

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

## Fourier transform properties 2

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

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

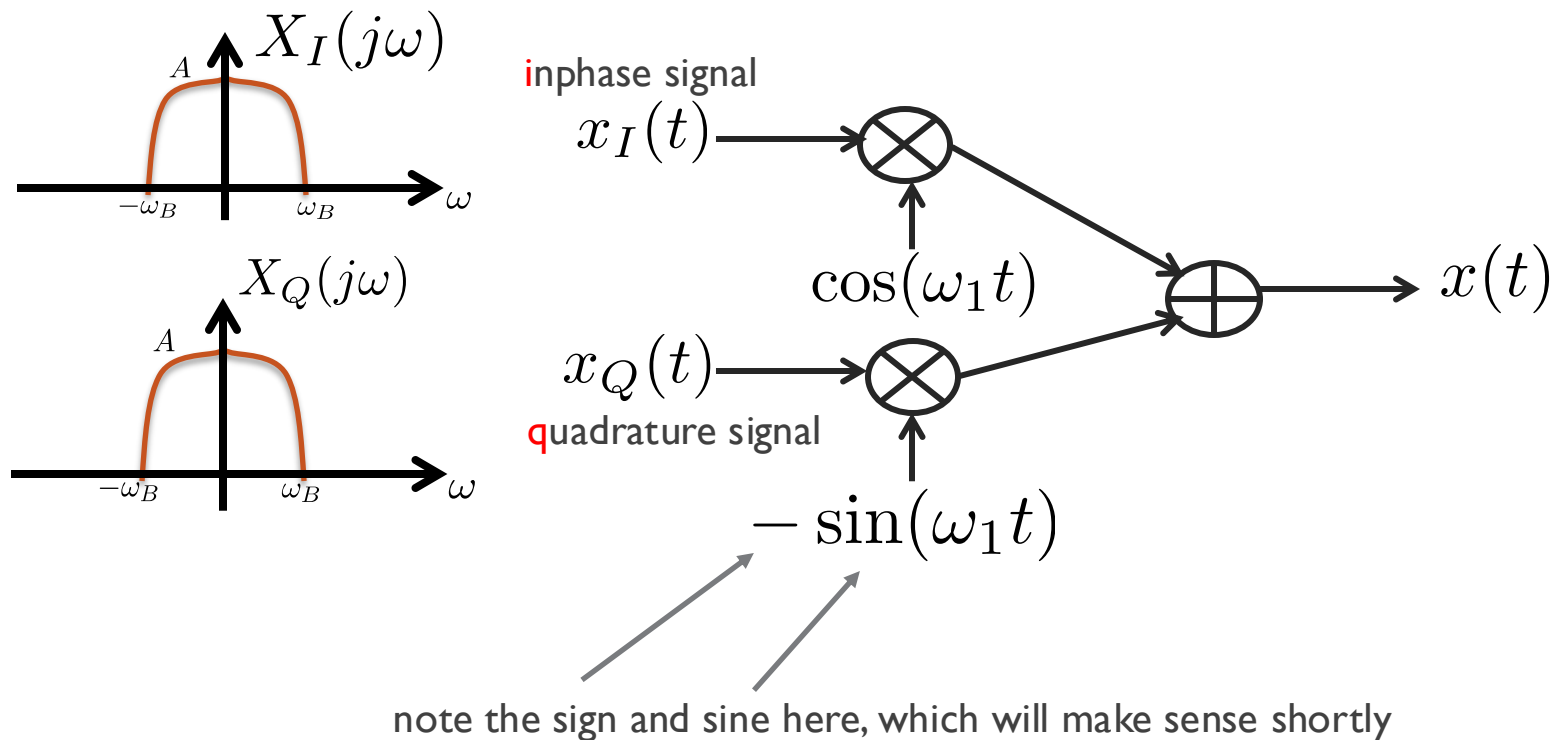
## Fourier transform properties 3

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(j\omega) & y(t) &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega) \\ h(t) &\xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} H(j\omega) \end{aligned}$$

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

## Practical application – Inphase and quadrature

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



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

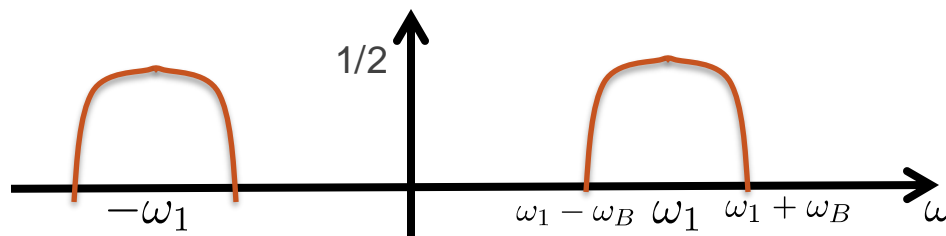
◆ What happens in the frequency domain?

✦ 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

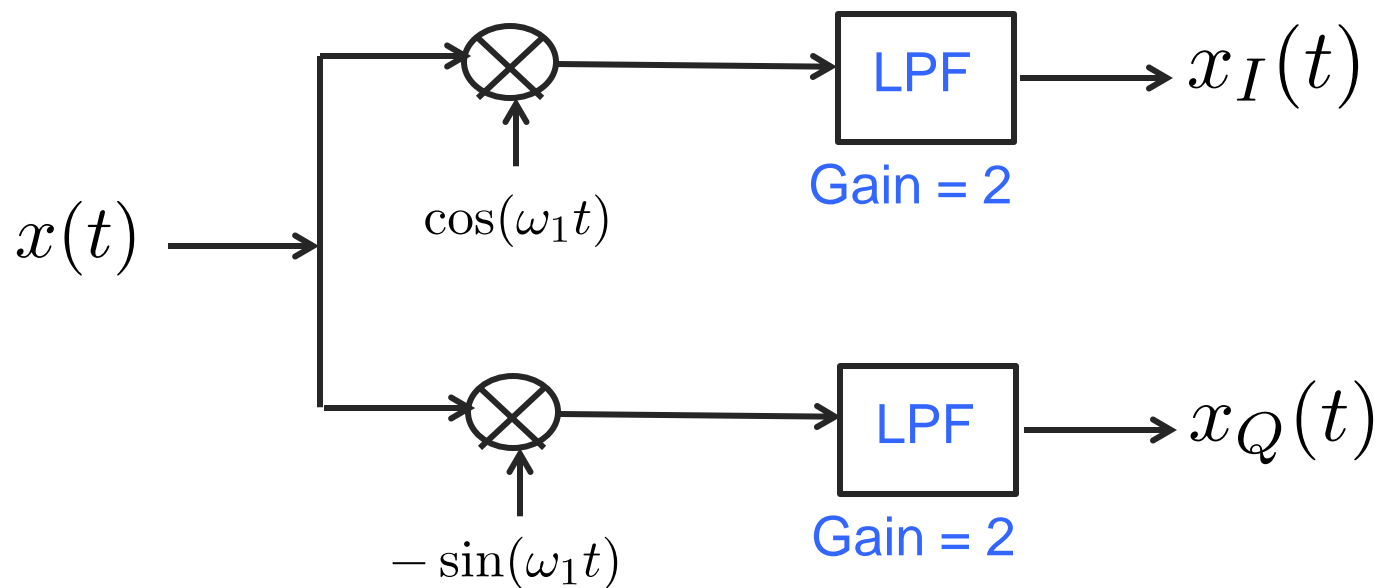
$$x(t) \cos(\omega_1 t) = \frac{1}{2} x_I(t) + \frac{1}{2} x_I(t) \cos(2\omega_1 t) - \frac{1}{2} x_Q(t) \sin(2\omega_1 t)$$

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



## 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

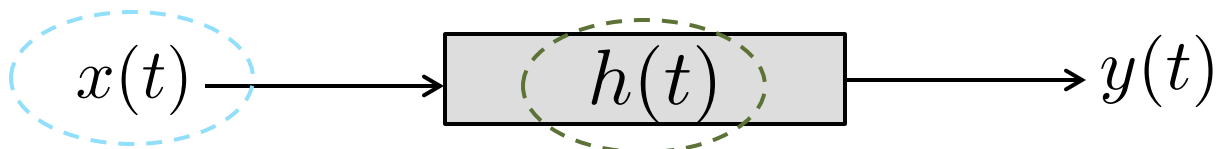
$$x_{bb}(t) = x_I(t) + jx_Q(t)$$


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 positioned on the left and the imaginary part  $\text{Im}\{x_{bb}(t)\}$  is on the right. Two arrows originate from these labels: one points from  $\text{Re}\{x_{bb}(t)\}$  to  $x_I(t)$  in the equation, and the other points from  $\text{Im}\{x_{bb}(t)\}$  to  $jx_Q(t)$ .

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

◆ Then

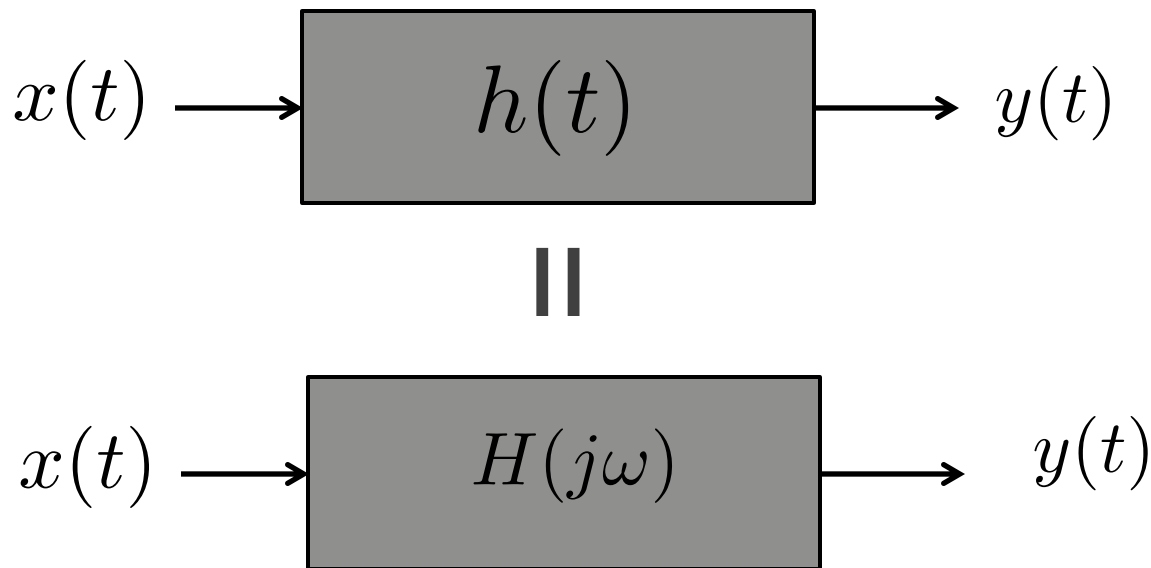
$$y(t) = h(t) * x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega)$$

Convolution in time is multiplication in frequency

## Proof of the convolution property

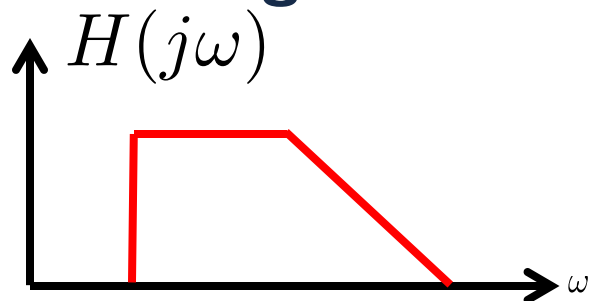
$$\begin{aligned} Y(j\omega) &= \mathcal{F} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau \right\} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau e^{-j\omega t} dt && \text{Apply definition} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t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

## Block diagrams

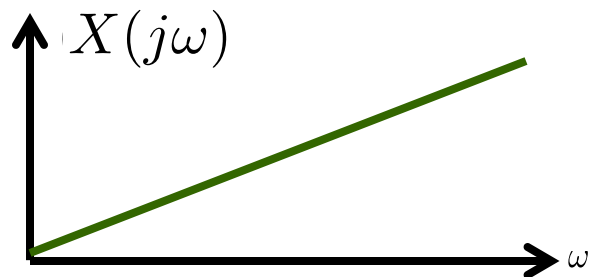


From a notational perspective, an LTI system may be described by the impulse response in the time or frequency domains

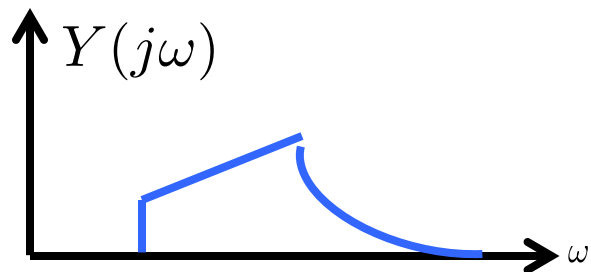
# Visualizing the convolution property



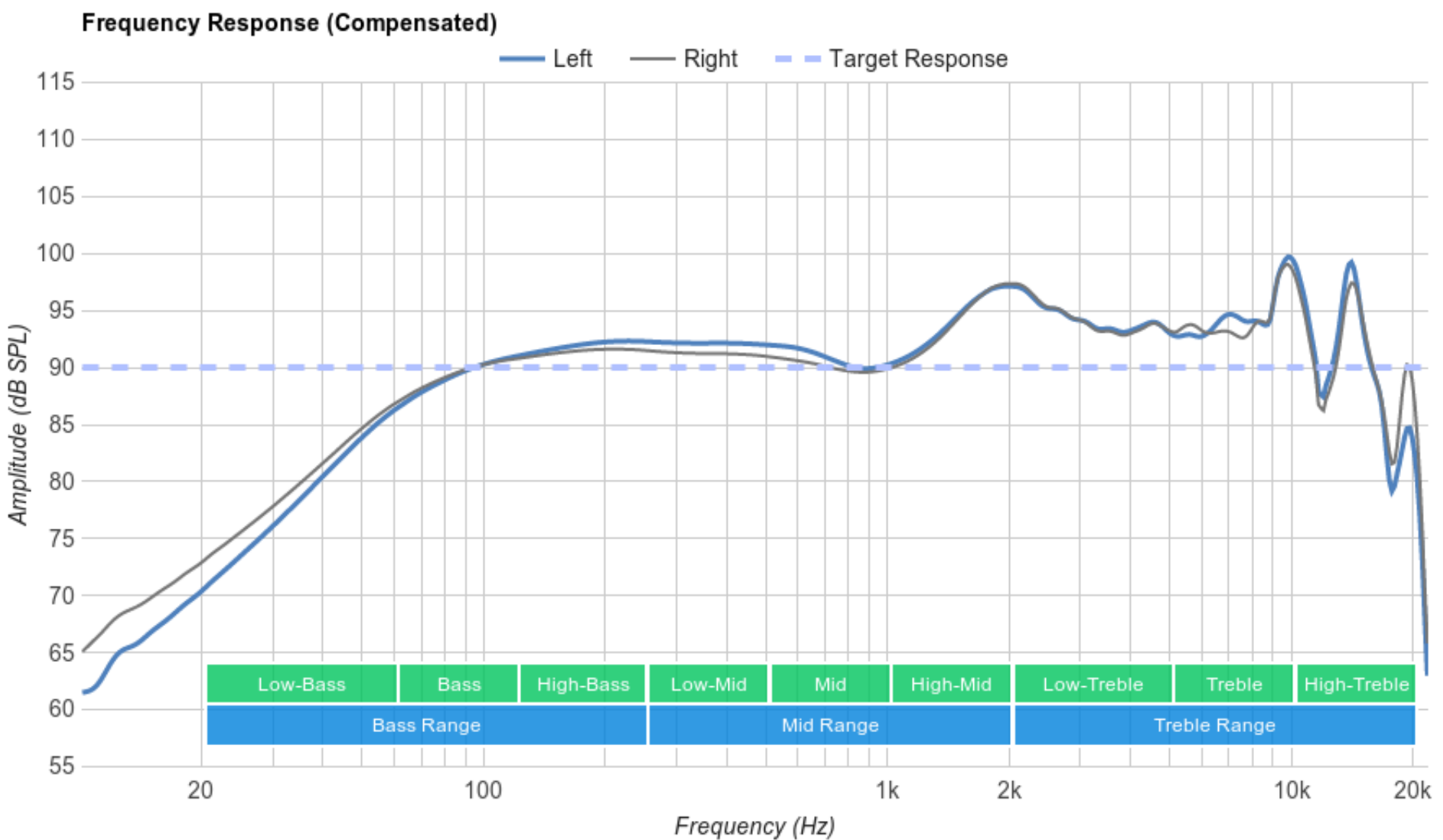
$$Y(j\omega) = H(j\omega)X(j\omega)$$

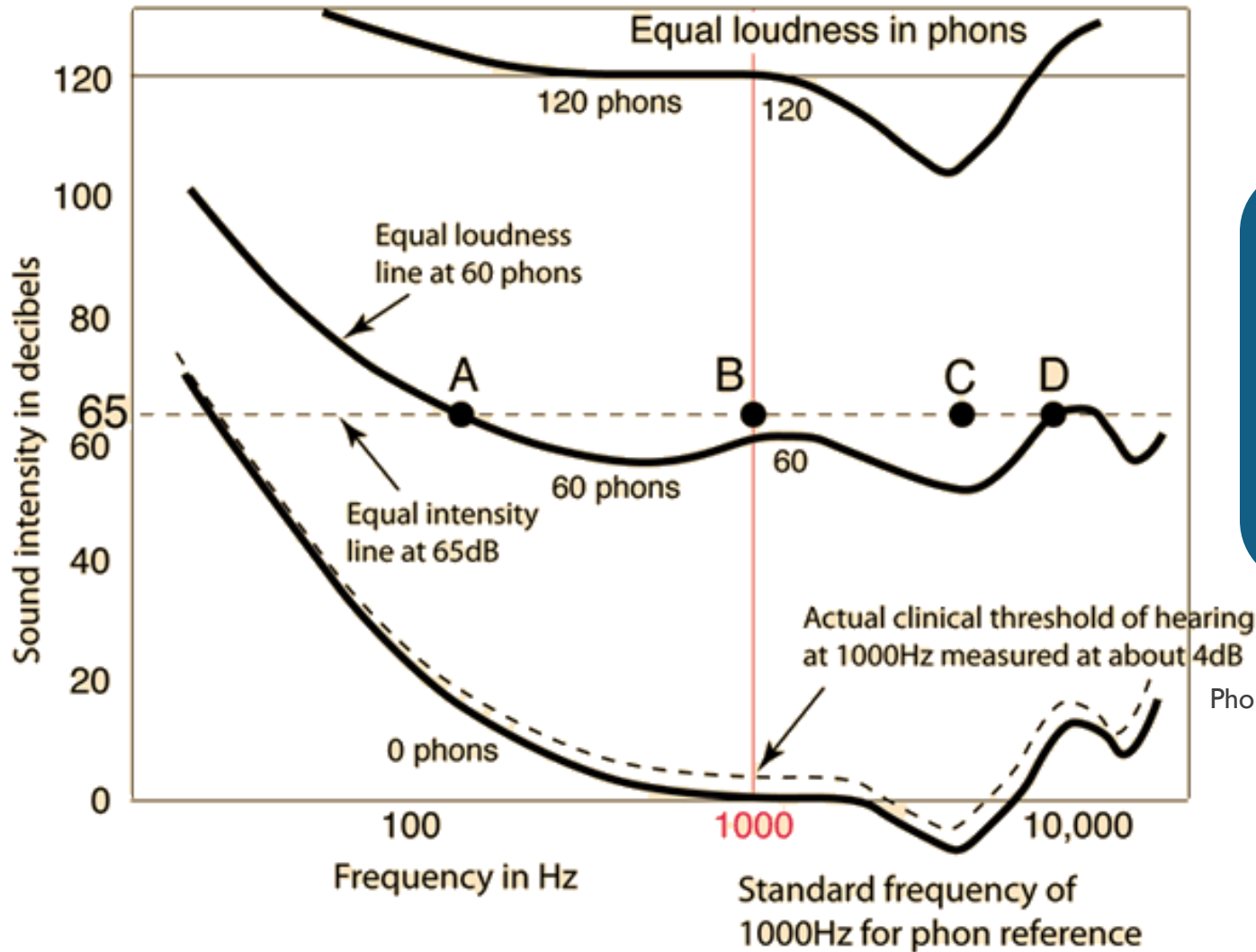


Direct multiplication at each frequency









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

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

- ◆ It follows that

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

## Double sinc example (continued)

- ◆ The convolution is then

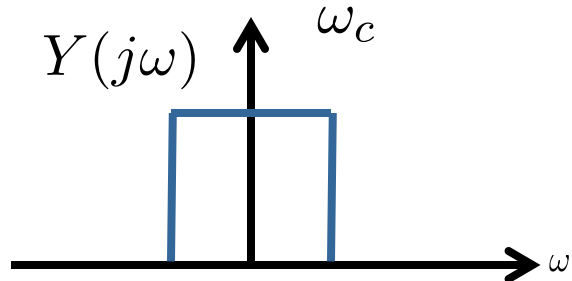
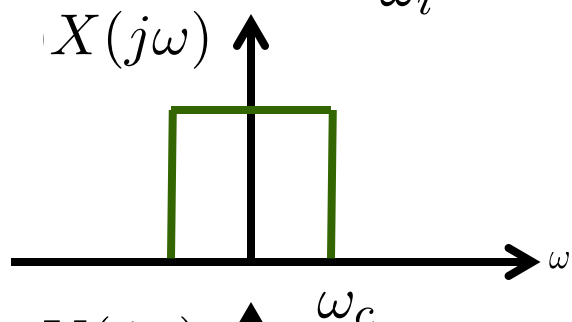
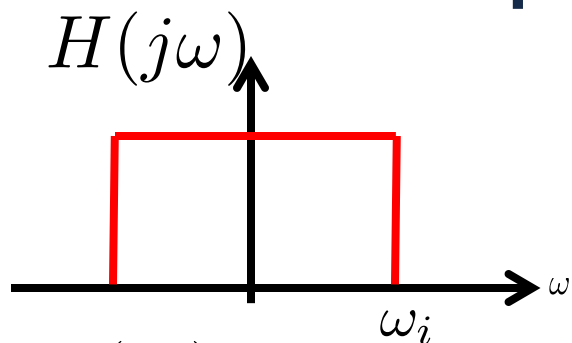
$$\begin{aligned} Y(j\omega) &= \text{rect}(\omega/2\omega_i)\text{rect}(\omega/2\omega_c) \\ &= \text{rect}(\omega/2 \min(\omega_c, \omega_i)) \end{aligned}$$

- ◆ 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

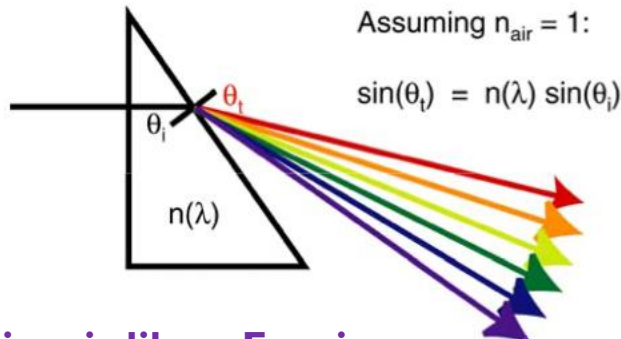
- ◆ Convolution between two signals in time becomes the product of the Fourier transforms of those signals in the frequency domain
- ◆ Convolutions are easy to do in the frequency domain as they involve a simple point-wise multiplication
- ◆ The convolution property explains how the frequency response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

# Fourier in practice

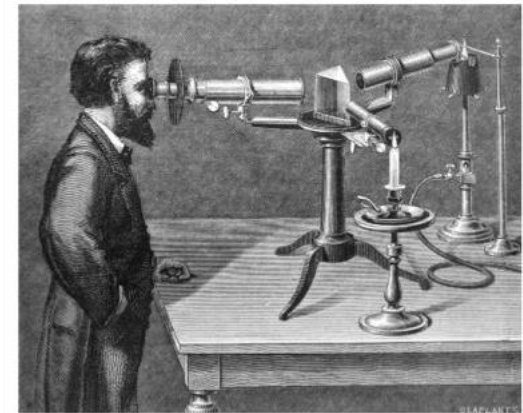
## Key points

- Fourier concepts show up everywhere

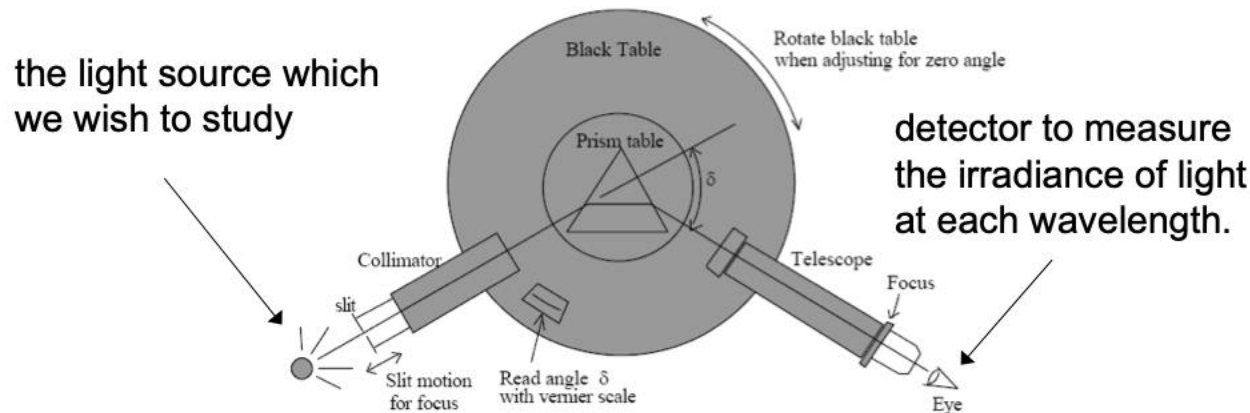
# Spectrometer



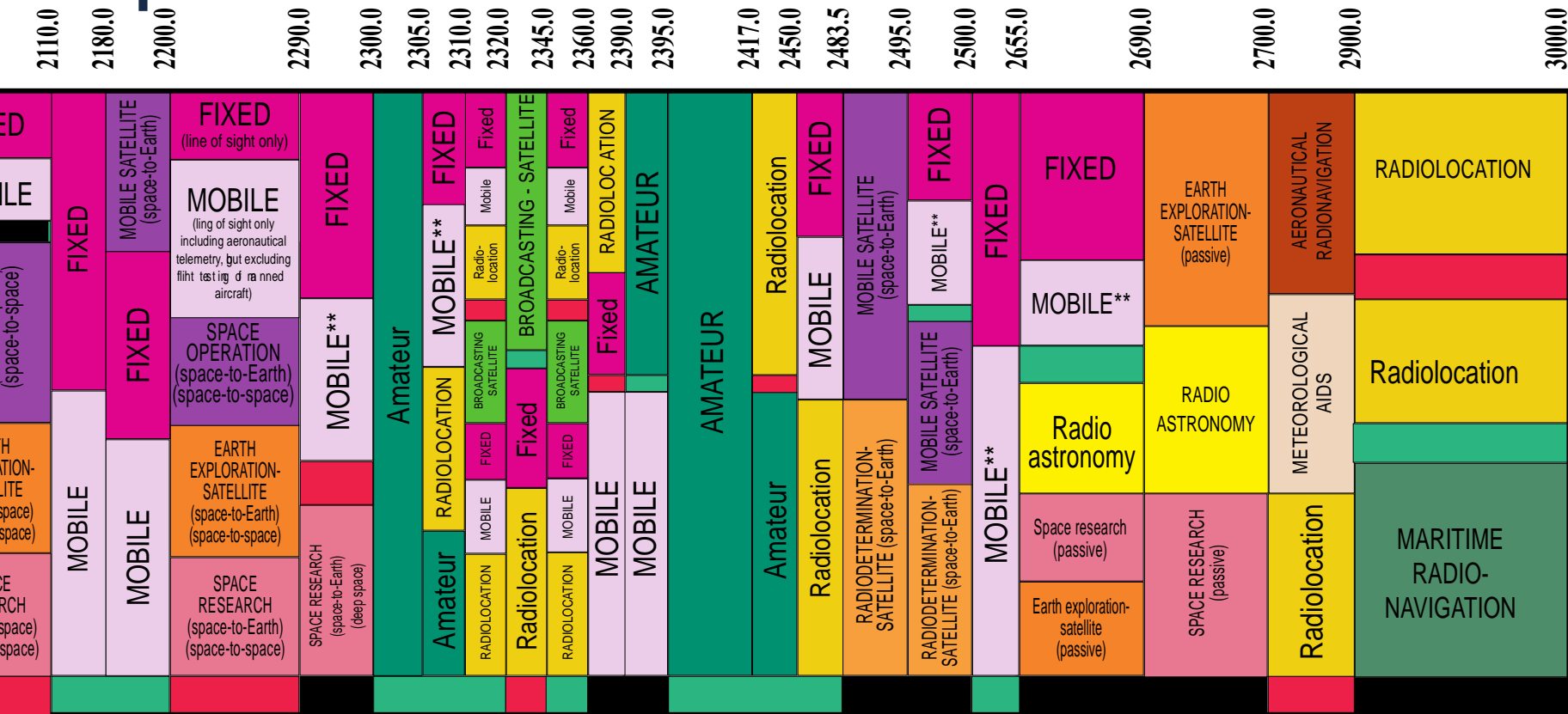
Prism is like a Fourier operator



Robert Bunsen, 1859



# Spectrum allocation



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

3 GHz

# Communications

## Spectrum for in-band signal

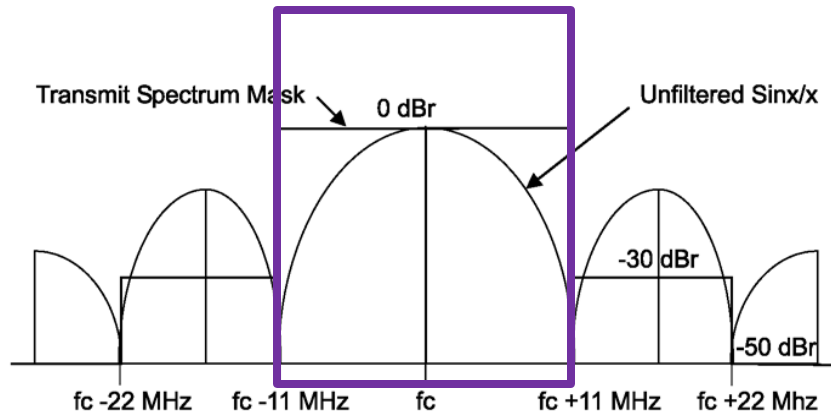
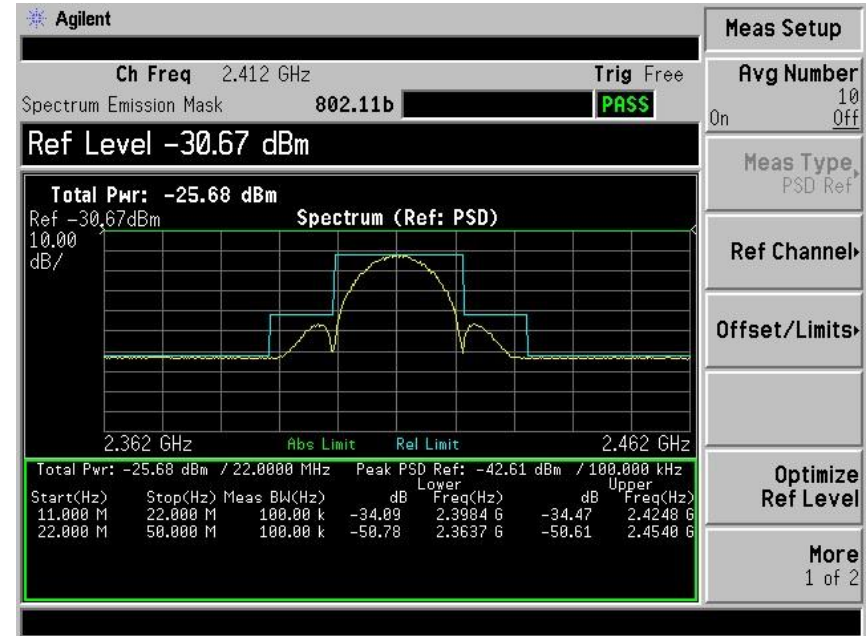


Figure 15-10—Transmit spectrum mask

## 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

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- Use this fact to explain windowing

## Multiplication property

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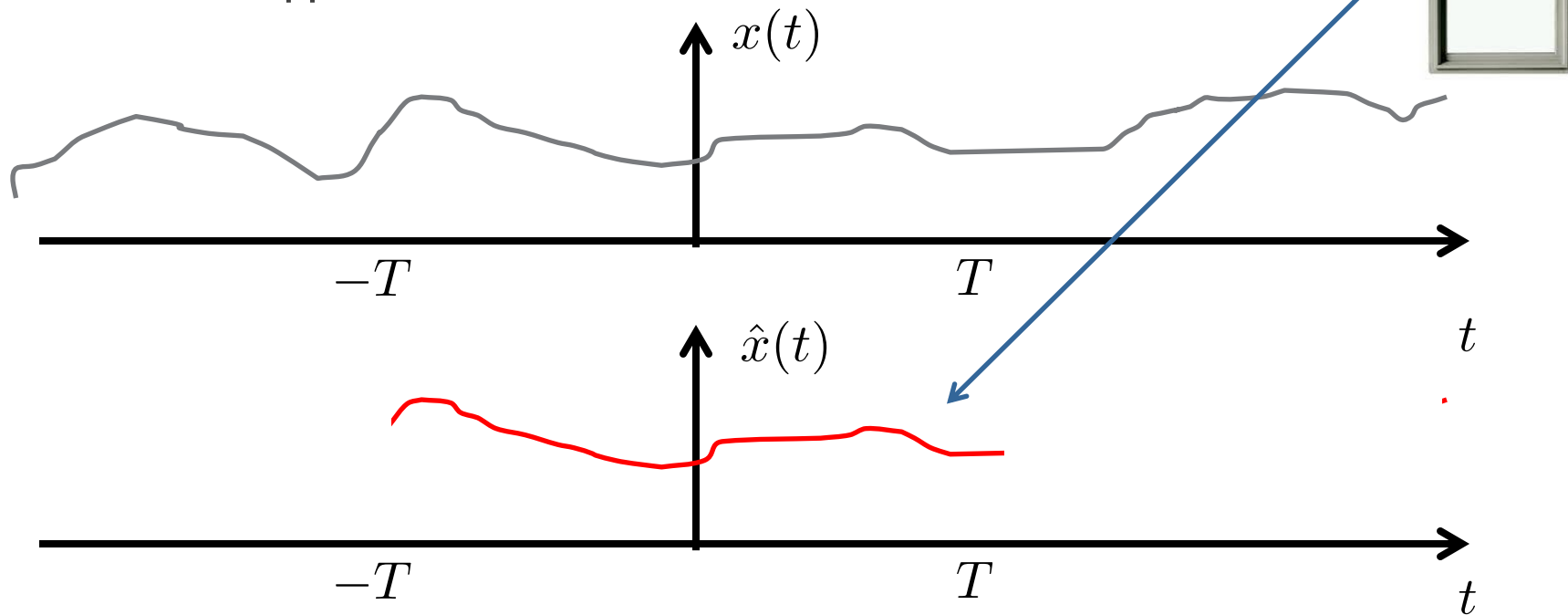
$$y(t) = h(t)x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} Y(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(j\theta) X(j(\omega - \theta)) d\theta$$

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  $-T$ .... $T$
  - ✦ What happens?

Have only a window of the data





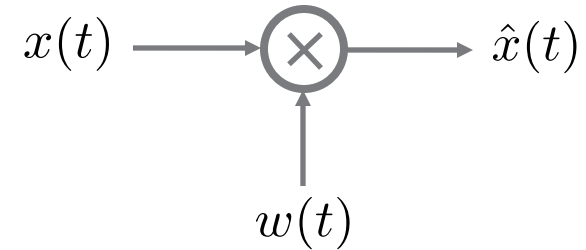
## Windowing the spectrum

- ◆ The observed signal can be written as

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

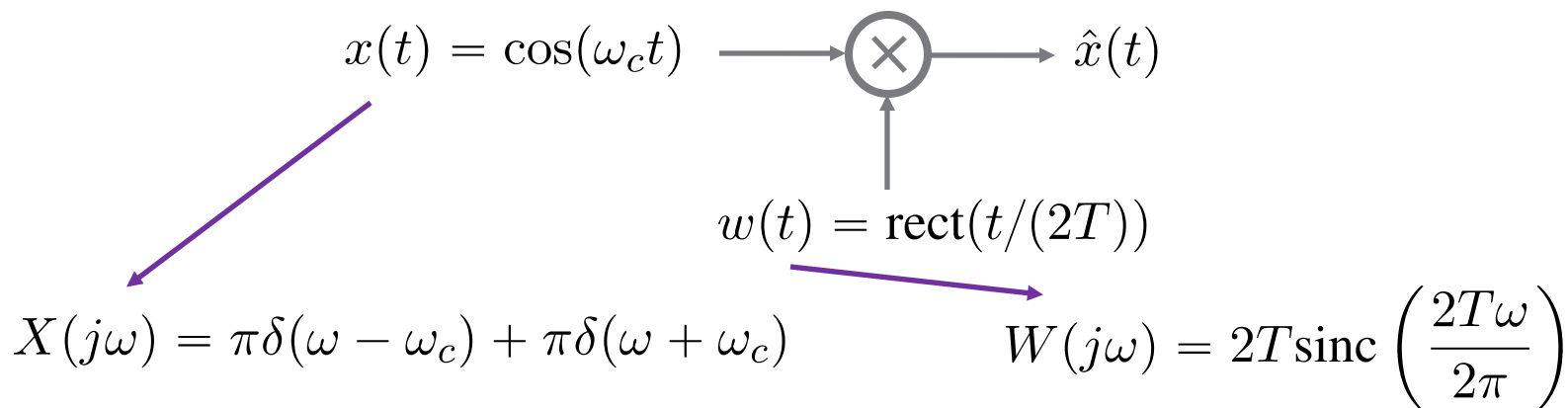
- ◆ In the frequency domain

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



Spectrum is filtered by the sinc function

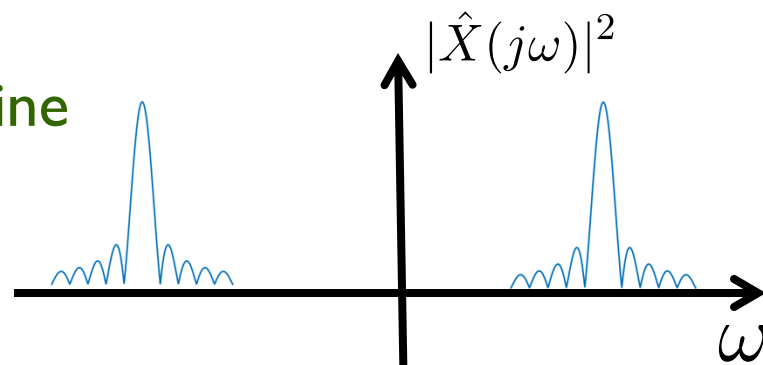
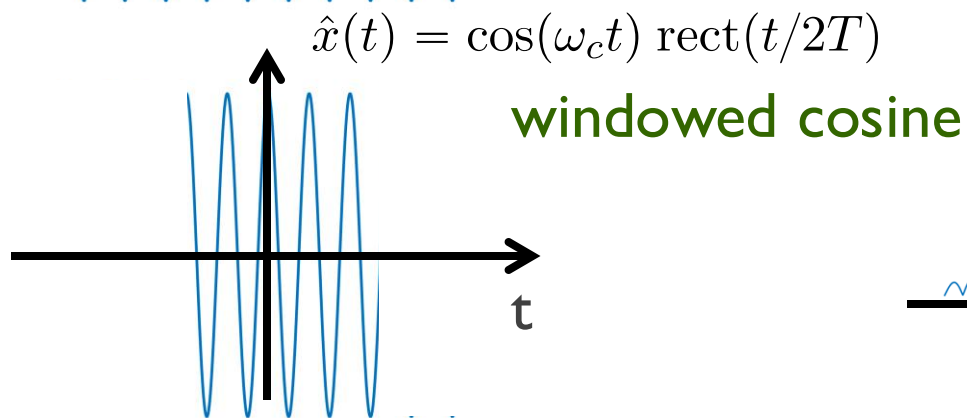
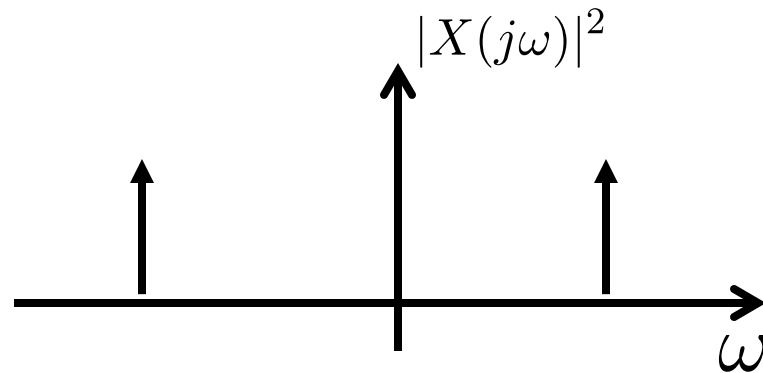
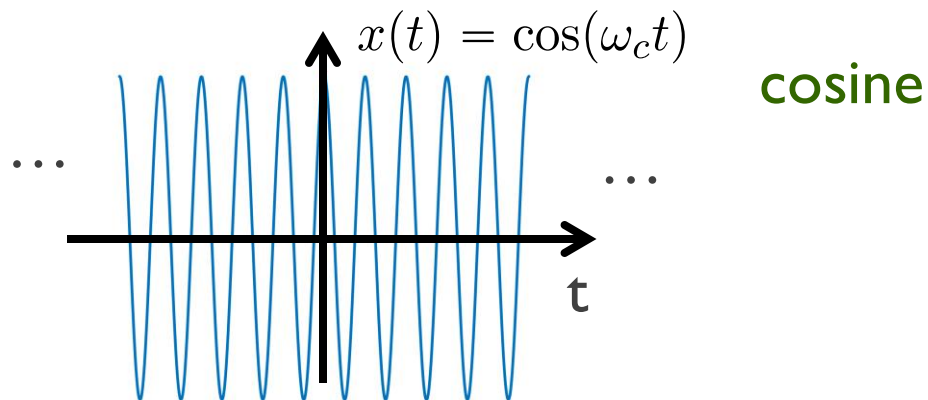
## Example – windowing a cosine



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

Impulses get smeared due to windowing

# Intuition on windowing



## Impact of windowing on resolution

- ◆ Suppose that we window a sum of two cosines

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

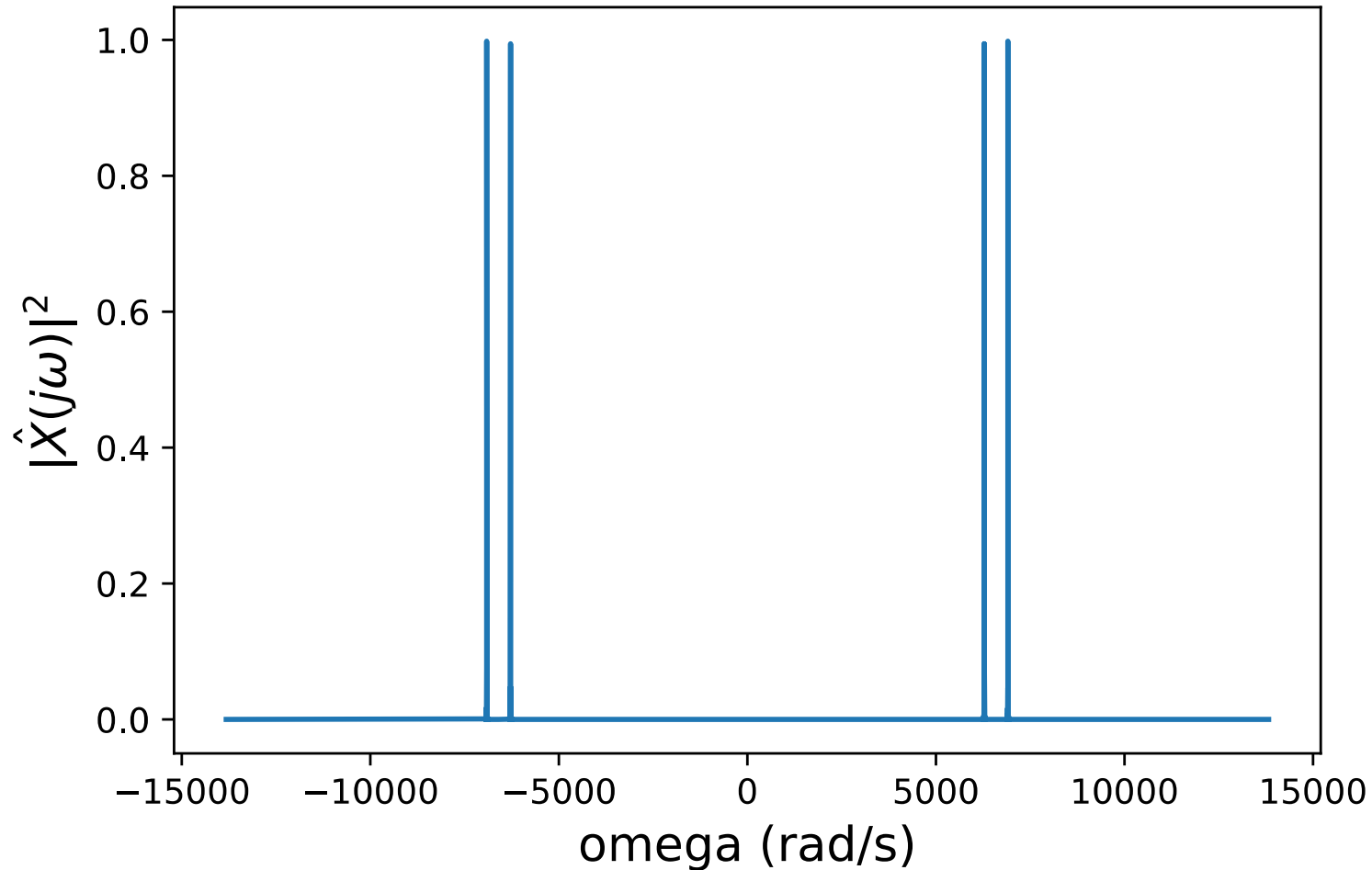
1000 Hz or 6,280 rad/s

1100 Hz or 6,911 rad/s

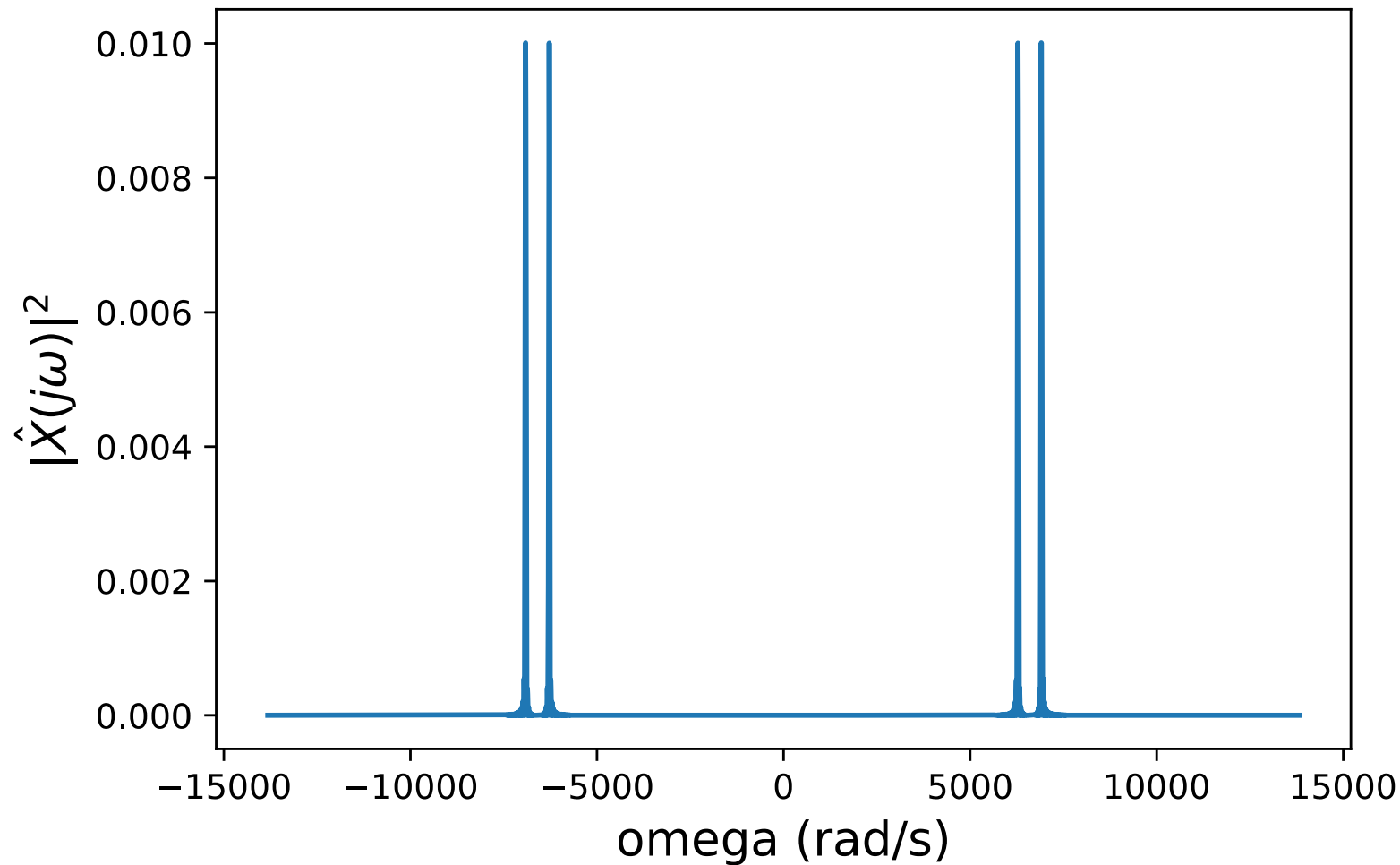
$\text{rect}(t/(2T))$

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

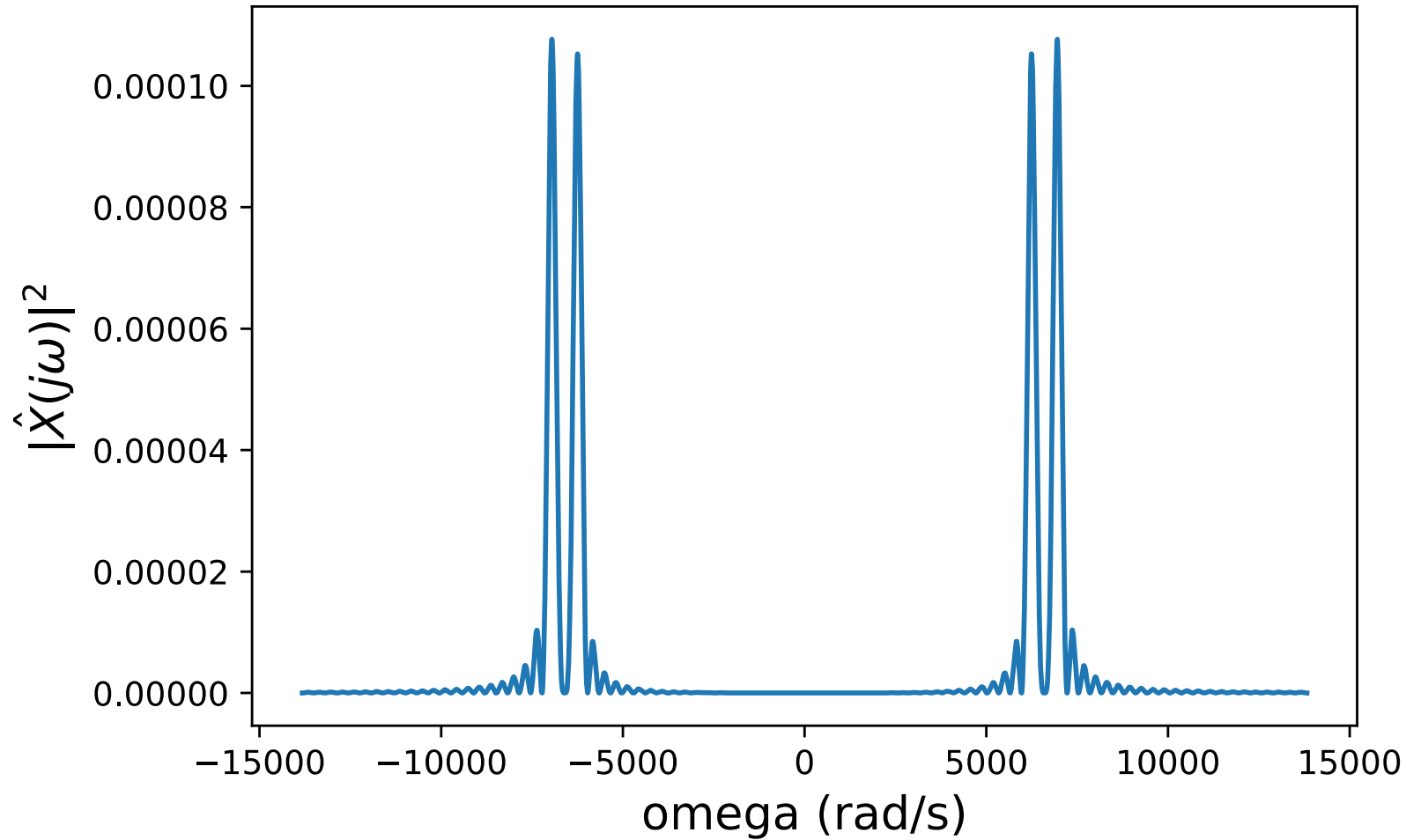
$\cos(2\pi 1000t) + \cos(2\pi 1100t)$  windowed with 1.00000 seconds window



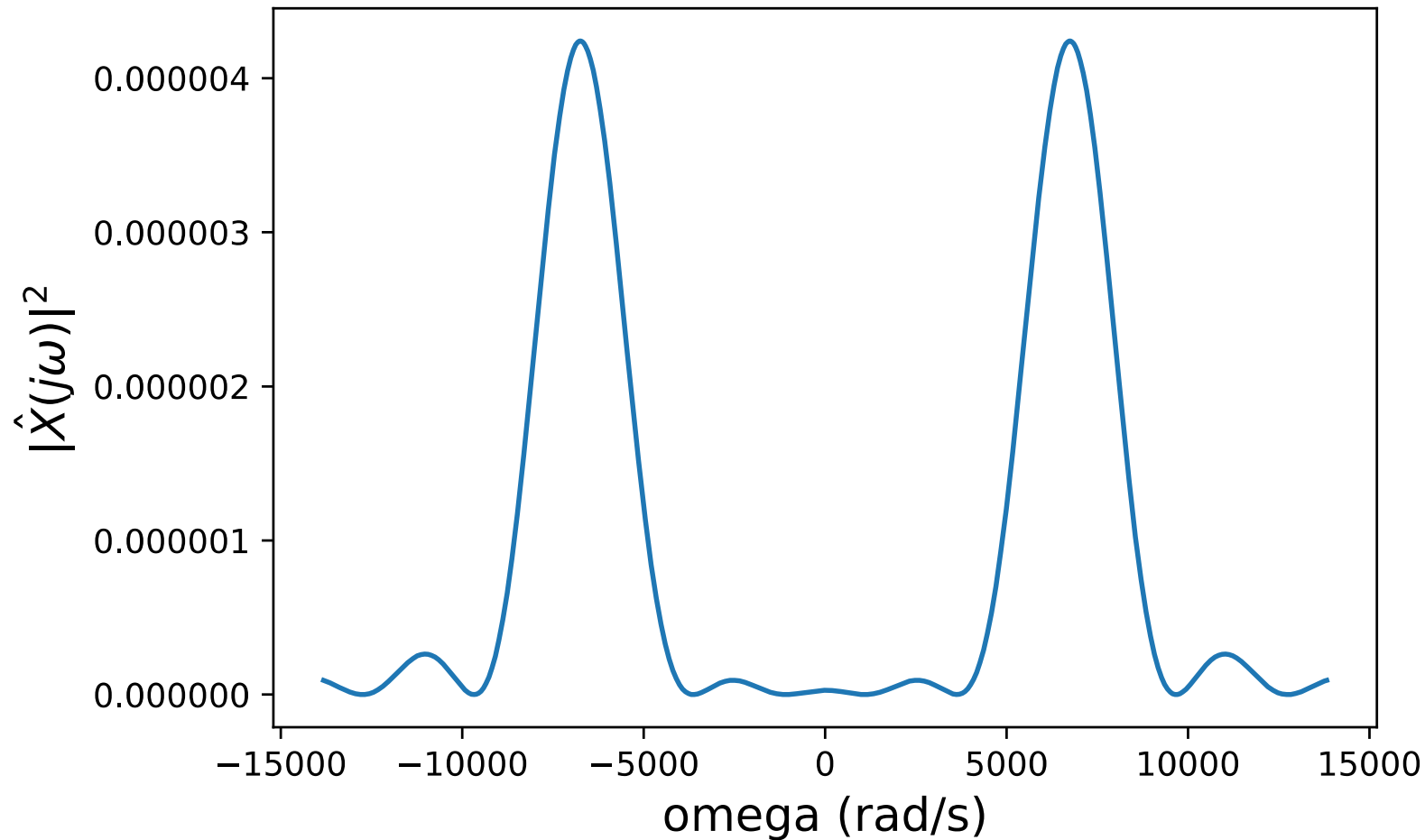
$\cos(2\pi 1000t) + \cos(2\pi 1100t)$  windowed with 0.10000 seconds window



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

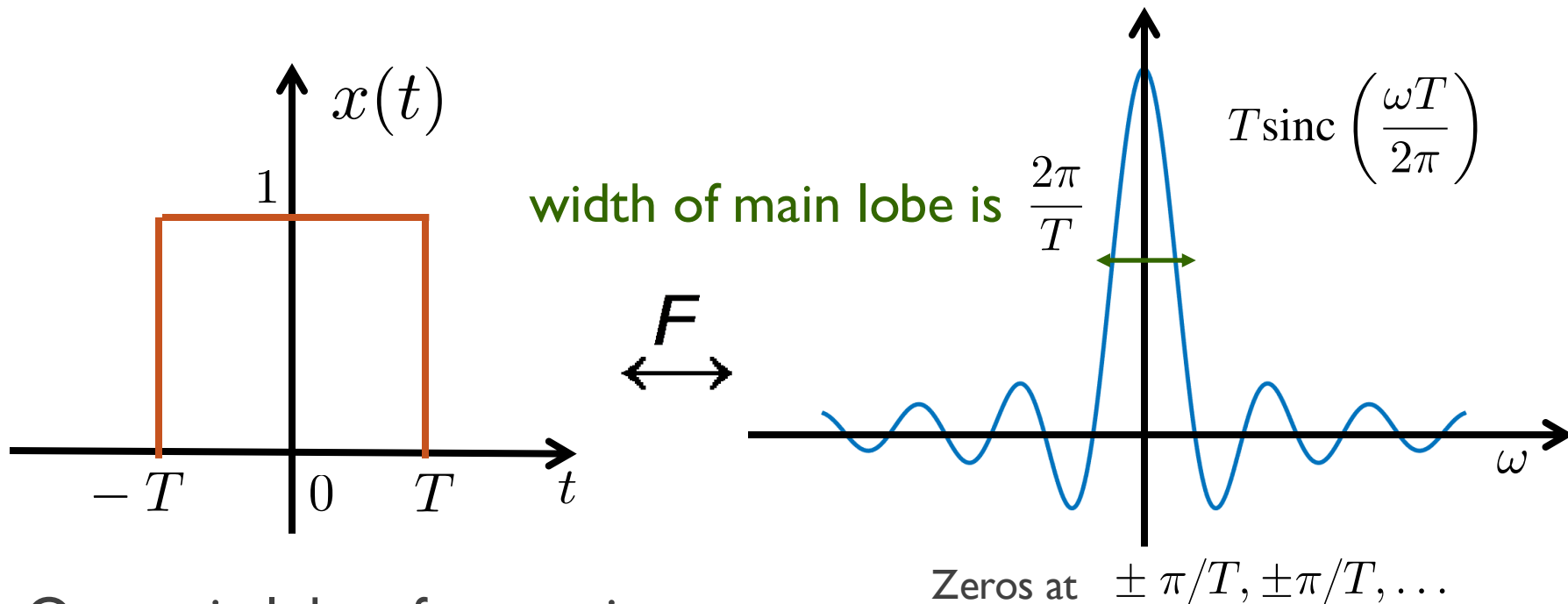


$\cos(2\pi 1000t) + \cos(2\pi 1100t)$  windowed with 0.00100 seconds window





# 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

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

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

sinc has infinite duration

Finite duration in time

Infinite duration in frequency

- ◆ From the convolution theorem

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

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

sinc has infinite duration

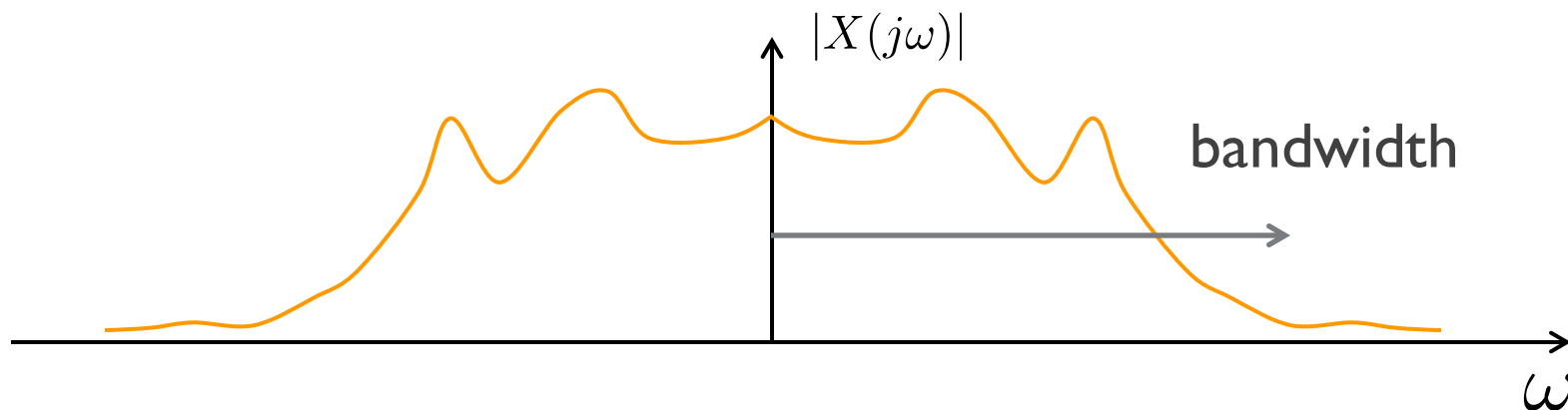
Finite duration in frequency

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 → 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)

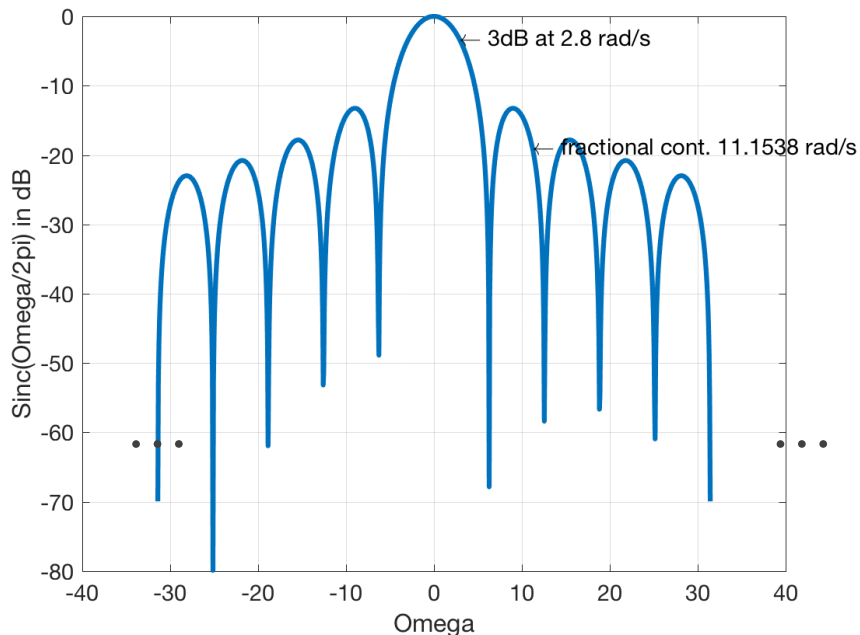
✦ Bandwidth where the signal achieves half the peak value

✦ Makes the most sense with simple filters

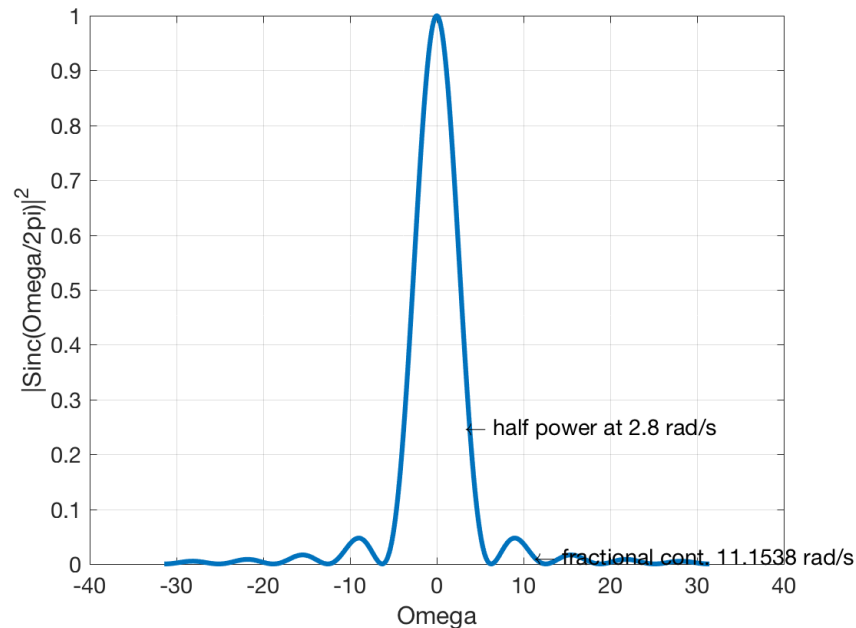
$$|X(j\omega_B)|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \max_{\omega} |X(j\omega)|^2$$

# Examples of bandwidth

In dB



In linear scale (magnitude squared)



◆ Bandwidth of  $\text{sinc}(\omega/2\pi)$  with  $1/2$  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

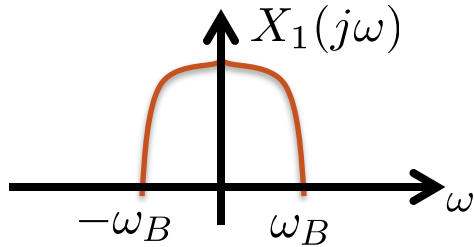
$$Q(\omega_B) = \epsilon/2$$



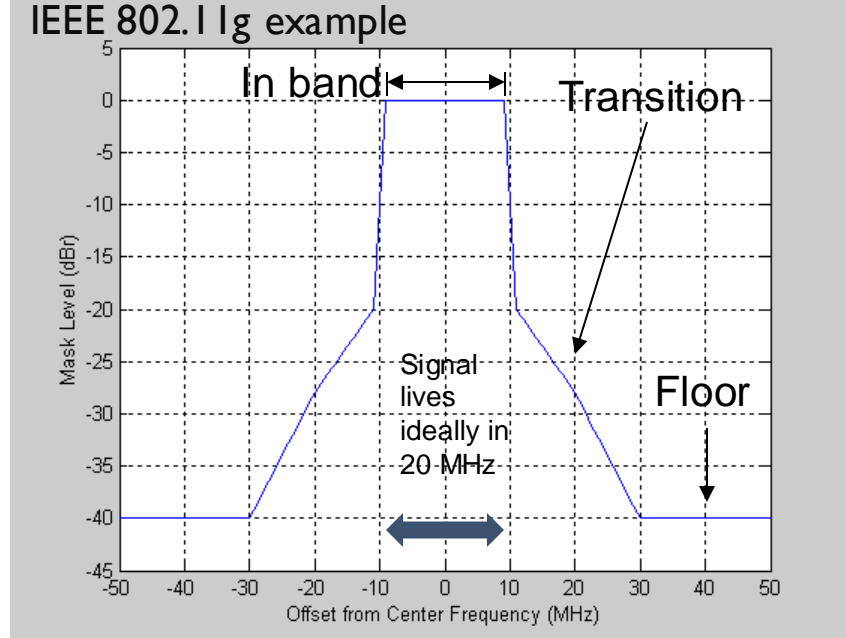
$$\omega_B = Q^{-1}(\omega_B)$$

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**



*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