

# **ELEC 221 Lecture 17**

## **The sampling theorem**

Thursday 7 November 2024

★ Highlight changes from group portion

- Assignment 4 to be released soon (focus on chapters 7/8)
- No class Tuesday (reading break)
- No prof office hours this Friday

★ make new PL assignment w/ MC questions

## Recap

Continuous time:

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

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_T x(t) e^{-j\omega k t} dt$$

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

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

Discrete time:

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=\langle N \rangle} c_k e^{jk \cdot \frac{2\pi n}{N}}$$

$$c_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=\langle N \rangle} x[n] e^{-jk \cdot \frac{2\pi n}{N}}$$

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{2\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$$

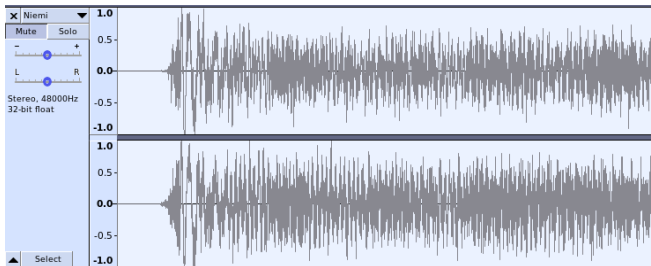
$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n}$$

## Lecture 04 Demos

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from IPython.display import Audio
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### Demo 1: fun with square waves

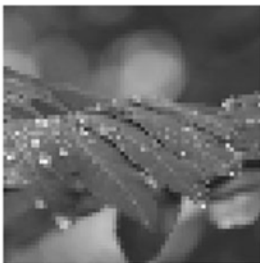
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tone = 65 # A frequency in Hz
duration = 2 # The length of the audio signal (in seconds)
sample_rate = 48000 # The number of samples per second to take
t_range = np.linspace(0, duration, sample_rate * duration) # Range of time
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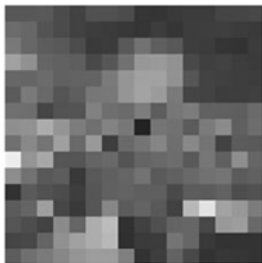
# Motivation



256 x 256



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# Motivation

[https://youtu.be/B8EMI3\\_OT00?t=9](https://youtu.be/B8EMI3_OT00?t=9)



History of frame rate in film:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjYjFEp9Yx0>

Core question: under what conditions can we recover a continuous time signal using only information from its samples?

Learning outcomes:

- state the sampling theorem
- define the Nyquist sampling rate and determine if a sampling rate is sufficient to reconstruct a signal from its samples
- describe the phenomenon of aliasing

## The unit impulse as a sampler

Multiplying the signal by a shifted impulse picks out the value of the signal at that point:

$$x[n] \cdot \delta[n-k] = x[k] \cdot \delta[n-k]$$

This allows us to write any signal as a **superposition of weighted impulses**.

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot \delta[n-k]$$



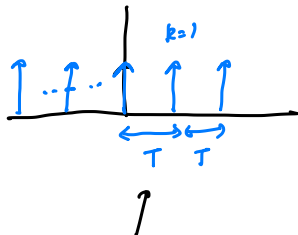
# Impulse train sampling

In continuous time:

$$x(t) \delta(t - t_0) = x(t_0) \delta(t - t_0)$$

What if we have more than one?

$$p(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - kT)$$



where

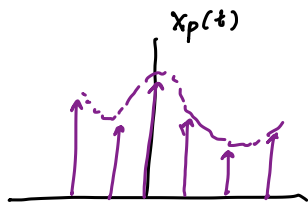
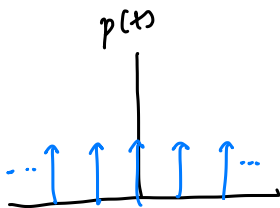
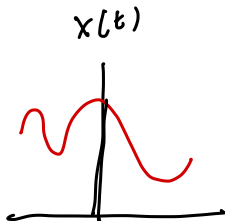
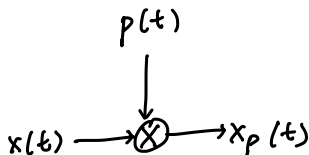
$\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  is the sampling frequency.

$T \equiv$  sampling period

# Impulse train sampling

What does the following signal look like?

$$x_p(t) = x(t) p(t)$$



## Impulse train sampling

The combined signal in the time domain is

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

What happens in the *frequency domain*?

$$x_p(t) = x(t) p(t) \iff X_p(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(j\theta) \cdot P(j(\omega - \theta)) d\theta$$

## Impulse train sampling

We have a periodic impulse train. Recall what Fourier transforms of periodic signals looked like:

$$X(j\omega) = 2\pi \delta(\omega - \omega_0) \leftrightarrow x(t) = e^{j\omega_0 t}$$

$$X(j\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta(\omega - k\omega_0) \leftrightarrow x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\omega_0 t}$$

## Impulse train sampling

We need to find the Fourier series coefficients of the periodic impulse train.

$$p(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - kT)$$

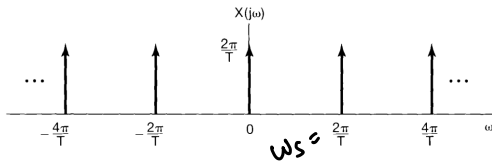
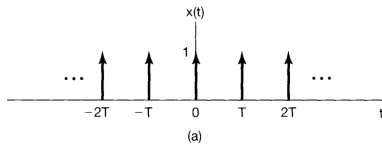
$$a_m = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} p(t) e^{-jm\omega t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T}$$

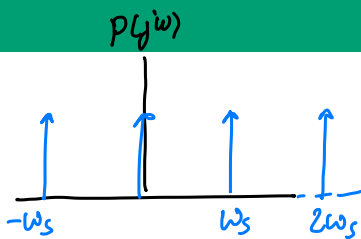
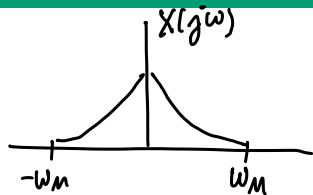
$$X(j\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2\pi a_k \delta(\omega - k\omega_0)$$

## Impulse train sampling

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

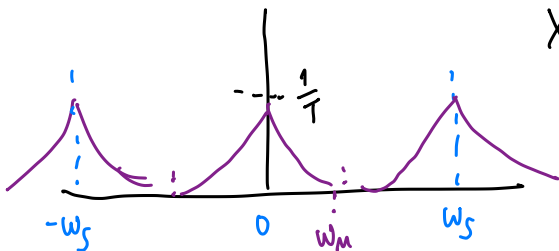


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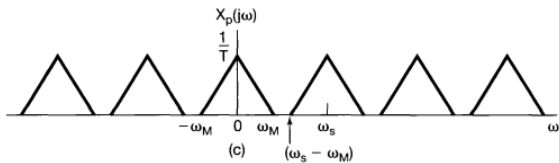
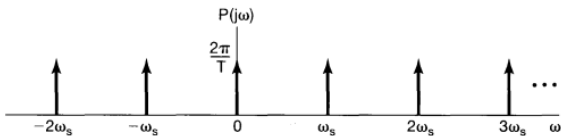
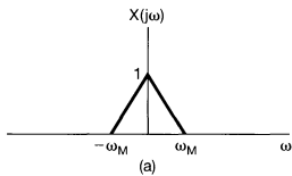


$$X(j\omega) * P(j\omega)$$

$$X_p(j\omega) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(j(\omega - k\omega_s))$$



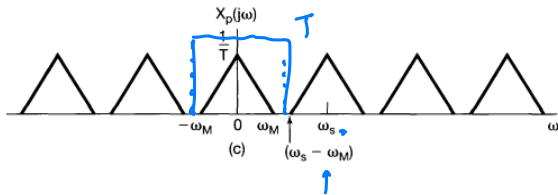
# Impulse train sampling





# Impulse train sampling

Suppose we have sampled...



How do we recover our original signal from this spectrum?

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## The sampling theorem

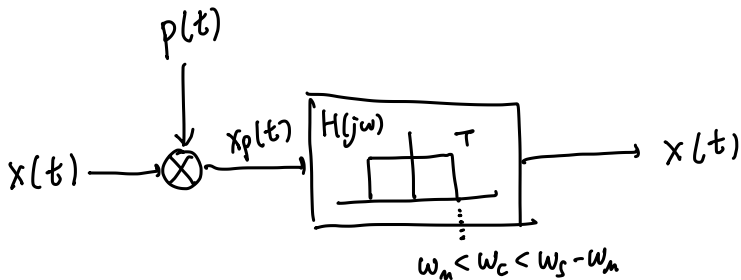
“Let  $x(t)$  be a **band-limited** signal with  $X(j\omega) = 0$  for  $|\omega| > \omega_M$ . Then  $x(t)$  is uniquely determined by its samples  $x(nT)$ ,  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ , if

$$\omega_s > 2\omega_M \quad \omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

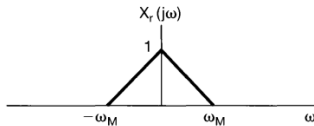
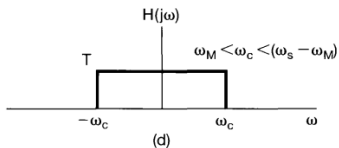
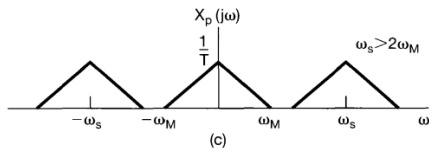
Given these samples, we can reconstruct  $x(t)$  by generating a periodic impulse train in which successive impulses have amplitudes that are successive sample values. This impulse train is then processed through an ideal lowpass filter with gain  $T$  and cutoff frequency greater than  $\omega_M$  and less than  $\omega_s - \omega_M$ . The resulting output signal will exactly equal  $x(t)$ .”

# The sampling theorem

Let's show this graphically:



# The sampling theorem



## The Nyquist rate

The sampling frequency is key:

- $\omega_s = 2\omega_M$  is referred to as the **Nyquist rate**
- $\omega_M = \omega_s/2$  is referred to as the **Nyquist frequency**

*Exercise:* suppose we perform impulse-train sampling with period  $T = 10^{-4}$ . If a signal  $x(t)$  has  $X(j\omega) = 0$  for  $|\omega| > 15000\pi$ , can we reconstruct it exactly from the samples?

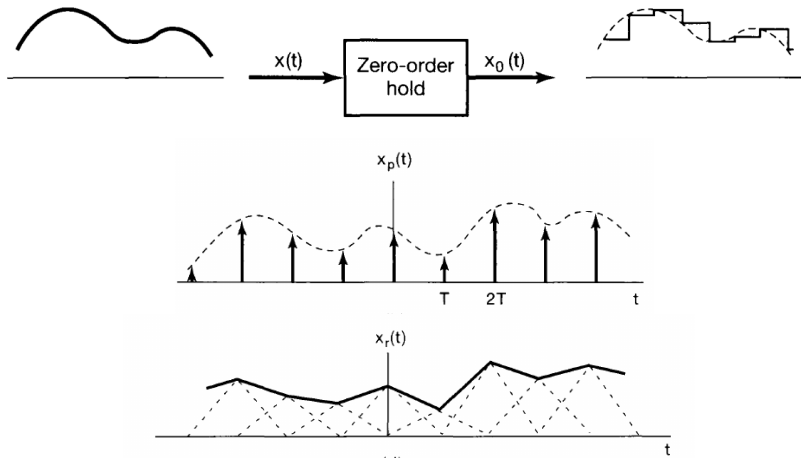
$$\rightarrow \omega = \frac{2\pi}{10^{-4}} \approx 62800$$

$$\omega_s > 30000\pi \checkmark$$

No!

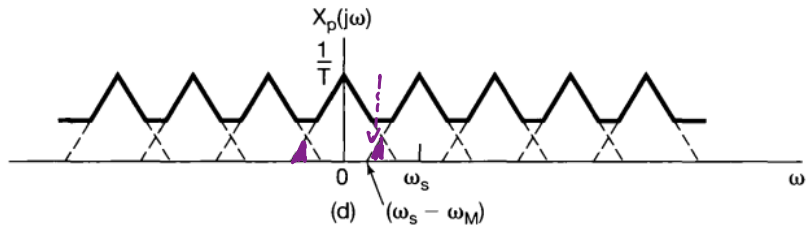
# Interpolation

In reality we cannot generate a perfect, ideal impulse train. But, we can still interpolate (you will explore this in A4)



# Aliasing

What happens when you don't sample at a high enough rate?



# Aliasing

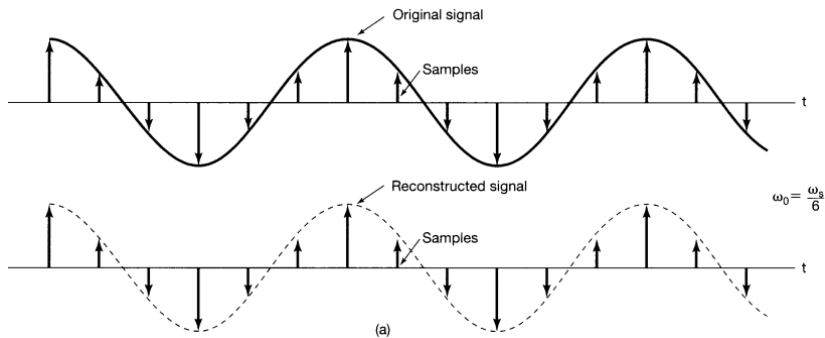


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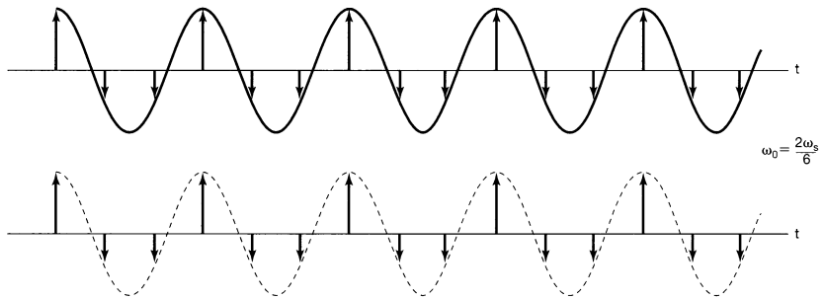


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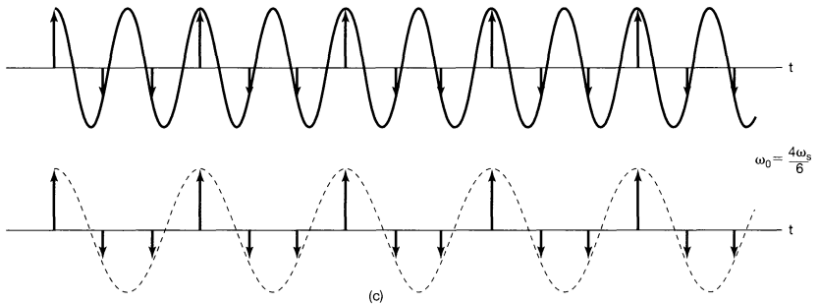


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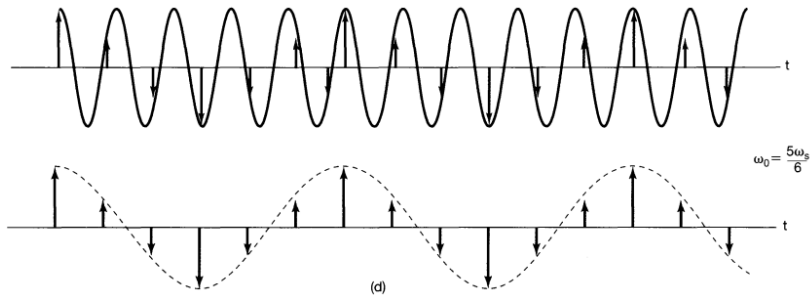


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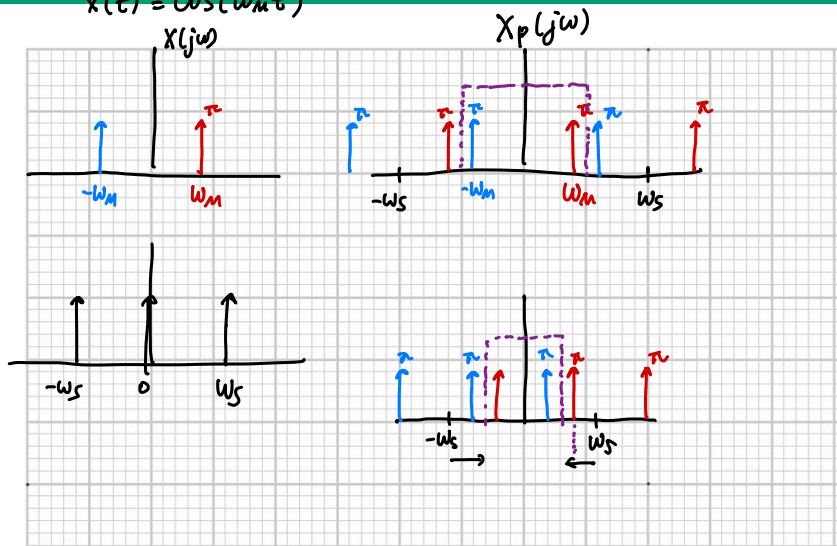
Two aspects to consider here:

- Why does the interpreted frequency *decrease* as the true frequency increases?
- Why does it look like it goes *backwards*?

We can understand both by looking at the spectra.

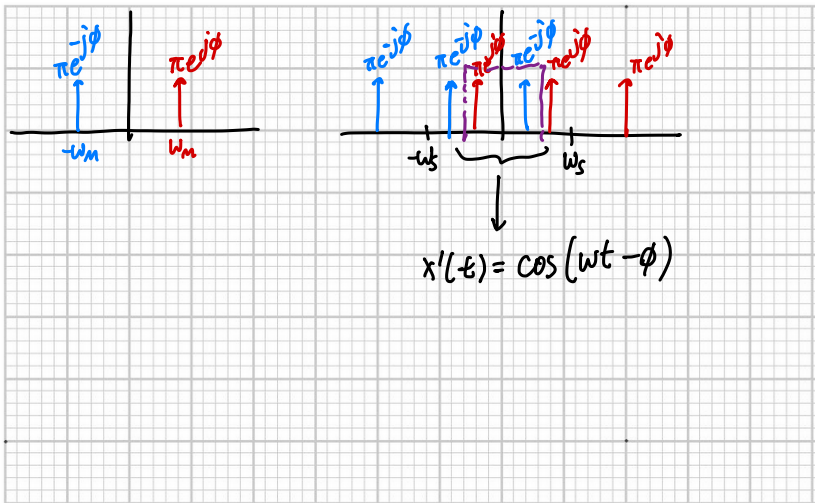
# Frequency misattribution

$$x(t) = \cos(\omega_m t)$$

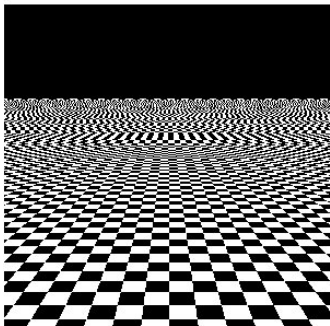


# Backwards-ness

$$x(t) = \cos(\omega_m t + \phi)$$



## Real-world examples



Fun on your own: read up about Moiré patterns, and various **anti-aliasing** techniques that are used in music/images/games!

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## For next time

### Content:

- DT processing of CT signals
- Sampling in discrete time
- Decimation/interpolation

### Action items:

1. Watch for A4

→ first 2 questions  
are available

### Recommended reading:

- From this class: Oppenheim 7.0-7.3
- Suggested problems: 7.1-7.6, 7.21, 7.25
- For next class: Oppenheim 7.4-7.6