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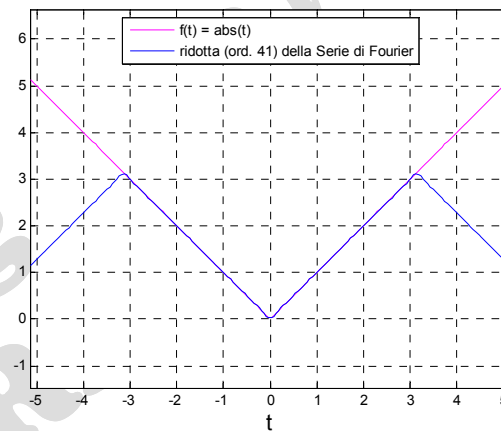
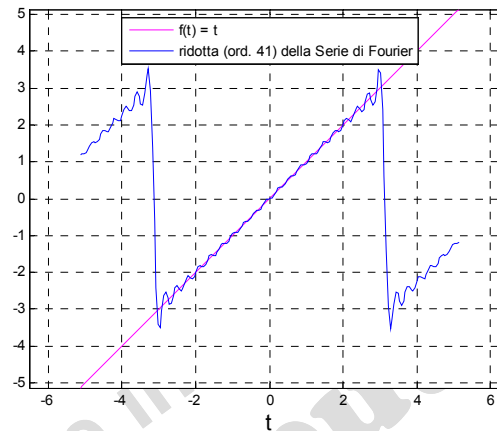
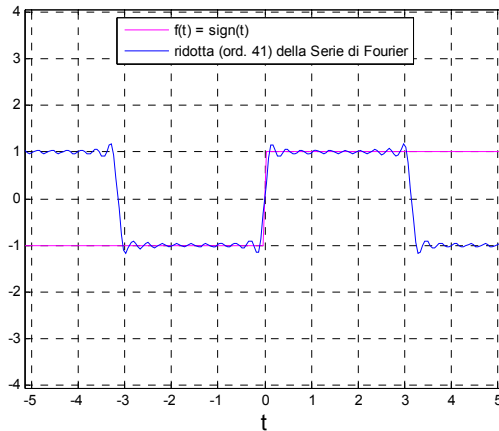
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# Fourier Transform (FT)



If the *Fourier Series* converges to  $f$  in an interval  $[a, b]$ , outside  $[a, b]$  the *Fourier Series* converges to  $f$  only if also  $f$  is periodic of period  $b-a$ . The *Fourier Transform* arises from the need to approximate non-periodic functions on all  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**DEF** The *Fourier Transform*  $F(\omega)$  of  $f(t)$  is

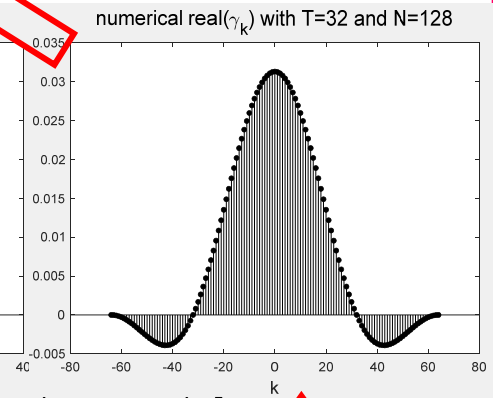
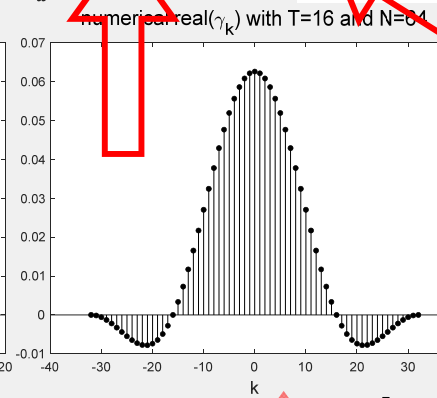
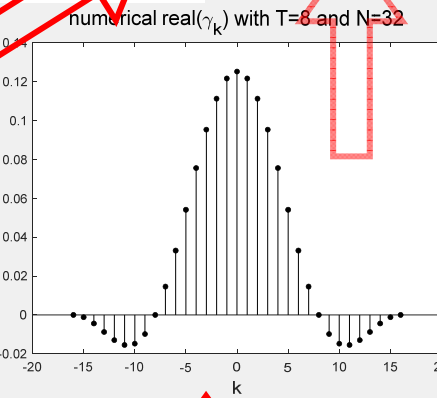
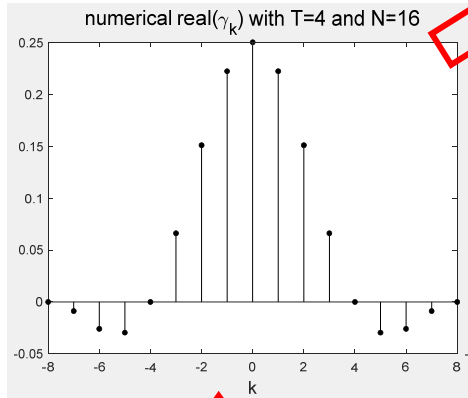
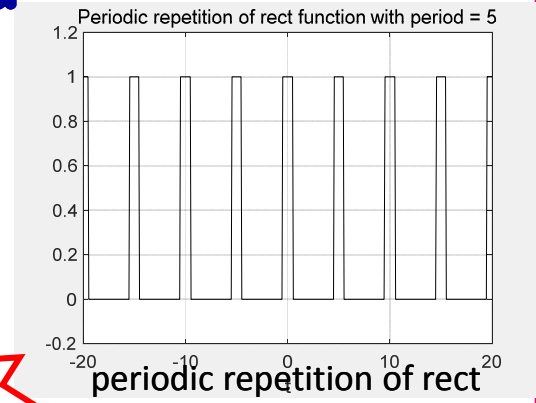
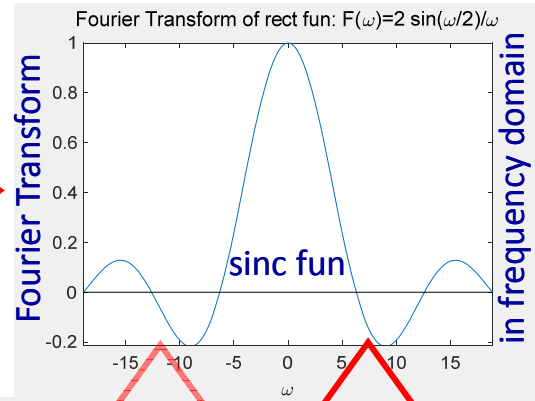
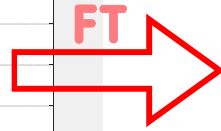
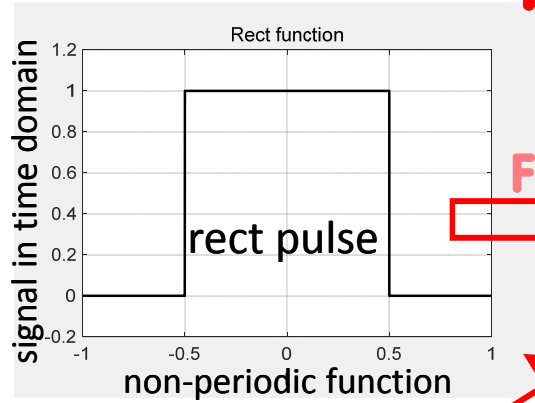
$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$F(\omega)$  is a complex valued function of a real argument  $\omega$

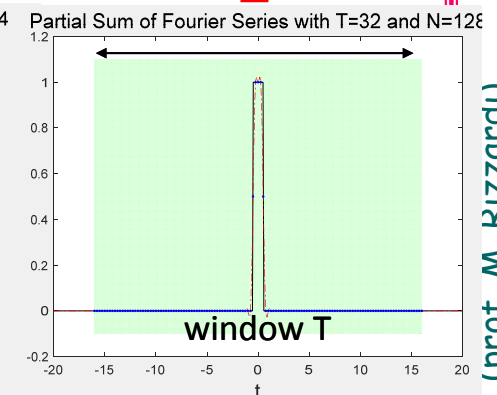
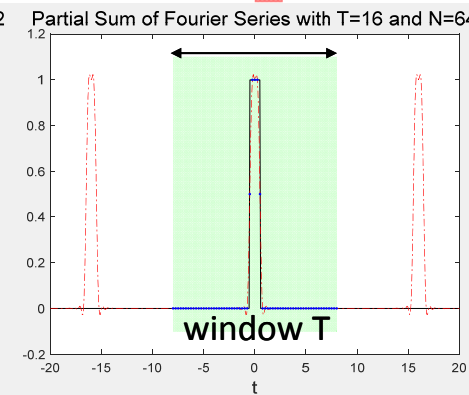
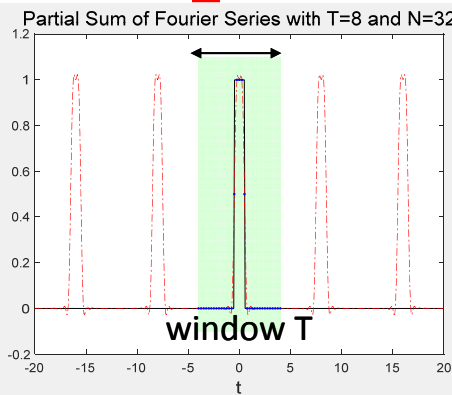
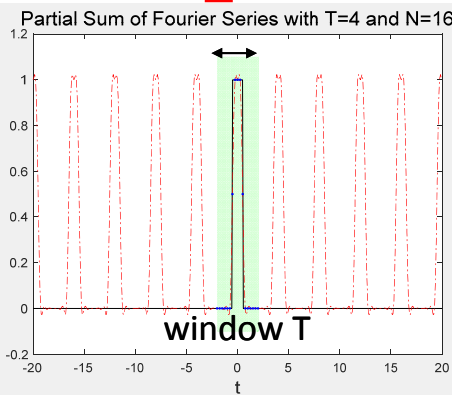
when this integral exists (i.e. it is  $< \infty$ ).

The **summability** of  $f$  [ $f \in L^1(-\infty, +\infty)$ ] represents a **sufficient condition**, but it is not necessary for the existence of the FT.

# Fourier Transform idea



Fourier coefficients of the "rect pulse" function in  $[-T/2, +T/2]$



As the window increases, in the FCs of the "rect pulse" function the frequencies are getting closer and closer together, and it looks as though the coefficients are tracking some definite curve of the FT function.



# Theorem

If  $f \in L^1(-\infty, +\infty)$  and satisfies the Dirichlet conditions, then the following formulas hold

<b>Fourier Transform (FT)</b> <small>complex-valued function of a real argument</small>	
$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$	$F(\nu) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-2\pi i \nu t} dt$
<b>Inverse Fourier Transform (IFT)</b>	
$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$	$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\nu) e^{2\pi i \nu t} d\nu$

angular frequency  $\omega$

circular frequency  $\nu$

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

discrete and  
finite case

## Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

recap

$$F_k = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{N}kj}, \quad k = 0, \dots, N-1$$

## Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform (IDFT)

$$f_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} F_k e^{+i\frac{2\pi}{N}kj}, \quad j = 0, \dots, N-1$$

discrete and  
infinite case

## Coefficients of the Fourier Series in $[-\pi, +\pi]$

$$\gamma_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx, \quad k = -\infty, \dots, 0, \dots, +\infty$$

## Fourier Series (FS)

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \gamma_k e^{+ikx}$$

continuous case

## Fourier Transform (FT)

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

## Inverse Fourier Transform (IFT)

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

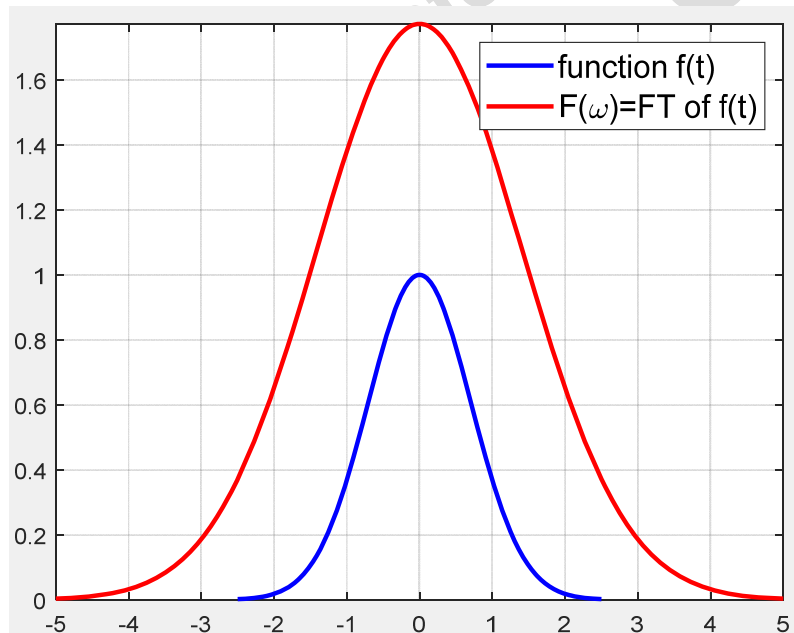
MATLAB Symbolic Math Toolbox provides the functions **fourier(...)** and **ifourier()** for the symbolic expression of the FT and of the IFT respectively.

gaussian

```
syms t real
ft=exp(-t^2); Fw=fourier(ft)
Fw =
pi^(1/2)/exp(w^2/4)
```

```
syms t real; ft=exp(-t^2);
Fw=fourier(ft); Ifw=ifourier(Fw)
IFw =
1/exp(x^2)
```

both FT and IFT are gaussian



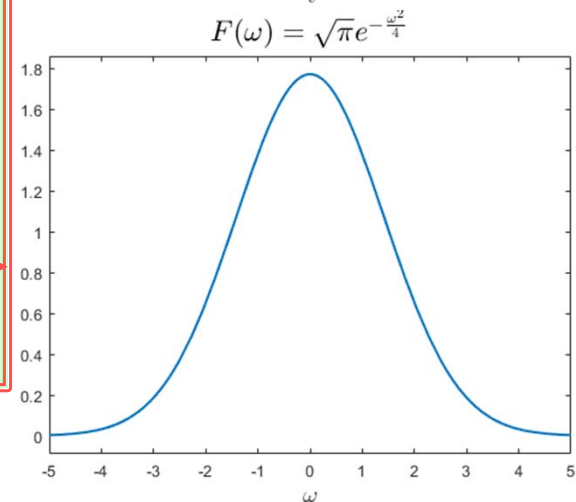
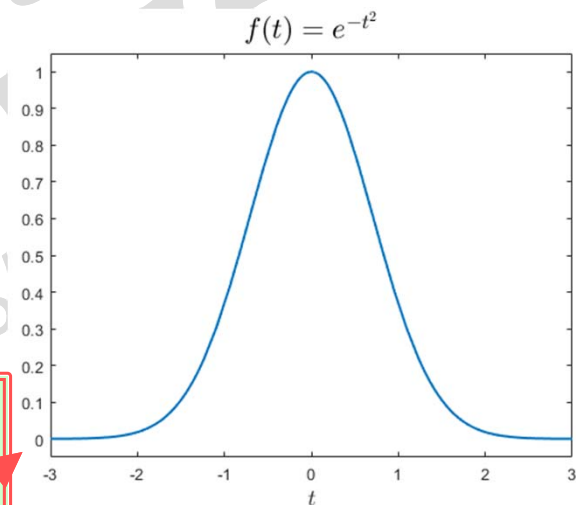
```
fplot(ft,[-5 5],'Color','b','LineWidth',2)
grid on; hold on
fplot(Fw,[-5 5],'Color','r','LineWidth',2)
legend('function f(t)', ...
       'F(\omega)=FT of f(t)','FontSize',14)
```

# Examples of Fourier Transform

“The Fourier Transform of a Gaussian is still a gaussian”

$$f(t) = e^{-|a|t^2} \quad \circ \text{---} \bullet \quad F(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{|a|}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4|a|}}$$

```
syms t real; syms a positive
ft=exp(-a*t^2); % gaussian f(t)
fourier(ft) % FT of f(t)
ans =
(pi^(1/2)*exp(-w^2/(4*a)))/a^(1/2)
ft1=subs(ft,a,1); fplot(ft1,[-5 5])
title('$f(t)=e^{-t^2}$','FontWeight','normal','FontSize',18,'Interpreter','LaTeX')
xlabel('$t$','FontSize',14,'Interpreter','LaTeX')
fplot(fourier(ft1),[-5 5])
title('$F(\omega)=\sqrt{\pi}e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4}}$','FontWeight','normal','FontSize',18, ...
'Interpreter','LaTeX')
xlabel('$\omega$','FontSize',14,'Interpreter','LaTeX')
```



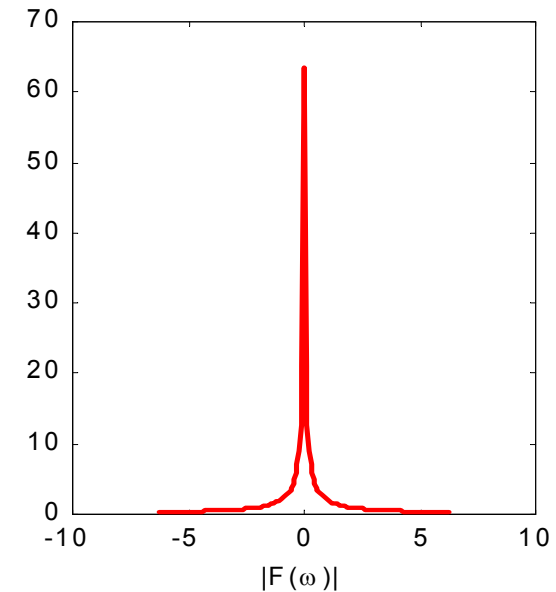
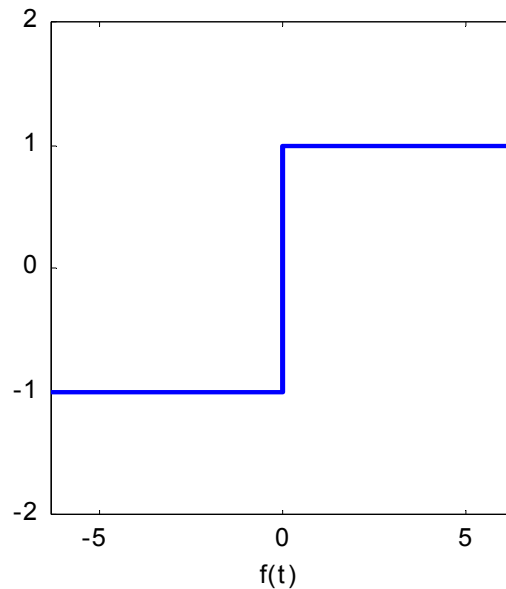
# Example of Fourier Transform (odd function)

$$f(t) = \text{signum}$$

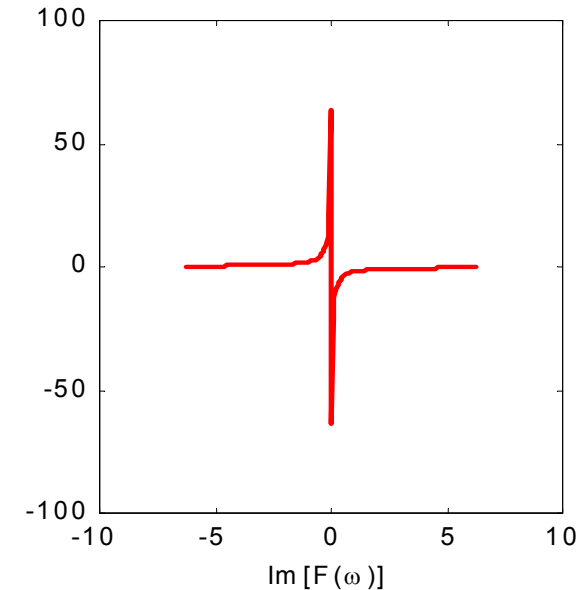
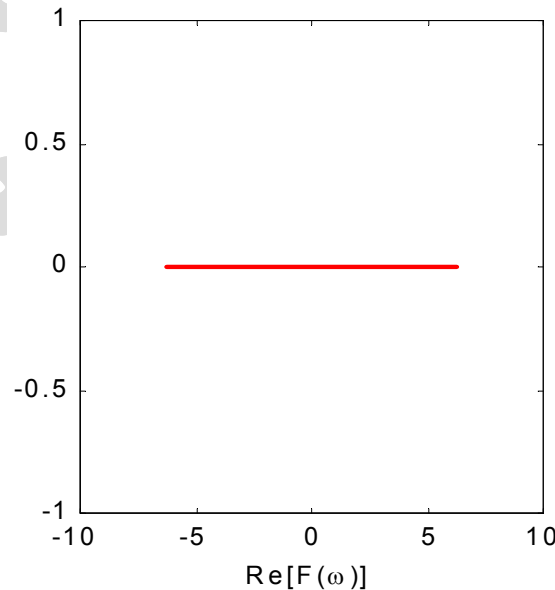
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} +1 & t > 0 \\ -1 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

```
syms t real
ft=sign(t);
Fw=fourier(ft)
Fw =
-2i/w
```

```
sym(2/i)
ans =
-2i
```



$F(\omega)$  is purely imaginary

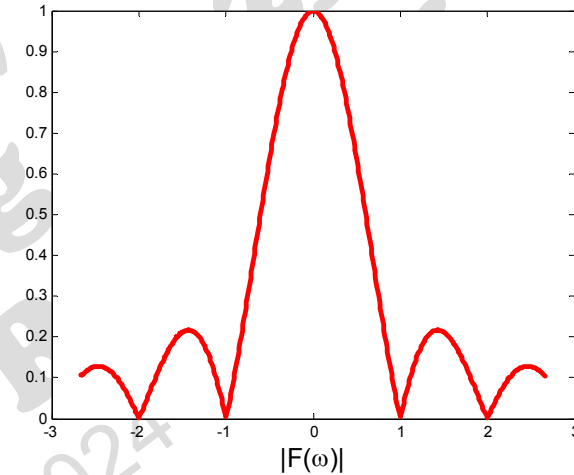
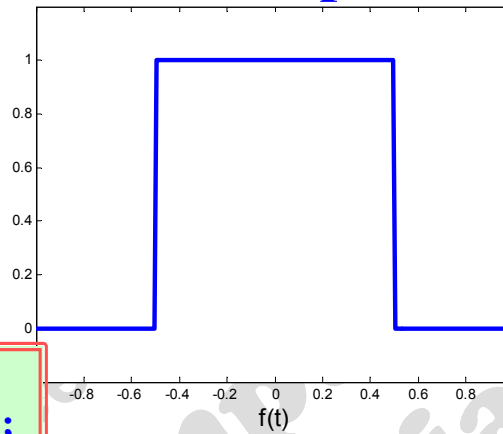




# Example of Fourier Transform (even function)

$f(t) =$  rectangular function (or rect pulse)

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & |t| < \frac{L}{2} \\ 0 & |t| > \frac{L}{2} \end{cases} \quad L = 1$$



MATLAB Symbolic Math Toolbox

```
syms L positive; syms t real
ft=rectangularPulse(-L/2,+L/2,t);
Fw=simplify(fourier(ft))
```

```
Fw = (2*sin((L*w)/2))/w
syms L positive; syms t real; ft=heaviside(t+L/2)-heaviside(t-L/2);
```

what is heaviside(x)?

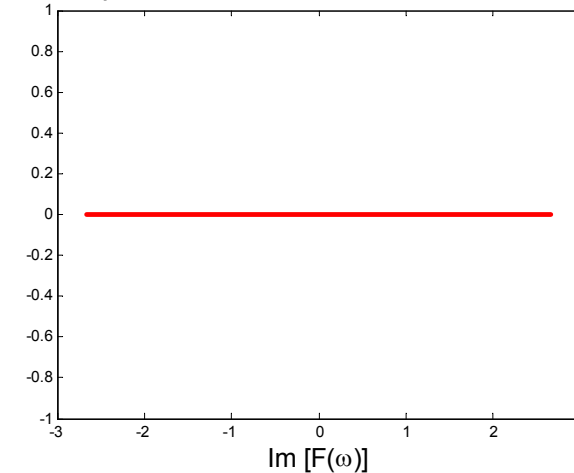
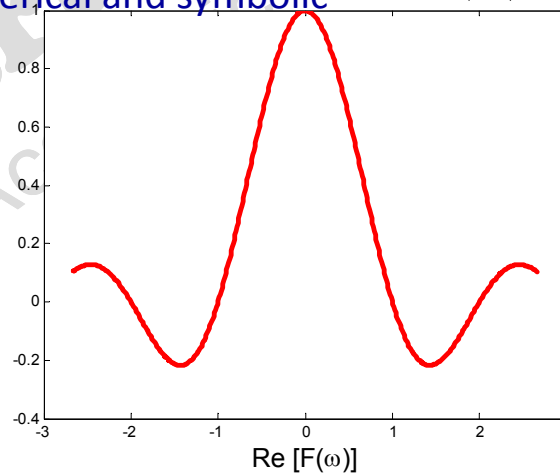
`rectpuls(t)` in MATLAB Signal Toolbox (only numerical)

`sinc(v)` sine cardinal or sinc function  
`sinc()` is both numerical and symbolic

$F(\omega)$  is purely real

$$F(\omega) = \frac{2 \sin \frac{\omega}{2}}{\omega}$$

$$F(\nu) = \frac{\sin \pi \nu}{\pi \nu}$$



# what is heaviside(x)?

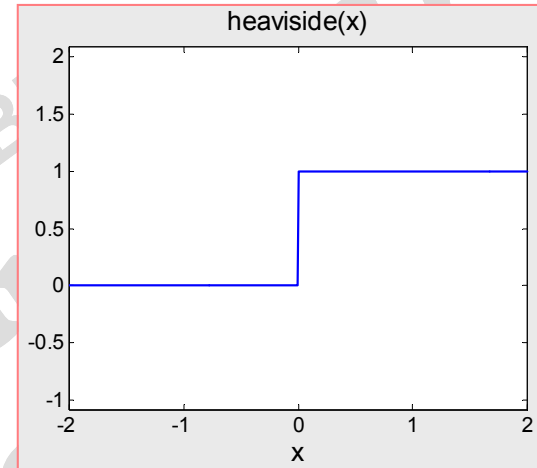
Heaviside function  
or  
Unit step function

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

The Dirac delta  $\delta$  is  
the derivative of the  
heaviside function

```
syms x real
diff heaviside(x)
ans =
dirac(x)
```

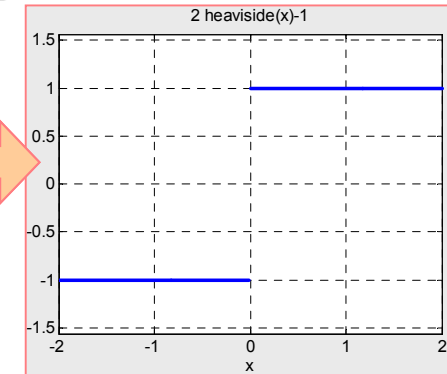
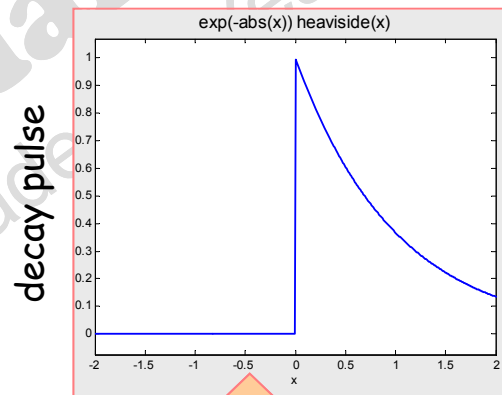
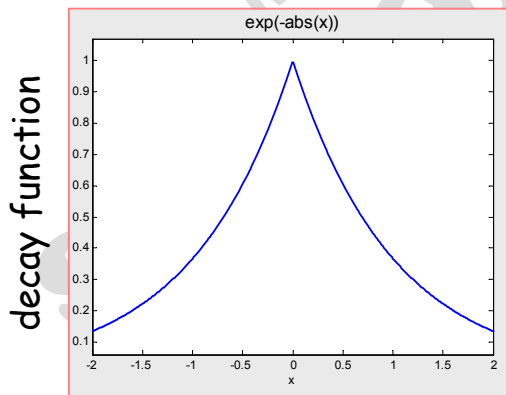
```
syms x real
ezplot heaviside(x), [-2 2]
```



## heaviside: what is it for?

before MATLAB R2014a

```
syms x real
signum=2*heaviside(x)-1;
ezplot(signum, [-2 2])
```



```
syms x real; decayP=exp(-abs(x))*heaviside(x); ezplot(decayP, [-2 2])
```

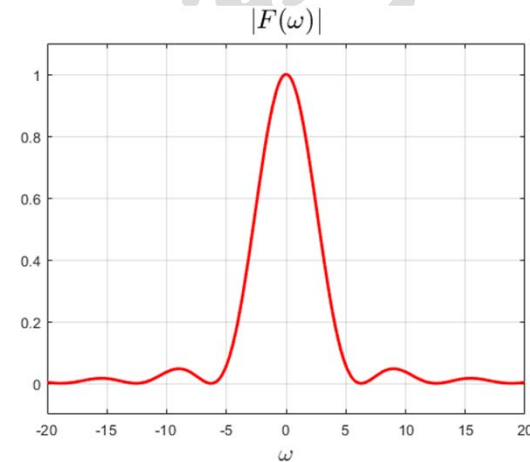
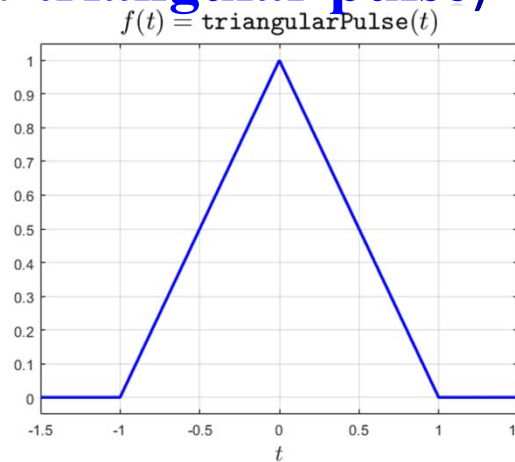
# Example of Fourier Transform (even function)

$f(t)$  = triangle function (or triangular pulse)

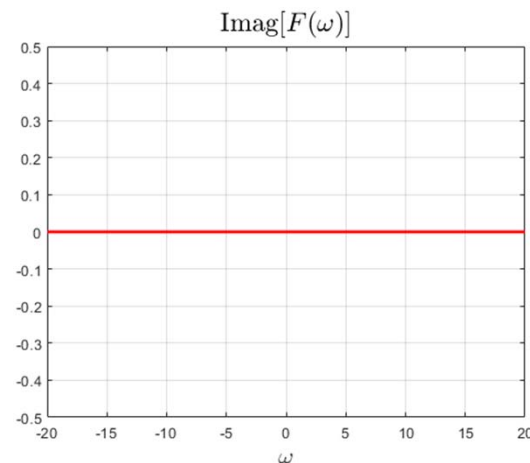
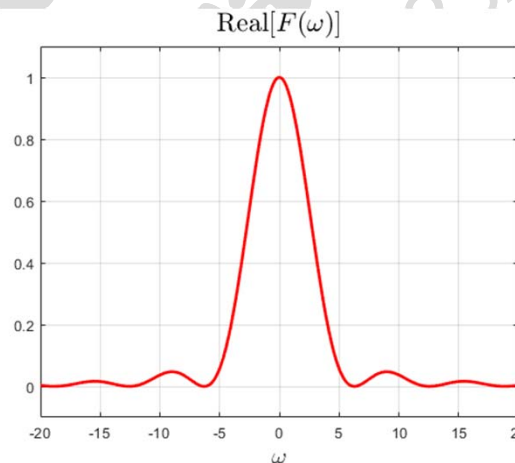
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1+t & t \in [-L, 0] \\ 1-t & t \in [0, L] \\ 0 & |t| > L \end{cases} \quad L=1$$

MATLAB Symbolic Math Toolbox

```
syms t real
ft=triangularPulse(t);
Fw=simplify(fourier(ft),100)
Fw =
-(2*(cos(w) - 1))/w^2
syms v w
Fv=simplify(subs(Fw,w,2*pi*v),100)
Fv =
sin(pi*v)^2/(v^2*pi^2)
```



$F(\omega)$  is purely real



$$F(\omega) = 2 \frac{1 - \cos \omega}{\omega^2}$$

$$F(v) = \left( \frac{\sin \pi v}{\pi v} \right)^2 \leftarrow \boxed{\text{sinc}(v)^2}$$

sine cardinal or sinc function  
MATLAB `sinc()` is both numerical and symbolic

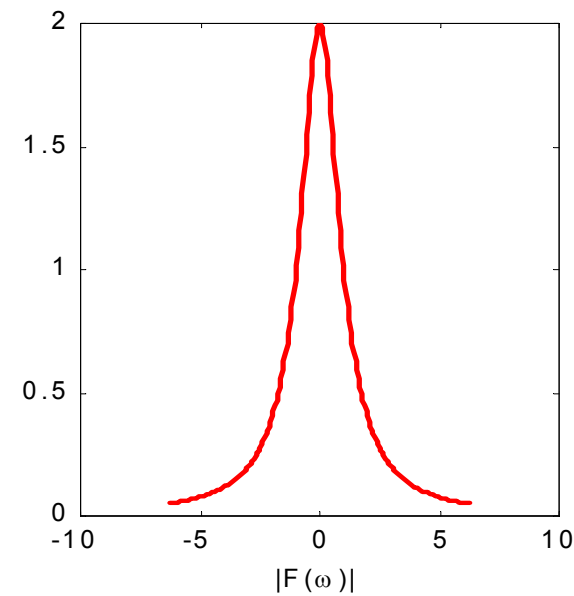
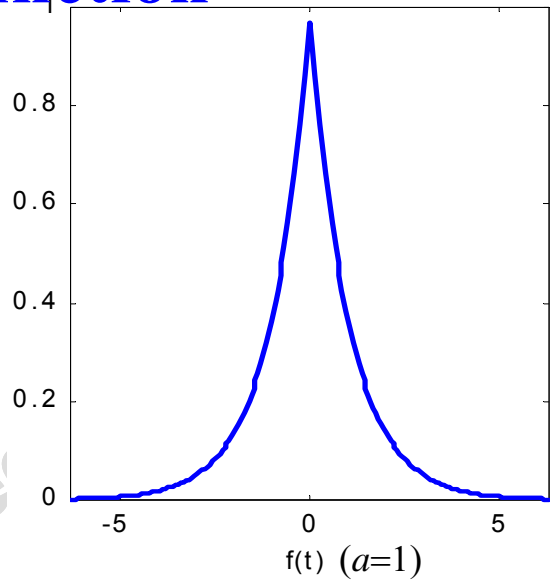
# Example of Fourier Transform (even function)

$f(t) = \text{even decay function}$

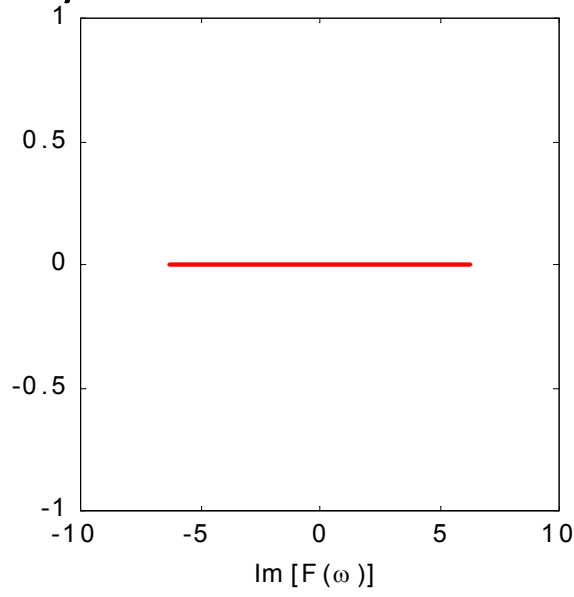
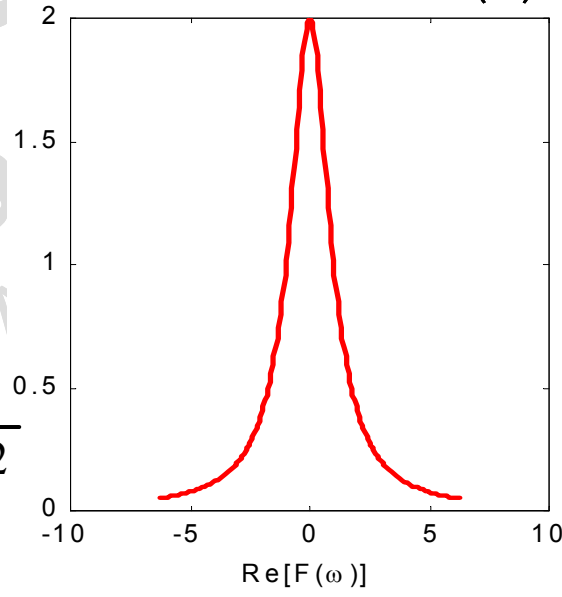
$$f(t) = e^{-a|t|}, \quad a > 0$$

```

syms a t real
syms a positive
ft=exp(-a*abs(t));
Fw=fourier(ft)
Fw =
(2*a)/(a^2 + w^2)
    
```



$F(\omega)$  is purely real



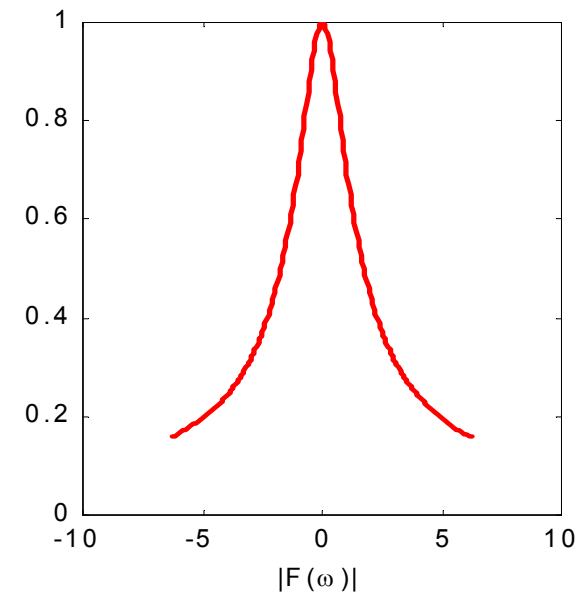
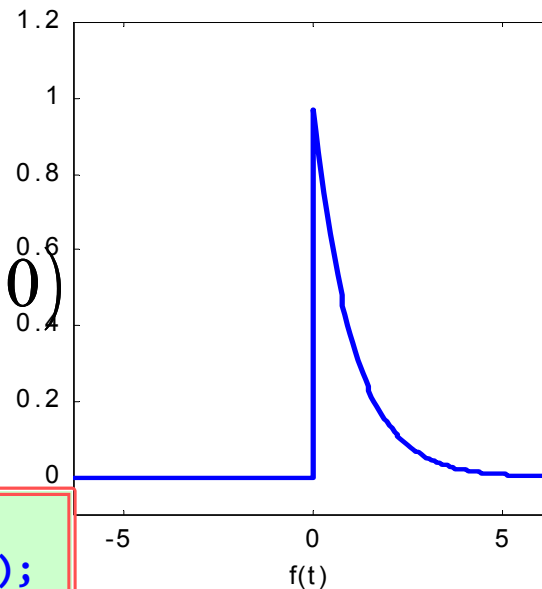
$$F(\omega) = \frac{2a}{a^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$F(\nu) = \frac{2a}{a^2 + (2\pi\nu)^2}$$

# Example of Fourier Transform (neither even nor odd function)

$f(t) =$  decay pulse

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-at} & t > 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \quad (a > 0)$$

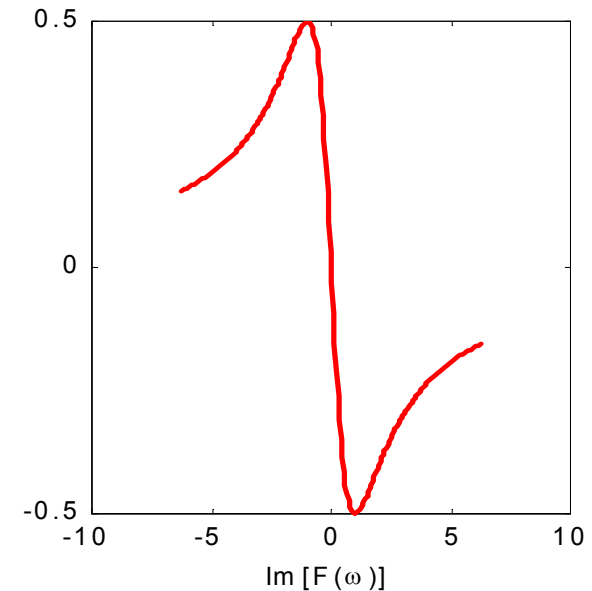
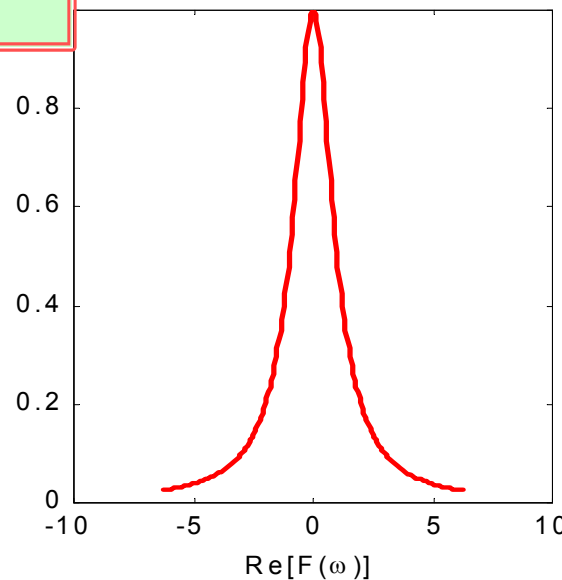


```
syms t real; syms a positive
ft=exp(-a*abs(t))*heaviside(t);
Fw=simplify(fourier(ft))
Fw =
1/(a + w*1i)
```

$F(\omega)$  is complex

$$F(\omega) = \frac{1}{a + i\omega}$$

$$F(\nu) = \frac{1}{a + i2\pi\nu}$$



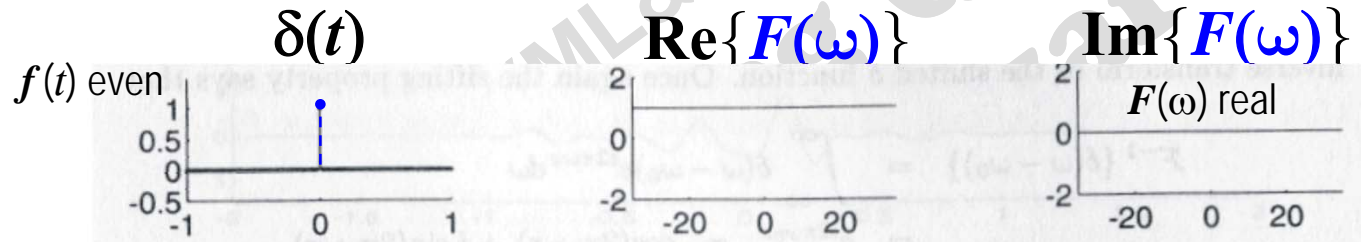


# Examples of Fourier Transform

**Dirac delta function**

$$f(t) = \delta(t) \quad \circ \text{---} \bullet \quad F(\omega) = 1$$

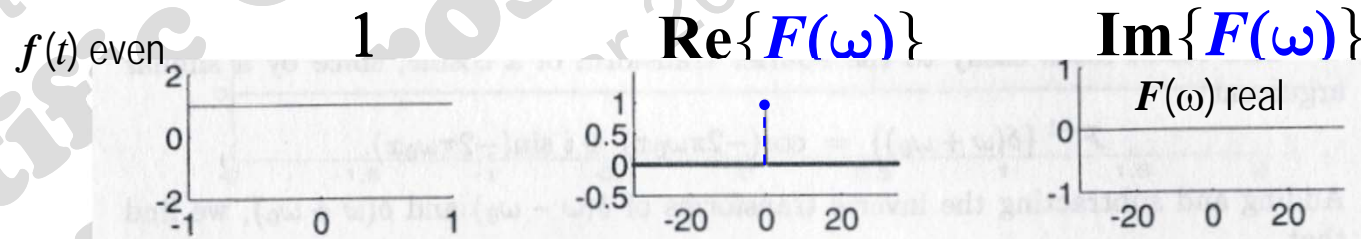
```
syms t; f=dirac(t);
F = fourier(f)
F =
1
```



**constant function 1**

$$f(t) = 1 \quad \circ \text{---} \bullet \quad F(\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega)$$

```
fourier(sym(1))
ans =
2*pi*dirac(w)
```



**Heaviside function**

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases} \quad F(\omega) = \pi\delta(\omega) - \frac{i}{\omega}$$

```
syms t real; fourier(heaviside(t))
ans =
pi*dirac(w) - 1i/w
```

# Examples of Fourier Transform

## trigonometric functions

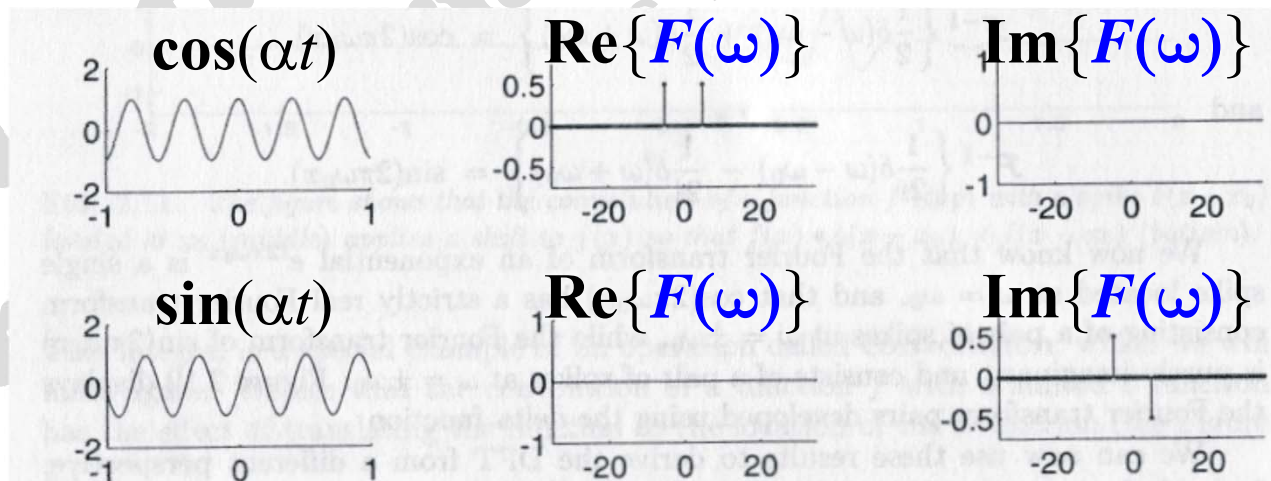
$$f(t) = \overset{f(t) \text{ even}}{\cos \alpha t} \quad \circ \text{---} \bullet \quad F(\omega) = \pi [\delta(\omega + \alpha) + \delta(\omega - \alpha)] \quad \text{\textit{F}(\omega) \text{ is real}}$$

$$f(t) = \overset{f(t) \text{ odd}}{\sin \alpha t} \quad \circ \text{---} \bullet \quad F(\omega) = i\pi [\delta(\omega + \alpha) - \delta(\omega - \alpha)] \quad \text{\textit{F}(\omega) \text{ is imaginary}}$$

$$f(t) = e^{i\alpha t} \quad \circ \text{---} \bullet \quad F(\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega - \alpha)$$

```
syms t a real
disp(fourier(cos(a*t)))
pi*(dirac(w-a)+dirac(w+a))
disp(fourier(sin(a*t)))
pi*(-dirac(w-a)+dirac(w+a))*1i
```

```
syms t a real
disp(fourier(exp(i*a*t)))
2*pi*dirac(w-a)
```

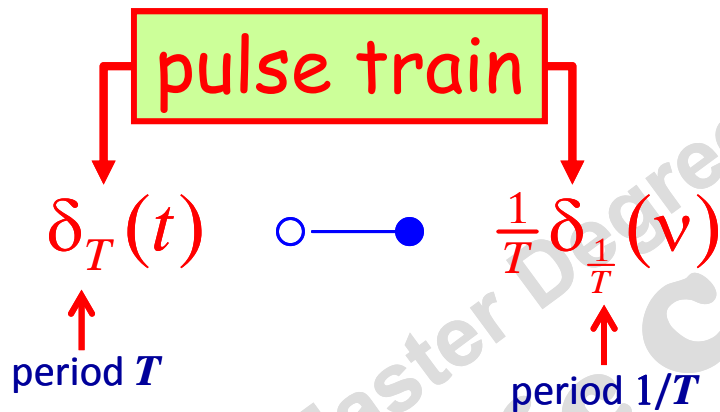


# Examples of Fourier Transform

## Comb function (pulse train or sampling function)

$$f(t) = \delta_T(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t - kT) \quad \circ \text{---} \bullet \quad F(\omega) = \frac{2\pi}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta\left(\omega - k\frac{2\pi}{T}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i\omega kT}$$

$$F(\nu) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta\left(\nu - \frac{k}{T}\right) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{i2\pi\nu kT}$$



The Fourier Transform of a comb function is still a comb function, but with a **period** equal to the **reciprocal** of the period of the original function.

$\delta_T$  is a series of  $T$ -shifted “ $\delta$  functions”, called as **superposition** or **periodic replication** of  $\delta(t)$ ;  $\delta_T$  is characterized by

$$\langle \delta_T, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x) \delta_T(x) dx = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} g(kT)$$

(it describes the sampling of  $g$ )

by the **Sifting Property** of the Dirac delta

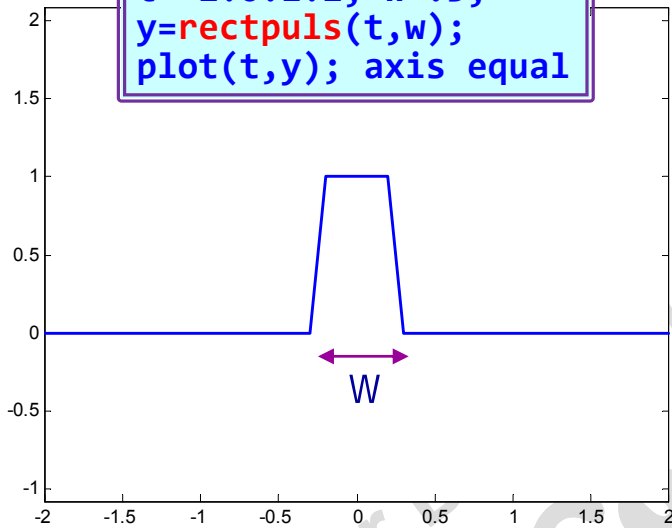
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x - x_0) dx = f(x_0)$$

in MATLAB Signal Toolbox `pulstran()`

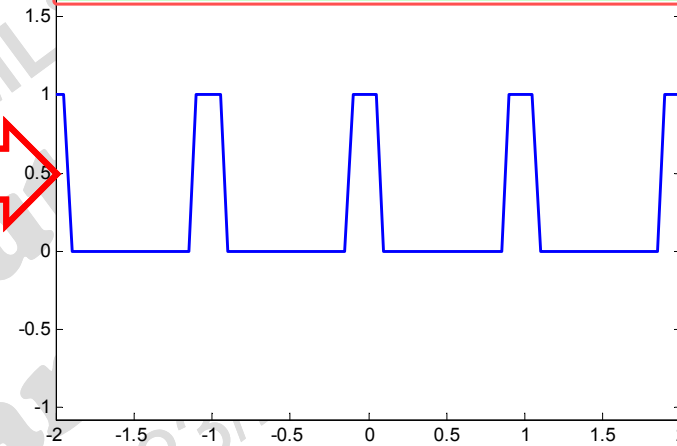
# pulstran(): in MATLAB Signal Toolbox

window functions

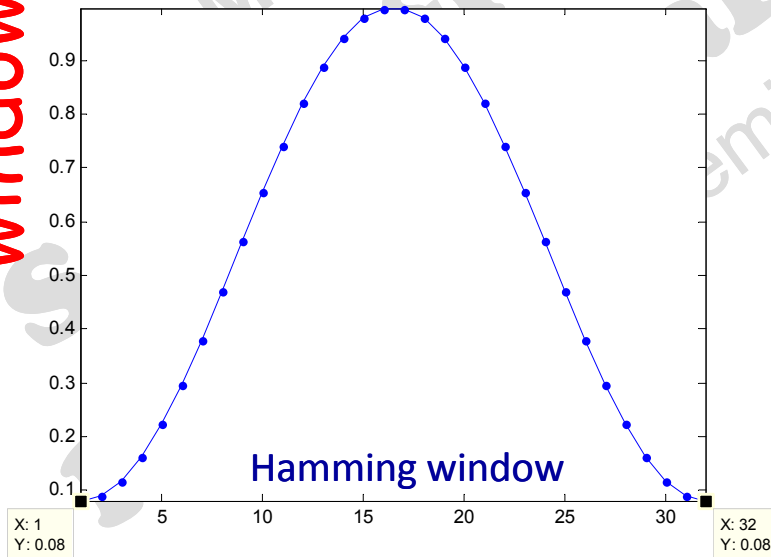
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t=-2:0.1:2; w=.5;  
y=rectpuls(t,w);  
plot(t,y); axis equal
```



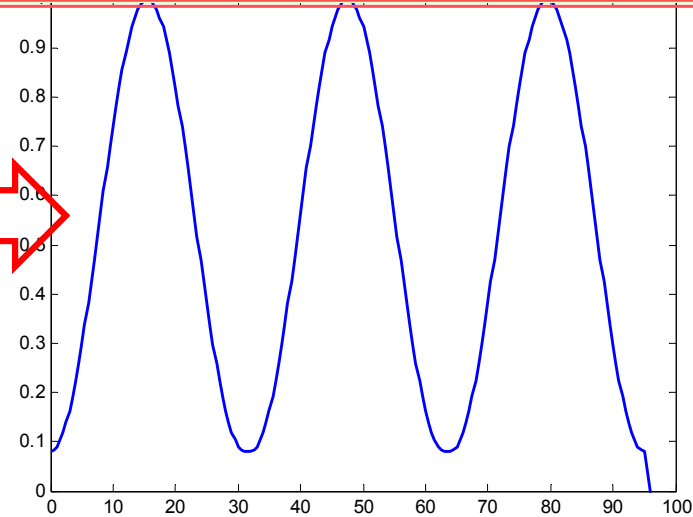
```
t=-2:0.05:2; w=0.2; d=-2:2;  
y=pulstran(t,d,'rectpuls',w);  
plot(t,y); axis equal; grid on
```



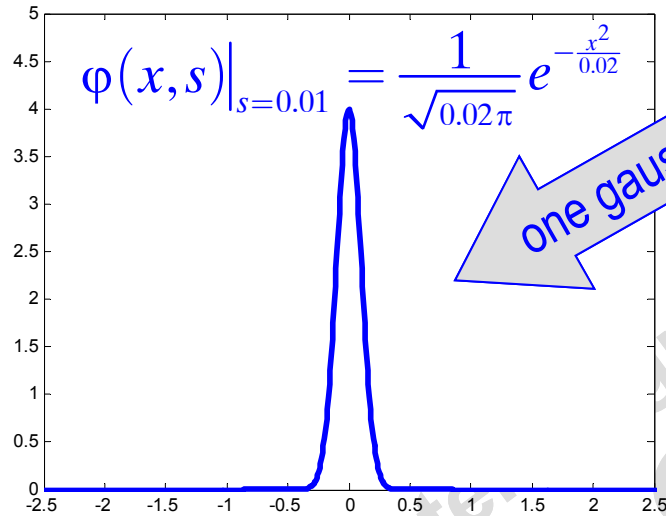
```
y=hamming(32); plot(y)
```



```
W=32; N=3; d=(0:N-1)*W; t=0:0.5:N*W;  
p=hamming(H); y=pulstran(t,d,p);  
plot(t,y)
```



# What is a superposition $\varphi_T(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi(x-kT)$ ?



one gaussian

periodic replication

$$p(x, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

for  $\mu=0$  and  $s=\sigma^2$  it becomes  $\varphi(x,s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2s}}$

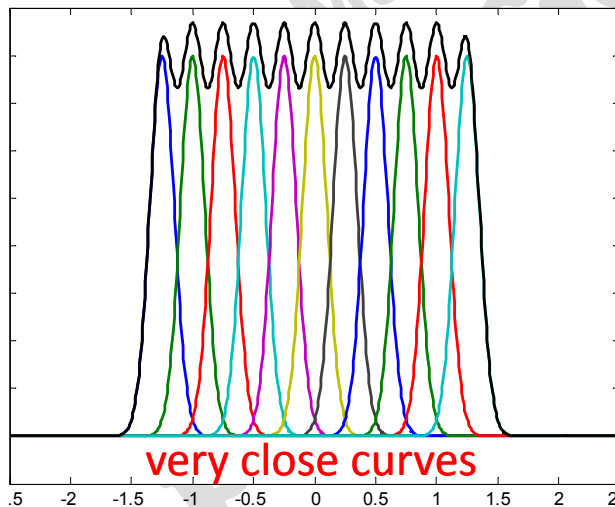
We give the idea of a superposition, but in a finite case

```
f=@(x,k,t)exp(-(x-k*t).^2/0.02)/sqrt(pi*0.02);
n=5; k=-n:n; x=linspace(-4,4,1001);
[K,X]=meshgrid(k,x); T=0.25;
F=f(X,K,T); plot(x',F, x',(sum(F,2)), 'k')
axis([-2.5 2.5 -.5 4.5])
```

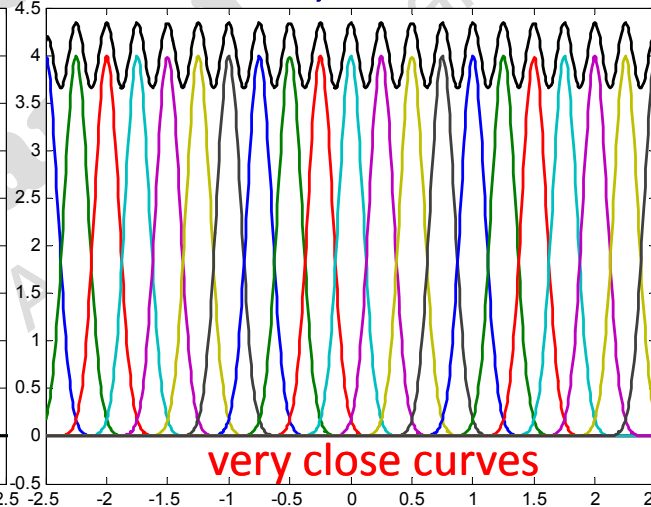
n=5; T=0.25

n=10; T=0.25

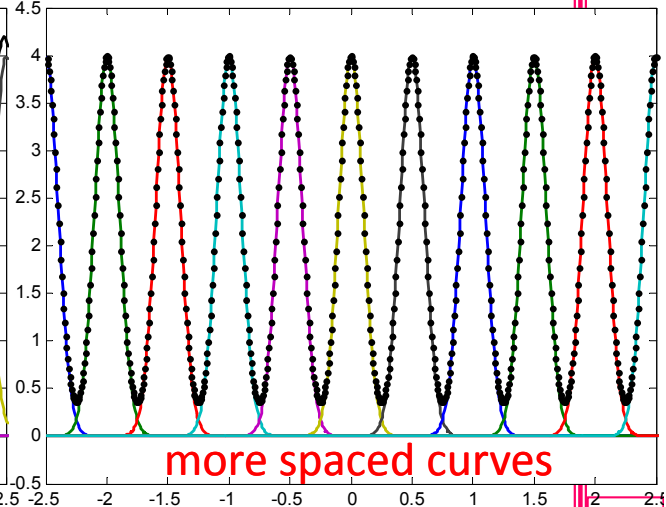
n=5; T=0.5



very close curves



very close curves



more spaced curves

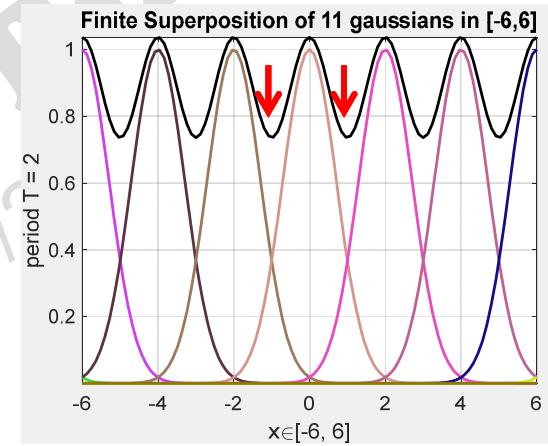
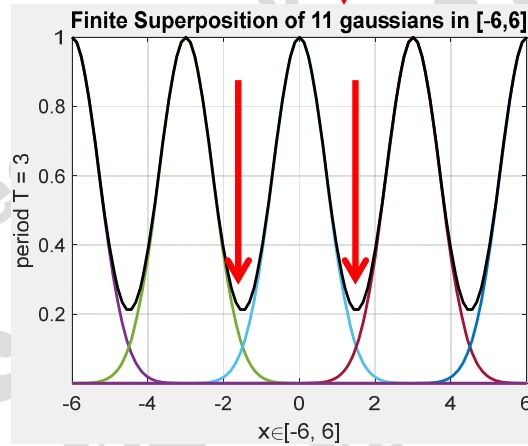
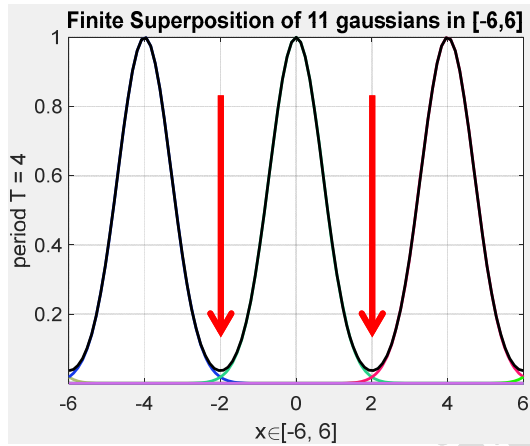
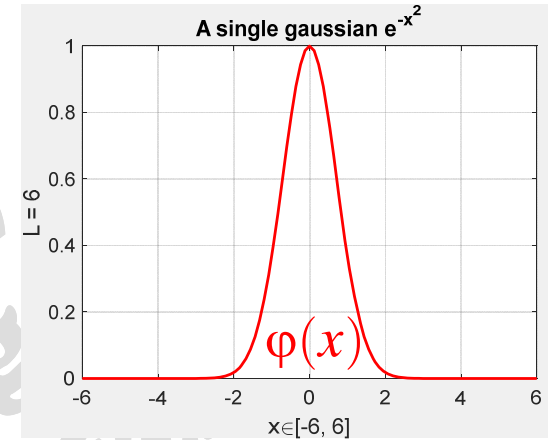
The black curve represents the (finite) superposition of n gaussians with a T period



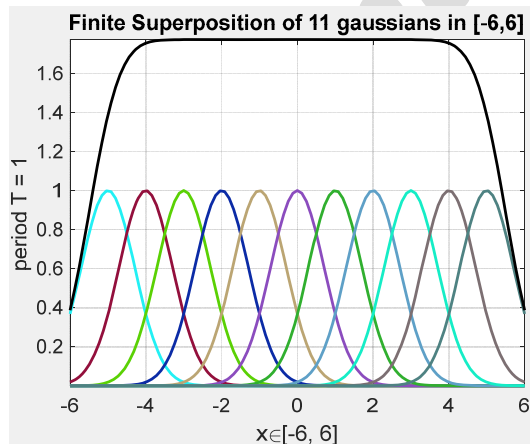
# Download: finite\_superposition.p

$$\varphi_T(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi(x - kT)$$

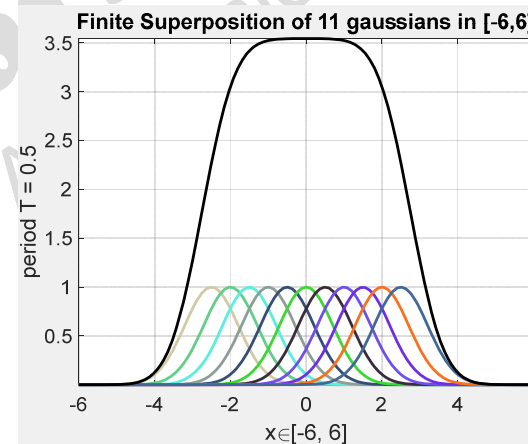
(infinite) superposition



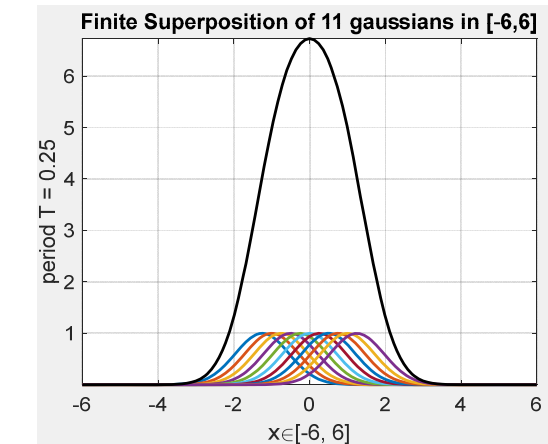
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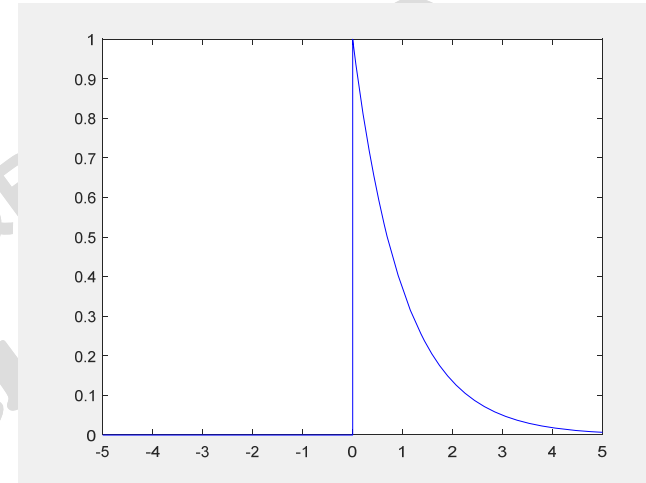
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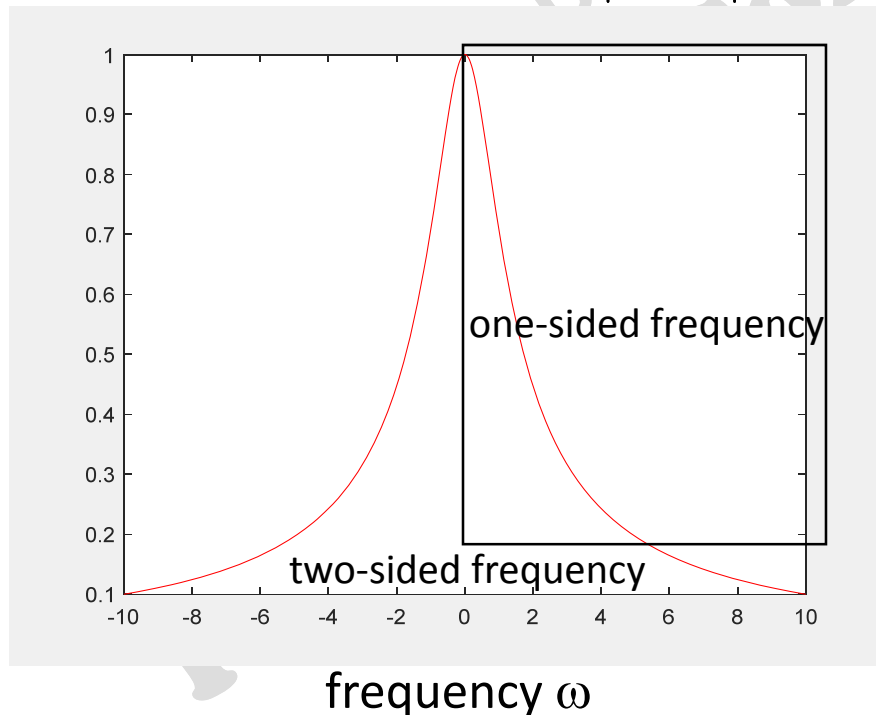
# a bit of terminology ...

```
syms t real
ft=exp(-abs(t))*heaviside(t);
figure; fplot(ft,[-5 5]); axis tight
Fw=simplify(fourier(ft));
figure; fplot(abs(Fw), [-10 10])
figure; fplot(abs(Fw)^2, [-10 10])
```

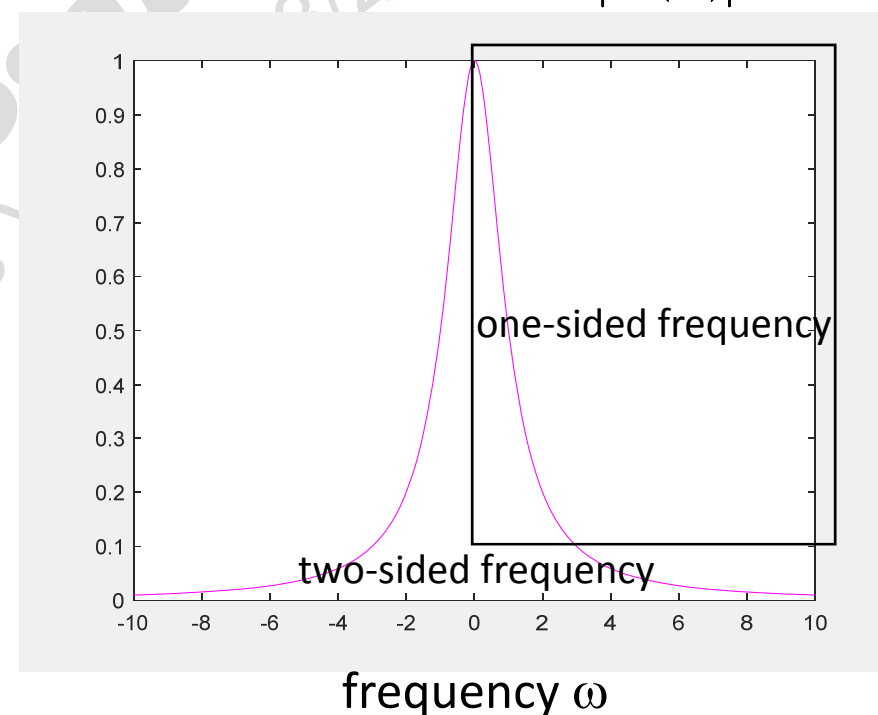
signal: decay pulse  $e^{-|t|}$



Fourier Spectrum:  $|F(\omega)|$

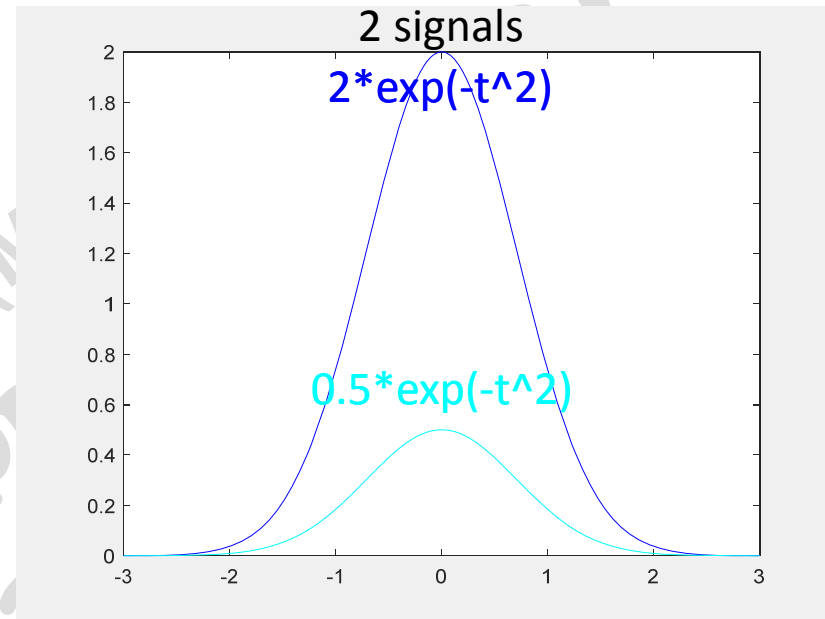


Power Spectrum:  $|F(\omega)|^2$

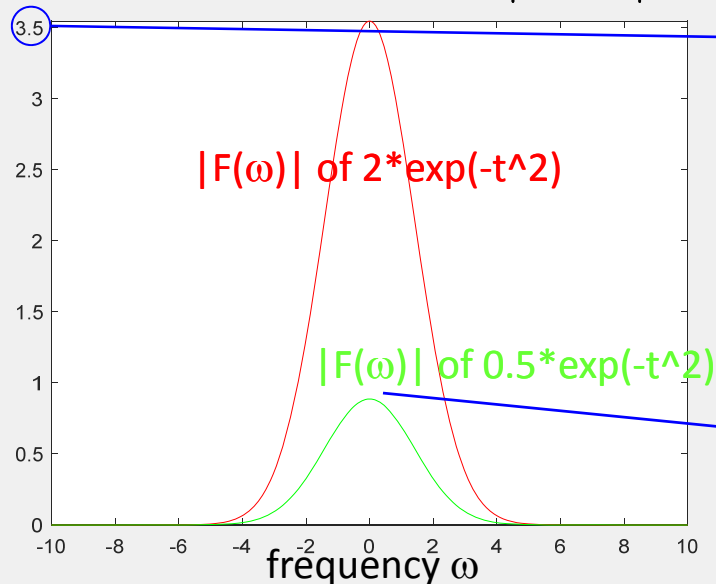


# What is the Power Spectrum $|F(\omega)|^2$ for?

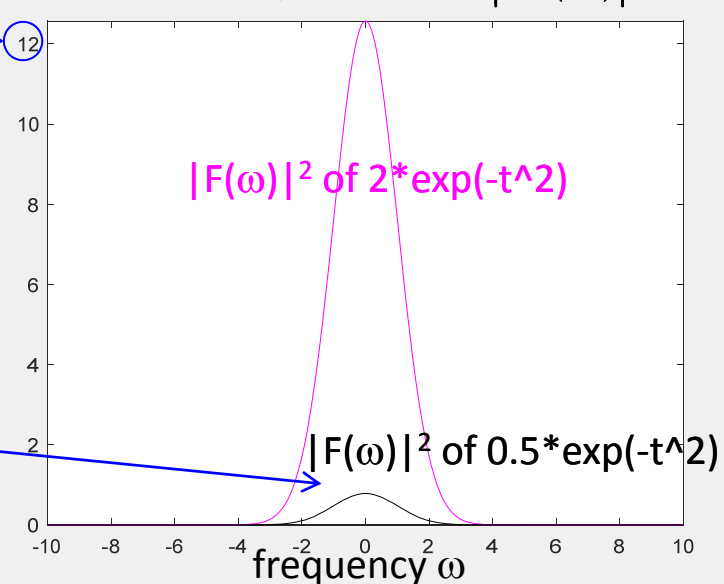
The **Power Spectrum** amplifies the large values of the Fourier Spectrum ( $|F(\omega)| > 1$ ) and shrinks its small values ( $|F(\omega)| < 1$ ).



Fourier Spectrum:  $|F(\omega)|$



Power Spectrum:  $|F(\omega)|^2$



# Main properties of the Fourier Transform [1]

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the map which transforms a function  $f(x) \in L^1(-\infty, +\infty)$  into its Fourier Transform  $F(\omega)$

$$\mathcal{F} : f \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}[f, \omega] = F(\omega) \quad \boxed{f(t) \bullet \longrightarrow \circ F(\omega)}$$

- $\mathcal{F}[f, \omega]$  is a **linear operator**:  $\mathcal{F}[\alpha f + \beta g, \omega] = \alpha F(\omega) + \beta G(\omega)$ .
- If  $f$  is an **even function**, then  $F(\omega)$  is **real** and it is in turn an **even function**.
- If  $f$  is an **odd function**, then  $F(\omega)$  is **purely imaginary** and it is in turn an **odd function**.
- If  $f$  is a **real-valued function**, then  $F(\omega)$  is a **complex valued function**, and

$$F(-\omega) = \overline{F(\omega)}$$

- **Shift Properties**: shifting (or translating) a function in the time domain  $t \pm h$  corresponds to a rotation by an angle  $\pm h\omega$  in the frequency domain, i.e.

$$f(t \pm h) \bullet \longrightarrow \circ e^{\pm ih\omega} F(\omega) \quad \boxed{\text{Time shift property}}$$

and shifting (or translating) in the frequency domain  $\omega \mp \lambda$  corresponds to a rotation by an angle  $\pm \lambda t$  in the time domain, i.e.

$$e^{\pm i\lambda t} f(t) \bullet \longrightarrow \circ F(\omega \mp \lambda) \quad \boxed{\text{Frequency shift property}}$$

## Main properties of the Fourier Transform [2]

- **Time scaling** (or **Similarity Property**): if  $f(t) \bullet \longrightarrow \circ \mathcal{F}[f, \omega] = F(\omega)$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , then

$$f(ct) \bullet \longrightarrow \circ F(\omega/c)/|c|$$

- **Convolution Property**: if  $f, g \in L^1(-\infty, +\infty)$  also  $f * g \in L^1$ , then *the convolution of signals in the time domain will be transformed into the multiplication of their Fourier Transforms in the frequency domain, and, conversely, the multiplication of signals in the time domain will be transformed into the convolution of their Fourier Transforms in the frequency domain*:

$$\mathcal{F}[f * g, \omega] = \frac{1}{2\pi} F(\omega) \cdot G(\omega) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}[f \cdot g, \omega] = F(\omega) * G(\omega)$$

$$\mathcal{F}[f * g, \nu] = F(\nu) \cdot G(\nu) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}[f \cdot g, \nu] = F(\nu) * G(\nu)$$

where the **convolution** between  $f, g \in L^1(-\infty, +\infty)$  is defined as

$$[f * g](\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) g(\tau - t) dt$$

- **Parseval's Identity** (or **Rayleigh's Energy Theorem**)

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



# Main properties of the Fourier Transform [3]

- **Differentiation of  $f(t)$ :** If  $f$  is absolutely continuous and summable, and  $f'$  is summable, then

$$\mathcal{F}[f', \omega] = i\omega \mathcal{F}[f, \omega]$$

More generally, if  $f$  is absolutely continuous and summable with its first  $k-1$  derivatives, and  $f^{(k)}$  is summable, then

$$\mathcal{F}[f^{(k)}, \omega] = (i\omega)^k \mathcal{F}[f, \omega]$$

- **Differentiation of  $F(\omega)$ :** If  $f(t), tf(t) \in L^1(-\infty, +\infty)$ , then  $F$  has a continuous derivative, and

$$F'(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[-itf(t), \omega]$$

More generally, if  $f(t), tf(t), \dots, t^k f(t) \in L^1(-\infty, +\infty)$ , then  $F$  has continuous derivatives up to order  $k$ , and

$$F^{(k)}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[-(it)^k f(t), \omega]$$

- **Symmetry (or Duality) Property:**

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{F}[F(\omega), y] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\omega) e^{-i\omega y} d\omega = 2\pi f(-y) \\ \mathcal{F}[F(\nu), y] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\nu) e^{-2\pi i \nu y} d\nu = f(-y) \end{cases}$$

reversed signal

- **Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma:** If  $f(t) \in L^1(-\infty, +\infty)$ , then  $F(\omega)$  is a continuous function and it is infinitesimal at  $\infty$ .

## Example of the Time shift property (w.r.t. the angular frequency)

$$f(t - h) \bullet \longrightarrow \circ \boxed{e^{-ih\omega}} F(\omega)$$

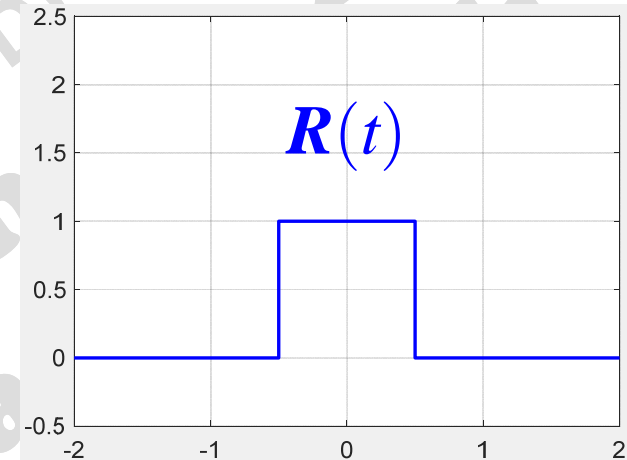
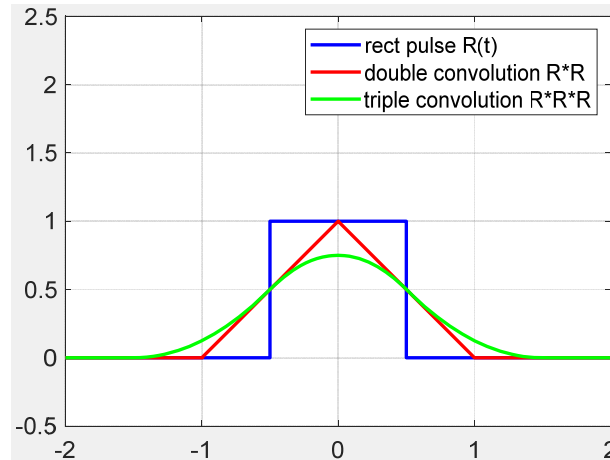
```
syms t real
syms a positive
ft=exp(-a*abs(t));
Fw=fourier(ft)
Fw =
(2*a)/(a^2 + w^2)
syms h real
f1t=exp(-a*abs(t-h));
F1w=simplify(fourier(f1t))
F1w =
(2*a*exp(-h*w*1i))/(a^2 + w^2)
F1w/Fw
ans =
exp(-h*w*1i)
```

# Application of Convolution Property (w.r.t. the circular freq)

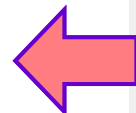
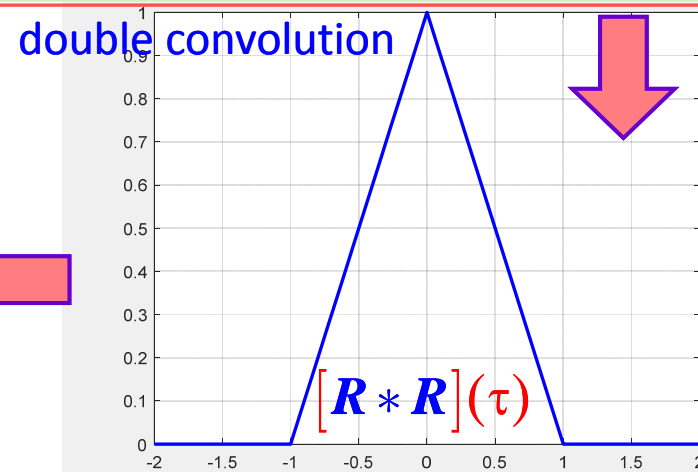
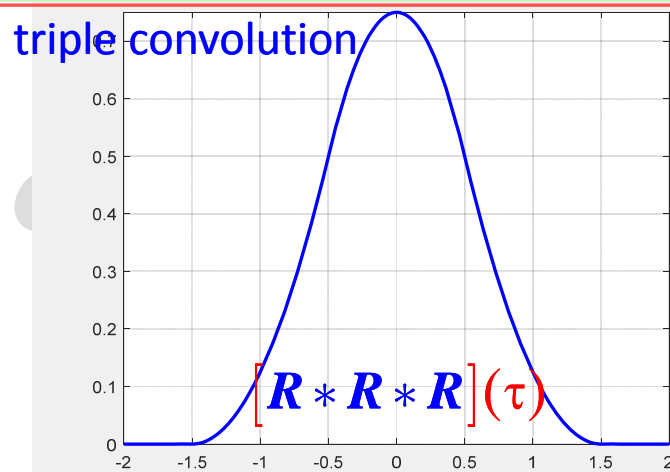
$$[f * g](\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)g(\tau-t)dt \quad f * g = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\mathcal{F}[f] \cdot \mathcal{F}[g]\}$$

rect pulse

$$R(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & |t| < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & |t| > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$



```
syms t w real; Rt=rectangularPulse(t); Fw=simplify(fourier(Rt))
fplot(Rt,[-2 2],'Color','b','LineWidth',2); hold on
F2=Fw*Fw; R2=simplify(ifourier(F2),100); % double convolution R(t)*R(t)
fplot(R2,[-2 2],'Color','r','LineWidth',2)
F3=F2*Fw; R3=simplify(ifourier(F3),100); % triple convolution R(t)*R(t)*R(t)
fplot(R3,[-2 2],'Color','g','LineWidth',2)
```

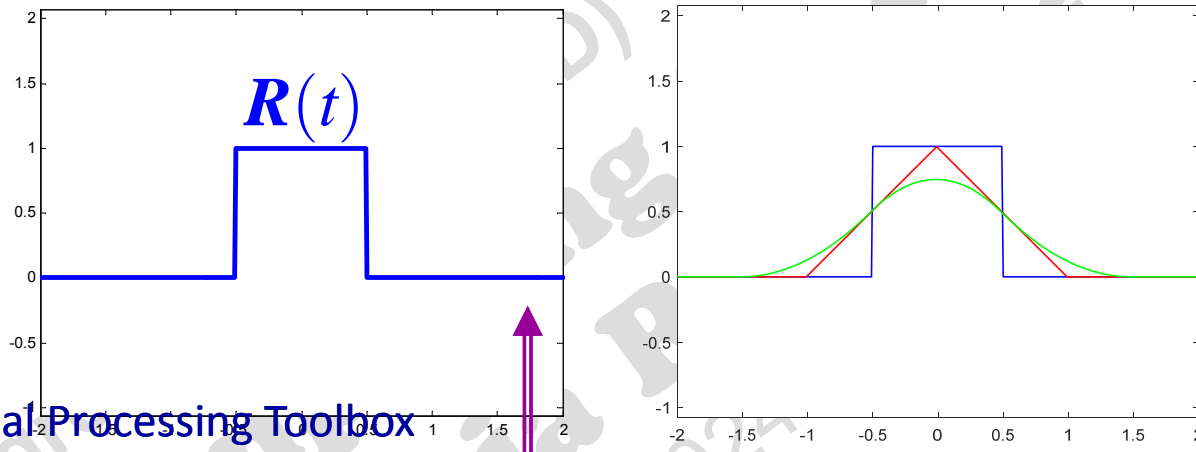


# Numerical application of Convolution Property (w.r.t. the circular freq)

Equivalently by `conv()` ... **`RR=conv(R,R,'same')*T/N;`**

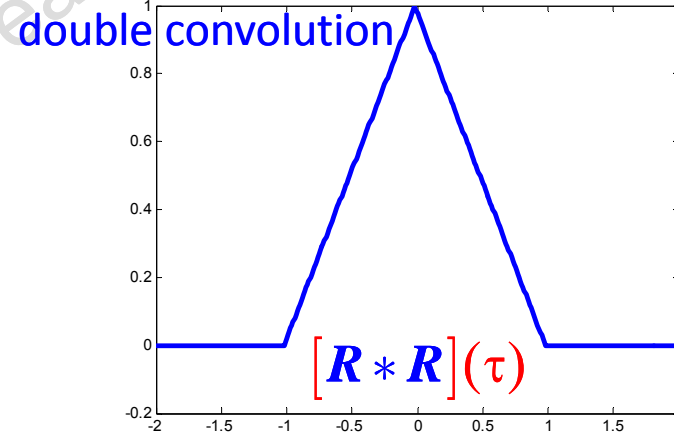
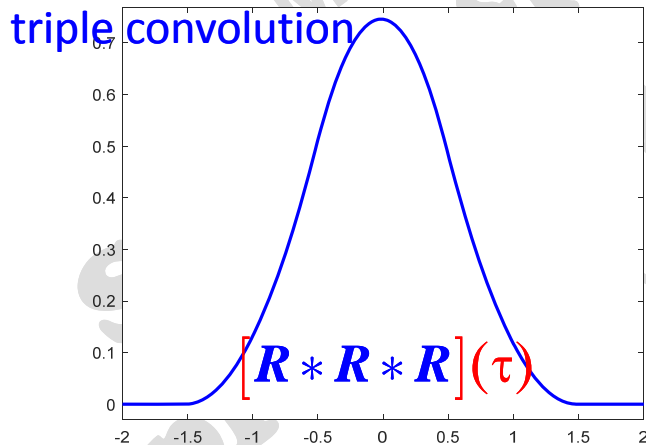
rect pulse

$$R(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & |t| < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & |t| > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$



`rectpuls()`: in MATLAB Signal Processing Toolbox

```
a=-2; b=2; T=b-a; t=a:.01:b; N=numel(t)-1; R=rectpuls(t); plot(t,R,'b')
axis equal; hold on
RR=conv(R,R,'same')*T/N; plot(t,RR,'r') % double convolution of R
RRR=conv(RR,R,'same')*T/N; plot(t,RRR,'g') % triple convolution of R
```

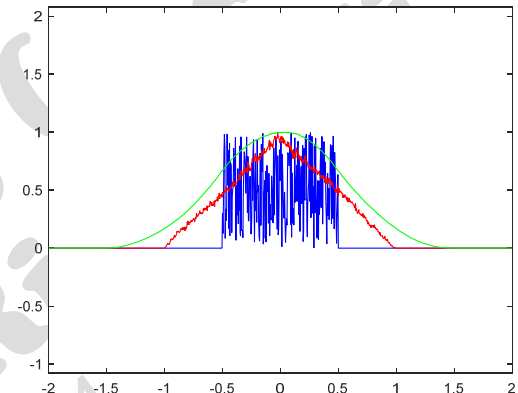


**Exercise:** repeat with DFT (`fft`) and with `cconv(R,R,N)`

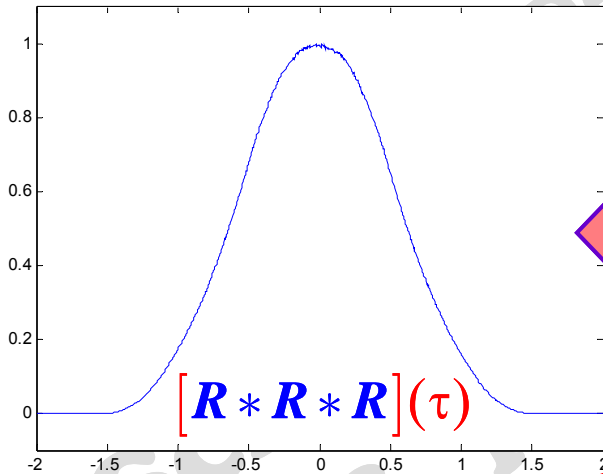
# Numerical application of Convolution Property (w.r.t. the circular freq)

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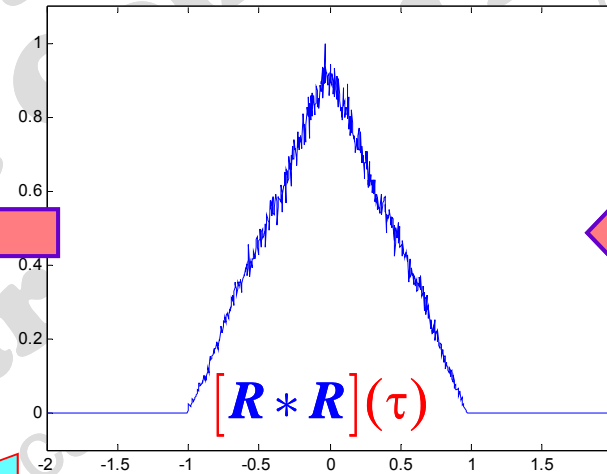
a=-2; b=2; T=b-a;
t=a:.01:b; N=numel(t)-1;
rng('default');
R=rectpuls(t).*rand(size(t)); % with uniform random noise
RR=conv(R,R,'same')*T/N; % RR double convolution R(t)*R(t)
RRR=conv(RR,R,'same')*T/N; % RRR triple convolution R(t)*R(t)*R(t)
plot(t,R,'b'); axis equal; hold on
plot(t,RR/max(RR),'r')
plot(t,RRR/max(RRR),'g')
    
```



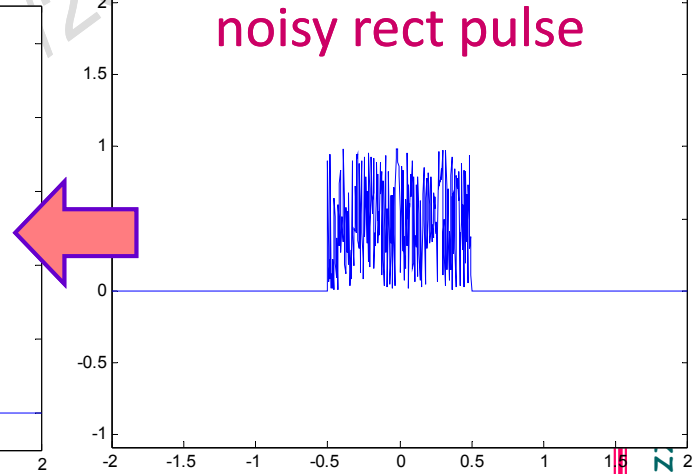
triple convolution



double convolution



noisy rect pulse



the noise has been abated! (convolution as data filtering)

**Exercise:** repeat with **DFT (fft)** and with **cconv(R,R,N)**

From the previous example, we get the following:

From  $\text{sinc}(\omega)$  being the Fourier Transform of the rect pulse:

$$\mathcal{F}[\text{rect pulse}, \omega] = \text{sinc}(\omega)$$

it follows that the Fourier Transform of the triangular function is  $\text{sinc}^2(\omega)$ :

$$\mathcal{F}[\text{triangular pulse}, \omega] = \text{sinc}^2(\omega)$$

**Quiz:** ... Why?  
Explain your answer

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# Windowing effect

When performing the spectral analysis of a sample from a physical phenomenon  $f(t)$ , we are actually using an observation of the phenomenon obtained over a finite interval of time.

From a mathematical point of view, this process is equivalent to the multiplication of the function  $f(t)$ , which describes the phenomenon, by a **rectangular function  $w(t)$**  (rectangular window function of **width  $L$** ); thus the actually “observed” function is:

$$g(t) = f(t) \cdot w(t) \quad \begin{array}{l} F(\nu) = \mathcal{F}[f(t), \nu] \\ W(\nu) = \mathcal{F}[w(t), \nu] \end{array}$$

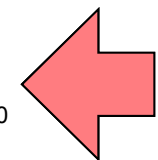
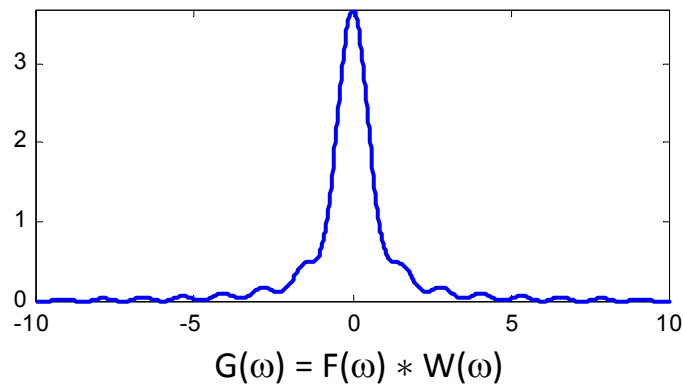
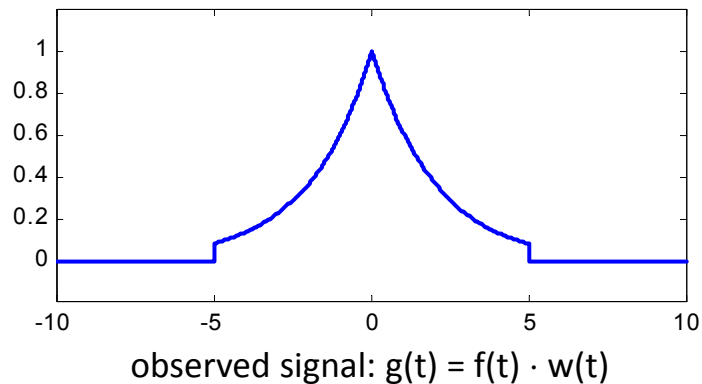
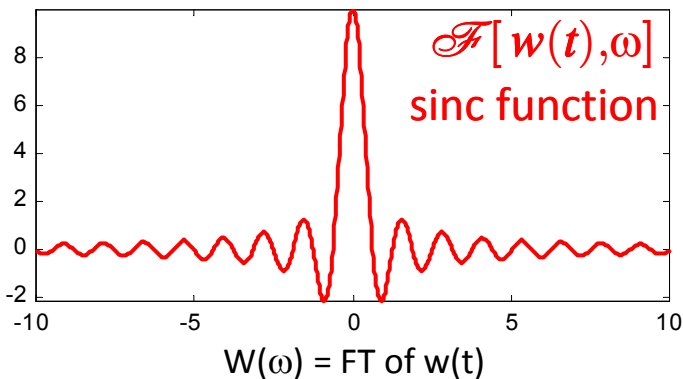
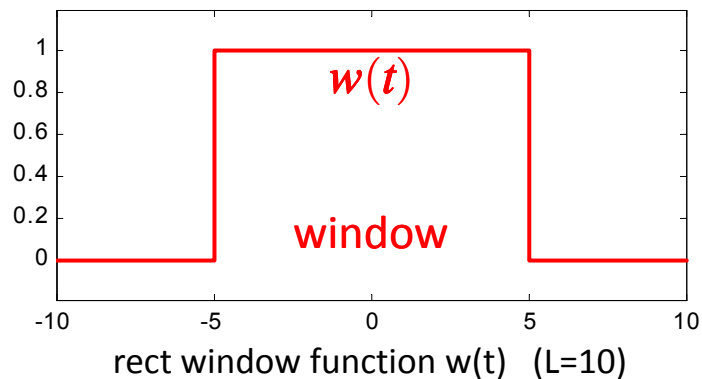
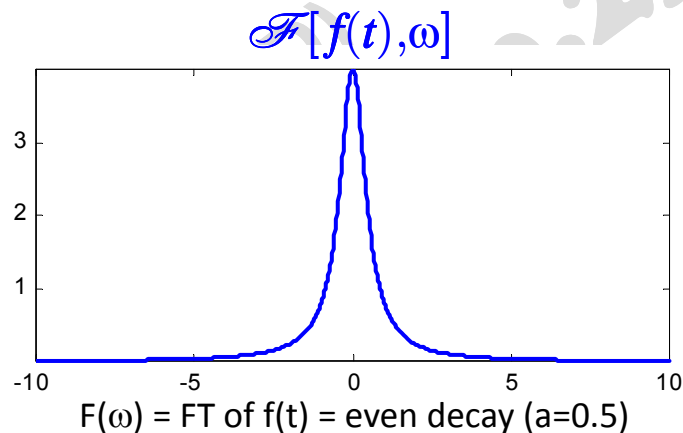
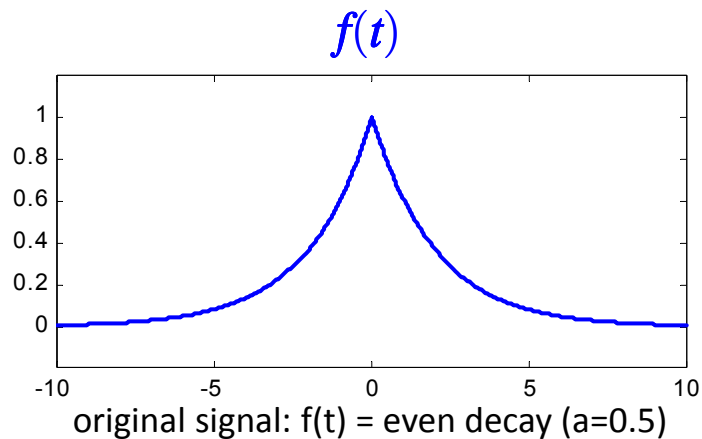
so that the **Fourier Transform  $G(\nu)$**  of  $g(t)$  is then given by:

$$G(\nu) = \mathcal{F}[g(t), \nu] = \mathcal{F}[f(t), \nu] * \mathcal{F}[w(t), \nu] = F(\nu) * W(\nu)$$

where  $F(\nu) * W(\nu)$  represents the **convolution product** of  $F$  and  $W$ . Remember that  $W$  is a **sinc()**.



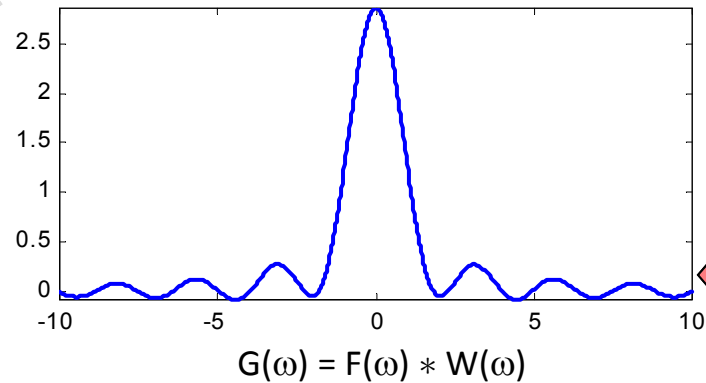
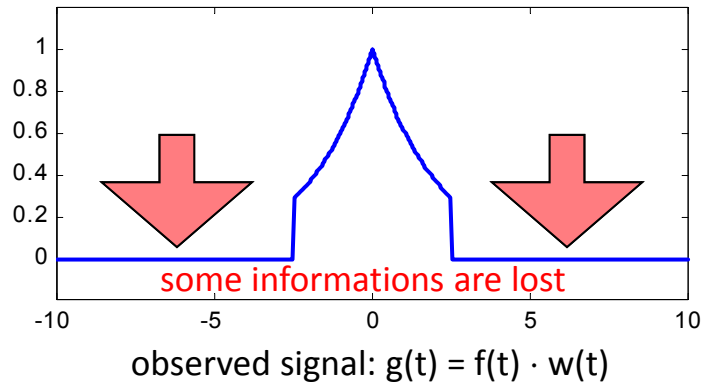
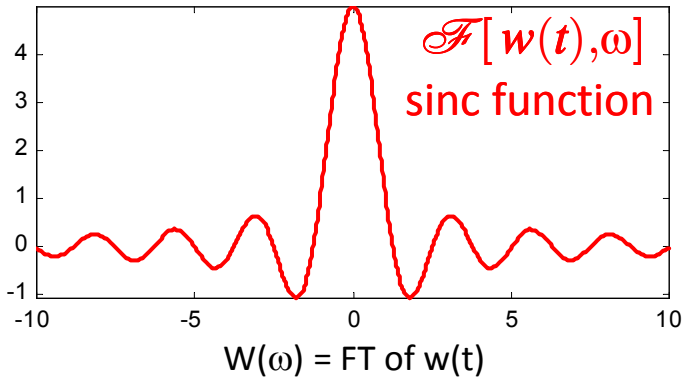
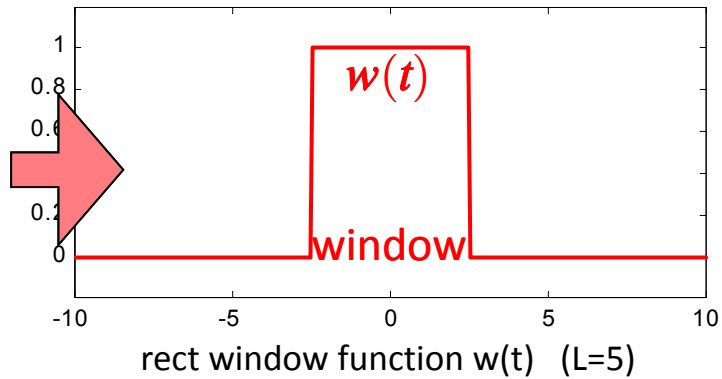
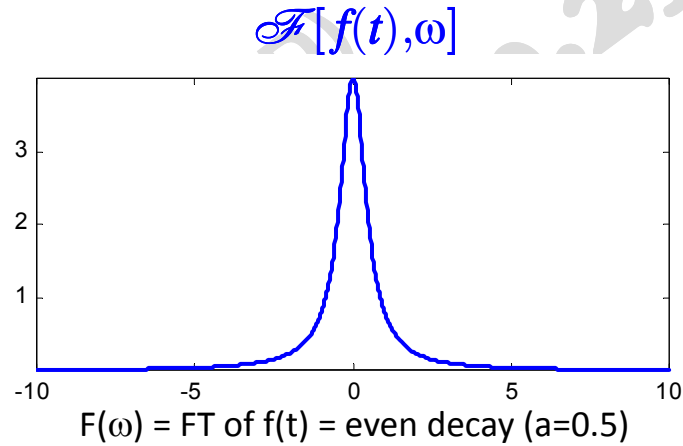
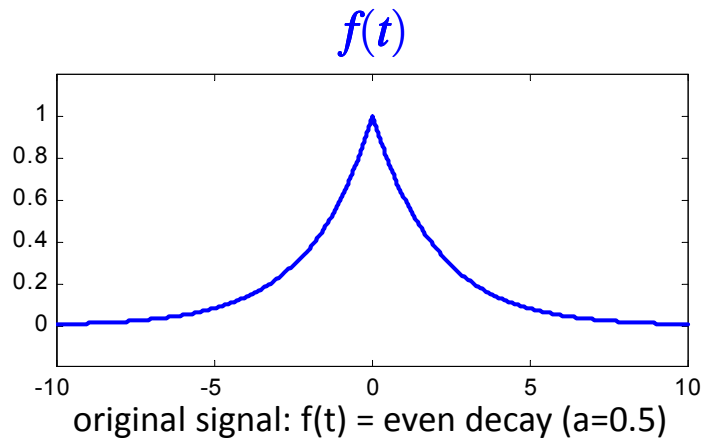
# Windowing effect: example



**secondary oscillations**

# Windowing effect: example (cont.)

the window has been shrunk

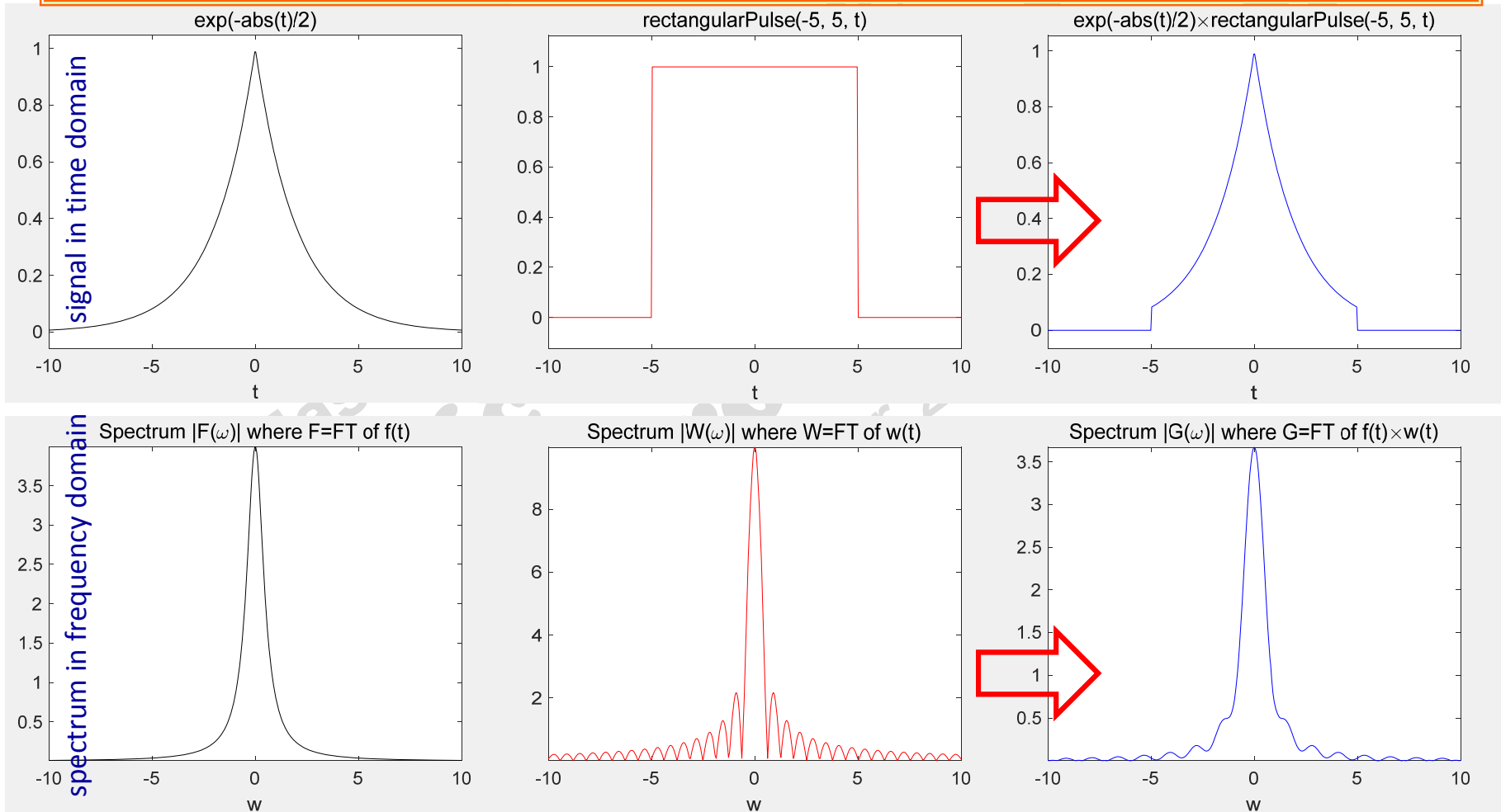


secondary oscillations  
increase in amplitude

# Example by means of Symbolic Math Toolbox

```

syms t real; f=exp(-abs(t)/2); figure; ezplot(f,[-10 10])
L=10; w=rectangularPulse(-L/2,+L/2,t); figure; ezplot(w,[-10 10])
figure; ezplot(f*w, [-10 10])
F=fourier(f); figure; h=ezplot(abs(F),[-10 10]); set(h,'Color','k')
W=fourier(w); figure; h=ezplot(abs(W),[-10 10]); set(h,'Color','r')
G=fourier(f*w); figure; h=ezplot(abs(G),[-10 10]); set(h,'Color','b')
    
```



**Exercise:** What happens for  $L=5$ ?

# Aliasing effect

When performing the spectral analysis of a sample from a physical phenomenon  $f(t)$ , we are actually using a discrete set of observations of the phenomenon obtained by equispaced time series.

From a mathematical point of view, this process is equivalent to the multiplication of the function  $f(t)$ , which describes the phenomenon, by a **Comb function**  $\delta_T(t)$  (of step **T**); thus the “observed” function is:

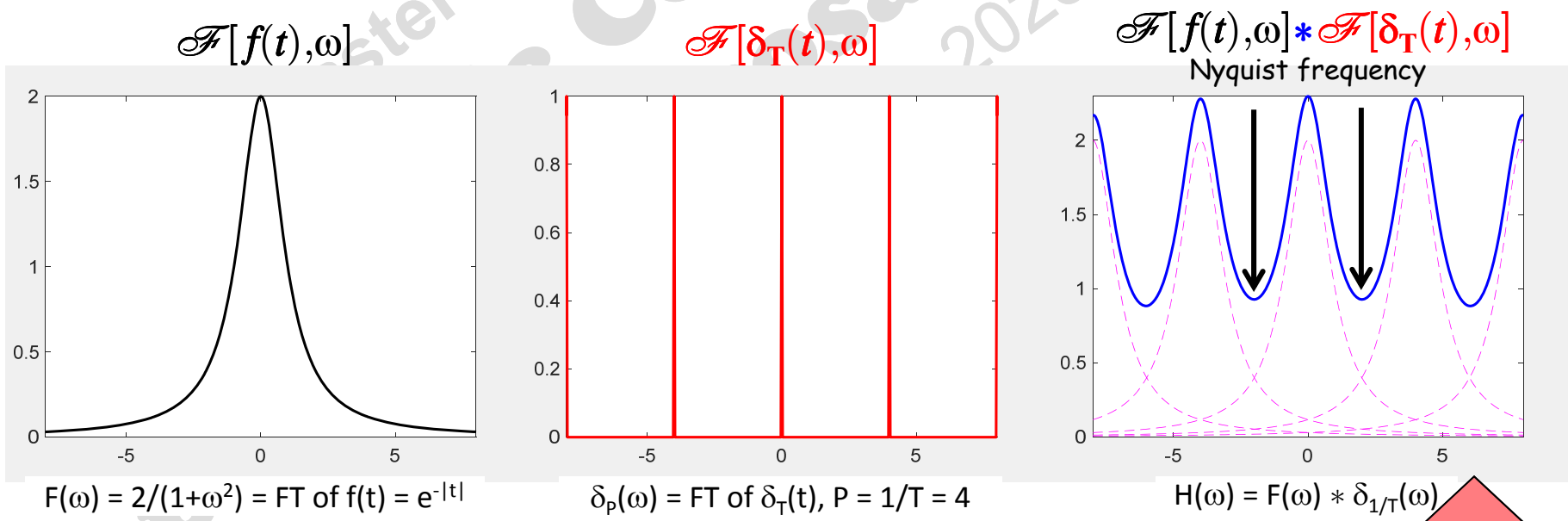
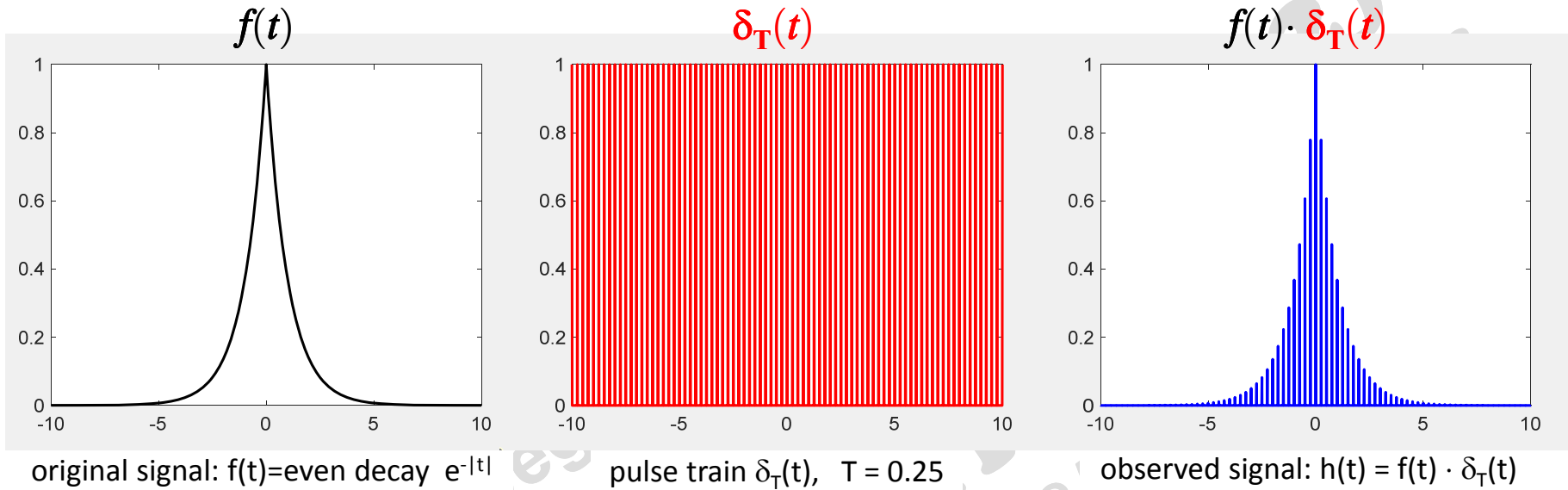
$$h(t) = f(t) \cdot \delta_T(t) \quad \begin{aligned} F(\nu) &= \mathcal{F}[f(t), \nu] \\ \delta_{1/T}(\nu) &= \mathcal{F}[\delta_T(t), \nu] \end{aligned}$$

so that the **Fourier Transform**  $H(\nu)$  of  $h(t)$  is then given by:

$$H(\omega) = \mathcal{F}[h(t), \omega] = \mathcal{F}[f(t), \omega] * \mathcal{F}[\delta_T(t), \omega] = F(\omega) * \delta_{1/T}(\omega) / T$$

where  $F(\nu) * \delta_{1/T}(\nu) / T$  represents the **convolution product** of  $F$  and  $\delta_{1/T} / T$ . Remember that the Fourier Transform of a comb function is still a comb function, but with a **period** equal to the **reciprocal** of the period of the original comb function.

# Aliasing effect: example

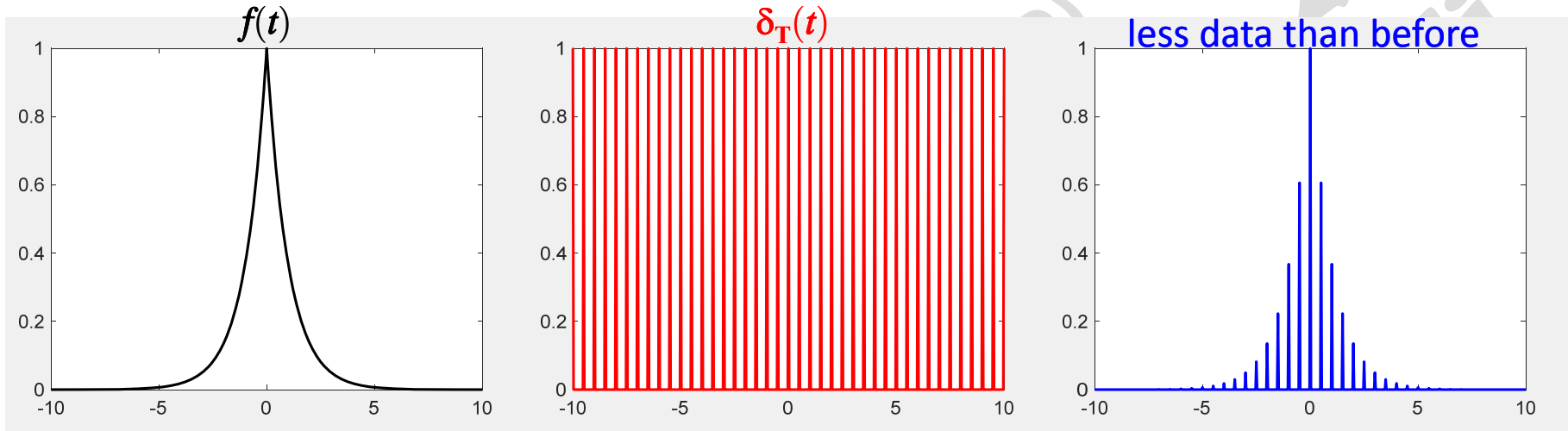


Superposition of  $F(\omega)$



# Aliasing effect: example (cont.)

Now, let's double the period  $T$  of the Comb Function  $\delta_T$



original signal:  $f(t) = \text{even decay } e^{-|t|}$

pulse train  $\delta_T(t)$ ,  $T = 0.5$

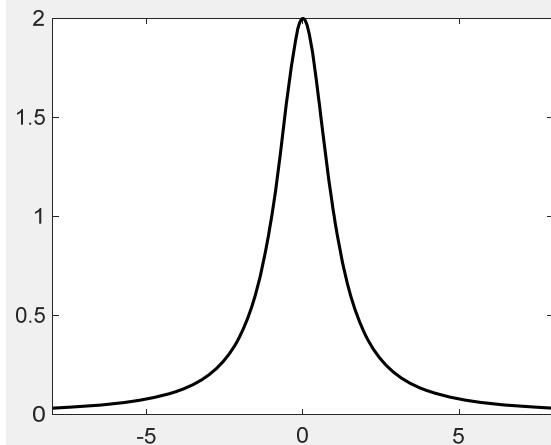
observed signal:  $h(t) = f(t) \cdot \delta_T(t)$

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t), \omega]$$

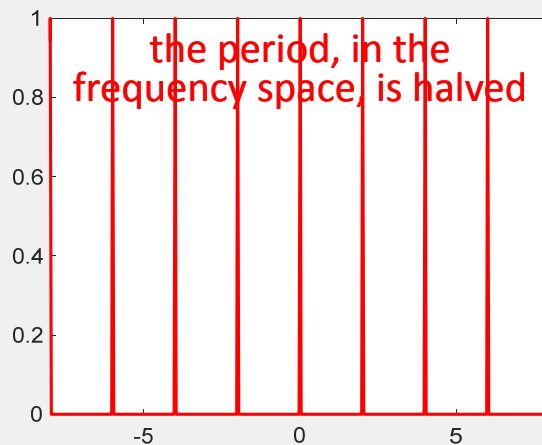
$$\mathcal{F}[\delta_T(t), \omega]$$

$$\mathcal{F}[f(t), \omega] * \mathcal{F}[\delta_T(t), \omega]$$

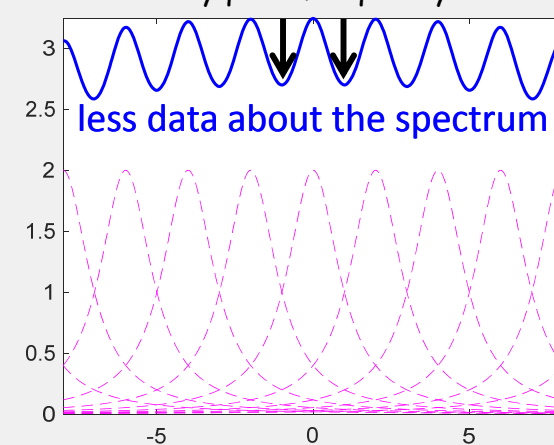
Nyquist frequency



$F(\omega) = 2/(1+\omega^2) = \text{FT of } f(t) = e^{-|t|}$



$\delta_p(\omega) = \text{FT of } \delta_T(t)$ ,  $P = 1/T = 2$

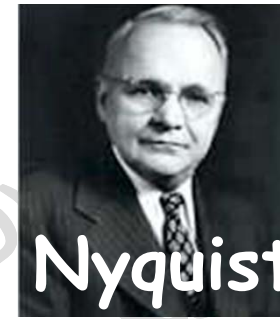


$H(\omega) = F(\omega) * \delta_{1/T}(\omega)$

Superposition of  $F(\omega)$

# The Nyquist-Shannon Sampling Theorem

stated by Harry Nyquist and proved by Claude Shannon in 1948



Nyquist



Shannon

w.r.t. the circular frequency  $\nu$

If the *FT* of  $f(t)$ ,  $F(\nu)$  [ $\omega=2\pi\nu$ ], is such that

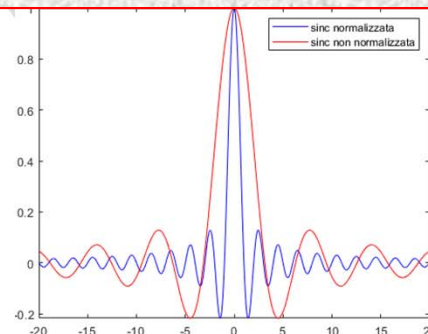
$$F(\nu)=0, |\nu| > H/2 \quad (f \text{ is a band limited function of bandwidth } H)$$

then the values of  $f$  at the sampling points  $t_k=k\Delta t$ , taken with frequency  $f_s=1/\Delta t$ , if  $f_s > H$  (greater than twice the maximum frequency) allow  $f$  to be fully restored, i.e.:

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} f(k\Delta t) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{t}{\Delta t} - k\right)$$

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

normalized sinc:  $\sin(\pi x)/(\pi x)$   
 unnormalized sinc  $\sin(x)/(x)$



sinc:  
 "sine cardinal" function

new expansion basis



The **Aliasing Error** is governed by the Sampling Theorem.

The **Sampling Theorem** can be thought of as the conversion of an analog signal into a discrete form by taking the sampling frequency at least as twice the maximum frequency of the input analog signal.

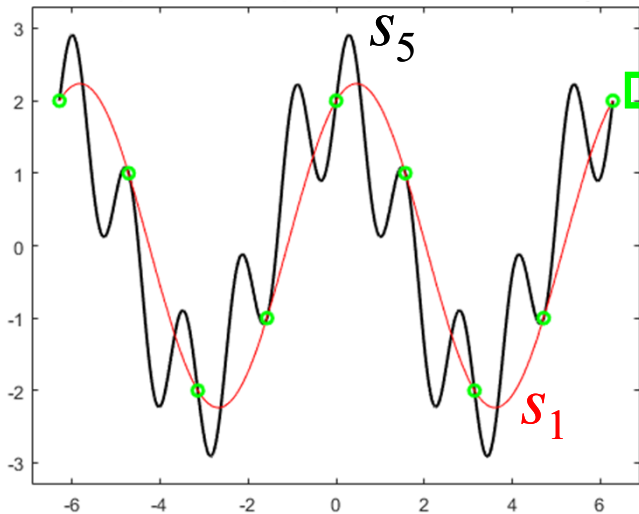
This **Theorem** is the basis of digital recordings able to reach a degree of fidelity much higher than analog ones.



# Example: application of the Sampling Theorem

Let us consider **two signals**:  $s_5 = 2\cos(t) + \sin(5t)$  and  $s_1 = 2\cos(t) + \sin(t)$ .

We want to reconstruct  $s_5$  starting from a sequence of its equispaced samples. We sample  $s_5$  with a step  $h = \pi/2$  in the interval  $[-2\pi, +2\pi]$  getting 9 samples.



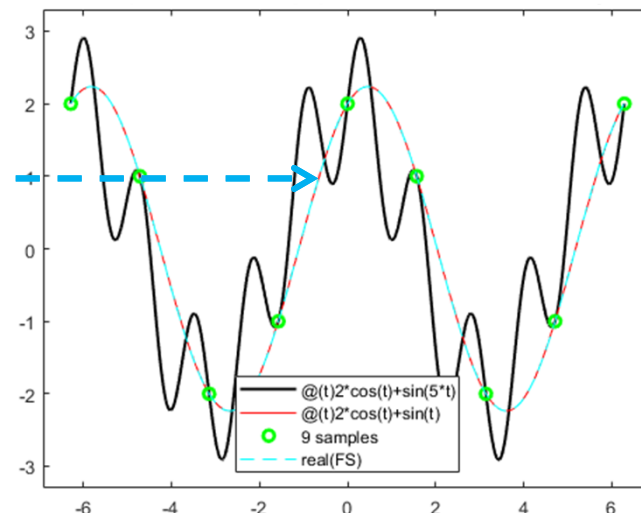
But  $s_5$  and  $s_1$  share these samples and we are not able to distinguish the two signals starting from these 9 samples, since the sampling rate **does not satisfy** the Sampling Theorem.

max freq in  $s_5$ :  $\omega_{\max} = 5 \Rightarrow v = \omega / (2\pi)$

min useful freq for  $s_5$ :  $f_s > 2v_{\max} = 5/\pi \Rightarrow$

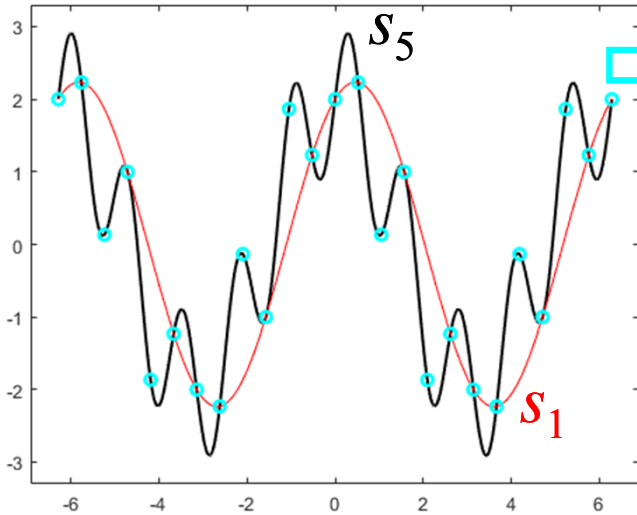
According to the **Sampling Theor.** we should use a step:  $\Delta t < \pi/5$  but used step =  $\pi/2 > \pi/5$

In facts, if we reconstruct a signal by means of the **Fourier Series** starting from the 9 samples (whose frequency is  $f_s = 2/\pi < 5/\pi = 2v_{\max}$ ), we get  $s_1$  and not  $s_5$  (aliasing effect).



# Example: application of the Sampling Theorem (cont.)

Now we sample  $s_5$  with a step  $h=\pi/6 < \pi/5$ , that satisfies the Sampling Theor.: we get 25 samples.



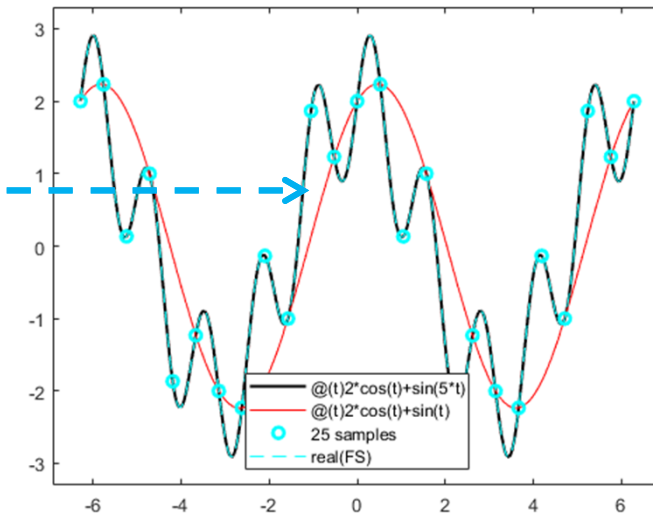
The figure shows that some of the 25 samples of  $s_5$  no longer fall on  $s_1$ , so that we are able to distinguish the two signals starting from these 25 samples.

max freq in  $s_5$ :  $\omega_{max} = 5 \Rightarrow v = \omega / (2\pi)$

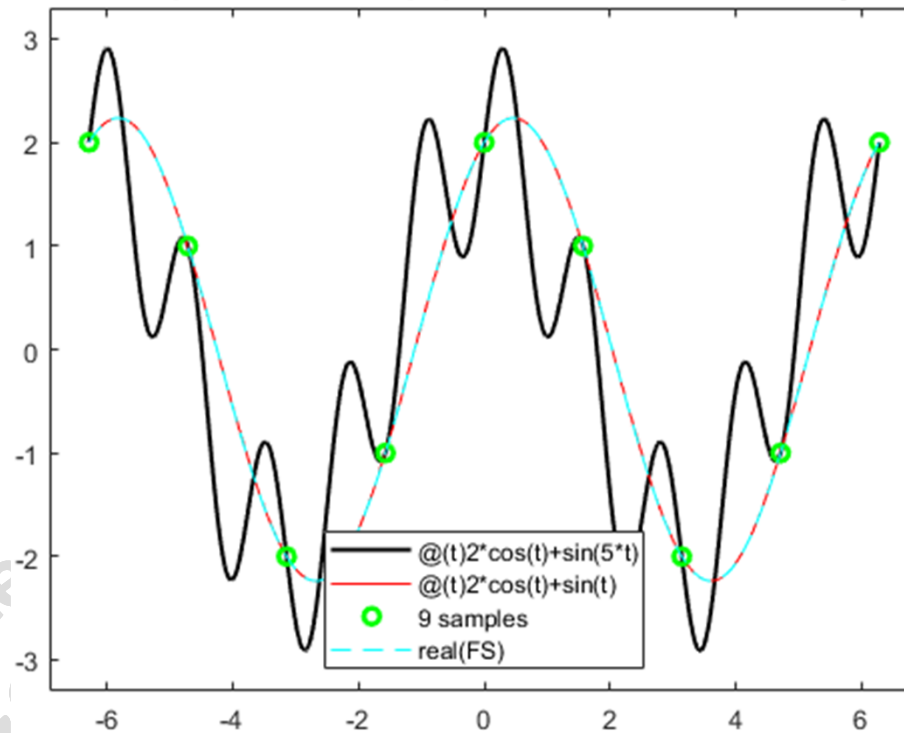
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In facts, if we reconstruct a signal by means of the **Fourier Series** starting from the 25 samples (whose frequency is  $f_s = 6/\pi > 5/\pi = 2v_{max}$ ), now we get  $s_5$  (no aliasing effect).



# Quiz



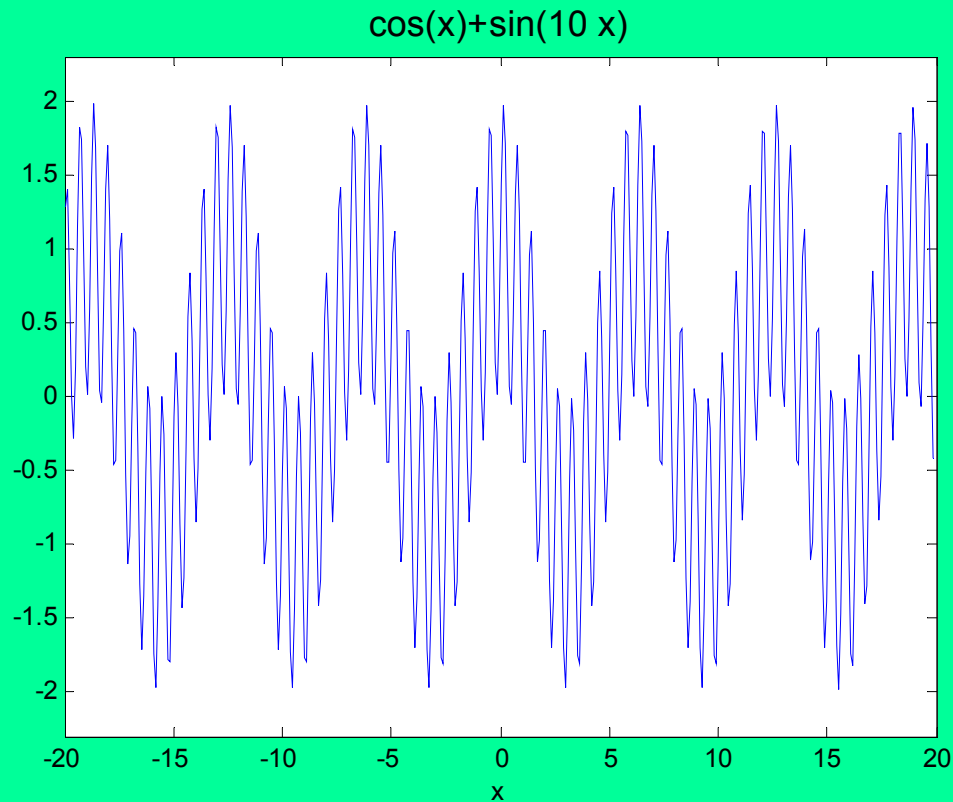
Why, starting from the samples of  $s_5 = 2\cos(t) + \sin(5t)$  taken with frequency  $f_s = 2/\pi < 5/\pi = 2\nu_{\max}$ , are we able to reconstruct the signal  $s_1 = 2\cos(t) + \sin(t)$  with angular frequency = 1, and not:

$$s_k = 2\cos(t) + \sin(kt), \quad k=2,3,4$$

with maximum frequency  $\omega = k < 5$ ?

# Exercise

What is the Nyquist frequency of the following signal?



Check it by means the **Sampling Theor.** and display what happens with a lower frequency.

# Connection between the Fourier Transform and Fourier Series coefficients

FT

$$F(\nu) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-2\pi i \nu t} dt \quad \longrightarrow \quad F\left(\frac{k}{T}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{T} t} dt$$

$\nu = \frac{k}{T}$

$f(t) = 0 \quad |t| > \frac{T}{2}$   
 $f$ : time-limited function

$$\frac{1}{T} F\left(\frac{k}{T}\right) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{+\frac{T}{2}} f(t) e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{T} t} dt$$

for a time-limited function  $f(t)$ :

$$F(\nu_k) = F\left(\frac{k}{T}\right) = T \cdot \gamma_k$$

$$\gamma_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{+\frac{T}{2}} f(t) e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{T} t} dt$$

$\gamma_k$ :  $k^{\text{th}}$  Fourier coefficient of  $f$  in  $[-T/2, +T/2]$

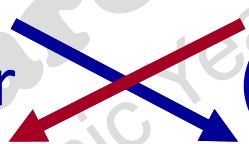
➔ We can apply the same approximation algorithm of Fourier coefficients, with an extra step.

# Algorithm for the numerical approx. of $F(v_k)$



Input:  $N+1$  equispaced samples  $f_j=f(t_j)$  ( $N$ : even) in  $[-T/2, +T/2]$ .

Output:  $N+1$  equispaced samples  $F_k \approx F(v_k)$  in  $[-\Omega/2, +\Omega/2]$ , where  
 $N = \Omega T$

1. Define the vector of samples  $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$ :  
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{f}_0 = \frac{1}{2}[f(t_0) + f(t_N)] \\ \mathbf{f}_j = f(t_j), & j = 1, \dots, N-1 \end{cases}$$
2. Compute the **DFT** (MATLAB `fft()`).
3. Reorder the vector  (MATLAB `fftshift()`).
4. Add the last component\* and the scale factors  
\* equal to the first  $((-1)^k T/N, k = -N/2, \dots, +N/2)$ .

new 5. Compute the frequencies:  $v_k = \frac{k}{T}, k = -\frac{N}{2}, \dots, 0, \dots, +\frac{N}{2}$ .

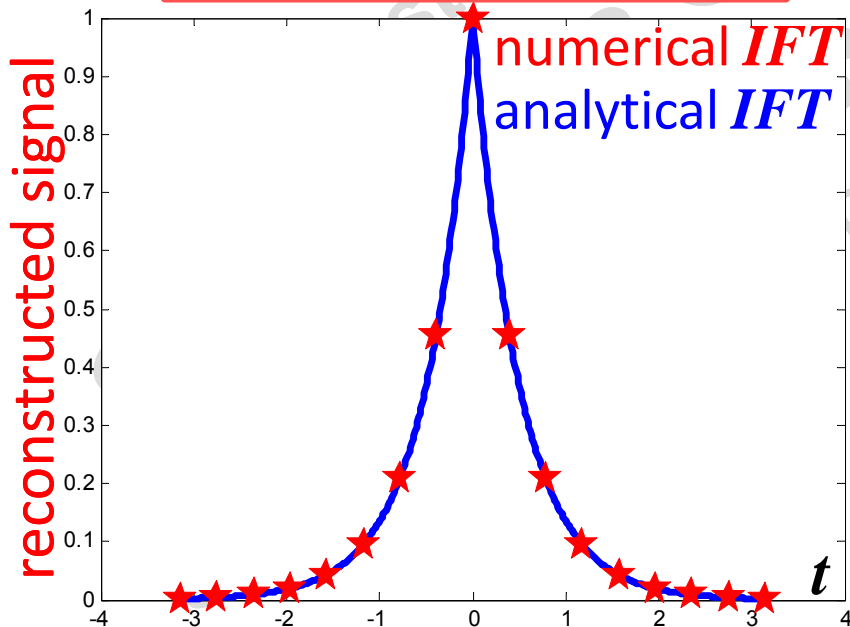
# MATLAB example: FT

```

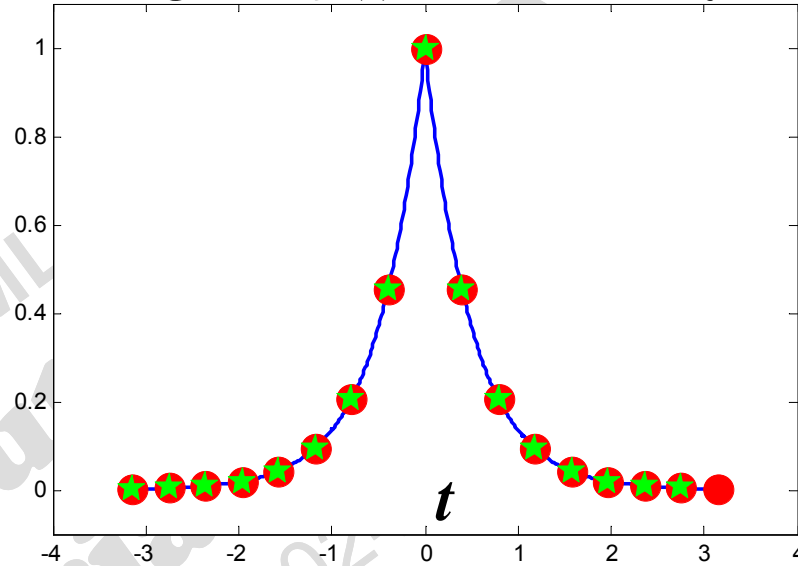
pf=@(t) exp(-2*abs(t));
T=2*pi; N=16; tj in [-T/2, +T/2]
tj=T/N*(-N/2:N/2)'; fj=pf(tj);
f=[.5*(fj(1)+fj(end)); fj(2:end-1)];
F=fftshift(fft(f)); F=[F; F(1)]*T/N;
F(2:2:end)=-F(2:2:end); nu=(-N/2:N/2)'/T;
G=F(1:end-1);
G(2:2:end)=-G(2:2:end);
g=ifft(fftshift(G)); g=[g; g(1)]/T*N;
x=linspace(-T/2,T/2,499); y=pf(x);
    
```

the same algorithm as for Fourier Synthesis with series

```
plot(x,y,'b',tj,real(g),'pr')
```

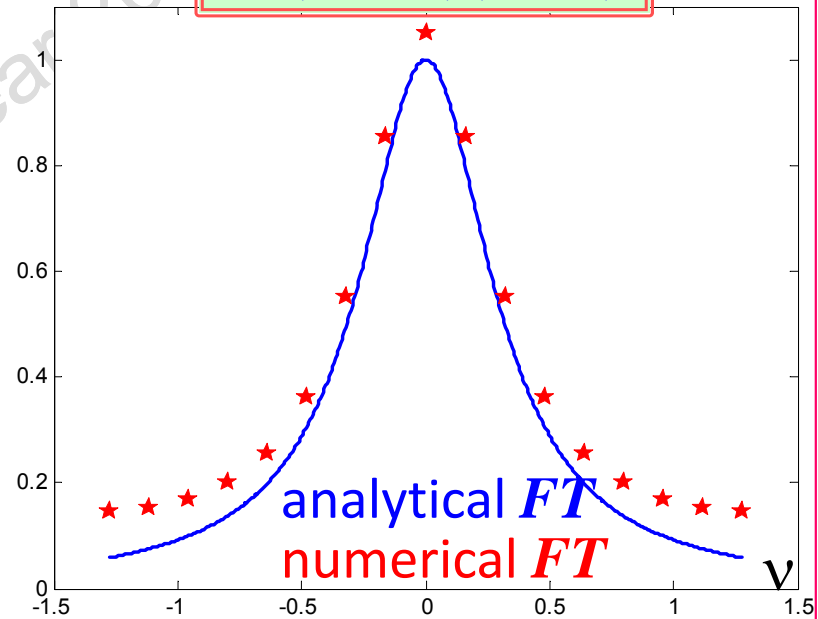


signal:  $f(t)=\text{even decay}$



```
plot(x,y,tj,fj,'ro',tj(1:end-1),f,'gp')
```

```
plot(nu,abs(F),'rp')
```



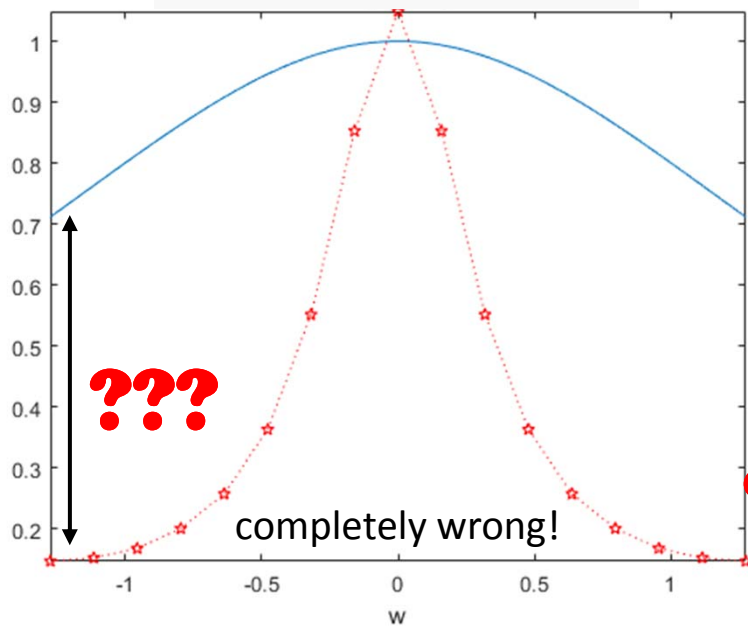
# How can we add the analytical Fourier Transform for a comparison with its numerical samples?

```
pf=@(t)exp(-2*abs(t)); T=2*pi; N=16; tj=T/N*(-N/2:N/2)'; fj=pf(tj);
f=[.5*(fj(1)+fj(end)); fj(2:end-1)]; F=fftshift(fft(f)); F=[F; F(1)]*T/N;
F(2:2:end)=-F(2:2:end); nu=(-N/2:N/2)'/T; numerical FT
plot(nu,abs(F),'pr:')
```

```
syms t real
Fw=fourier(sym(pf));
hold on; fplot(abs(Fw),[-1.5,1.5])
axis tight
```

```
syms t w v real; O=N/T;
Fw=fourier(sym(pf));
Fv=subs(Fw,w,2*pi*v); ω=2πv
hold on; fplot(abs(Fv),[-O/2,O/2])
```

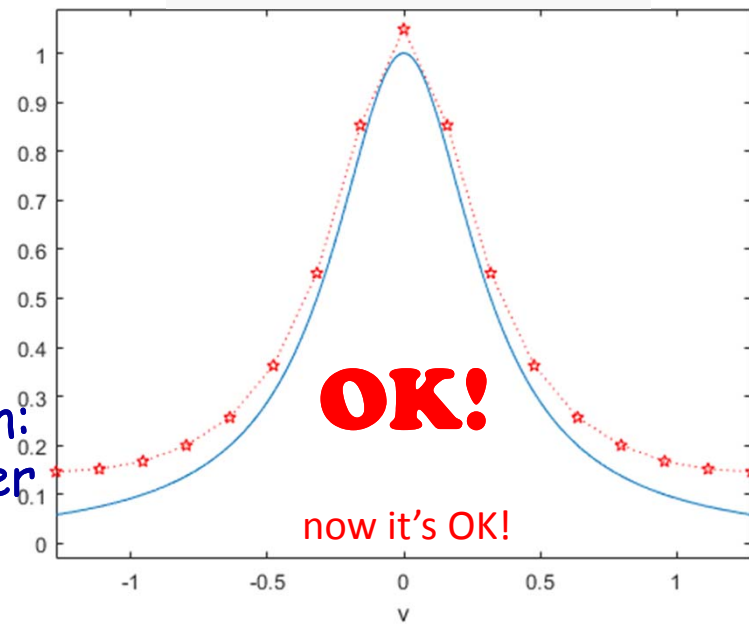
Fourier Spectrum



numerical FT uses circular frequency

Pay attention:  $\omega$  and  $\nu$  differ

Fourier Spectrum

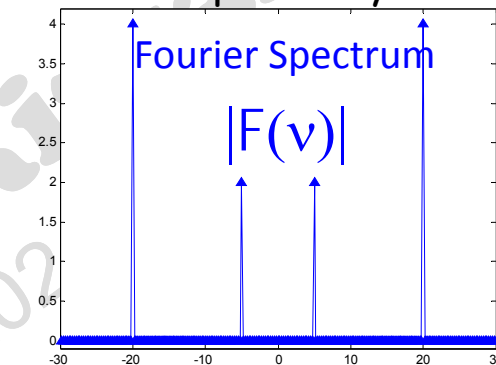
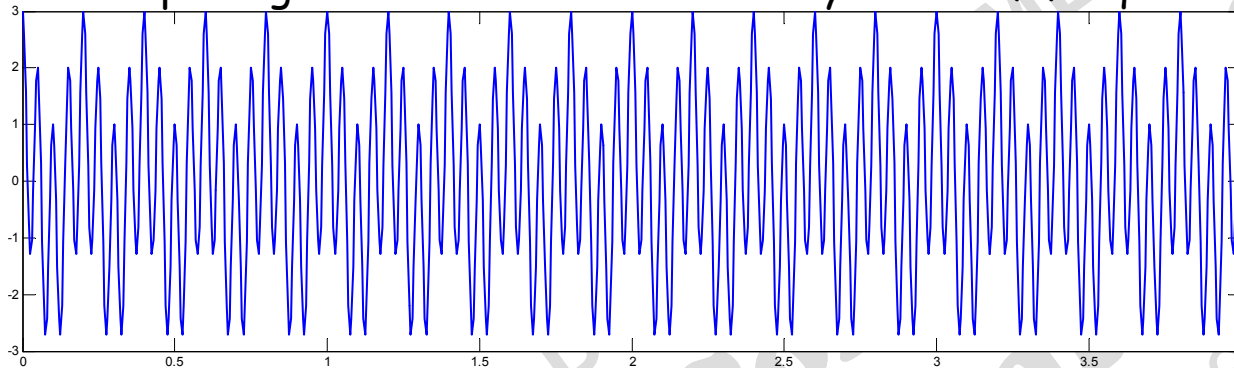




# Applications example 1: ideal filter

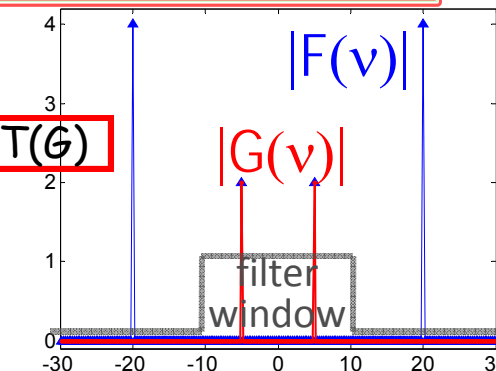
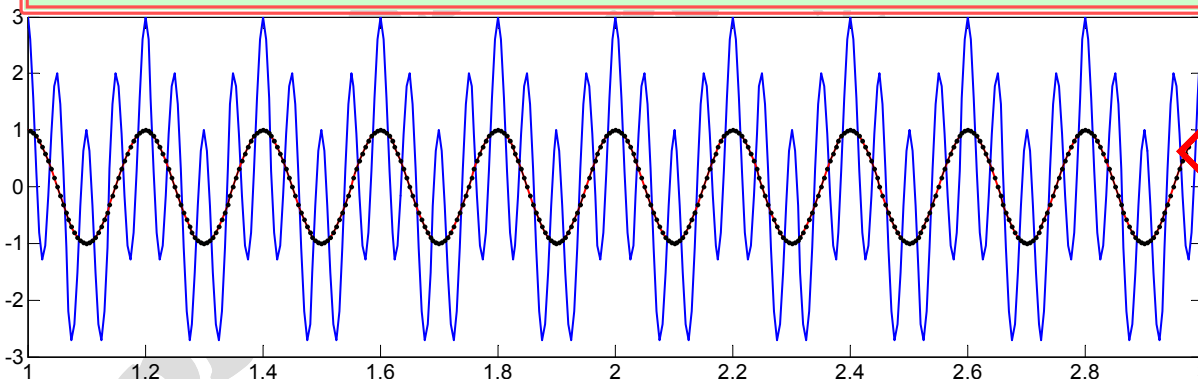
```
dt=.005; t=(0:dt:4)'; N=numel(t)-1; T=4;
fj=cos(2*pi*5*t)+2*cos(2*pi*20*t); plot(t,fj); axis([0 4 -3 3]);
f=[.5*(fj(1)+fj(end));fj(2:end-1)];
F=fftshift(fft(f));F=[F;F(1)]*T/N; F(2:2:end)=-F(2:2:end);
nu=(-N/2:N/2)'/T;
figure; plot(nu,abs(F),'^-'); axis([-30 30 -.1 4.2])
```

The input signal contains two elementary waves of frequencies 5 and 20 respectively



We apply a "low-pass filter" to the input signal, i.e. freqs  $v : |v| > W/2 = 10$  are set to 0

```
G=zeros(size(F)); k=find(abs(nu)<10); G(k)=F(k); hold on; plot(nu,abs(G),'r.-')
H=G(1:end-1); H(2:2:end)=-H(2:2:end);
h=ifft(fftshift(H)); h=[h;h(1)]/T*N;
figure; plot(t,fj,t,real(h),'r', t,cos(2*pi*5*t),'.k--'); axis([1 3 -3 3])
```

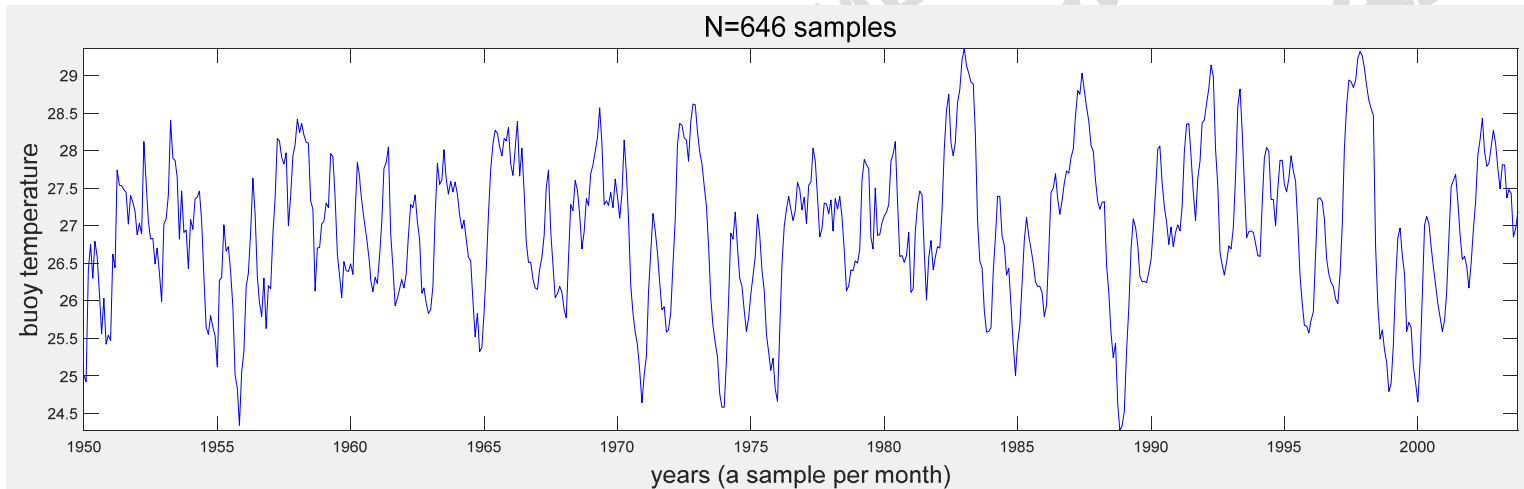


The two signals **IFT(G)** and  $\cos(2\pi 5t)$  overlap perfectly. The "noise"  $2\cos(2\pi 20t)$  has been totally removed.

# Applications example 2

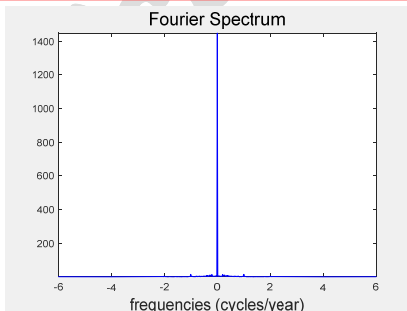
## Study of a possible periodicity of equispaced data: how to find the period of "El Ninho"?

```
load ninho; N=numel(fj);  
tj=(0:N-1)'/12 + 1950; % time in years  
plot(tj,fj,'b'); ylabel('temperatura boe'); xlabel('anni (un campione per mese)')  
download ninho.mat
```

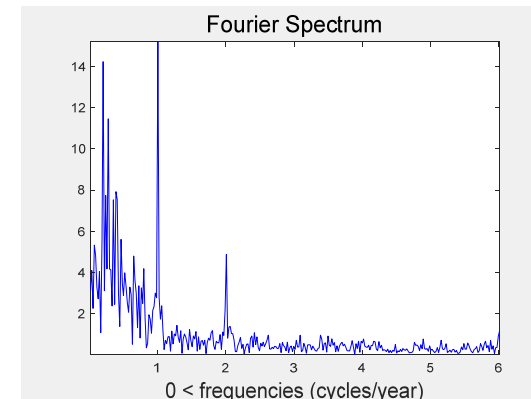


```
T=tj(end)-tj(1); Dt=T/N; % about 1 sample per month  
Dnu=1/T; nu=(-N/2:N/2)'*Dnu;  
F=fftshift(fft(fj)); F=[F; F(1)]*T/N;  
F(1:2:end)=-F(1:2:end);  
plot(nu,abs,'b'); axis tight  
title('Spettro di Fourier')  
xlabel('frequenze (cicli/anno)')
```

```
mid=N/2+2; plot(nu(mid:end),abs(F(mid:end)),'b')  
axis tight; title('Spettro','FontSize',18)  
xlabel('0 < frequencies (cycles/year)', 'FontSize',16)
```



only positive frequencies

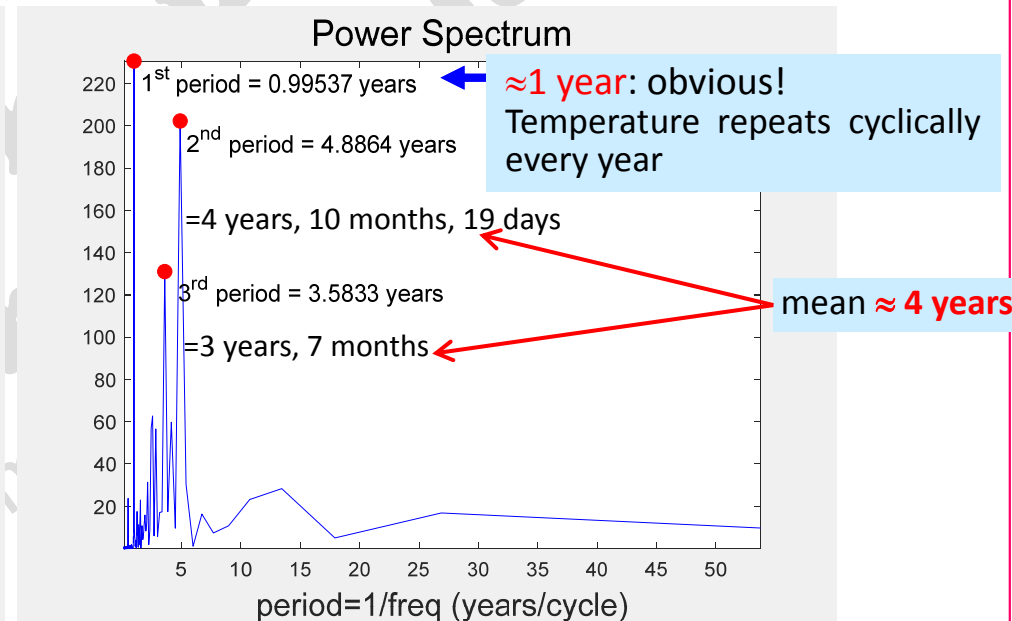
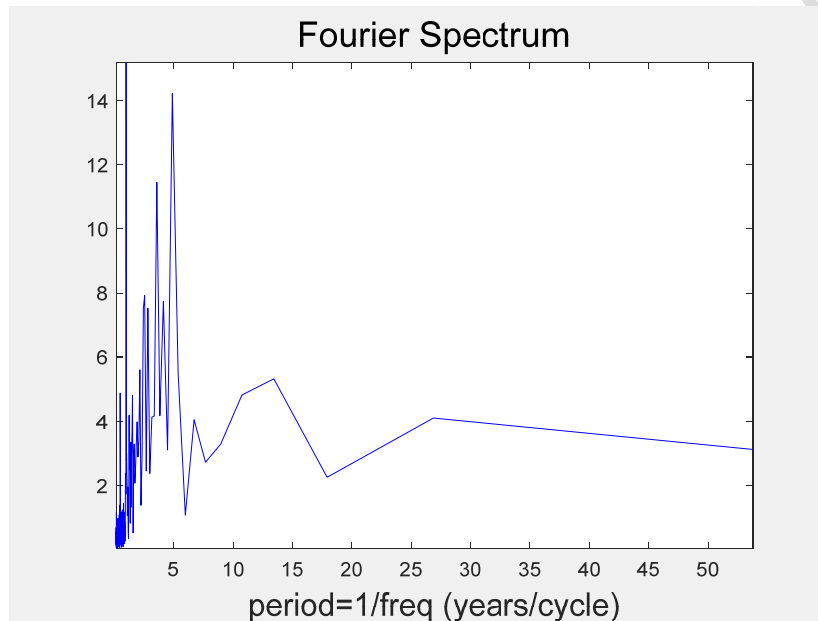


# Applications example 2

## period of "El Ninho"

```
mid=N/2+2; % only freq > 0
period=1./nu(mid:end); % instead of frequencies, on abscissas we use periods (in years)
plot(period,abs(F(mid:end)),'b'); axis tight
xlabel('period=1/freq (years/cycle)', 'FontSize',16)
title('Spectrum', 'FontSize',18)
power=abs(F(mid:end)).^2;
plot(period,power,'b'); axis tight
title('Power Spectrum', 'FontSize',18); xlabel(...); hold on
```

$$\text{Power Spectrum} = \{|F_k|^2\}_k$$



```
%% find the index of the 1st maximum in the Power Spectrum
index=find(power == max(power)); % 1st
p1=period(index); plot(p1,power(index),'r.', 'MarkerSize',25)
text(period(index),power(index),[' 1^{st} period = ' num2str(period(index)) ' years'])
```

Applications  
example 3

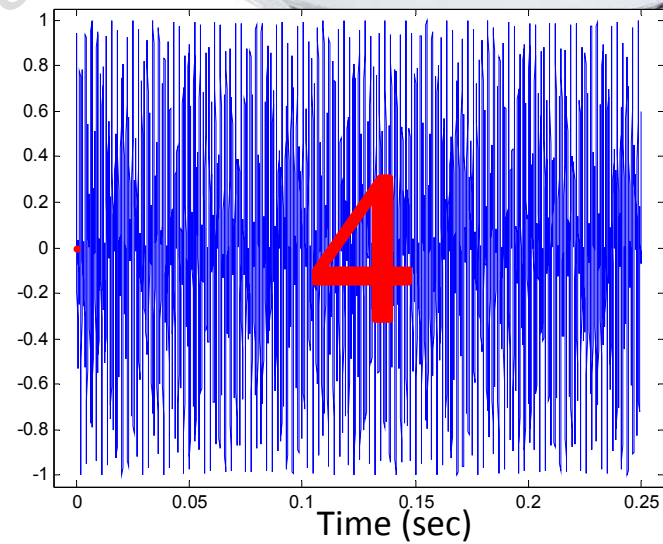
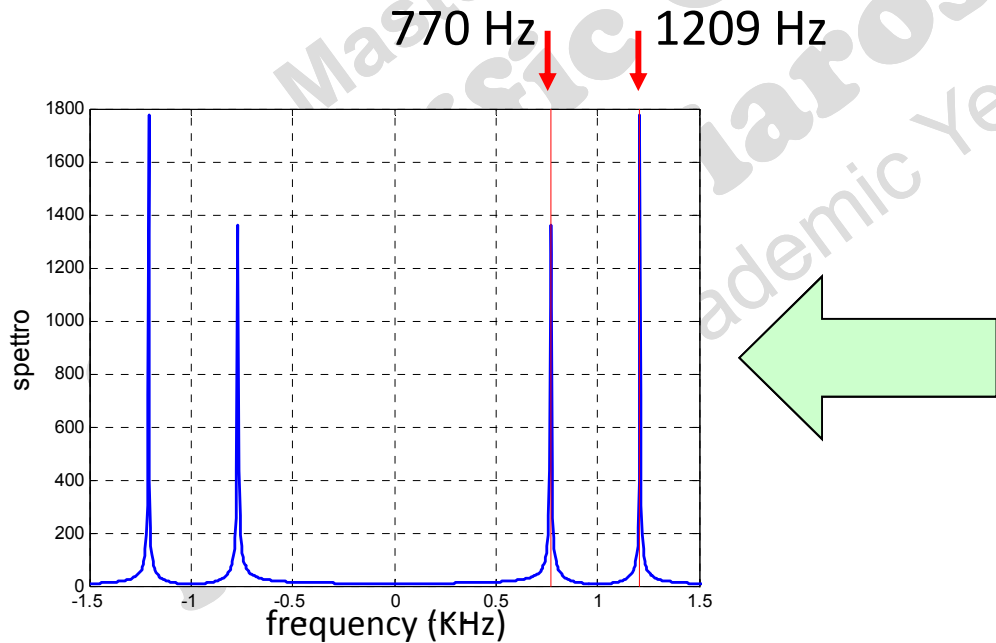
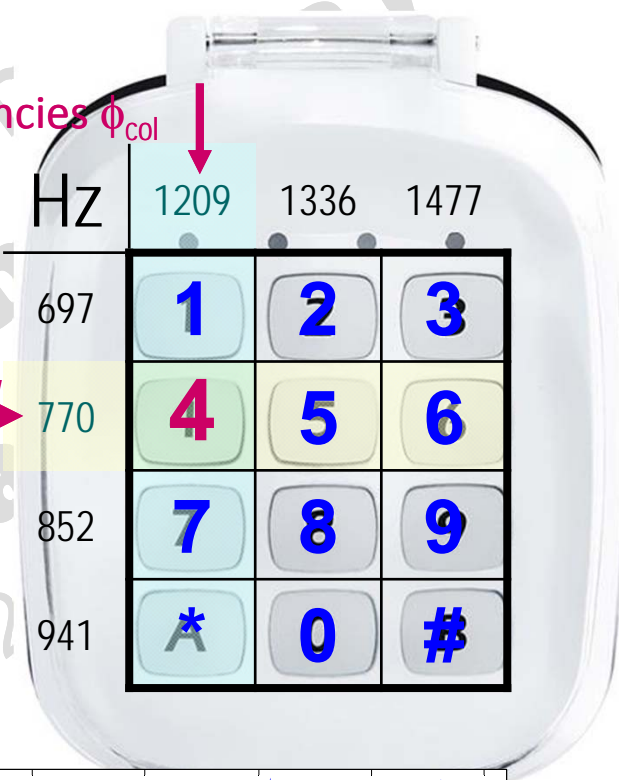
# Dual-tone multi-frequency (DTMF) phone keypad

The sound  $y$  of each key is the sum of two “tones”, i.e. two sinusoids of suitable frequencies:

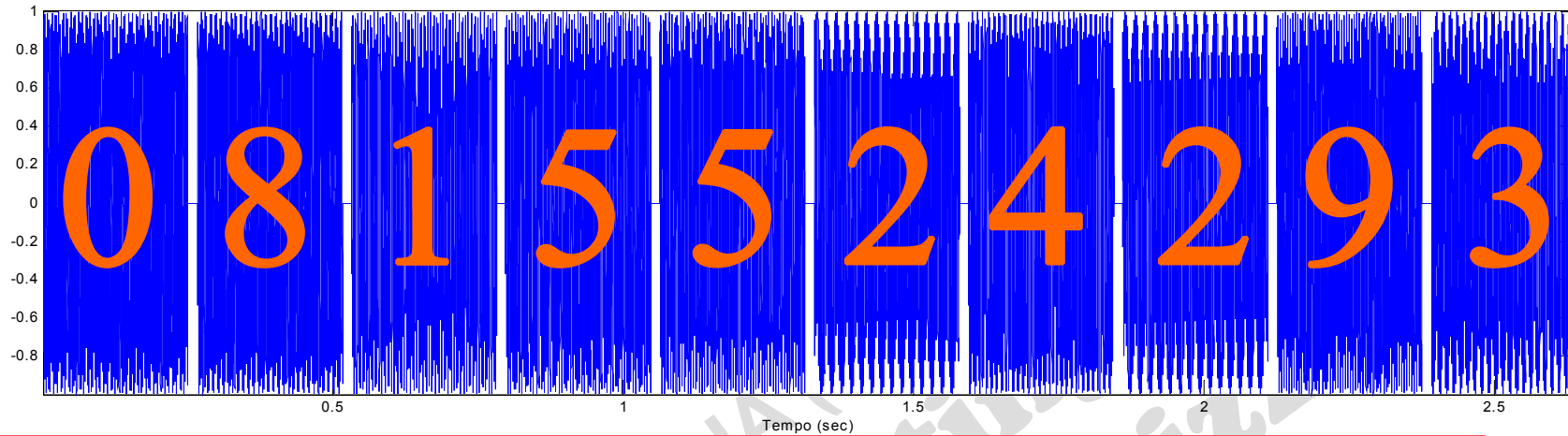
$$y = \frac{\sin(2\pi\phi_{row}t) + \sin(2\pi\phi_{col}t)}{2}$$

low frequencies  $\phi_{row}$

high frequencies  $\phi_{col}$



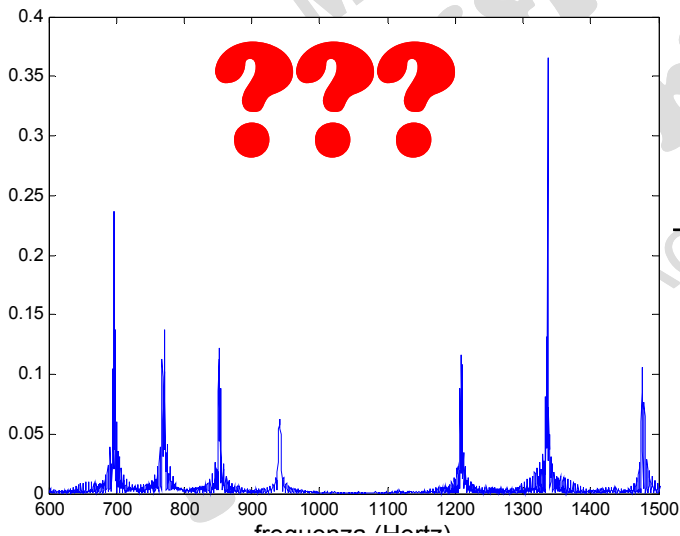
**example 3**



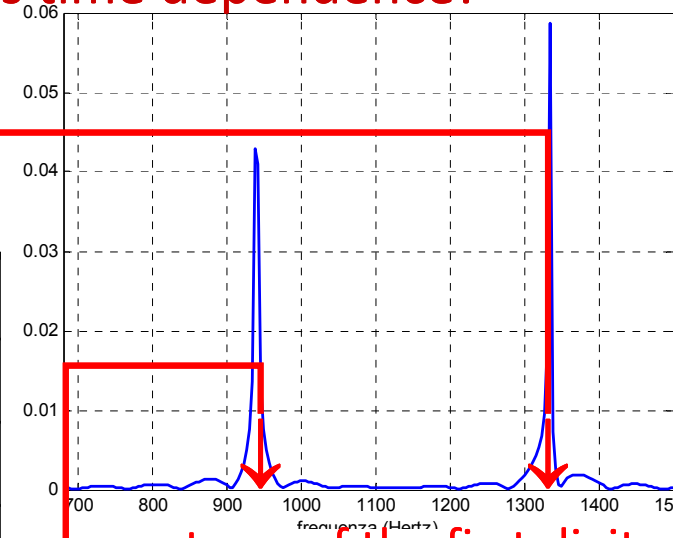
```

info=audioinfo('PhoneNumber.wav')
[y,fs]=audioread('PhoneNumber.wav'); sound(y,fs) % fs: sample rate
N=numel(y); Dt=1/fs; tj=Dt*(1:N)'; T=N*Dt;
figure(1); plot(tj,y,'b'); axis tight; xlabel('Tempo (sec)')
Y=fftshift(fft(y)); Y=[Y;Y(1)]*T/N; Dnu=1/T; nuk=(-N/2:N/2)'/T;
figure(2); plot(nuk,abs(Y),'b');
xlabel('frequency (Hertz)'); ylabel('Spectrum of the whole phone number')
    
```

the sound varies with time: the spectrum of the whole signal contains all the component frequencies, without showing its time dependence!



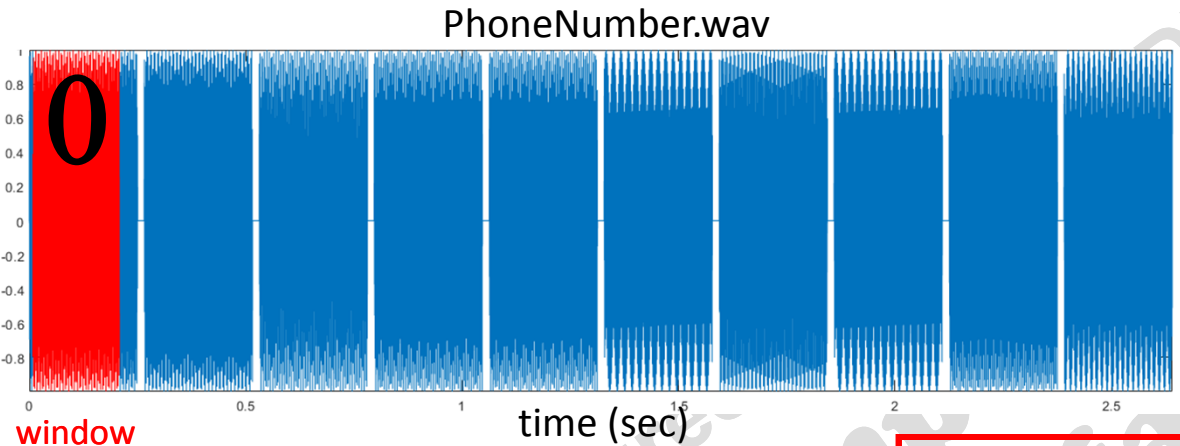
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852	7	8	9
941	*	0	#



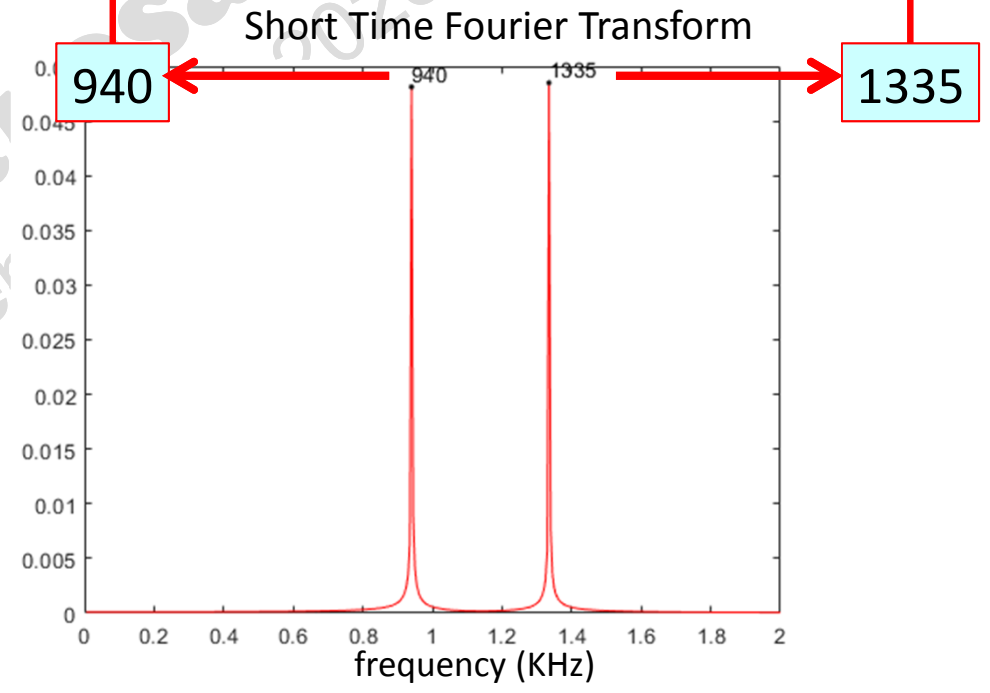
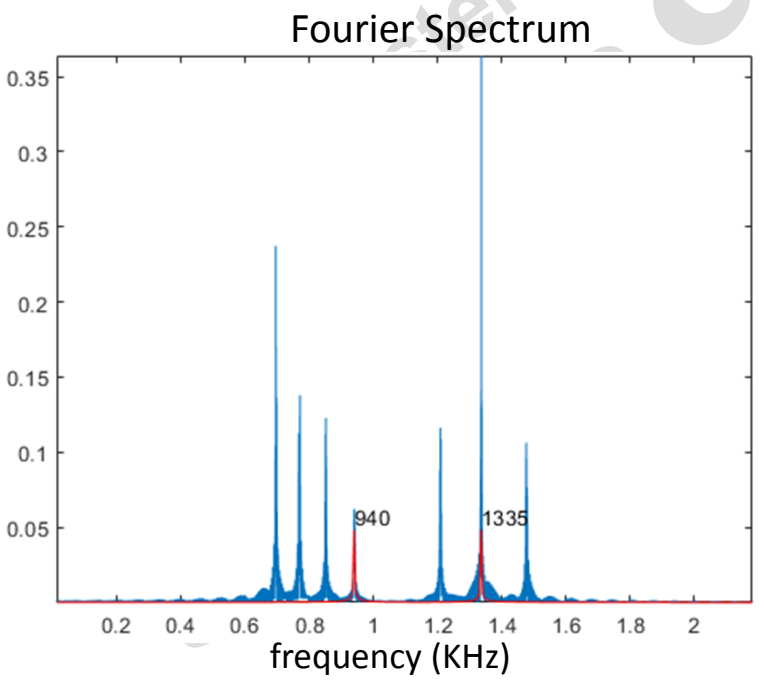
spectrum of the first digit

# A moving window should be applied to the signal: "Short Time Fourier Transform (STFT)"

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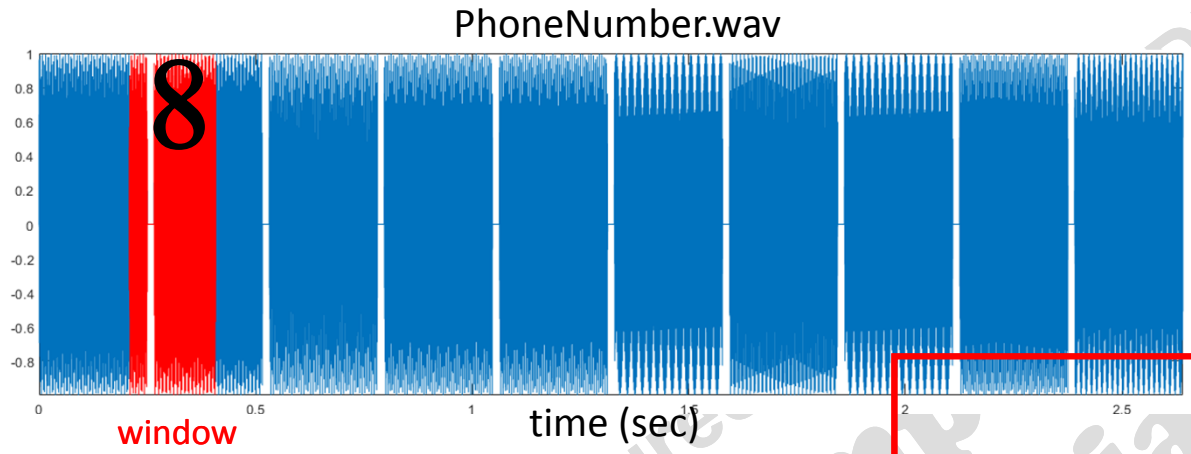


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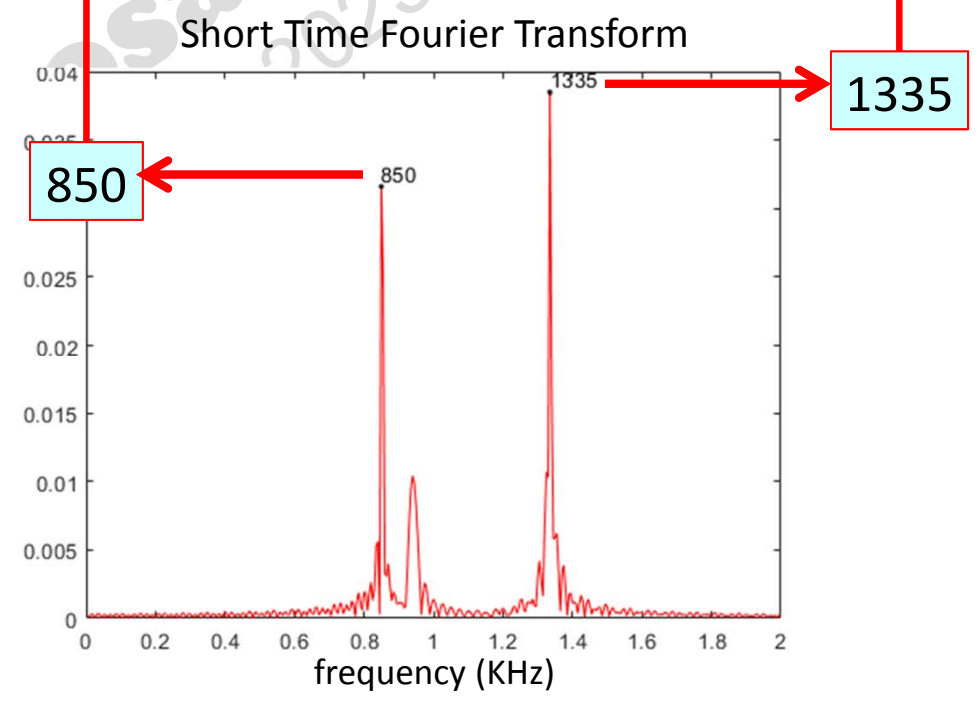
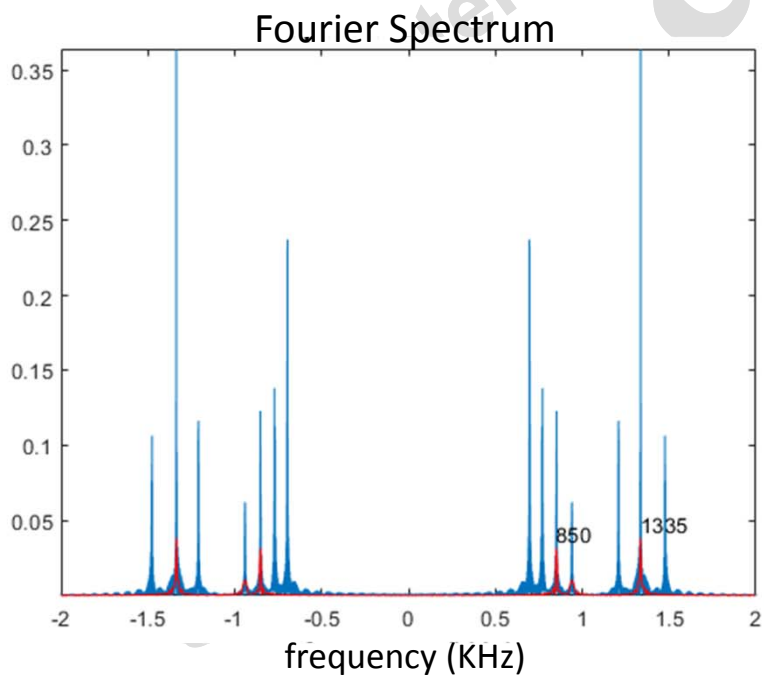


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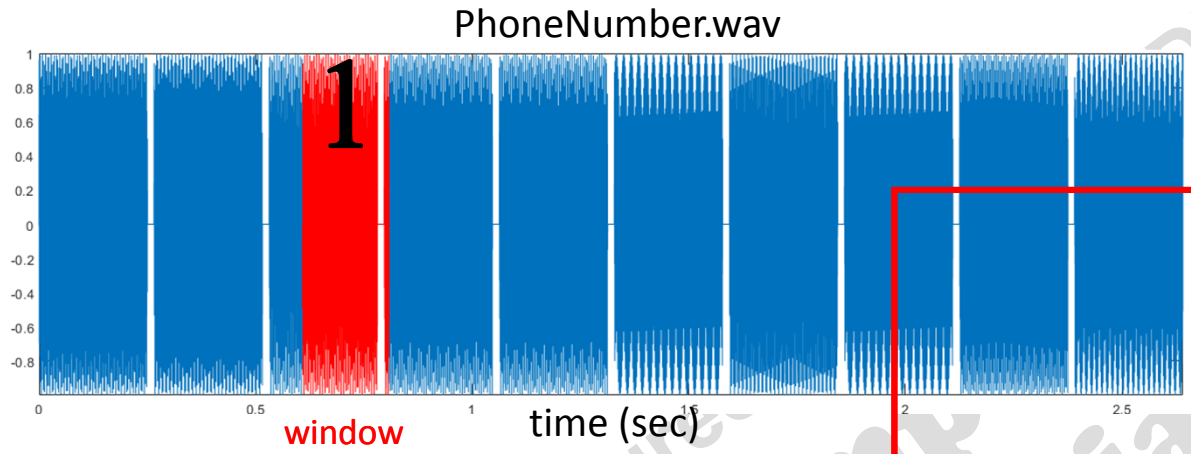
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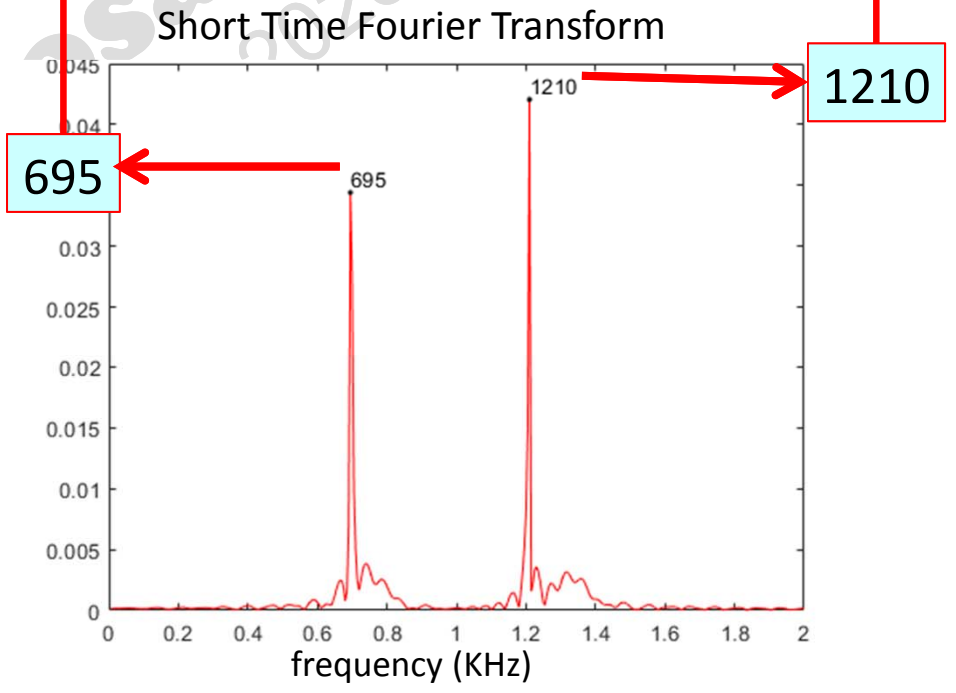
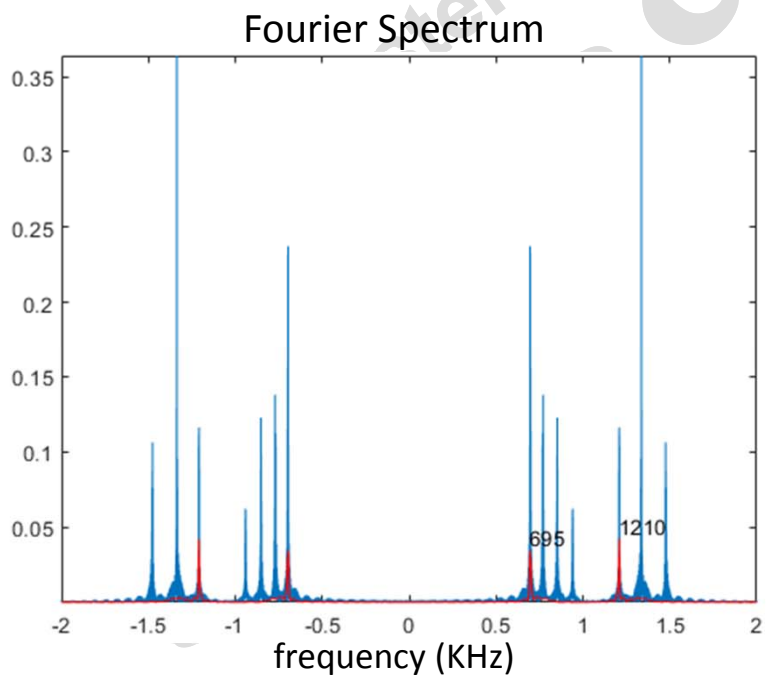


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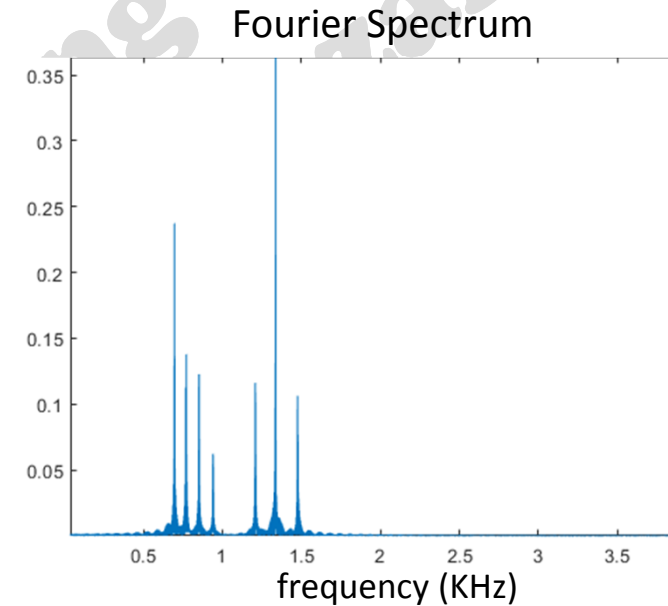
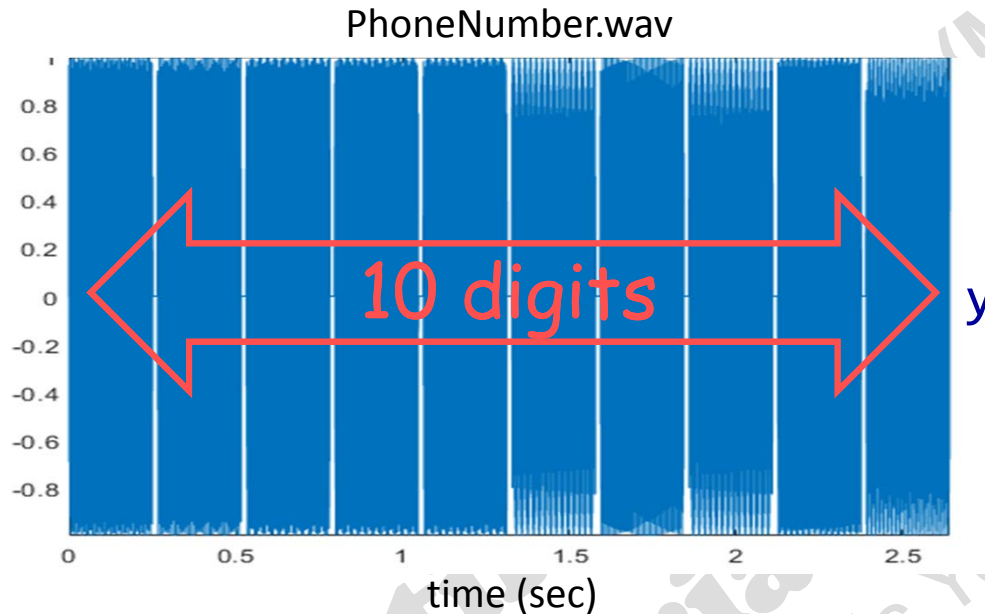




A **moving window** should be applied to the signal:  
"Short Time Fourier Transform (STFT)"

Download  
**STFT.p**  
and PhoneNum.zip

Put the code **STFT.p** in the same folder as files in **PhoneNum.zip**



Run: **STFT.p** and answer as follows to the questions

```
Total Duration (sec) = 2.6409
Reduce the window? [y/n]: y
T0: origin of the new window (0 <= t0 < 2.6409) = 0
Width T of the new window = numel(y)/10*Dt
```

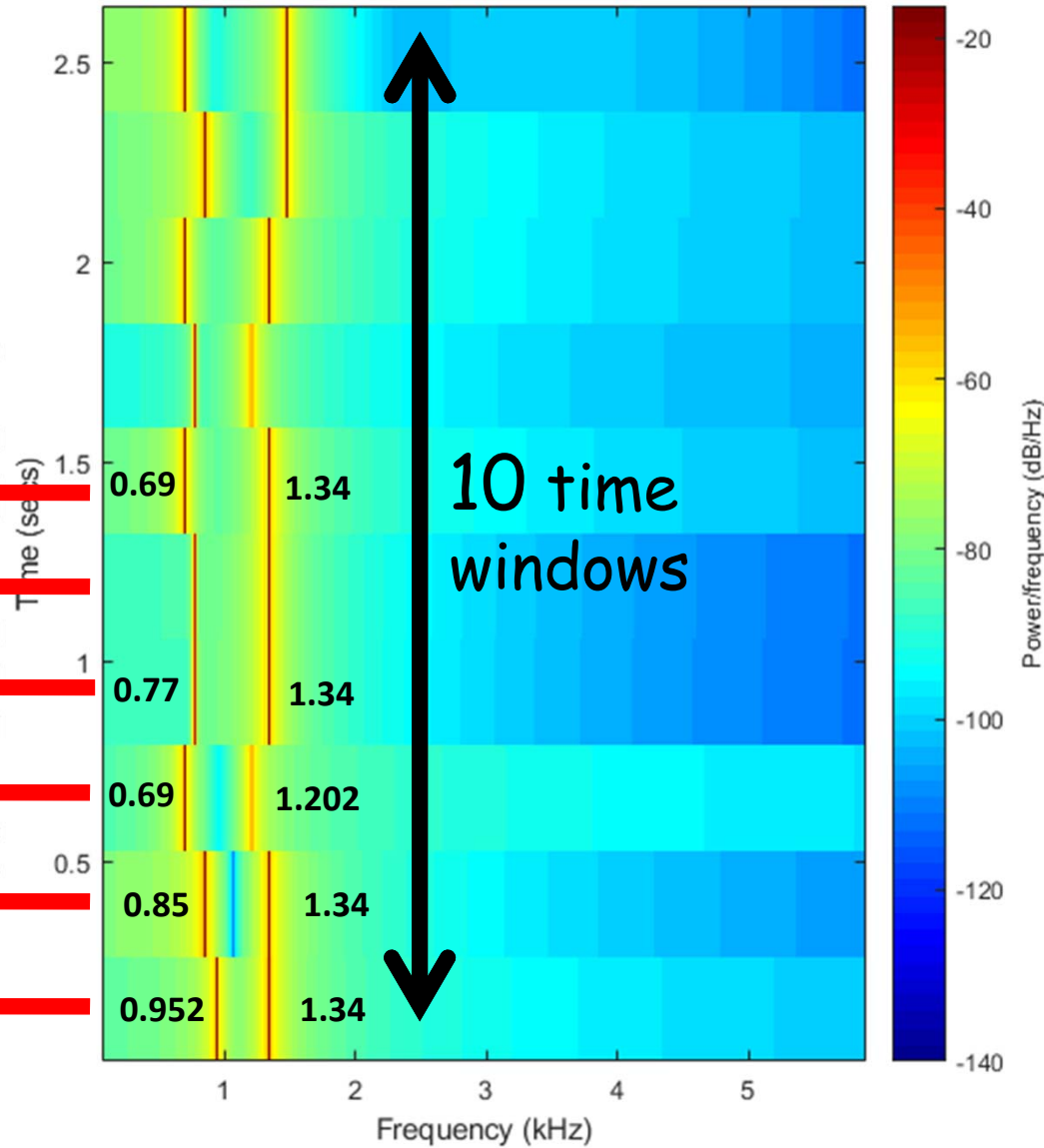
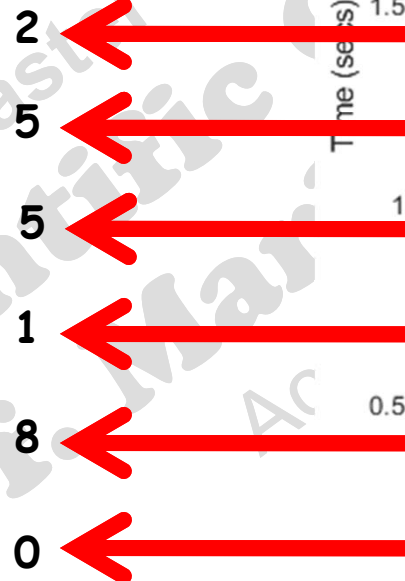
the best answer

# STFT in MATLAB

```
[y,fs]=audioread('PhoneNumber.wav');
M=fix(numel(y)/10);
spectrogram(y,M,0,[ ],fs); colormap('jet')
```

in Signal Processing Toolbox

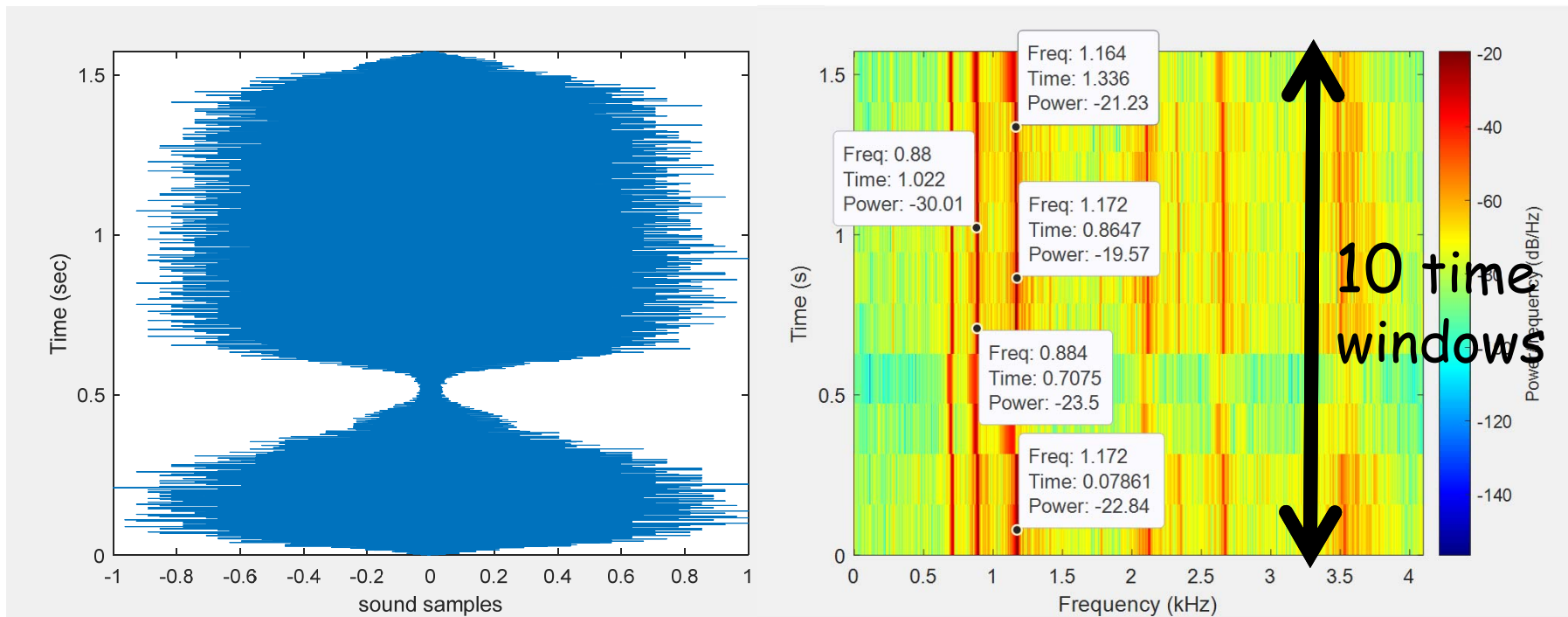
Hz	1209	1336	1477
697	1	2	3
770	4	5	6
852	7	8	9
941	*	0	#



# STFT in MATLAB

```
load train; sound(y,Fs) %[y: samples, Fs: sample rate]
Dt=1/Fs % Period = 1/circ.frequency
Duration=Dt*numel(y); tj=linspace(0,Duration,numel(y))';
plot(y,tj); axis tight; ylabel('time (sec)')
M=fix(numel(y)/10); spectrogram(y,M,0,[ ],Fs); colormap('jet')
```

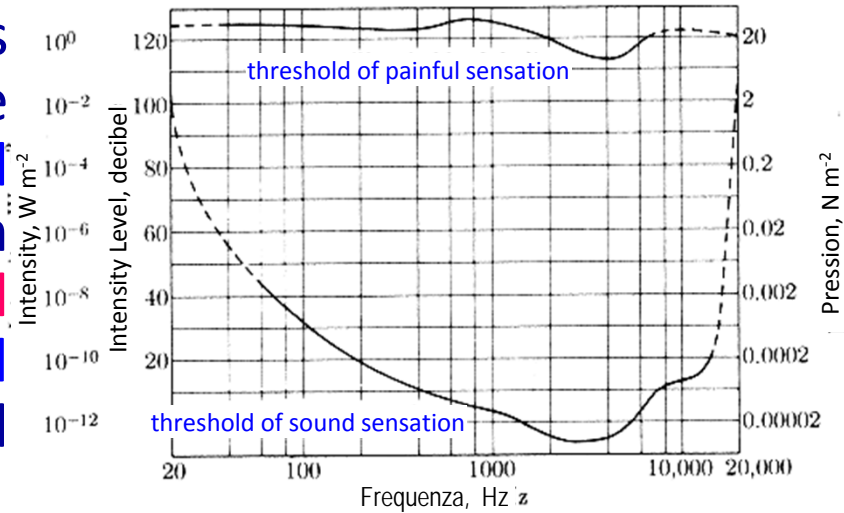
Compare with frequency table in the file: [Musical\\_Note\\_Frequencies.pdf](#)



# Example 4

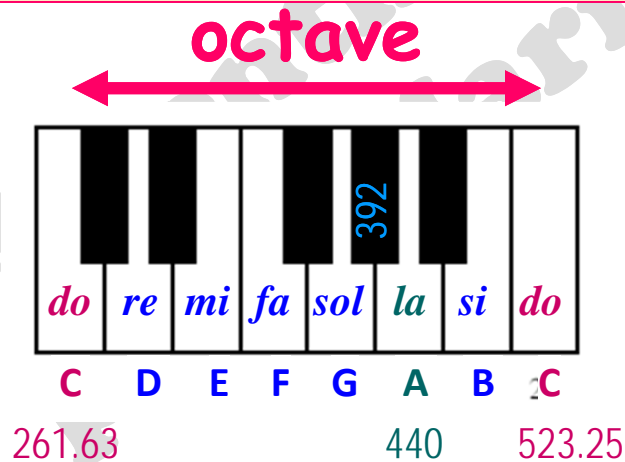
## Application to music

The sensitivity of human ears is such that for each frequency there is a **minimal intensity**, or **threshold** of sound sensation, below which sound is inaudible, and a **maximal intensity**, or **threshold of painful sensation**, above which sound produces discomfort or pain.



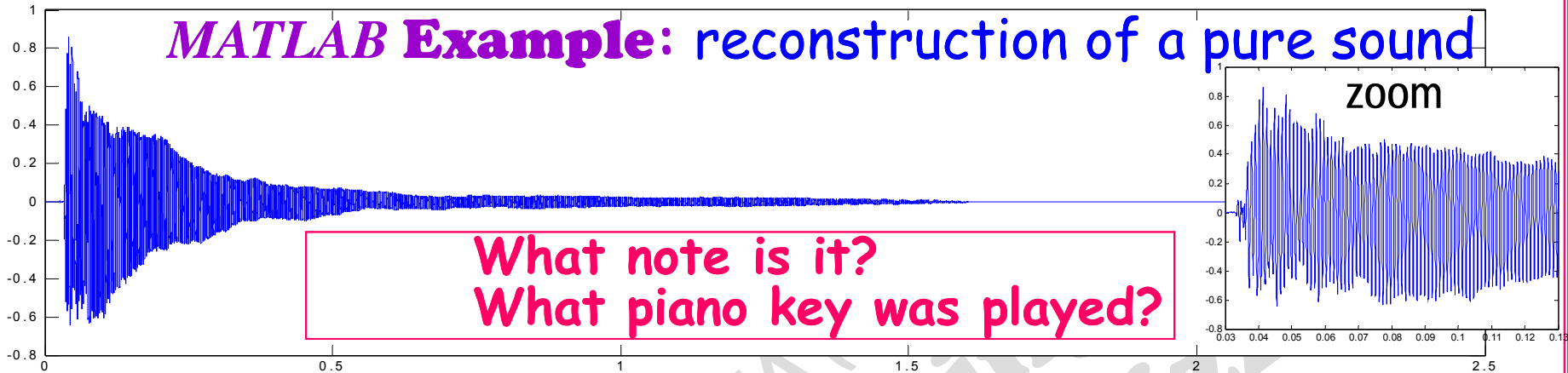
“The sensation of **musical sound** is given by rapid, periodic vibrations; that of **noise** by non-periodic vibrations”

*Sensations of Tone*, Hermann von Helmholtz (1821-1894)  
(German physician)

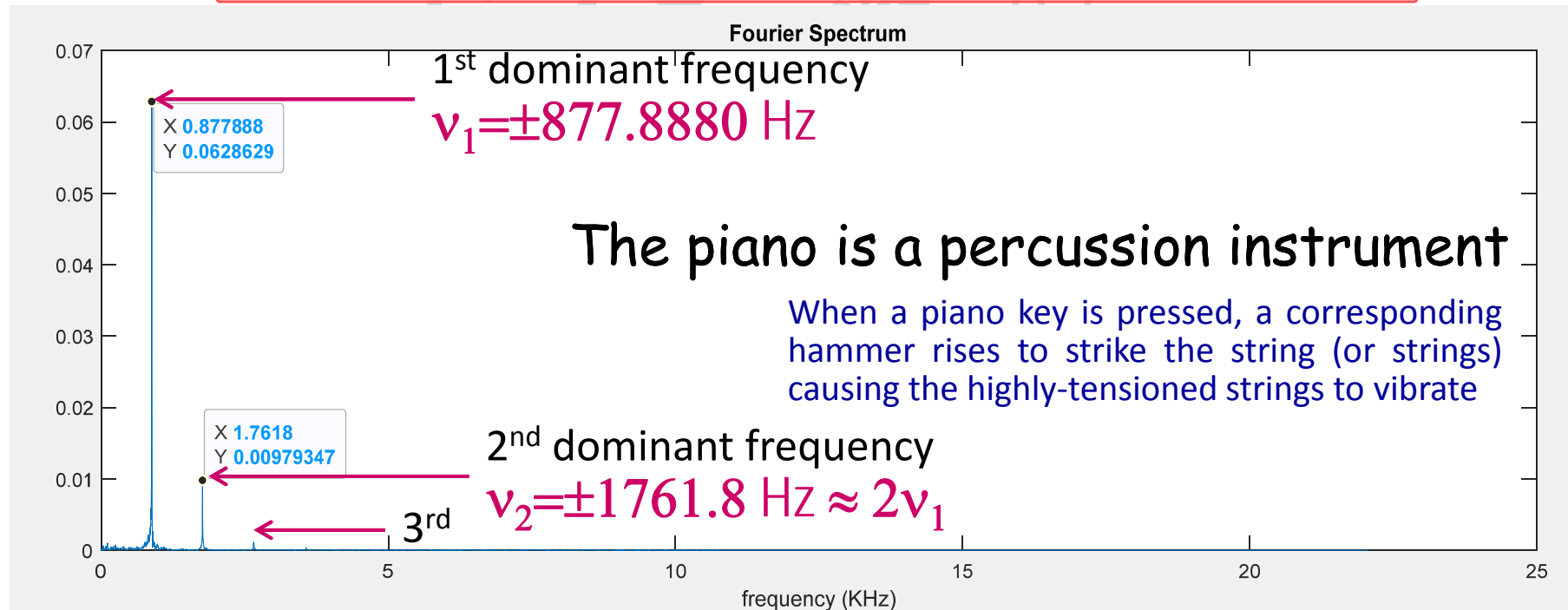


sound	frequency
lowest note of a piano	27.187
higher note of a piano	4180
Middle C of the piano	261.63
A above middle C	440

# MATLAB Example: reconstruction of a pure sound



```
[y,fs]=audioread('PIANO.wav'); sound(y,fs)
N=numel(y); Dt=1/fs; tj=Dt*(1:N)'; T=N*Dt; Dnu=1/T;
figure(1); plot(tj,y); xlabel('Time (sec)')
Y=fftshift(fft(y)); Y=[Y;Y(1)]*T/N; nu=(-N/2:N/2)'/T;
figure(2); plot(1e-3*nu,abs(Y)) % KHz
xlabel('frequency (KHz)'); title('Fourier Spectrum')
```



# frequencies and musical notes

DO5	C5	523 Hz
DO#5	C#5	554 Hz
RE5	D5	587 Hz
RE#5	D#5	622 Hz
MI5	E5	659 Hz
FA5	F5	698 Hz
FA#5	F#5	740 Hz
SOL5	G5	784 Hz
SOL#5	G#5	831 Hz
LA5	A5	880 Hz
LA#5	A#5	932 Hz
SI5	B5	988 Hz
DO6	C6	1046 Hz
DO#6	C#6	1109 Hz
RE6	D6	1175 Hz
RE#6	D#6	1245 Hz
MI6	E6	1319 Hz
FA6	F6	1397 Hz
FA#6	F#6	1480 Hz
SOL6	G6	1568 Hz
SOL#6	G#6	1661 Hz
LA6	A6	1760 Hz
LA#6	A#6	1865 Hz
SI6	B6	1976 Hz

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$$v=877.8880 \text{ Hz}$$

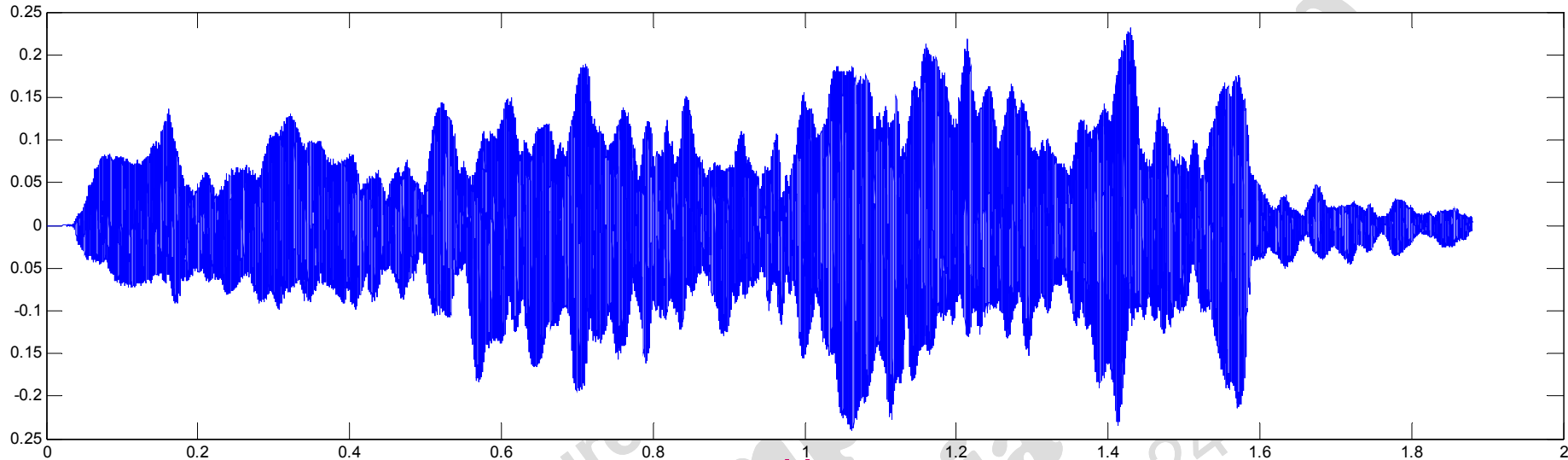
$$\approx 880 \text{ Hz}$$

1 octave

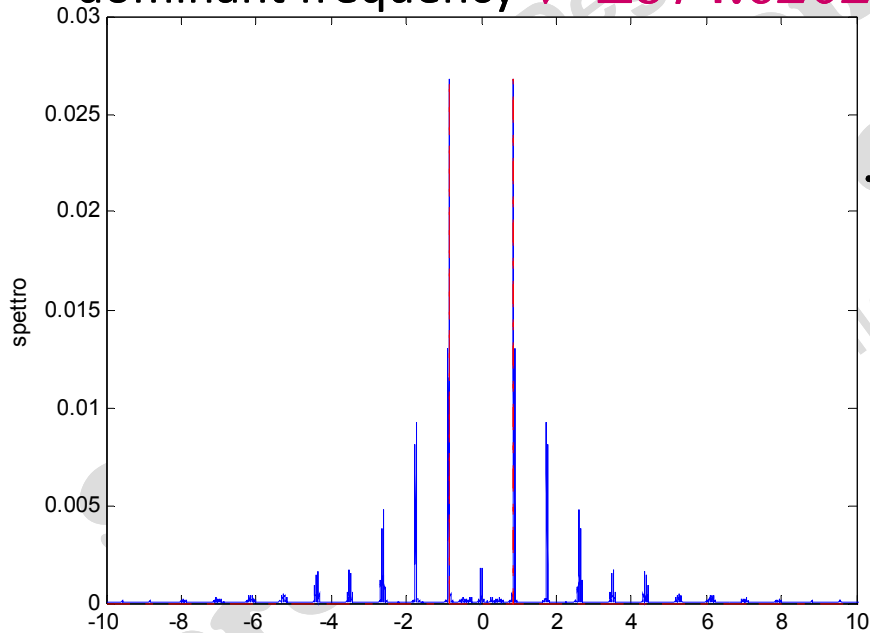
$$\approx 1760 = 2 \times 880$$

$$v=1761 \text{ Hz}$$

If we repeat the experiment with a violin ... (file "VIOLIN.wav")



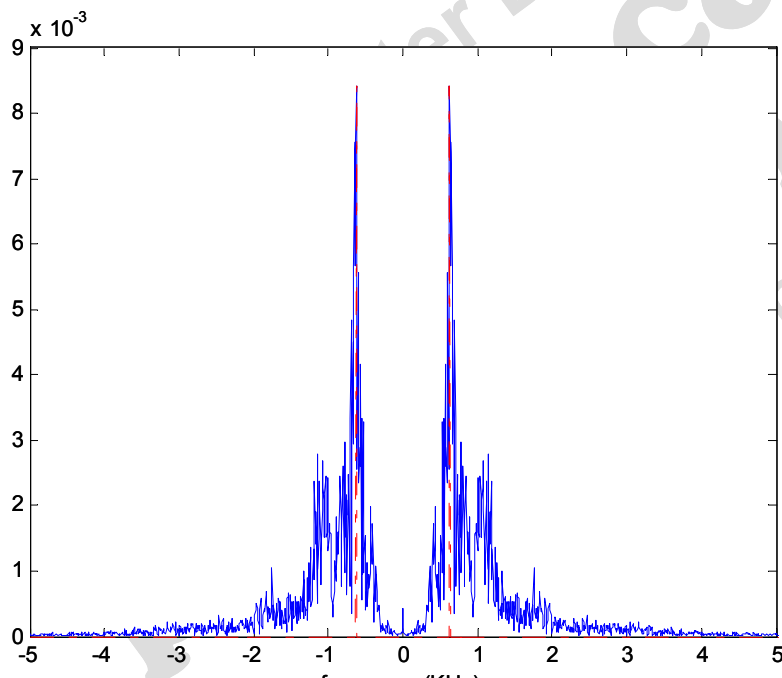
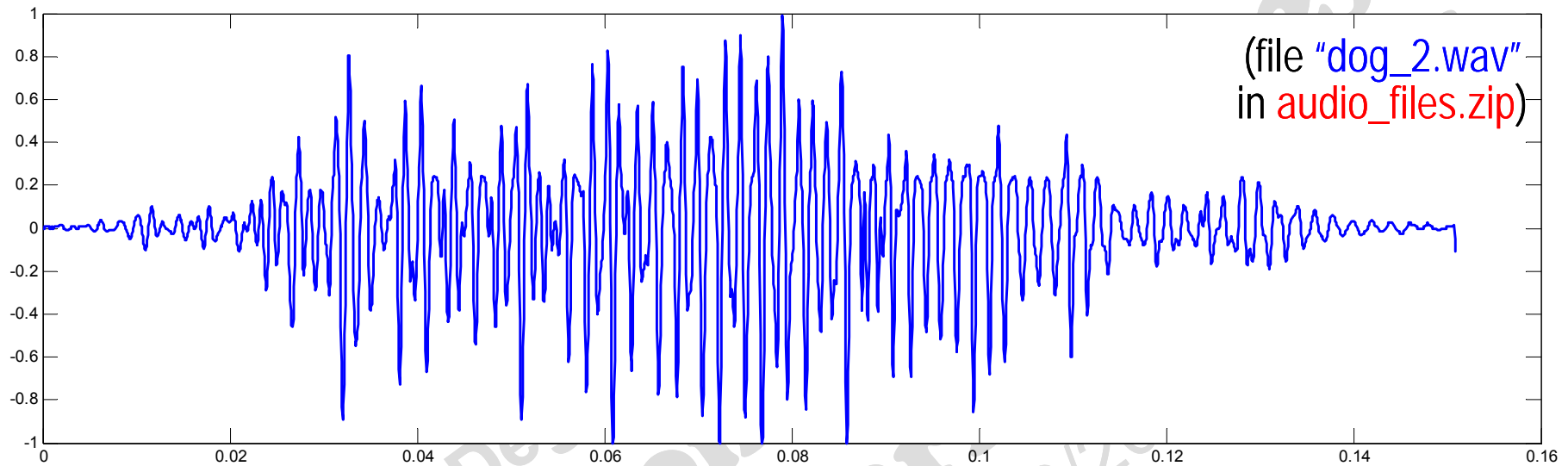
dominant frequency  $\nu = \pm 874.6202$  Hz



The violin is a string instrument

a given note on a violin will have several frequencies vibrating at once, since the violin bow touches the chords

If we repeat the experiment with a non-periodic sound  
(noise)

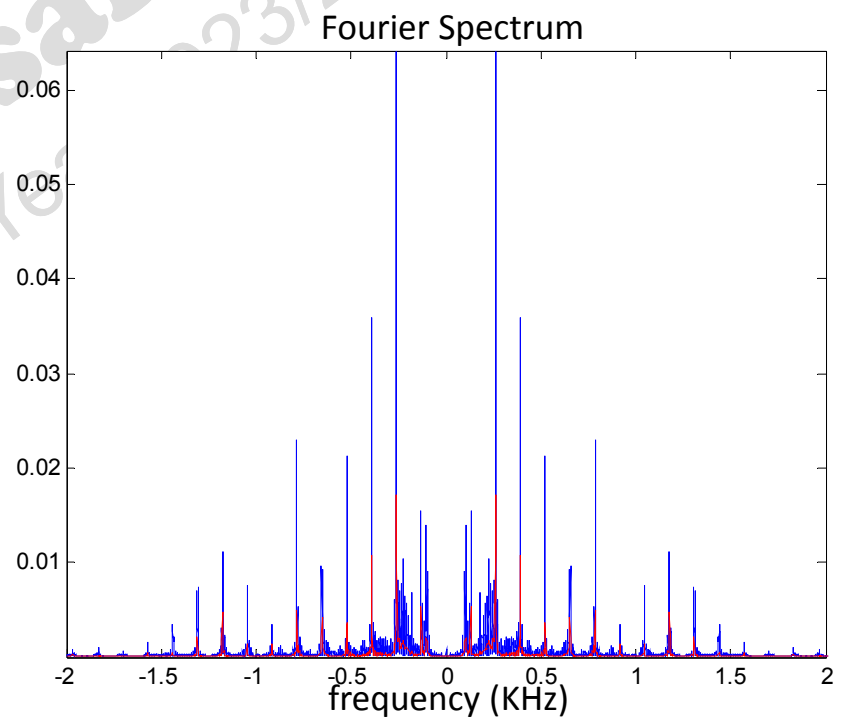
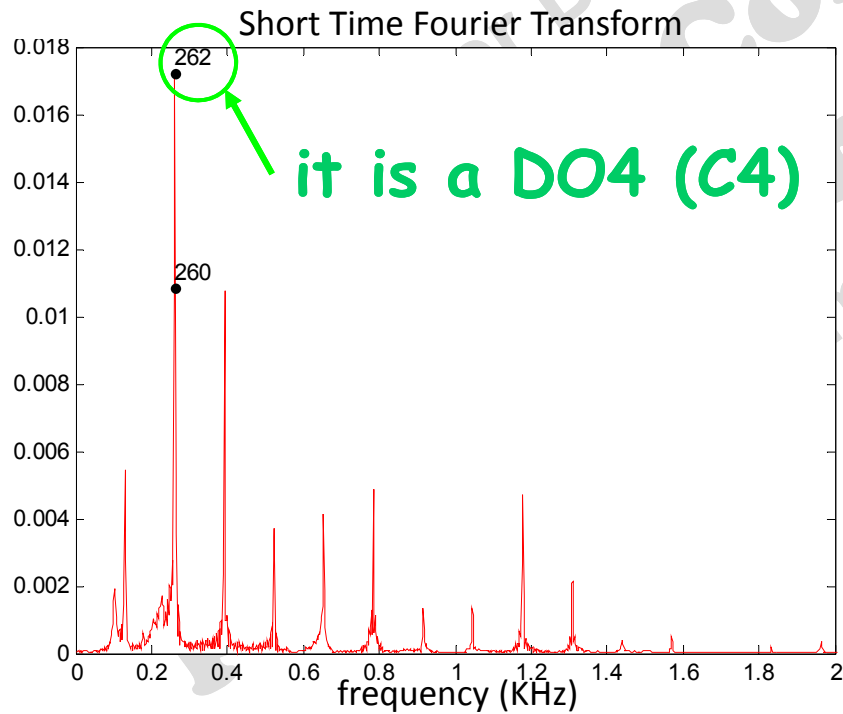
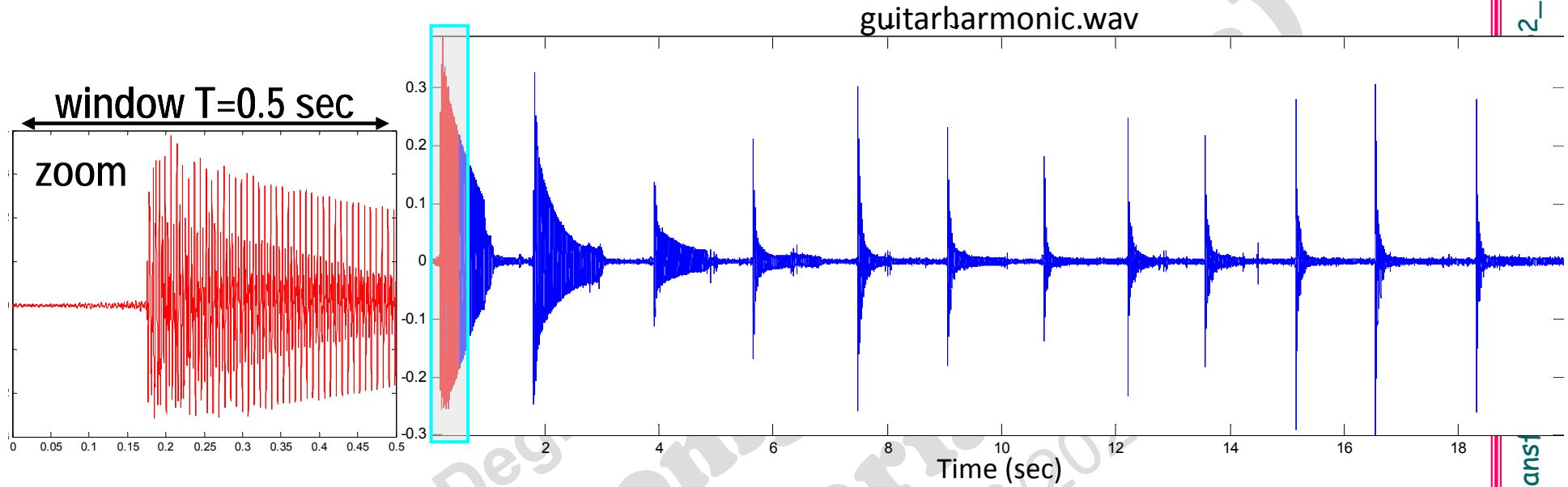


infinitely many frequencies  
for a non-periodic sound



# by means of Short Time Fourier Transform ...

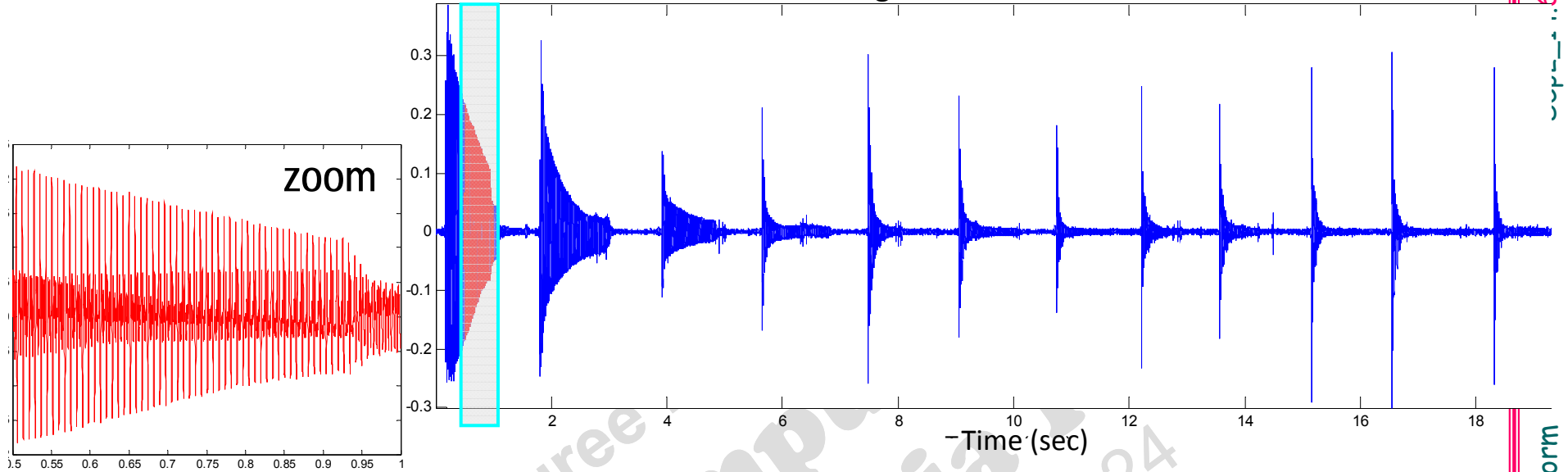
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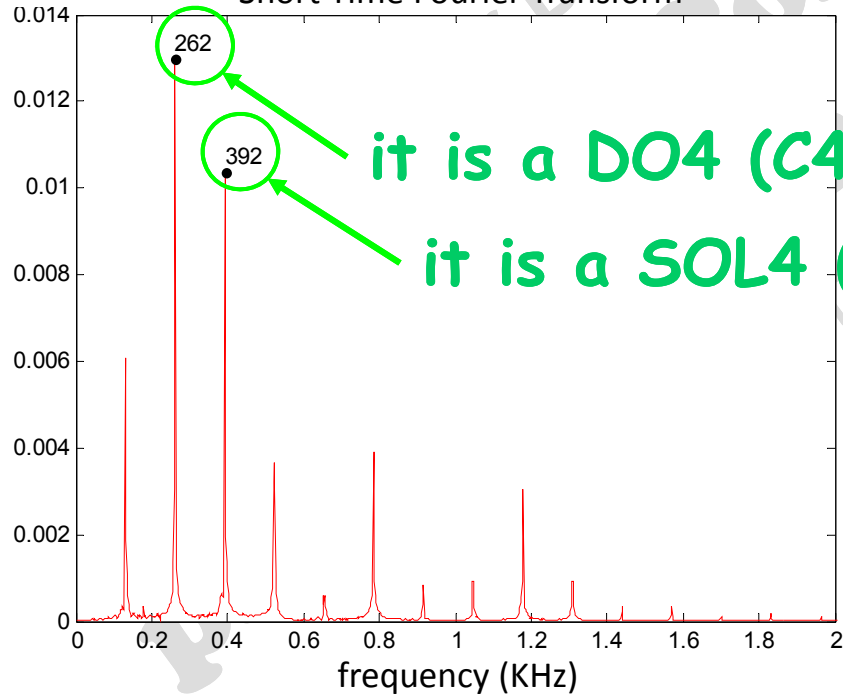
Fourier Trans

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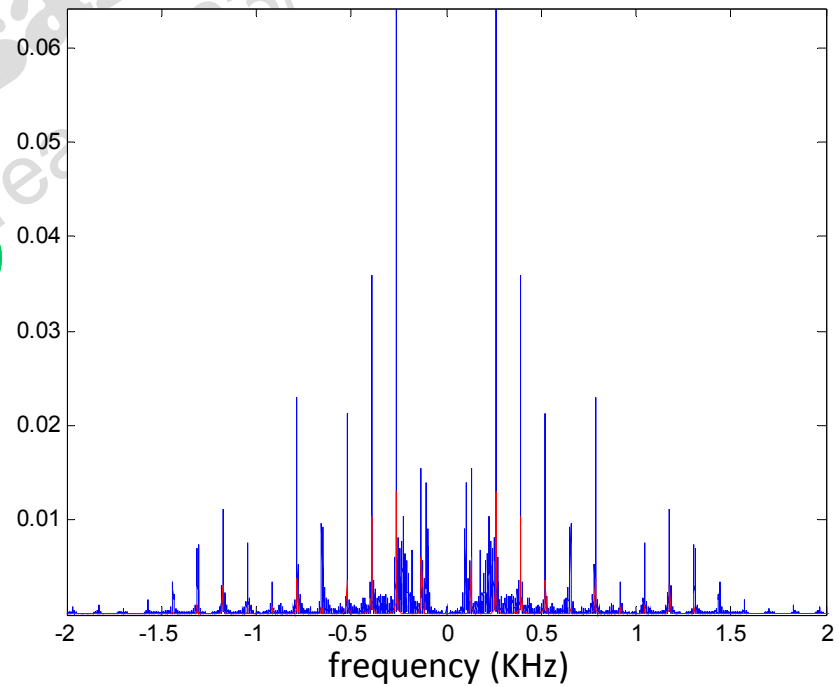
guitarbarmonic.wav



Short Time Fourier Transform



Fourier Spectrum



Fourier Transform

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