

# Signals and Systems

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- Assistant Professor, SUSTech, 2020 - now
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- Best Doctoral Thesis Award, Chinese Institute of Electronics, 2019
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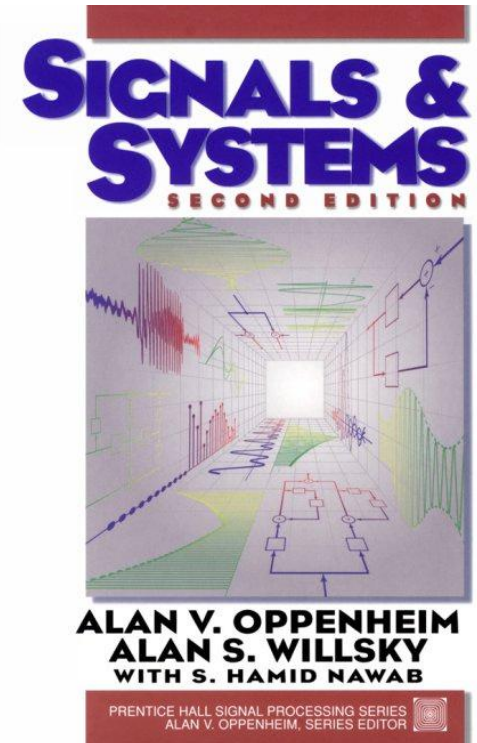


## Research Interests:

- Integrated Sensing and Communication (ISAC)
- V2X Network and Intelligent Transportation
- MmWave Signal Processing

# Scope of Lecture

- “Signals and Systems”, Oppenheim, Willsky and Nawab, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 1997, Prentice-Hall.
- This course teaches **Chapters 1 to 8**.
  - ◆ Roughly two weeks for one chapter
  - ◆ Middle-term exam for **Chapters 1 to 4**
  - ◆ Final exam for **all**



**Textbook reading is crucial, as I cannot cover every detail in slides**

# Three Pillars

**Lectures  
(Tutorials)**

**Matlab Labs**

**YOU  
100%**

***Assignment/Quiz 10%***  
***Mid-term Exam 30%***  
***Final Exam 30%***

***Lab Reports***  
***Project Report &  
Presentation***  
***30%***

# Class Schedules



- Lab Sessions – **Start from the first week**
- Instructor: Dr. Guang Wu (吴光)
- Tutorials – **Start from week 3 (一教111, Monday-Thursday, 21:00 - 22:00)**
- Teaching Assistant (TA):
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- Assignment: Every week (**no for week 1**)
- Submit assignment in **softcopy to Blackboard system**
- Deadline: Next Friday, 12pm.

# Signals and Systems

- What is a signal?
- What is a system?

# Signals and Systems

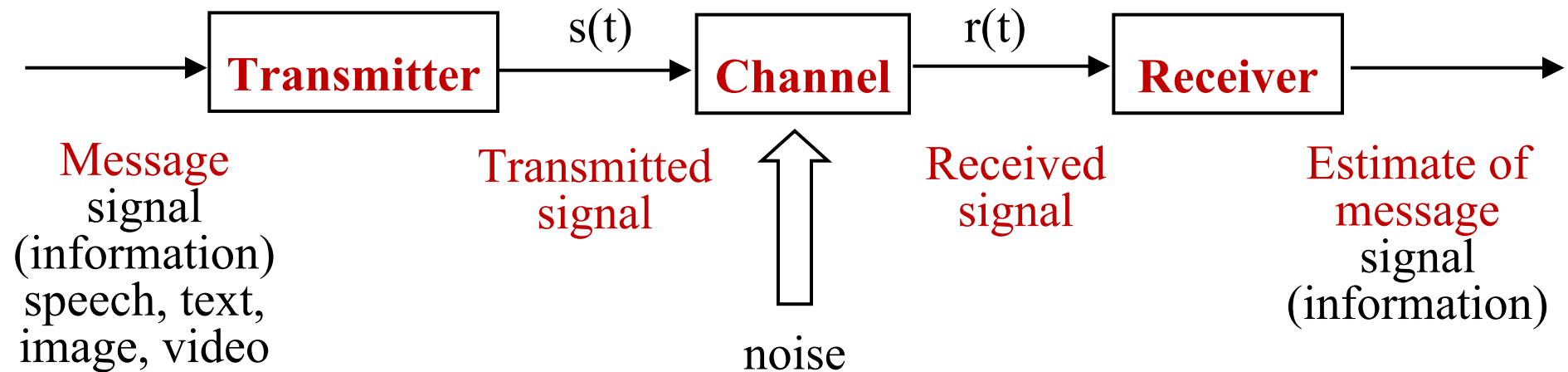
- **Signal:** everything which carries information
- **System:** everything which processes input signal and generate output signal

# Communication Signals & Systems

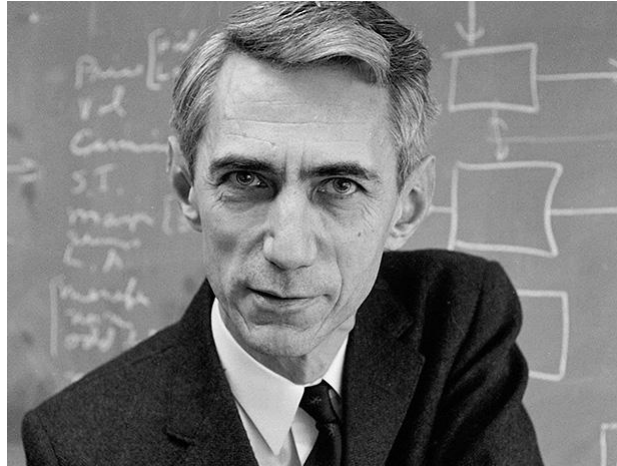


Can you find any example of signals and systems when making a phone call?

- Transmitter, channel and receiver are all systems.
- Each system has one input signal and one output signal.



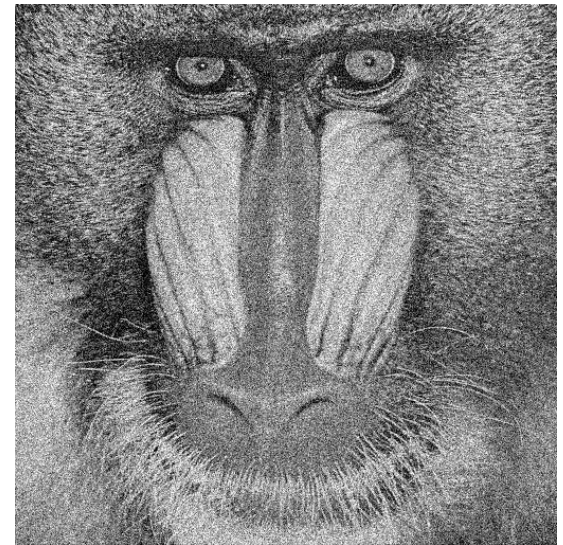
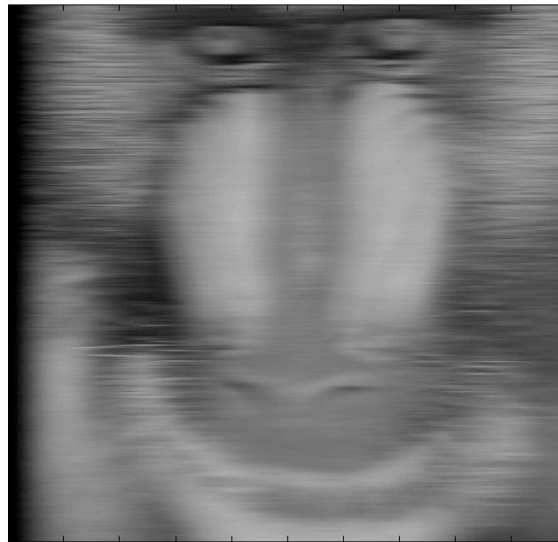
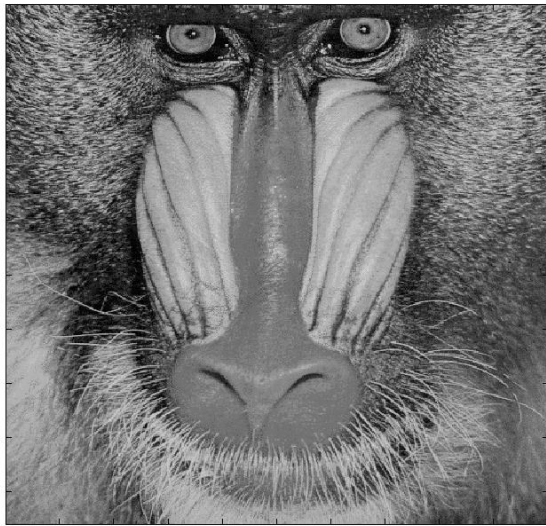




*C. E. Shannon*

*“The fundamental problem of communication is that of **reproducing** at one **point** either exactly or approximately a message **selected** at another **point**.”*

# Image Processing



## More examples of signals

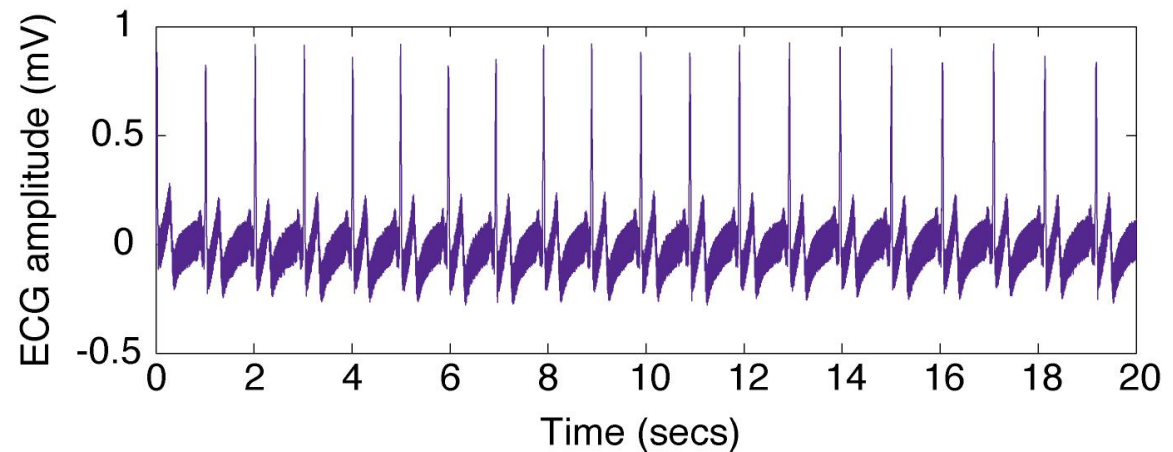
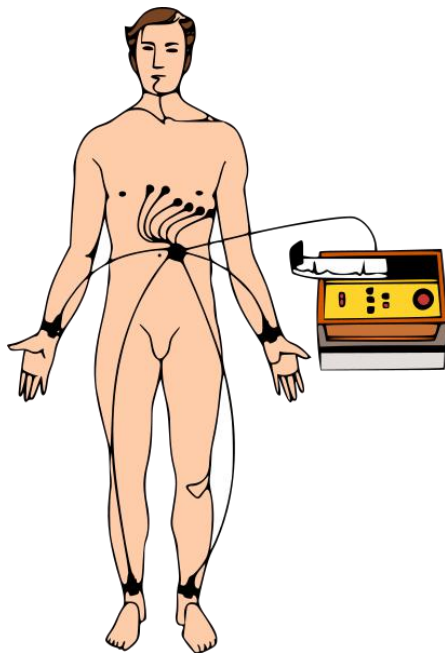
- Electrical signals – voltages and currents in a circuit
- Acoustic signals – audio or speech signals
- Video signals – movie
- Biological signals – sequence of bases in a gene
- We will treat **noise** as unwanted signals.

# Signals and Systems from Our Point of View

- **Signals** are variables that carry information, like **function**.
- **Systems** process input signals to produce output signals.
- The course is about using **mathematical** techniques to analyze and synthesize systems which process signals.

# Independent Variable of Signals

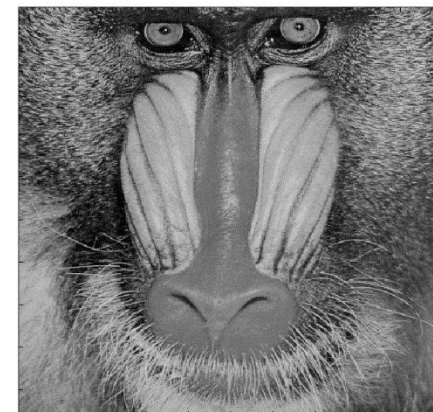
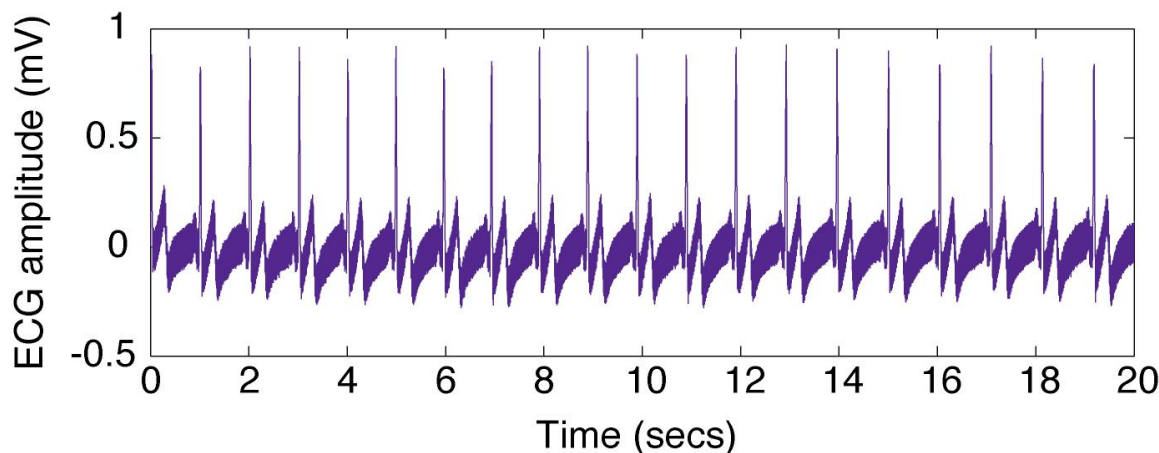
- **Time** is often the independent variable.
- Example: the electrical activity of the heart recorded with chest electrodes — the electrocardiogram (ECG).



# Signal Classification 1:

## Dimension of Independent Variable

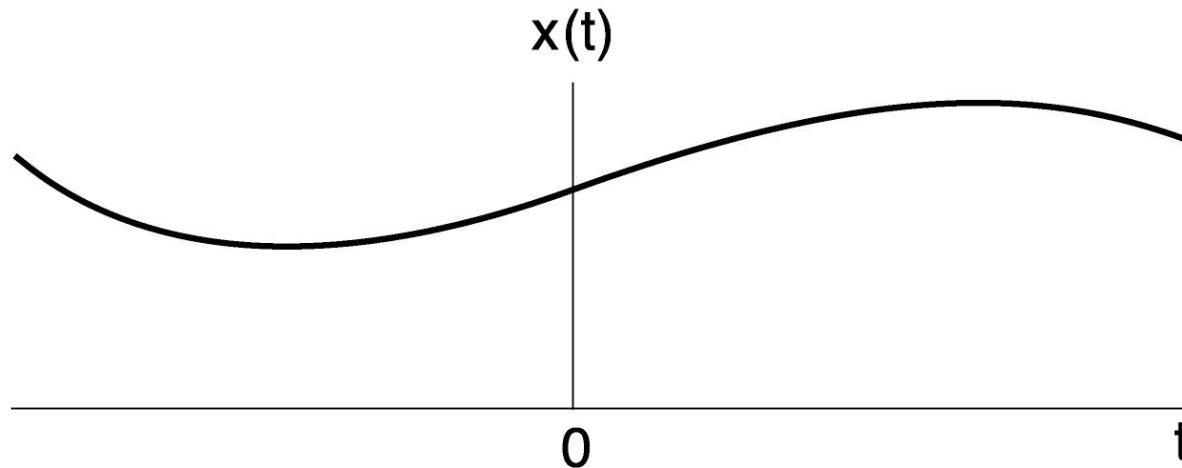
- An independent variable can be 1-D ( $t$  in the ECG), 2-D ( $x, y$  in an image), or 3-D ( $x, y, t$  in an video).



- We focus on 1-D for mathematical simplicity but the results can be extended to 2-D or even higher dimensions.

## Signal Classification 2: CT/DT

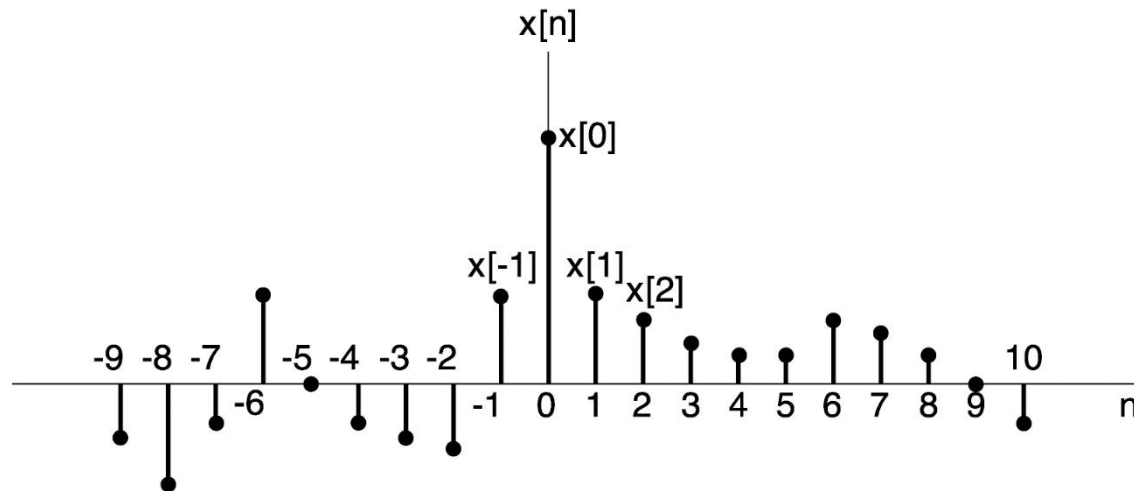
### Continuous-time (CT) Signals



- Independent variable is continuous
- Most of the signals in the physical world are CT signals.
- E.g. voltage & current, pressure, temperature, velocity, etc.

Notation:  $x(t)$

# Discrete-time (DT) Signals



- Independent variable is integer
- Examples of DT signals: DNA sequence, population of the  $n$ -th generation of certain species

Notation:  $x[n]$



# Many Human-made Signals are DT



*Weekly Dow-Jones  
industrial average*

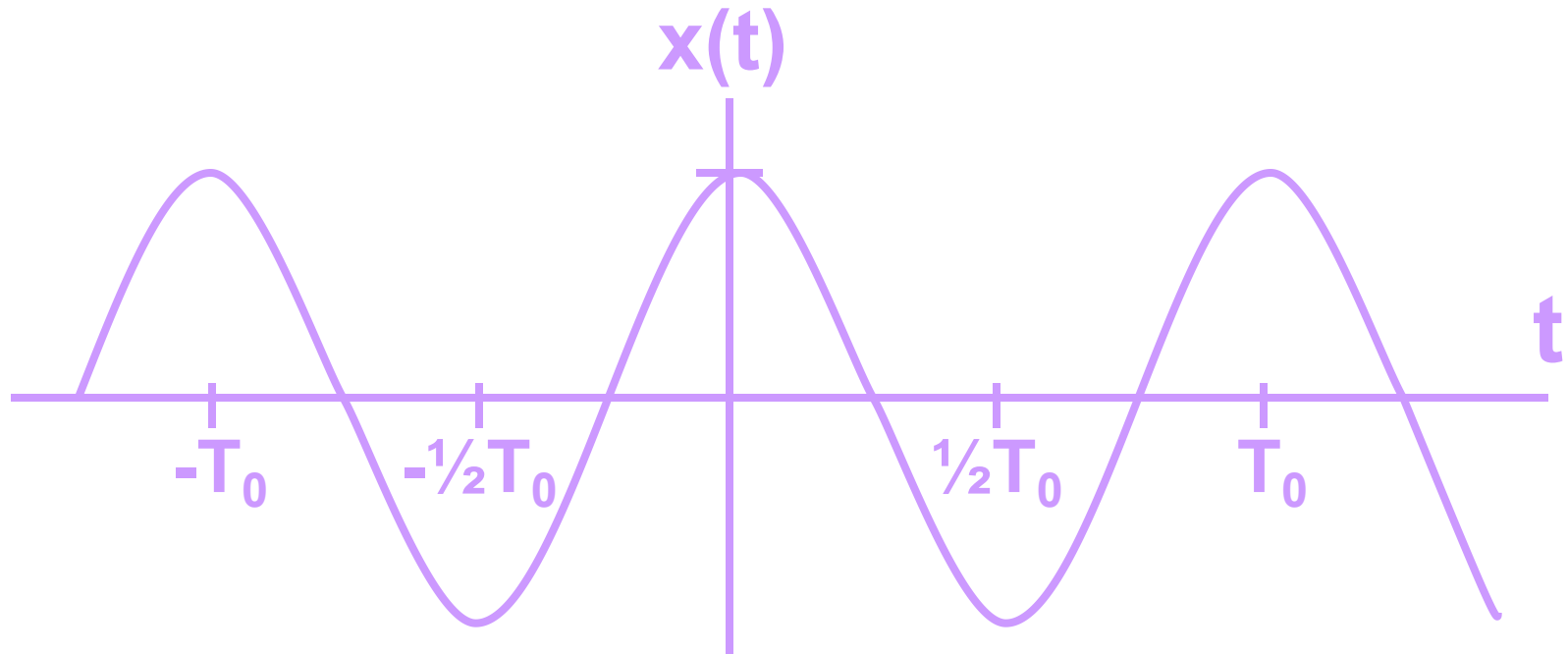


*Digital image*

- Why DT? — Can be processed by modern digital computers and digital signal processors (DSPs).

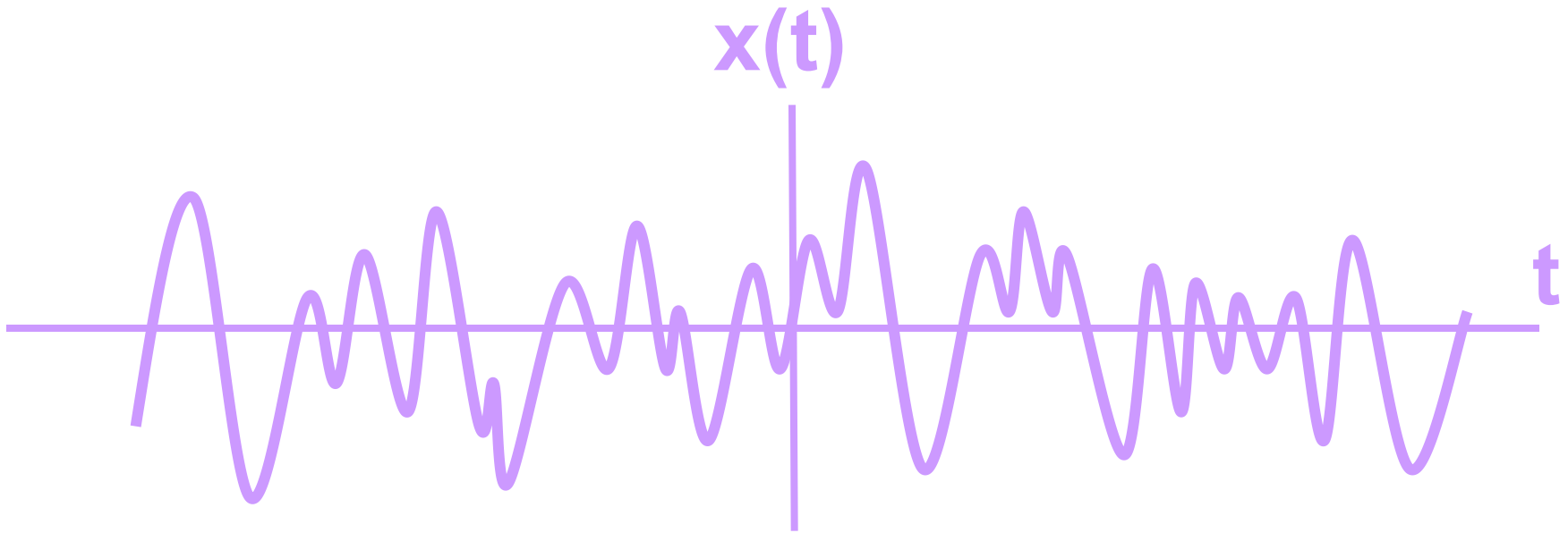
# Signal Classification 3: Deterministic /Random

## Deterministic Signal



- Each value of the signal is fixed, and can be determined by a mathematical expression, rule, or table.

# Signal Classification 3: Random Signal



- Signal value at any time instance is a random variable.

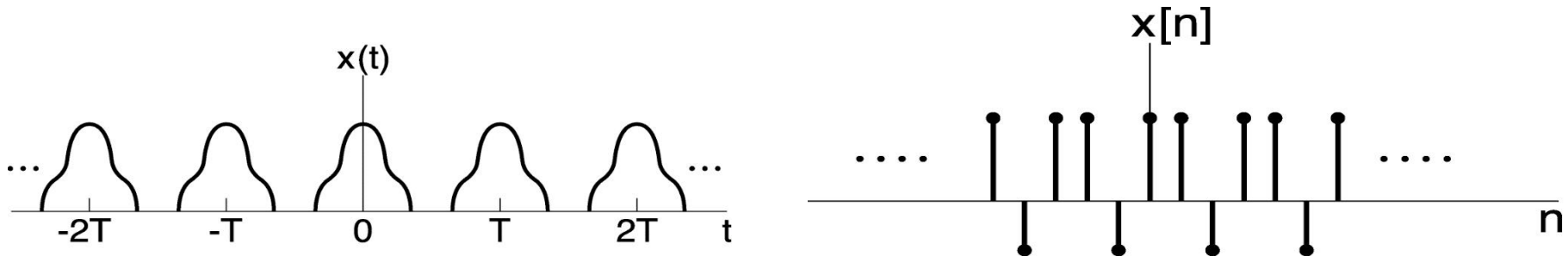
# Signal Classification 4: Periodic / Aperiodic

- **Periodic** Signals

CT:  $x(t) = x(t + T)$ ,  $T$  : period

$x(t) = x(t + mT)$ ,  $m$ : integer

DT:  $x[n] = x[n + N] = x[n + mN]$ ,  $N$ : period

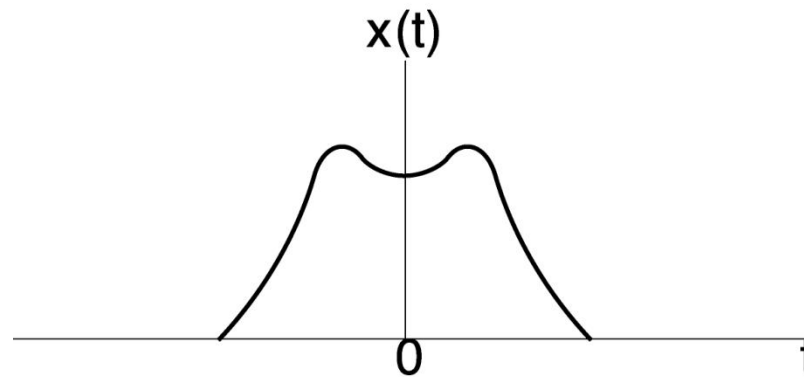


- **Fundamental period**: the smallest positive period
- **Aperiodic**: NOT periodic

# Signal Classification 5: Even / Odd

- Even and Odd Signals

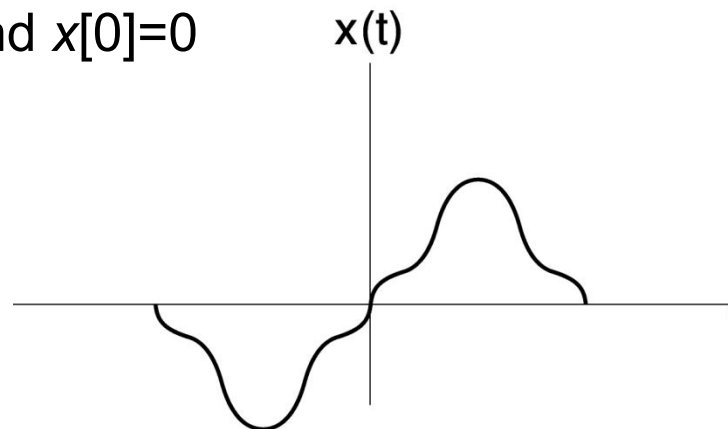
Even  $x(t) = x(-t)$  or  $x[n] = x[-n]$



Example:  $\cos(t)$

Odd  $x(t) = -x(-t)$  or  $x[n] = -x[-n]$

$x(0)=0$ , and  $x[0]=0$



Example:  $\sin(t)$

- Any signals can be expressed as **a sum of Even and Odd** signals. That is:

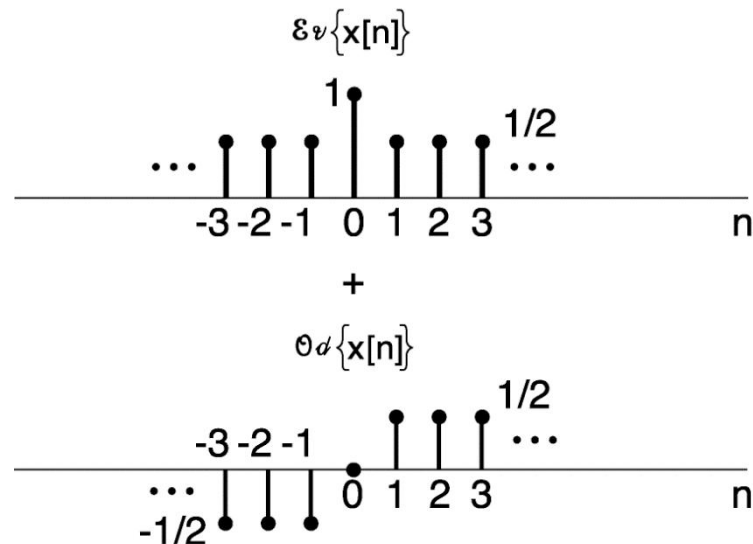
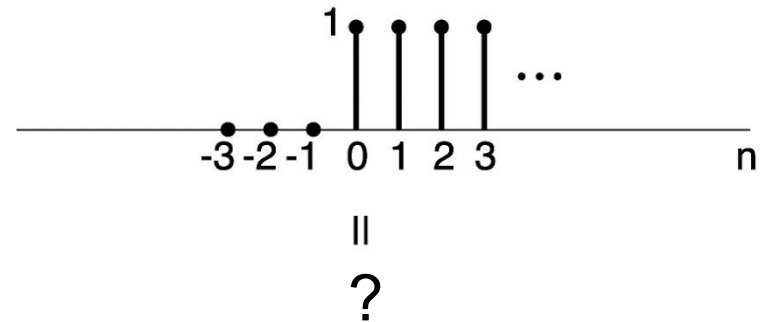
$$x(t) = x_{\text{even}}(t) + x_{\text{odd}}(t),$$

where:

$$x_{\text{even}}(t) = [x(t) + x(-t)]/2,$$

$$x_{\text{odd}}(t) = [x(t) - x(-t)]/2.$$

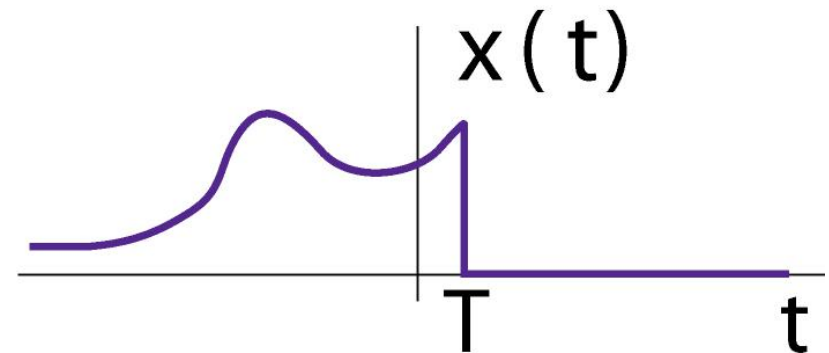
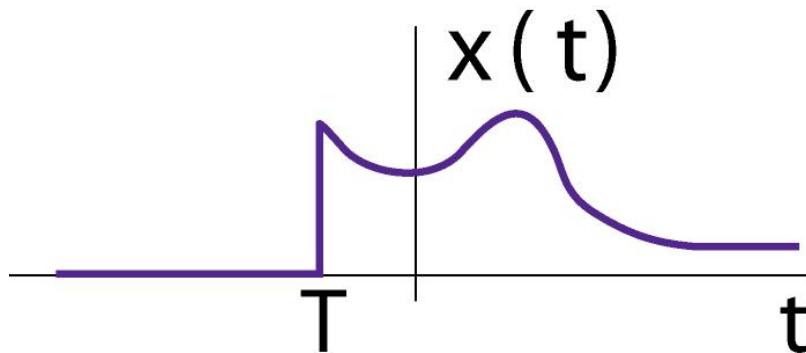
$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$$



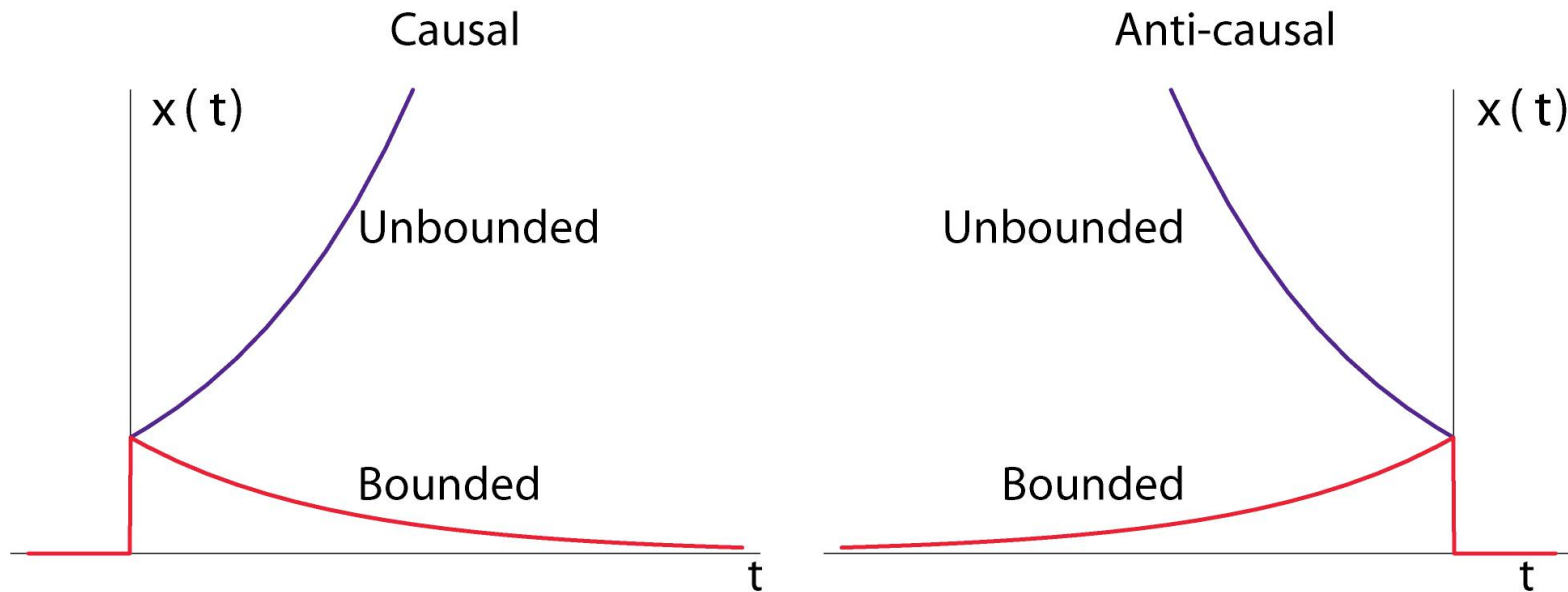
# Signal Classification 6:

## Right- and Left-Sided

- A right-sided signal is zero for  $t < T$ , and
- A left-sided signal is zero for  $t > T$ , where  $T$  can be positive or negative.



# Classification 7: Bounded and Unbounded

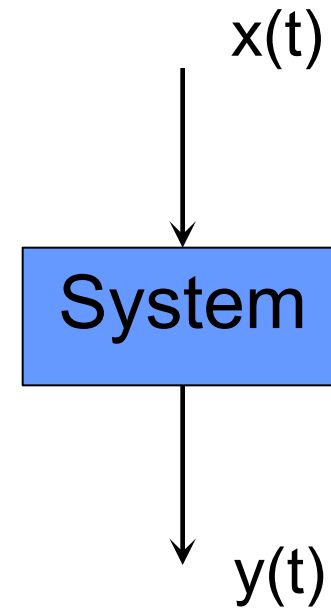
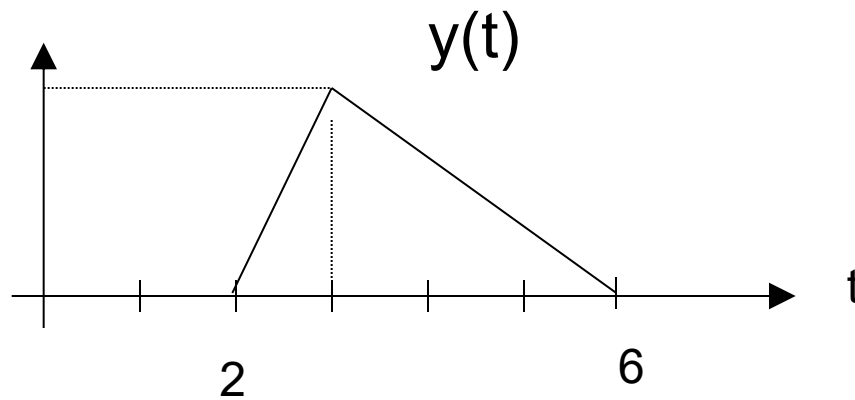
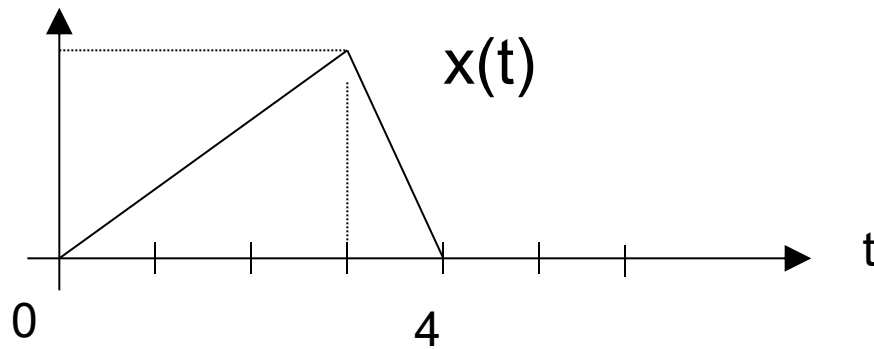


- Bounded signal: the absolute value of signal is bounded.
- Unbounded signal: otherwise

$$\exists C, |x(t)| \leq C \forall t$$



# Transformation of a Signal



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- Time Shift

$$x(t) \rightarrow x(t - t_0) \quad , \quad x[n] \rightarrow x[n - n_0]$$

- Time Reversal

$$x(t) \rightarrow x(-t) \quad , \quad x[n] \rightarrow x[-n]$$

- Time Scaling

$$x(t) \rightarrow x(at) \quad , \quad x[n] \rightarrow ?$$

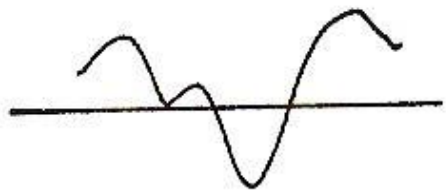
- Combination

$$x(t) \rightarrow x(at + b) \quad , \quad x[n] \rightarrow ?$$

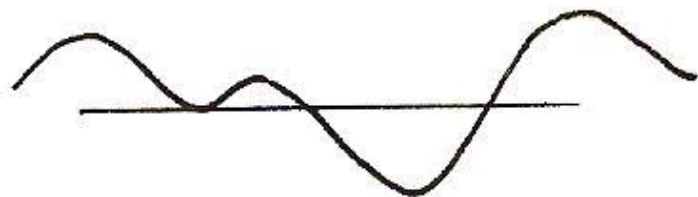
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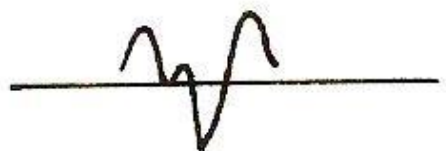
$x(t)$



$x(at), a < 1$



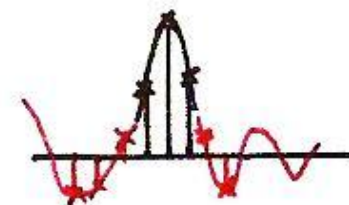
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$x[n]$

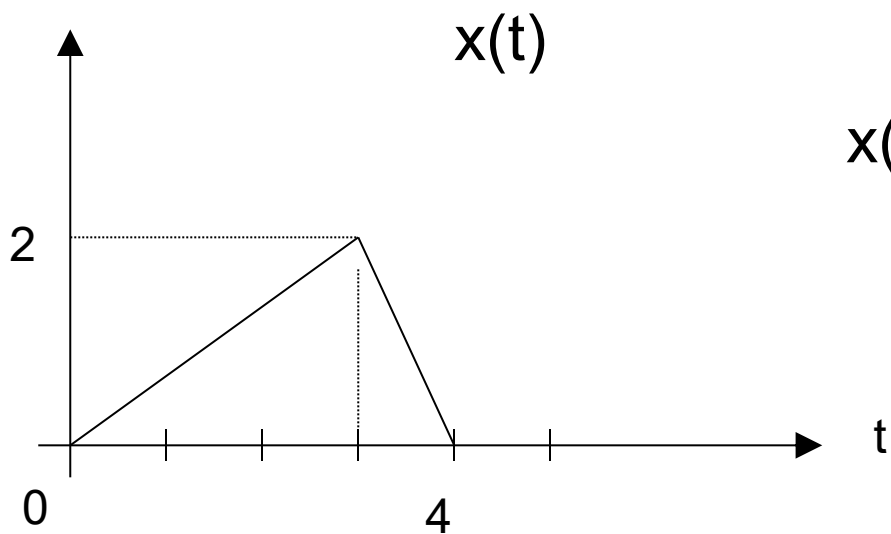


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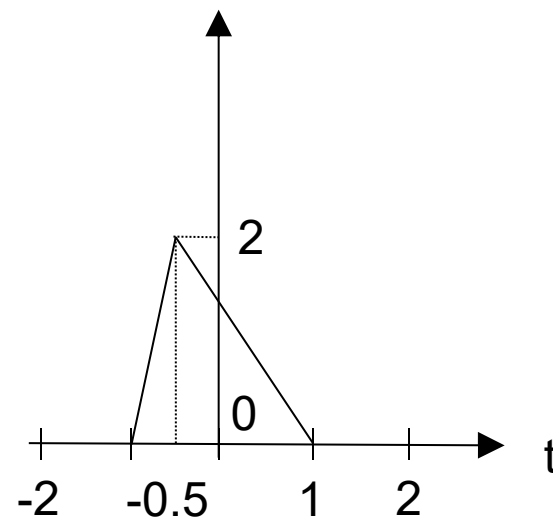


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# Class problem

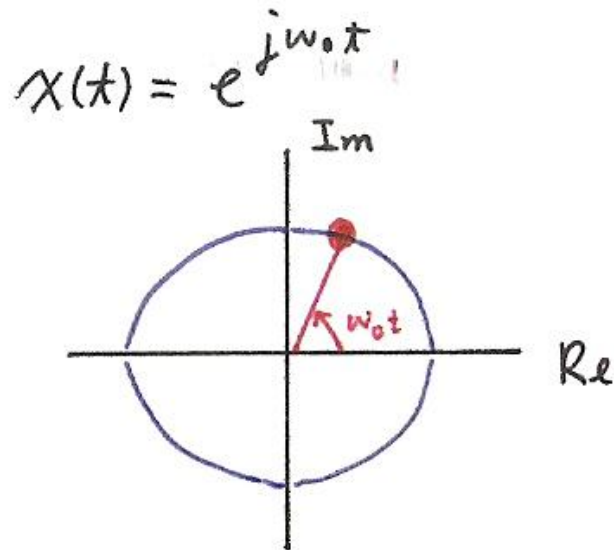


$x(-2t+2)$  ?



# Exponential Signals

- A **very important** class of signals is presented as:  
CT signals of the form  $x(t) = e^{j\omega t}$   
DT signals of the form  $x[n] = e^{j\omega n}$
- For both *exponential* CT and DT signals,  $x$  is a complex quantity and has:  
**a real and imaginary** part [i.e., *Cartesian form*], or equivalently  
**a magnitude and a phase** angle [i.e., *polar form*].
- We will use whichever form that is convenient.

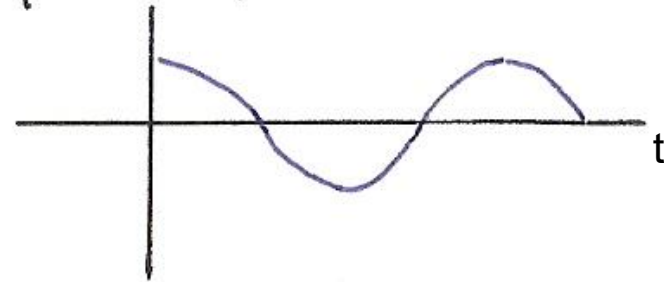


### Euler's relation

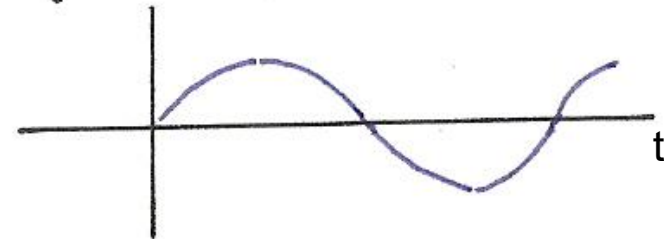
$$e^{jx} = \cos x + j \sin x$$

$\omega_0 t$  is defined as phase

$$\text{Re} \{ e^{j\omega_0 t} \} = \cos \omega_0 t$$



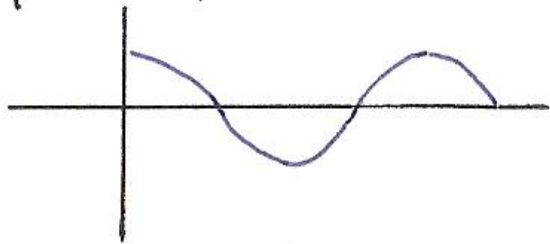
$$\text{Im} \{ e^{j\omega_0 t} \} = \sin \omega_0 t$$



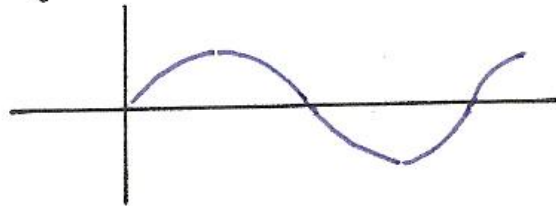
Real and imaginary parts are periodic signals with the same period, but **out of phase** (90° phase difference)

$$x(t) = e^{j\omega_0 t} = \cos(\omega_0 t) + j \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \{ e^{j\omega_0 t} \} = \cos \omega_0 t$$



$$\operatorname{Im} \{ e^{j\omega_0 t} \} = \sin \omega_0 t$$



**-Fundamental (angular) frequency:  $|\omega_0|$**

**-Fundamental period:  $T_0 = \frac{2\pi}{|\omega_0|}$**

**-In CT,  $e^{j\omega_0 t}$  **always** periodic**

**-larger  $\omega_0 \Rightarrow$  higher frequency**

$$x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} = \cos\omega_0 n + j \sin\omega_0 n$$

Is it periodic?

Larger  $\omega_0 \Rightarrow$  higher frequency?

$$e^{j\pi n} = (e^{j\pi})^n = (-1)^n$$

$$e^{j2\pi n} = (e^{j2\pi})^n = (1)^n = 1$$



$$x[n] = e^{j\omega_0 n} = \cos\omega_0 n + j \sin\omega_0 n$$

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Larger  $\omega_0 \Rightarrow$  higher frequency?

$$e^{j\omega_0 n} = e^{j\omega_0 (n+N)} = e^{j\omega_0 n}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{j\omega_0 N} = 1 \Rightarrow \omega_0 N = 2\pi m \Rightarrow \frac{\omega_0}{2\pi} = \frac{m}{N}$$

$\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}$  should be a **rational** number!

# Periodicity Properties of DT Complex Exponentials

Important difference between  $e^{j\omega_0 n}$  and  $e^{j\omega_0 t}$ :

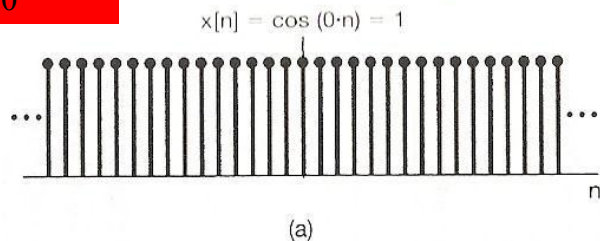
- $e^{j\omega_0 n}$  is periodic w.r.t.  $\omega_0$

$$e^{j(\omega_0 + m \cdot 2\pi)n} = e^{j\omega_0 n} \cdot e^{jm \cdot 2\pi n} = e^{j\omega_0 n}$$

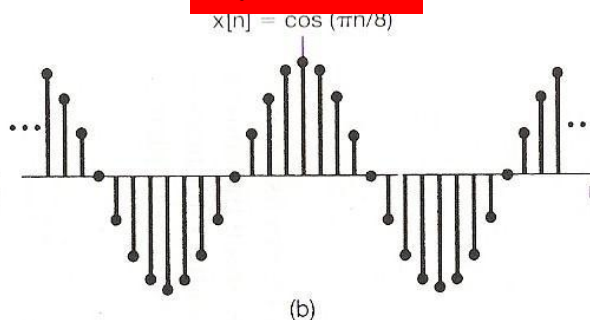
- However,  $e^{j\omega_0 t}$  is *aperiodic* w.r.t.  $\omega_0$

$$\forall x \neq 0, e^{j(\omega_0 + x)t} = e^{j\omega_0 t} e^{jxt} \neq e^{j\omega_0 t}$$

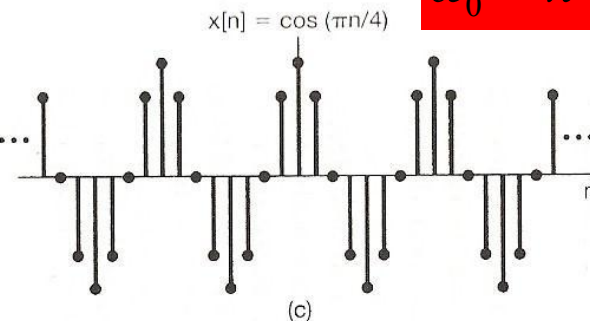
$$\omega_0 = 0$$



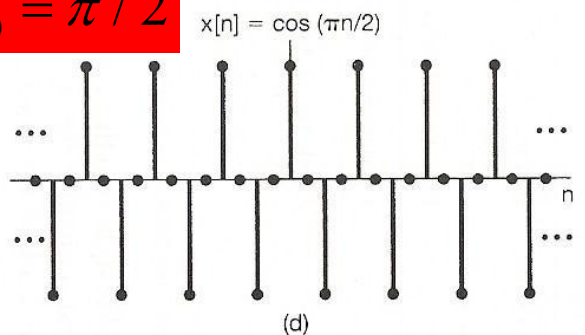
$$\omega_0 = \pi/8$$



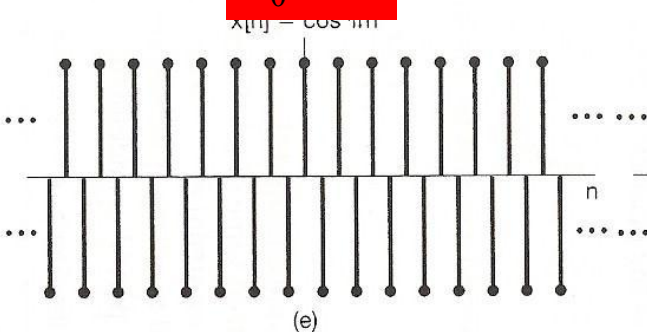
$$\omega_0 = \pi/4$$



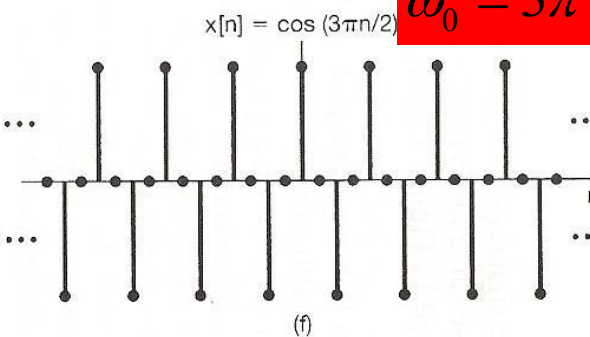
$$\omega_0 = \pi/2$$



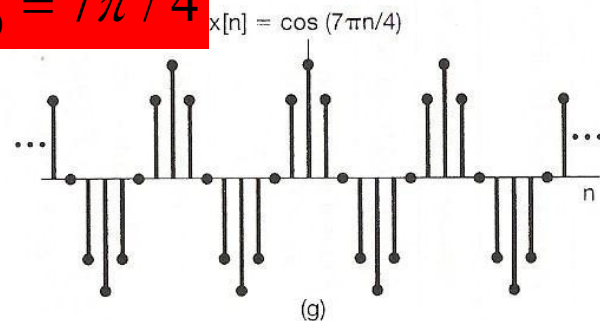
$$\omega_0 = \pi$$



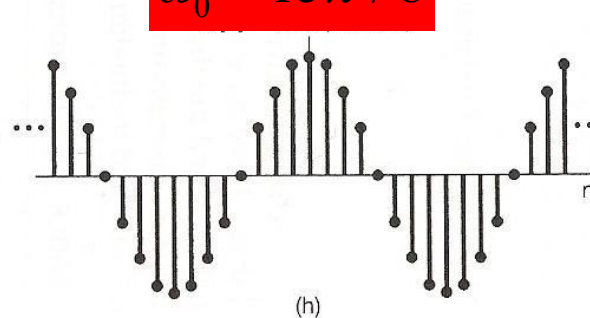
$$\omega_0 = 3\pi/2$$



$$\omega_0 = 7\pi/4$$



$$\omega_0 = 15\pi/8$$



$$\omega_0 = 2\pi$$

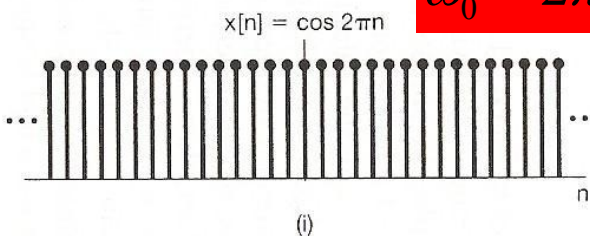


Figure 1.27 Discrete-time sinusoidal sequences for several different frequencies.

- We need **only consider a frequency interval of length  $2\pi$** , and on most cases, we use the interval:  $0 \leq \omega_0 < 2\pi$ , or  $-\pi \leq \omega_0 < \pi$
- $e^{j\omega_0 n}$  does **not** have a continually increasing rate of oscillation as  $\omega_0$  is increased.

lowest-frequency (slowly varying):  $\omega_0$  near 0,  $2\pi$ , ..., or  $2k \cdot \pi$

highest-frequency (rapid variation):  $\omega_0$  near  $\pm \pi$ , ..., or  $(2k+1) \cdot \pi$

$$e^{j(2k+1)\pi n} = e^{j\pi n} = (e^{j\pi})^n = (-1)^n$$

$$e^{j2\pi n} = (e^{j2\pi})^n = (1)^n = 1$$

# Harmonically Related Signal Sets

- A set of periodic exponentials which have a **common period**.

$$\{\phi_k(t) = e^{jk\omega_0 t}, k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$$

Fundamental (Angular) Frequency :  $|k\omega_0|$

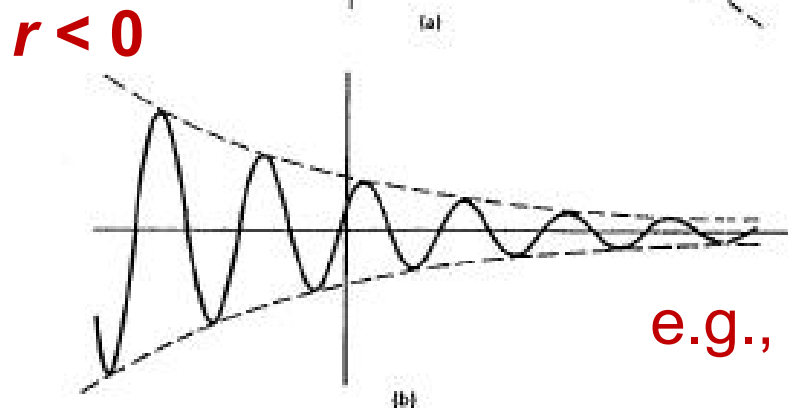
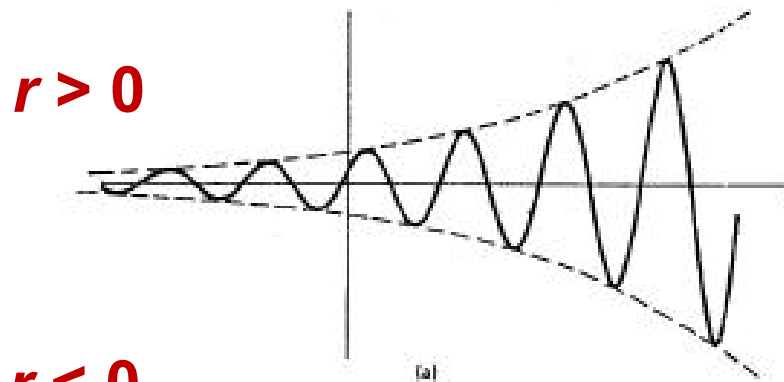
Fundamental Period:  $\frac{2\pi}{|k\omega_0|}$

Common Period:  $\frac{2\pi}{|\omega_0|}$

# General Complex Exponential Signals - CT

- General format ( $C$  and  $a$  are complex numbers)

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

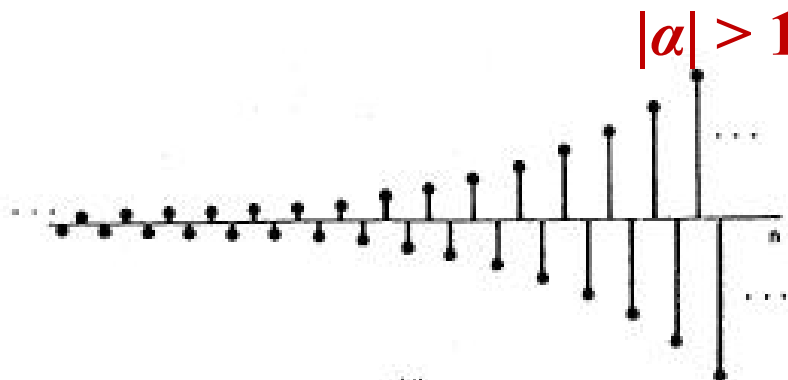
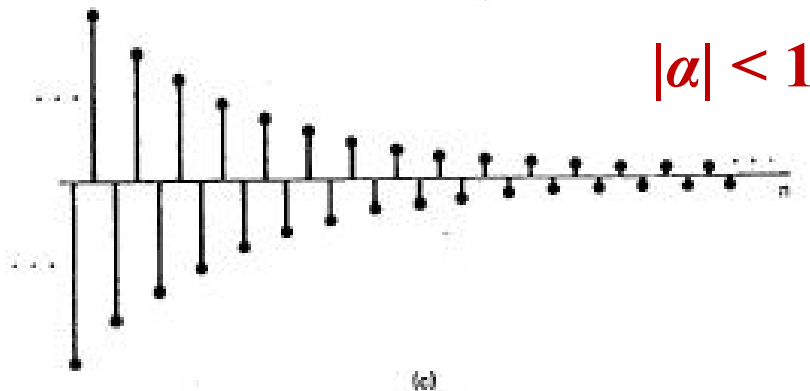


e.g., damped sinusoids

# General Complex Exponential Signals - DT

- General format ( $C$  and  $\alpha$  are complex numbers)

$$x[n] = C\alpha^n = |C|e^{j\vartheta} \cdot |\alpha|^n e^{j\omega_0 n} = |C||\alpha|^n e^{j(\omega_0 n + \vartheta)}$$



# Summary of week 1

- **Meaning of signals and systems**
- **How to describe signals?**
- **Transformation of a signal**
- **Signal properties**
- **Periodic complex exponential signal**
  - ◆ **Harmonically related signal set**