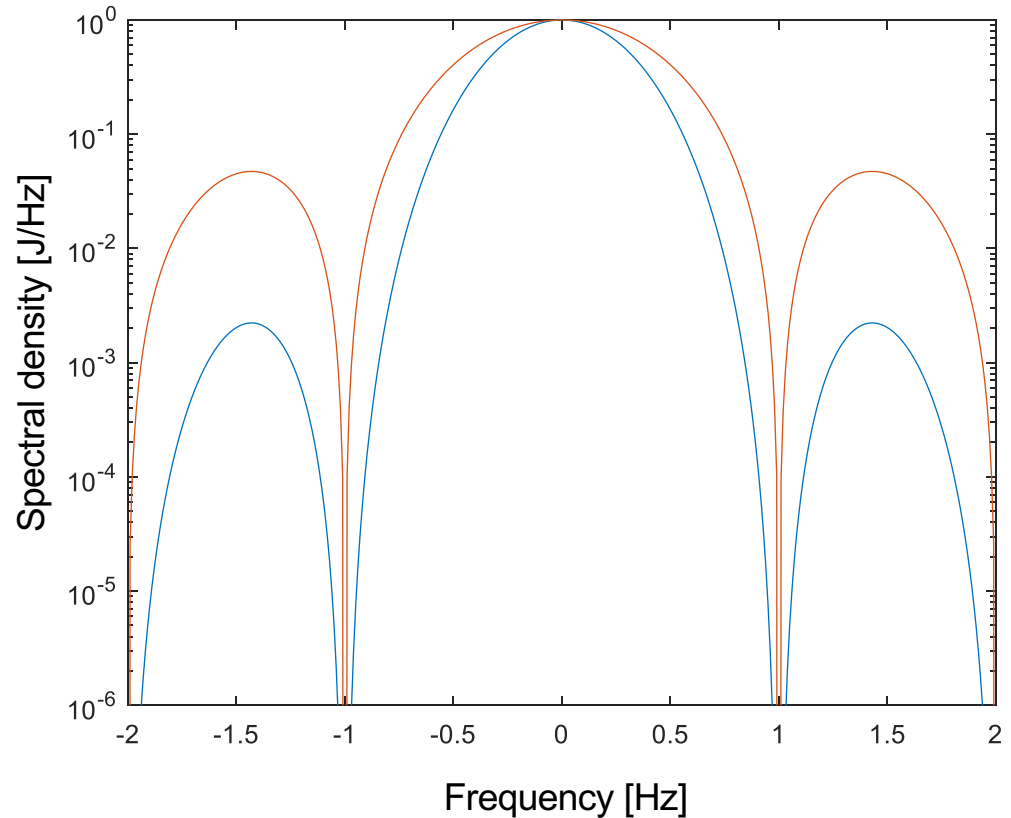
Spectral density of triangle pulse

$$\begin{aligned} |X_{tri_a}(f)|^2 \\ = A^2 T^2 \text{sinc}^4(fT) \end{aligned}$$

Spectral density of rectangle pulse

$$|X_{rec_t}(f)|^2 = A^2 T^2 \text{sinc}^2(fT)$$

Rect changes faster than tria.
Hence, it has wider spectrum.



Inverse Fourier transform example

Bandwith limited signal

$$X(f) = \sqrt{\frac{E}{B}} \text{rect}\left(\frac{f}{B}\right)$$

Inverse Fourier transform

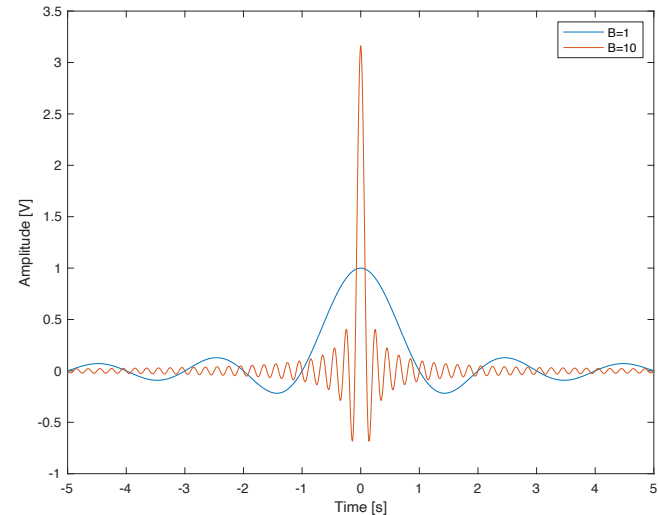
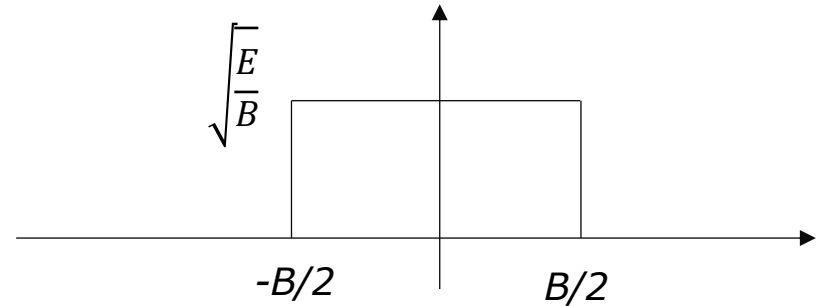
$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{i2\pi ft} df = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}B}^{\frac{1}{2}B} \sqrt{\frac{E}{B}} e^{i2\pi ft} df$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{E}{B}} \frac{1}{i2\pi f} \left(e^{i2\pi t \frac{1}{2}B} - e^{i2\pi t \left(-\frac{1}{2}B\right)} \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{E}{B}} \frac{B}{i2\pi f B} \left(e^{i\pi t B} - e^{-i\pi t B} \right) = \sqrt{EB} \frac{\sin(\pi B t)}{\pi f B} = \sqrt{EB} \text{sinc}(Bt)$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{i2} (e^{ix} - e^{-x})$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax_1} - \frac{1}{a} e^{ax_0}$$



Inverse Fourier transform example (again)

Bandwidth limited signal

$$X(f) = \sqrt{\frac{E}{B}} \text{rect}\left(\frac{f}{B}\right)$$

Inverse Fourier transform

$$F(\text{rect}(t)) = \text{sinc}(f)$$

$$F^{-1}(\text{rect}(f)) = \text{sinc}(-t)$$

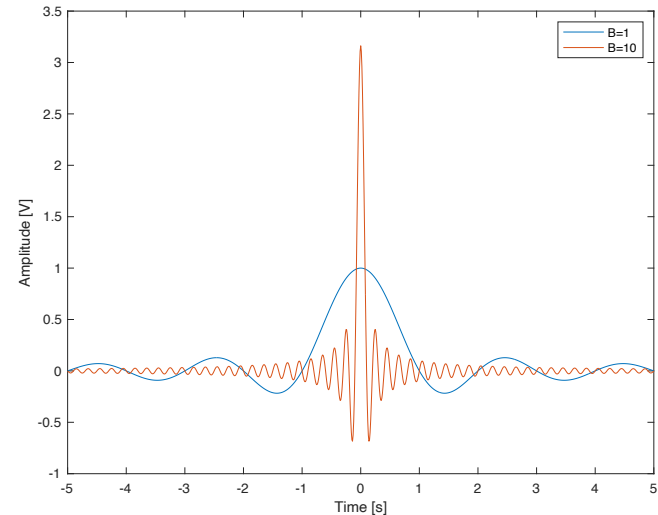
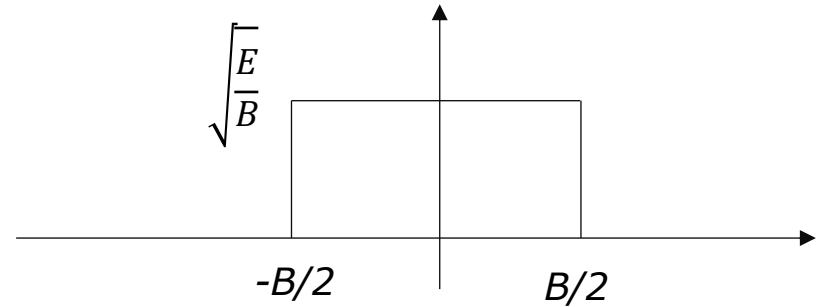
$$\sqrt{\frac{E}{B}}$$

$$F^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{E}{B}} \text{rect}\left(\frac{f}{B}\right)\right) =$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{E}{B}} B \text{sinc}(-tB) = \sqrt{EB} \text{sinc}(Bt)$$

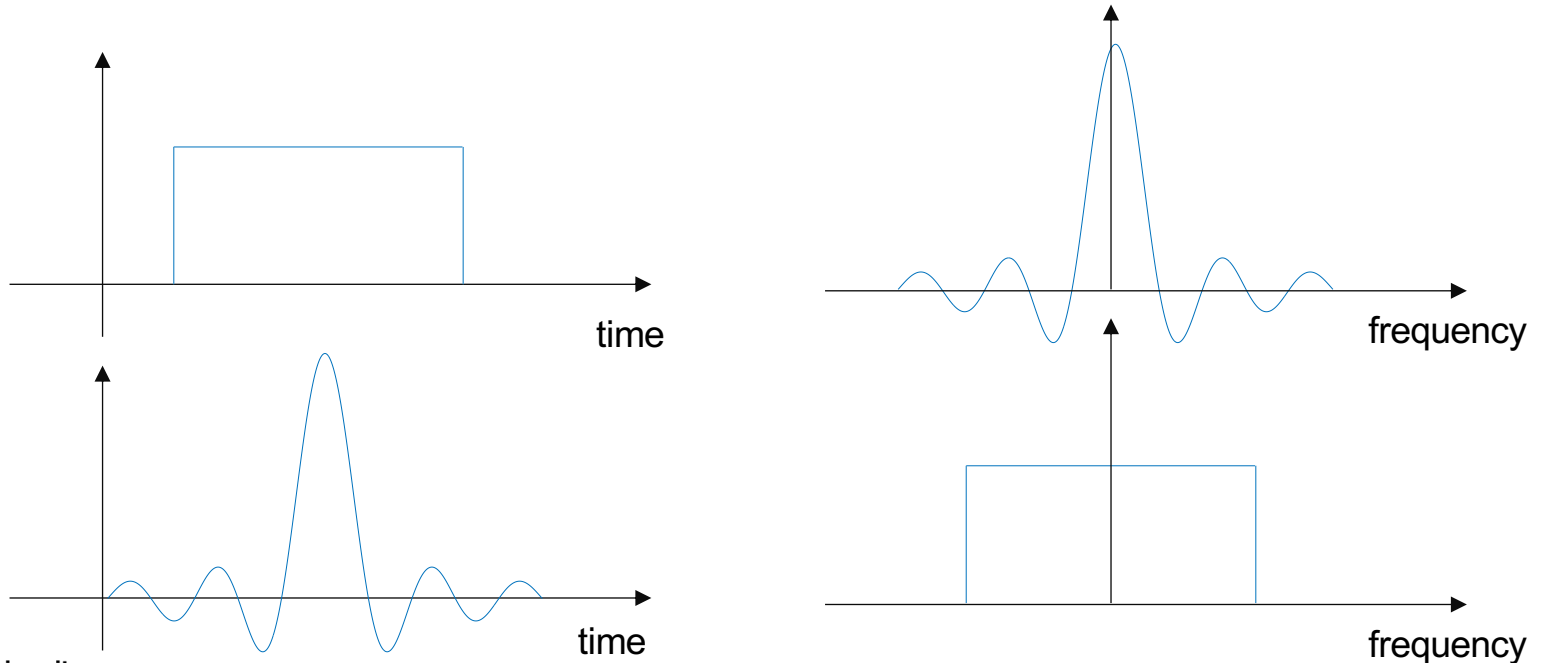
$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[X(af)] = \frac{1}{|a|} x\left(\frac{t}{a}\right)$$

$$\text{sinc}(t) = \text{sinc}(-t)$$



Time-frequency localization

Signal cannot be localized both in time and frequency domain

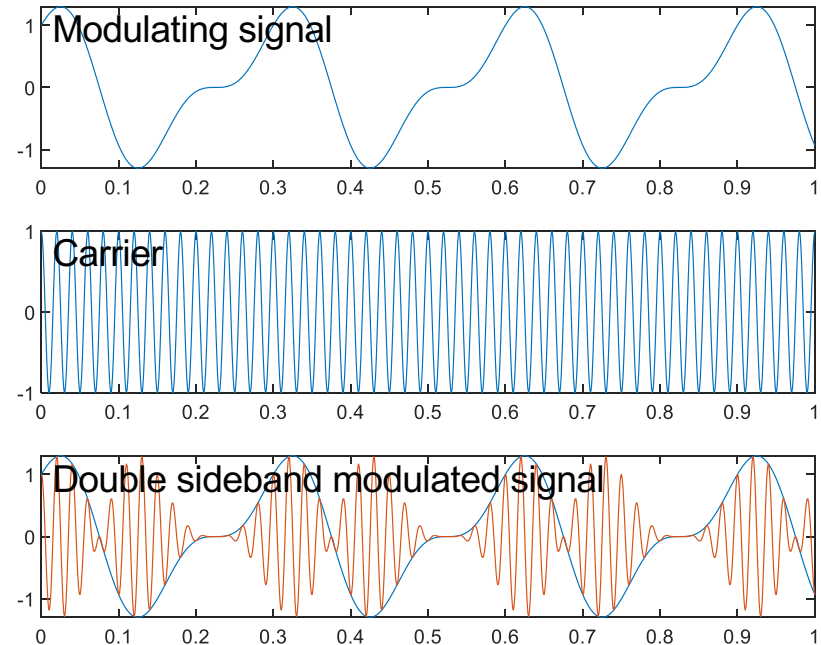


Linear modulation

- In electronics and telecommunications, modulation is the process of varying one or more properties of a periodic waveform, called the carrier signal ($\cos(2\pi f_c t)$), with a separate signal $s(t)$ called the modulation signal that typically contains information to be transmitted.
- In linear modulation, the modulating signal controls the amplitude of the carrier

$$x(t) = s(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

This modulation method is also known as **Double Sideband (DSB) modulation** in communications engineering literature.



Example: Double sideband modulation of a rect pulse

Pulse

$$s(t) = A \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \Leftrightarrow S(f) = AT \operatorname{sinc}(fT)$$

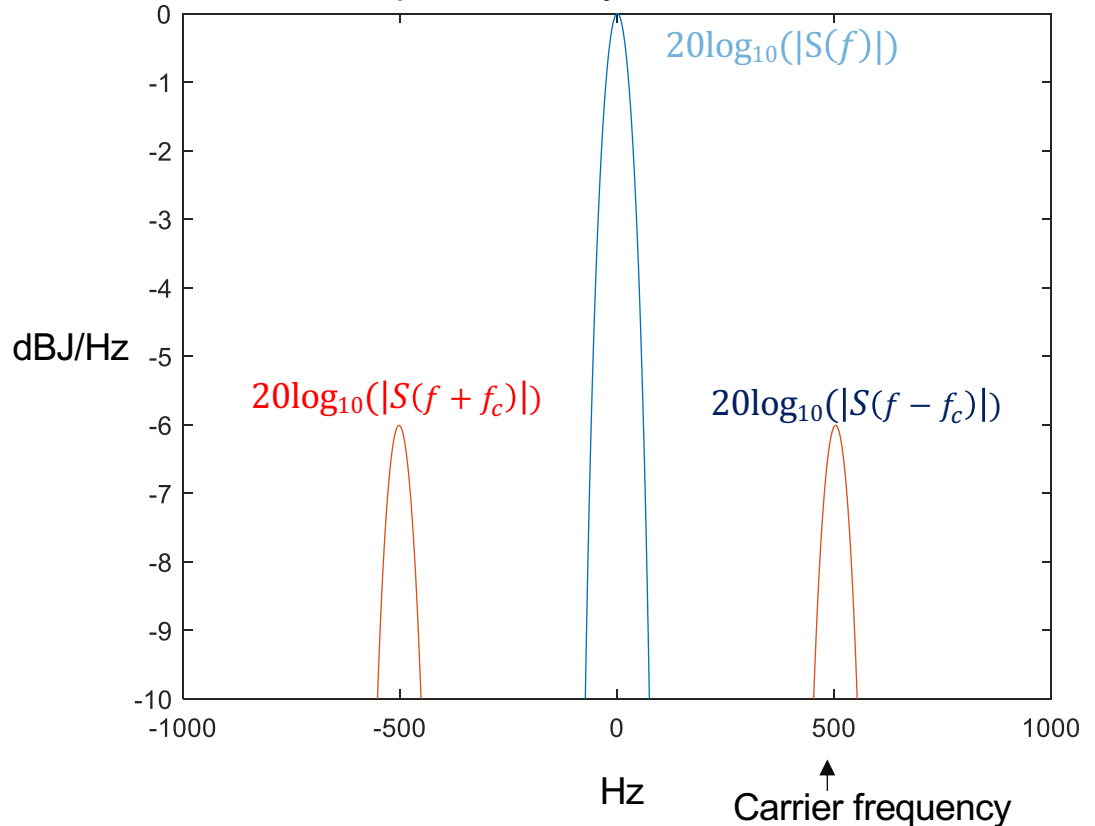
$$\mathcal{F}[x(at)] = \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{f}{a}\right) \quad a=1/T$$

Linear modulation

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= s(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t) \\ &= s(t) \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{i2\pi f_c t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-i2\pi f_c t} \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow X(f) &= \frac{1}{2} S(f + f_c) + \frac{1}{2} S(f - f_c) \end{aligned}$$

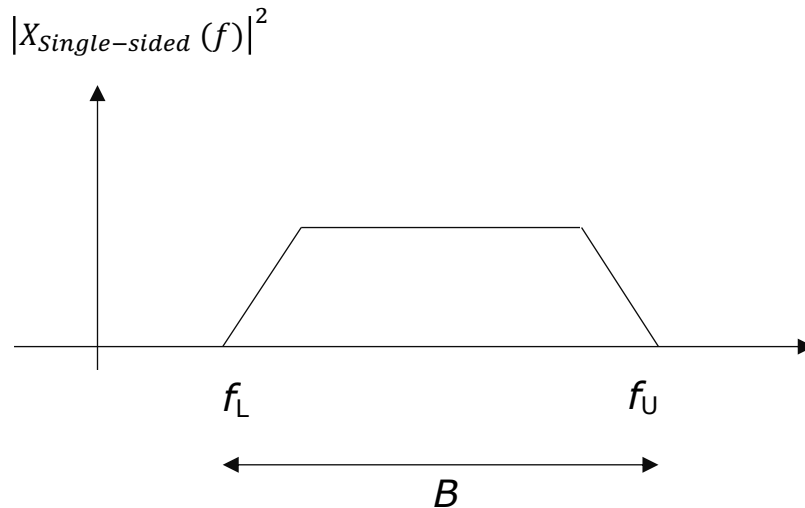
$$\mathcal{F}[x(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t}] = X(f - f_0)$$

Two-sided spectra density



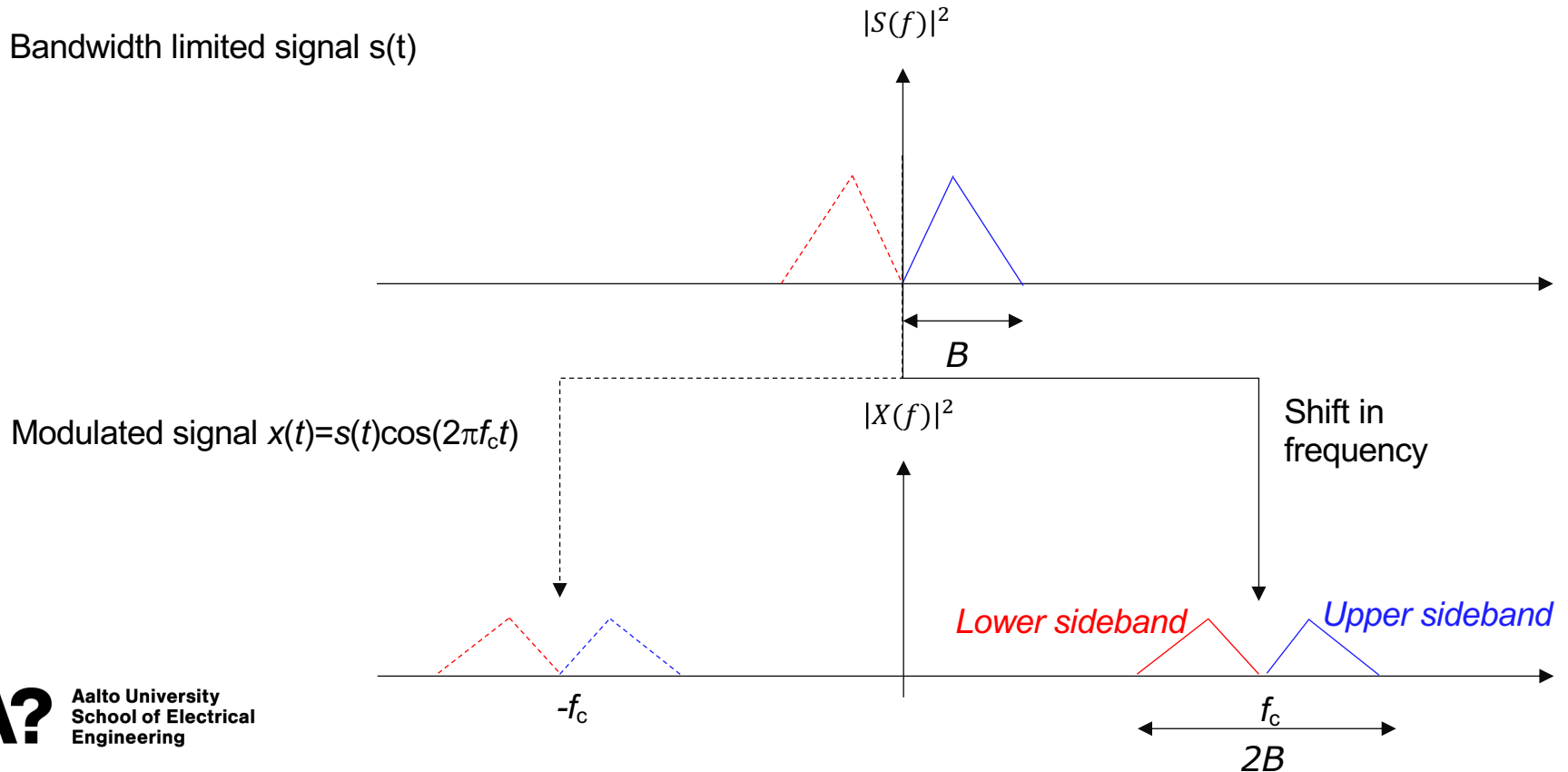
Bandwidth

A frequency domain signal $X(f)$ is said to be *bandlimited* if there is two frequencies f_L and f_U such that $|X(f)| > 0$ for $f_L \leq f \leq f_U$. The *bandwidth* of the signal is then $B = f_U - f_L$



Bandwidth: Double sideband suppressed carrier modulation

Bandwidth limited signal $s(t)$



Bandwidth

Most practical signals are not bandlimited, hence a more general definition is needed. Even though signals analyzed in the real world are not exactly bandlimited, they are often “essentially bandlimited” in a way that the energy spectrum of them is mostly concentrated on a finite frequency interval. Common definitions for bandwidth

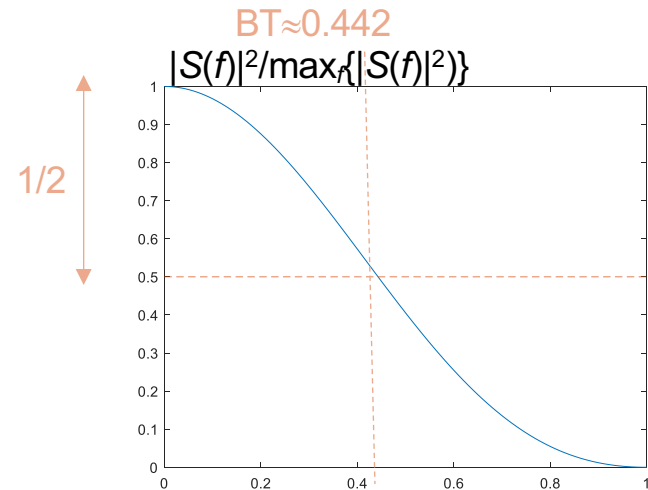
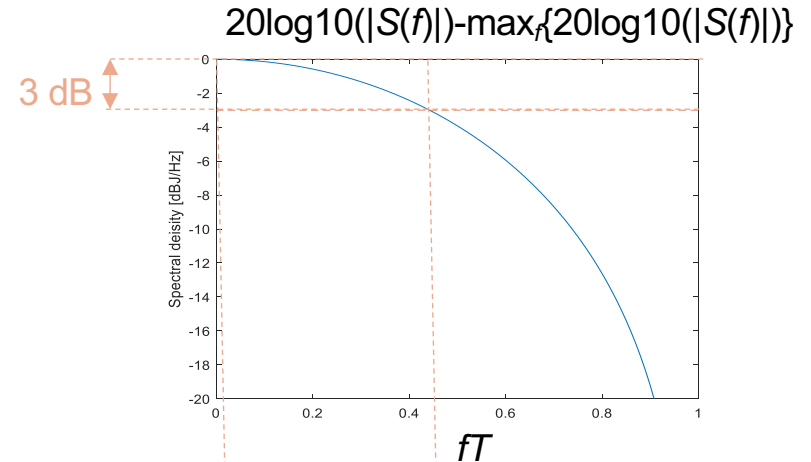
- **95%-Bandwidth:** Frequency range containing 95% of the signal energy
- **3dB-Bandwidth:** Frequency range, where the spectral density is at most 3dB less than its peak value

Example 3dB-Bandwidth of rectangle pulse

Single-sided spectrum

$$s(t) = A \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \Leftrightarrow S(f) = AT \operatorname{sinc}(fT)$$

$$\text{Bandwidth } B \approx \frac{1}{2T}$$



Example 3dB-Bandwidth of modulated rectangle pulse

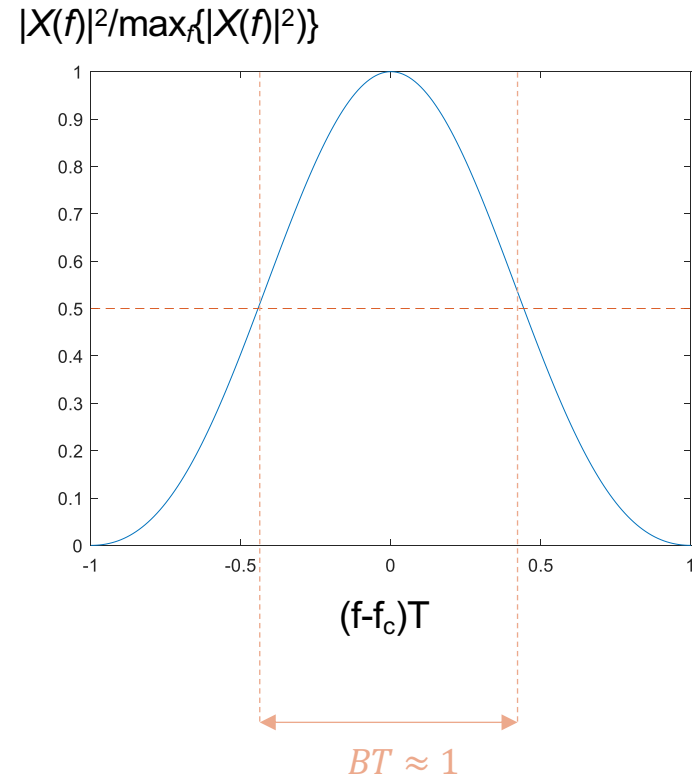
Linearly modulated rectangle pulse

$$x(t) = s(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow X(f) = \frac{1}{2}S(f + f_c) + \frac{1}{2}S(f - f_c)$$

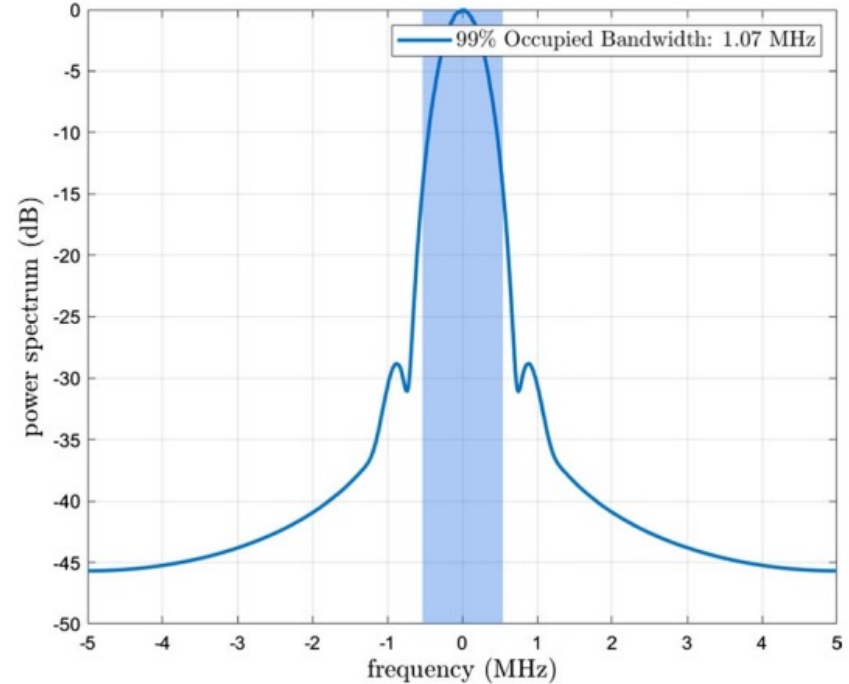
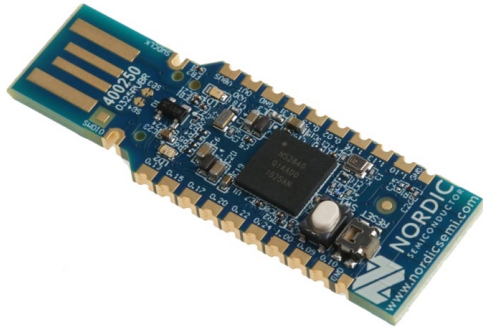
$$\text{Bandwidth } B \approx \frac{1}{T}$$

Modulated signal has twice the bandwidth of the base band signal



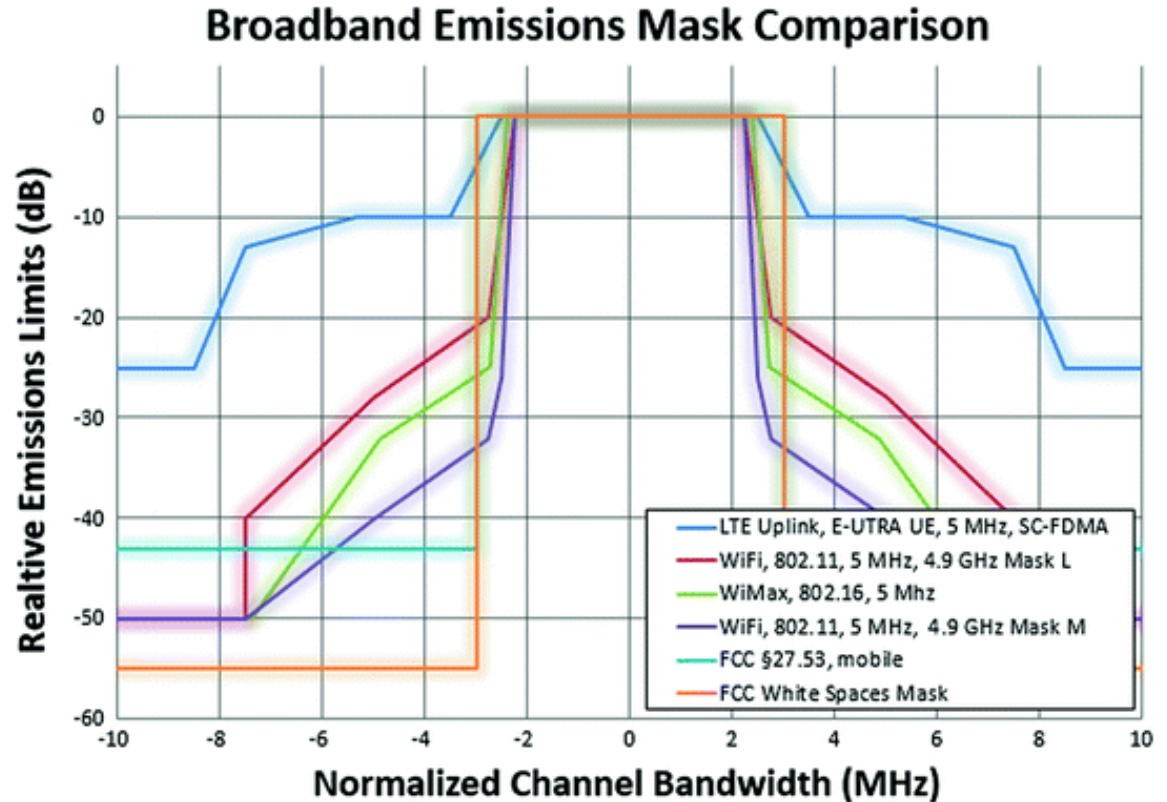
Example: Bluetooth signal 99% Bandwidth

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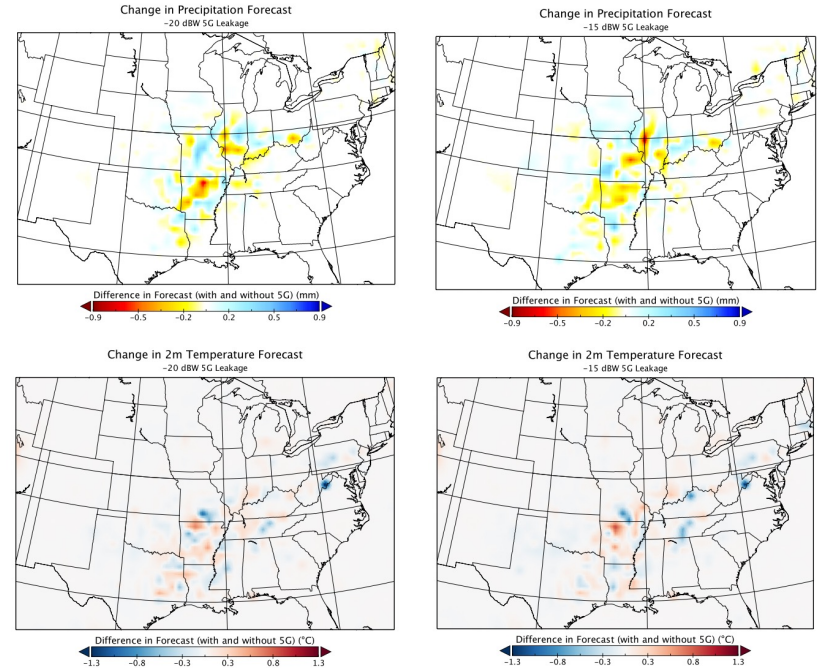
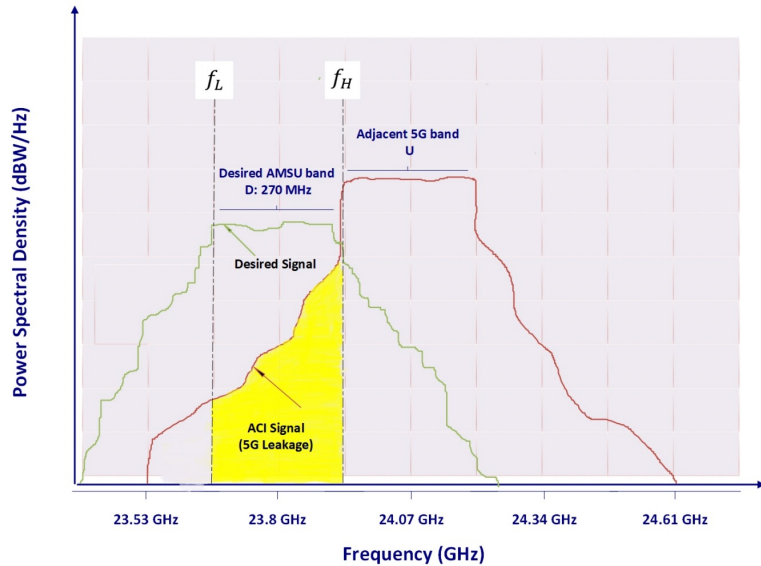
Spectral masks

- Frequency regulator sets limits on how much energy can be leaked to adjacent frequency bands.
- This limits the pulse waveforms that can be used.



Spectral emissions can matter...

Impact of 5G mmWave on weather radars



Convolution example: Two RC filters in series

Impulse response of two RC filters in series

- Impulse response of the first stage

$$h_1(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{T_1}t} u(t) \Leftrightarrow H_1(f) = \frac{T_1}{T_1 + j2\pi f}$$

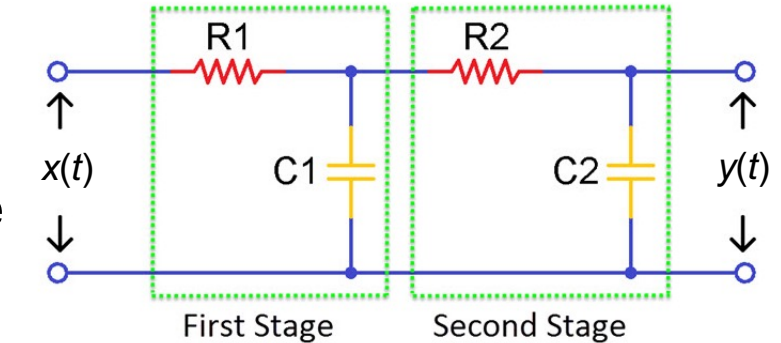
- Impulse response of the second stage

$$h_2(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{T_2}t} u(t) \Leftrightarrow H_2(f) = \frac{T_2}{T_2 + j2\pi f}$$

- Impulse response of the filter

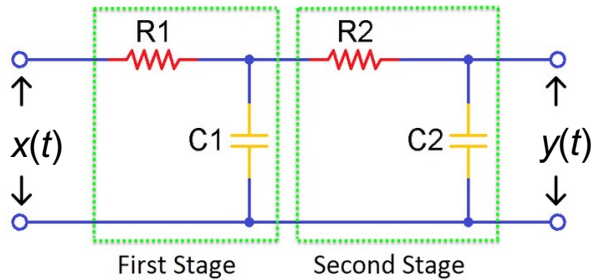
$$h(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_1(\tau) h_2(t - \tau) d\tau$$

- Frequency response of the filter

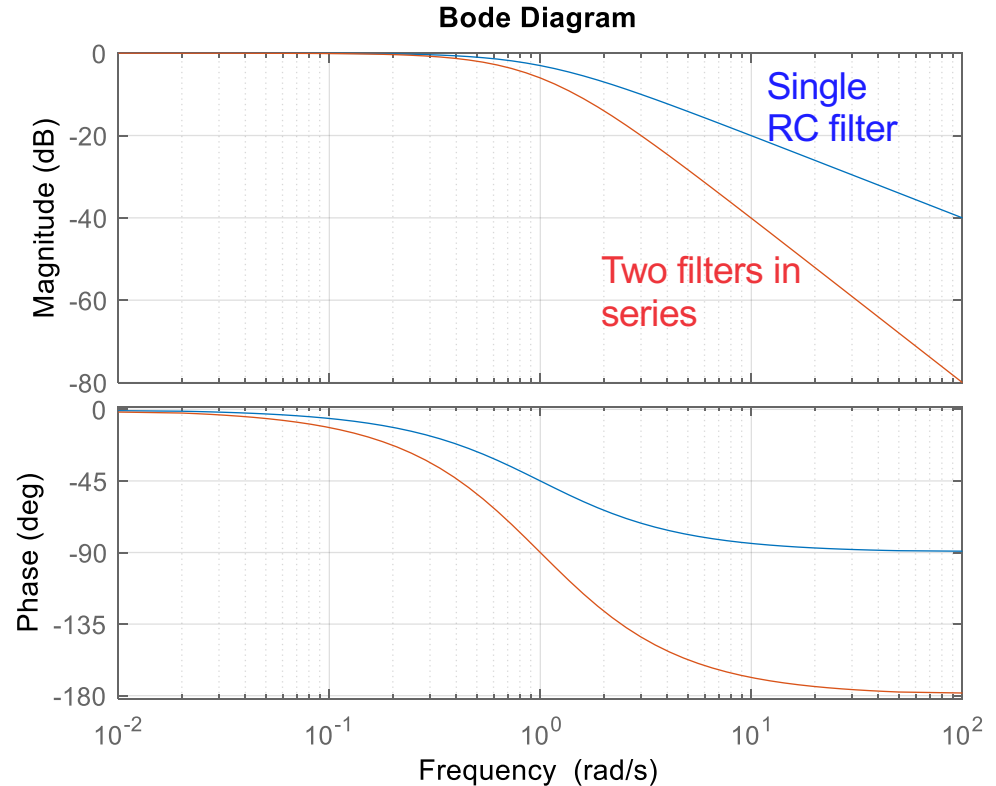


$$H(f) = H_1(f)H_2(f) = \frac{T_1 T_2}{(T_1 + j2\pi f)(T_2 + j2\pi f)}$$

Convolution example: Two RC filters in series



- First stage $H_1(f) = \frac{1}{1+j2\pi f}$
- 2nd stage $H_2(f) = \frac{1}{1+j2\pi f}$
- Overall 2nd order filter
 $H(f) = H_1(f)H_2(f) = \frac{1}{(1+j2\pi f)^2}$



Fourier transform of special functions

Fourier transform of Dirac's delta function

$$F[\delta(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t)e^{-j2\pi ft} dt = e^{-j2\pi f0} = 1$$

Fourier transform of a constant (by duality from the above)

$$F[1] = \delta(-f) = \delta(f)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[x(f)] = X(-t)$$

Fourier transform of a phasor = Frequency shift

(by duality from the time shift)

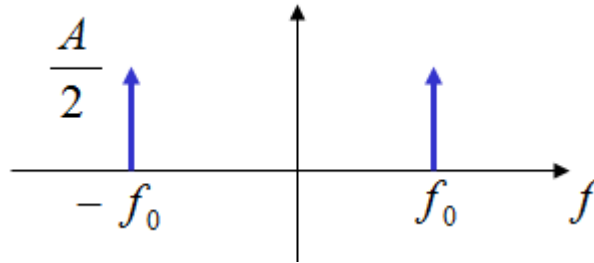
$$F[e^{j2\pi f_0 t}] = \delta(f - f_0)$$

$$F[\delta(t - t_0)] = e^{-j2\pi f t_0}$$

Fourier transform of sinusoidal

Fourier transform of a cosine

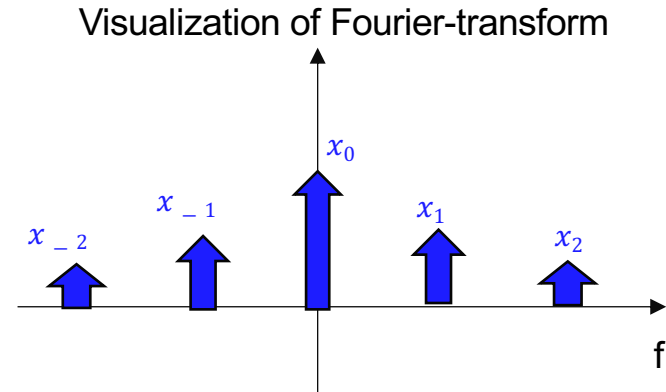
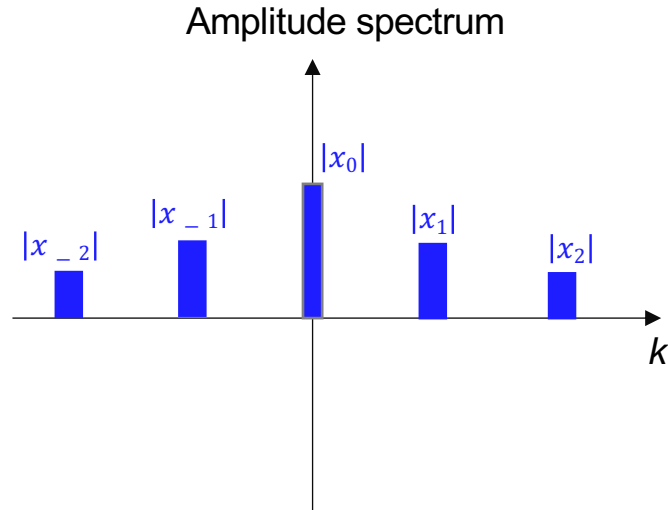
$$F[A\cos(2\pi f_0 t)] = F\left[A\frac{1}{2}(e^{i2\pi f_0 t} + e^{-i2\pi f_0 t})\right] = \frac{A}{2}F[e^{i2\pi f_0 t}] + \frac{A}{2}F[e^{-i2\pi f_0 t}] = \frac{A}{2}\delta(f - f_0) + \frac{A}{2}\delta(f + f_0)$$



Fourier transform of an exponential Fourier series

Exponential Fourier series of a periodic signal $x(t) = x(t+T_0)$

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_k e^{i\frac{2\pi k}{T_0}t} \Leftrightarrow X(f) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_k \delta\left(f - \frac{k}{T_0}\right)$$



Amplitude and power spectra are not well-defined for Dirac's delta function

Truncating a continuous time signal

Let us take a time interval $-T/2 \leq t \leq T/2$ of a periodic signal

$$x(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$$

This can be written as

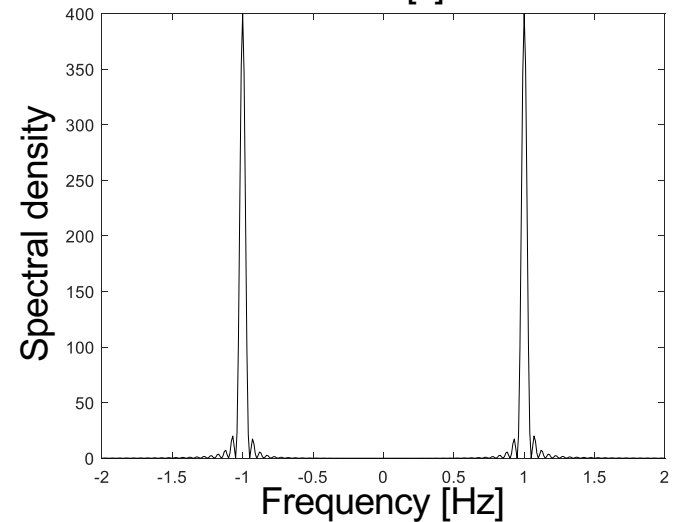
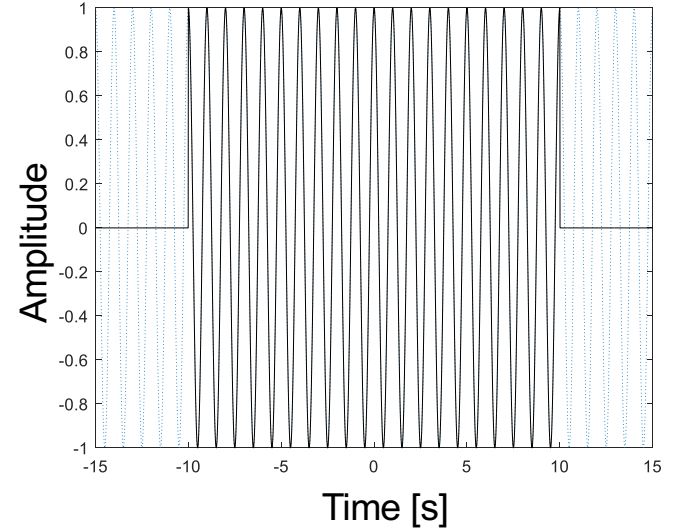
$$\tilde{x}(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$$

Multiplication in time domain \Rightarrow Convolution in frequency domain

$$\begin{aligned} X(f) &= \left\{ \frac{A}{2} (\delta(f - f_0) + \delta(f + f_0)) \right\} \otimes \{ T \operatorname{sinc}(fT) \} \\ &= \frac{AT}{2} (\operatorname{sinc}((f - f_0)T) + \operatorname{sinc}((f + f_0)T)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{F}[x(t) \otimes y(t)] = X(f)Y(f)$$

$$\mathcal{F}[X(t)] = x(-f)$$



Truncating a continuous time signal

Let us take a time interval $-T/2 \leq t \leq T/2$ of a periodic signal

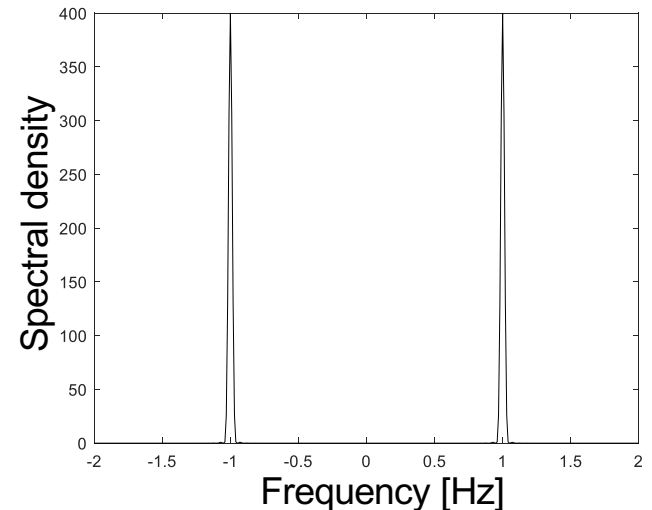
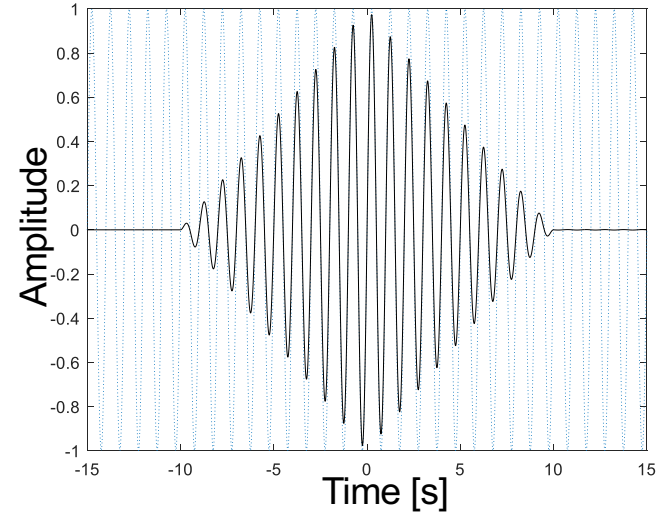
$$x(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$$

But this time we weight the signal while cutting

$$\tilde{x}(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \text{tria}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$$

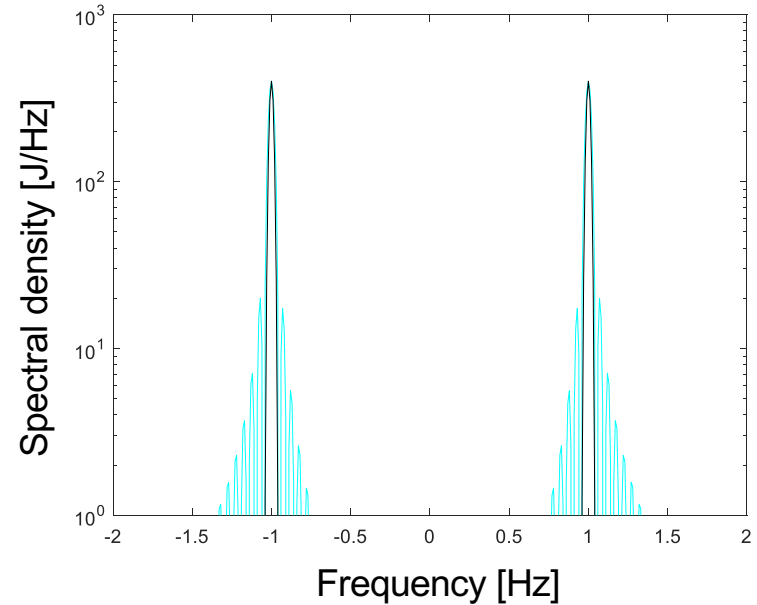
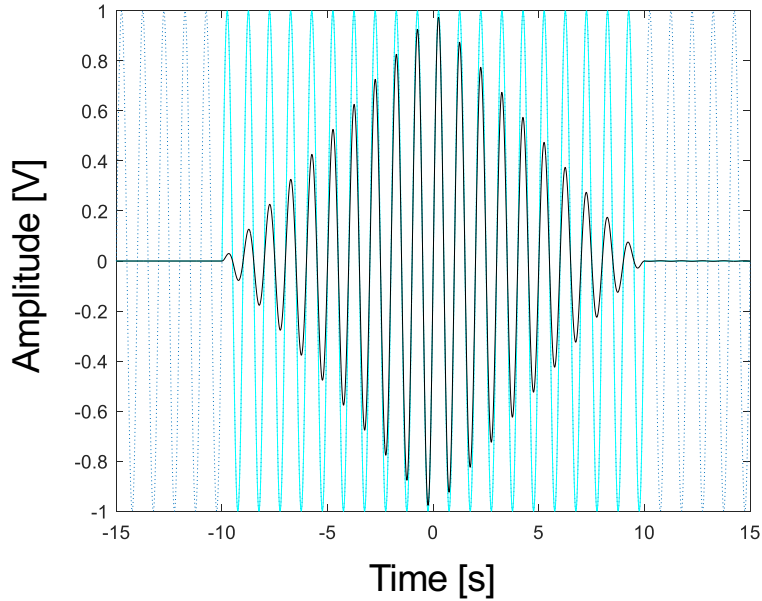
Multiplication in time domain \Rightarrow Convolution in frequency domain

$$\begin{aligned} X(f) &= \left\{ \frac{A}{2} (\delta(f - f_0) + \delta(f + f_0)) \right\} \otimes \{ T \text{sinc}^2(fT) \} \\ &= \frac{AT}{2} \left(\text{sinc}^2((f - f_0)T) + \text{sinc}^2((f + f_0)T) \right) \end{aligned}$$



Truncating a continuous time signal

Rectangular window and triangular window



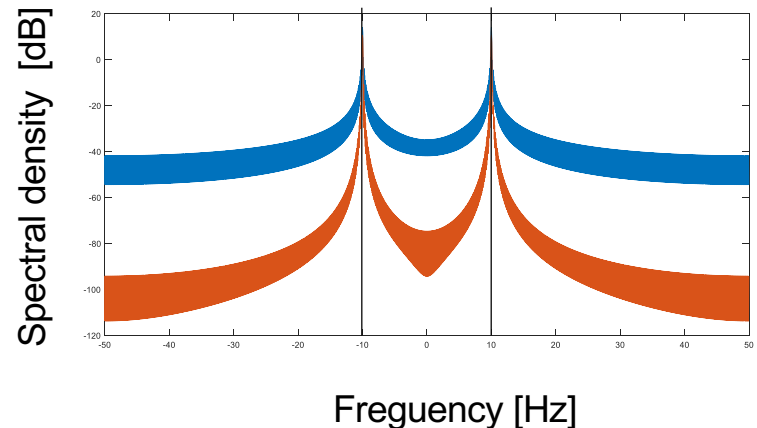
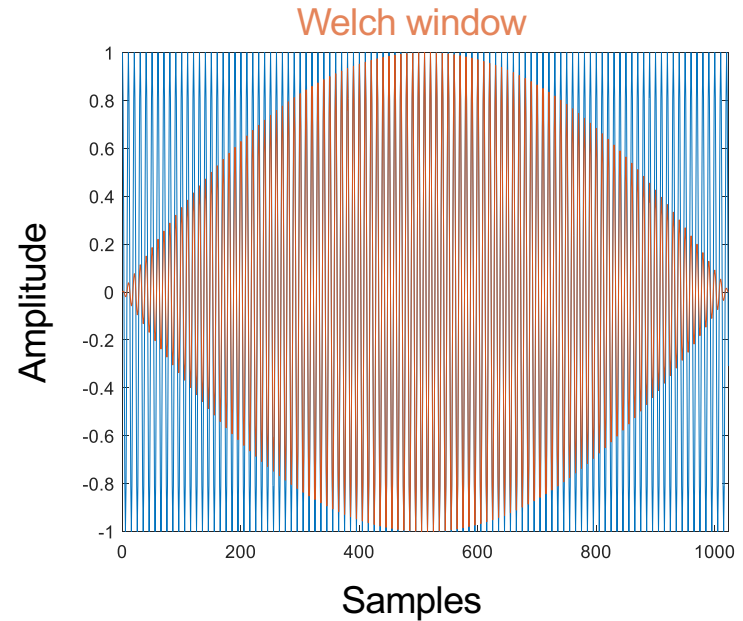
Windowing

When truncating the signal, we can select the window function $w(t)$ truncating the signal

$$\tilde{x}(t) = x(t)w(t)$$

This is typically done after sampling the signal

$$\tilde{x}_s(nT_s) = x(nT_s)w(n)$$

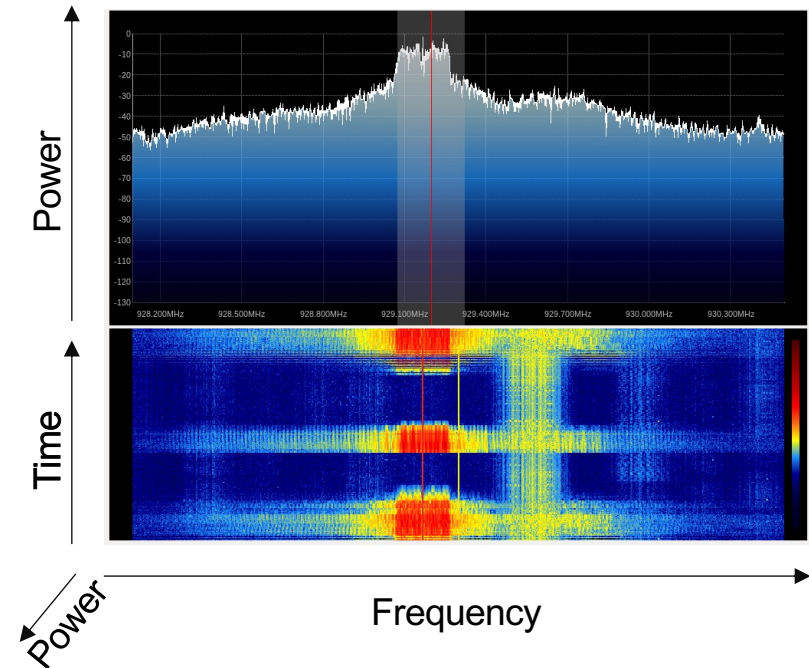


Time-frequency analysis & Spectrogram

In signal processing, time–frequency analysis comprises those techniques that study a signal in both the time and frequency domains simultaneously.

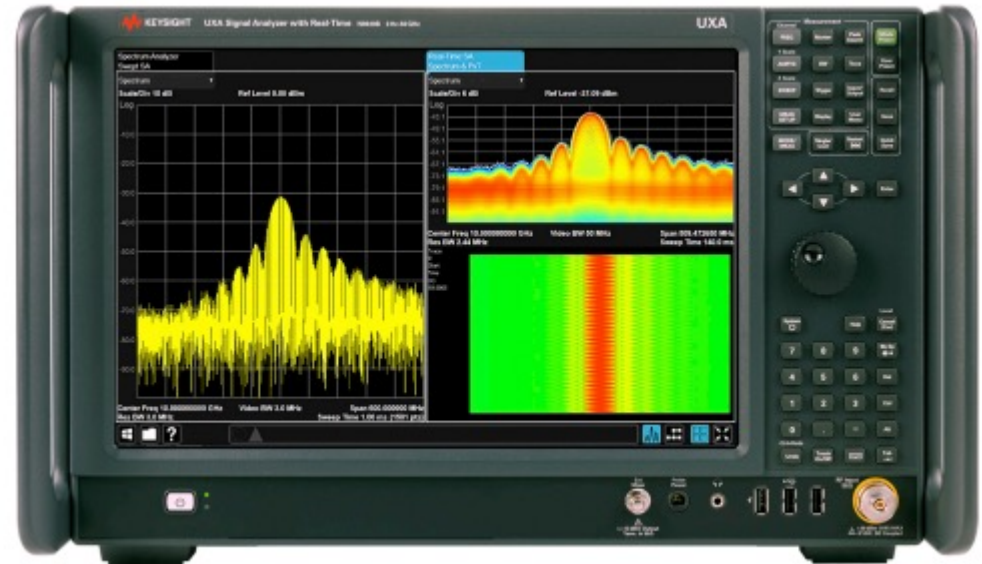
A spectrogram is a visual representation of the spectrum of frequencies of a signal as it varies with time.

Example: NB-IoT base station signal



Real-time spectrum analyzer

- Real-time spectrum analyzers are utilized to do the spectrum and time-frequency analysis of signals.





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