

# Lecture 15

## Convolution

## Preview of today's lecture

- ◆ Convolution property
  - ✦ Convolution in time is multiplication in frequency
  - ✦ Use this fact to compute convolutions with less work!
- ◆ Multiplication property
  - ✦ Multiplication in time is convolution in frequency
  - ✦ Use this fact to explain windowing
- ◆ Bandwidth
  - ✦ Finite duration signals have infinite bandwidth
  - ✦ Different measures of bandwidth are used in practice

# Fourier transform properties I

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j\omega) \quad y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega)$$

	Time domain	Fourier transform
<b>Linearity</b>	$ax(t) + by(t)$	$aX(j\omega) + bY(j\omega)$
<b>Time shifting</b>	$x(t - t_0)$	$e^{-j\omega t_0} X(j\omega)$
<b>Differentiation</b>	$\frac{dx}{dt}$	$j\omega X(j\omega)$
<b>Integration</b>	$\int_{-\infty}^t x(\tau) d\tau$	$\frac{1}{j\omega} X(j\omega) + \pi X(0) \delta(j\omega)$

## Fourier transform properties 2

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j\omega)$$

	Time domain	Fourier transform
<b>Time scaling</b>	$x(at)$	$\frac{1}{ a } X\left(\frac{j\omega}{a}\right)$
<b>Frequency scaling</b>	$\frac{1}{ b } x\left(\frac{t}{b}\right)$	$X(jb\omega)$
<b>Frequency shifting</b>	$x(t)e^{j\omega_0 t}$	$X(j(\omega - \omega_0))$
<b>Parseval's theorem</b>	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}  x(t) ^2 dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}  X(j\omega) ^2 d\omega$	

# Fourier transform properties 3

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j\omega) \quad y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega)$$

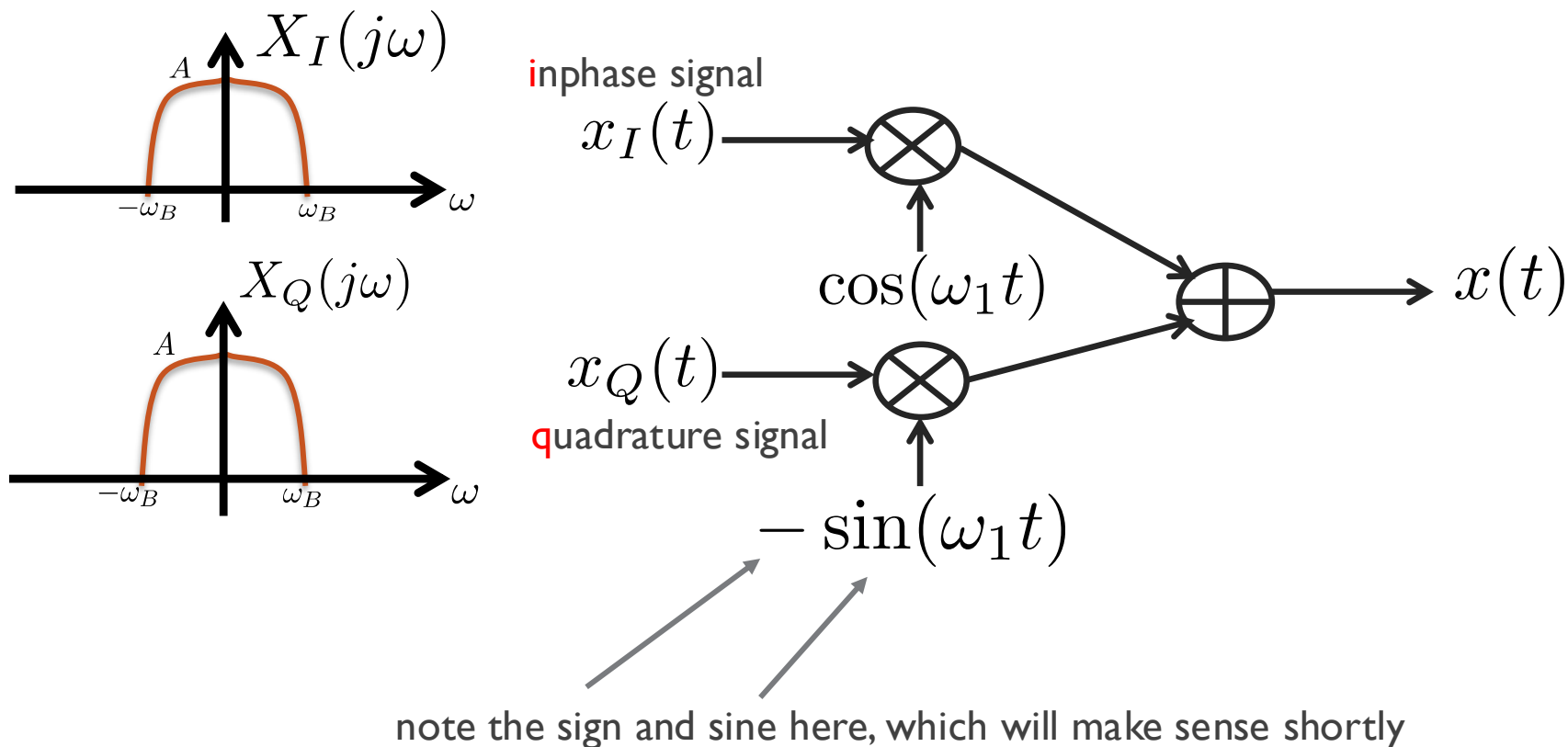
$$h(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} H(j\omega)$$

	Time domain	Fourier transform
Convolution in time	$y(t) = h(t) * x(t)$	$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega)$
Multiplication in time	$y(t) = h(t)x(t)$	$Y(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(j\theta)X(j(\omega - \theta))d\theta$

windowing

## Practical application – Inphase and quadrature

- ◆ What if two information signals are sent as follows?



## Practical application – Inphase and quadrature (cont.)

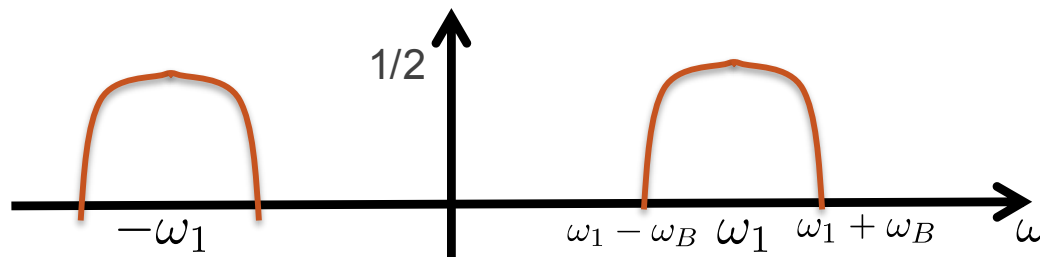
### ◆ What happens in the frequency domain?

#### ★ Inphase term

$$\mathcal{F} \{x_I(t) \cos(\omega_1 t)\} = \frac{1}{2}X_I(j(\omega - \omega_1)) + \frac{1}{2}X_I(j(\omega + \omega_1))$$

#### ★ Quadrature term

$$\mathcal{F} \{-x_Q(t) \sin(\omega_1 t)\} = \frac{j}{2}X_Q(j(\omega - \omega_1)) - \frac{j}{2}X_Q(j(\omega + \omega_1))$$



mixture of inphase and quadrature terms but **not the same mixture** at positive and negative frequencies

## Practical application – Inphase and quadrature (cont.)

### ◆ What about demodulation?

#### ★ Trig identities

$$\sin u \sin v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u - v) - \cos(u + v)]$$

$$\cos u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u - v) + \cos(u + v)]$$

$$\sin u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(u - v) + \sin(u + v)]$$

Can recover both  
inphase and  
quadrature!

#### ★ Applying the identities

filter out

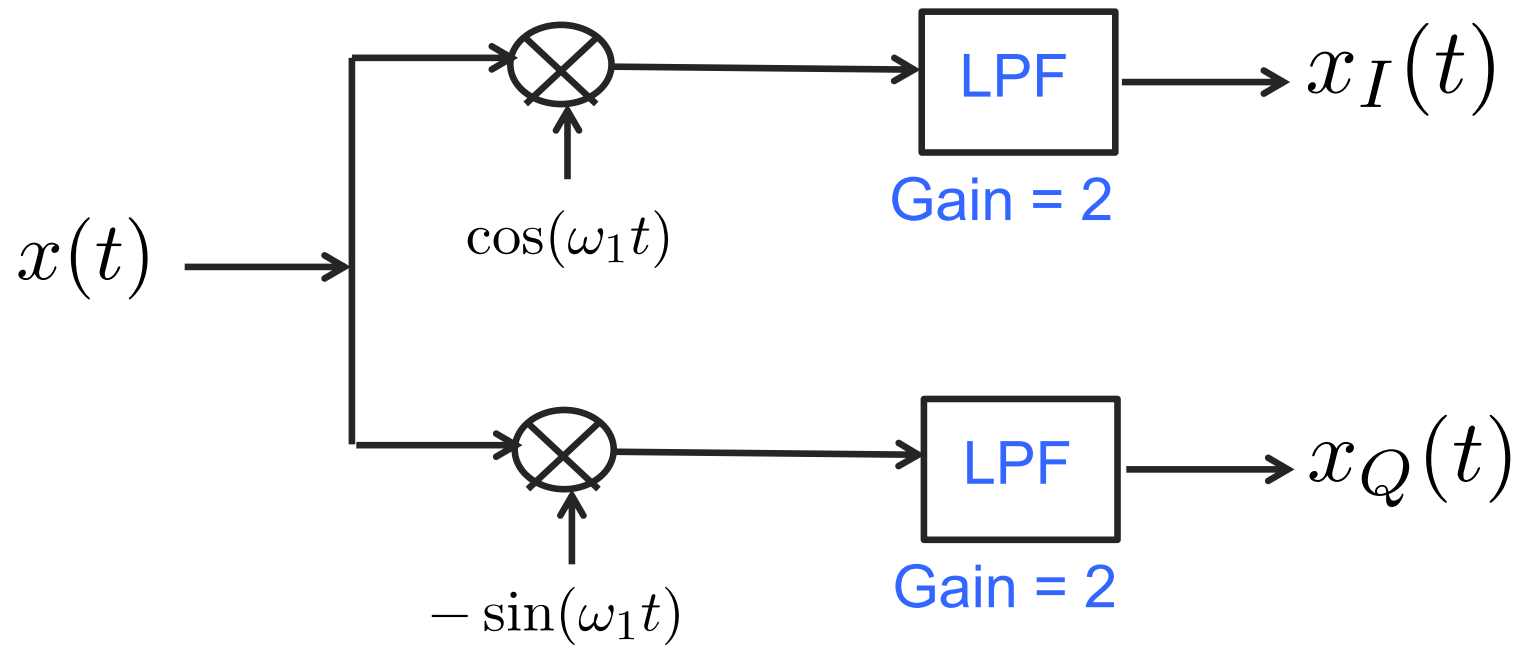
$$x(t) \cos(\omega_1 t) = \frac{1}{2} x_I(t) + \frac{1}{2} x_I(t) \cos(2\omega_1 t) - \frac{1}{2} x_Q(t) \sin(2\omega_1 t)$$

$$x(t) \sin(\omega_1 t) = -\frac{1}{2} x_Q(t) + \frac{1}{2} x_Q(t) \cos(2\omega_1 t) + \frac{1}{2} x_I(t) \sin(2\omega_1 t).$$



## Practical application – Inphase and quadrature (cont.)


### ◆ IQ demodulator



## Practical application – Inphase and quadrature (cont.)

- ◆ Why do we use complex signals?

This is called the  
complex baseband signal

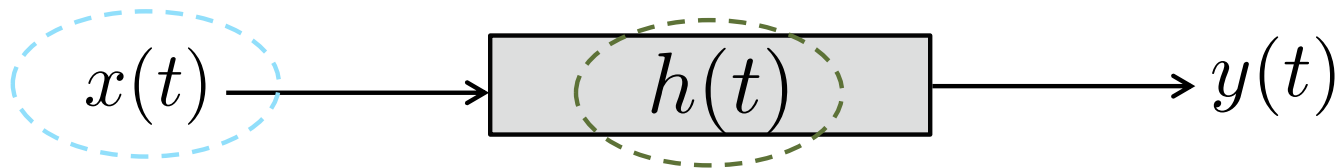
$$x_{bb}(t) = x_I(t) + jx_Q(t)$$


The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the complex baseband signal  $x_{bb}(t)$  into its real and imaginary components. The equation  $x_{bb}(t) = x_I(t) + jx_Q(t)$  is shown at the top. Below it, the real part  $\text{Re}\{x_{bb}(t)\}$  is connected to  $x_I(t)$  by an arrow pointing from the real part to the in-phase term. Similarly, the imaginary part  $\text{Im}\{x_{bb}(t)\}$  is connected to  $jx_Q(t)$  by an arrow pointing from the imaginary part to the quadrature term.

Complex signals become a convenient way to work with inphase and quadrature together, avoiding the need for matrix notation

## Connections back to ECE 45

Lectures 2 - 3 working with signals



Lectures 4 - 7 LTI systems in the time domain

Lectures 11, 17 LTI systems in the frequency domain



Lectures 8 - 10 Fourier series

Lectures 11 - 16 Fourier transform

Fourier

# Convolution property

## Key points

- Convolution in time is multiplication in frequency
- Use this fact to compute convolutions

## Convolution property

◆ If  $h(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} H(j\omega) \quad x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j\omega) \quad y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega)$

◆ Then

$$y(t) = h(t) * x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega)$$

Convolution in time is multiplication in frequency

# Proof of the convolution property

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y(j\omega) &= \mathcal{F} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau \right\} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau e^{-j\omega t} dt \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t - \tau) e^{-j\omega t} dt d\tau && \text{Exchange order of integration} \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) e^{-j\omega \tau} H(j\omega) d\tau && \text{Time shift property} \\
 &= H(j\omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) e^{-j\omega \tau} d\tau = H(j\omega) X(j\omega)
 \end{aligned}$$

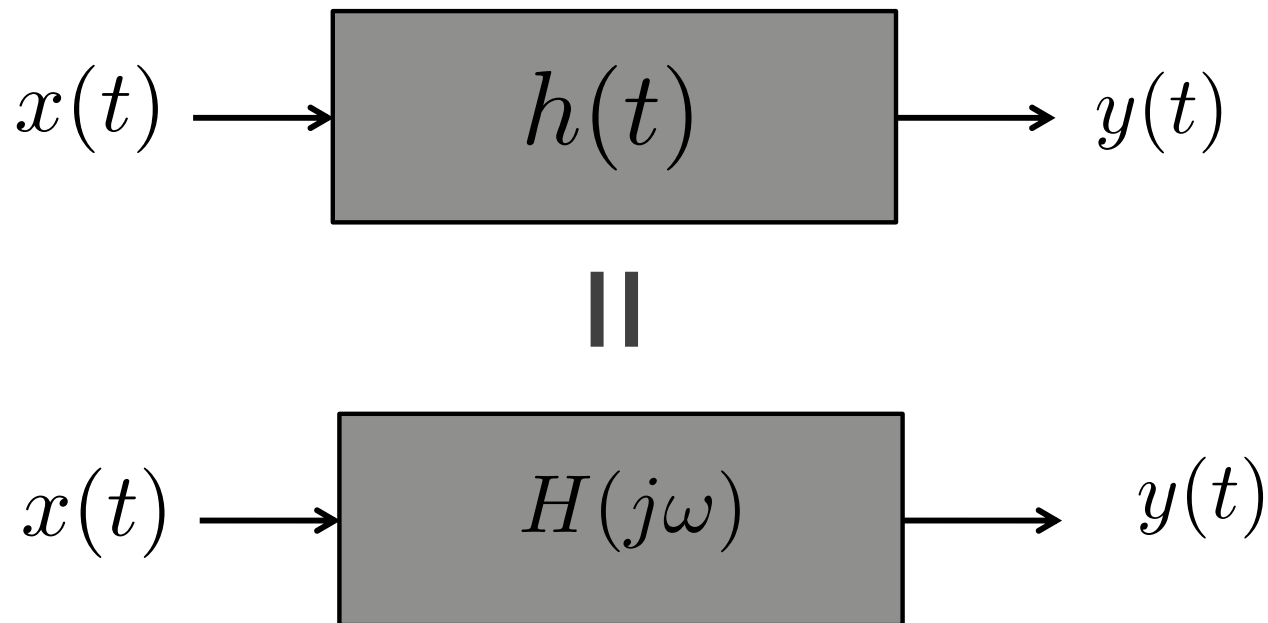
*analysis*

Apply definition

Exchange order of integration

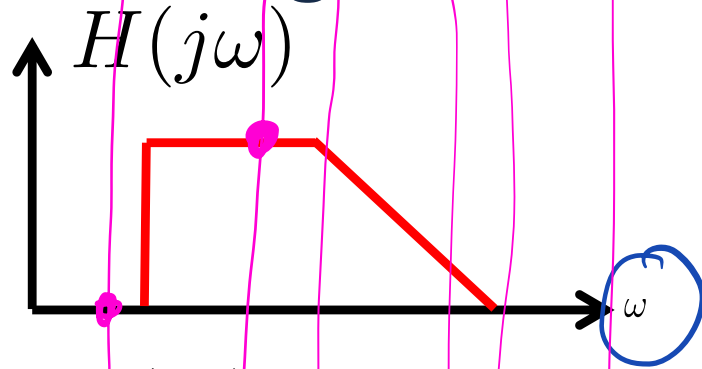
Time shift property

## Block diagrams



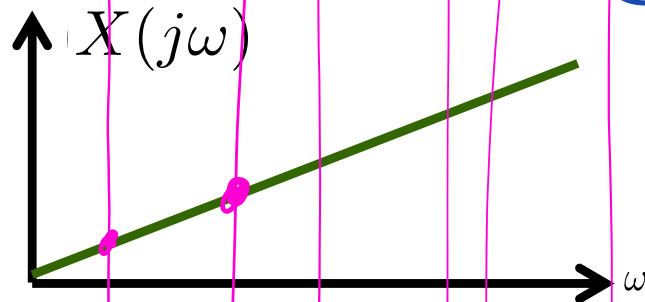
From a notational perspective, an LTI system may be described by the impulse response in the time or frequency domains

## Visualizing the convolution property

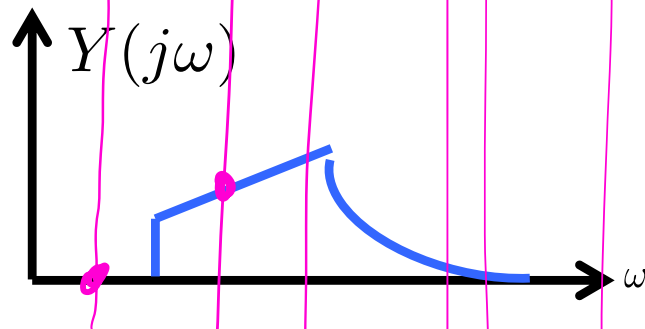


$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega)$$

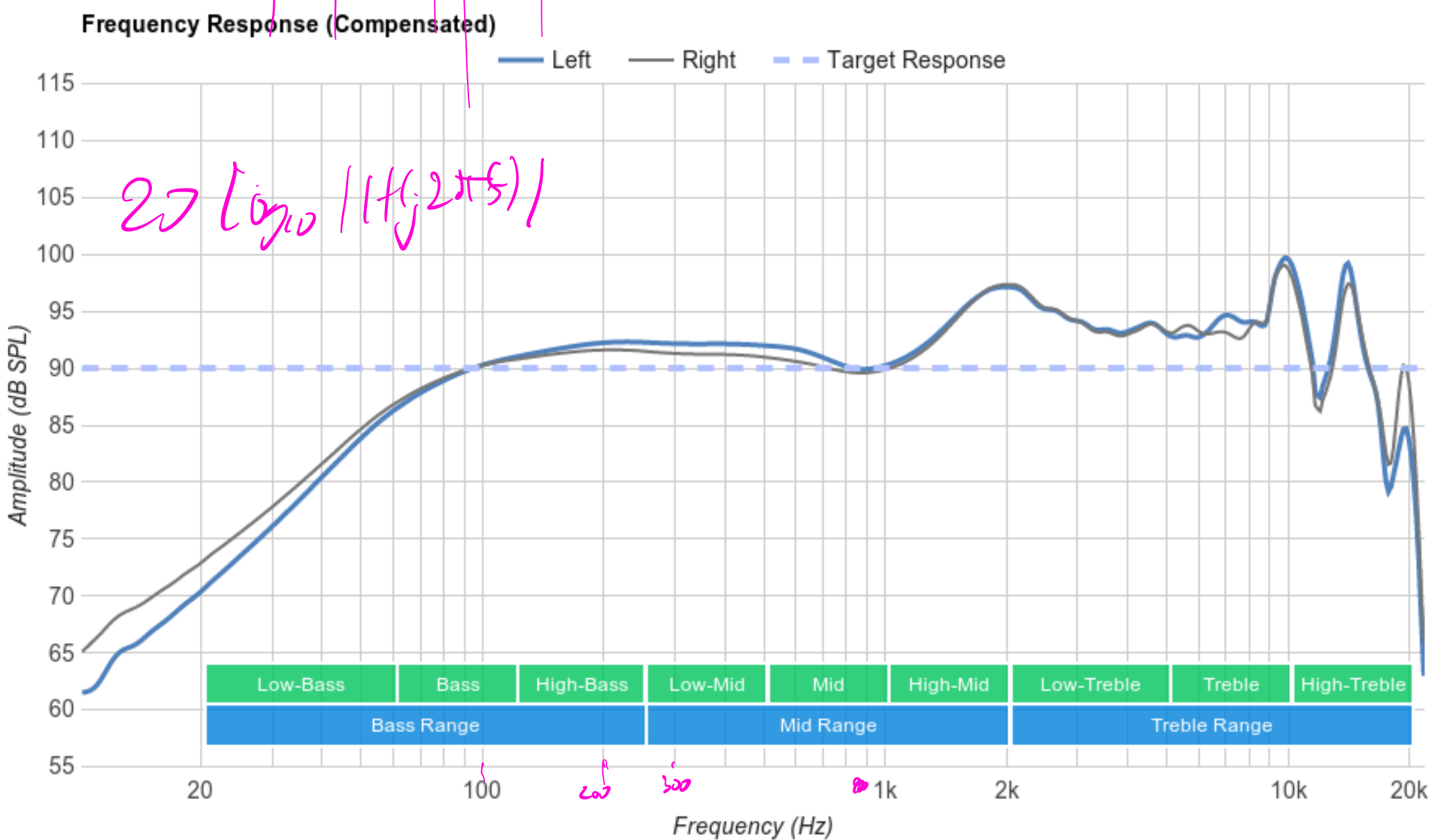
frequency

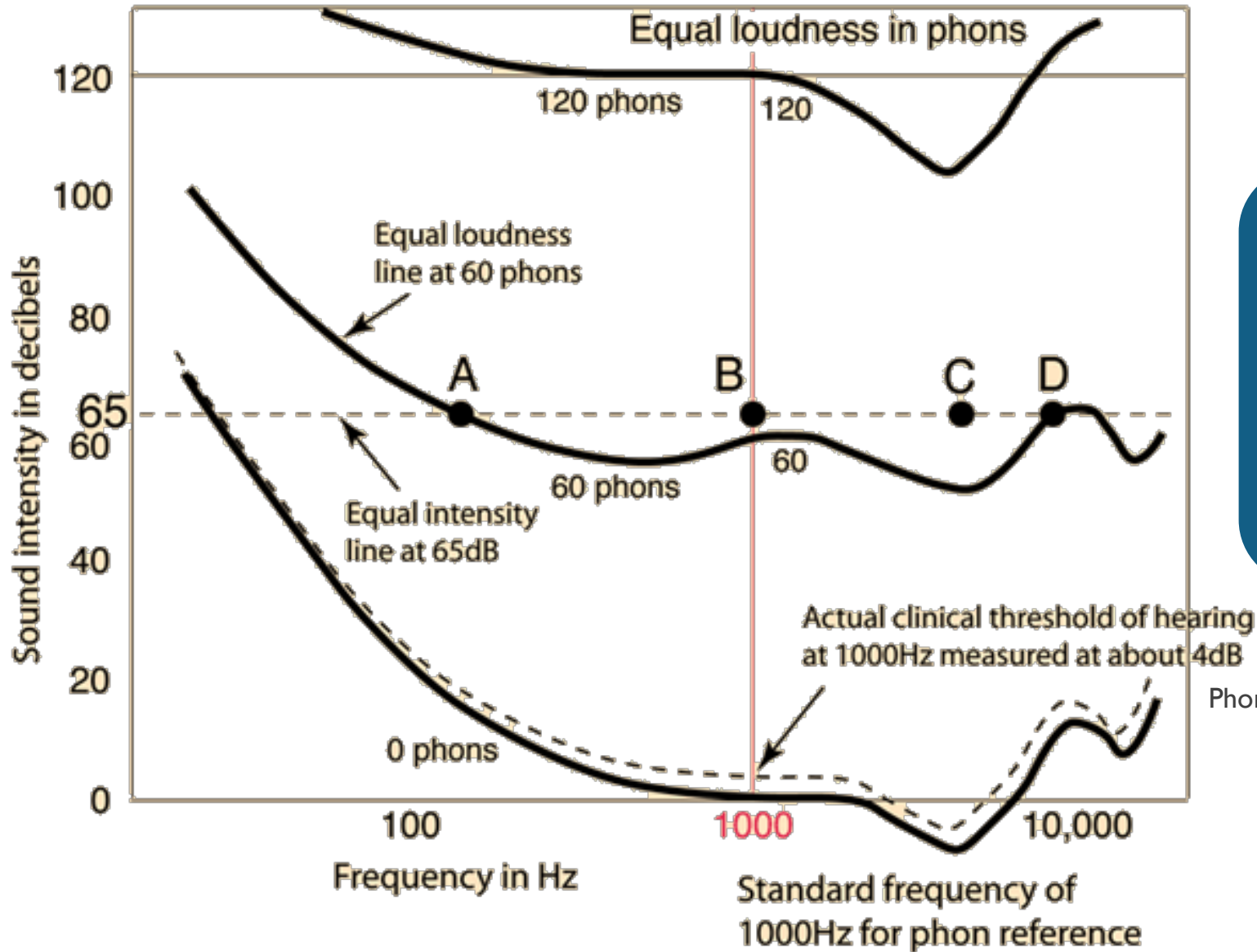


Direct multiplication at each frequency









Perceptual response to sound intensity is not uniform in frequency

Phon is sound referenced to 1kHz

## Using the convolution property to do convolutions

- ◆ Compute the following convolution

$$y(t) = h(t) * x(t)$$

- ◆ Convert the two signals into the frequency domain

$$H(j\omega) = \mathcal{F} \{h(t)\}$$

$$X(j\omega) = \mathcal{F} \{x(t)\}$$

- ◆ Compute the product

$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega)$$

- ◆ Go from frequency domain back into the time domain

$$y(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{Y(j\omega)\}$$

## Double sinc example

- ◆ Given where  $\omega_i > 0$  and  $\omega_c > 0$

$$x(t) = \frac{\sin(\omega_i t)}{\pi t} \quad h(t) = \frac{\sin(\omega_c t)}{\pi t}$$

- ◆ Find

$$y(t) = h(t) * x(t)$$

## Double sinc example (continued)

- ◆ Solve by going into the frequency domain
- ◆ First find

$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega)$$

- ◆ Need to compute

$$\mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{\sin(\omega_i t)}{\pi t} \right\} \mathcal{F} \left\{ \frac{\sin(\omega_c t)}{\pi t} \right\}$$

- ◆ But note that

$$\text{sinc} \left( \frac{t}{2\pi} \right) = \frac{\sin(t/2)}{t/2} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{sinc} \left( \frac{t}{2\pi} \right) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} 2\pi \text{rect}(\omega)$$

## Double sinc example (continued)

- ◆ Using the scaling property

$$x(at) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{j\omega}{a}\right)$$

- ◆ Write

LDF  
w/wi

$$\frac{\sin(\omega_i t)}{\pi t} = \frac{\omega_i}{\pi} \frac{\sin(2\omega_i t/2)}{2\omega_i t/2}$$

- ◆ It follows that

rect(w/2wi)

$$\mathcal{F}\left\{\frac{\omega_i}{\pi} \frac{\sin(2\omega_i t/2)}{2\omega_i t/2}\right\} = 2\pi \frac{\omega_i}{\pi} \frac{1}{|2\omega_i|} \text{rect}(\omega/2\omega_i) \\ = \text{rect}(\omega/2\omega_i)$$



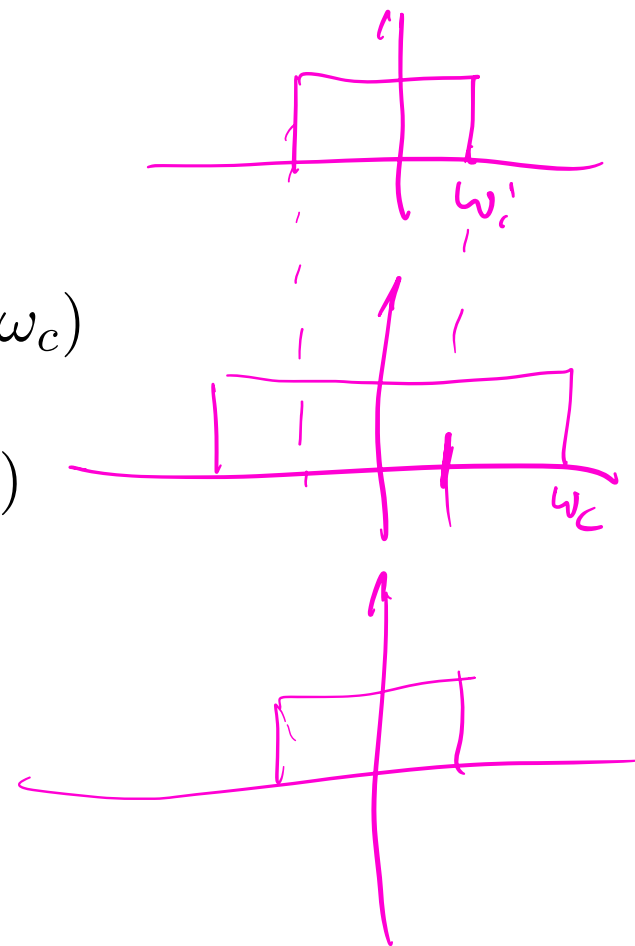
## Double sinc example (continued)

- ◆ The convolution is then

$$\begin{aligned} Y(j\omega) &= \text{rect}(\omega/2\omega_i)\text{rect}(\omega/2\omega_c) \\ &= \text{rect}(\omega/2 \min(\omega_c, \omega_i)) \end{aligned}$$

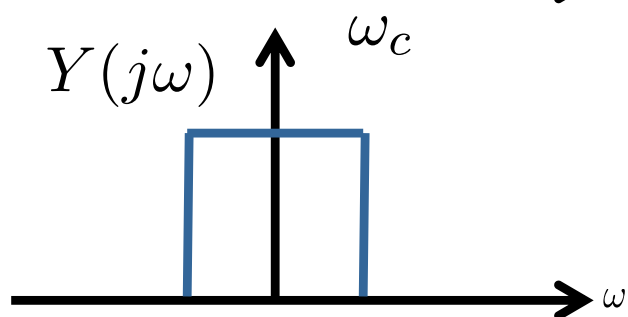
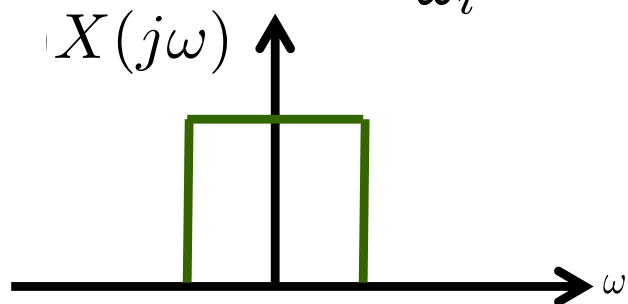
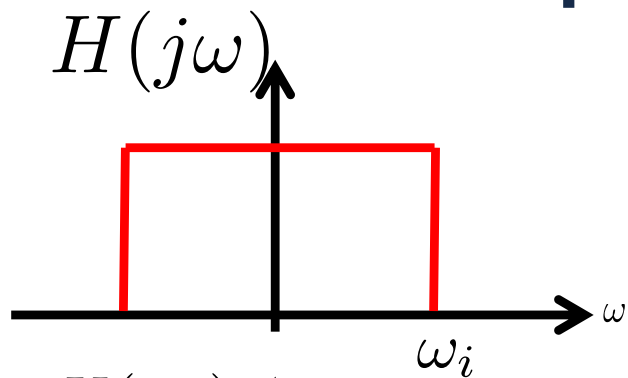
- ◆ Back in the time domain

$$y(t) = \frac{\sin(\min(\omega_i, \omega_c)t)}{\pi t}$$



This is a general result that sinc convolved with sinc gives sinc

## Double sinc example (concluded) Visualizing the effect in the frequency domain



$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega)$$

Example where  $\omega_i$  is bigger than  $\omega_c$



## Summarizing the convolution property

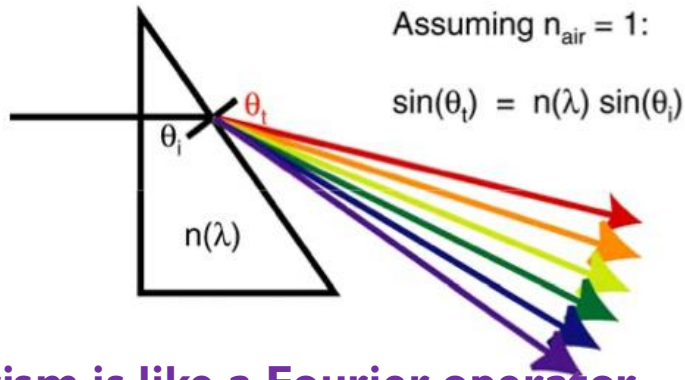
- ◆ Convolution between two signals in time becomes the product of the Fourier transforms of those signals in the frequency domain
- ◆ Convolutions are easy to do in the frequency domain as they involve a simple point-wise multiplication
- ◆ The convolution property explains how the frequency response of a system directly effects the frequencies of the input signal to create the output signal

# Fourier in practice

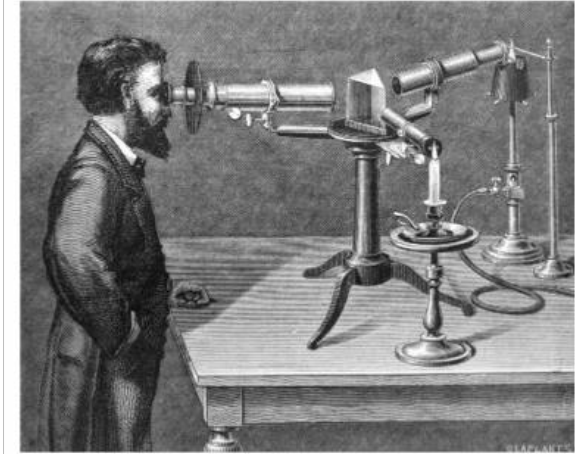
## Key points

- Fourier concepts show up everywhere

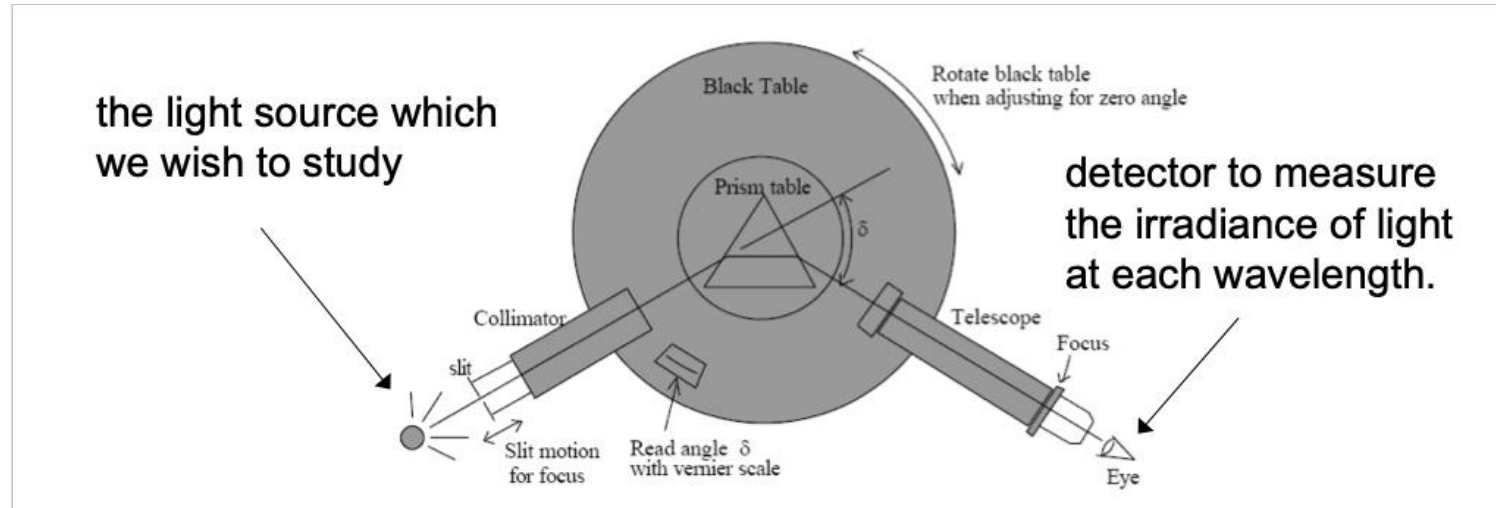
# Spectrometer



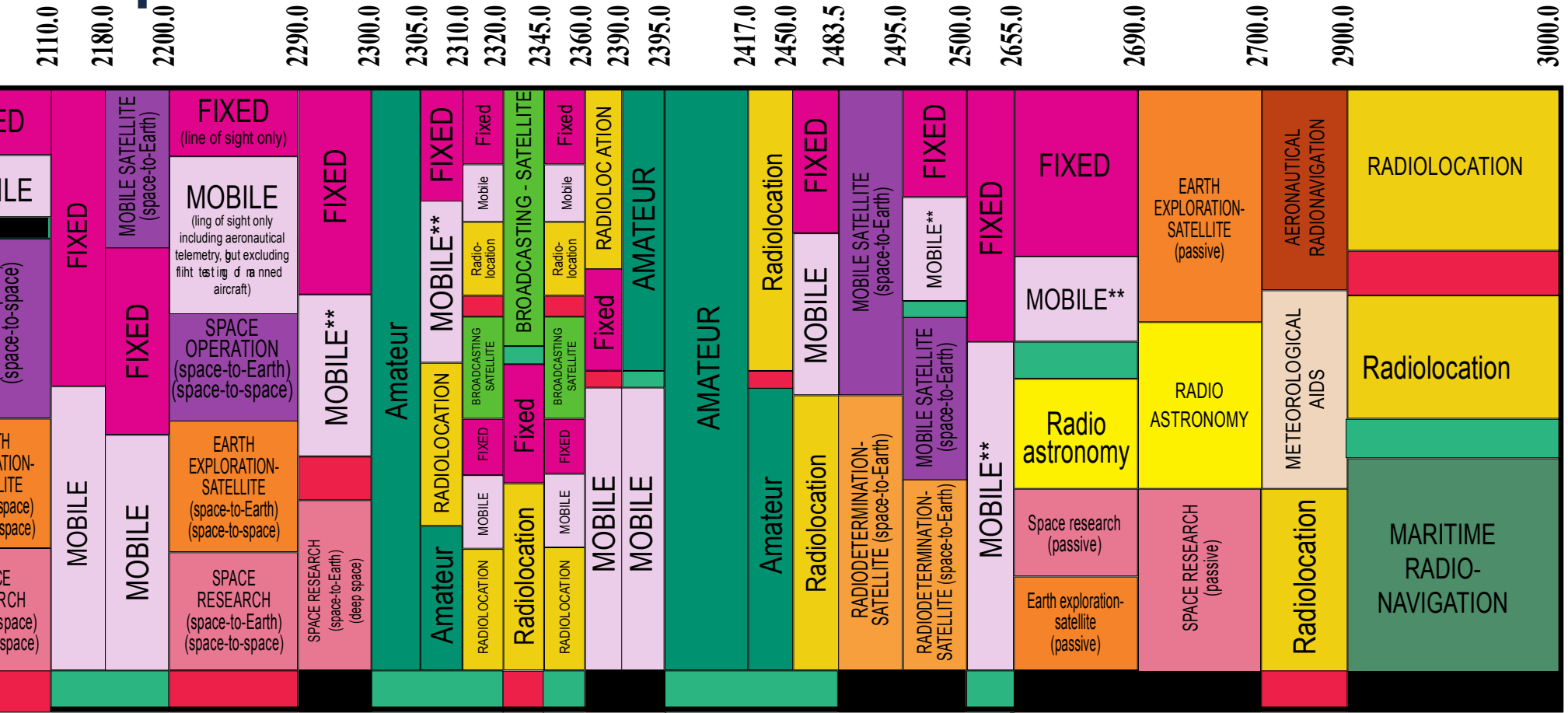
Prism is like a Fourier operator



Robert Bunsen, 1859



# Spectrum allocation

**ISM - 2450.0 $\pm$ .50 MHz**

## 3 GHz

# Communications

## Spectrum for in-band signal

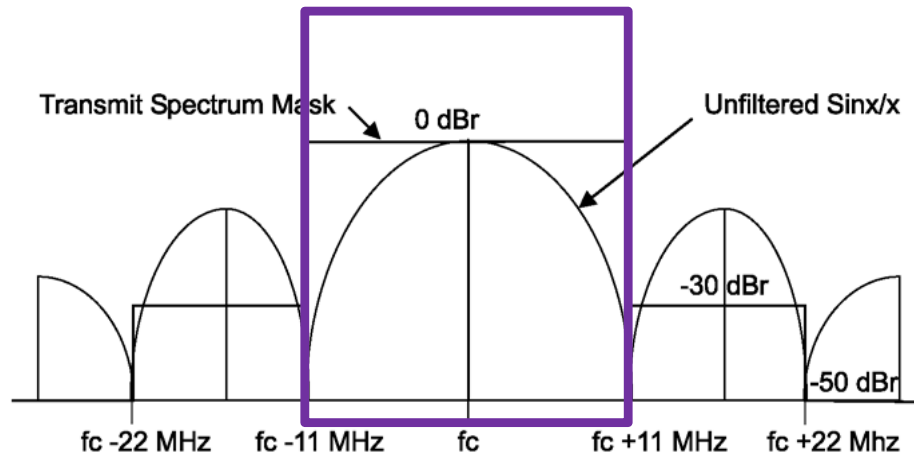
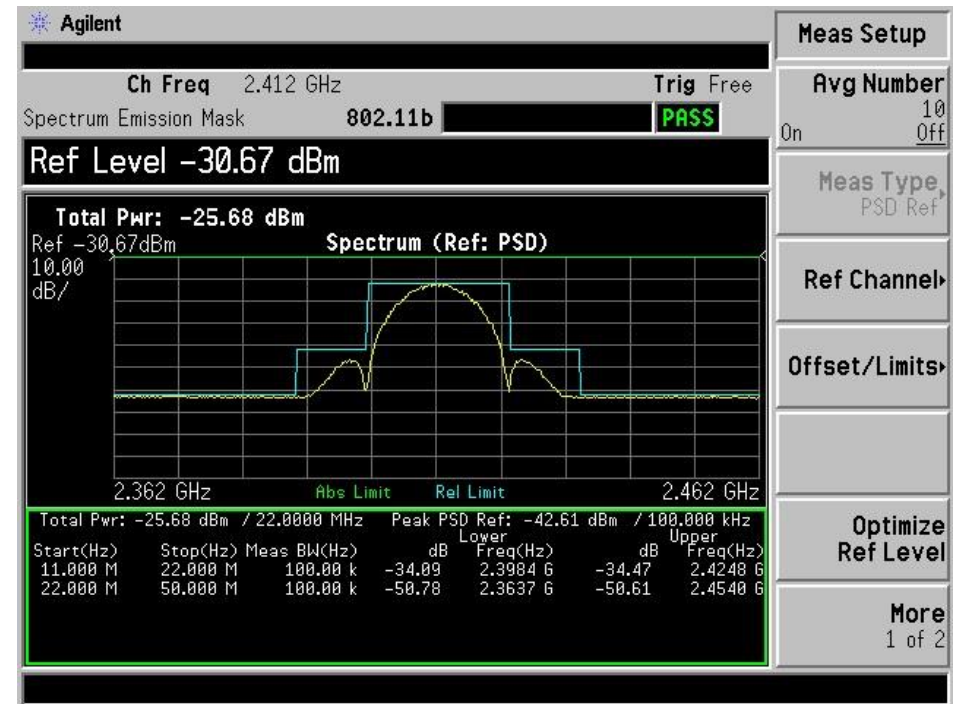


Figure 15-10—Transmit spectrum mask

## Allowed out-of-band leakage



Transmit spectrum mask from IEEE 802.11-2016, 15.4.5.5 WiFi!

<https://www.keysight.com/us/en/lib/resources/user-manuals/transmit-spectrum-mask-332766.html>

## Multiplication property

### Key points

- Multiplication in time is convolution in frequency
- Use this fact to explain windowing

## Multiplication property

◆ If  $h(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} H(j\omega)$   $x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j\omega)$   $y(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega)$

◆ Then

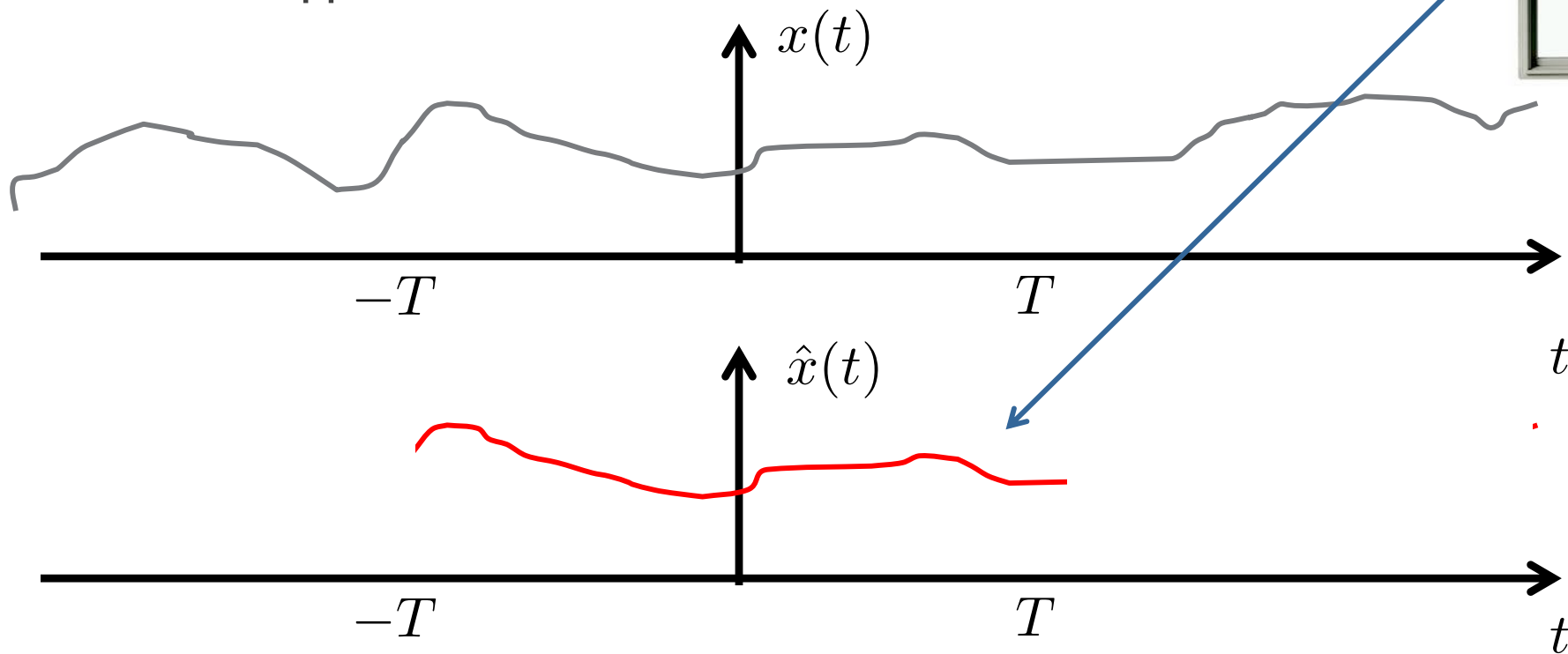
$$y(t) = h(t)x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(j\theta) X(j(\omega - \theta)) d\theta$$

Product in time is convolution in frequency

## Implication of product property

- ◆ Suppose that you have a signal  $x(t)$ 
  - ★ But you only measure  $x(t)$  from  $-T \dots T$
  - ★ What happens?

Have only a window  
of the data





## Windowing the spectrum

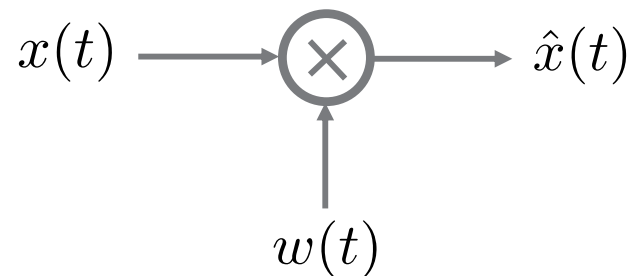
- ◆ The observed signal can be written as

$$\hat{x}(t) = \underbrace{\text{rect}(t/(2T))}_{w(t)} x(t)$$

- ◆ In the frequency domain

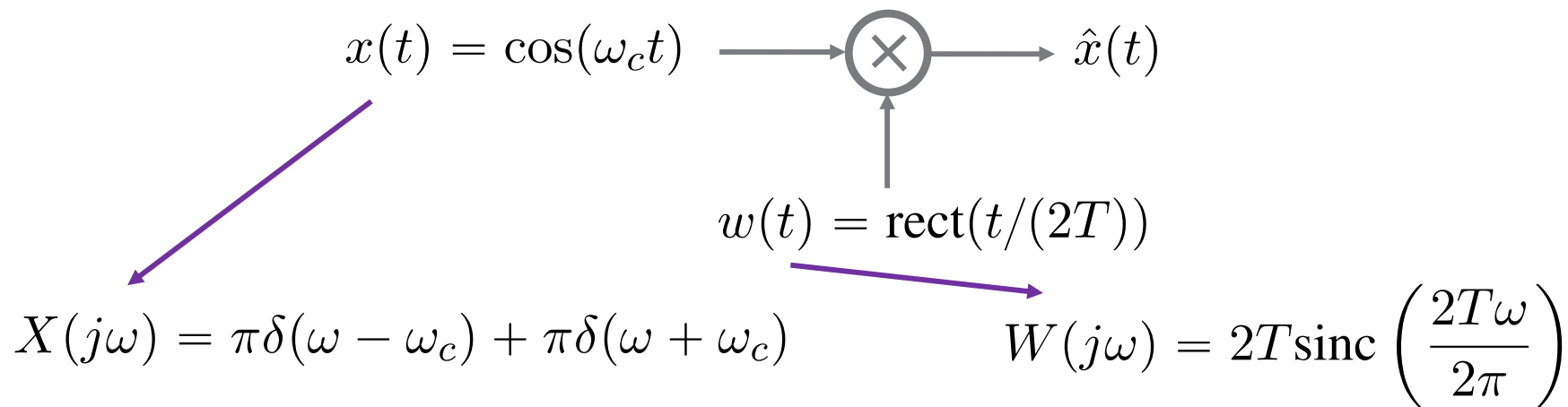
$$\hat{X}(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(j\theta) X(j(\omega - \theta)) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2T \text{sinc} \left( \frac{2T\theta}{2\pi} \right) X(j(\omega - \theta)) d\theta$$



Spectrum is filtered by the sinc function

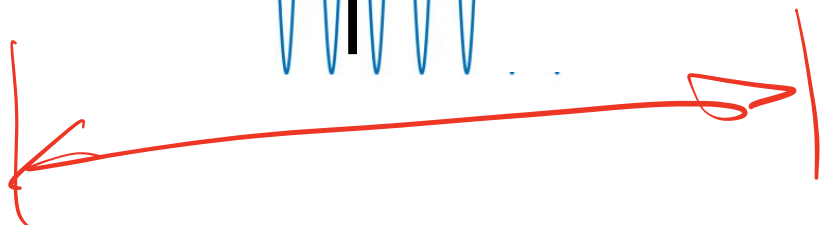
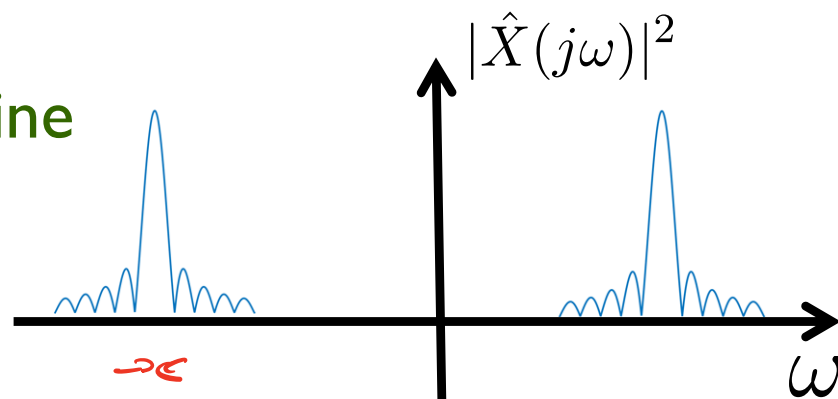
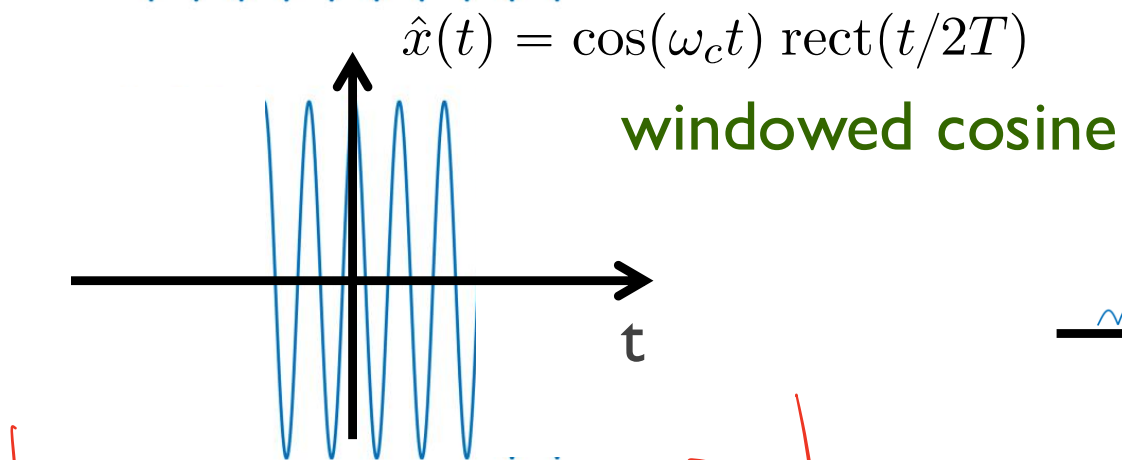
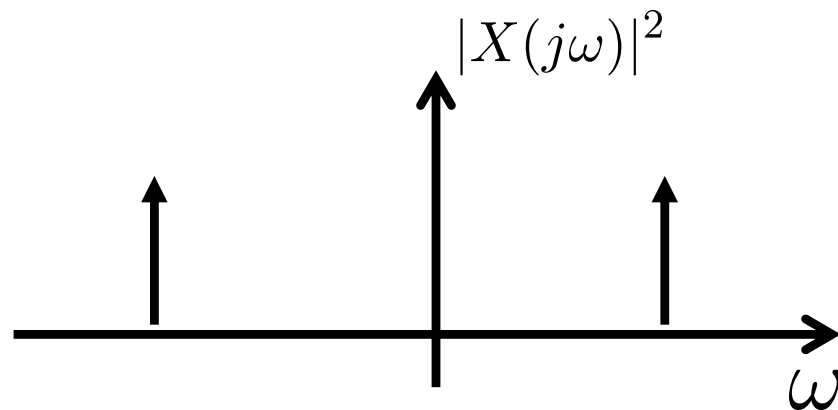
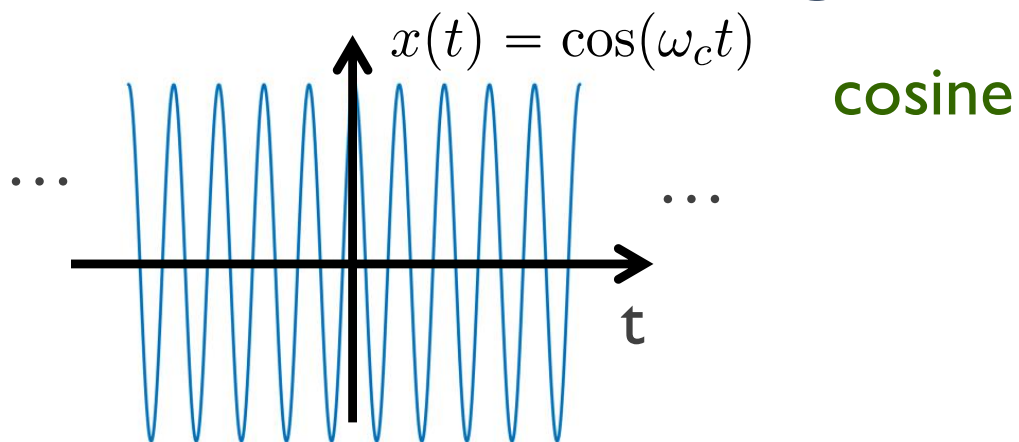
## Example – windowing a cosine



$$\hat{X}(j\omega) = \frac{T}{\pi} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{2T(\omega - \omega_c)}{2\pi}\right) + \frac{T}{\pi} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{2T(\omega + \omega_c)}{2\pi}\right)$$

Impulses get smeared due to windowing

## Intuition on windowing



## Impact of windowing on resolution

- ◆ Suppose that we window a sum of two cosines

$$\cos(2\pi 1000t) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi 1100t) \longrightarrow \bigotimes \longrightarrow \hat{x}(t)$$

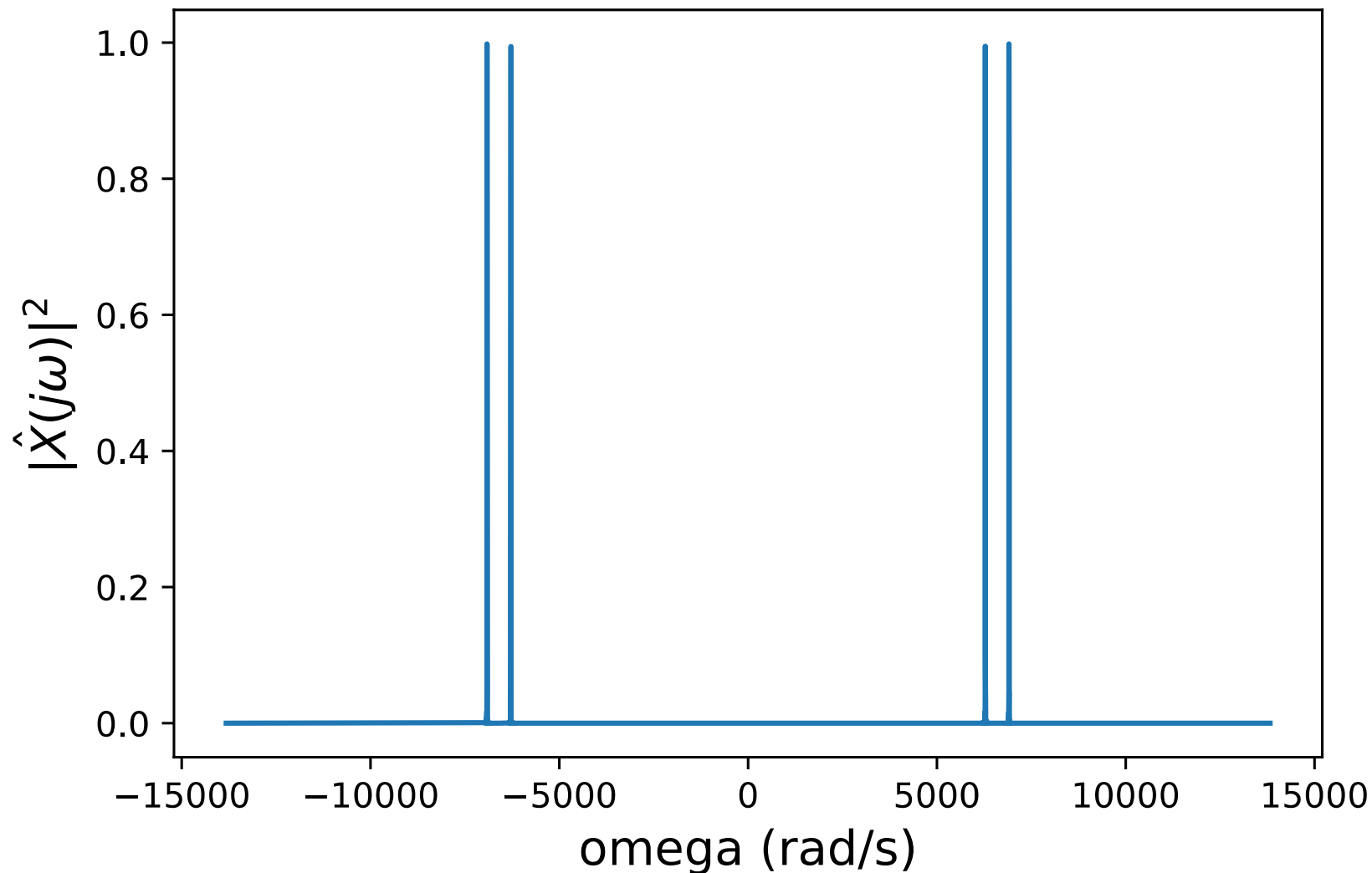
1000 Hz or 6,280 rad/s

1100 Hz or 6,911 rad/s

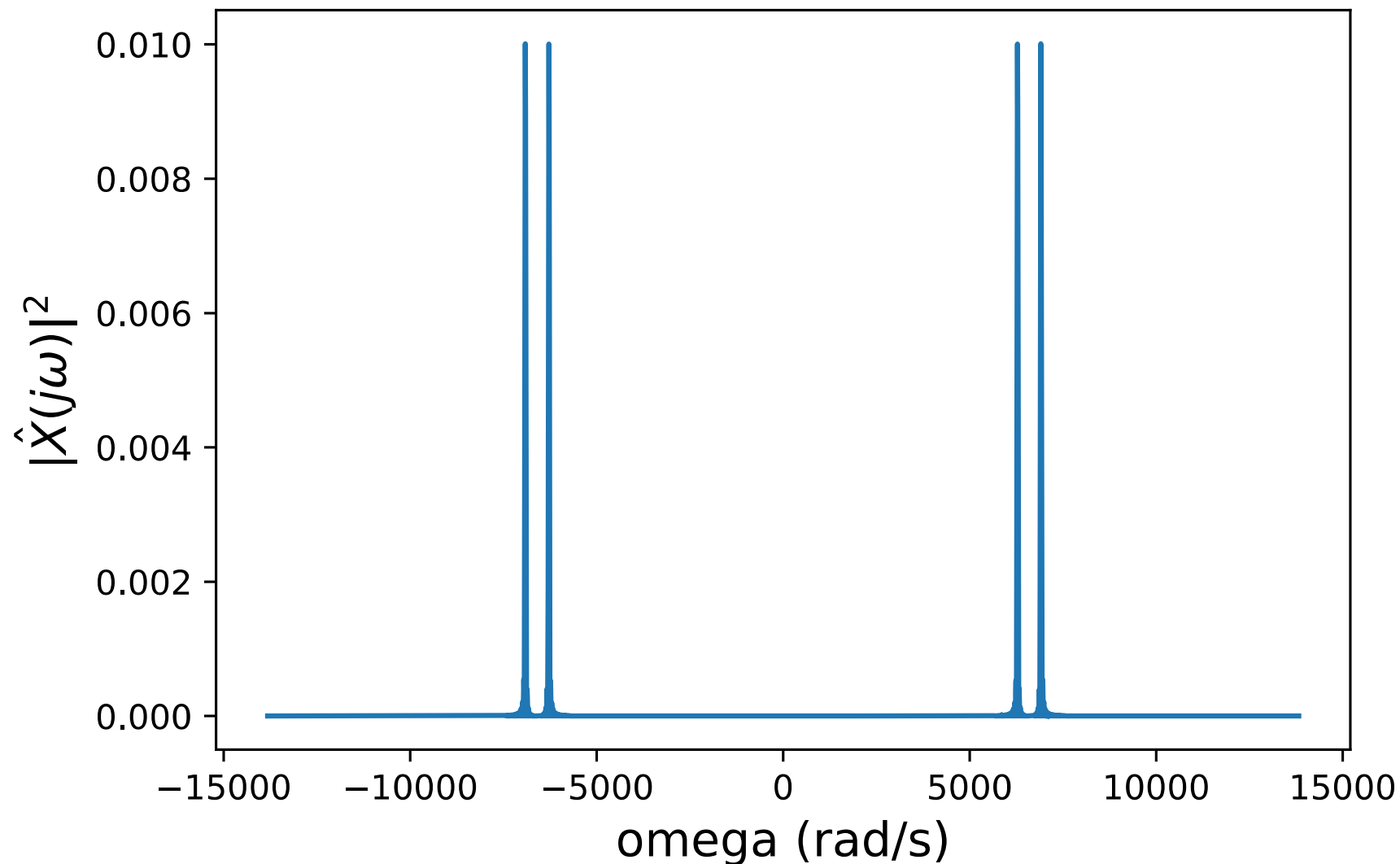
$\text{rect}(t/(2T))$

What is the impact of the window size  $T$  on the ability to resolve the sinusoids?

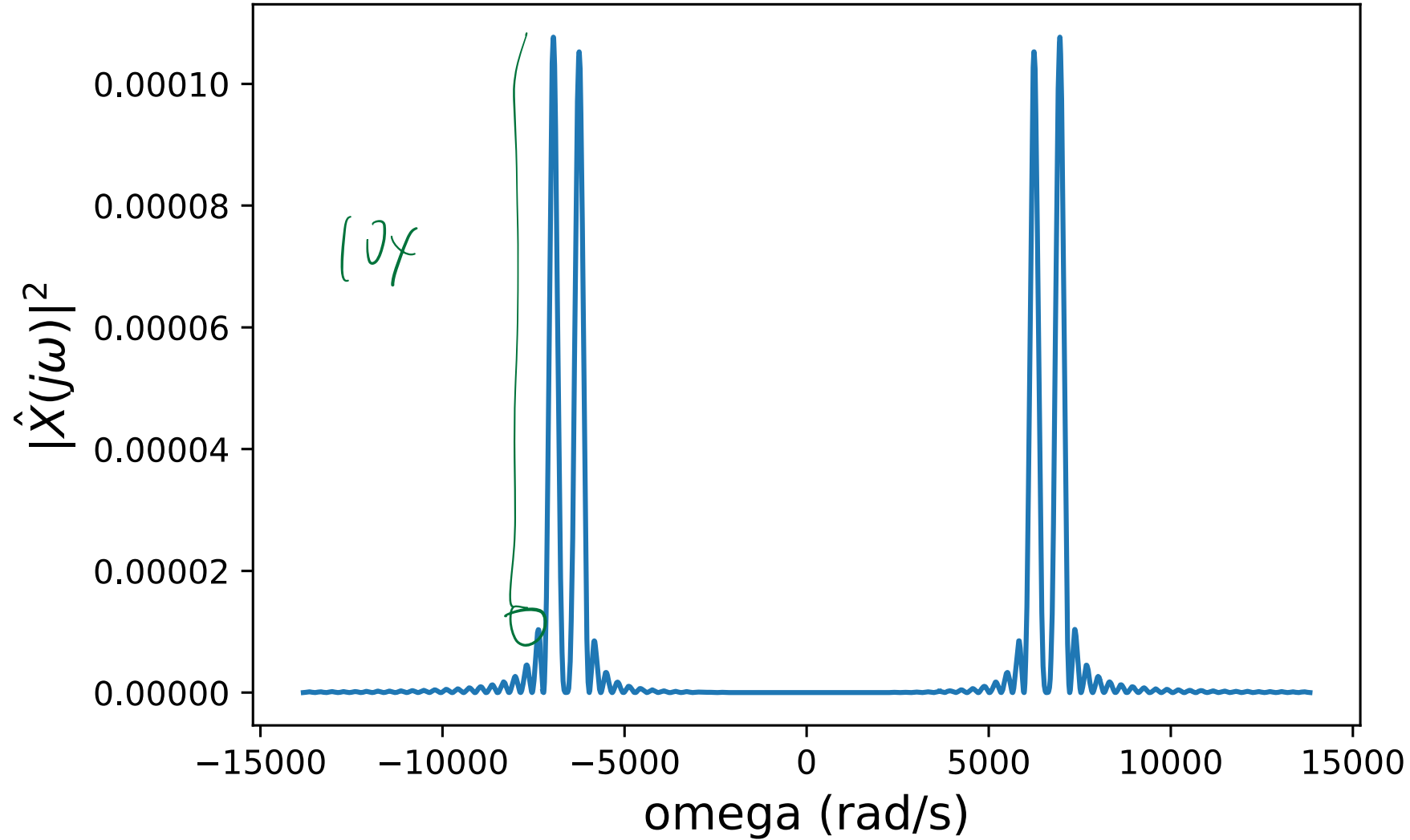
$\cos(2\pi 1000t) + \cos(2\pi 1100t)$  windowed with 1.00000 seconds window



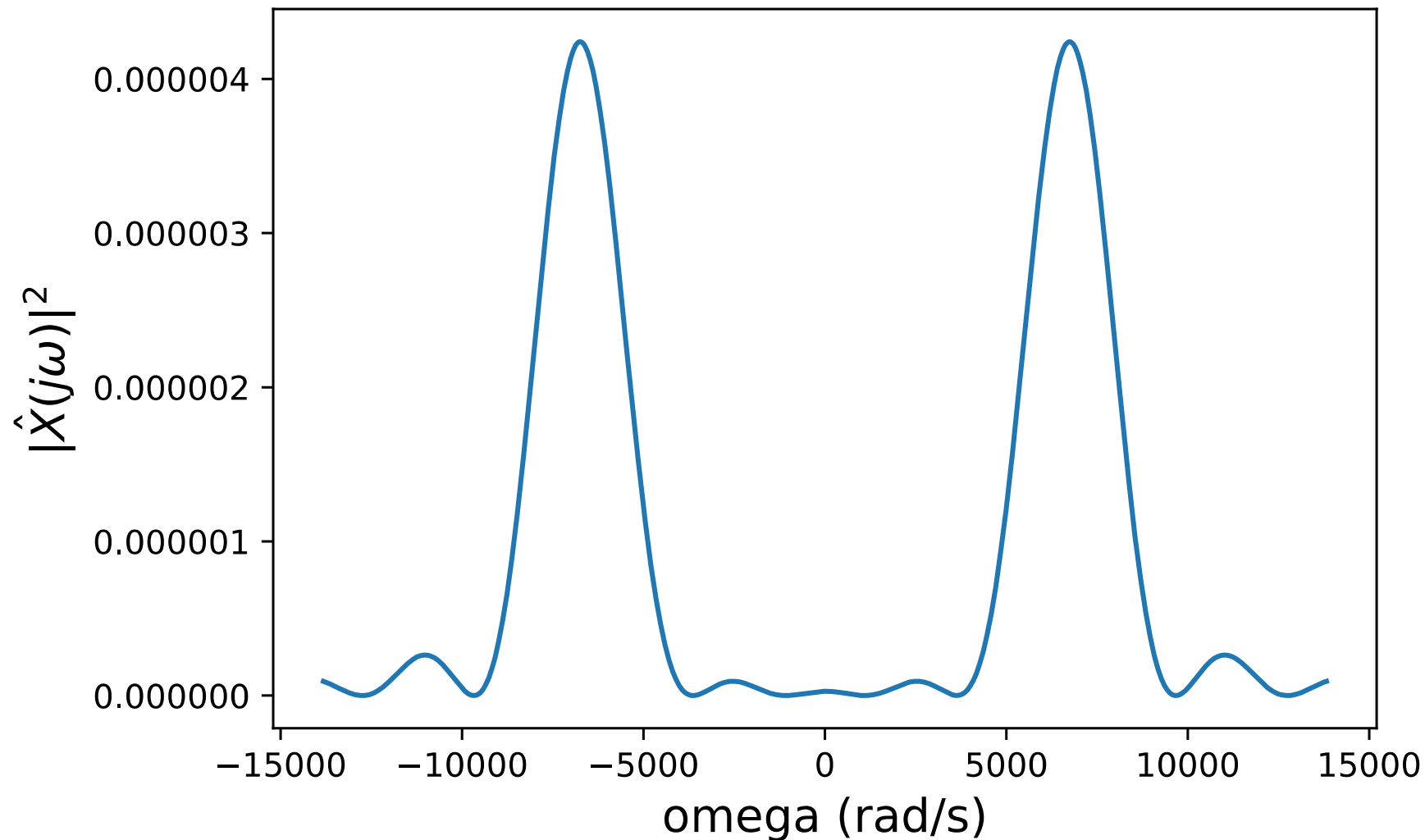
$\cos(2\pi 1000t) + \cos(2\pi 1100t)$  windowed with 0.10000 seconds window



$\cos(2\pi 1000t) + \cos(2\pi 1100t)$  windowed with 0.01000 seconds window

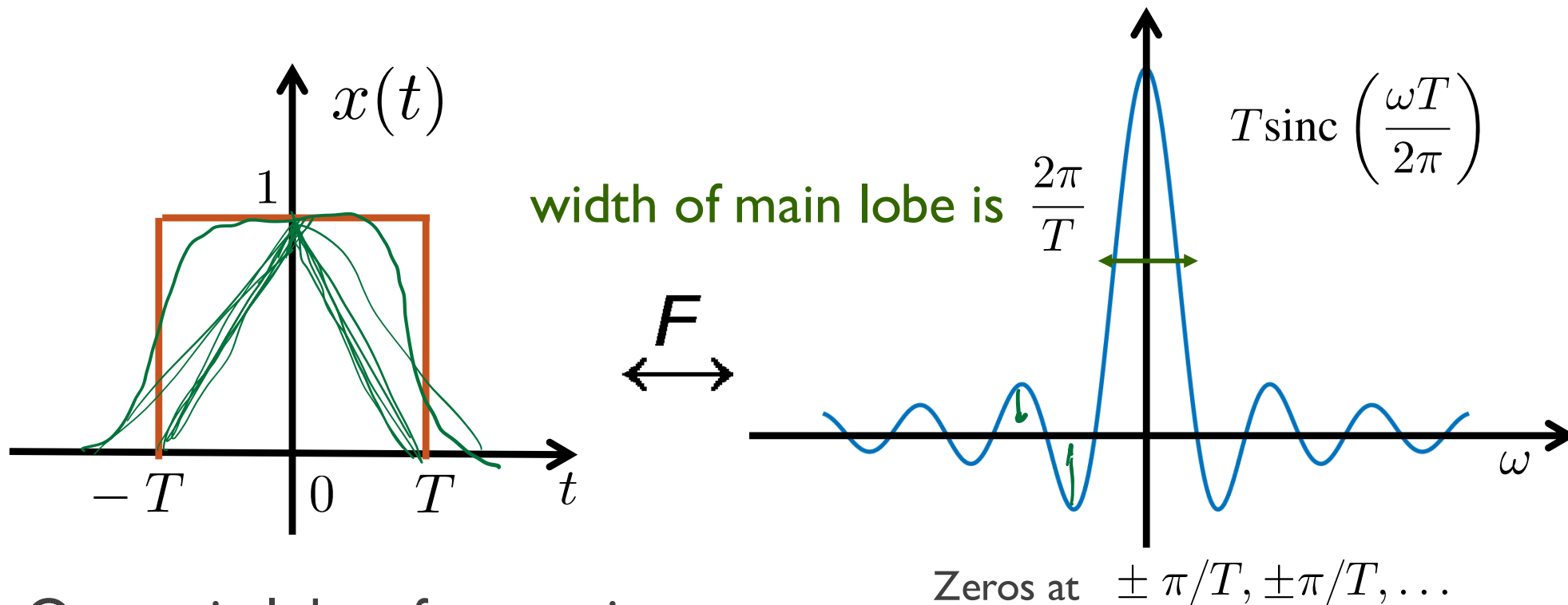


$\cos(2\pi 1000t) + \cos(2\pi 1100t)$  windowed with 0.00100 seconds window





# How much time is needed to resolve these cosines?



One main lobe of separation

$$\frac{2\pi}{T} = |\omega_1 - \omega_2| \quad \Rightarrow \quad T = \frac{2\pi}{|\omega_1 - \omega_2|} = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi 100} = 0.01 \text{ s}$$

## Summarizing the multiplication property

- ◆ Product between two signals in time becomes the (scaled) convolution of the Fourier transforms of those signals in the frequency domain
- ◆ Truncating a real signal for analysis, called windowing, leads to a distortion of the original signal's Fourier transform
- ◆ The ability to resolve different frequencies in a signal improves as the observation window grows longer

# Bandwidth

## Key points

- Finite duration signals have infinite bandwidth
- Different measures of bandwidth are used in practice

## Isolation in time and frequency

- ◆ From the windowing theorem

$$x(t)\text{rect}(t/2T) \quad \longrightarrow$$

sinc has infinite duration

$$\frac{2T}{2\pi} [X(j\omega) * \text{sinc}(2T\omega/2\pi)]$$

Finite duration in time

Infinite duration in frequency

- ◆ From the convolution theorem

$$X(j\omega)\text{rect}(\omega/2B) \quad \longrightarrow$$

sinc has infinite duration

$$x(t) * 2B\text{sinc}(2Bt/2\pi)$$

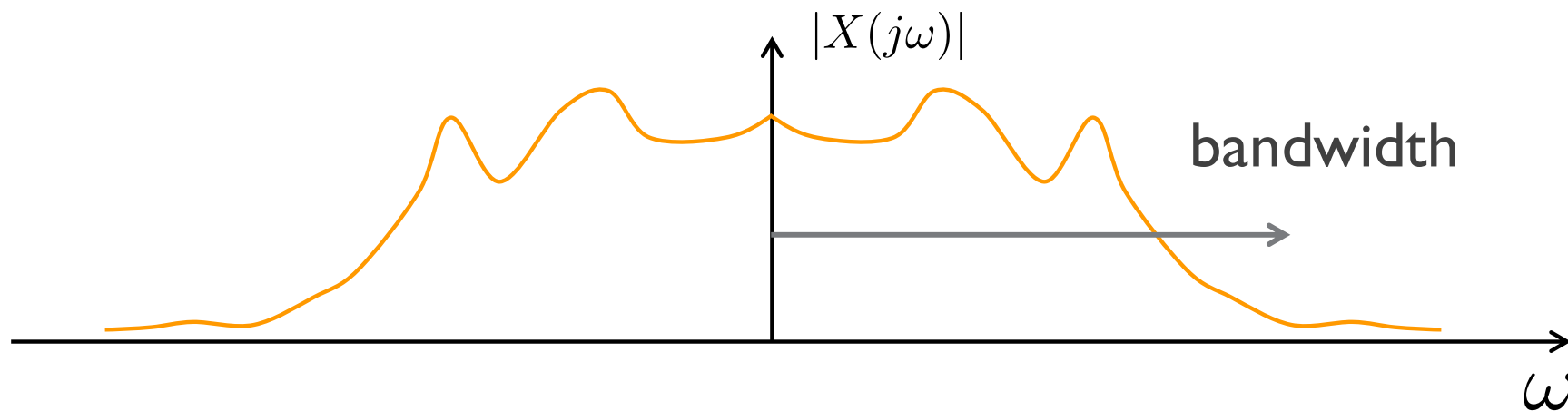
Finite duration in frequency

Infinite duration in time

Windowing and convolution have impact on the spectrum of practical signals (infinite) and the impulse response of an ideal low-pass filter (infinite)

## Bandwidth of a practical signal

- ◆ If time duration is finite  $\rightarrow$  bandwidth is infinite
  - ◆ For any practical signal, the absolute bandwidth is infinite
- ◆ Define a “bandwidth” to measure the extent of frequency content




## Common definitions of bandwidth

### ◆ Fractional containment bandwidth

★ Bandwidth such that a **fraction of energy** is contained

★ Solve for  $\omega_B$  such that

$$\int_{-\omega_B}^{\omega_B} |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega \geq (1 - \epsilon) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega$$


### ◆ 3dB bandwidth (or half-power bandwidth)

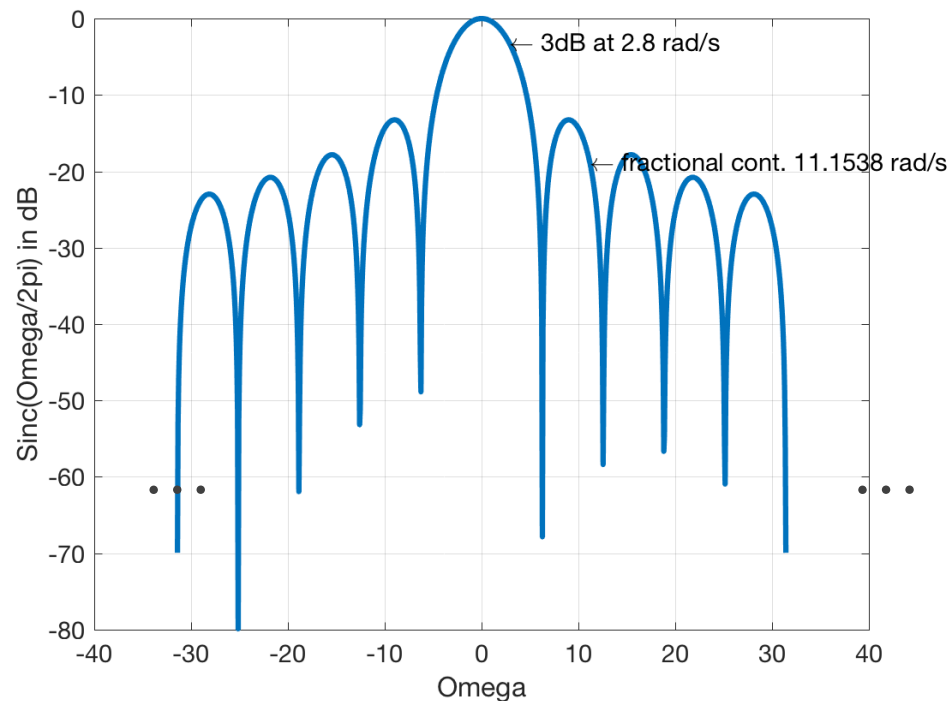
★ Bandwidth where the signal achieves half the peak value

★ Makes the most sense with simple filters

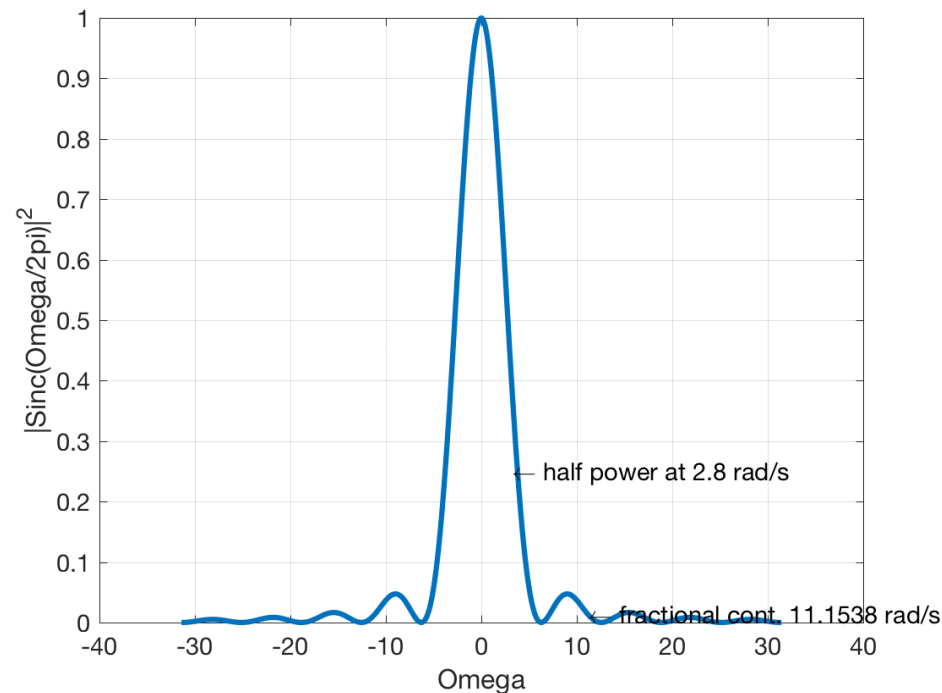
$$|X(j\omega_B)|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \max_{\omega} |X(j\omega)|^2$$

# Examples of bandwidth

In dB



In linear scale (magnitude squared)



◆ Bandwidth of  $\text{sinc}(\omega/2\pi)$  with  $\frac{1}{2}$  power or 95% containment

## Example fractional containment calculation

- ◆ Consider the following facts about Gaussian signals (proof of these facts is beyond the scope of this course)

1) Gaussian is its own Fourier transform  $e^{-t^2} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \sqrt{\pi} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4}}$

2) Integral of tail is “known”  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^\infty e^{-t^2/2} dt = Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} \text{erfc}(x/\sqrt{2})$

3) Unit area  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-t^2/2} dt = 1$

Gaussian distribution is a big part of probability and statistics



## Example fractional containment calculation (cont.)

◆ Consider signal  $x(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-t^2}$

◆ Find an expression for the fractional containment bandwidth

$$\int_{-\omega_B}^{\omega_B} |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega \geq (1 - \epsilon) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

◆ Note that

$$|X(j\omega)| = e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{4}}$$

$$|X(j\omega)|^2 = e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}}$$

## Example fractional containment calculation (cont.)

$$\int_{-\omega_B}^{\omega_B} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega = (1 - \epsilon) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega$$

◆ For the RHS note that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega = 1$$

◆ For the LHS

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\omega_B}^{\omega_B} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega - \int_{\omega_B}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega - \int_{-\infty}^{-\omega_B} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega - 2 \int_{\omega_B}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} d\omega \\ &= 1 - 2Q(\omega_B) \end{aligned}$$

## Example fractional containment calculation (cont.)

- ◆ Simplifying, we need to solve

$$1 - 2Q(\omega_B) = 1 - \epsilon$$

- ◆ Rearranging terms

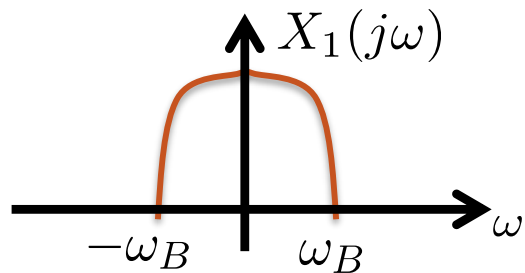
$$Q(\omega_B) = \epsilon/2$$



$$\omega_B = Q^{-1}(\omega_B)$$

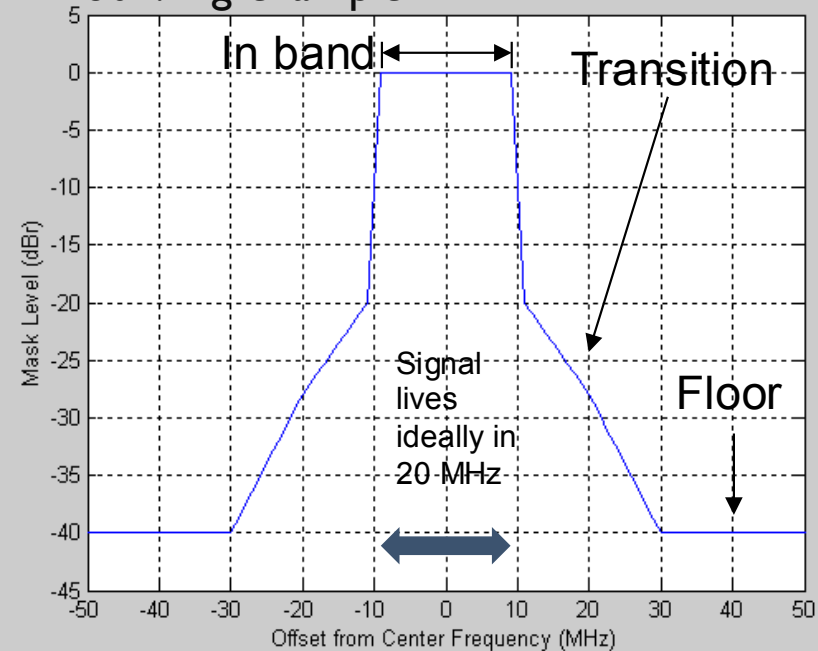
inverse Q function, available in some form (maybe with a different name) in Excel, Python, MATLAB, etc.

# Spectrum masks



Since communication spectrum is not exactly band limited, the allowed profile is called a **spectrum mask**

IEEE 802.11g example



*In Band:* encompasses the desired signal  
*Transition:* bounds adjacent channel interference  
*Floor:* bounds other channel interference

## Summarizing bandwidth

- ◆ Bandwidth is a measure of the extent of the non-zero frequency components present in a signal
- ◆ Practical signals always have infinite bandwidth due to be generated in a finite amount of time, a result of the windowing property
- ◆ There are different ways to define the bandwidth of a practical signal based on determining when the frequencies are sufficiently small