



# 30820-Communication Systems

Week 12-14 – Lecture 31-39  
(Ref: Chapter 6 of text book)

## SAMPLING AND ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERSION



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# Sampling Theorem

- Why do we need sampling?
- Analog signals can be digitized through sampling and quantization.
  - A/D Converter
- In A/D converter, the sampling rate must be large enough to permit the analog signal to be reconstructed from the samples with sufficient accuracy.
- The **sampling theorem** defines the basis for determining the proper (lossless) sampling rate for a given signal.

# Sampling Theorem

- A consider a signal  $g(t)$  whose spectrum is band limited to  $B$  Hz, that is

$$G(f) = 0 \quad \text{for } |f| > B$$

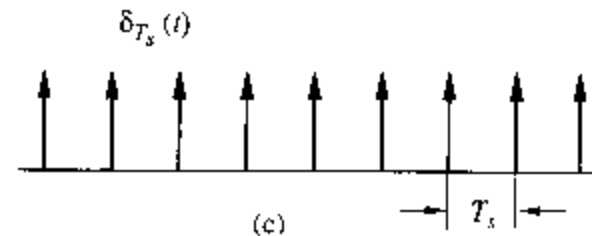
- We can reconstruct the signal exactly (without any error) from its discrete time samples (samples taken uniformly at a rate of  $R$  samples per second).
  - Condition for  $R$ ?
  - The condition is that  $R > 2B$
- In other words, the minimum sampling frequency for perfect signal recovery is  $f_s = 2B$  Hz

# Sampling Theorem

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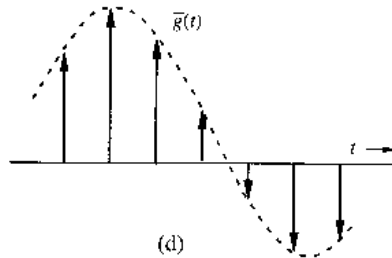
- Sampling at a rate  $f_s$  means we take  $f_s$  uniform samples per second.
- This uniform sampling can be accomplished by multiplying  $g(t)$  by an impulse train  $\delta_{T_s}(t)$



- The pulse train consist of unit impulses repeating periodically every  $T_s$  seconds.

# Sampling Theorem

- This result in the sampled signal  $\bar{g}(t)$  as follows



- The relationship between sampled signal  $\bar{g}(t)$  and the original signal  $g(t)$  is

$$\bar{g}(t) = g(t)\delta_{T_s}(t) = \sum_n g(nT_s)\delta(t - nT_s)$$

- Since the impulse train is a periodic signal of period  $T_s$ , it can be expressed as an exponential Fourier series i.e.,

$$\delta_{T_s}(t) = \frac{1}{T_s} \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{jn\omega_s t} \quad \omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T_s} = 2\pi f_s$$

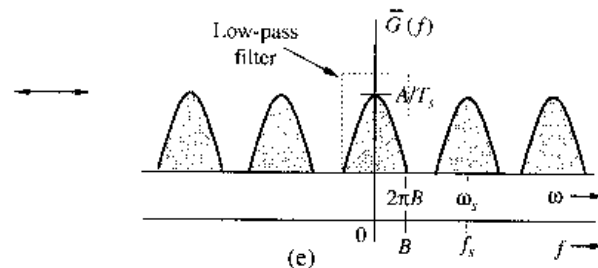
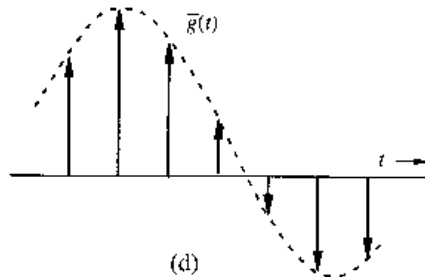
$$\bar{g}(t) = \frac{1}{T_s} \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t)e^{jn\omega_s t}$$

# Sampling Theorem

- The Fourier transform of  $\bar{g}(t)$  will be as follows

$$\bar{G}(f) = \frac{1}{T_s} \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f - nf_s)$$

- This means that the spectrum  $\bar{G}(f)$  consists of  $G(f)$ , scaled by a constant  $\frac{1}{T_s}$ , repeating periodically with period  $f_s = \frac{1}{T_s}$  Hz



- Can  $g(t)$  be reconstructed from  $\bar{g}(t)$  without any loss or distortion?
  - If yes then we should be able to recover  $G(f)$  from  $\bar{G}(f)$
  - Only possible if there is no overlap among replicas in  $\bar{G}(f)$

# Sampling Theorem

- It can be seen that for no overlap among replicas in  $\bar{G}(f)$   
$$f_s > 2B$$
- Also since  $T_s = \frac{1}{f_s}$  so,  $T_s < \frac{1}{2B}$
- As long as the sampling frequency  $f_s$  is greater than twice the signal bandwidth  $B$ ,  $\bar{G}(f)$  will have nonoverlapping repetitions of  $G(f)$ .
- $g(t)$  can be recovered using an ideal low pass filter of bandwidth  $B$  Hz.
- The minimum sampling rate  $f_s = 2B$  required to recover  $g(t)$  from  $\bar{g}(t)$  is called the **Nyquist Rate** and the corresponding sampling interval  $T_s = \frac{1}{2B}$  is called the **Nyquist Interval**.



# Signal Reconstruction from Uniform Samples

- The process of reconstructing a continuous time signal  $g(t)$  from its samples is also known as **interpolation**.
- We have already established that uniform sampling at above the Nyquist rate preserves all the signal information.
  - Passing the sampled signal through an ideal low pass filter of bandwidth  $B$  Hz will reconstruct the message signal.
- The sampled message signal can be represented as

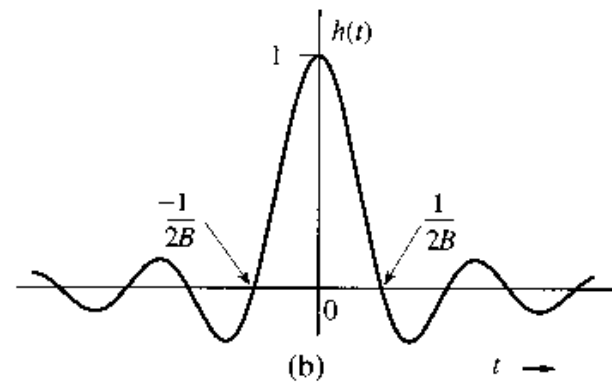
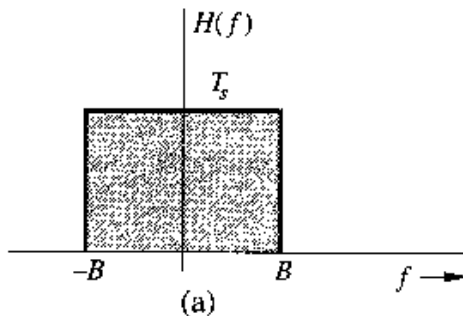
$$\bar{g}(t) = \sum_n g(nT_s) \delta(t - nT_s)$$

- The low pass filter of bandwidth  $B$  Hz and gain  $T_s$  will have the following transfer function

$$H(f) = T_s \Pi \left( \frac{f}{4\pi B} \right) = T_s \Pi \left( \frac{f}{2B} \right)$$

# Signal Reconstruction from Uniform Samples

- To recover the analog signal from its uniform samples, the ideal interpolation filter transfer function and impulse response is as follows

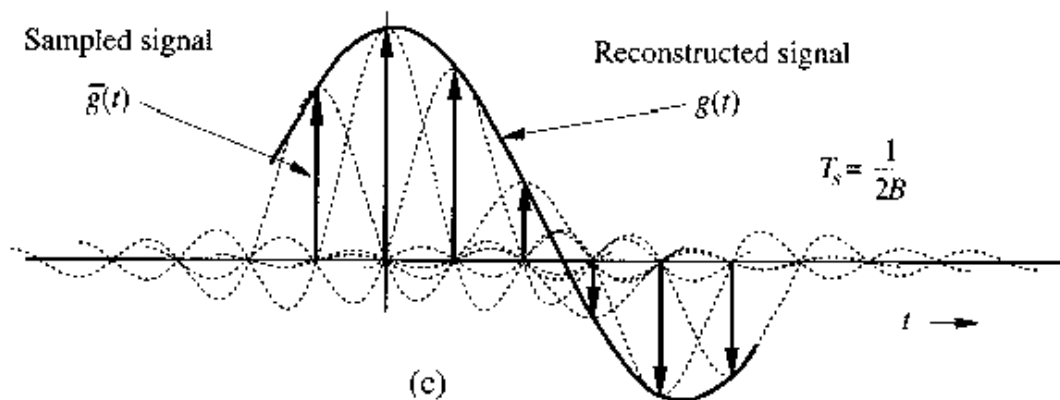


$$H(f) = T_s \Pi \left( \frac{f}{2B} \right) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad h(t) = 2BT_s \operatorname{sinc} 2\pi Bt$$

- Assuming the use of Nyquist sampling rate i.e.,  $2BT_s = 1$   
 $h(t) = \operatorname{sinc} 2\pi Bt$

# Signal Reconstruction from Uniform Samples

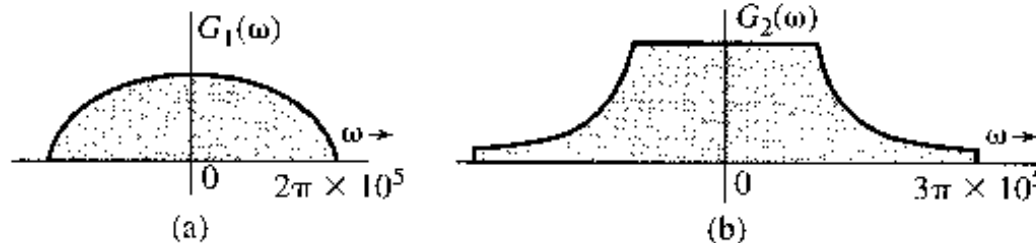
- It can be observed that  $h(t) = 0$  at all Nyquist sampling instants i.e.,  $t = \pm n/2B$  except  $t = 0$
- When the sampled signal  $\bar{g}(t)$  is applied at the input of this filter, each sample in  $\bar{g}(t)$ , being an impulse, generate a sinc pulse of height equal to the strength of the sample.



$$g(t) = \sum_k g(kT_s)h(t - kT_s) = \sum_k g(kT_s) \text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - k\pi)$$

## Example

- Determine the Nyquist interval and sampling rate for the signal  $g_1(t)$ ,  $g_2(t)$ ,  $g_1^2(t)$ ,  $g_2^m(t)$  and  $g_1(t)g_2(t)$  when the spectra of  $G_1(\omega)$  and  $G_2(\omega)$  is given as follows



- Bandwidth of  $g_1(t)$  is  $100\text{KHz}$  and  $g_2(t)$  is  $150\text{KHz}$ 
  - Nyquist sample rate for  $g_1(t)$  is  $200\text{KHz}$  and  $g_2(t)$  is  $300\text{KHz}$
- Bandwidth of  $g_1^2(t)$  is twice the bandwidth of  $g_1(t)$  i.e.,  $200\text{KHz}$  and  $g_2^m(t)$  will have bandwidth  $m \times 150\text{KHz}$ 
  - Nyquist sample rate for  $g_1^2(t)$  is  $400\text{KHz}$  and  $g_2^m(t)$  is  $m \times 300\text{KHz}$
- Bandwidth of  $g_1(t)g_2(t)$  is  $250\text{KHz}$ 
  - Nyquist sample rate for  $g_1(t)g_2(t)$  is  $500\text{KHz}$

## Example

- Determine the Nyquist sampling rate and the Nyquist sampling interval for the signal

- $\text{sinc } 100\pi t$

- $\text{sinc}^2 100\pi t$

$$\text{sinc } 100\pi t \iff 0.01\Pi\left(\frac{w}{200\pi}\right)$$

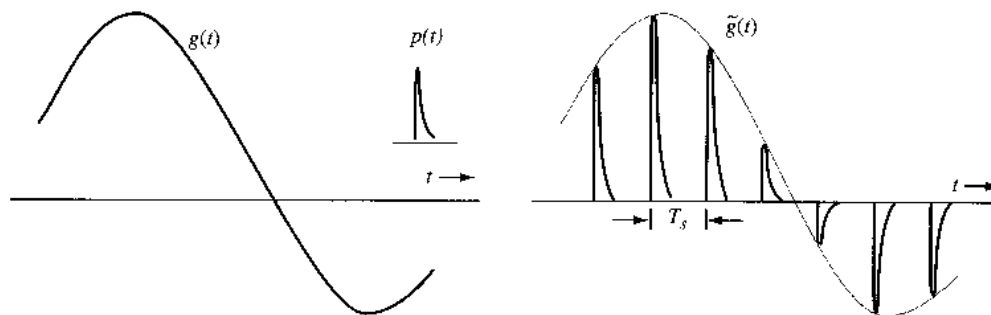
- Bandwidth is  $50\text{Hz}$  and the Nyquist sample rate  $100\text{Hz}$

$$\text{sinc}^2 100\pi t \iff 0.01\Delta\left(\frac{w}{400\pi}\right)$$

- Bandwidth is  $100\text{Hz}$  and the Nyquist sample rate  $200\text{Hz}$

# Practical Signal Reconstruction (Interpolation)

- Signal reconstruction discussed earlier require an ideal low pass filter.
  - Unrealizable
  - Noncausal
  - This also lead to a infinitely long nature of sinc reconstruction pulse.
- For practical applications, we need a realizable signal reconstruction system from the uniform signal samples.
- For practical implementation, the reconstruction pulse must be easy to generate.



# Practical Signal Reconstruction (Interpolation)

- We need to analyze the accuracy of the reconstructed signal when using a non-ideal interpolation pulse  $p(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{g}(t) &= \sum_n g(nT_s)p(t - nT_s) \\ \tilde{g}(t) &= p(t) * \left[ \sum_n g(nT_s)\delta(t - nT_s) \right] \\ \tilde{g}(t) &= p(t) * \bar{g}(t)\end{aligned}$$

- In frequency domain, the relationship between the reconstructed and the original analog signal is given as

$$\tilde{G}(f) = P(f) \frac{1}{T_s} \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f - nf_s)$$

- The reconstructed signal  $\tilde{g}(t)$  using pulse  $p(t)$  consist of multiple replicas of  $G(f)$  shifted to  $nf_s$  and filtered by  $P(f)$ .

# Practical Signal Reconstruction (Interpolation)

- So to fully recover the  $g(t)$  from  $\tilde{g}(t)$ , we need further processing/filtering.
  - Such filters are often referred to as **equalizers**
- Let us denote the equalizer function as  $E(f)$ , so now distortionless reconstruction will require

$$G(f) = E(f)\tilde{G}(f)$$
$$G(f) = E(f)P(f)\frac{1}{T_s}\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f - nf_s)$$

- The equalizer must remove all the shifted replicas  $G(f - nf_s)$  except the low pass term with  $n = 0$  i.e.,

$$E(f)P(f) = 0 \quad |f| > f_s - B$$

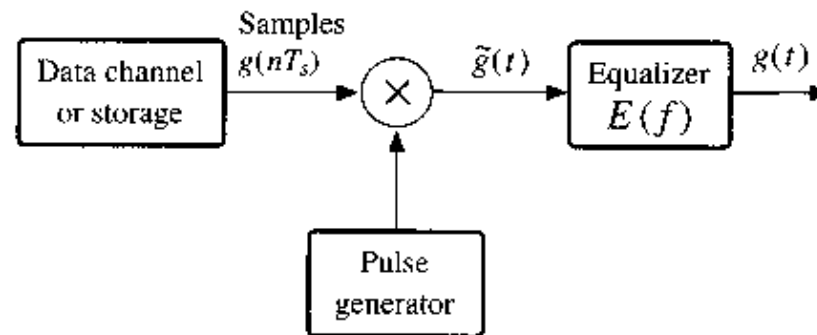
also

$$E(f)P(f) = T_s \quad |f| < B$$

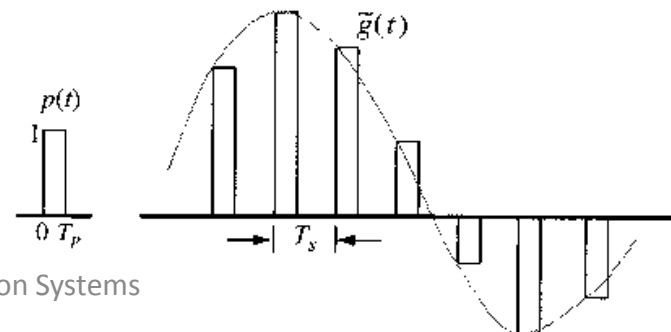


# Practical Signal Reconstruction (Interpolation)

- The equalizer  $E(f)$  must be
  - lowpass in nature to stop all frequency components above  $f_s - B$
  - Inverse of  $P(f)$  within the signal bandwidth of  $B$  Hz
- A practical signal reconstruction system can be represented as



- Let us consider a very simple interpolating pulse generator that generate short pulses i.e.,



# Practical Signal Reconstruction (Interpolation)

- The short pulse can be expressed as

$$p(t) = \Pi\left(\frac{t - 0.5T_p}{T_p}\right)$$

- The reconstruction will first generate  $\tilde{g}(t)$  as

$$\tilde{g}(t) = \sum_n g(nT_s) \Pi\left(\frac{t - 0.5T_p - nT_s}{T_p}\right)$$

- The Fourier transform of  $p(t)$  is

$$P(f) = T_p \operatorname{sinc}(\pi f T_p) e^{-j\pi f T_p}$$

- The equalizer frequency response should satisfy

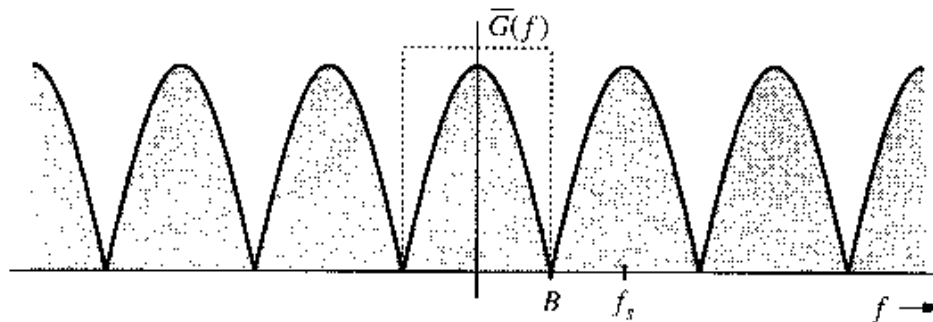
$$E(f) = \begin{cases} T_s / P(f) & |f| \leq B \\ \text{Flexible} & B < |f| < \left(\frac{1}{T_s} - B\right) \\ 0 & |f| \geq \left(\frac{1}{T_s} - B\right) \end{cases}$$

# Practical Issues in Signal Sampling and Reconstruction

- Realizability of Reconstruction Filters
- The Treachery of Aliasing
  - Defectors Eliminated: The antialiasing Filter
- Sampling forces non-bandlimited signals to appear band limited

# Realizability of Reconstruction Filters

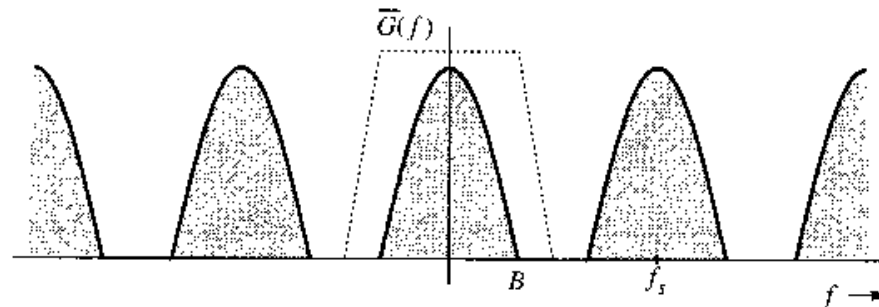
- If a signal is sampled at the Nyquist rate  $f_s = 2B \text{ Hz}$ , the spectrum  $\bar{G}(f)$  consists of repetitions of  $G(f)$  without any gaps between successive cycles.



- To recover  $g(t)$  from  $\bar{g}(t)$ , we need to pass the sampled signal through an ideal low pass filter.
  - Ideal Filter is practically unrealizable
  - Solution?

# Realizability of Reconstruction Filters

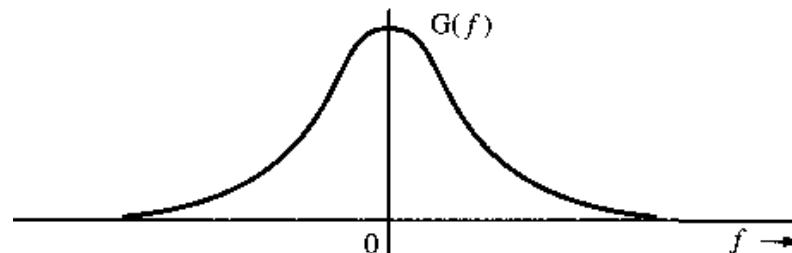
- A practical solution to this problem is to sample the signal at a rate higher than the Nyquist rate i.e.,  $f_s > 2B$  or  $w_s > 4\pi B$
- This yield  $\bar{G}(f)$ , consisting of repetitions of  $G(f)$  with a finite band gap between successive cycles.



- We can recover  $g(t)$  from  $\bar{g}(t)$  using a low pass filter with a gradual cut-off characteristics.
- There is still an issue with this approach: Guess?
- Despite the gradual cut-off characteristics, the filter gain is required to be zero beyond the first cycle of  $G(f)$ .

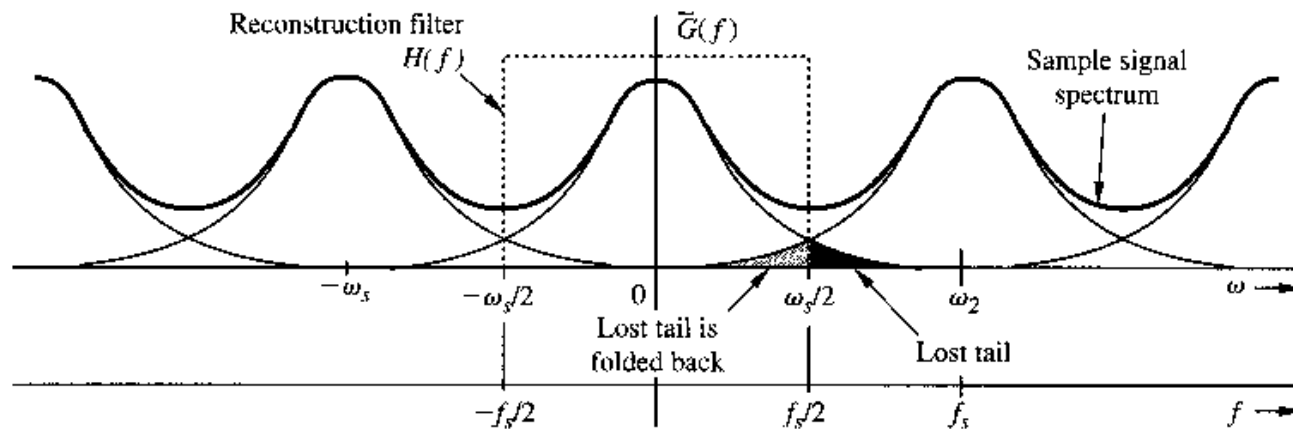
# The Treachery of Aliasing

- Another practical difficulty in reconstructing the signal from its samples lies in the fundamental theory of sampling theorem.
- The sampling theorem was proved on the assumption that the signal  $g(t)$  is band-limited.
- All practical signals are time limited.
  - They have finite duration or width.
  - They are non-band limited.
  - A signal cannot be time limited and band limited at the same time.



# The Treachery of Aliasing

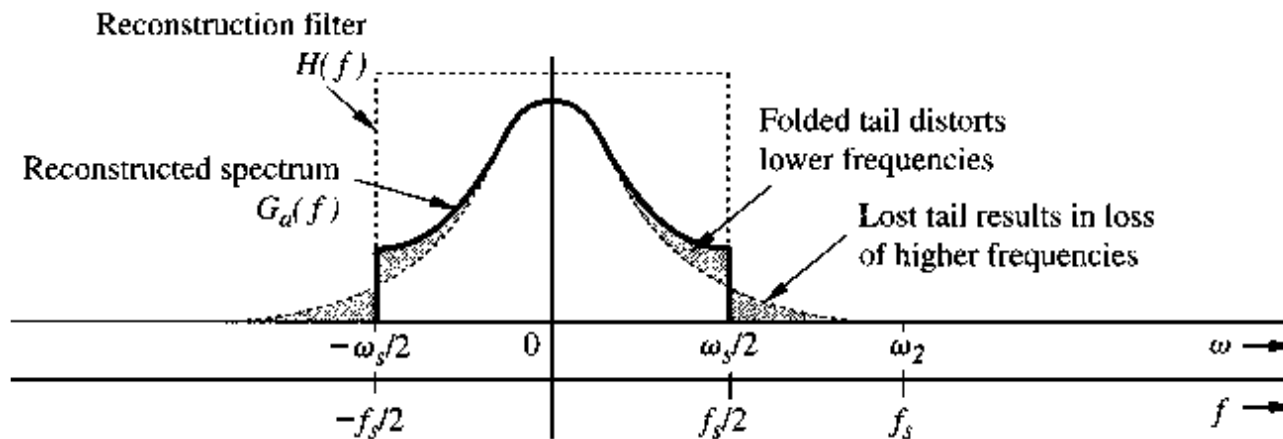
- In this case, the spectrum of  $\bar{G}(f)$  will consist of **overlapping** cycles of  $G(f)$  repeating every  $f_s$  Hz



- Because of non-bandlimited spectrum, the spectrum overlap is unavoidable, regardless of the sampling rate.
  - Higher sampling rates can reduce but cannot eliminate the overlaps
- Due to the overlaps,  $\bar{G}(f)$  no longer has complete information of  $G(f)$ .

# The Treachery of Aliasing

- If we pass  $\bar{g}(t)$  even through an ideal low pass filter with cut-off frequency  $\frac{f_s}{2}$ , the output will not be  $G(f)$  but as  $G_a(f)$



- This  $G_a(f)$  is distorted version of  $G(f)$  due to
  - The loss of tail of  $G(f)$  beyond  $|f| > \frac{f_s}{2}$
  - The reappearance of this tail inverted or folded back into the spectrum
- This tail inversion is known as **spectral folding** or **aliasing**.



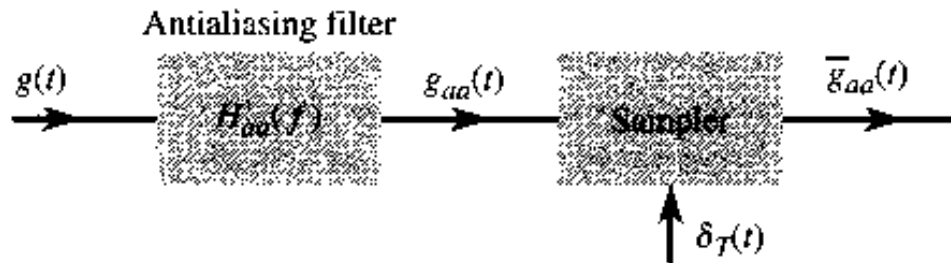


# Defectors Eliminated: The Antialiasing Filter

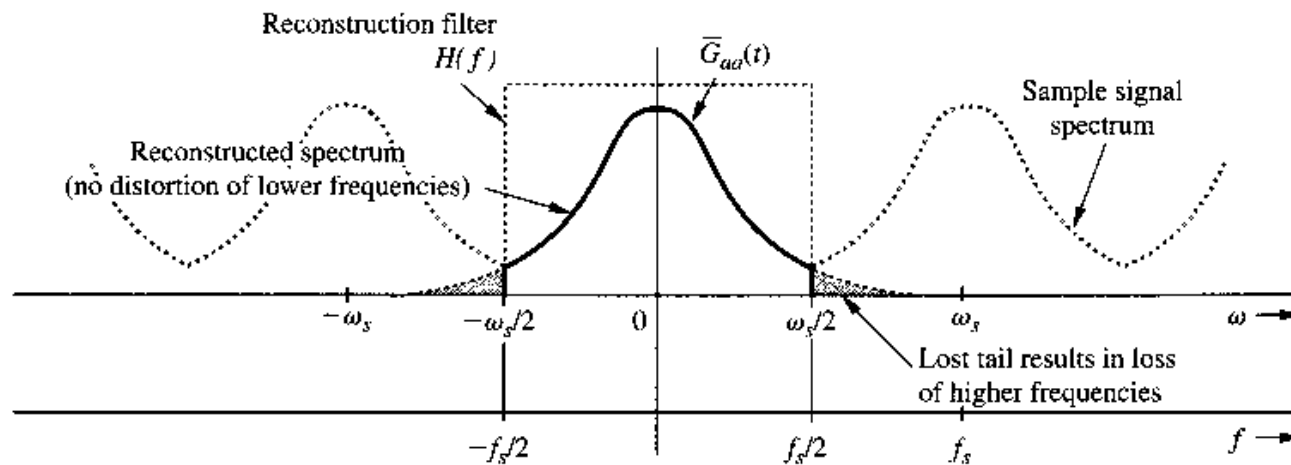
- In the process of aliasing, we are not only losing all the frequency components above the folding frequency i.e.,  $f_s/2$  Hz but these components reappear (aliased) as lower frequency components.
  - Aliasing is destroying the integrity of the frequency components below the folding frequency.
- Solution?
  - The frequency components beyond the folding frequency are suppressed from  $g(t)$  before sampling.
- The higher frequencies can be suppressed using a low pass filter with cut off  $f_s/2$  Hz known as **antialiasing filter**.

# Defectors Eliminated: The Antialiasing Filter

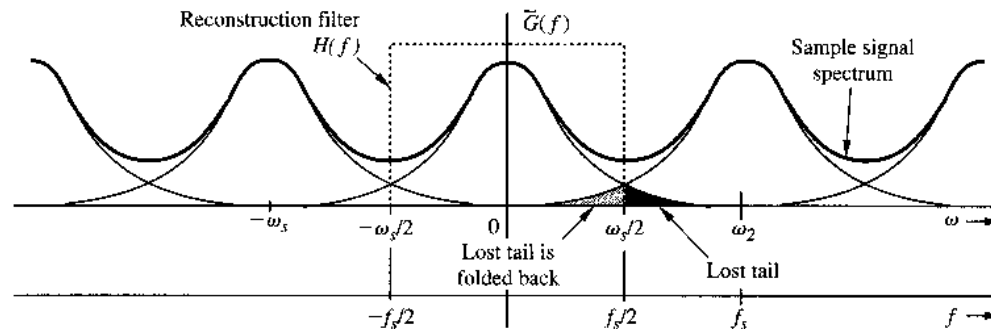
- The antialiasing filter is used before sampling



- The sampled signal spectrum and the reconstructed signal  $G_{aa}(f)$  will be as follows



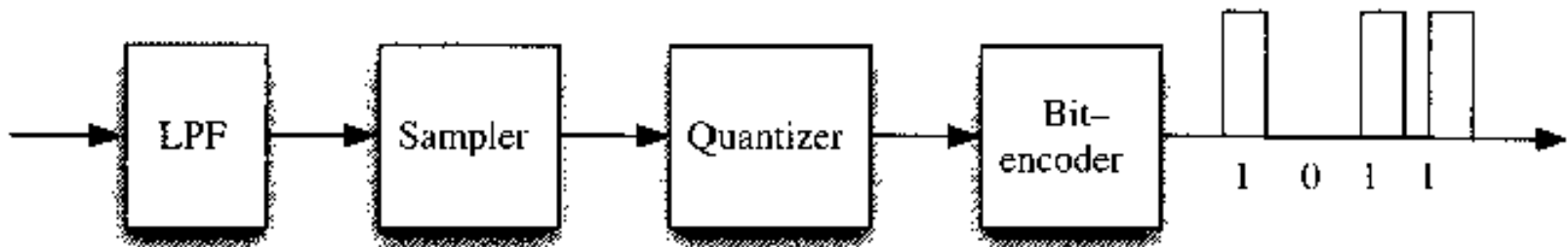
# Sampling forces non-bandlimited signals to appear band limited



- The above spectrum consist of overlapping cycles of  $G(f)$ 
  - This also mean that  $\bar{g}(t)$  are sub-Nyquist samples of  $g(t)$
- We can also view the spectrum as the spectrum of  $G_a(f)$  repeating periodically every  $f_s$  Hz without overlap.
  - The spectrum  $G_a(f)$  is band limited to  $f_s/2$  Hz
- The sub-Nyquist samples of  $g(t)$  can also be viewed as Nyquist samples of  $g_a(t)$ .
- Sampling a non-bandlimited signal  $g(t)$  at a rate  $f_s$  Hz make the samples appear to be Nyquist samples of some signal  $g_a(t)$  band limited to  $f_s/2$  Hz

# Pulse Code Modulation

- Analog signal is characterised by an amplitude that can take on any value over a continuous range.
  - It can take on an infinite number of values
- Digital signal amplitude can take on only a finite number of values.
- Pulse code modulation (PCM) is a tool for converting an analog signal into a digital signal (A/D conversion).
  - Sampling and **Quantization**





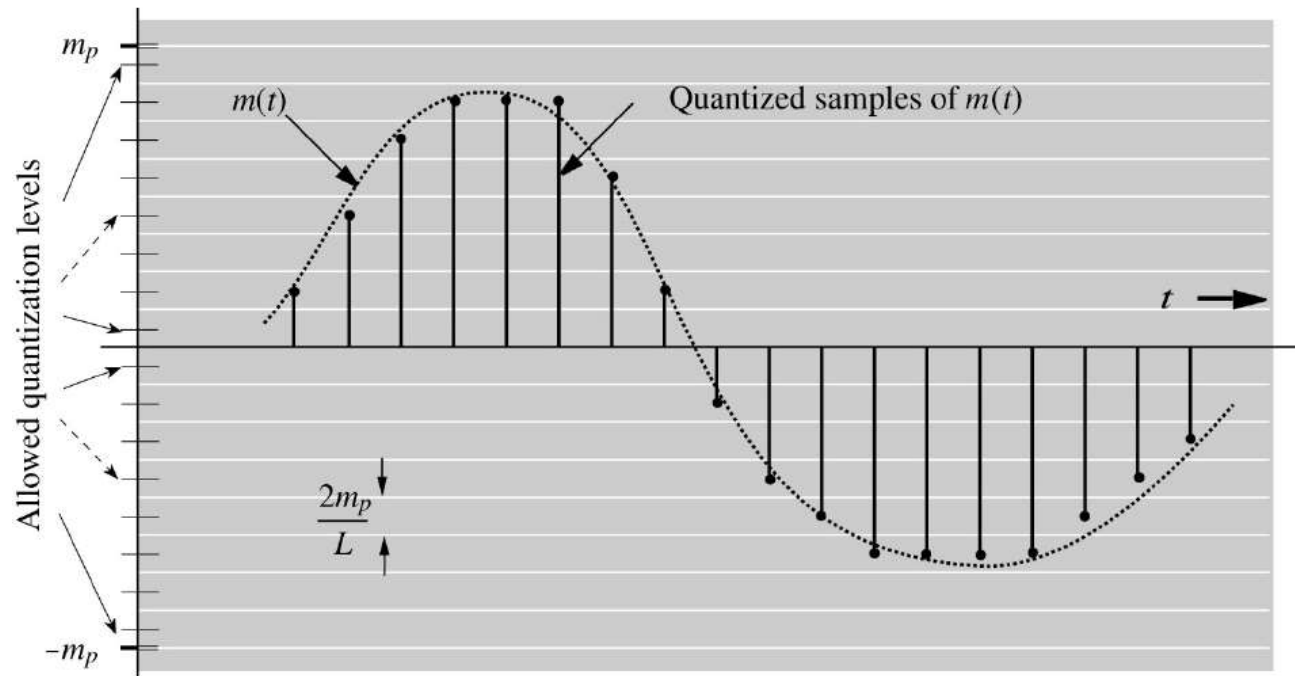
# Example

## (Digital Telephone)

- The audio signal bandwidth is about  $15\text{KHz}$ .
- For speech, subjective tests show that signal articulation (intelligibility) is not affected if all the components above  $3400\text{Hz}$  are suppressed.
- Since the objective in telephone communication is intelligibility rather than high fidelity, the components above  $3400\text{Hz}$  are eliminated by a low pass filter.
- The resulting bandlimited signal is sampled at a rate of  $8000\text{ Hz}$  (8000 samples per second).
  - Why higher sampling rate than Nyquist sample rate of  $6.8\text{KHz}$  ?
- Each sample is then quantized into 256 levels ( $L = 256$ ).
  - 8 bits required to sample each pulse.
- Hence, a telephone signal requires  $8 \times 8000 = 64\text{K}$  binary pulses per second ( $64\text{Kbps}$ ).

# Quantization

- To transmit analog signals over a digital communication link, we must discretize both time and values.



- Quantization spacing is  $\frac{2m_p}{L}$ ; sampling interval is  $T$ , not shown in figure.

# Quantization

- For quantization, we limit the amplitude of the message signal  $m(t)$  to the range  $(-m_p, m_p)$ .
  - Note that  $m_p$  is not necessarily the peak amplitude of  $m(t)$ .
  - The amplitudes of  $m(t)$  beyond  $\pm m_p$  are simply chopped off.
- $m_p$  is not a parameter of the signal  $m(t)$ ; rather it is the limit of the quantizer.
- The amplitude range  $(-m_p, m_p)$  is divided into  $L$  uniformly spaced intervals, each of width  $\Delta v = \frac{2m_p}{L}$ .
- A sample value is approximated by the midpoint of the interval in which it lies.
  - Quantization Error!

# Quantization Error

- If  $m(kT_s)$  is the  $k^{th}$  sample of the signal  $m(t)$ , and if  $\hat{m}(kT_s)$  is the corresponding quantized sample, then from the interpolation formula

$$m(t) = \sum_k m(kT_s) \text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - k\pi)$$

and

$$\hat{m}(t) = \sum_k \hat{m}(kT_s) \text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - k\pi)$$

- Where  $\hat{m}(t)$  is the signal reconstructed from the quantized samples.
- The distortion component  $q(t)$  in the reconstructed signal is

$$q(t) = \hat{m}(t) - m(t)$$

$$q(t) = \sum_k q(kT_s) \text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - k\pi)$$

- $q(kT_s)$  is the quantization error in the  $k$ th sample.
- The signal  $q(t)$  is the undesired signal and act as noise i.e., quantization noise.



# Quantization Error

- We can calculate the power or mean square value of  $q(t)$  as

$$P_q = \overline{q^2(t)} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} q^2(t) dt$$
$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \left[ \sum_k q(kT_s) \text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - k\pi) \right]^2 dt$$

- Since the signal  $\text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - m\pi)$  and  $\text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - n\pi)$  are orthogonal i.e.,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - m\pi) \text{sinc}(2\pi Bt - n\pi) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n \\ \frac{1}{2B} & m = n \end{cases}$$

- See Prob. 3.7-4 for proof.

# Quantization Error

- As we know

$$\begin{aligned} P_q = \overline{q^2(t)} &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \sum_k q^2(kT_s) \operatorname{sinc}^2(2\pi Bt - k\pi) dt \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \sum_k q^2(kT_s) \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \operatorname{sinc}^2(2\pi Bt - k\pi) dt \end{aligned}$$

- Due to the orthogonality condition, the cross product terms will vanish and we get

$$P_q = \overline{q^2(t)} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2BT} \sum_k q^2(kT_s)$$

- Since the sampling rate is  $2B$ , the total number of sample over averaging interval  $T$  is  $2BT$ .
  - The above relation is the average or the mean of the square of the quantization error.

# Quantization Error

- Since the quantum levels are separated by  $\Delta v = \frac{2m_p}{L}$  and the sample value is approximated by the midpoint of the subinterval (of height  $\Delta v$ ).
  - The maximum quantization error is  $\pm \Delta v/2$
  - The quantization error lies in the range  $(-\Delta v/2, \Delta v/2)$
- Assuming that the quantization error is equally likely to lie anywhere in the range  $(-\Delta v/2, \Delta v/2)$ , the mean square of quantizing error  $\widetilde{q}^2$  is given by

$$\widetilde{q}^2 = \frac{1}{\Delta v} \int_{-\Delta v/2}^{\Delta v/2} q^2 dq = \frac{(\Delta v)^2}{12} = \frac{m_p^2}{3L^2}$$

- Hence, the quantization noise can be represented as

$$N_q = \frac{m_p^2}{3L^2}$$

# Quantization Error

- The reconstructed signal  $\hat{m}(t)$  at the receiver output is
- Can we determine the signal to noise ratio of the reconstructed signal?
- The power of the message signal  $m(t)$  is  $P_m = \widetilde{m^2(t)}$ , then

$$S_0 = \widetilde{m^2(t)}$$

and

$$N_0 = N_q = \frac{m_p^2}{3L^2}$$

- Signal to noise ratio will be

$$\frac{S_0}{N_0} = 3L^2 \frac{\widetilde{m^2(t)}}{m_p^2}$$

## Example

A signal  $m(t)$  band-limited to 3 kHz is sampled at a rate  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  higher than the Nyquist rate. The maximum acceptable error in the sample amplitude (the maximum quantization error) is 0.5% of the peak amplitude  $m_p$ . The quantized samples are binary coded. Find the minimum bandwidth of a channel required to transmit the encoded binary signal. If 24 such signals are time-division-multiplexed, determine the minimum transmission bandwidth required to transmit the multiplexed signal.

The Nyquist sampling rate is  $R_N = 2 \times 3000 = 6000$  Hz (samples per second). The actual sampling rate is  $R_A = 6000 \times (1\frac{1}{3}) = 8000$  Hz.

The quantization step is  $\Delta v$ , and the maximum quantization error is  $\pm\Delta v/2$ .

$$\frac{\Delta v}{2} = \frac{m_p}{L} = \frac{0.5}{100} m_p \implies L = 200$$

For binary coding,  $L$  must be a power of 2. Hence, the next higher value of  $L$  that is a power of 2 is  $L = 256$ .

From Eq. (6.37), we need  $n = \log_2 256 = 8$  bits per sample. We require to transmit a total of  $C = 8 \times 8000 = 64,000$  bit/s. Because we can transmit up to 2 bit/s per hertz of bandwidth, we require a minimum transmission bandwidth  $B_T = C/2 = 32$  kHz.

The multiplexed signal has a total of  $C_M = 24 \times 64,000 = 1.536$  Mbit/s, which requires a minimum of  $1.536/2 = 0.768$  MHz of transmission bandwidth.

# Differential Pulse Code Modulation

- PCM is not very efficient system because it generates so many bits and requires so much bandwidth to transmit.
- We can exploit the characteristics of the source signal to improve the encoding efficiency of the A/D converter.
  - Differential Pulse Code Modulation (DPCM)
- In analog messages we can make a good guess about a sample value from knowledge of past sample values.
  - High Nyquist sample rate.
- What can be done to exploit this characteristic of analog messages?
  - Instead of transmitting the sample values, we transmit the different between the successive sample values.

# Differential Pulse Code Modulation

- If  $m[k]$  is the  $k^{th}$  sample, instead of transmitting  $m[k]$ , we transmit the difference

$$d[k] = m[k] - m[k - 1]$$

- At the receiver, knowing  $d[k]$  and several previous sample value  $m[k - 1]$ , we can reconstruct  $m[k]$ .
- How this can improve the efficiency of the A/D converter?
- The difference between successive samples is generally much smaller than the sample values.
  - The peak amplitude  $m_p$  of the transmitted values is reduced considerably.
  - This will reduce the quantization interval as  $\Delta v \propto m_p$
  - This will reduce the quantization noise as  $N_q \propto \Delta v^2$
  - For a given  $n$  (or transmission bandwidth), we can increase  $SNR$
  - For a given  $SNR$ , we can reduce  $n$  (or transmission bandwidth)

# Differential Pulse Code Modulation

- We can further improve this scheme by estimating (predicting) the  $k^{th}$  sample  $m[k]$  from knowledge of several previous sample values i.e.,  $\hat{m}[k]$ .

- We now transmit the difference (prediction error) i.e.,

$$d[k] = m[k] - \hat{m}[k]$$

- At the receiver, we determine the estimate  $\hat{m}[k]$  from the previous sample values and then generate  $m[k]$  as

$$m[k] = d[k] + \hat{m}[k]$$

- How this is an improved scheme?
  - The estimated value  $\hat{m}[k]$  will be close to  $m[k]$  and their difference (prediction error),  $d[k]$  will be even smaller than the difference between successive samples.
  - **Differential PCM.**
  - Previous method is a special case of DPCM i.e.,  $\hat{m}[k] = m[k - 1]$



## Estimation of $\hat{m}[k]$

- A message signal sample  $m(t + T_s)$  can be expressed as a Taylor series expansion i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} m(t + T_s) &= m(t) + T_s \dot{m}(t) + \frac{T_s^2}{2!} \ddot{m}(t) + \frac{T_s^3}{3!} \dddot{m}(t) + \dots \\ &\approx m(t) + T_s \dot{m}(t) \quad \text{for small } T_s \end{aligned}$$

- From the knowledge of the signal and its derivatives at instant  $t$ , we can predict a future signal value at  $t + T_s$ 
  - Even with just the first derivative we can approximate the future value

- Let the  $k^{th}$  sample of  $m(t)$  be  $m[k]$  i.e., putting  $t = kT_s$  in  $m(t)$

$$m(kT_s) = m[k] \quad \text{and} \quad m(kT_s \pm T_s) = m[k \pm 1]$$

- The future sample can be predicted as

$$\begin{aligned} m(kT_s + T_s) &= m(kT_s) + T_s \left[ \frac{m(kT_s) - m(kT_s - T_s)}{T_s} \right] \\ m[k + 1] &= 2m[k] - m[k - 1] \end{aligned}$$

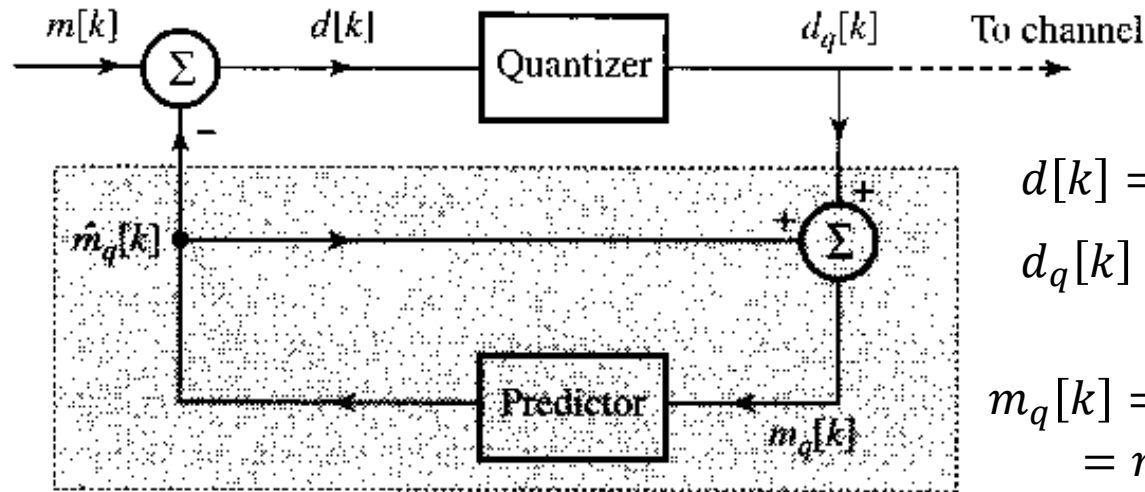
- We can predict the  $(k + 1)^{th}$  sample from the two previous samples.
- How the predicted value can be improved?
  - Consider more terms in the Taylor series.

# Analysis of DPCM

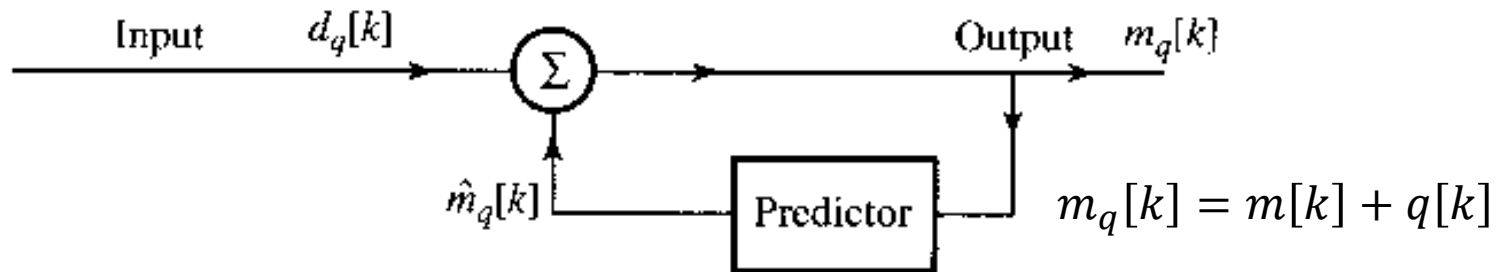
- In DPCM, we transmit not the present sample  $m[k]$ , but  $d[k] = m[k] - \hat{m}[k]$ . At receiver, we generate  $\hat{m}[k]$  from the past samples and add the received  $d[k]$  to get  $m[k]$ .
- There is one difficulty associated with this scheme?
  - At receiver, instead of the past samples i.e.,  $m[k-1]$ ,  $m[k-2]$ , ..., we have their quantized versions i.e.,  $m_q[k-1]$ ,  $m_q[k-2]$ , ...
  - We cannot determine  $\hat{m}[k]$ , we can only determine  $\hat{m}_q[k]$  i.e., estimation of the quantized sample  $m_q[k]$  using  $m_q[k-1]$ ,  $m_q[k-2]$ , ...
  - This will increase the error in reconstruction
- What could be a better strategy in this case?
  - Determine  $\hat{m}_q[k]$ , the estimate of  $m_q[k]$  (instead of  $m[k]$ ), at the transmitter from the previous quantized samples  $m_q[k-1]$ ,  $m_q[k-2]$ , ...
  - The difference  $d[k] = m[k] - \hat{m}_q[k]$  is now transmitted
  - At receiver, we generate  $\hat{m}_q[k]$ , and from the received  $d[k]$ , we can reconstruct  $m_q[k]$

# Analysis of DPCM

DPCM Transmitter



DPCM Receiver



- The  $q[k]$  at the receiver output is the quantization noise associated with difference signal  $d[k]$ , which is generally much smaller than  $m[k]$ .

# SNR Improvement using DPCM

- Let  $m_p$  and  $d_p$  be the peak amplitudes of  $m(t)$  and  $d(t)$  respectively
- If we use the same value of  $L$  in both cases, the quantization step  $\Delta v$  in DPCM is reduced by the factor  $\frac{d_p}{m_p}$
- As the quantization noise  $N_p = \frac{(\Delta v)^2}{12}$ , the quantization noise in case of DPCM is reduced by a factor  $\left(\frac{m_p}{d_p}\right)^2$ , and the SNR is increased by the same factor.
- SNR improvement in DPCM due to prediction will be

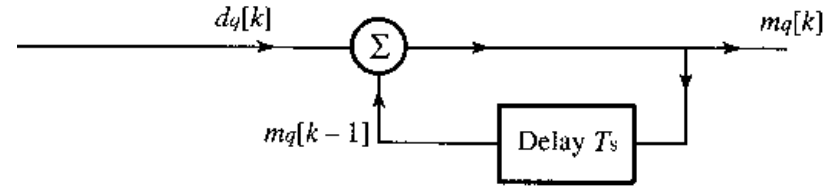
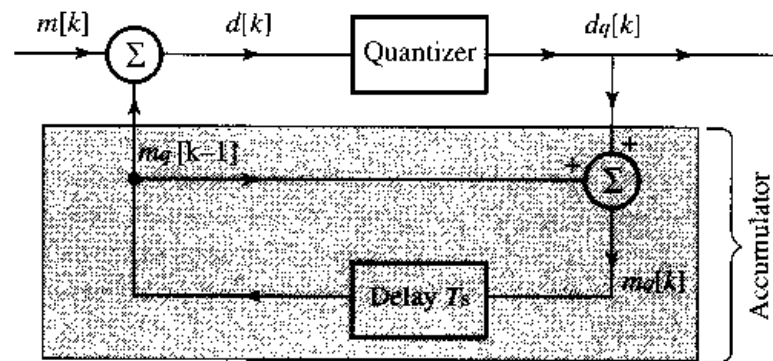
$$G_p = \frac{P_m}{P_d}$$

- Where  $P_m$  and  $P_d$  are the powers of  $m(t)$  and  $d(t)$  respectively.

# Delta Modulation

- Sample correlation used in DPCM is further exploited in **delta modulation** by over sampling (typically four times the Nyquist rate) the baseband signal.
  - Small prediction error
  - Encode using 1 bit (i.e.,  $L=2$ )
- Delta Modulation (DM) is basically a 1-bit DPCM.
- In DM, we use a first order predictor, which is just a time delay of  $T_s$ .
- The DM transmitter (modulator) and receiver (demodulator) are identical to DPCM with a time delay as a predictor.

# Delta Modulation



$$m_q[k] = m_q[k-1] + d_q[k]$$

- So

$$m_q[k-1] = m_q[k-2] + d_q[k-1]$$

- We get

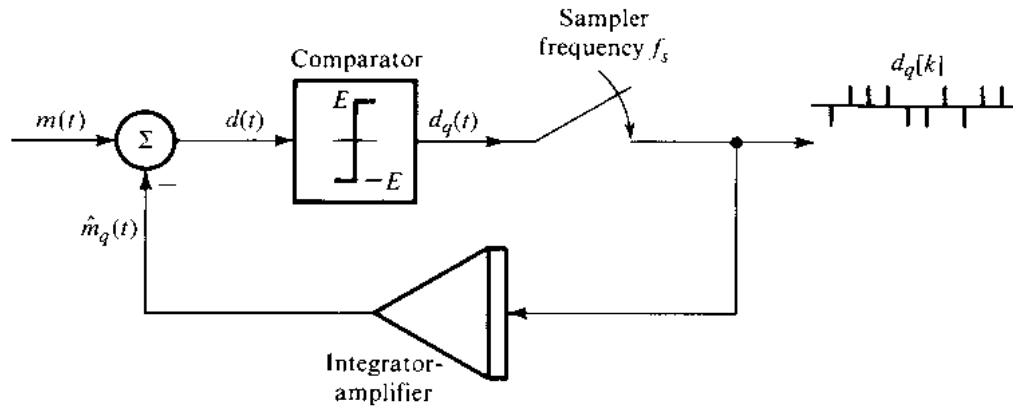
$$m_q[k] = m_q[k-2] + d_q[k-1] + d_q[k]$$

- Preceding iteratively we get

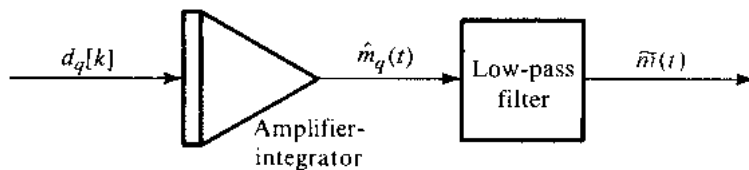
$$m_q[k] = \sum_{m=0}^k d_q[m]$$

- The receiver is just an accumulator (adder).
- If  $d_q[k]$  is represented by impulses, then the accumulator (receiver) may be realized by an **integrator**.

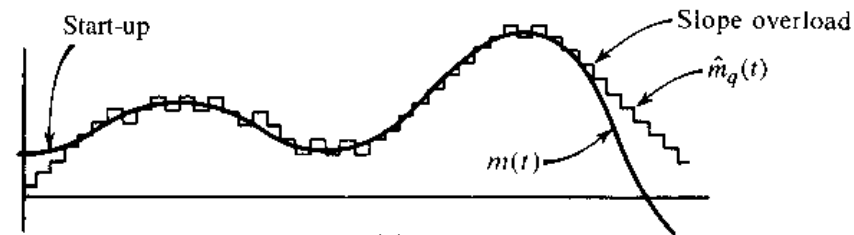
# Delta Modulation



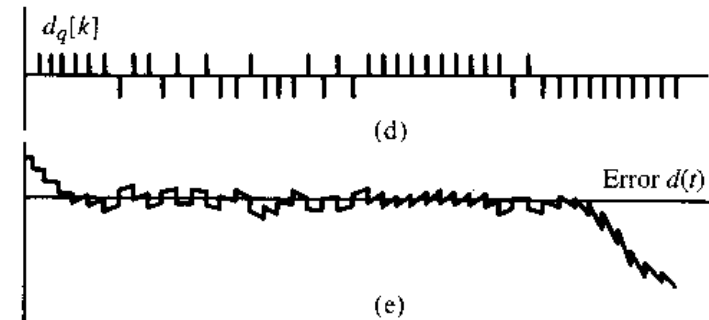
(a)



(b)



(c)



(e)

- Note that in DM, the modulated signal carries information about the difference between the successive samples.
  - If difference is positive or negative, a positive or negative pulse is generated in modulated signal  $d_q[k]$
  - DM carries the information about the derivative of  $m(t)$
  - That's why integration of DM signal yield approximation of  $m(t)$  i.e.,  $\hat{m}_q(t)$