



Week 8 Fourier Transform

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Trigonometric Fourier Series:

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(n\omega_0 t) + b_n \sin(n\omega_0 t)]$$

Exponential Fourier Series:

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

- **From Fourier series to Fourier transform**
- **Fourier transform**
- **Fourier transform table**
- **Spectrum of a signal**
- **Properties of Fourier Transform**



From Fourier series to Fourier transform

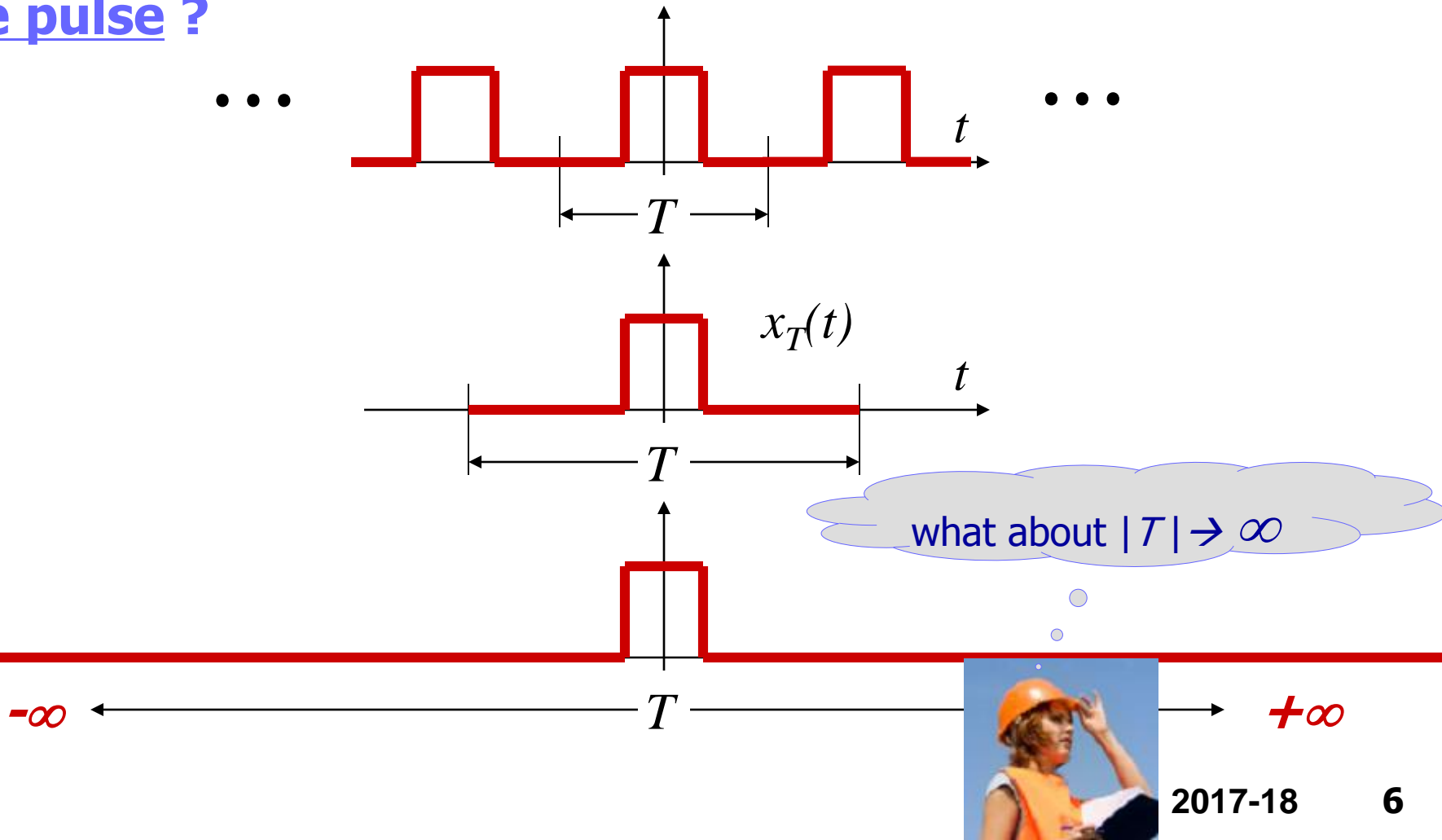
Last time: Fourier Series

Representing periodic signals as sums of **sinusoids**.

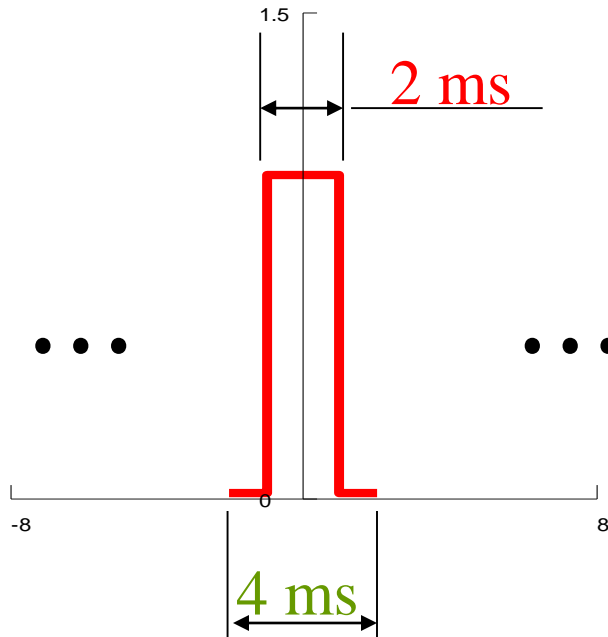
→ new representations for systems as **filters**.

Today: generalize for **aperiodic** signals.

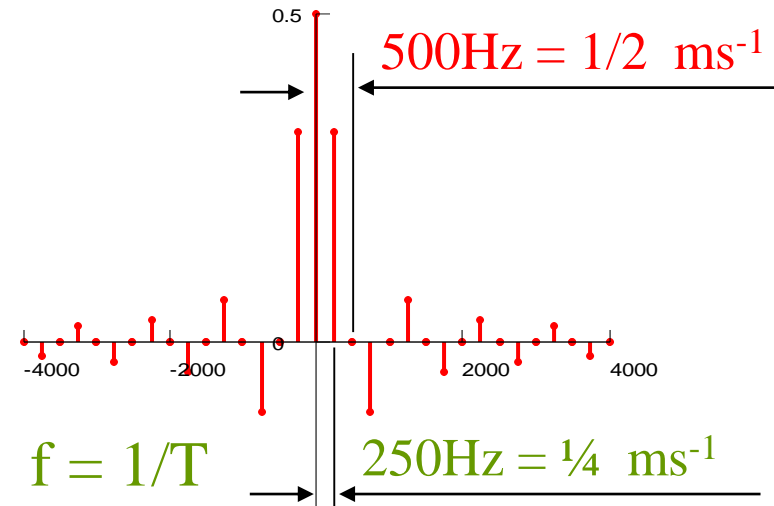
What will happen to the spectrum of a rectangular pulse when T get increased, while keeping the same width of the pulse ?



F.S. of the rectangular pulse signal ($T=4\text{ms}$)

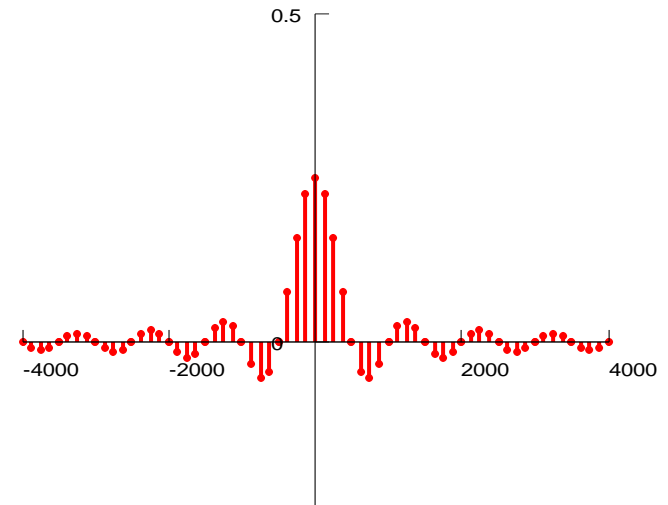
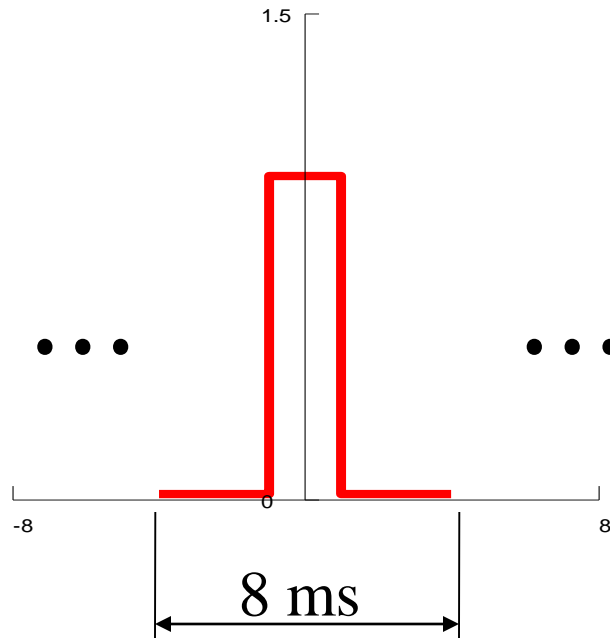


$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{j2\pi n \frac{t}{T}}$$



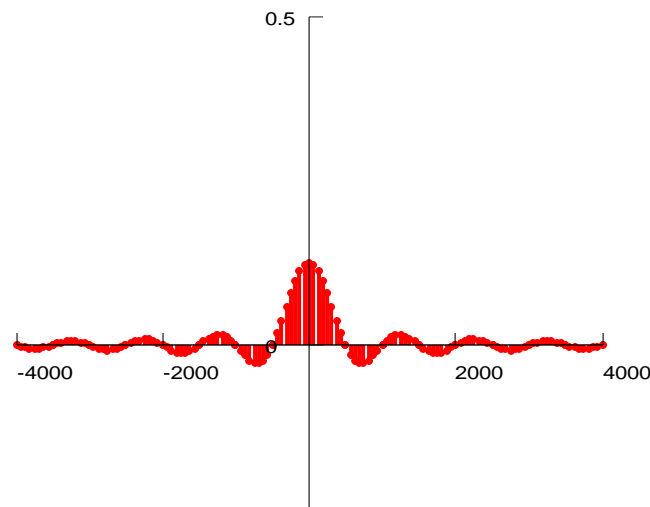
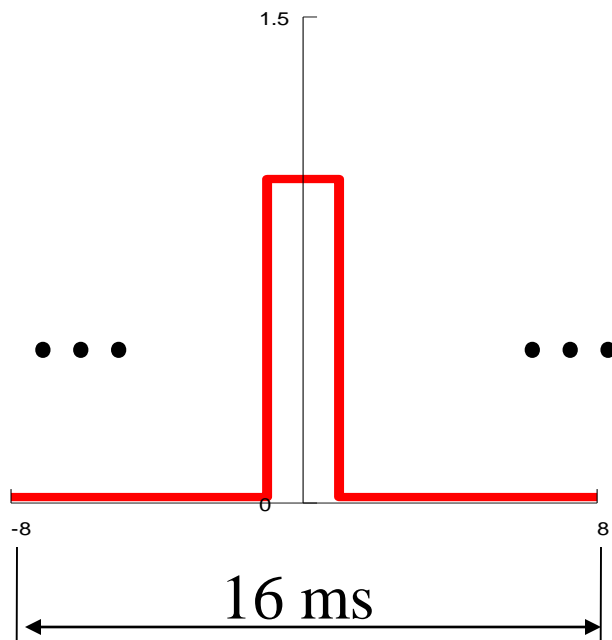
$$c_n = \frac{2}{4} \text{sinc}\left(n \frac{2}{4}\right)$$

F.S. of the rectangular pulse signal ($T=8\text{ms}$)



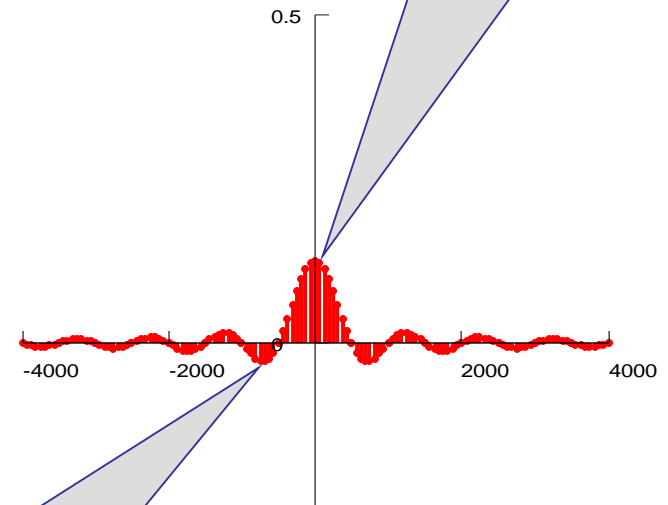
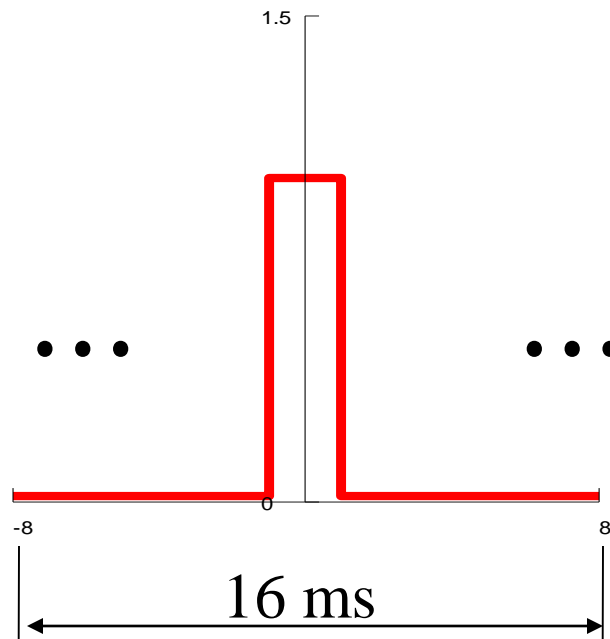
$$C_n = \frac{2}{8} \text{sinc}\left(n \frac{2}{8}\right)$$

F.S. of the rectangular pulse signal ($T=16\text{ms}$)



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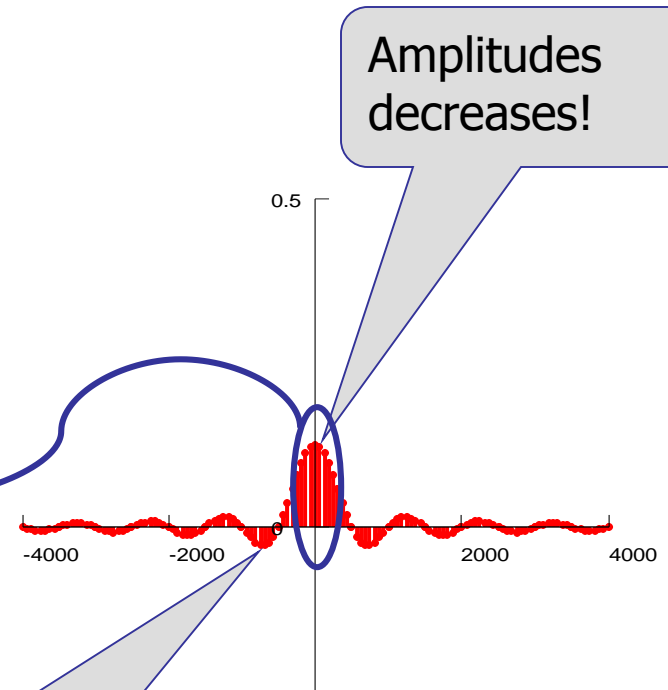
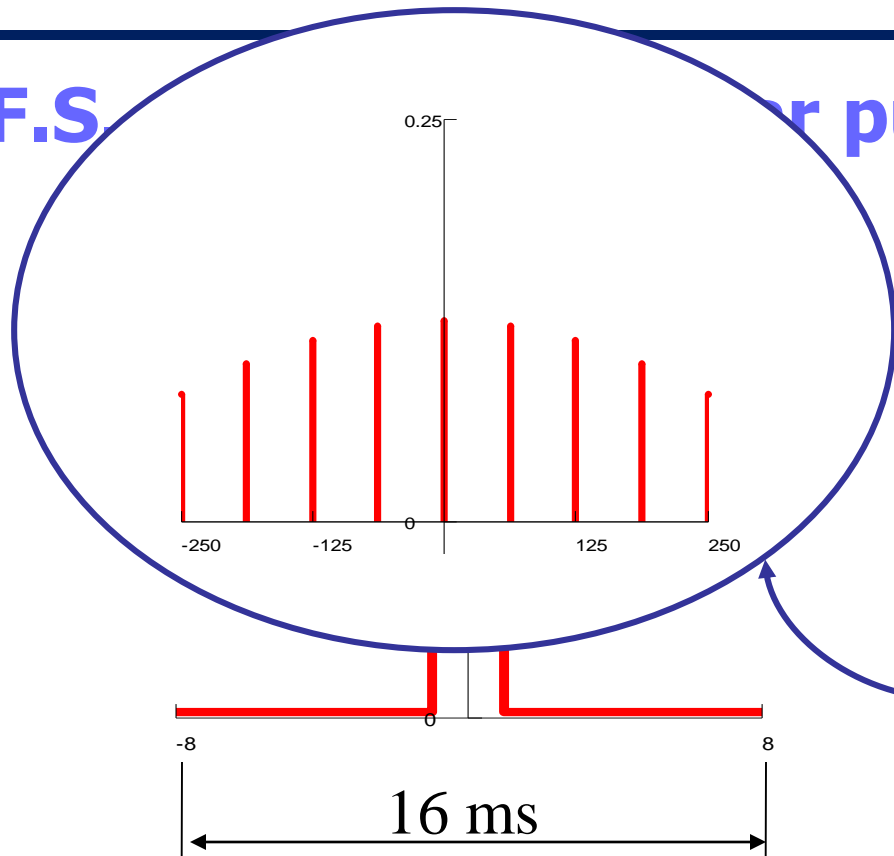


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From FS to FT



F.S. Square pulse signal ($T=16\text{ms}$)



Harmonics get closer \rightarrow nearly continuous signal!

Parseval's theorem

The total average power in a periodic signal equals the sum of the average powers in all of its harmonic components.

$$P_x = \frac{1}{T} \int_T |x(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_k|^2$$

$$x_T(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{j2\pi n \frac{t}{T}}$$

FS representation of
a periodic signal

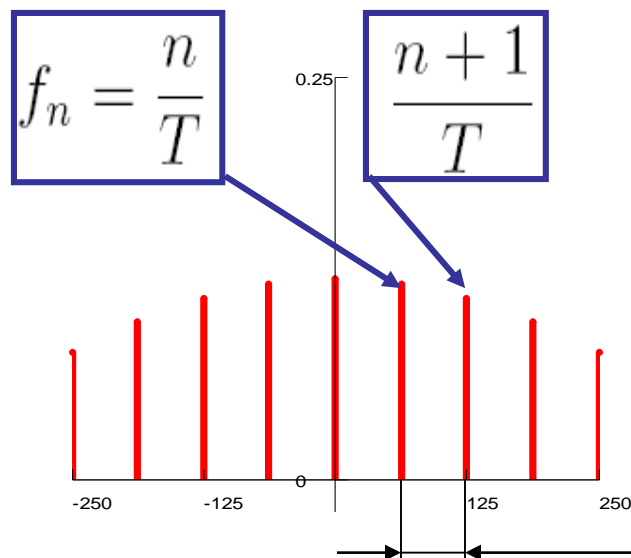
$$c_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x_T(t) e^{-j2\pi n \frac{t}{T}} dt$$

FS coefficient

substitute into
above equation

$$x_T(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x_T(t) e^{-j2\pi n \frac{t}{T}} dt \right] e^{j2\pi n \frac{t}{T}} \frac{1}{T}$$

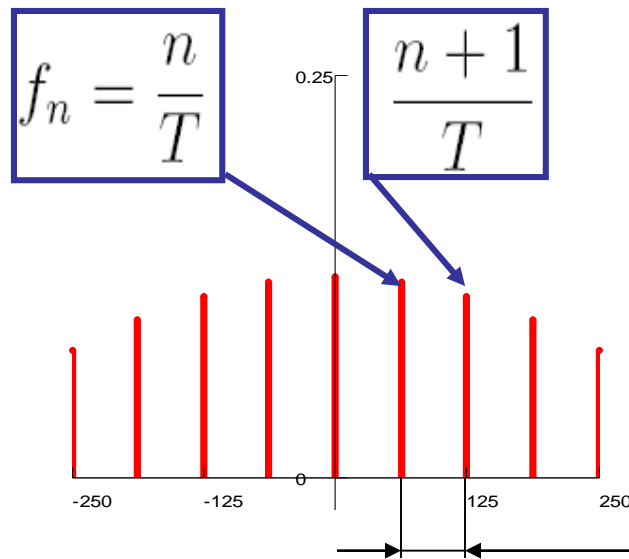
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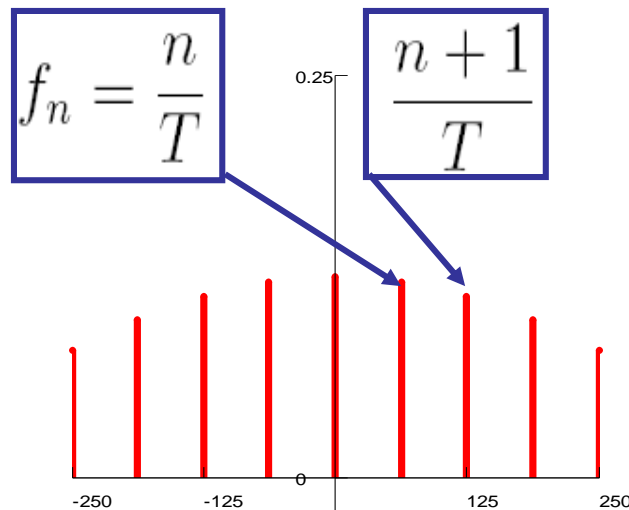
What will happen when $T \rightarrow \infty$?

$$\left(\Delta f = \frac{1}{T} \right) \rightarrow df$$

$$\left(f_n = \frac{n}{T} \right) \rightarrow f$$

In the limit, as T approaches infinity, the spectrum becomes continuous.

From FS to FT



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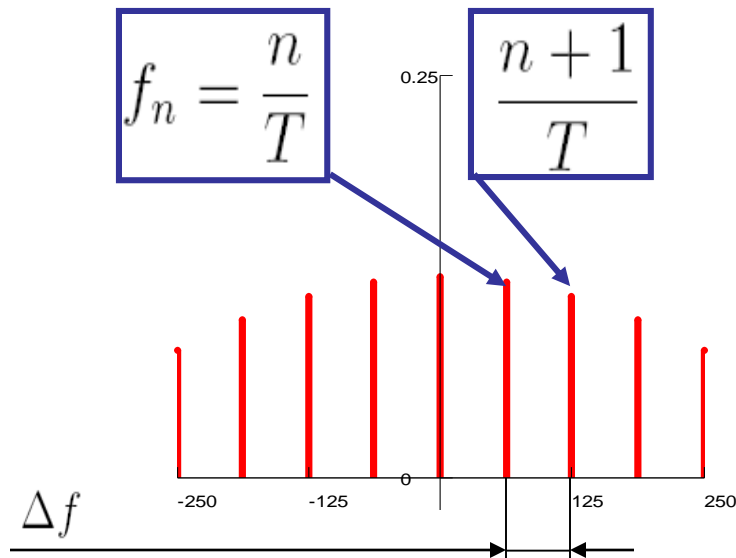
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$$x_T(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} x_T(t) e^{-j2\pi \frac{n}{T} t} dt \right] e^{j2\pi \frac{n}{T} t} \frac{1}{T}$$

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt \right] e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

The diagram illustrates the limit process from the Discrete-Time Fourier Series (DTFS) to the Fourier Transform (FT). Blue arrows show the mapping of terms: the summation index n becomes the continuous frequency f ; the integration limits $[-T/2, T/2]$ expand to $[-\infty, \infty]$; the discrete frequency n/T becomes the continuous frequency f ; and the scaling factor $1/T$ becomes the differential frequency df .

From FS to FT



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Diagram showing the transformation of the Fourier series equation into the Fourier transform equation as $T \rightarrow \infty$. The summation over n becomes an integral over f , and the discrete frequency $\frac{n}{T}$ becomes a continuous frequency f . The factor $\frac{1}{T}$ becomes df .

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi t f} dt \right] e^{j2\pi t f} df$$

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi t f} dt \right]}_{\text{depends only on } f} e^{j2\pi t f} df$$

It **depends** only on $f \rightarrow$ we will represent it by $X(f)$

Forward Fourier transform :

(‘analysis’ equation)

$$X(f) = \mathcal{F} \{x(t)\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi t f} dt$$

The Inverse Fourier transform :

(‘synthesis’ equation)

$$x(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \{X(f)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi t f} df$$

Fourier transform pair

$$G(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

$$g(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

frequency (in Hz)

$$X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

Angular frequency (in rad/s)

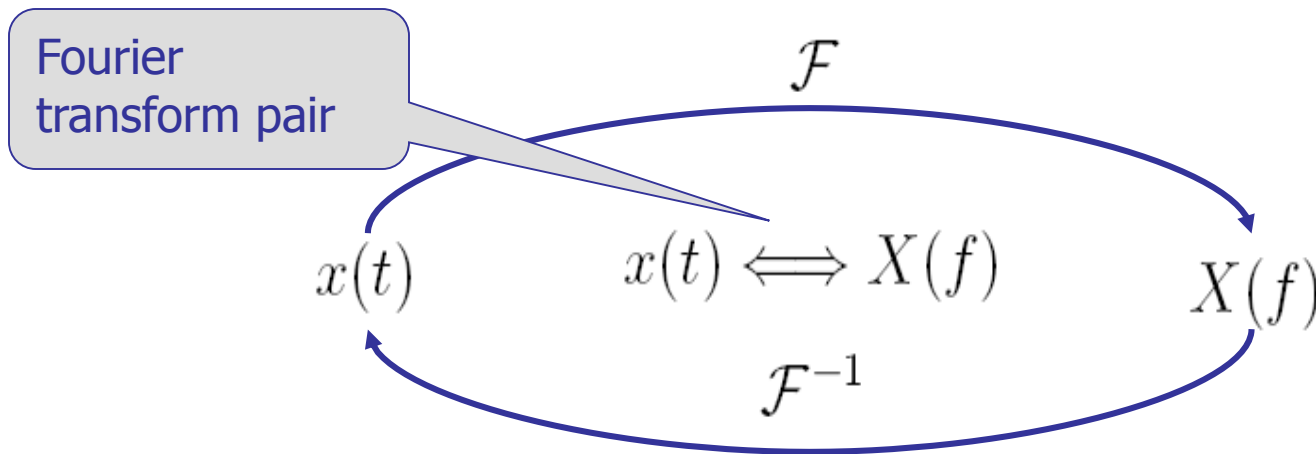
Notation:

$$X(\omega) = F[x(t)] \quad x(t) = F^{-1}[X(\omega)] \quad x(t) \longleftrightarrow X(\omega)$$

Same

In our textbook, FT form is denoted as: $X(j\omega)$

Forward (*analysis*) and inverse (*synthesis*) Fourier transform :

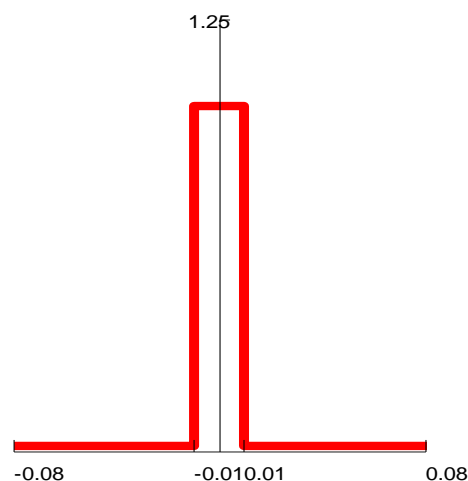


- We say that $x(t)$ exists in the “**time domain**,” and $X(f)$ exists in the “**frequency domain**.”
 - $X(f)$ is just **another way** of looking at a function or a signal.

- $X(f)$ contains equivalent information to that in $x(t)$.
 - It is widely used to study **linear systems**.
- Allows to generalize the concept of fourier series to **infinite duration** and **non-periodic signals**.
- Introduces the concept of “**continuous**” frequency.

Example

Fourier transform of the rectangular pulse signal



$$x(t) = \text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right) = \begin{cases} 1, & |t| \leq \tau/2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

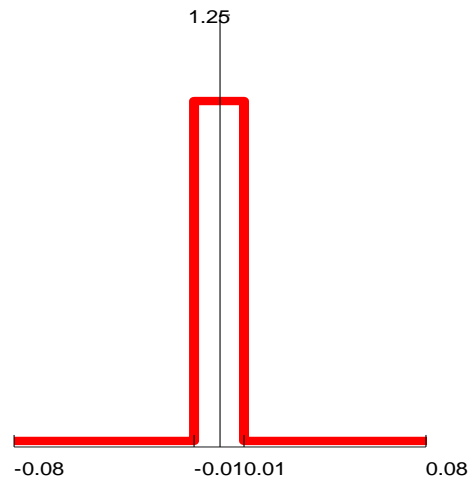
$$\begin{aligned} X(f) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt \\ &= \int_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} e^{-j2\pi ft} dt \\ &= \left. \frac{e^{-j2\pi ft}}{-j2\pi f} \right|_{-\tau/2}^{\tau/2} \\ &= \frac{e^{-j\pi f\tau} - e^{j\pi f\tau}}{-j2\pi f} \\ &= \tau \frac{\sin(\pi f\tau)}{\pi f\tau} \\ &= \tau \text{sinc}(f\tau) \end{aligned}$$

Example



Real function

Fourier transform of the rectangular pulse signal



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$$X(f) = \tau \text{sinc}(f\tau)$$

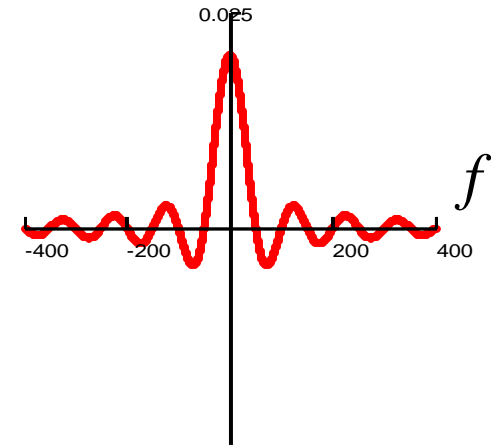


Table 5.2. CTFT pairs for elementary CT signals

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(1) Constant	1	$2\pi\delta(\omega)$	
(2) Impulse function	$\delta(t)$	1	
(3) Unit step function	$u(t)$	$\pi\delta(\omega) + \frac{1}{j\omega}$	
(4) Causal decaying exponential function	$e^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{a + j\omega}$	$a > 0$
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(6) First-order time-rising causal decaying exponential function	$t e^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{(a + j\omega)^2}$	$a > 0$
(7) N th-order time-rising causal decaying exponential function	$t^n e^{-at}u(t)$	$\frac{n!}{(a + j\omega)^{n+1}}$	$a > 0$
(8) Sign function	$\text{sgn}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ -1 & t < 0 \end{cases}$	$\frac{2}{j\omega}$	
(9) Complex exponential	$e^{j\omega_0 t}$	$2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0)$	
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(16) Rectangular function	$\text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \leq \tau/2 \\ 0 & t > \tau/2 \end{cases}$	$\tau \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega\tau}{2\pi}\right)$	$\tau \neq 0$
(17) Sinc function	$\frac{W}{\pi} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{Wt}{\pi}\right)$	$\text{rect}\left(\frac{\omega}{2W}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \omega \leq W \\ 0 & \omega > W \end{cases}$	
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(19) Impulse train	$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - kT_0)$	$\omega_0 \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - m\omega_0)$	angular frequency $\omega_0 = 2\pi/T_0$
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Example



Determine the CTFT of the following functions and plot the corresponding magnitude and phase spectra:

$$4.1 \ x(t) = e^{-at}u(t), a \in R^+$$

$$4.2 \ x(t) = e^{-a|t|}, a \in R^+$$

$$4.3 \ x(t) = \delta(t)$$

FT for periodic signals

Consider a signal $x(t)$ with FT $X(\omega)$ that is a single impulse of area 2π at $\omega = \omega_0$

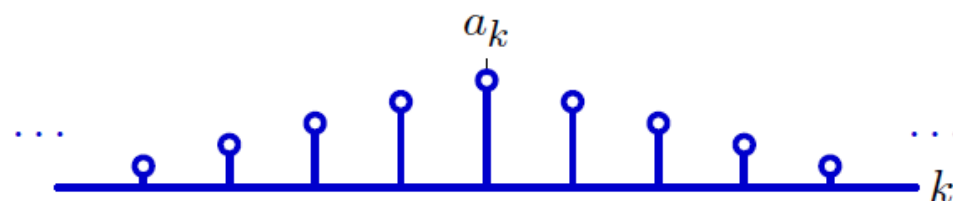
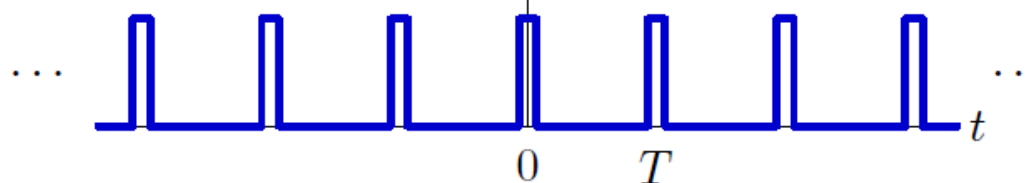
$$X(\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega - \omega_0)$$

$x(t) =$

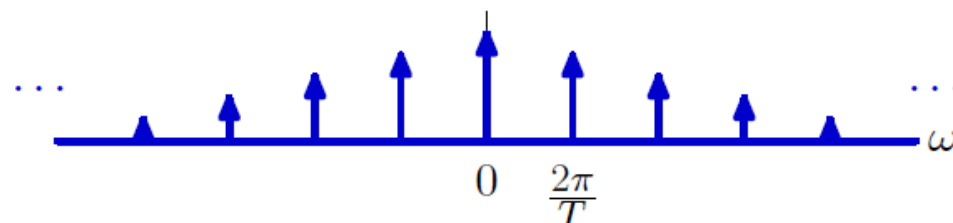
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Each term in the Fourier series is replaced by an impulse.

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x_p(t - kT)$$



$$X(j\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta(\omega - k\frac{2\pi}{T})$$



Example

Find and plot FT for $x(t) = \sin(\omega_0 t)$ and $x(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t)$



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4.3

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