

Lecture 3

Exponential, sinusoids, complex exponentials, and the delta function

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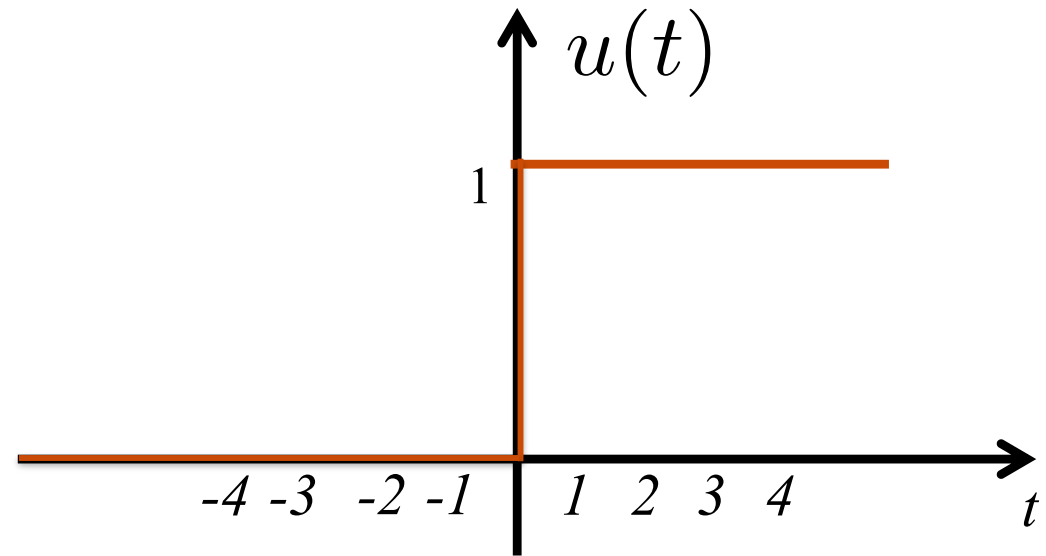
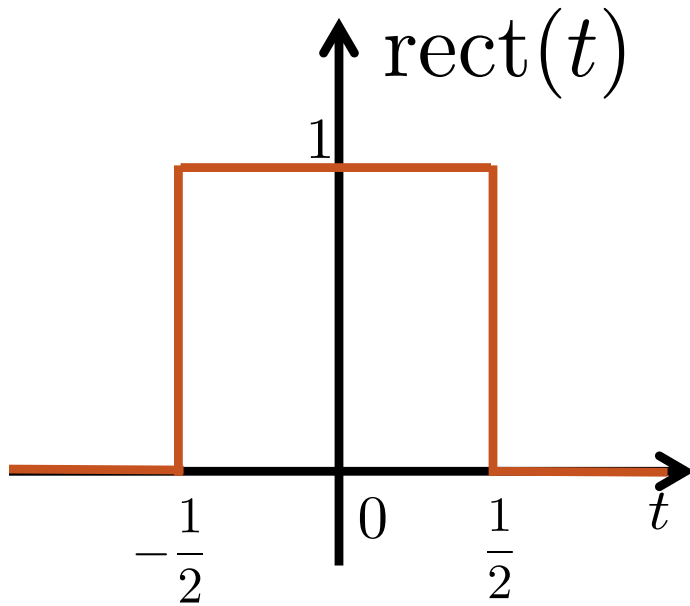
◆ CT sinusoids and exponentials

- ★ Determine the key parameters of a complex sinusoid and exponential
- ★ Sketch a complex exponential based on its form

◆ Unit-impulse function also known as the Dirac delta function

- ★ Explain the properties of delta unit impulse function
- ★ Exploit the sifting property to simplify expressions with deltas
- ★ Exploit the integration property to simplify expressions with deltas

From Lecture #2: two common functions



Examples: Shifting, inverting and scaling

◆ Let

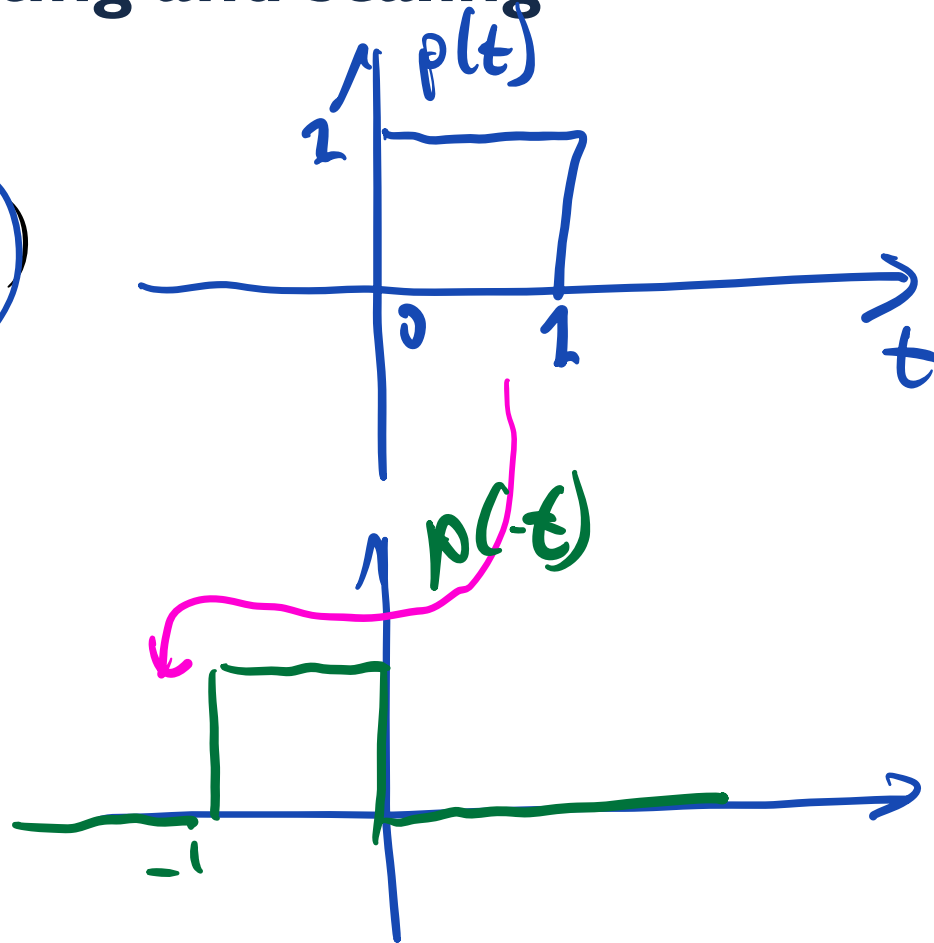
$$p(t) = \text{rect}(t - 1/2)$$

◆ Find and plot

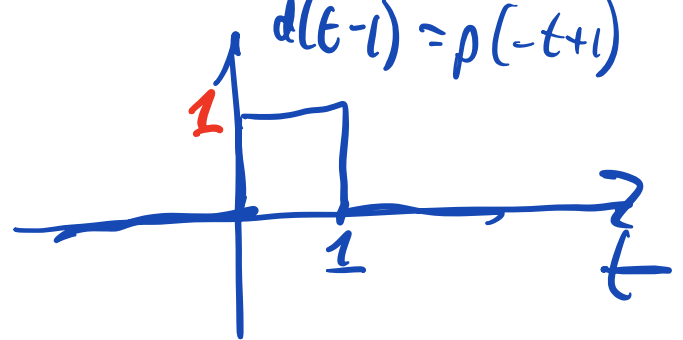
$$p(-t) = d(t)$$

$$p(-t + 1) = b(t)$$

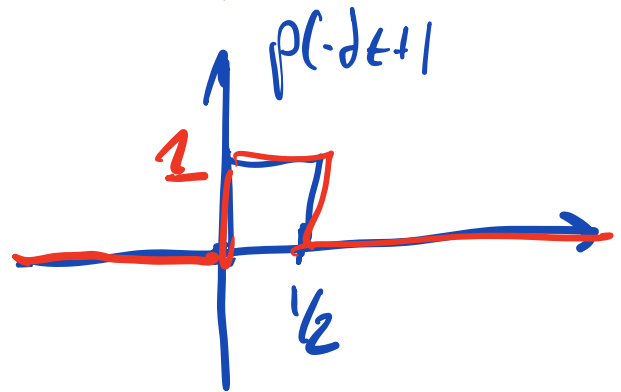
$$p(-2t + 1)$$



$$\rho(-t+1) = \rho(-(t-1)) \\ = d(t-1)$$



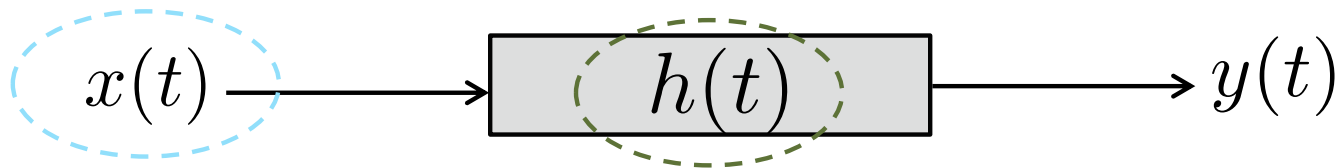
$$\rho(-2t+1) = b(2t) \\ = \rho(-2 \cdot t + 1)$$



$$d(t) \quad t=1 \quad 2t=1 \quad t=1/2$$

Connections back to ECE 45

Lectures 2 - 4 working with signals



Lectures 5 - 7 LTI systems in the time domain

Lectures 11-12 LTI systems in the frequency domain



Lectures 8 - 10 Fourier series

Lectures 13 - 17 Fourier transform

Fourier

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1		1/7	Signals	Signals, systems, circuits and phasors	1.1	HW1	
2		1/9	Signals	Rectangle, step functions, signal transformations, periodic, even and odd	1.2	HW2	HW1
3		1/14	Signals	Exponential, sinusoids, complex exponentials, phasors	1.3		
4		1/16	Signals	Dirac delta, Kronecker delta, Sha function	1.4	HW3	HW2
5		1/21	LTI in time	Linear and time-invariant systems	2.1		
6		1/23	LTI in time	Convolution, convolution with a sinusoid, connection to phasors	2.2	HW4	HW3
7		1/28	LTI in time	Convolution properties	2.3		
8		1/30	Fourier series	Fourier series	3.1 - 3.3	HW5	HW4
		2/4		Midterm 1			
9		2/6	Fourier series	Fourier series convergence and properties	3.4	HW6	HW5
10		2/11	Fourier series	Fourier series properties	3.5		
11		2/13	LTI in frequency	Frequency response of LTI systems	3.9	HW7	HW6
12		2/18	LTI in frequency	Filters, bode plots	3.10, 6.2.3		
13		2/20	Fourier transform	Fourier transform	4.1-4.2	HW8	HW7
		2/25		Midterm 2			
14		2/27	Fourier transform	Fourier transform properties	4.3	HW9	HW8
15		3/4	Fourier transform	Rectangle and sinc functions	4.3		
16		3/6	Fourier transform	Convolution property	4.4	HW10	
17		3/11	Fourier transform	Multiplication property	4.5		
18		3/13	Sampling	Sampling theorem	7.1		HW10
		3/19		Final exam Tuesday 3-6pm			

CT sinusoids and exponentials

Learning objectives

- Determine the key parameters of a complex sinusoid and exponential
- Sketch a complex exponential based on its form

CT real sinusoid

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amplitude > 0

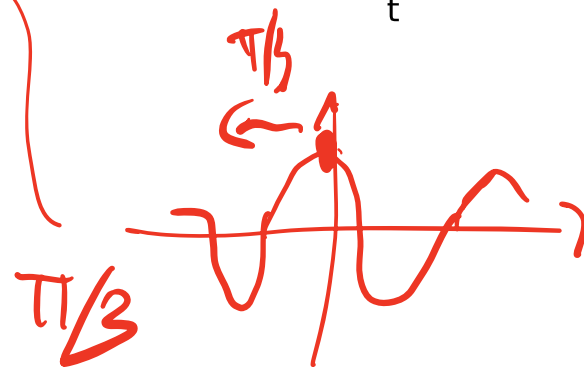
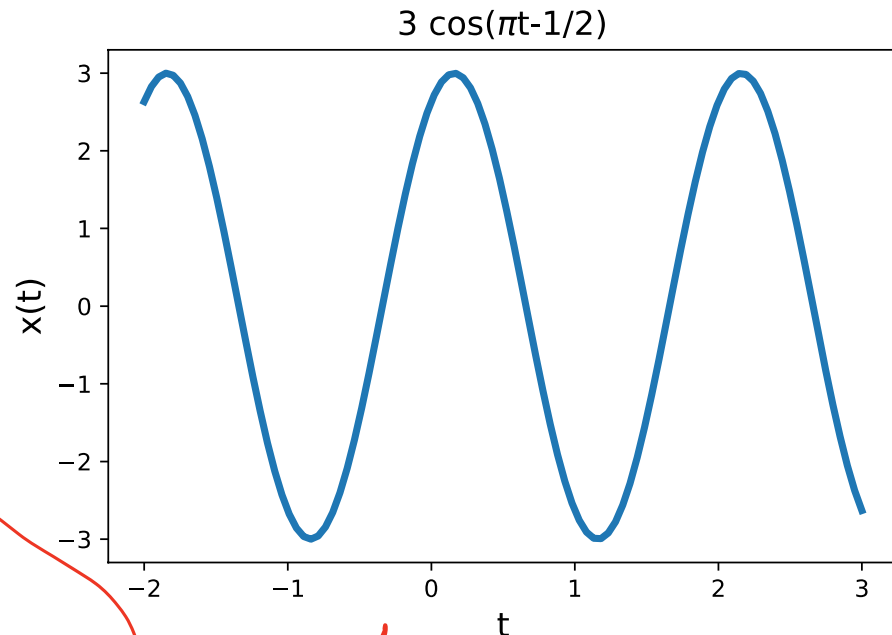
phase

$$x(t) = C \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta)$$

frequency in radians/s

Periodic with period $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$

$\cos(\omega_0 t + \pi/3)$



$C = 3$
 $\omega_0 = \pi$
 $\theta = -1/2$

$$\cos\left(\omega_0 \left(t + \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}\right)\right)$$

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$$= \cos\left(\omega_0 t + \cancel{\omega_0} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{\cancel{\omega_0}}\right)$$

$$= \cos(\omega_0 t + 2\pi) = \cos(\omega_0 t)$$

Complex numbers

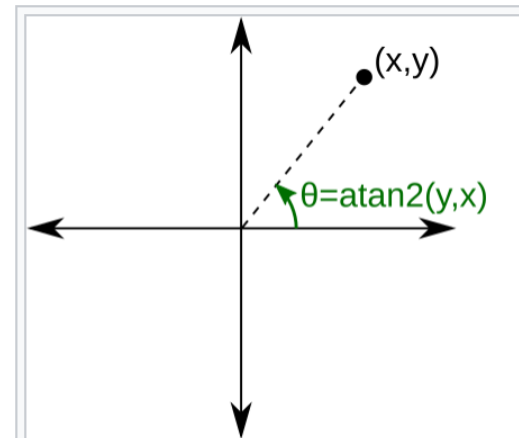
$$C = x + jy \quad \text{Cartesian}$$

$$= |C| e^{j\theta} \quad \text{Polar}$$

Euler's formula

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos(\theta) + j \sin(\theta)$$

$$C = \underbrace{|C| \cos(\theta)}_{\text{Re}\{C\}} + j \underbrace{|C| \sin(\theta)}_{\text{Im}\{C\}}$$



`atan2(y, x)` returns the angle θ between the **ray** to the point (x, y) and the positive x-axis, confined to $(-\pi, \pi]$.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atan2>

$$\text{atan2}(y, x) = \begin{cases} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) & \text{if } x > 0, \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \pi & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0, \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \pi & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ and } y < 0, \\ +\frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y > 0, \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y < 0, \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y = 0. \end{cases}$$

CT complex sinusoid

$C \in \mathbb{R}, C > 0$

complex frequency in radians/s

$$x(t) = C e^{j\omega_0 t} \quad \text{period } T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$$

$$= |C| e^{j\theta} e^{j\omega_0 t}$$

$$= \boxed{|C| e^{j(\omega_0 t + \theta)}} \quad \text{phase}$$

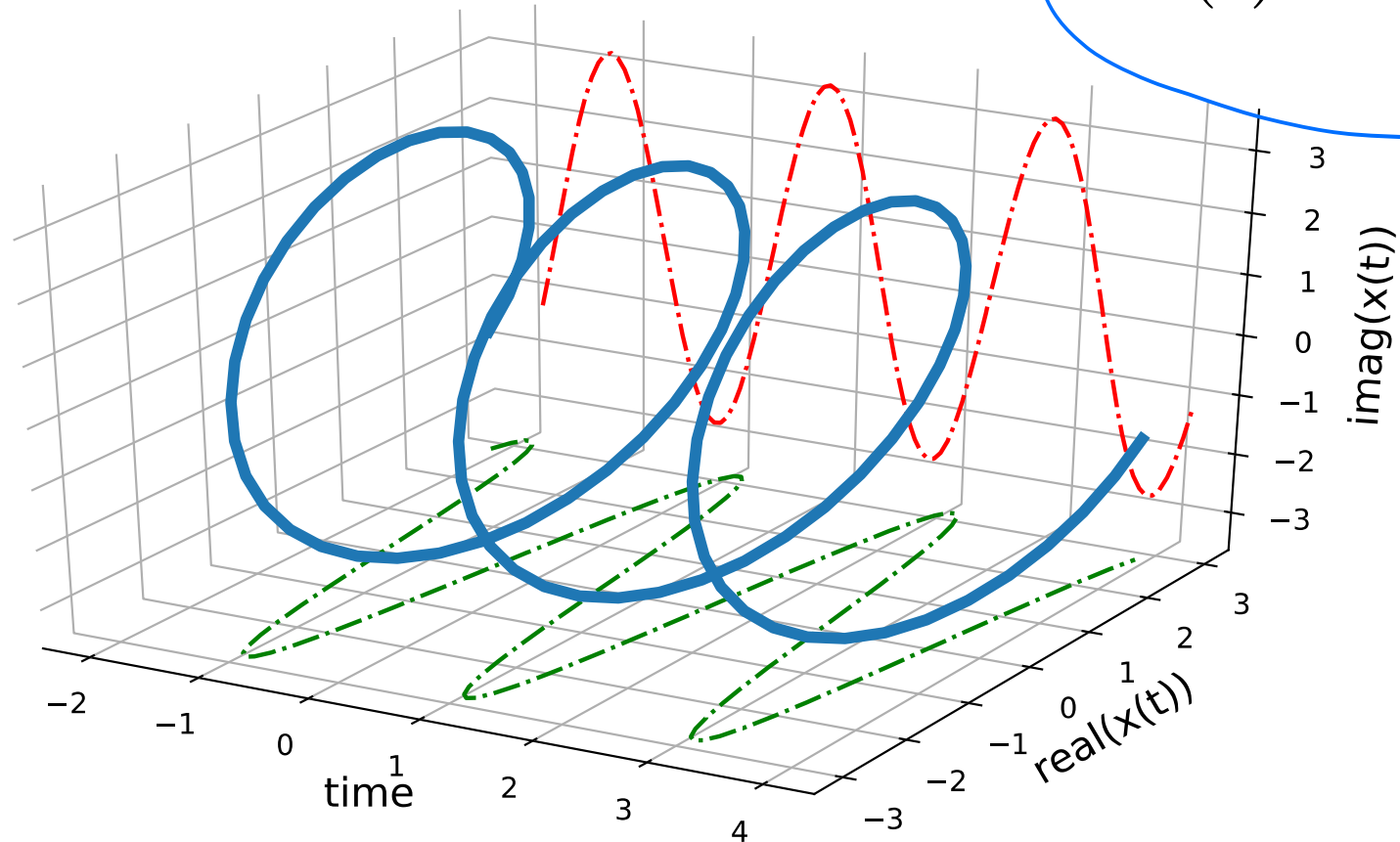
amplitude

$$= |C| \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta) + j|C| \sin(\omega_0 t + \theta)$$

real and imaginary portions related through Eulers

Note: if the amplitude C is negative, then we could simply compensate for the negative by shifting the phase by π

Visualizing a complex sinusoid



$$x(t) = 3e^{j(\pi t - \frac{1}{2})}$$

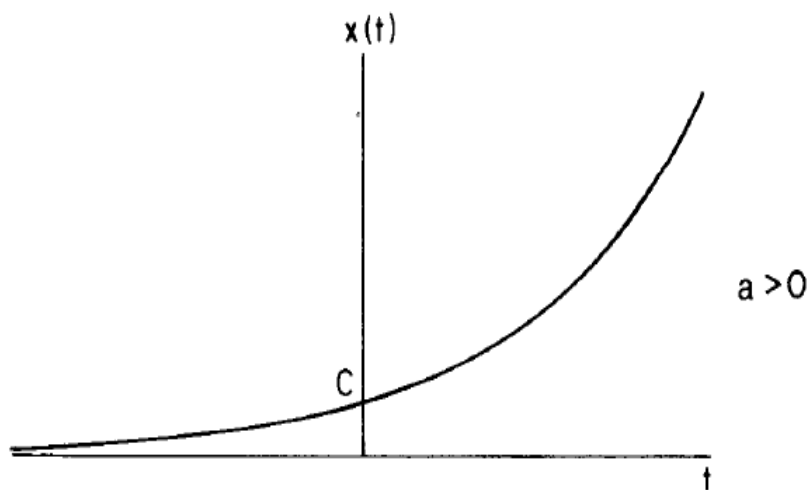
Handwritten notes in blue ink:

$$|x(t)| = 3$$
$$3e^{j(\pi t - \frac{1}{2})}$$

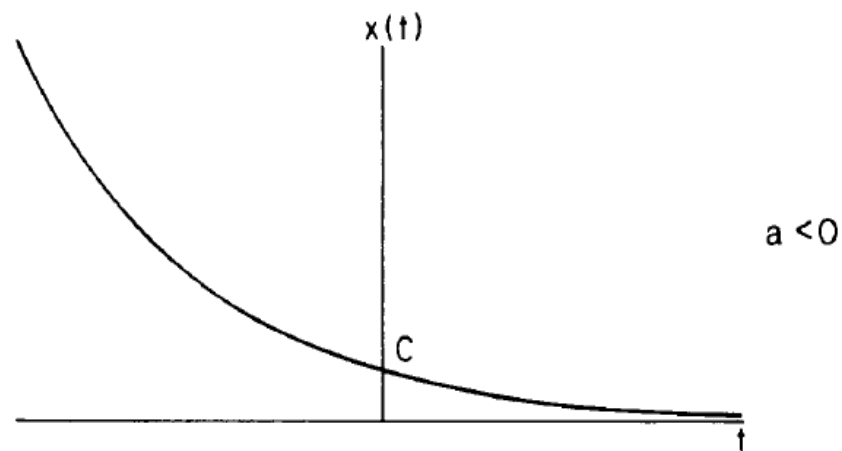
CT real exponential signal

$$x(t) = Ce^{at}$$

real real



Increasing exponential
($a > 0$, $C > 0$)



Decaying exponential
($a < 0$, $C > 0$)

CT complex exponential: general case

$$x(t) = Ce^{at}$$

complex
complex

$C = c_\sigma + jc_\omega$, cartesian
 $= |C|e^{j\theta}$, polar
 $a = r + j\omega_0$, cartesian

polar of C
cart of a

$$x(t) = Ce^{at} = |C|e^{j\theta} e^{(r+j\omega_0)t}$$

$e^{rt} e^{j\omega_0 t}$

$$x(t) = |C|e^{rt}e^{j(\omega_0 t + \theta)}$$

General case includes real exponential, real sinusoid, and complex sinusoid as special cases

Visualizing CT complex exponentials

$$x(t) = |C|e^{rt}e^{j(\omega_0 t + \theta)}$$

Increasing or decaying
exponential “envelope”

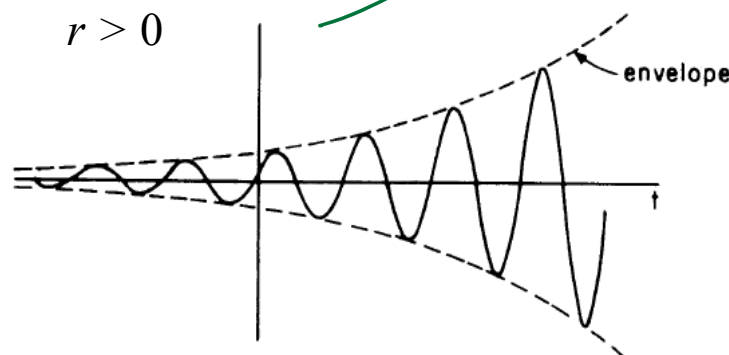
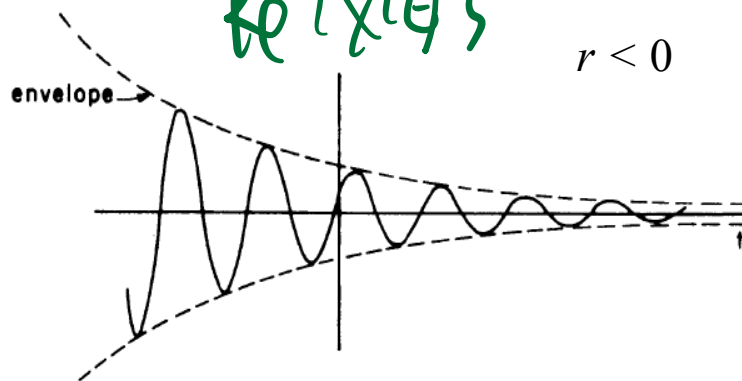
Complex sinusoid

$$\operatorname{Re}\{x(t)\} = |C|e^{rt} \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta)$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\{x(t)\} = |C|e^{rt} \sin(\omega_0 t + \theta)$$

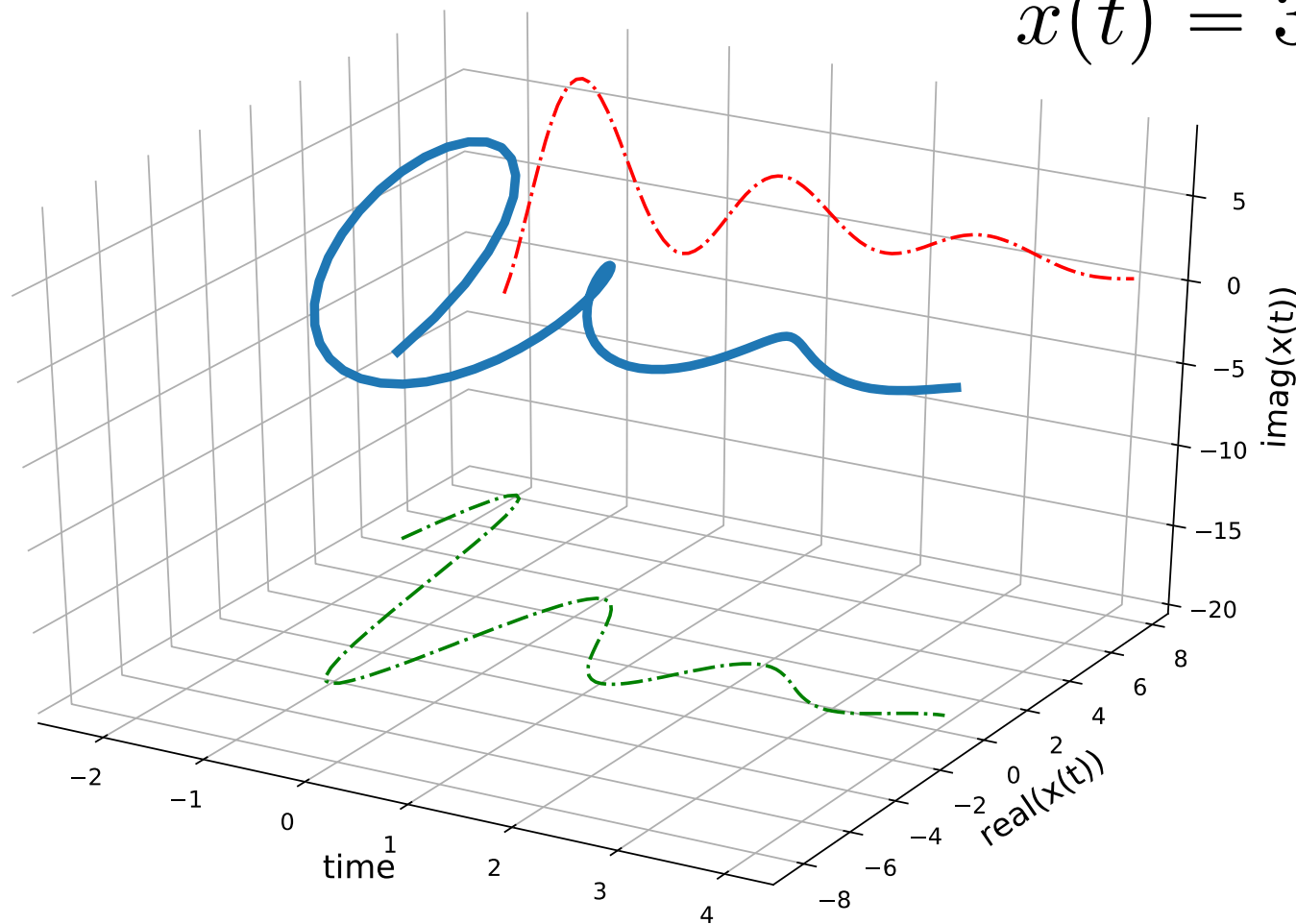
e^{rt} is the “damping” term \rightarrow

$$\begin{cases} r > 0 \rightarrow \text{blows up} \\ r < 0 \rightarrow \text{decays to zero} \end{cases}$$



Visualizing CT complex exponentials in 3D

$$x(t) = 3e^{-t/2}e^{j(\pi t - 1/2)}$$



Example: Sketching a complex exponential

- ◆ Consider a complex exponential with the following values

$$x(t) = Ce^{at}$$

$$C = 3 - j, \quad a = 1 + 10j$$

- ◆ The problem:
 - ★ Express $x(t)$ in terms of its envelope and complex sinusoidal parts
 - ★ Express the real and imaginary parts of $x(t)$
 - ★ Express the magnitude of $x(t)$
 - ★ Plot all of these from time $t = 0$ to $t = 3$, showing the envelope

Solution I

- ◆ Convert $C = 3 - j$ to polar form

$$\text{atan2}(y, x) = \begin{cases} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) & \text{if } x > 0, \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \pi & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0, \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \pi & \text{if } x < 0 \text{ and } y < 0, \\ +\frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y > 0, \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y < 0, \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ and } y = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \sqrt{3^2 + 1} e^{j \text{atan2}(-1, 3)} \\ &= \sqrt{10} e^{-j0.3218} \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ Substitute to get the general form (recall $a = 1 + 10j$)

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= C e^{at} \\ &= \sqrt{10} e^{-j0.3218} e^{t(1+10j)} \\ &= \sqrt{10} e^t e^{j(10t-0.3218)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2

- ◆ Apply Euler's to get real and imaginary parts:

$$\operatorname{Re}\{x(t)\} = \sqrt{10}e^t \cos(10t - 0.3218)$$

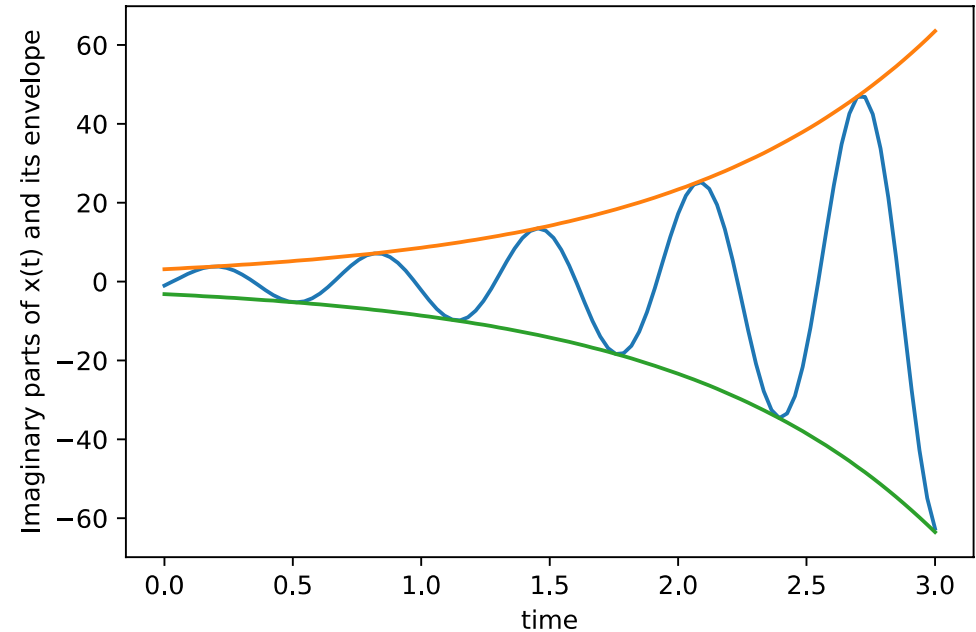
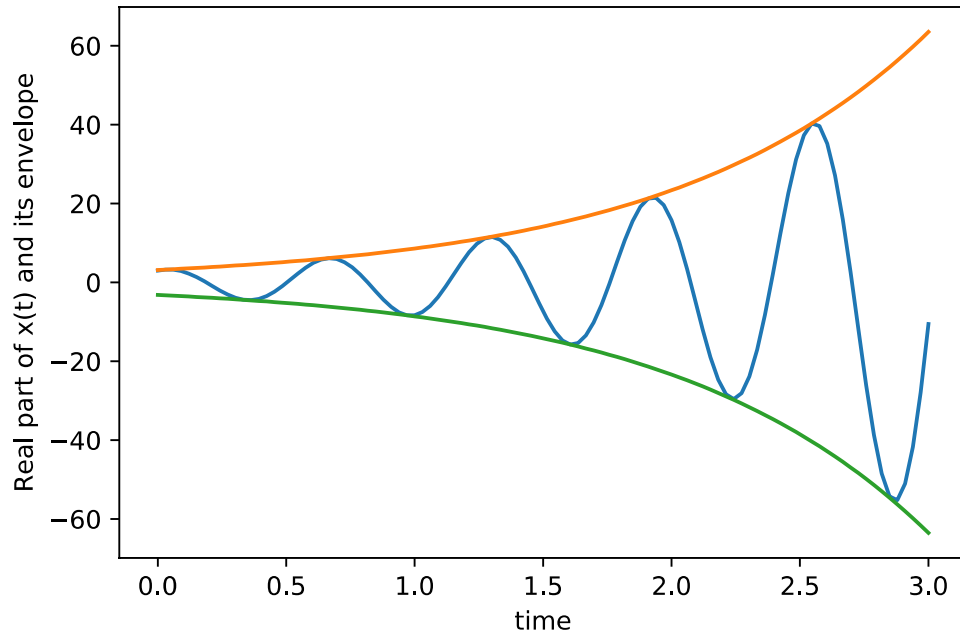
$$\operatorname{Im}\{x(t)\} = \sqrt{10}e^t \sin(10t - 0.3218)$$

- ◆ Use the general form to find the magnitude

$$|x(t)| = \sqrt{10}e^t$$

- ◆ Sketch the signal behavior

Real and imaginary parts are just $\pi/2$ shifts (magnitude is just the positive envelope)



$$\operatorname{Re}\{x(t)\} = \sqrt{10}e^t \cos(10t - 0.3218)$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\{x(t)\} = \sqrt{10}e^t \sin(10t - 0.3218)$$

MATLAB to create these plots

```
C = 3-j;  
a = 1+10j;  
t = 0:0.01:3; % equivalent to linspace (0,3,101)  
x = C*exp(a*t);  
env = abs(C)*exp(real(a) *t);
```

```
figure(1);  
plot(t,real(x),t,env,t,-env);  
xlabel('time');  
ylabel('Real part of x(t) and its envelope');
```

```
figure(2);  
plot(t,imag(x),t,env,t,-env);  
xlabel('time');  
ylabel('Imaginary parts of x(t) and its envelope');
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CT exponential and sinusoidal signals in summary

◆ Complex exponentials and sinusoids

- ✦ Important building blocks for future lectures
- ✦ Can be understood through Euler's identity
- ✦ Related to real exponentials and real sinusoids
- ✦ Will become close friends by the end of the course 😊

◆ You should be able to

- ✦ Identify complex exponentials and complex sinusoids
- ✦ Determine the period of a complex sinusoid
- ✦ Plot a complex exponential sketch and in MATLAB

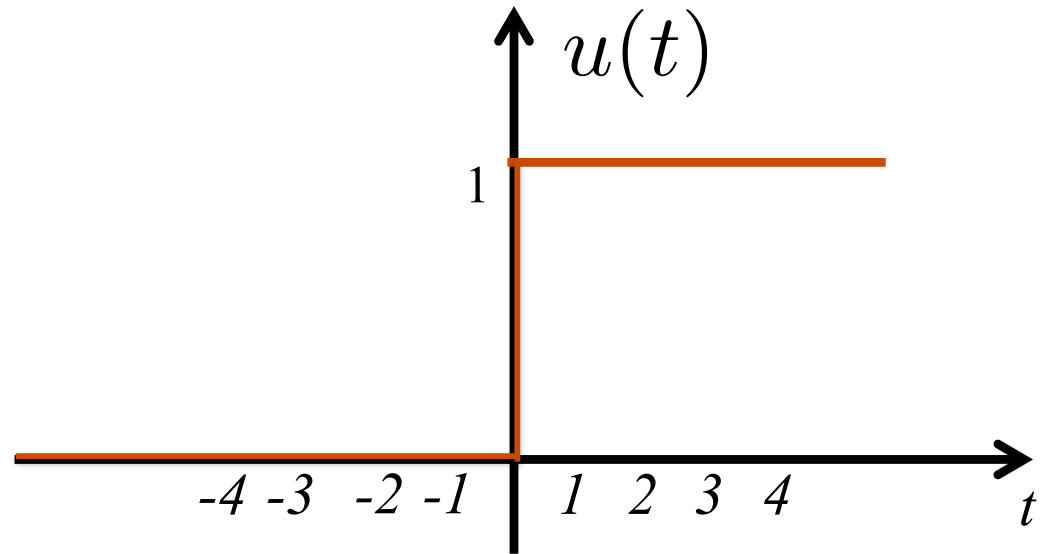
Unit-impulse function also known as the Dirac delta function

Learning objectives

- Explain the properties of delta unit impulse function
- Exploit the sifting property to simplify expressions with deltas
- Exploit the integration property to simplify expressions with deltas

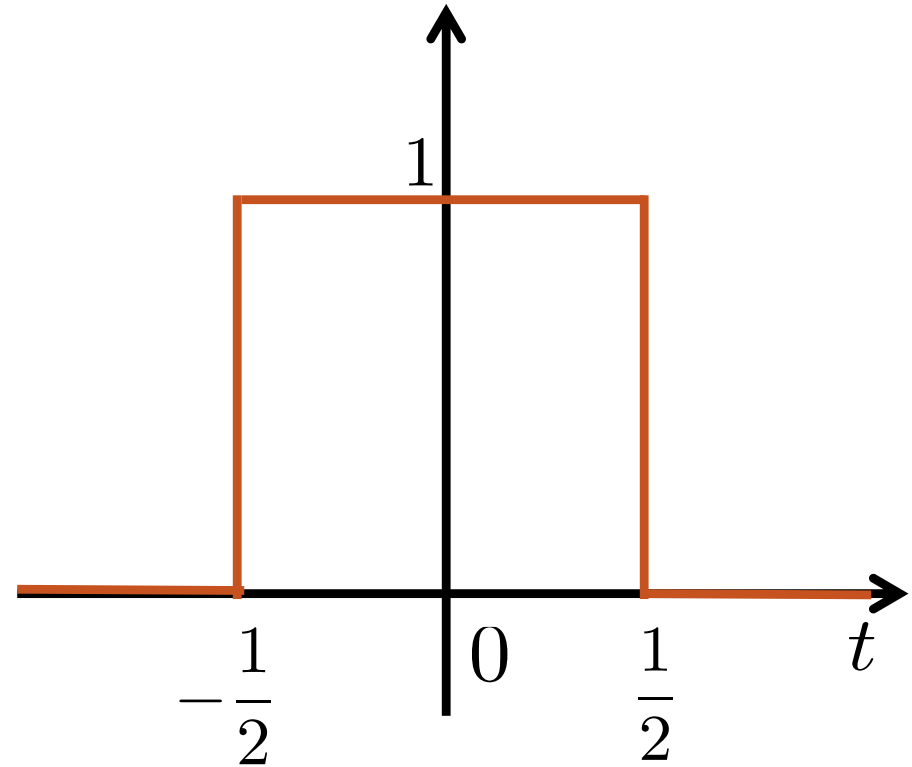
Unit step function

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

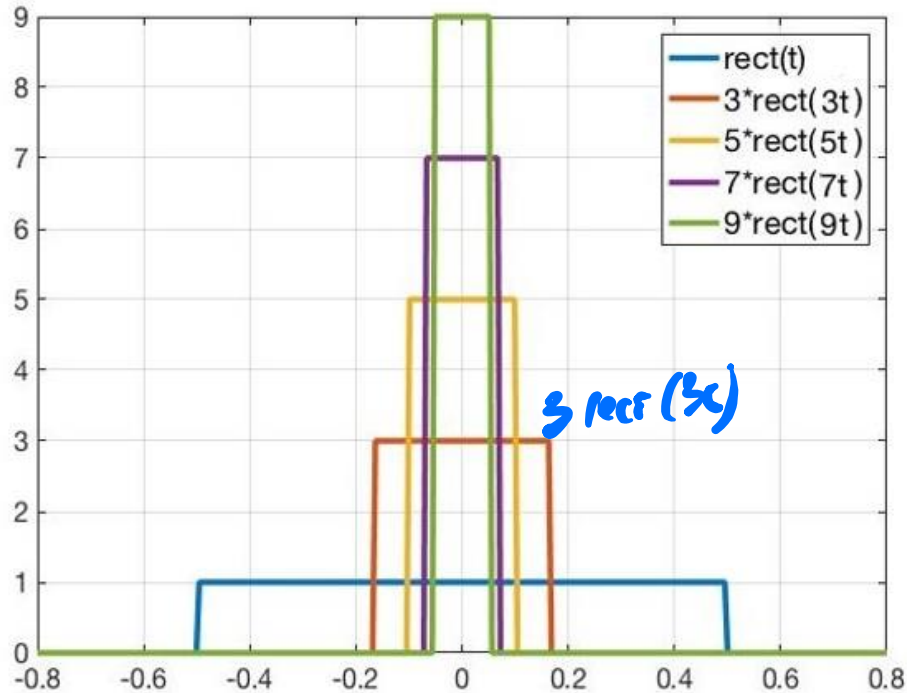


Rectangle function

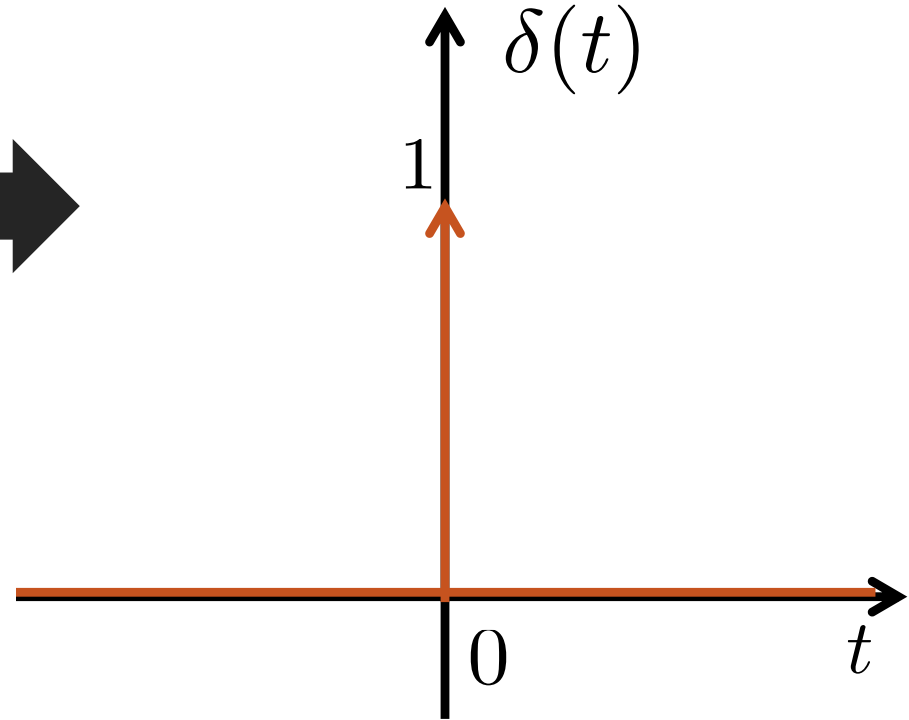
$$\text{rect}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & |t| > \frac{1}{2} \\ 1, & |t| \leq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$



Consider the following sequence

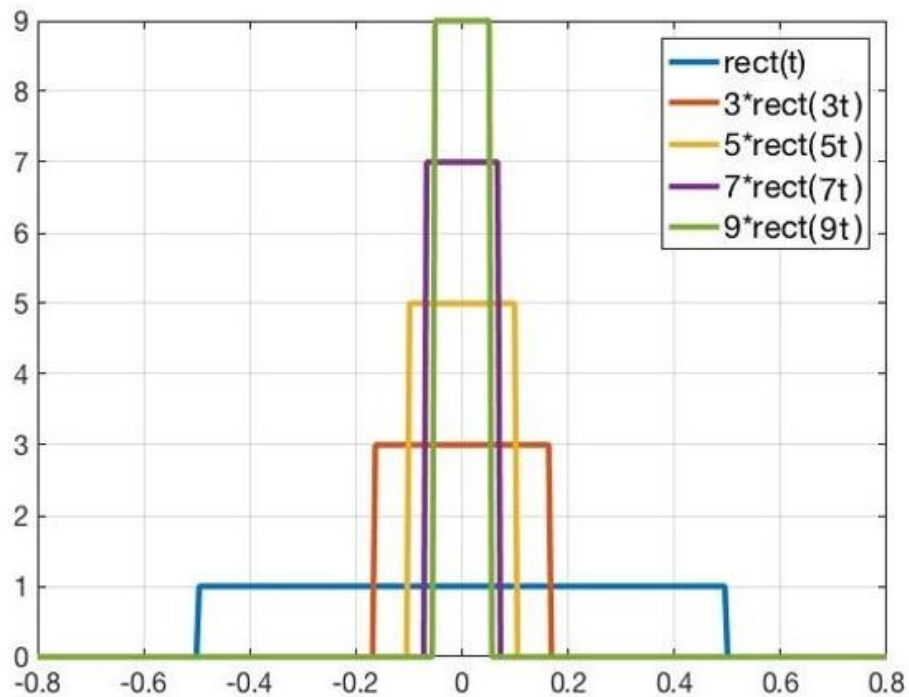


Dirac delta or unit-impulse function



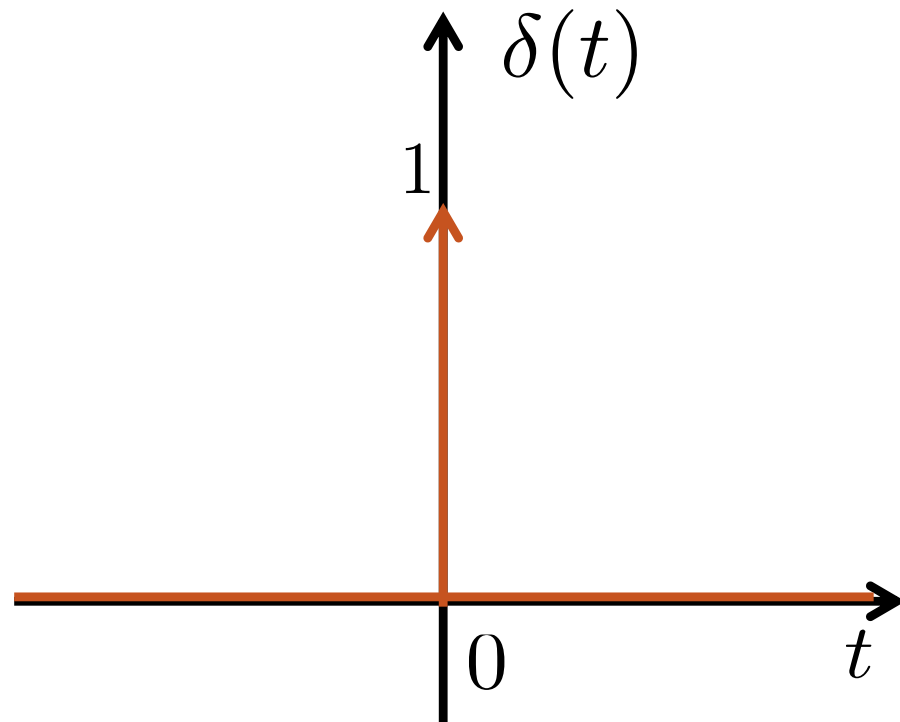
Delta function is a generalized function that requires some care

Unit area property



Bt

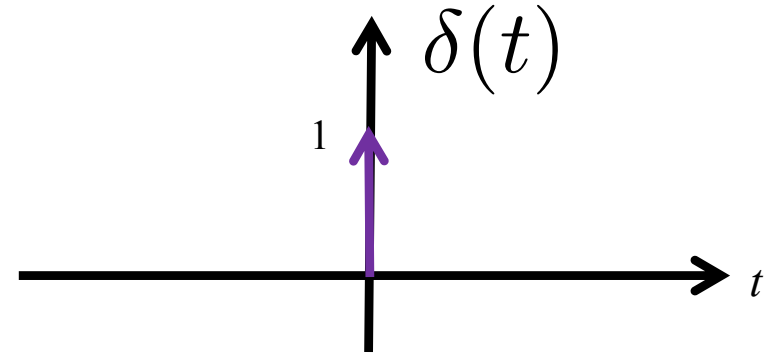
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} B \operatorname{rect}\left(\frac{t}{B}\right) dt = 1$$



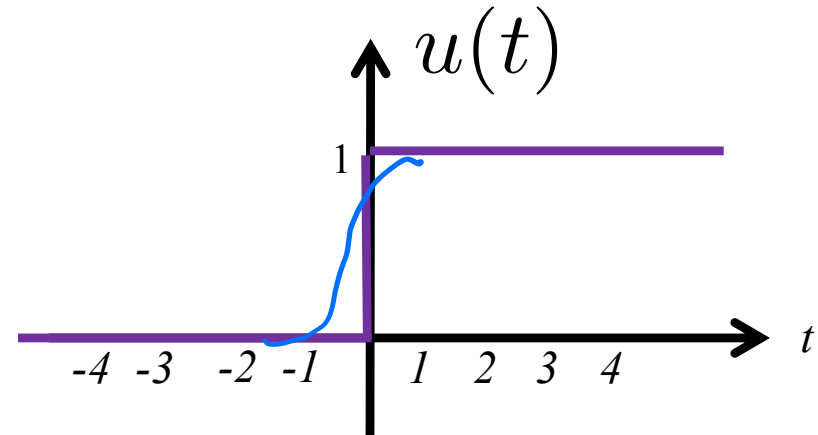
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

Connection to the unit step function

$$\frac{du(t)}{dt} = \delta(t)$$



$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau$$



Sifting property

at $t=0$

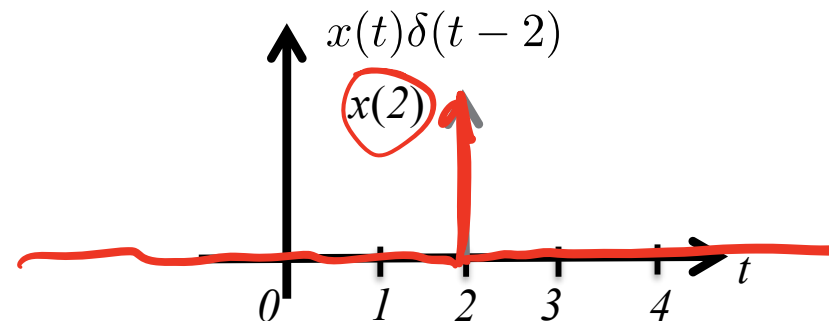
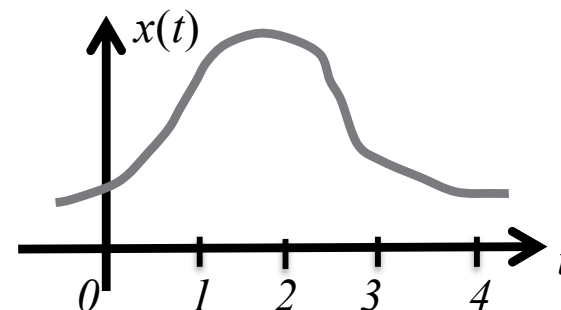
any function

Avoid common error:
be sure to leave in
delta function!

$$x(t)\delta(t) = x(0)\delta(t)$$

$$x(t)\delta(t - t_0) = x(t_0)\delta(t - t_0)$$

Example



Sifting property example

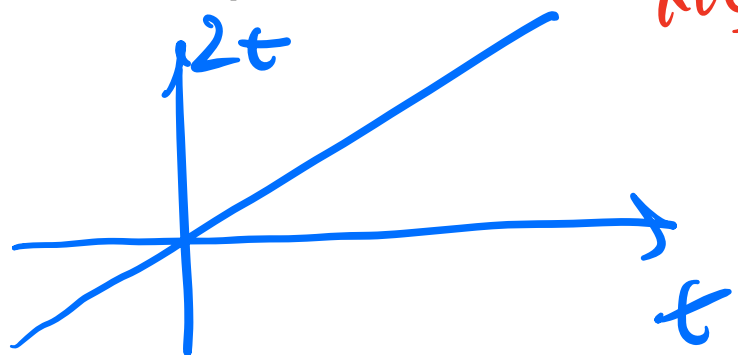
- ◆ Consider the following signal

$$x(t) = 2t$$

- ◆ Find a simplified expression for

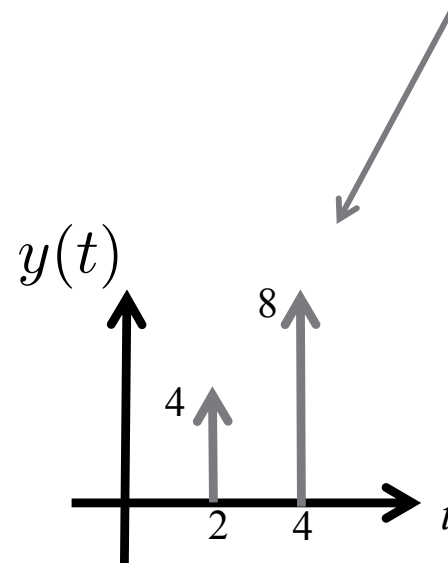
$$y(t) = x(t)(\delta(t - 2) + \delta(t - 4))$$

and plot the result



$$\begin{aligned} & x(t) \delta(t-2) \\ & + x(t) \delta(t-4) \\ & = x(2) \delta(t-2) + x(4) \delta(t-4) \end{aligned}$$

We draw
deltas like this



Sifting property example

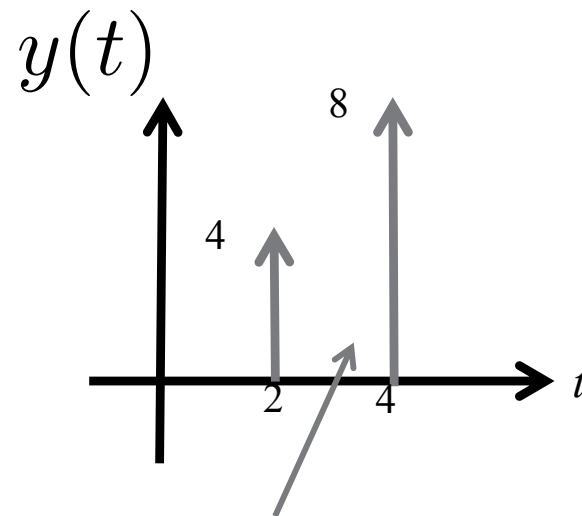
$$x(t) = 2t$$

$$y(t) = x(t)(\delta(t - 2) + \delta(t - 4))$$

$$= 2t(\delta(t - 2) + \delta(t - 4))$$

$$= 2t\delta(t - 2) + 2t\delta(t - 4)$$

$$= 4\delta(t - 2) + 8\delta(t - 4)$$



We label
deltas like this

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 4\delta(t-2) dt + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 8\delta(t-4) dt = 12$$

Integration property



$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(\tau) d\tau = x(0)$$

There are no delta functions in the final expression, they were integrated out

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t - \tau) \delta(\tau) d\tau = x(t)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau = x(t)$$

Integration property examples

◆ Simplify the following expressions

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{\pi t^2}{2}\right) \delta(t+2) dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{\pi (-2)^2}{2}\right) \delta(t+2) dt$$

$$= \cos(2\pi) \cdot \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t+2) dt}_1$$

$$= 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-2)\delta(t+2) dt$$

$g(t)$

\Rightarrow

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \delta(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$x(t) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-\tau) d\tau = x(t)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(m) \delta(t-m) dm = f(t)$$

Integration property examples

◆ Simplify the following expressions

$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos\left(\frac{\pi t^2}{2}\right) \delta(t+2) dt$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos\left(\pi \frac{(-2)^2}{2}\right) \delta(t+2) dt = \cos(2\pi) = 1$
$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-2) \delta(t+2) dt$	0
$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \delta(t-\tau) d\tau$	$x(t)$

Time scaling the delta function (I/3)

◆ What is $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(a\tau) d\tau$?

◆ Suppose that $a > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(a\tau) d\tau &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a} \delta(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(a\tau) d\tau \quad \xrightarrow{\text{real number } a > 0}$$

$$t = a\tau \quad dt = a d\tau$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a} \delta(t) d\tau = \frac{1}{a} \quad d\tau = \frac{1}{a} dt$$

$$a < 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(at) dt$$

$$t = a\tau \quad dt = a d\tau$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a} d(t) dt$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a} \delta(t) dt = -\frac{1}{a}$$

Time scaling the delta function (2/3)

◆ Suppose that $a < 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(a\tau) d\tau &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{-a} \delta(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{-a}\end{aligned}$$

Time scaling the delta function (3/3)

- ◆ Conclude that for any real value a

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(a\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{|a|}$$

$$\delta(at) = \frac{1}{|a|} \delta(t)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos((\pi t)^2/2) \delta(2 \cdot t) dt$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \delta(t)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \cos((\pi t)^2/2) \delta(t) dt$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \cos((\pi \cdot 0)^2/2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Cautionary notes on the delta function

- ◆ The unit-impulse function, also called the Direct delta function, is really a *generalized function*
 - ★ It does not really behave like a normal function
 - ★ It is either zero or undefined
- ◆ We should technically only be using $\delta(t)$ under the integral sign
 - ★ It is well defined in the integral sign
 - ★ Some Professors will complain if not in the integral sign (but not me)
 - ★ Take real analysis in the math department for further enlightenment
- ◆ Despite these quirks, the delta function is extremely useful for modeling and understanding signals and systems
 - “All models are wrong, but some are useful” – George Box
(statistician)

Summary of the delta function

- ◆ Unit-impulse or Dirac delta is an important basic signal
 - ★ Generalized function of time
- ◆ Sifting with deltas pulls out the signal value but leaves the delta

$$x(t)\delta(t - t_0) = x(t_0)\delta(t - t_0)$$

- ◆ Integrating with deltas eliminates the delta and gives a value

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)\delta(t - t_0)dt = x(t_0)$$

