

# Fourier Transformation-Lecture 3

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2. A2-Real/Complex Fourier Series ✓
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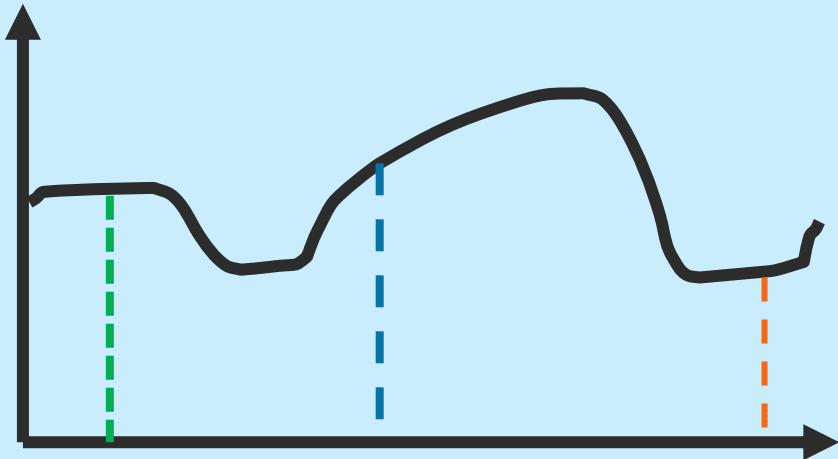
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- Even functions  $f(x) = f(-x)$ , Specific example for us  $\cos(x)$
- Odd functions  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ , Specific example for us  $\sin(x)$
- $\int_a^b f(x) = \int_a^c f(x) + \int_c^b f(x)$  Partition into two (or more) integrals



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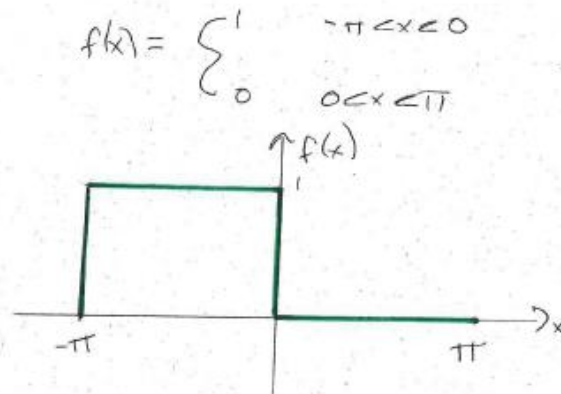
$$3. f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & -\pi < x < 0 \\ 0 & 0 < x < \pi \end{cases}$$

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{x=-\pi}^{x=\pi} f(x) dx \\ a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (1) dx + \int_0^{\pi} (0) dx \\ a_0 &= \frac{1}{\pi} [\pi] = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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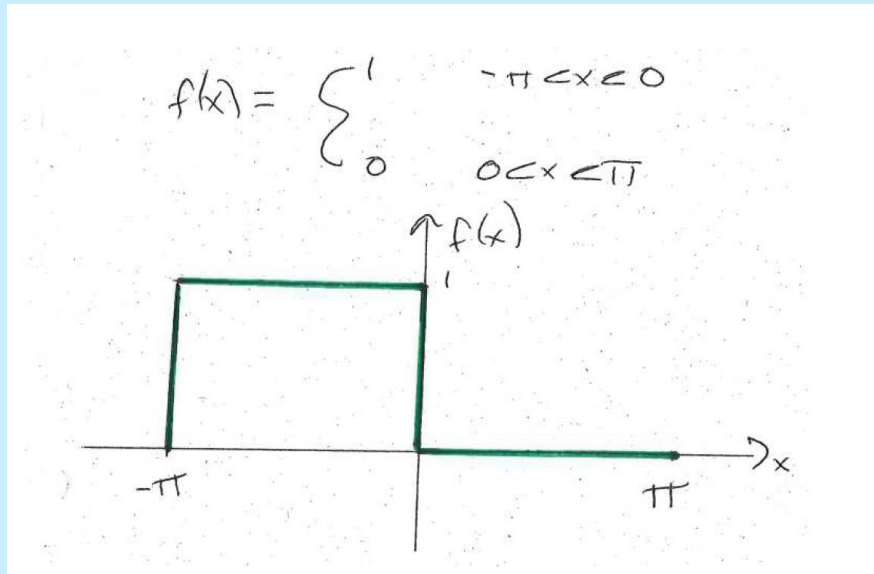
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- Useful to know when calculating Fourier series (is my function odd or even?)
- Useful to know:  $\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$  when  $n$  is an integer
- Useful to know:  $\sin(n\pi) = 0$  when  $n$  is an integer

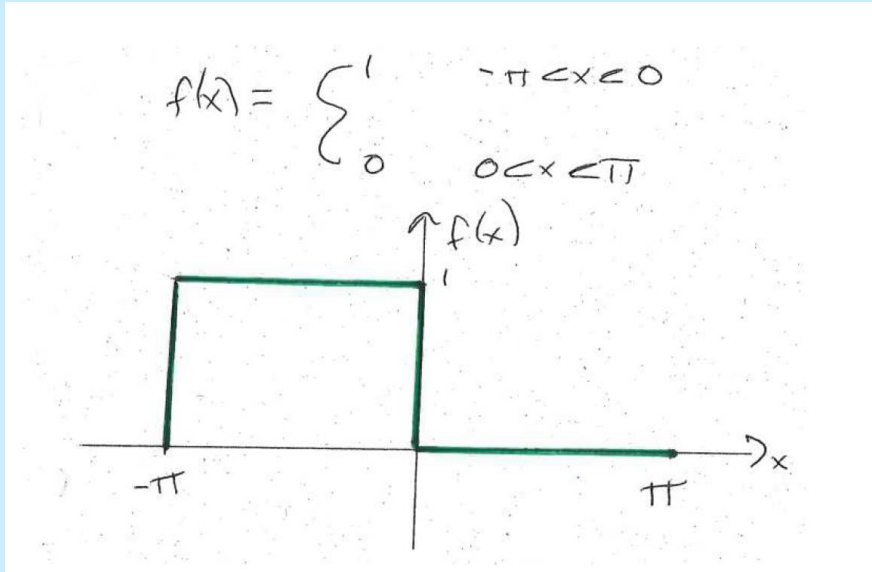
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$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 1 \cdot \cos(nx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} 0 \cdot \cos(nx) dx \right] \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 1 \cdot \cos(nx) dx \right] \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin(nx)}{n} \right]_{x=-\pi}^{x=0} \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin(0)}{n} - \frac{\sin(-n\pi)}{n} \right] \\ a_n &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Could also make a statement here that  $a_n$  should be zero as it is an odd offset function

# Review Topic A1



$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_{-\pi}^0 1 \cdot \sin(nx) dx + \int_0^{\pi} 0 \cdot \sin(nx) dx \right]$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 (1) \sin(nx) dx$$

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$$b_n = -\frac{2}{n\pi} \text{ for } n \text{ odd, } 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

Partition of the  
integral

Use  $\cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n$



# Review Topic A2

- We found that we can estimate any periodic function as a series of sine and cosine functions (Real Fourier Series)
- RFS:  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$
- Equivalently we can use complex exponentials and form a Complex Fourier series (CFS)
- CFS:  $f(x) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{inx}$
- To obtain the coefficients we performed some mathematical tricks and took averages over a period  $2\pi$
- This allowed us to isolate each coefficient and obtain a value for them

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- We can express a function as a superposition of odd (sine) and even (cosine) functions (and an offset term)

## A2- Real Fourier Series finding $a_n$

■ RFS:  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(nx)$

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For  $n = m$  this is non-zero. It becomes  $\cos^2(nx)$

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Prove this is true when  $m \neq n$   $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx = 0$

Use identity  $\cos(nx) \cos(mx) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos((n+m)x) + \cos((n-m)x)]$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2} [\cos((n+m)x) + \cos((n-m)x)] dx =$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin((n+m)x)}{n+m} + \frac{\sin((n-m)x)}{n-m} \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} = 0$$

You had this question in the workshop to show this

$n$  and  $m$  are integers therefore all of these terms are  $\sin(a\pi)$  where  $a$  is also an integer and these all go to zero

## A2- Real Fourier Series putting it all together

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- Subtopics:
- Conceptual Understanding
- Doing the integrations
- Convolution theorem

# Review Some properties of complex exponentials

- $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x)$
- $e^{-ix} = \cos(x) - i \sin(x)$
- Re-arrange
- $\sin(nx) = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{inx} - e^{-inx})$
- $\cos(nx) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{inx} + e^{-inx})$
- $e^0 = 1$
- $e^a e^b = e^{a+b}$
- $e^{-\infty} = 0$
- $\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$

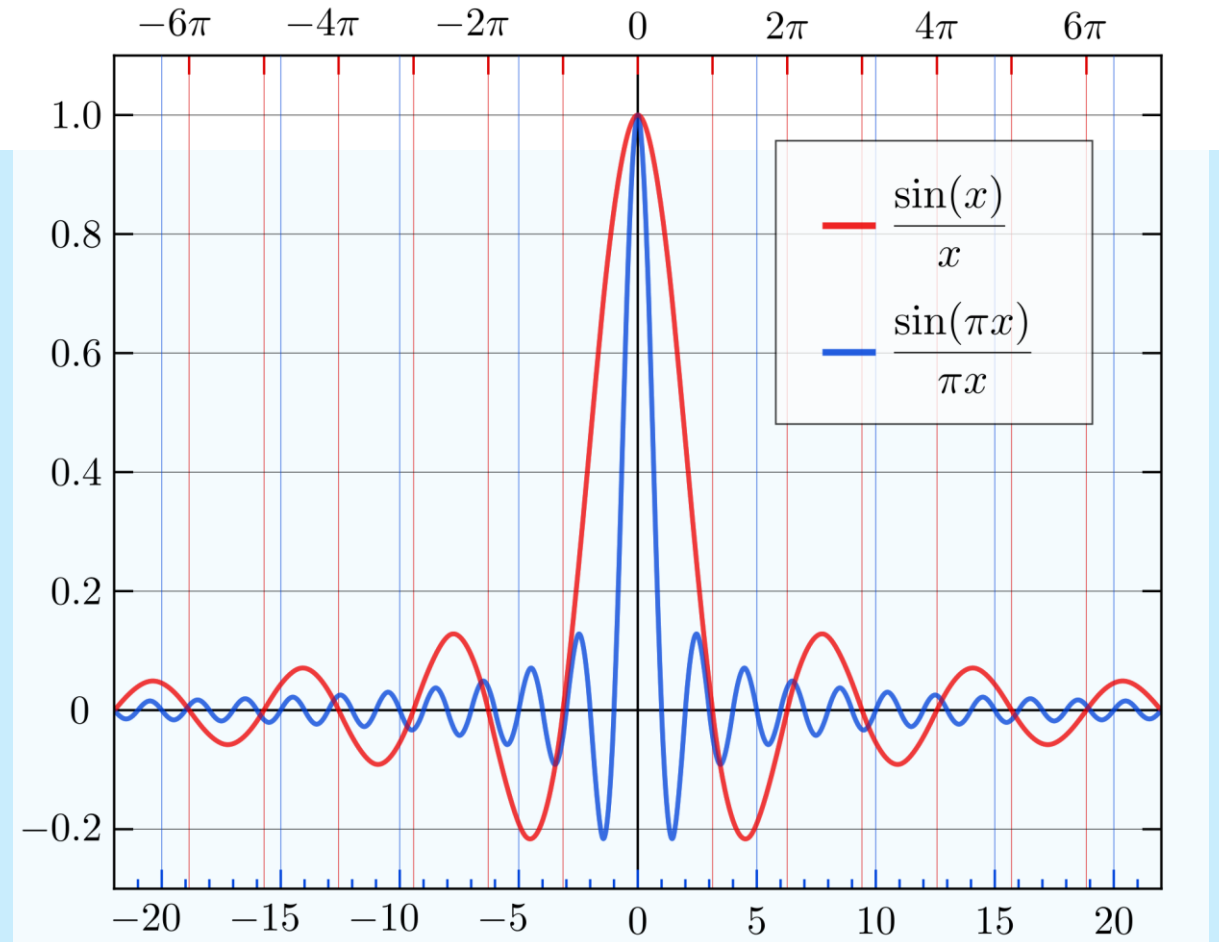


# $\text{sinc}(x)$

$$\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1$$

You can prove this geometrically from the squeeze theorem



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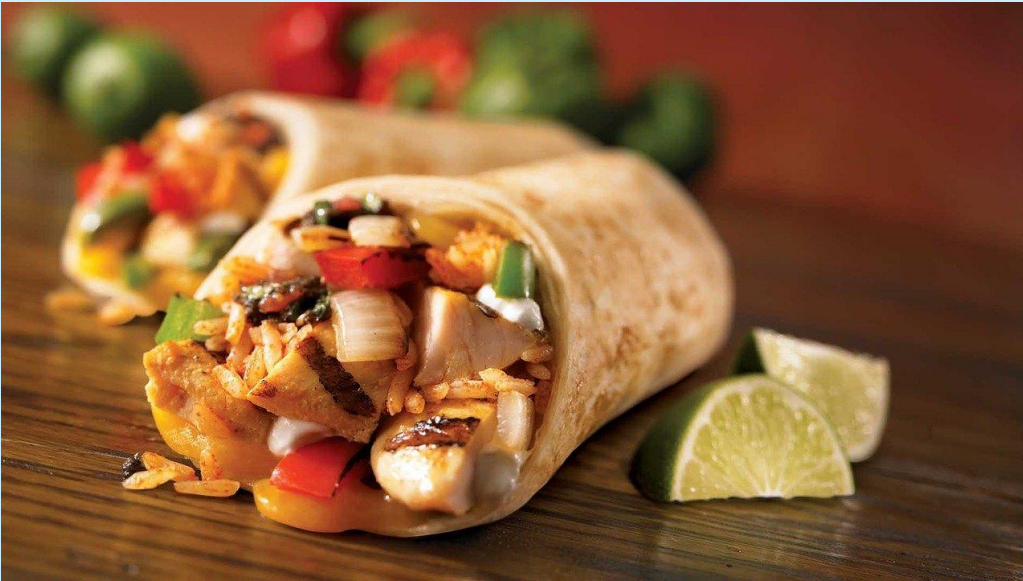
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# A3- Fourier Transformation

- You had the best Burrito in your life and you want to reproduce it



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Fourier Transform



Recipe for the best burrito!

Take 500g rice

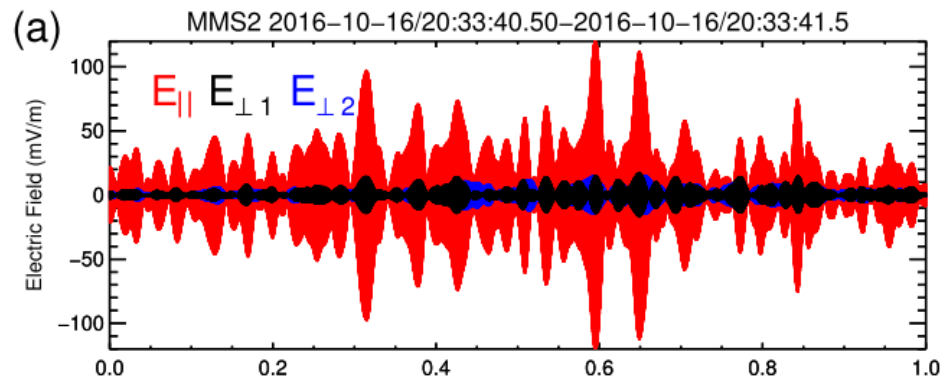
Cut 1 onion

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# A3- Fourier Transformation

- You've measured the best signal in your life and you want to know what frequencies are important!



Roberts et al. (2020) MMS HMFE data

Fourier Transform



Recipe for the signal burrito!

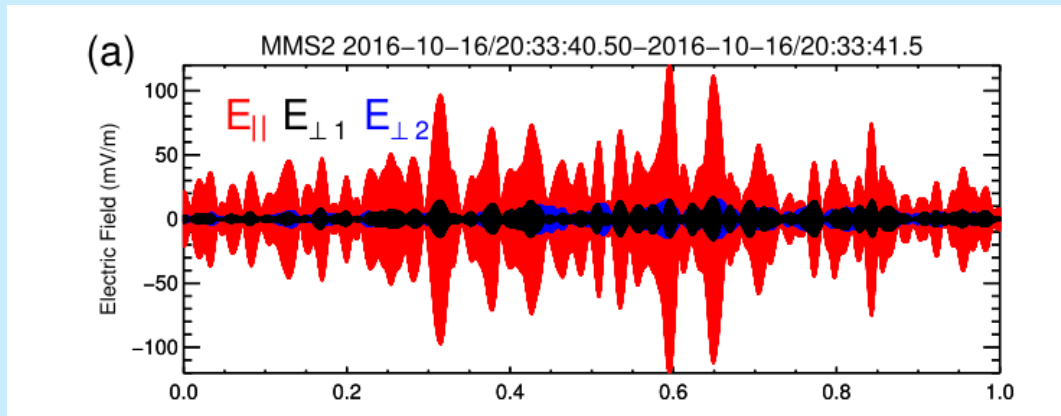
Take 1 sine wave with an angular frequency of 10, an amplitude of 30

Add a cosine wave with a frequency of 30 and an amplitude of 50

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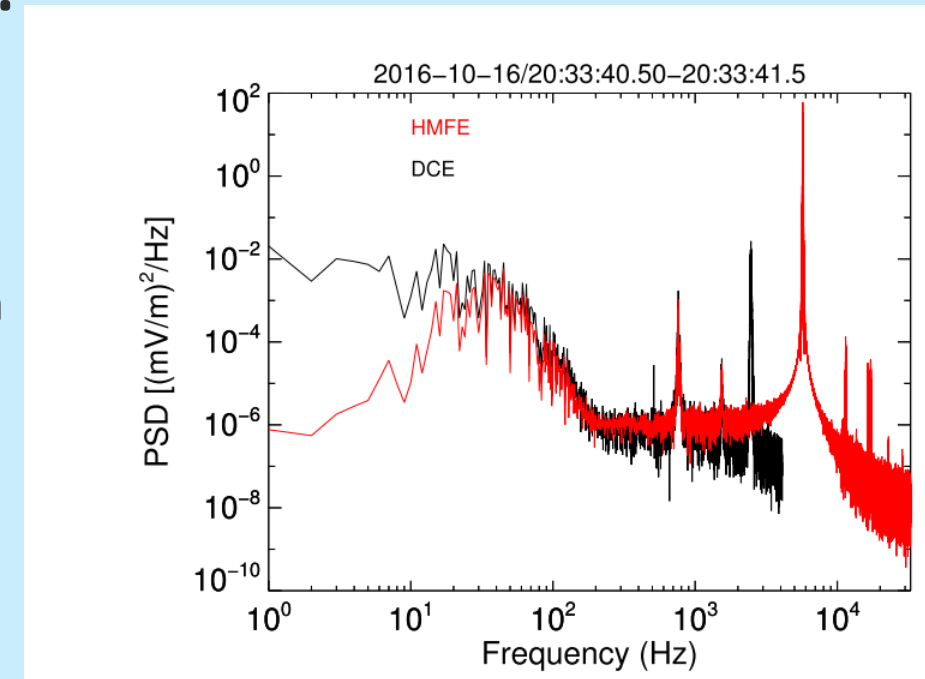


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Langmuir wave see also Graham et al (2018)

Fourier Transform

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{n_e q^2}{m_e \epsilon_0}}$$



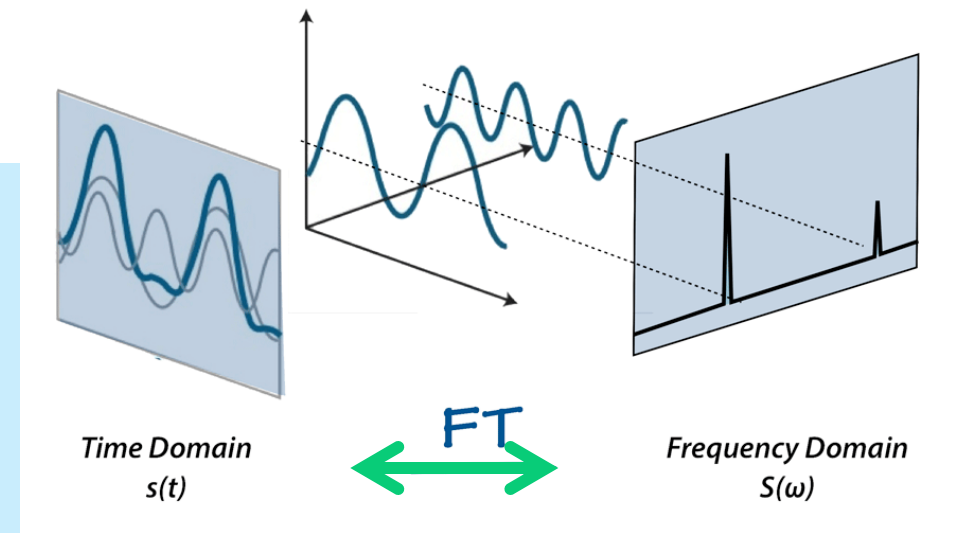
Power spectral density (there is also phase information for each mode).

# A3 Fourier Transform

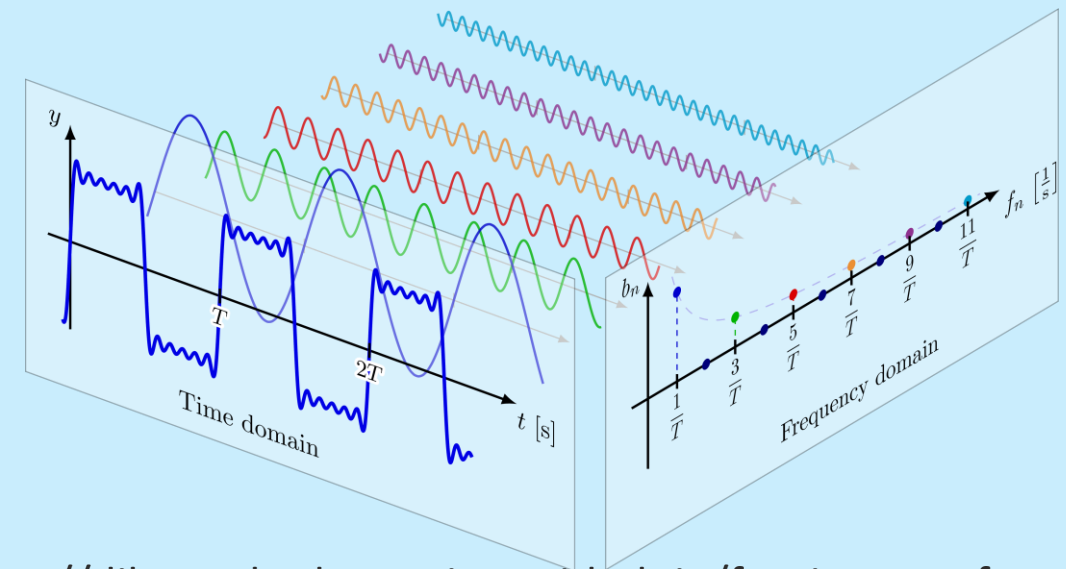
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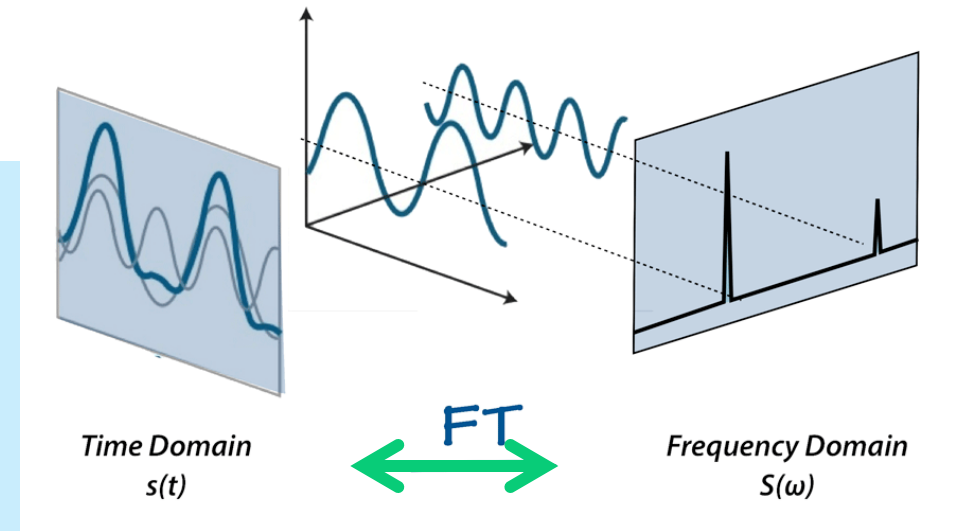
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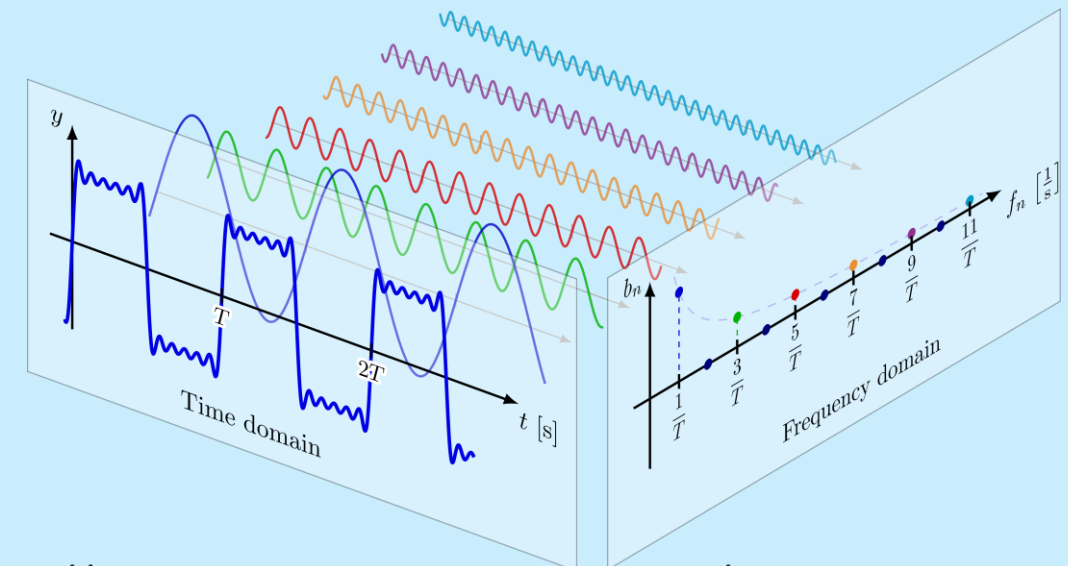
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You might see different conventions

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- $F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$
- So, you can see what frequencies are important in your signal
- Fourier transform has a real and imaginary part

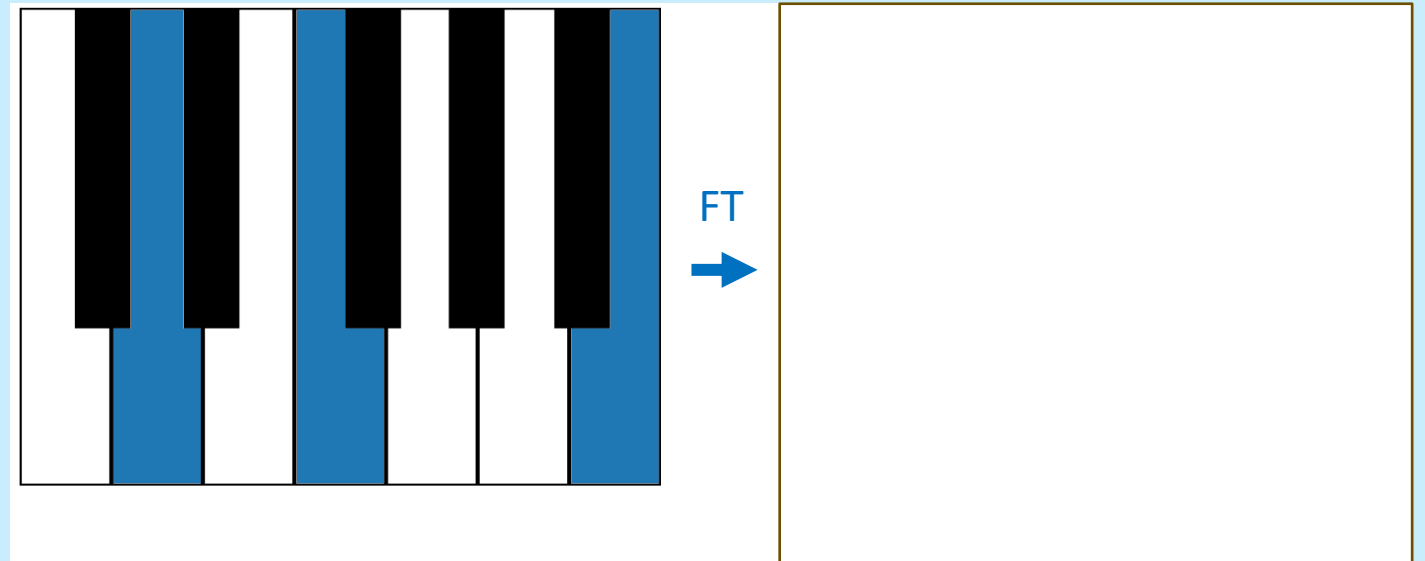


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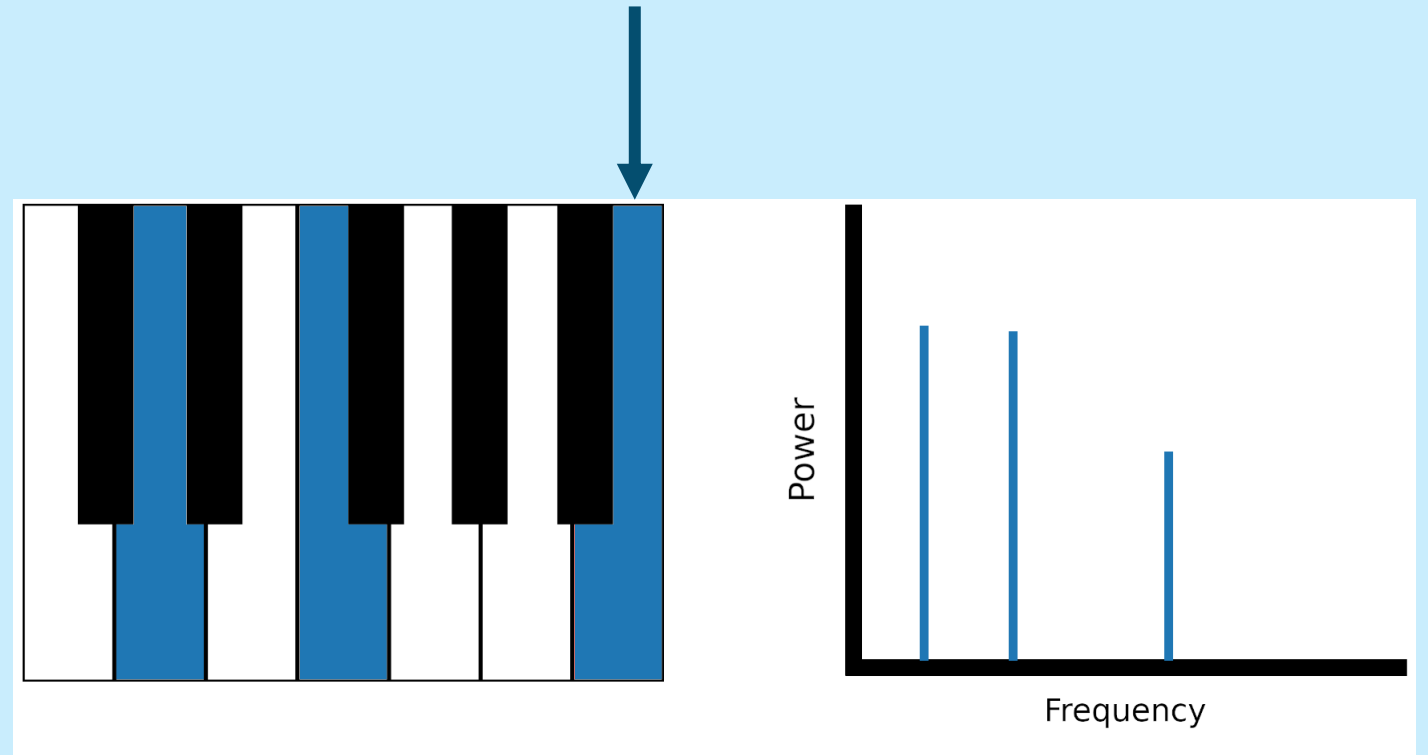


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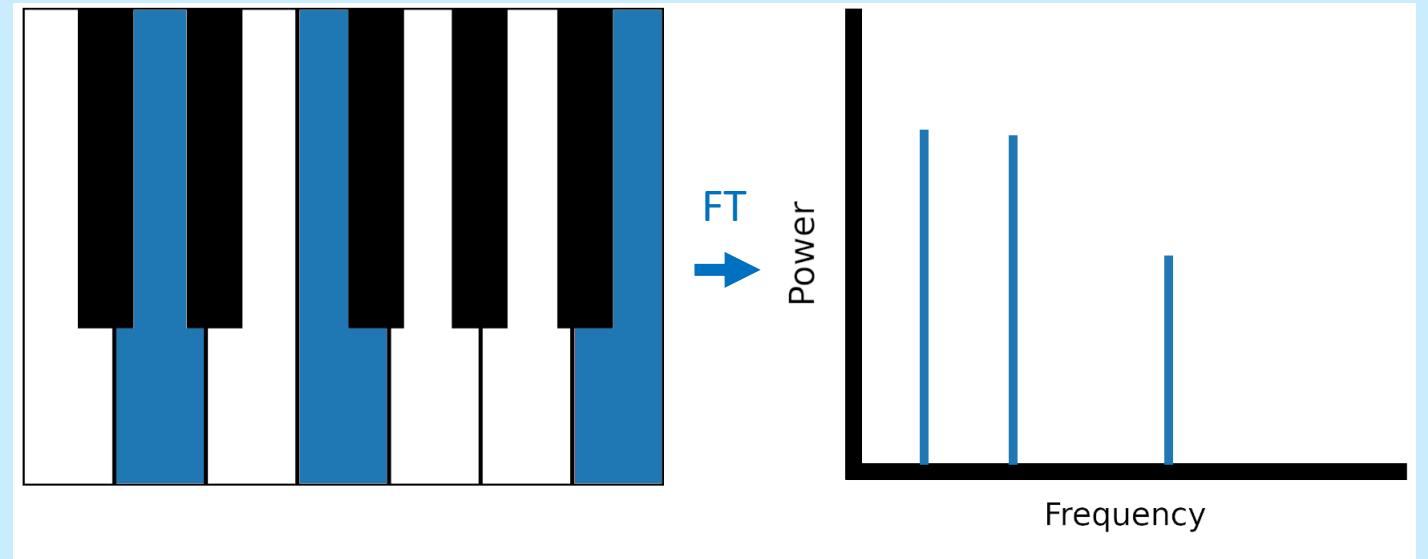
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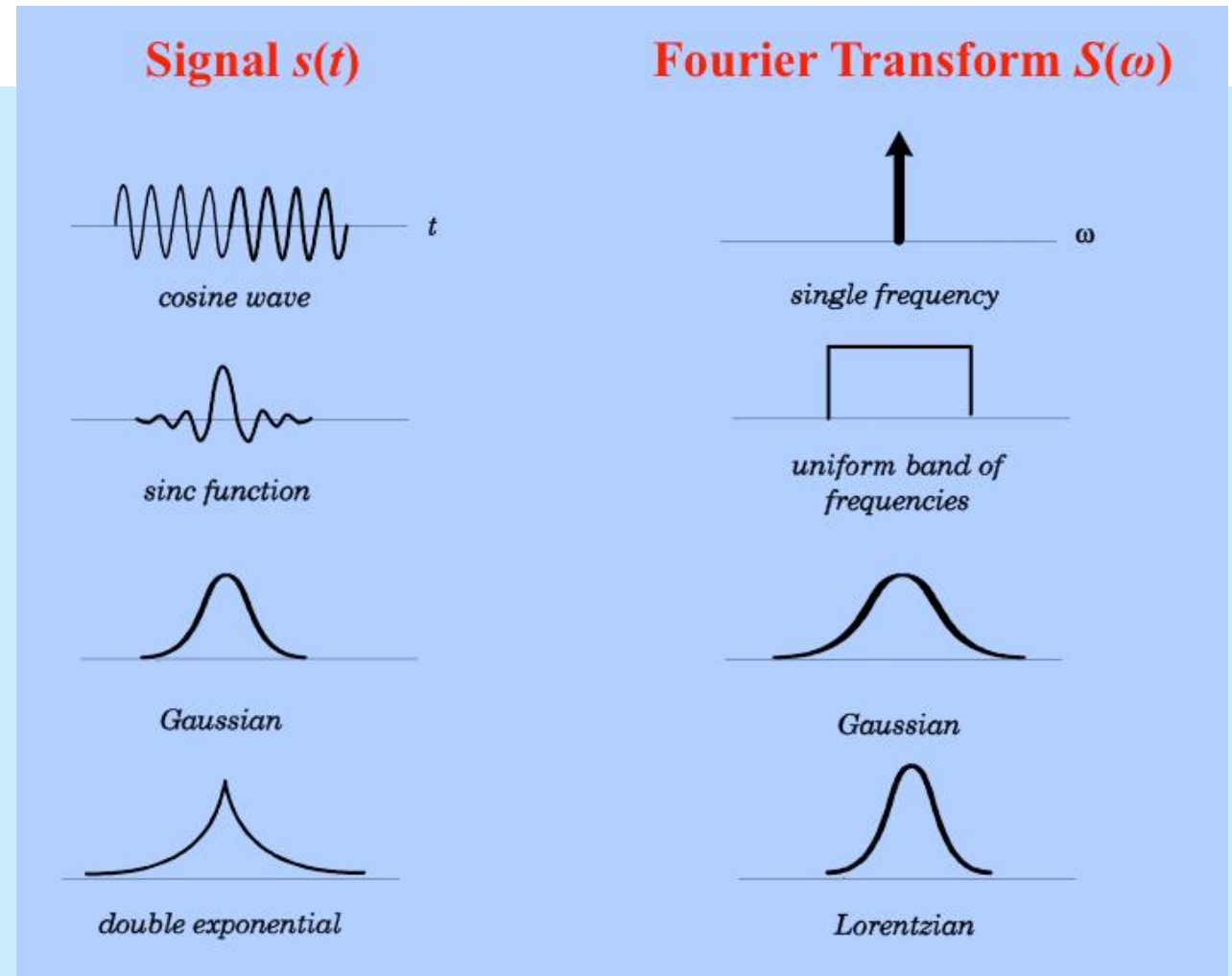
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# A3 Fourier Transform pairs

- Figure on the rights shows the signal and the corresponding Fourier transform pairs.
- Just part of the story as it shows only the real part
- Gaussian function is symmetric but
- If you have a narrow Gaussian it transforms to a broad Gaussian (scaling)
- More generally if the energy in time is spread out (cosine wave) it is compact in the Fourier
- Line broadening relevant for spectroscopy



# Fourier Transform Pairs

Superposition of Cosine waves

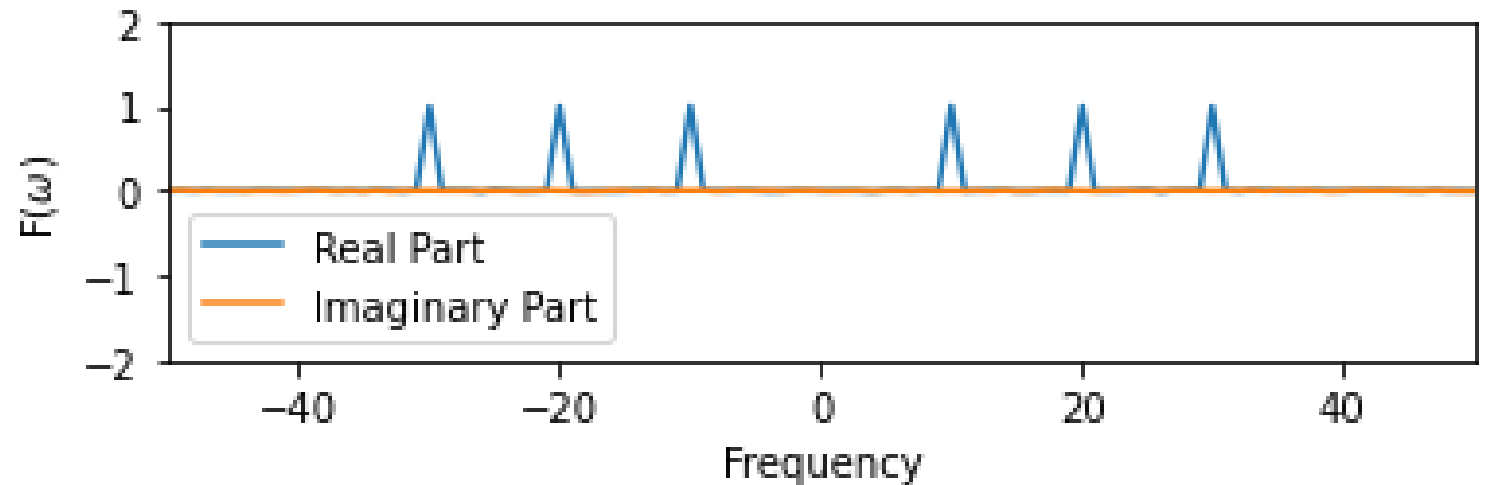
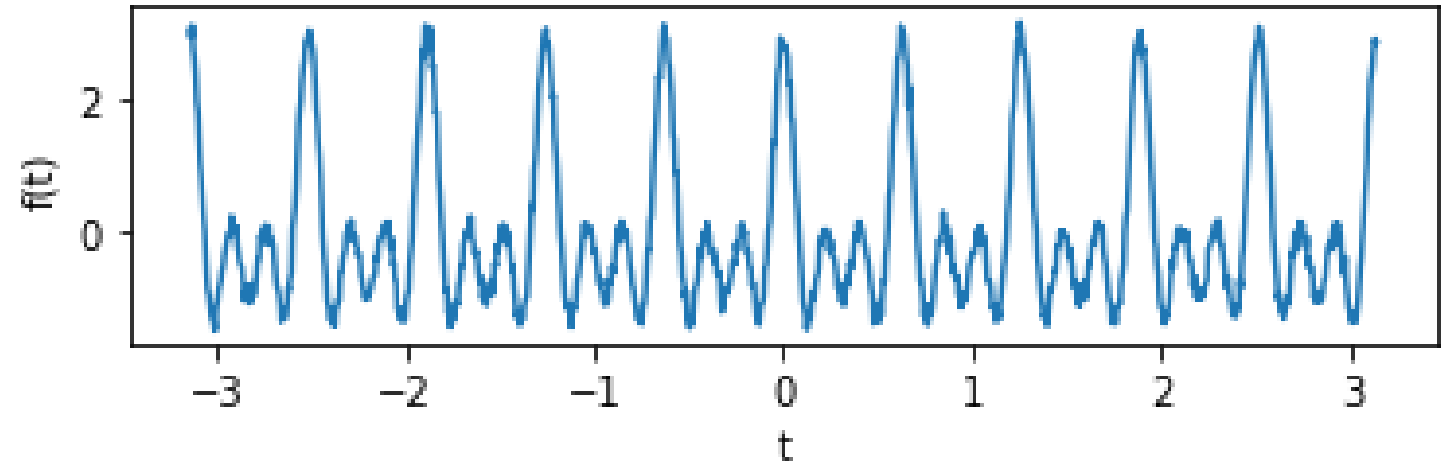
$$e^{i\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)$$

No imaginary part!

FT of an even function is even

Two peaks at positive and negative frequency. A consequence of complex exponentials:

$$\cos(\omega t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\omega t} + e^{-i\omega t})$$



# Fourier Transform Pairs

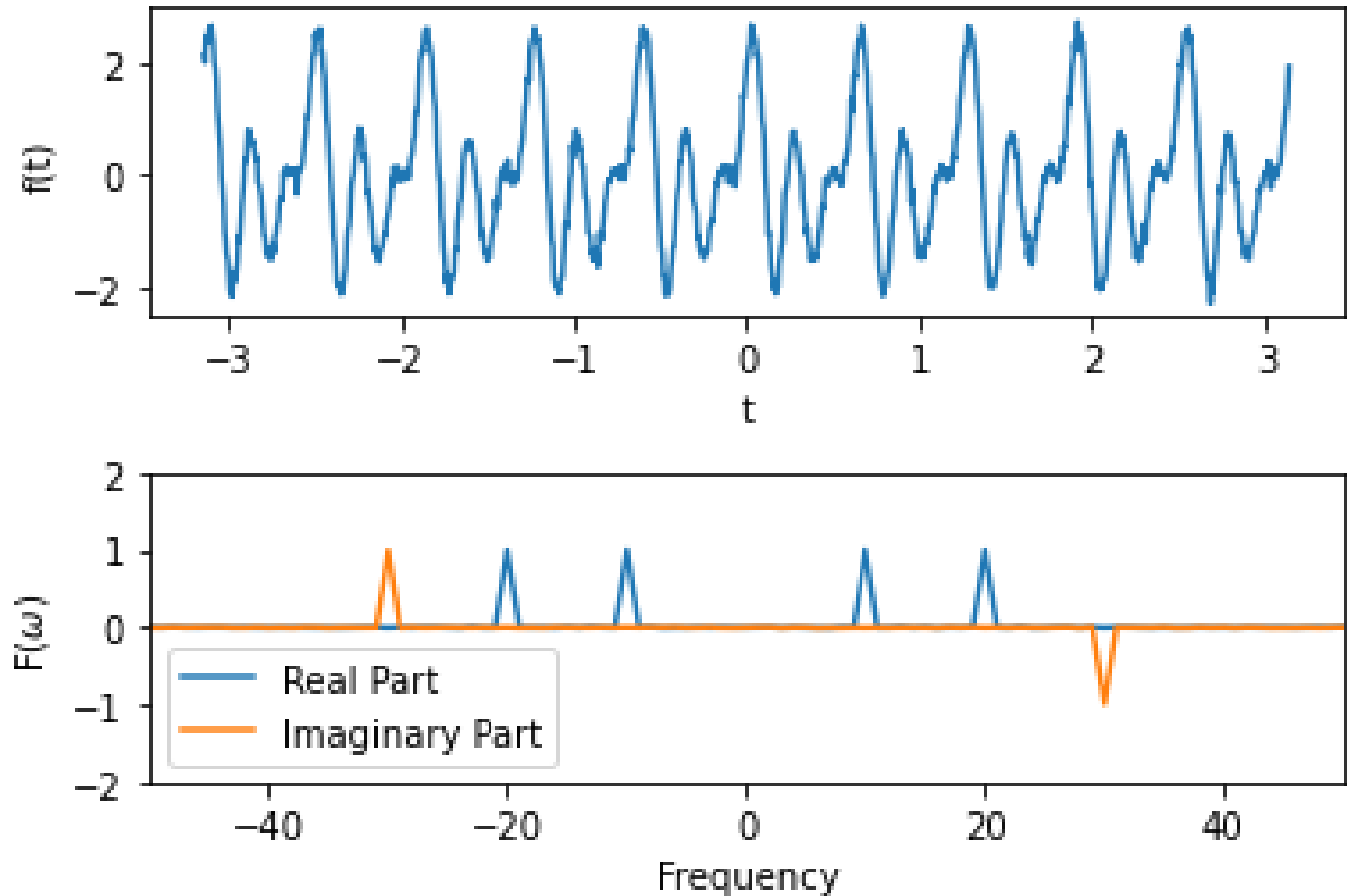
Change one wave to a sine wave

$$e^{i\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)$$

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FT of an odd function is odd

Usually, we look at magnitudes and phases.

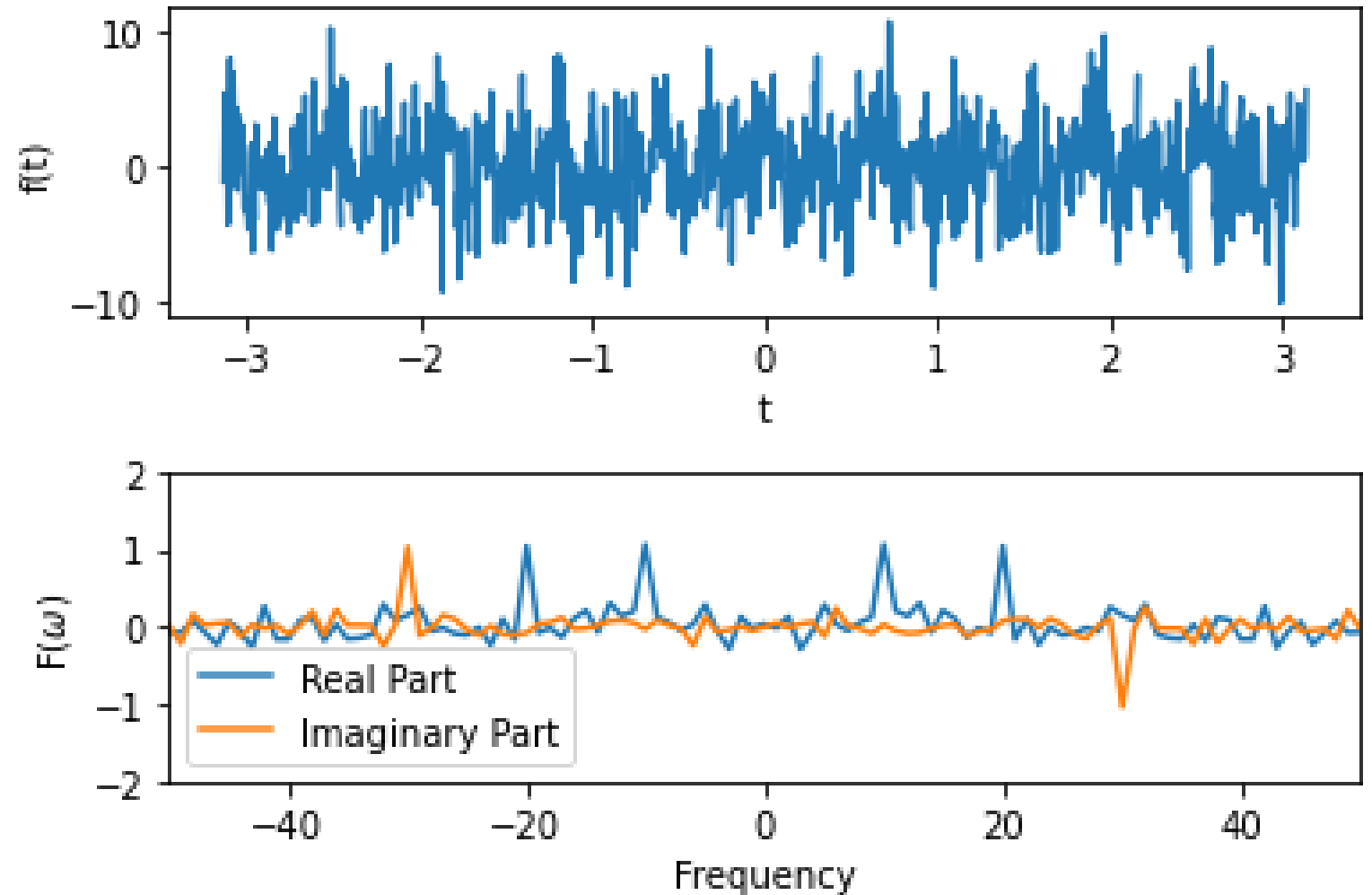


# Fourier Transform Pairs

Add more noise!

$$e^{i\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)$$

FT of noise is noise



# Fourier Transform Pairs

Superposition of Sine waves

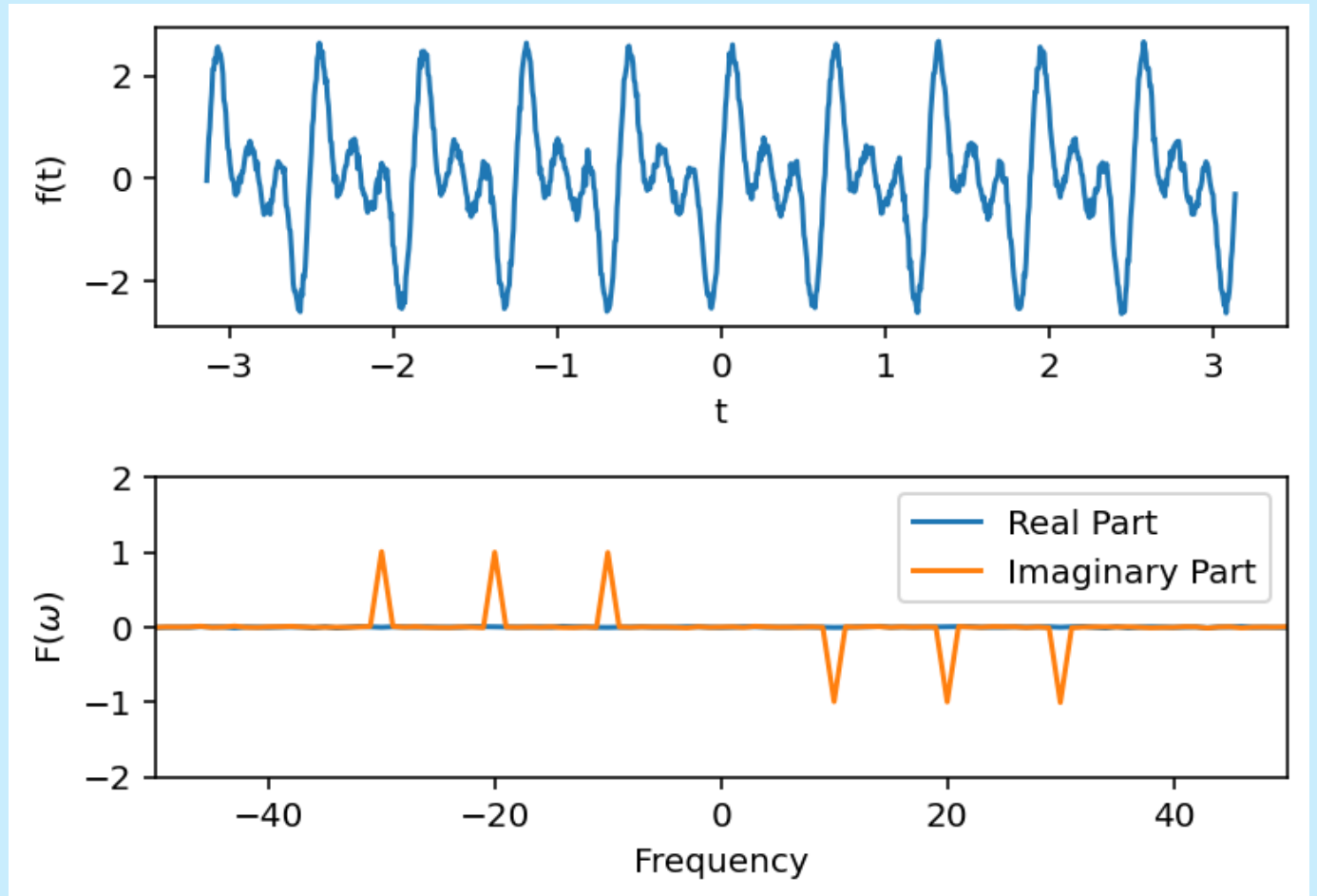
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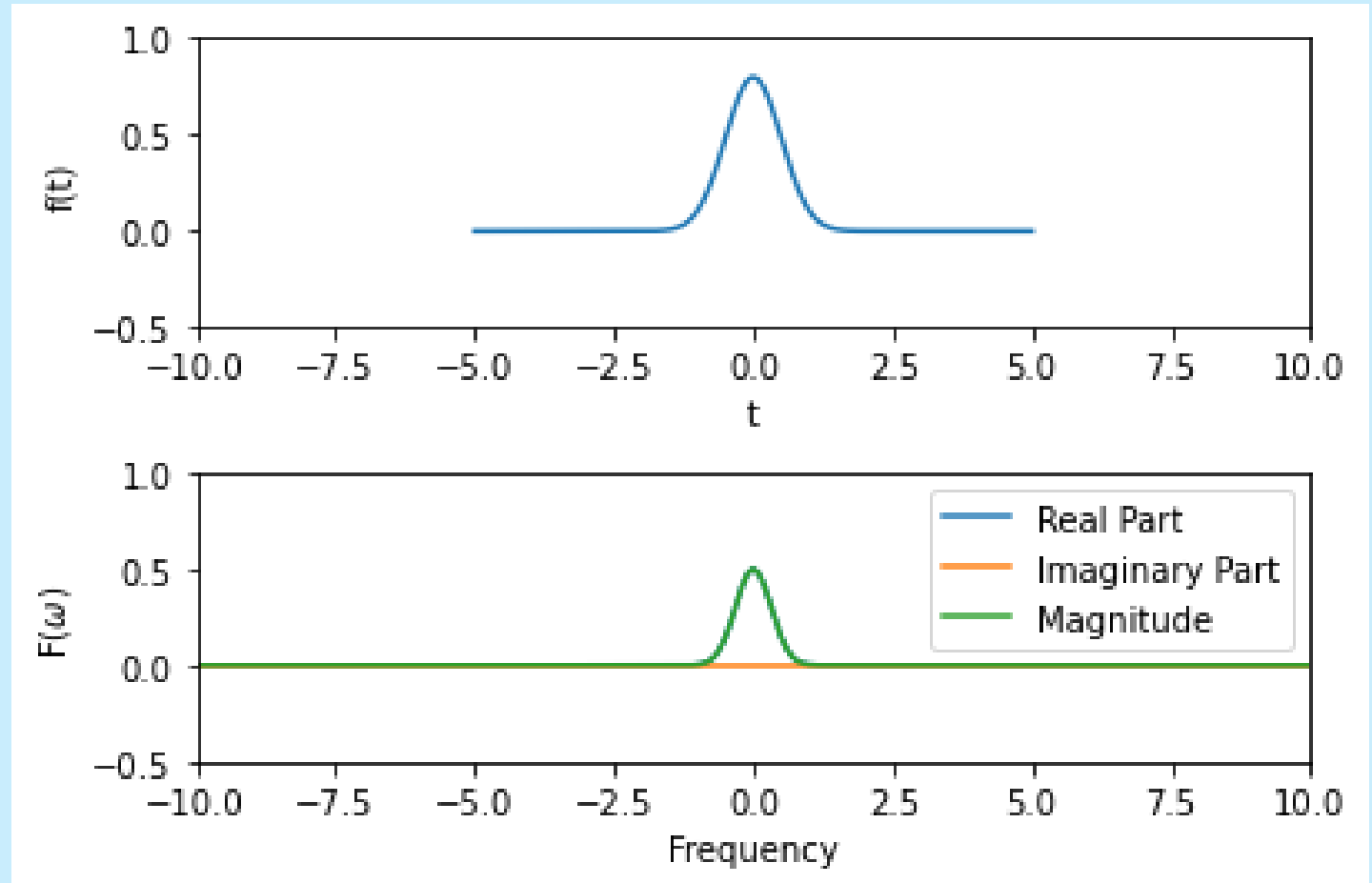
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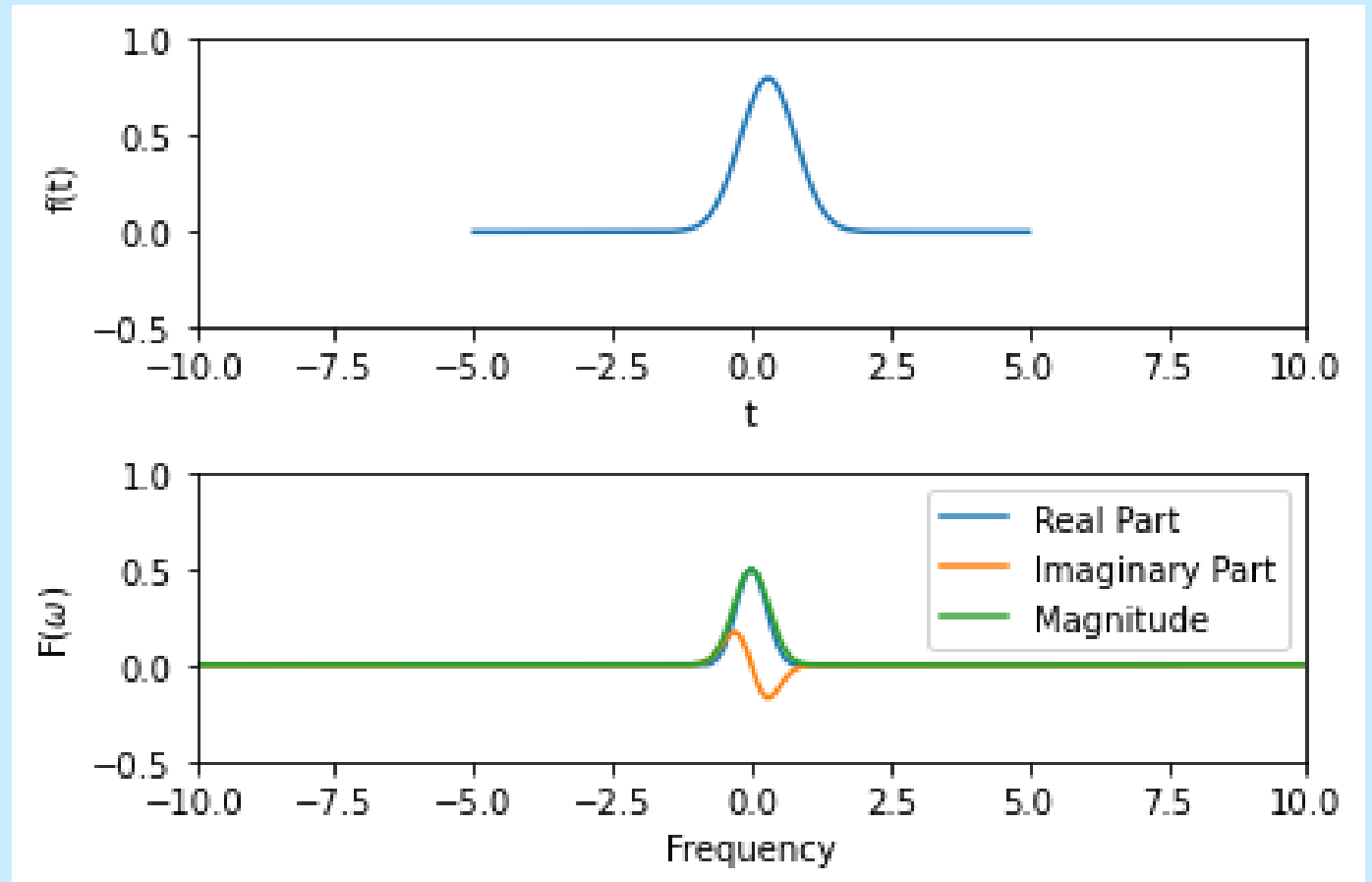
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Gaussian which is not centered at zero will not be even and will then have some imaginary component.

However, magnitude remains the same



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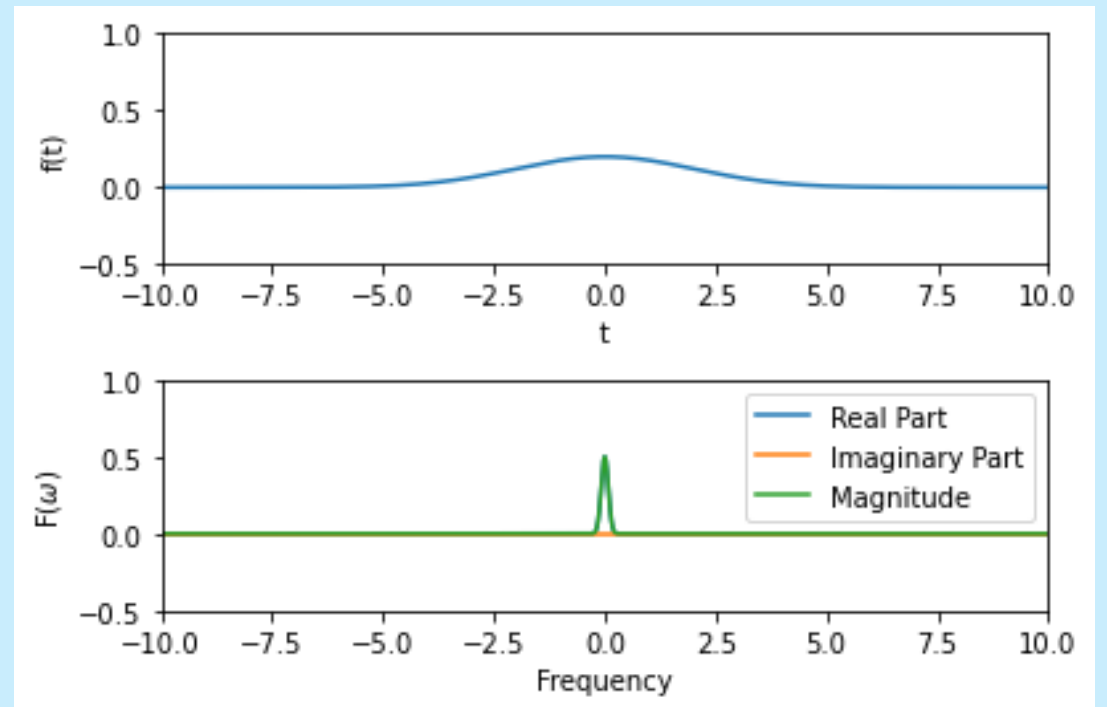
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Narrow gaussian FT-> Broad Gaussian

Broad Gaussian FT-> Narrow Gaussian

Python script available to play in 'Bonus content'

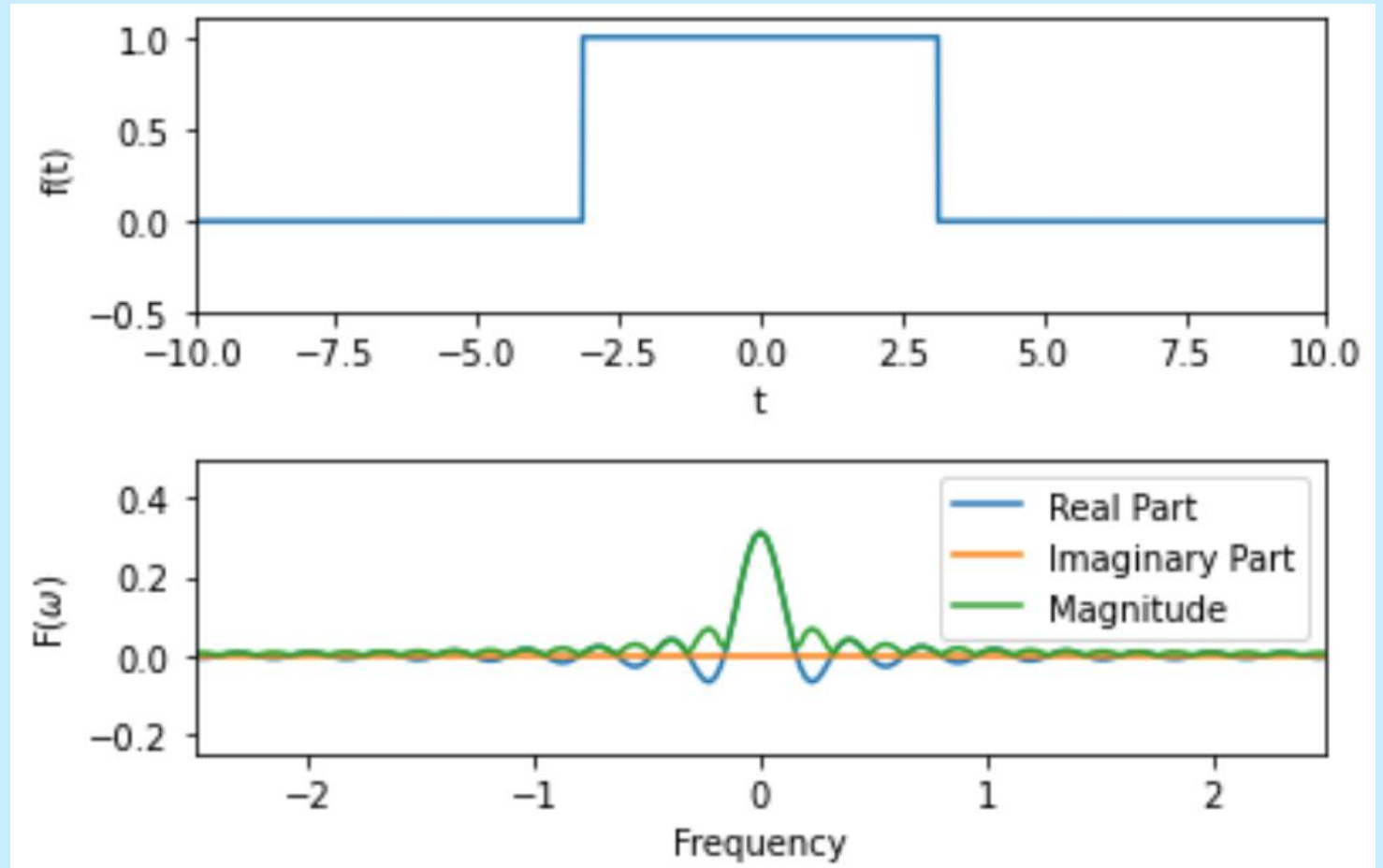


# Fourier Transform Pairs

Top hat/Boxcar

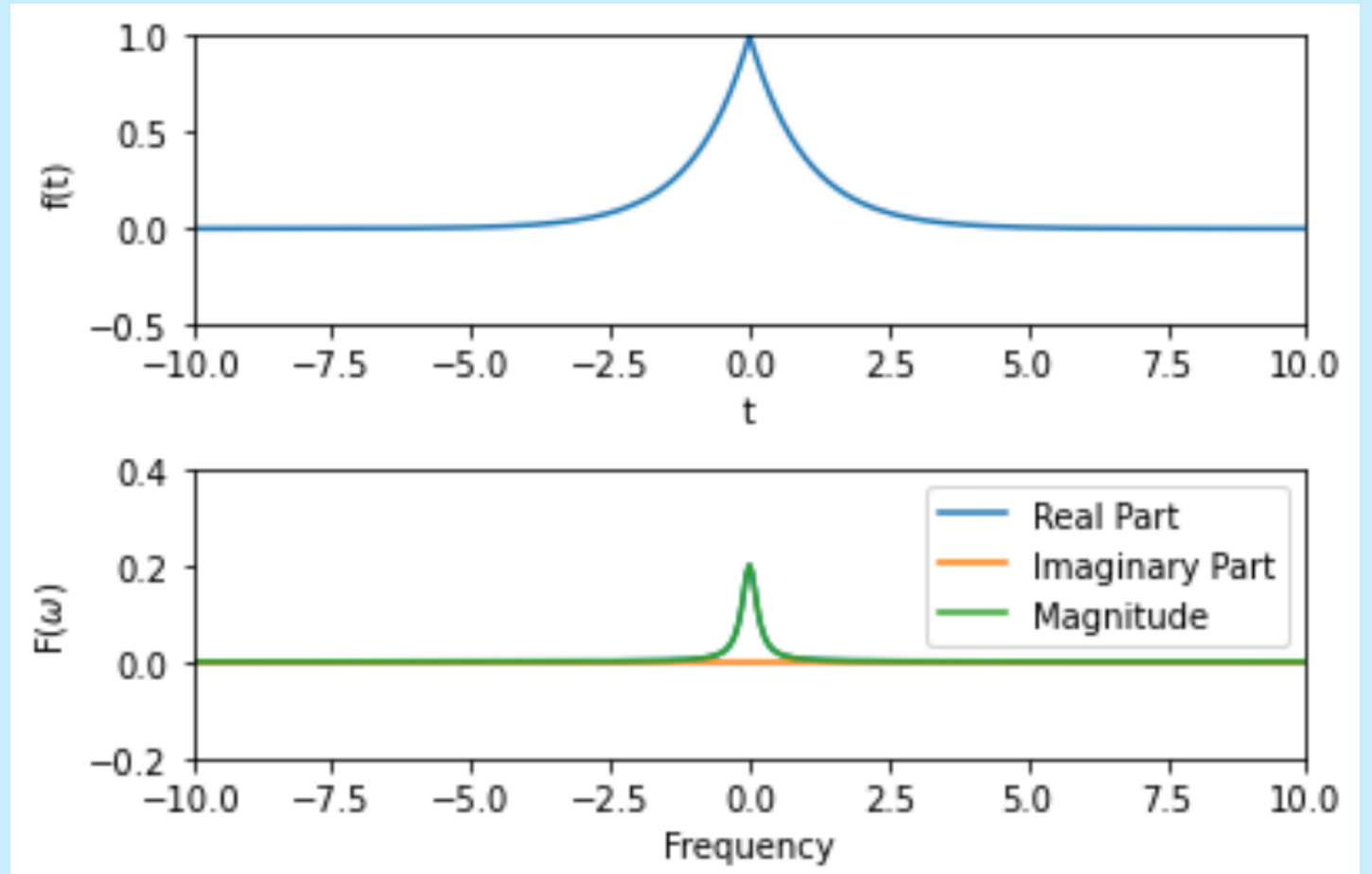
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Gives a Sinc function. You will show this in the workshop questions.



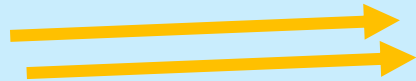
# Fourier Transform Pairs

Double Exponential



# Fourier Transform Pairs

Play with changing  
these parameters



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# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
"""
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"""
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
sigma= 2.0#change variance
shift=0.0# change value of the midpoint of gaussian
#
#
NP=4096
fs=NP/(20*sigma) #sampling frequency scaled to sigma
tmax = 10*sigma
t = np.arange(-tmax, tmax, 1/fs) # time domain
variance=sigma**2
x=1/(np.sqrt(2*np.pi*variance))*(np.exp(-(t-shift)**2/(2*variance))) # gaussian pulse
L=len(x)
NFFT = NP # length of FFT
f = (fs/NFFT)*np.arange(-NFFT/2, NFFT/2) # frequency domain
#here we need to shift the function because of how the fft works
#i.e. it starts counting from 0 element x=0 in real space
#should be the zeroeth element
X = 10 * sigma / L * np.fft.fftshift(np.fft.fft(np.fft.ifftshift(x),NFFT)) # FFT of the gaussian
fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(2, 1)
ax1.plot(t,x)
ax1.set(xlabel='t', ylabel='f(t)')
ax1.axis([-10, 10, -0.5, 1.0])
ax2.set(xlabel='Frequency', ylabel='F($\omega$)')
ax2.plot(f, X.real,f,X.imag,f,abs(X))
ax2.axis([-10, 10, -0.5, 1.0])
ax2.legend(["Real Part","Imaginary Part","Magnitude"],loc="best")
plt.subplots_adjust(hspace = 0.5)
plt.show()
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## A3 Doing the integrations

- Fourier Transform

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- Inverse Fourier Transform

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Different conventions but forward needs to be the opposite of the inverse! Also, (electrical) engineers prefer  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ . To avoid confusion with  $i$  for current!



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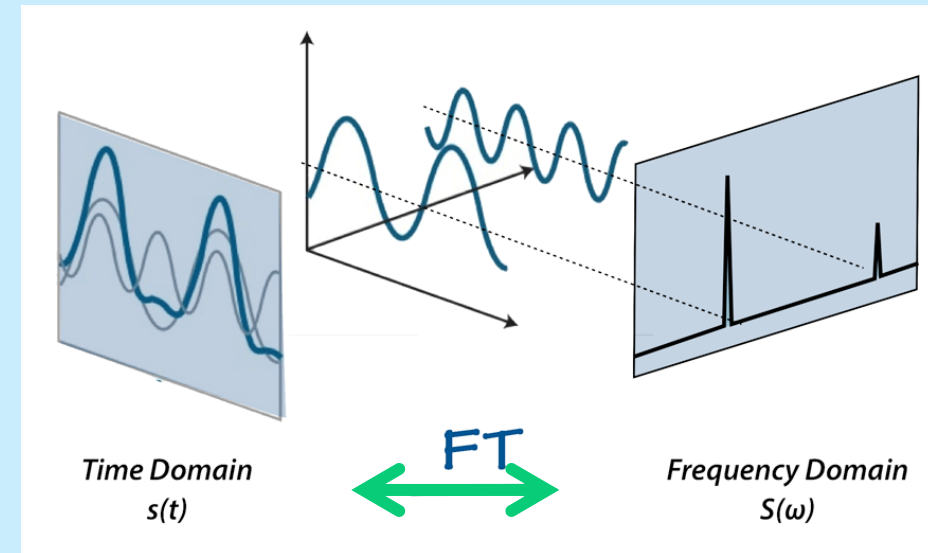
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You might encounter  
different numbers here  
(different normalizations)

# A3 Application of inverse FT

- Example if we have an audio signal and we know there is high frequency noise in the signal.
- We also know which frequencies we expect the signal
- We can apply the FT to the signal, then set all the high frequency coefficients (where the noise is) to zero
- Then to the inverse FT



# Example

Given the following function  $f(t)$ , calculate the Fourier transform  $F(\omega)$

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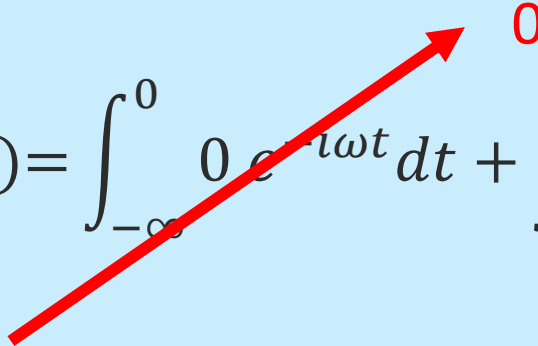
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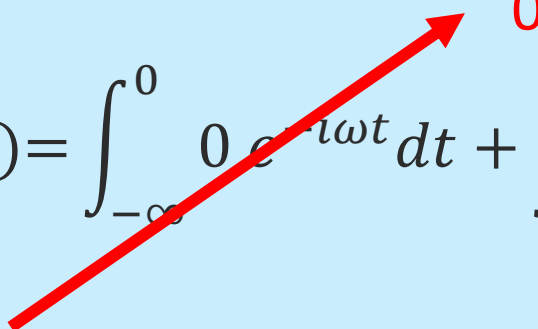
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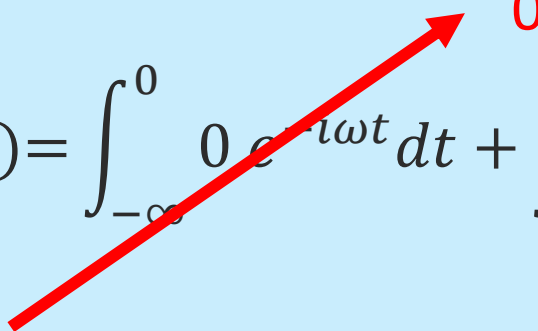
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## Summary of this example FT

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- What did we need to do?
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- Recall the properties of indices
- Integrate exponential functions
- Recall identities for exponential functions

# Properties of the Fourier Transform

- Linearity
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- Show that the linearity property is valid:
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- Scaling- Implications
- $h(t) = f\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right)$
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- Compression in time  $\frac{t}{\alpha}$  expands in the frequency domain  $\alpha\omega$  and vice versa!

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$$\int_{u=\infty}^{u=-\infty} -f(u)e^{-i\omega(-u)} du$$

Change limits around recall:  $\int_a^b f(x)dx = -\int_b^a f(x)dx$

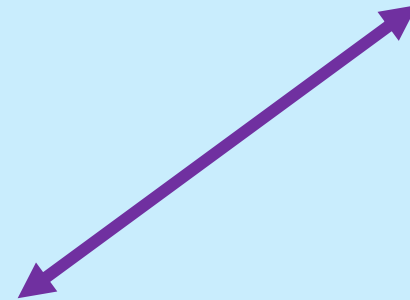
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Change where the negative sign is:

$$\int_{u=-\infty}^{u=\infty} f(u) e^{-i(-\omega)u} du = F(-\omega)$$



# Exercise Prove that the FT of an odd function is Odd

If odd then  $f(-t) = -f(t)$

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

Or  $-f(-t) = f(t)$

Start with substituting  $f(t) = -f(-t)$

Let  $u = -t$ ,  $\frac{du}{dt} = -1$

Is left as an exercise to the reader...



# Exercise: Prove that FT of a Real even function is real

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$
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Integral of an odd function (odd times even function is odd)  
over a symmetric interval is zero

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

Which is real and even

# Summary: Properties of the Fourier Transform

You can prove these properties with a change of variable.

Property	Relation
Linearity	$h(t) = \alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)$ $H(\omega) = \alpha F(\omega) + \beta G(\omega)$
Time-shifting	$h(t) = f(t - t_0)$ $H(\omega) = e^{-i\omega t_0} F(\omega)$
Scaling	$h(t) = f\left(\frac{t}{\alpha}\right)$ $H(\omega) = \alpha F(\alpha\omega)$

# Properties of the Fourier Transform

- Multiplication
- $FG(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)g(t)e^{-i\omega t}dt \neq F(\omega)G(\omega)$
- Caution!! The Fourier transform of the product of functions  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  is not the product of the Fourier transforms  $F(\omega), G(\omega)$
- Rather there is a different operation called the convolution
- $F(\omega)G(\omega) = f(t) * g(t)$
- Where  $f(t) * g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)g(t_0 - t)dt$
- What does that mean?

# Topics Covered

## 3. A3-Fourier Transforms

- Subtopics:
- Conceptual Understanding ✓
- Doing the integrations ✓
- Convolution theorem

# Convolution

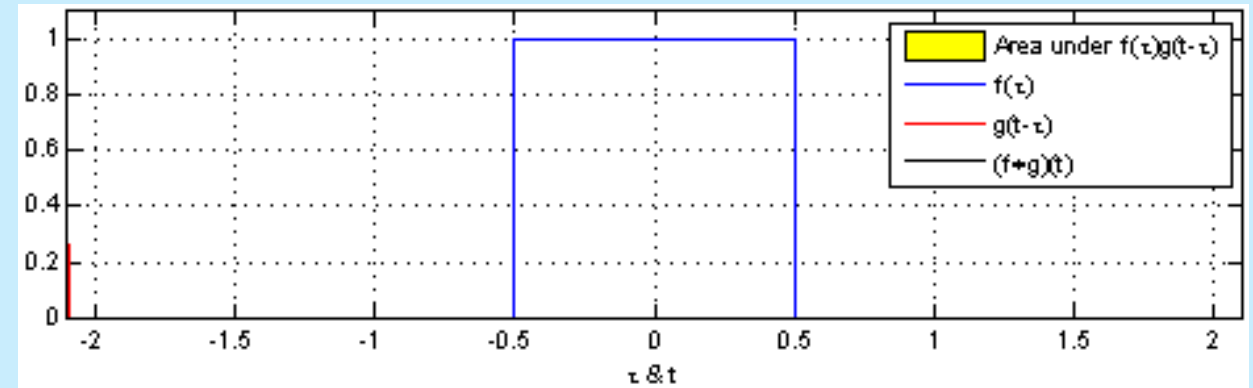
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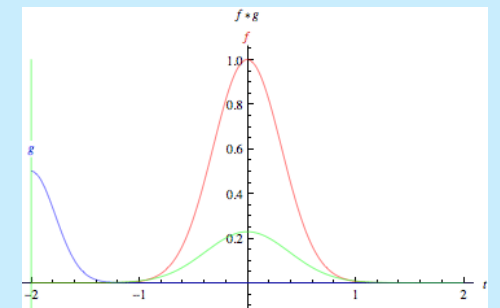
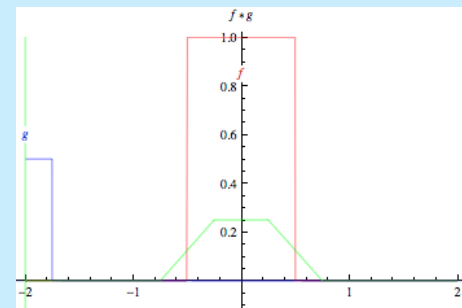
We see that for two square waves (box cars) the shape of the convolution is triangular

Different convolutions can come from different amplitudes etc.

<https://mathworld.wolfram.com/Convolution.html>



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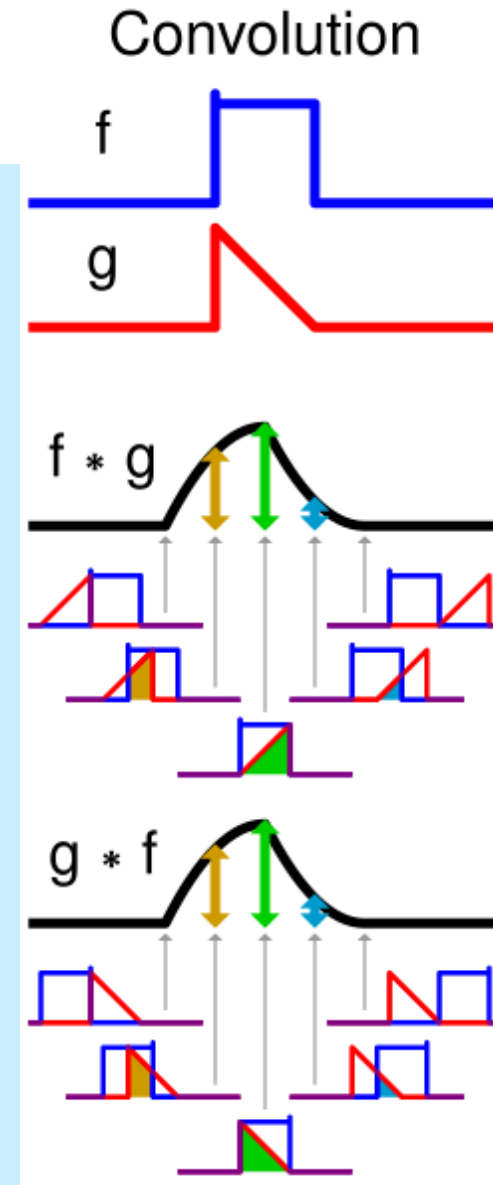
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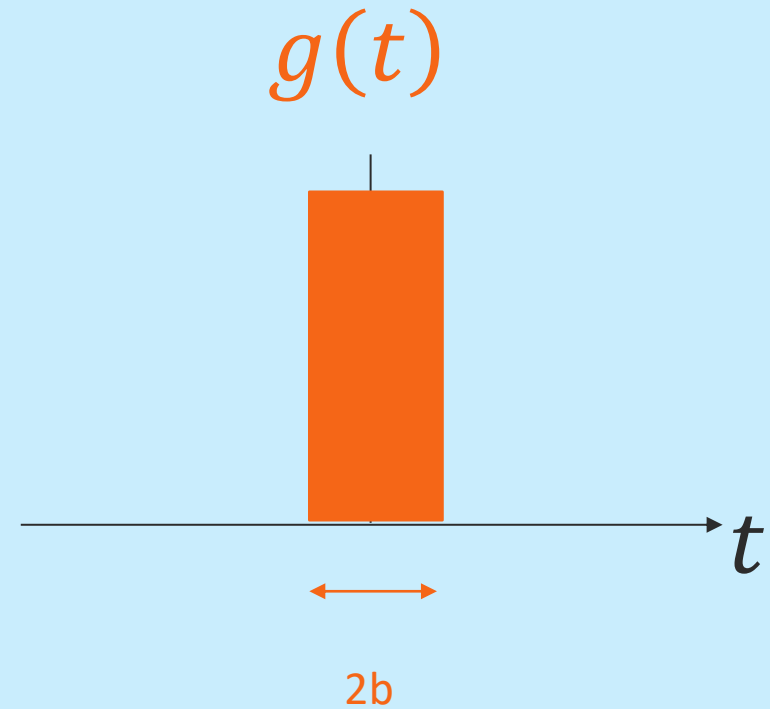
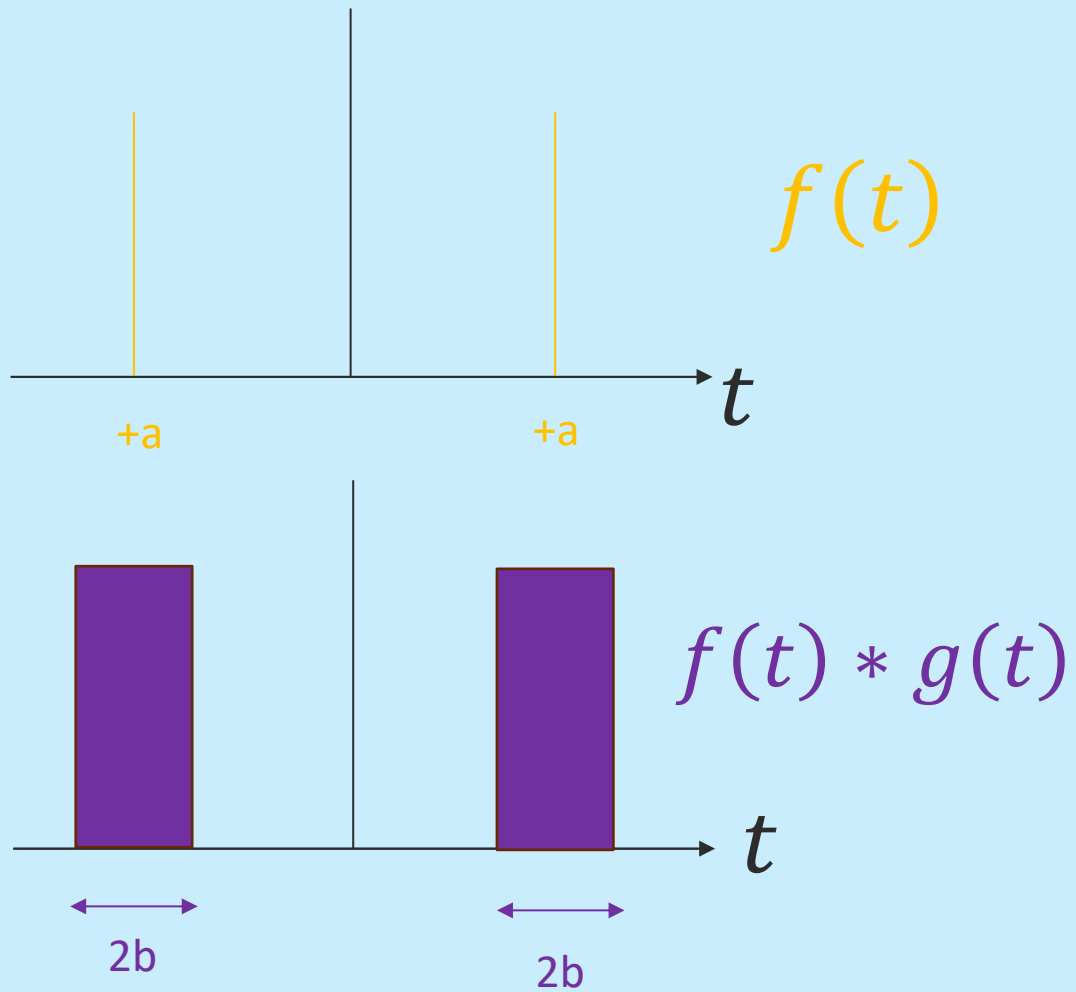
Non-symmetric example

You can flip either  $f$  or  $g$  (commutative)



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# Review

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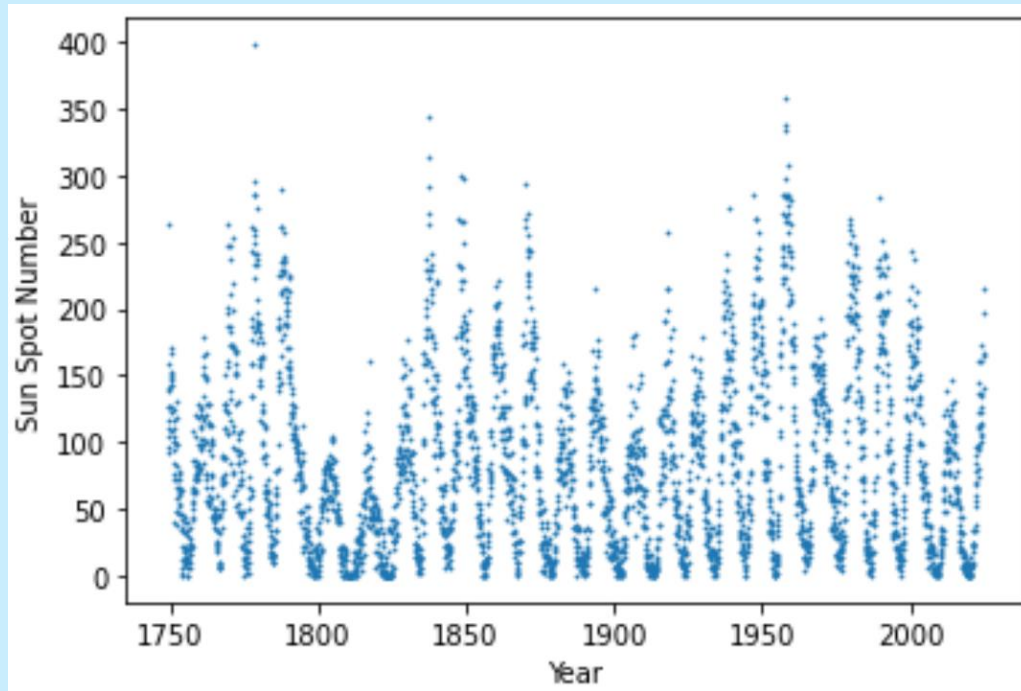
It is (or the fast Fourier transform algorithm is) everywhere!

So many applications! Signal processing, data compression, reducing noise, image processing...

Key skills: integration, manipulating indices, recognising identities etc.

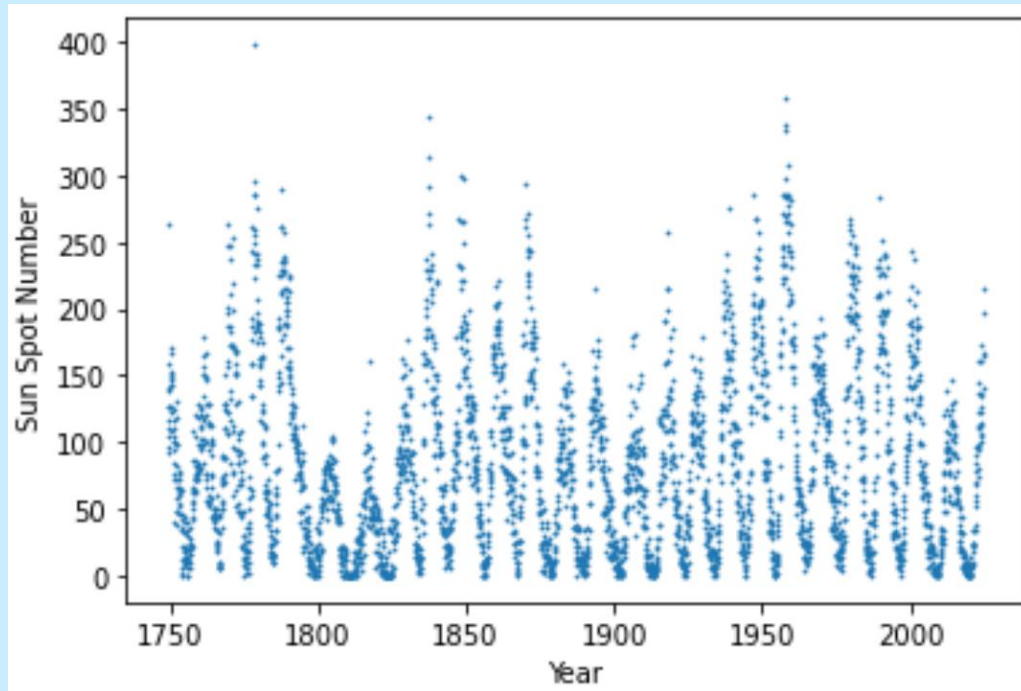


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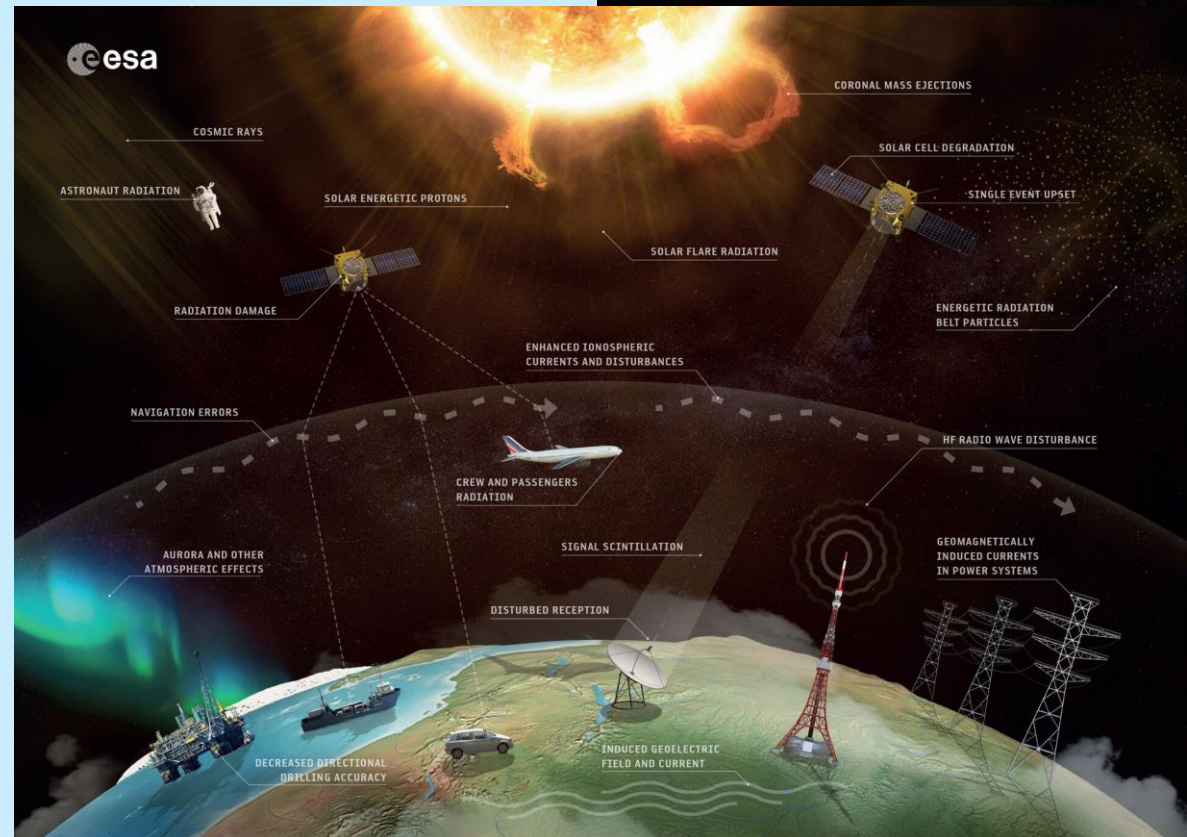
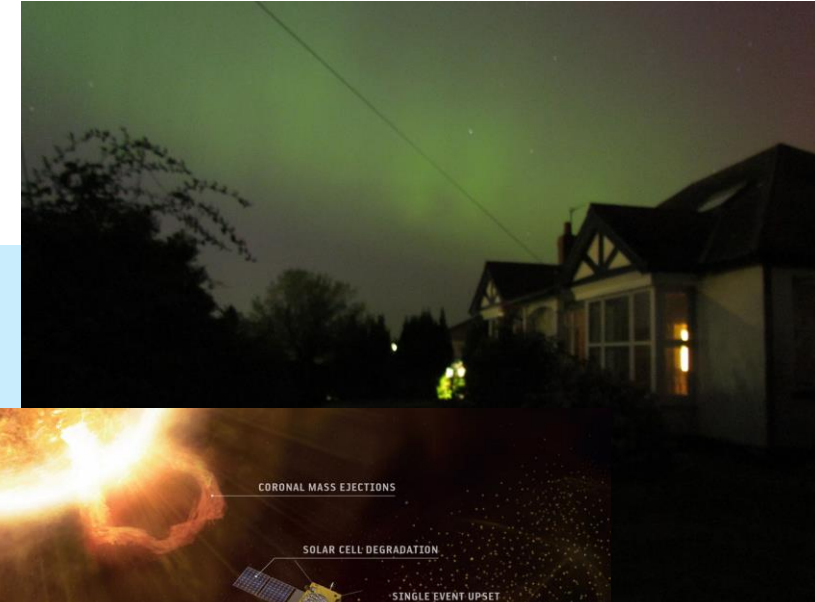


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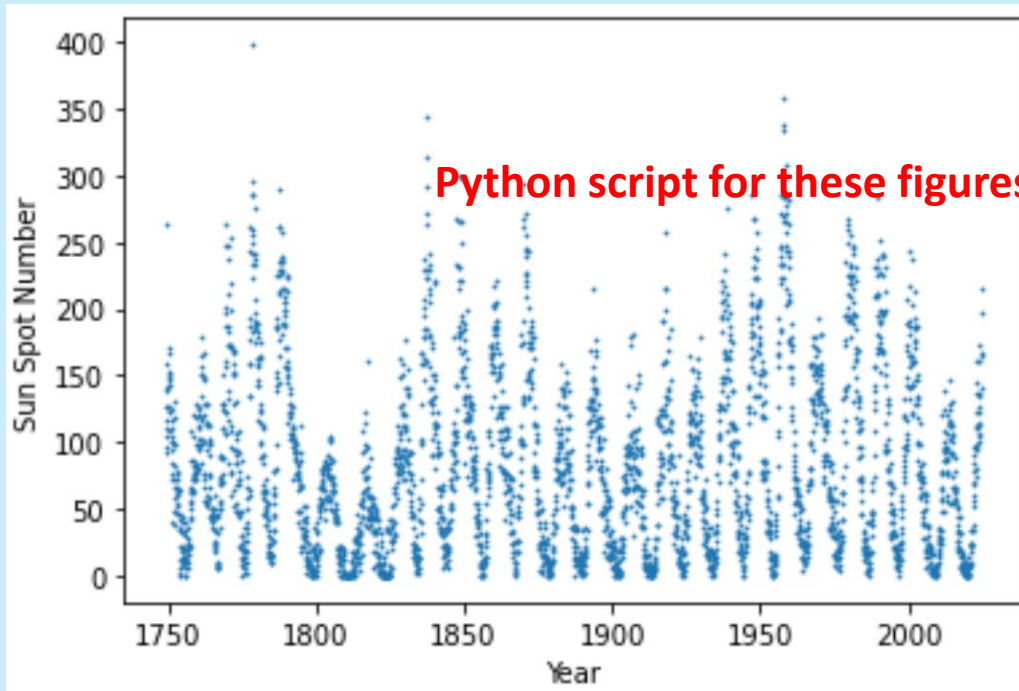
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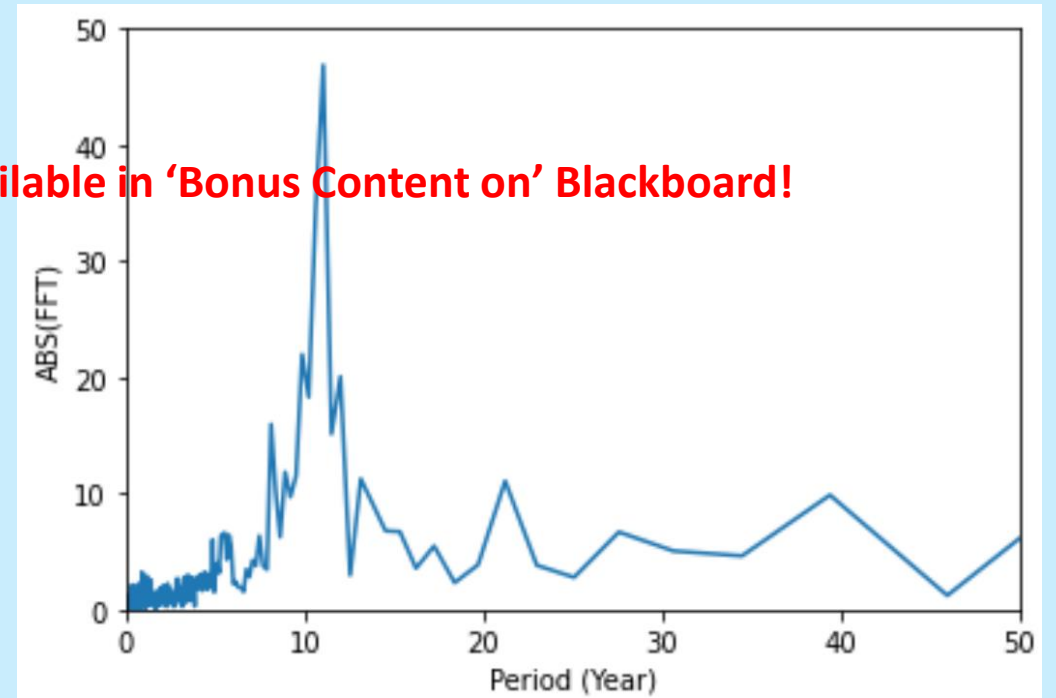
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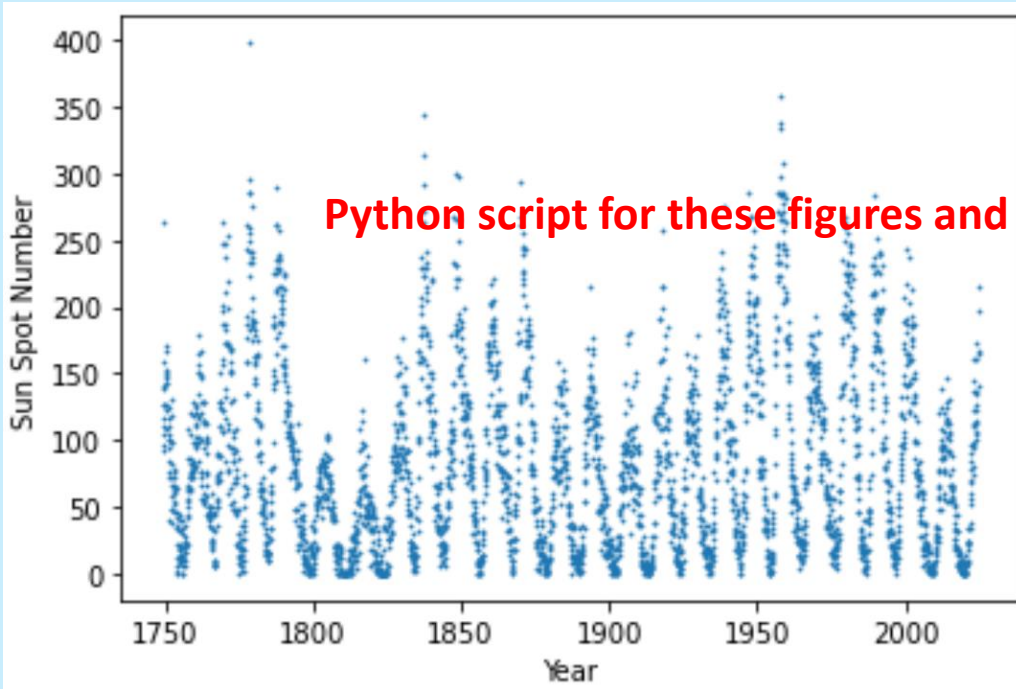
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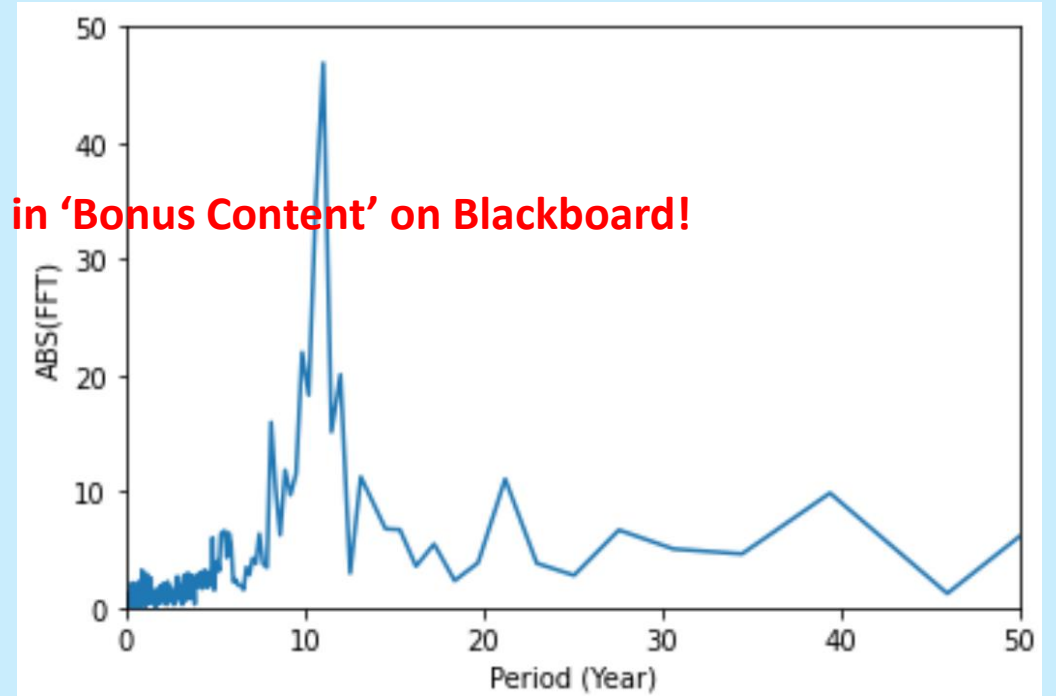
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