

25 Spring ECEN 610: Mixed-Signal Interfaces

Lab2: Signal to Noise Ratio, Quantization

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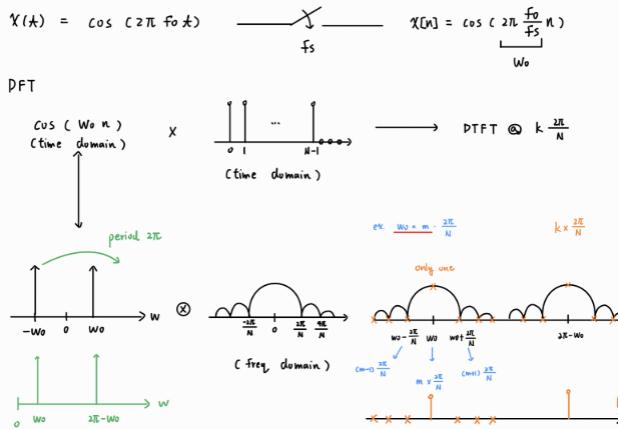
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1. SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO (40%) Generate a tone with frequency 2 MHz and amplitude 1 V. Sample the tone at frequencies $f_s = 5$ MHz.

a) Add Gaussian noise to the sampled sinewave such that the signal SNR is 50 dB. Find first the variance of the Gaussian noise needed to produce the target SNR. Calculate and plot the Power Spectral Density (PSD) from the DFT of the noisy samples. Corroborate that the SNR calculation from the DFT plot gives the theoretical result. What would be the variance of a uniformly distributed noise to obtain the same SNR.



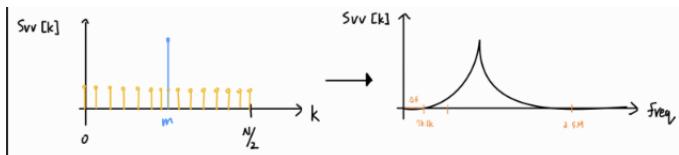
$$X(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \quad f_s = 5M \quad \text{nquist} = 2.5M \quad \text{SNR} = 50dB$$

$$f_0 = 2M$$

$$\text{Set } N \text{ DFT} = 64 \quad \Delta f = \frac{5M}{64} = 78.125 \text{ kHz} \quad \text{bin range}$$

$$\text{SNR} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_{\text{signal}}}{P_{\text{noise}}} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{78.125 kHz}} \quad k$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{Signal}} &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x^2(t) dt = \left(\frac{\bar{x}^2}{2} \right) \mid_{\bar{x}(t) = \cos} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]^2 \quad \boxed{\text{Continuous time domain}} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} S_{xx}[k]^2 \quad \boxed{\text{freq. domain}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{X[k]^2}{N \cdot f_s} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{power / bin}} \quad \text{power / Hz} \quad \frac{X[k]^2}{N \cdot f_s} \times \Delta f \quad \xrightarrow{\text{bin freq / Hz}}$$

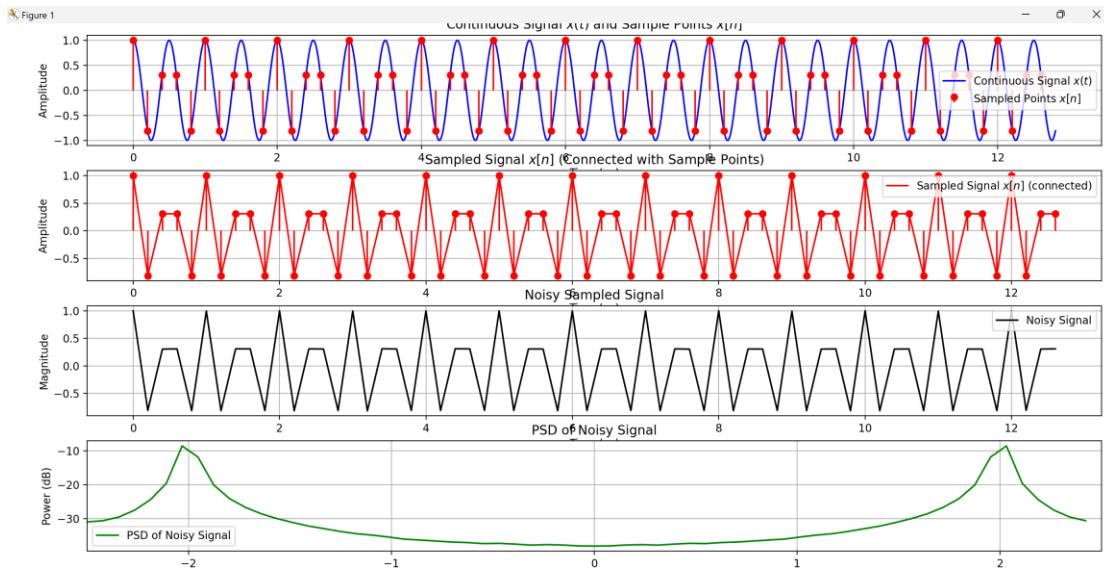
$$x(t) \rightarrow x(n) \rightarrow X[k] \rightarrow \text{PSD}$$

$$P_{\text{Signal}} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{SNR} = 50 \text{ dB}$$

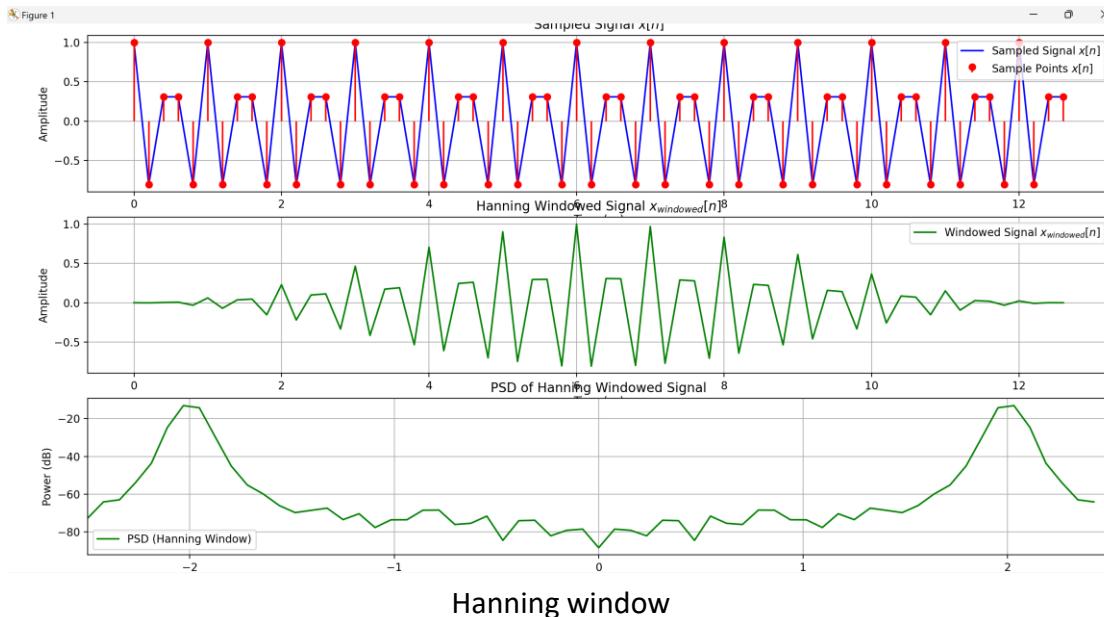
$$P_{\text{noise}} = \frac{0.5}{99999} = 5.55 \mu\text{V}$$

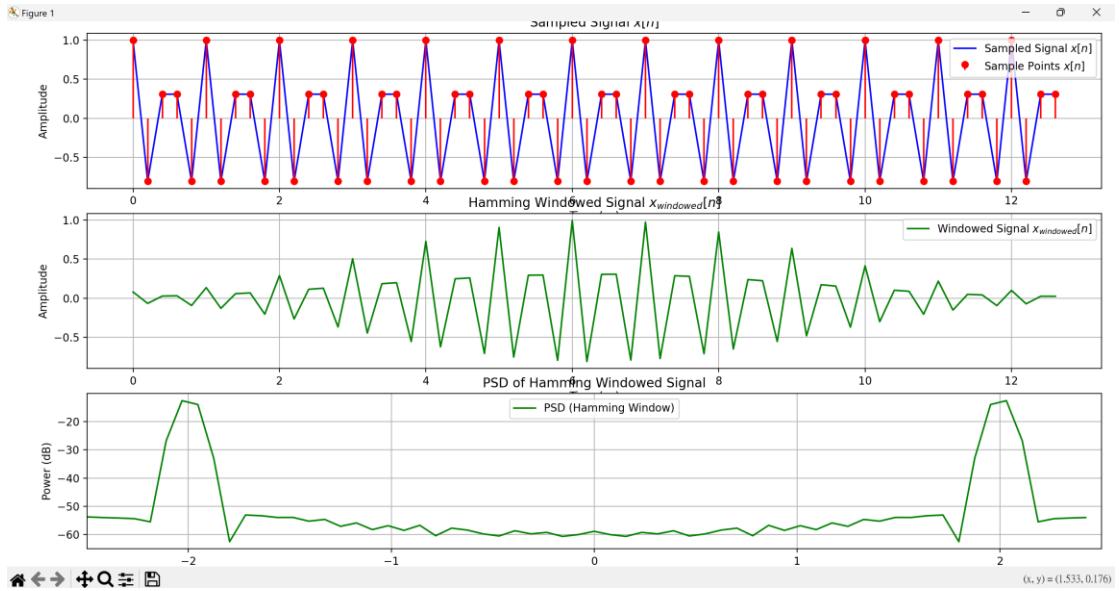
$$P_{\text{Signal}} = -3 \text{ dB} \quad P_{\text{noise}} = -52.5 \text{ dB}$$

$$\frac{2M}{78.125 \text{ kHz}} = 25.6 \text{ spectral leakage}$$

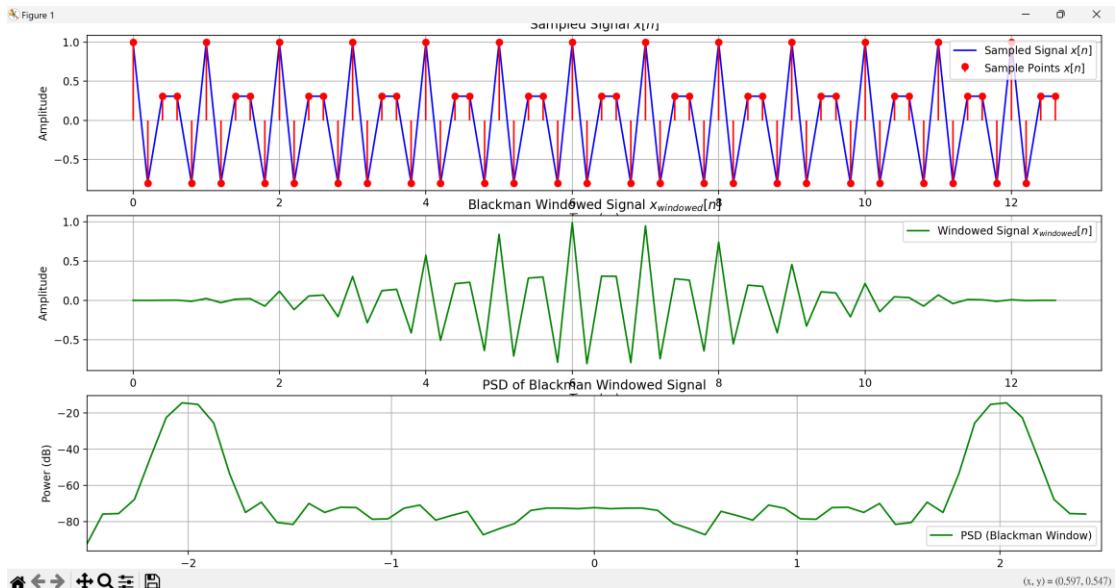


b) Now repeat a.) using a window before the DFT. Use the following windows: Hanning, Hamming, Blackman. What are your conclusions? NOTE: The use of windows mentioned above spreads the signal power. You must take this into account when computing SNR.





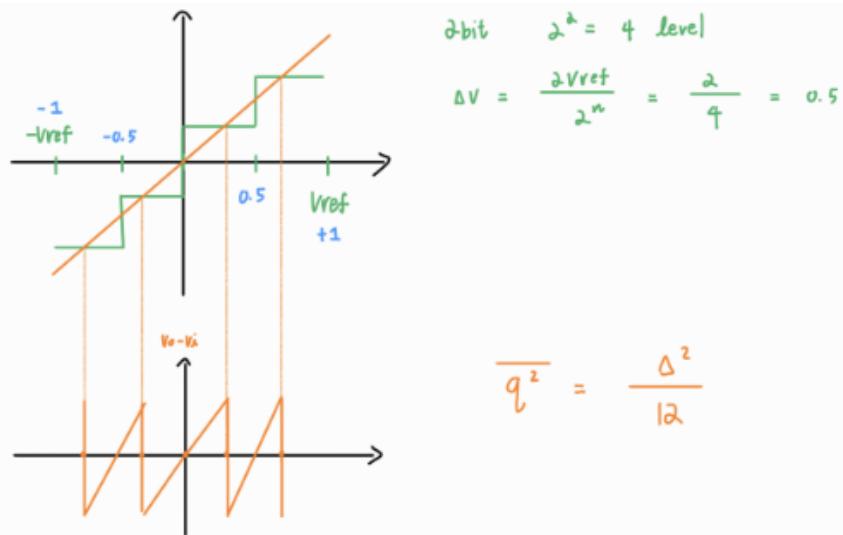
Hamming window



Blackman window

2. QUANTIZATION

- Create a perfect quantizer with 6 bits of resolution and with flexible sampling rate. For a 200 MHz full scale input tone, sample and quantize the sinewave at 400 MHz and plot the PSD of 30 periods. What is the SNR? Repeat the SNR calculation for 100 periods of the same signal. Make your own conclusions about this test regarding periodicity of quantization noise and the impact of this in the SNR. How can you solve this problem?



$$6 \text{ bits} : \quad 2^6 = 64 \quad \Delta = \frac{2 \times V_{ref}}{2^6} = 0.03125$$

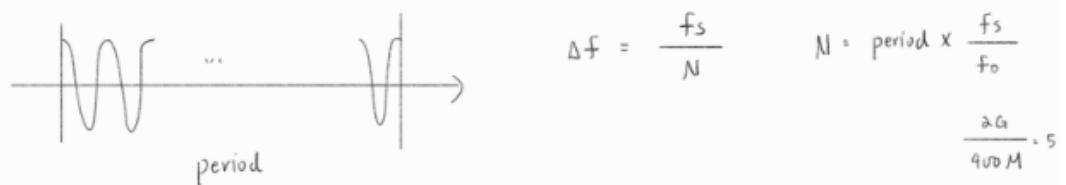
$$P_{\text{signal}} = \frac{A^2}{2} = 1$$

$$q_v \text{ noise} = \frac{\Delta^2}{12} \approx 8.14 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{SNR dB} = 6.02 \times b + 1.7b = 38 \text{ dB}$$

$$f_0 = 400 \text{ MHz} \quad f_s \geq 2 \times 400 \text{ MHz} \quad \text{set} \quad f_s = 2.6 \text{ GHz}$$

$$X(t) = \cos(2\pi \cdot 400 \text{ MHz} \cdot t)$$



$$\text{period} = 30 \quad N = 150 \quad \Delta f = \frac{2.6}{150} = 13.33 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\text{period} = 60 \quad N = 300 \quad \Delta f = \frac{2.6}{300} = 4.4 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\frac{f_s}{f_0} = \frac{T_0}{T_s} = \text{how many sample points in } T_0$$

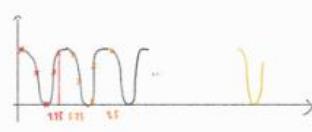
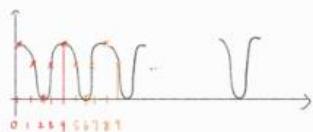
$\rightarrow x$ period avoid spectrum leakage



$$\cos 2\pi \left(\frac{f_0}{f_s} t \right)$$

$$\cos 2\pi \left(\frac{400M}{2G} t \right) [\frac{1}{5} t]$$

$$\cos 2\pi \left(\frac{400M}{1.9G} t \right) [\frac{1}{475} t]$$



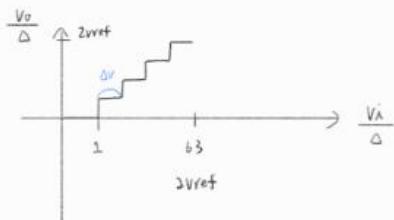
$$N = 30 \times \frac{400M}{2G} = 150$$

$$N = 30 \times \frac{400M}{1.9G} = 142.5$$

$$\text{int } 142 = 29.8 \text{ cycle}$$

quantization

$$[-V_{ref}, V_{ref}] \rightarrow [0, 2V_{ref}]$$



$$\frac{2^n - 1}{2V_{ref}} = \Delta V$$

$$\text{point} = \text{round} \left[\frac{X(n) \times 2V_{ref}}{2^n - 1} \right]$$

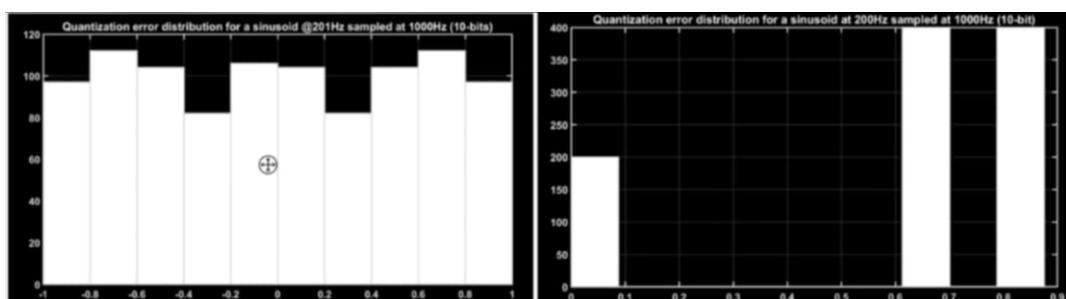
$$\text{point} \times \Delta V = V_o$$

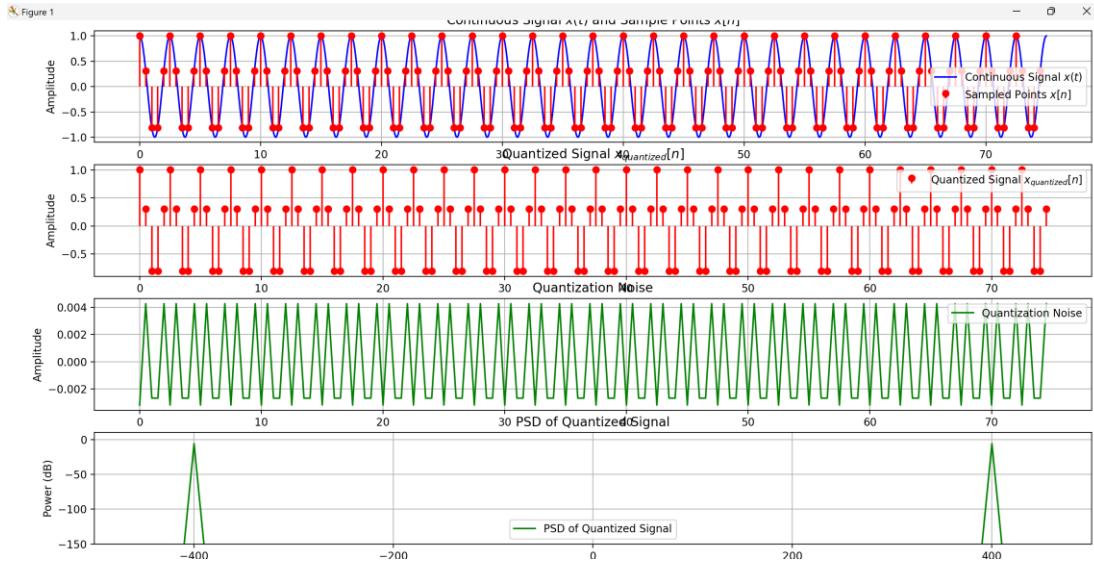
Ex: $F_s = 2G$, $F_0 = 400M$, cycle=30, $F_s/F_0 = 5$

$N = 30 * 5 = 150$, $150/5 = 30$ cycle (periodic)

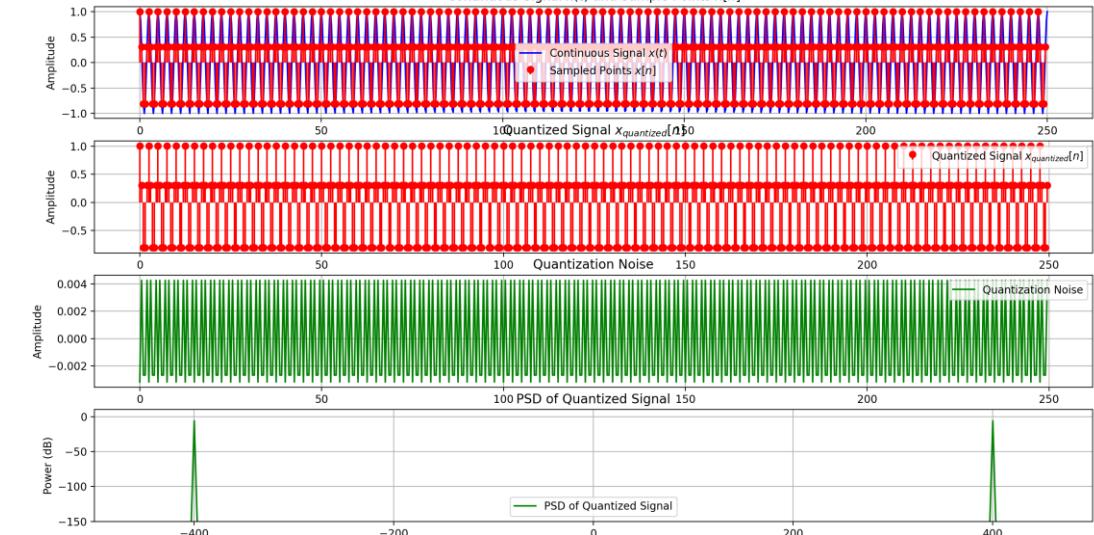
If sampling frequency F_s is **A times** the input signal frequency F_0 , this creates **periodic quantization error** because the sampling points repeat every F_s/F_0 cycles. Periodic error accumulates at certain frequencies, causing **lower noise power** and an **artificially high SNR**. (quantization error distribution is not like a white noise)

Change NNN-DFT, period, or F_s to avoid sampling period being an integer multiple of the signal period.





==== SNR for 30 Cycles ====
SNR = 43.53 dB



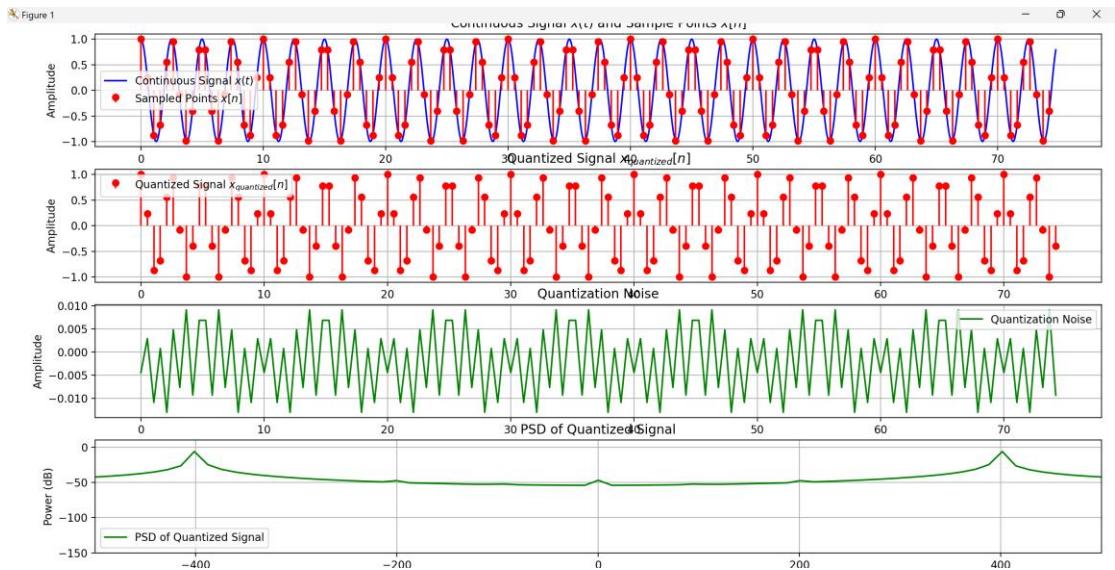
==== SNR for 100 Cycles ====
SNR = 43.53 dB

Increasing cycle will make the spectrum clearer (increase N) and more stable, but the amount of calculation will increase. The quantization error repeats periodically: it will cause harmonic distortion (Harmonic Distortion) and make the SNR higher.

b) Find an incommensurate sampling frequency larger than Nyquist rate. Plot the PSD of the new samples. Calculate the SNR from the figure.

Ex: $F_s = 1.9G$, $F_0 = 400M$, $F_s/F_0 = 4.75$,

$N = \text{cycle} * 4.75 = 142.5$, DFT int(N) = $142/4.75 = 29.89$ cycle, Spectral Leakage



==== SNR for 29.8 Cycles ===

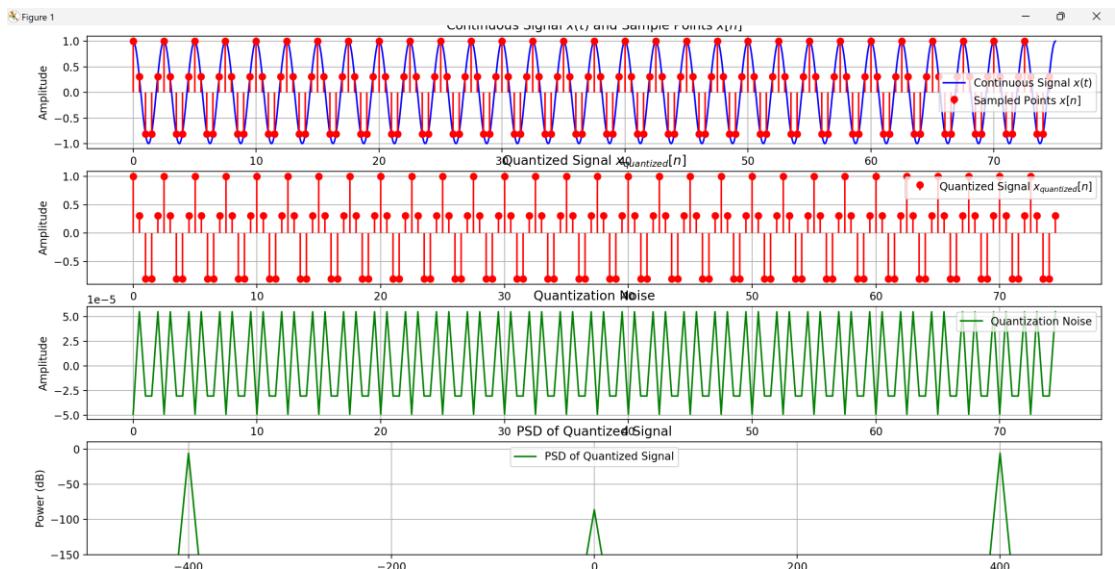
SNR = 38.80 dB

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c) Repeat a) using a 12 bit quantizer. Can you prove from simulations that $\text{SNR} \sim 6N$ (where N is the number of bits used by the quantizer) in both the cases, $N = 6$ and $N = 12$?

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{P_{\text{signal}}}{P_{\text{noise}}} = \frac{\frac{V_{\text{ref}}^2}{2}}{\frac{\Delta V^2}{12}} = \frac{\frac{V_{\text{ref}}^2}{2}}{\frac{2V_{\text{ref}}^2}{2^N}} = \frac{\frac{V_{\text{ref}}^2}{2}}{\frac{4V_{\text{ref}}^2}{12 \cdot 2^{2N}}} = \frac{6 \cdot 2^{2N}}{4} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2^{2N}$$

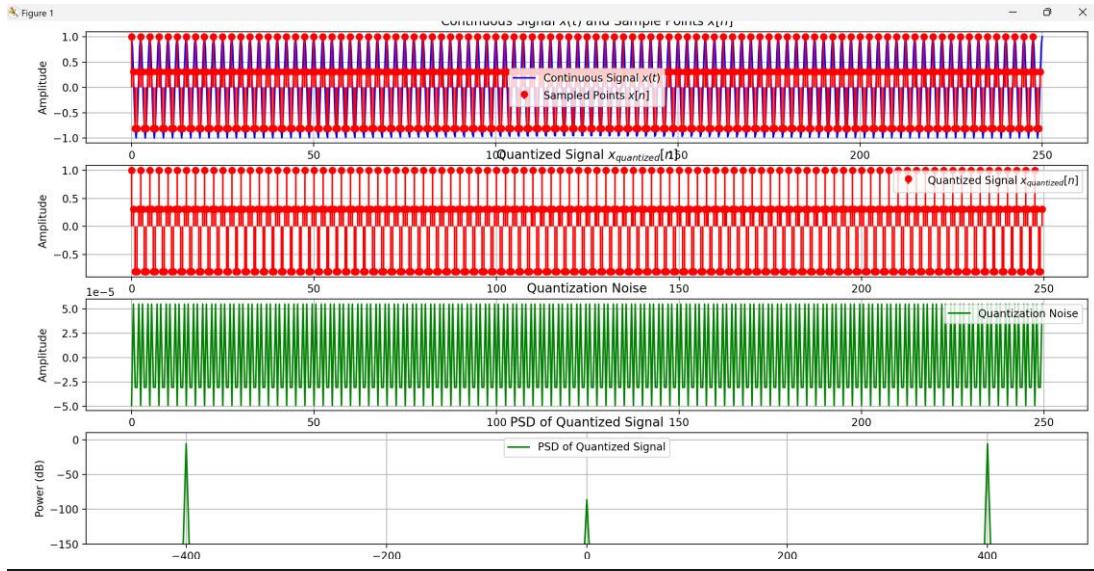
$$10 \log_{10} \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2^{2N} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{3}{2} + 10 \cdot 2N \log_{10} 2 = 6N + 1.72$$



==== SNR for 30 Cycles ===

SNR = 80.52 dB

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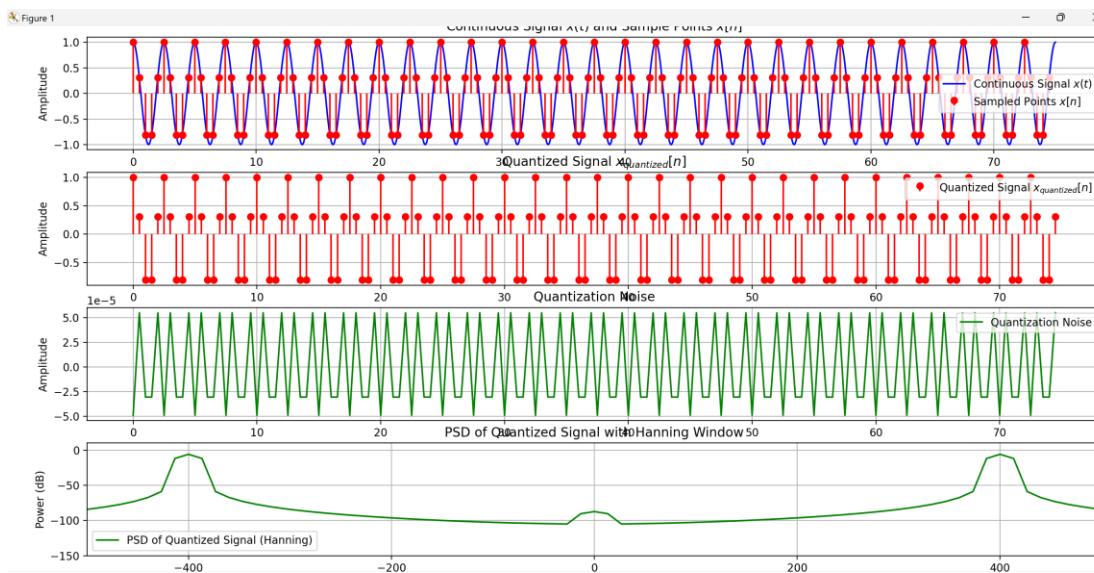


==== SNR for 100 Cycles ===

SNR = 80.52 dB

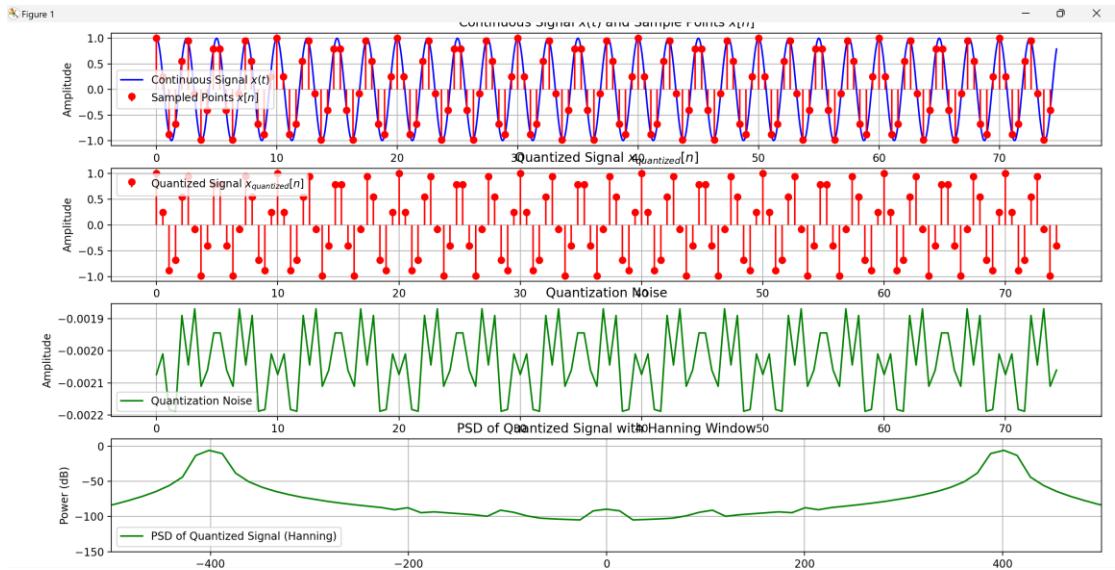
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d) Use a Hanning window and repeat c). What is the SNR? Make your own conclusions.



==== SNR for 30 Cycles with Hanning Window ===

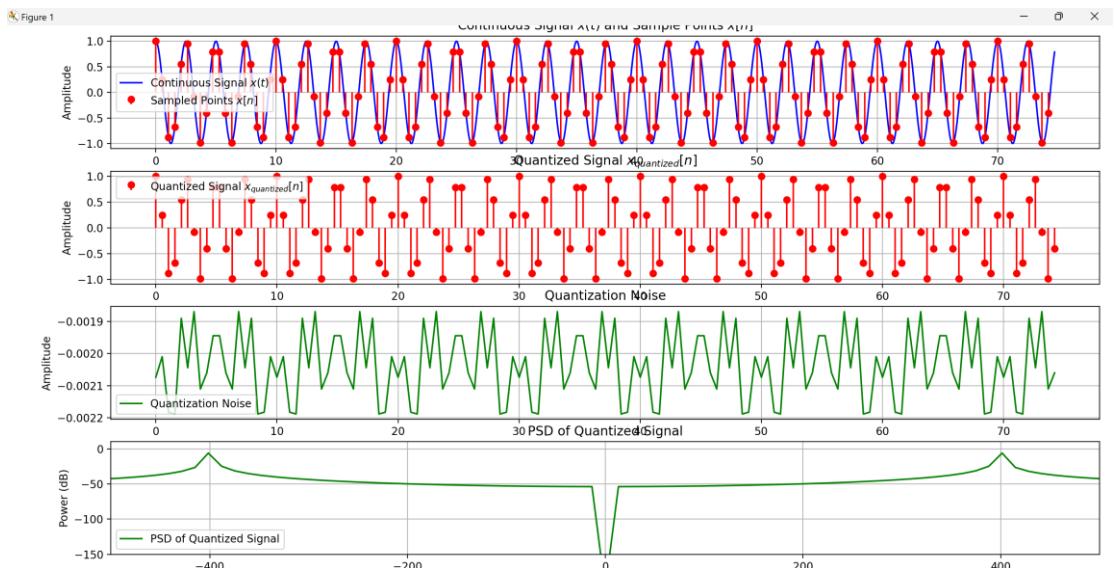
SNR = 80.52 dB



==== SNR for 30 Cycles with Hanning Window ===

SNR = 75.87 dB

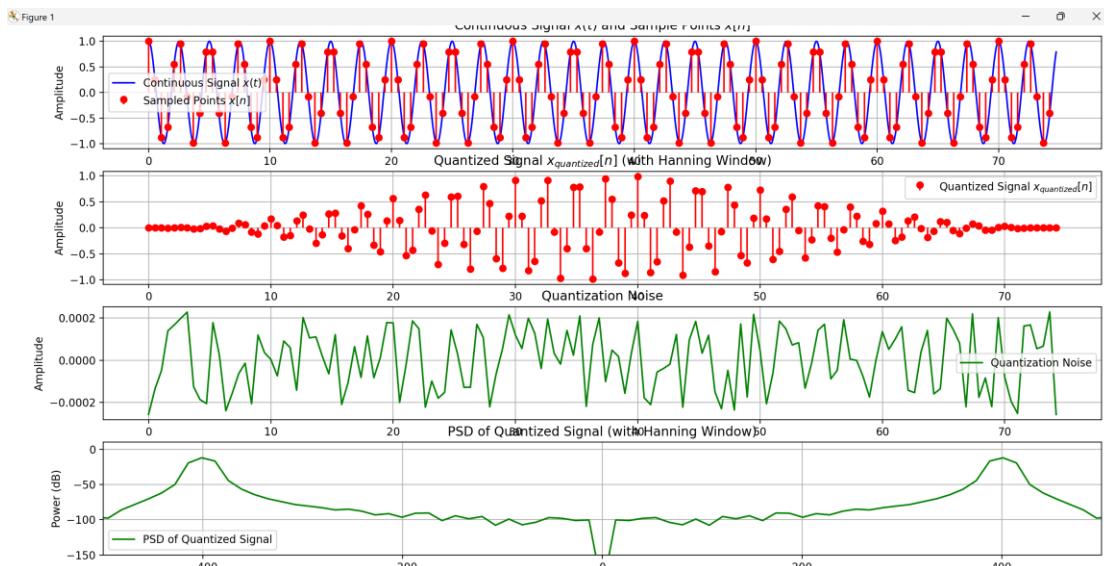
- e) Now add noise again so the signal SNR is 38 dB . Repeat c) and d). What are the SNRs? Provide conclusions.



==== SNR for 30 Cycles (No Window) ===

SNR = 75.87 dB

Frequency: 294.37 MHz, PSD: -44.18 dB	Frequency: -495.07 MHz, PSD: -42.12 dB
Frequency: 307.75 MHz, PSD: -42.96 dB	Frequency: -481.69 MHz, PSD: -40.90 dB
Frequency: 321.13 MHz, PSD: -41.54 dB	Frequency: -468.31 MHz, PSD: -39.45 dB
Frequency: 334.51 MHz, PSD: -39.87 dB	Frequency: -454.93 MHz, PSD: -37.65 dB
Frequency: 347.89 MHz, PSD: -37.83 dB	Frequency: -441.55 MHz, PSD: -35.31 dB
Frequency: 361.27 MHz, PSD: -35.18 dB	Frequency: -428.17 MHz, PSD: -32.03 dB
Frequency: 374.65 MHz, PSD: -31.43 dB	Frequency: -414.79 MHz, PSD: -26.51 dB
Frequency: 388.03 MHz, PSD: -24.84 dB	Frequency: -401.41 MHz, PSD: -6.17 dB
Frequency: 401.41 MHz, PSD: -6.17 dB	Frequency: -388.03 MHz, PSD: -24.84 dB
Frequency: 414.79 MHz, PSD: -26.51 dB	Frequency: -374.65 MHz, PSD: -31.43 dB
Frequency: 428.17 MHz, PSD: -32.03 dB	Frequency: -361.27 MHz, PSD: -35.18 dB
Frequency: 441.55 MHz, PSD: -35.31 dB	Frequency: -347.89 MHz, PSD: -37.83 dB
Frequency: 454.93 MHz, PSD: -37.65 dB	Frequency: -334.51 MHz, PSD: -39.87 dB
Frequency: 468.31 MHz, PSD: -39.45 dB	Frequency: -321.13 MHz, PSD: -41.54 dB
Frequency: 481.69 MHz, PSD: -40.90 dB	
Frequency: 495.07 MHz, PSD: -42.12 dB	
Frequency: 508.45 MHz, PSD: -43.16 dB	



==== SNR for 30 Cycles (Hanning Window) ====
SNR = 69.41 dB

Frequency: 334.51 MHz, PSD: -70.41 dB	Frequency: -481.69 MHz, PSD: -86.05 dB
Frequency: 347.89 MHz, PSD: -64.66 dB	Frequency: -468.31 MHz, PSD: -78.31 dB
Frequency: 361.27 MHz, PSD: -56.77 dB	Frequency: -454.93 MHz, PSD: -70.58 dB
Frequency: 374.65 MHz, PSD: -44.42 dB	Frequency: -441.55 MHz, PSD: -62.14 dB
Frequency: 388.03 MHz, PSD: -16.78 dB	Frequency: -428.17 MHz, PSD: -50.07 dB
Frequency: 401.41 MHz, PSD: -12.16 dB	Frequency: -414.79 MHz, PSD: -19.48 dB
Frequency: 414.79 MHz, PSD: -19.48 dB	Frequency: -401.41 MHz, PSD: -12.16 dB
Frequency: 428.17 MHz, PSD: -50.07 dB	Frequency: -388.03 MHz, PSD: -16.78 dB
Frequency: 441.55 MHz, PSD: -62.14 dB	Frequency: -374.65 MHz, PSD: -44.42 dB
Frequency: 454.93 MHz, PSD: -70.58 dB	Frequency: -361.27 MHz, PSD: -56.77 dB
Frequency: 468.31 MHz, PSD: -78.31 dB	Frequency: -347.89 MHz, PSD: -64.66 dB
Frequency: 481.69 MHz, PSD: -86.05 dB	Frequency: -334.51 MHz, PSD: -70.41 dB
Frequency: 495.07 MHz, PSD: -97.75 dB	Frequency: -321.13 MHz, PSD: -74.44 dB
	Frequency: -307.75 MHz, PSD: -78.50 dB

The window will have minor effect on intergrate cycle casue there are no specturm leakage for intergrate cycle

■ Appendix

Q1.a PSD noise (without quantization)

```
10 # === continuous time signal ===
11 t_cont = np.linspace(0, N * Ts, 1000) # Continuous time axis (1000 points)
12 x_t = np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_cont) # Continuous time signal x(t)
13
14 # === discrete time signal ===
15 t_n = np.arange(N) * Ts # Discrete time axis: 64 points
16 x_n = np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_n) # Sampled signal x[n]
17
18 # === POWER signal & noise ===
19 signal_power = np.mean(x_n ** 2) # P signal= 1/N ( $\sum_{n=0 \sim N-1} x[n]^2$ ), x[n] time domain
20 noise_power = signal_power / (10 ** (SNR_dB / 10)) # SNR= 10 log10(P signal/ P noise)
21 noise = np.sqrt(noise_power) # avg= 0 white noise, P noise=  $\sigma^2$  noise
22
23 # === Gaussian Noise ===
24 Gaussian_noise = np.random.normal(0, noise, N) # Gaussian noise
25 x_noisy = x_n + Gaussian_noise # Noisy signal
26
27 # === FFT ===
28 X_k = np.fft.fft(x_noisy, N) # DFT freq amp x[k]
29 X_k_shifted = np.fft.fftshift(X_k) # Move center to 0
30 frequencies = np.fft.fftfreq(N, Ts) # DFT freq (0, 78.125k, ..., 2.5M)
31 frequencies_shifted = np.fft.fftshift(frequencies) # Move center to 0
32
33 # === PSD ===
34 df = Fs / N # bin value: 78.125k
35 PSD = (np.abs(X_k_shifted) ** 2 / (N * Fs)) * df # [PSD(bin)/fs= power/hz] * bin's Hz (df)= PSD power/bin
36 PSD_dB = 10 * np.log10(PSD) # dB
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Hanning window

```
4 Fs = 5e6
5 F = 2e6
6 N = 64
7 Ts = 1 / Fs
8 SNR_dB = 50
9
10 # === 1. (Sampled Signal) ===
11 t_n = np.arange(N) * Ts # discrete time axis
12 x_n = np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_n) # sample signal
13
14 # === 2. Gaussian noise ===
15 signal_power = np.mean(x_n ** 2) # signal power
16 noise_power = signal_power / (10 ** (SNR_dB / 10)) # noise power
17 noise_std = np.sqrt(noise_power) # noise standard
18 Gaussian_noise = np.random.normal(0, noise_std, N) # Gaussian Noise
19 x_noisy = x_n + Gaussian_noise # signal with noise
20
21 # === 3. Hanning Window ===
22 hanning_window = np.hanning(N) # Hanning Window
23 x_windowed = x_noisy * hanning_window # signal with noise + Window
24
25 # === 4. FFT & freq axis ===
26 X_k = np.fft.fft(x_windowed, N) # FFT Spectrum
27 X_k_shifted = np.fft.fftshift(X_k) # center 0
28 frequencies = np.fft.fftfreq(N, Ts) # FFT freq axis (0, 78.125k, ... 2.5M)
29 frequencies_shifted = np.fft.fftshift(frequencies) # center 0
30
31 # === 5. Power Spectral Density (PSD) ===
32 df = Fs / N
33 PSD = (np.abs(X_k_shifted) ** 2 / (N * Fs)) * df # PSD
34 PSD_dB = 10 * np.log10(PSD) # dB 單位
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Hamming window

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● 21 # === 3. Hamming Window ===
22 hanning_window = np.hamming(N) # Hanning Window
23 x_windowed = x_noisy * hanning_window # signal with noise + Window
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Blackman window

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● 21 # === 3. Blackman Window ===
22 hanning_window = np.blackman(N) # Hanning Window
23 x_windowed = x_noisy * hanning_window # signal with noise + Window
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Q2 N cycle

```

4   Fs = 2e9
5   F = 4e8
6   N_bits = 6
7   Vref = 1
8   quantization_levels = 2 ** N_bits
9
10  def simulate_quantization(N_cycles):
11      # === 1. x[n] ===
12      N = int(N_cycles * Fs / F) # N= int (period) * (T0/Ts= sample point in one T0)
13      t_n = np.arange(N) / Fs # x[n] time axis: n * Ts, n= 0, 1, 2, 3... N-1
14      t_cont = np.linspace(0, N / Fs, 1000) # x(t) time axis
15      x_input_cont = Vref * np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_cont) # x(t)
16      x_input = Vref * np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_n) # x[n]
17
18      # === 2. Quantization ===
19      x_quantized = np.round((x_input + Vref) * (quantization_levels - 1) / (2 * Vref)) * (2 * Vref) / (quantization_levels - 1) - Vref
20      x_quantized_nodc = x_quantized - np.mean(x_quantized)
21      quantization_noise = x_input - x_quantized # Quantization error
22      quantization_noise_nodc = x_input - x_quantized_nodc
23
24      # === 3. SNR ===
25      signal_power = np.mean(x_input ** 2) # P signal
26      noise_power = np.mean(quantization_noise ** 2)
27      SNR = 10 * np.log10(signal_power / noise_power)
28
29      # === 5. FFT & PSD ===
30      X_k = np.fft.fft(x_quantized, N)
31      X_k_shifted = np.fft.fftshift(X_k)
32      frequencies = np.fft.fftfreq(N, 1 / Fs)
33      frequencies_shifted = np.fft.fftshift(frequencies)
34      df = Fs / N
35      PSD = (np.abs(X_k_shifted) ** 2 / (N * Fs)) * df
36      PSD_dB = 10 * np.log10(PSD + 1e-20)

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Q2.b not int cycle

```

4   Fs = 1.9e9
5   F = 4e8
6   N_bits = 6
7   Vref = 1
8   quantization_levels = 2 ** N_bits
9
10  def simulate_quantization(N_cycles):
11      # === 1. x[n] ===
12      N = int(N_cycles * Fs / F) # N= int (period= 30) * (T0/Ts= 4.75)= 142.5, 142 (DFT only int)= 29.89cycle
13      t_n = np.arange(N) / Fs # x[n] time axis: n * Ts, n= 0, 1, 2, 3... N-1
14      t_cont = np.linspace(0, N / Fs, 1000) # x(t) time axis
15      x_input_cont = Vref * np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_cont) # x(t)
16      x_input = Vref * np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_n) # x[n]
17
18      # === 2. Quantization ===
19      x_quantized = np.round((x_input + Vref) * (quantization_levels - 1) / (2 * Vref)) * (2 * Vref) / (quantization_levels - 1) - Vref
20      x_quantized_nodc = x_quantized - np.mean(x_quantized)
21      quantization_noise = x_input - x_quantized # Quantization error
22      quantization_noise_nodc = x_input - x_quantized_nodc
23
24      # === 3. SNR ===
25      signal_power = np.mean(x_input ** 2) # P signal
26      noise_power = np.mean(quantization_noise ** 2)
27      SNR = 10 * np.log10(signal_power / noise_power)
28
29      # === 5. FFT & PSD ===
30      X_k = np.fft.fft(x_quantized, N)
31      X_k_shifted = np.fft.fftshift(X_k)
32      frequencies = np.fft.fftfreq(N, 1 / Fs)
33      frequencies_shifted = np.fft.fftshift(frequencies)
34      df = Fs / N
35      PSD = (np.abs(X_k_shifted) ** 2 / (N * Fs)) * df
36      PSD_dB = 10 * np.log10(PSD + 1e-20)

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Q2 with window

```

4  Fs = 1.9e9
5  F = 4e8
6  N_bits = 12
7  Vref = 1
8  quantization_levels = 2 ** N_bits
9
10 def simulate_quantization(N_cycles):
11     # === 1. x[n] ===
12     N = int(N_cycles * Fs / F) # N= int (period) * (T0/Ts= sample point in one T0)
13     t_n = np.arange(N) / Fs # x[n] time axis: n * Ts, n= 0, 1, 2, 3... N-1
14     t_cont = np.linspace(0, N / Fs, 1000) # x(t) time axis
15     x_input_cont = Vref * np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_cont) # x(t)
16     x_input = Vref * np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_n) # x[n]
17
18     # === 2. Quantization ===
19     x_quantized = np.round((x_input + Vref) * (quantization_levels - 1) / (2 * Vref)) * (2 * Vref) / (quantization_levels
20     x_quantized_nodc = x_quantized - np.mean(x_quantized)
21     quantization_noise = x_input - x_quantized # Quantization error
22     quantization_noise_nodc = x_input - x_quantized_nodc
23
24     # === 3. Hanning Window ===
25     hanning_window = np.hanning(N)
26     x_windowed = x_quantized * hanning_window
27     correction_factor = np.sum(hanning_window) / N # Window Correction Factor
28
29     # === 4. SNR ===
30     signal_power = np.mean(x_input ** 2) # P signal
31     noise_power = np.mean(quantization_noise ** 2)
32     SNR = 10 * np.log10(signal_power / noise_power)
33
34     # === 5. FFT & PSD ===
35     X_k = np.fft.fft(x_windowed, N) / correction_factor # Apply Hanning Window

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Q2 noise window

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4  Fs = 1.9e9
5  F = 4e8
6  N_bits = 12
7  Vref = 1
8  quantization_levels = 2 ** N_bits
9
10 def simulate_quantization(N_cycles, use_window=False):
11     # === 1. x[n] ===
12     N = int(N_cycles * Fs / F) # N= int (period) * (T0/Ts= sample point in one T0)
13     t_n = np.arange(N) / Fs # x[n] time axis: n * Ts, n= 0, 1, 2, 3... N-1
14     t_cont = np.linspace(0, N / Fs, 1000) # x(t) time axis
15     x_input_cont = Vref * np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_cont) # x(t)
16     x_input = Vref * np.cos(2 * np.pi * F * t_n) # x[n]
17
18     # === 2. Apply Hanning Window (Optional) ===
19     if use_window:
20         window = np.hanning(N)
21         x_windowed = x_input * window
22     else:
23         x_windowed = x_input
24
25     # === 3. Quantization ===
26     x_quantized = np.round((x_windowed + Vref) * (quantization_levels - 1) / (2 * Vref)) * (2 * Vref) / (quantization_levels
27     x_quantized_nodc = x_quantized - np.mean(x_quantized)
28     quantization_noise = x_windowed - x_quantized # Quantization error
29     quantization_noise_nodc = x_windowed - x_quantized_nodc
30
31     # === 4. SNR ===
32     signal_power = np.mean(x_windowed ** 2) # P signal
33     noise_power = np.mean(quantization_noise ** 2)
34     SNR = 10 * np.log10(signal_power / noise_power)

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