

# Lecture 06:

## Sampling of Continuous-Time Signals

# Outline

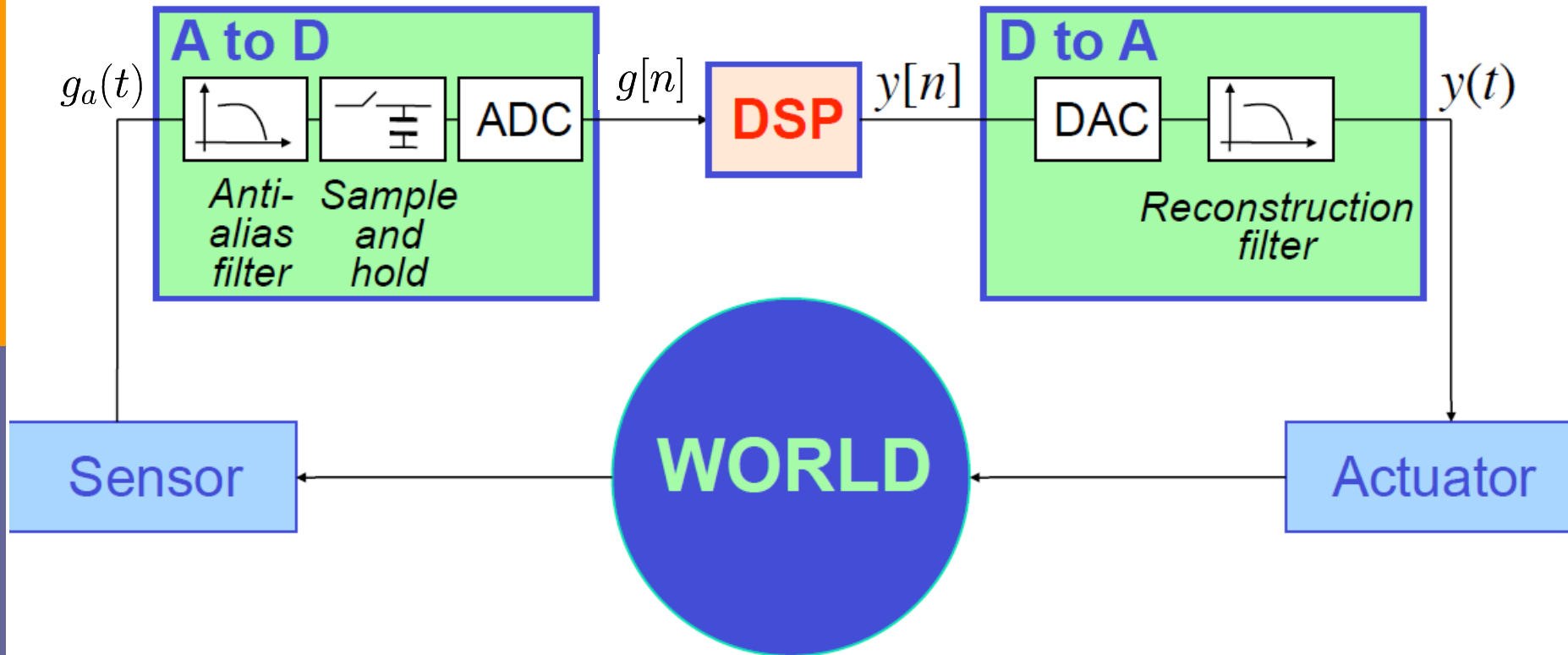
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1. Sampling and Reconstruction

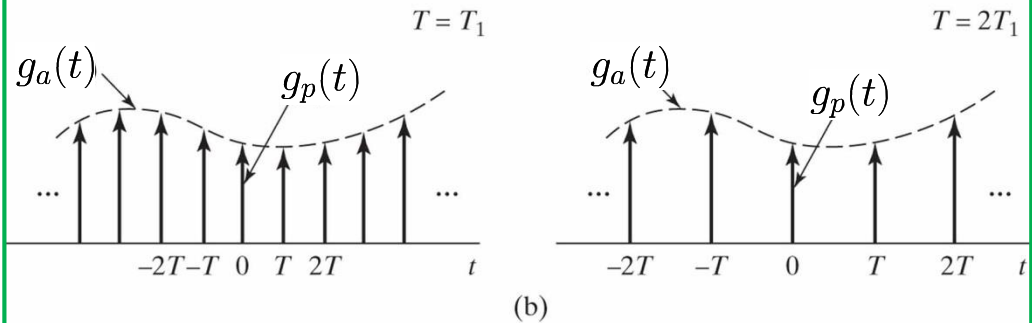
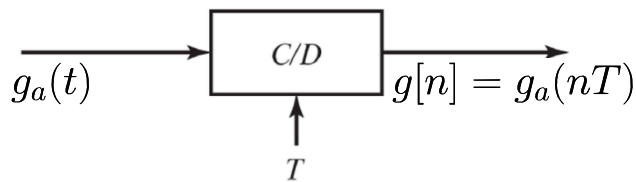
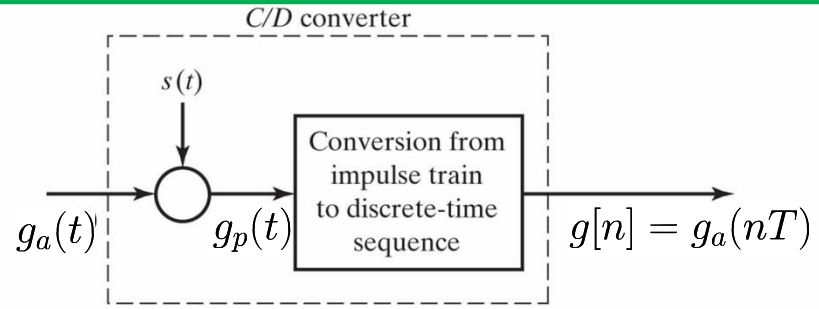
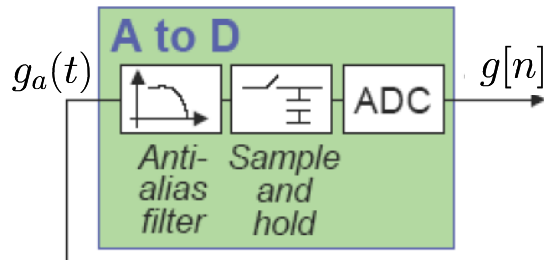
2. Quantization

# 1. Sampling & Reconstruction

- DSP must interact with an **analog** world:



# Sampling



# Sampling : Frequency Domain

- Sampling: **CT signal**  $\rightarrow$  **DT signal** by recording values at '**sampling instants**':

**Discrete**  $g[n] = g_a(nT)$  **Continuous**

$\rightarrow$  *sampling period  $T$*   
 $\rightarrow$  *samp.freq.  $\Omega_{\text{samp}} = 2\pi/T$  rad/sec*

- What is the relationship of the **spectra**?

i.e. relate  $G_a(j\Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_a(t) e^{-j\Omega t} dt$  **CTFT**

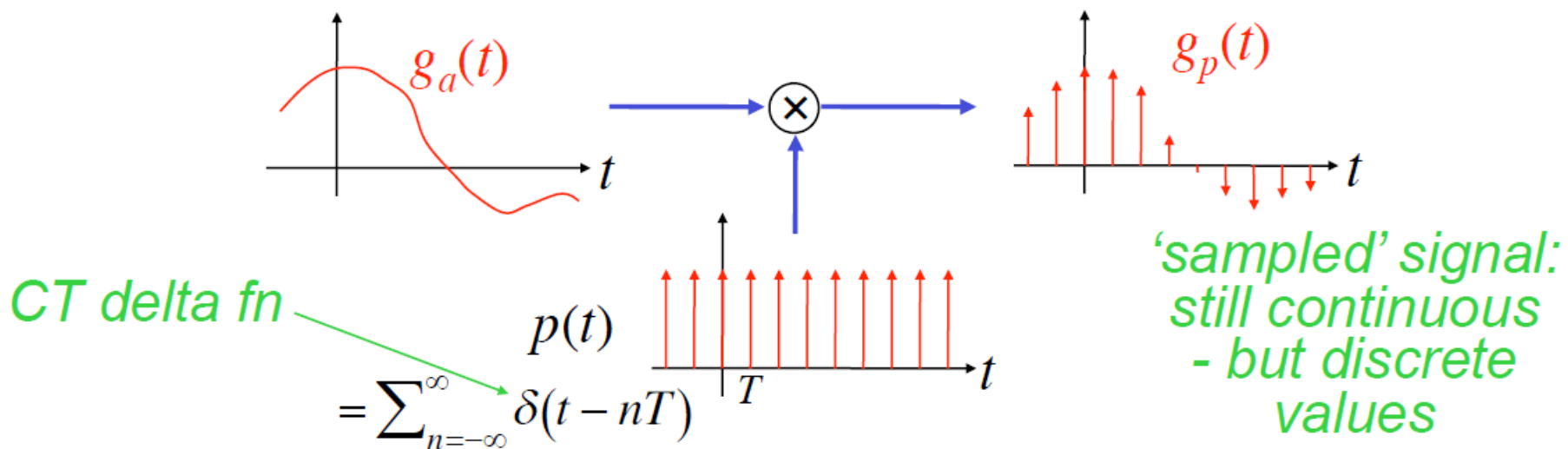
$\Omega$  in rad/second

and  $G(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} g[n] e^{-j\omega n}$  **DTFT**

$\omega$  in rad/sample

# Sampling

- **DT signals** have same 'content' as **CT signals** gated by an **impulse train**:



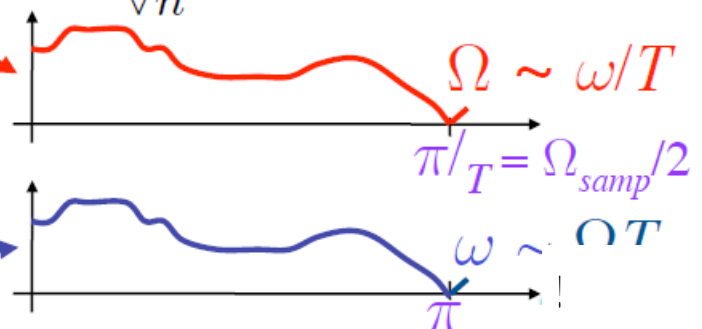
- $g_p(t) = g_a(t) \cdot p(t)$  is a **CT** signal with the same information as **DT** sequence  $g[n]$

# Spectra of Sampled Signals

- Given **CT**  $g_p(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g_a(nT) \cdot \delta(t - nT)$
- CTFT Spectrum *by linearity*  

$$G_p(j\Omega) = \mathcal{F}\{g_p(t)\} = \sum_{\forall n} g_a(nT) \mathcal{F}\{\delta(t - nT)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow G_p(j\Omega) = \sum_{\forall n} g_a(nT) e^{-j\Omega nT}$$
- Compare to **DTFT**  $G(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{\forall n} g[n] e^{-j\omega n}$
- i.e.  $G(e^{j\omega}) = G_p(j\Omega)|_{\Omega T = \omega}$



# Spectra of Sampled Signals

- Also, note that  $p(t) = \sum_{\forall n} \delta(t - nT)$  is **periodic**, thus has **Fourier Series**:

$$p(t) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)kt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \because c_k &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} p(t) e^{-j2\pi kt/T} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \end{aligned}$$

- But  $F\{e^{j\Omega_0 t} x(t)\} = X(j(\Omega - \Omega_0))$  *shift in frequency*

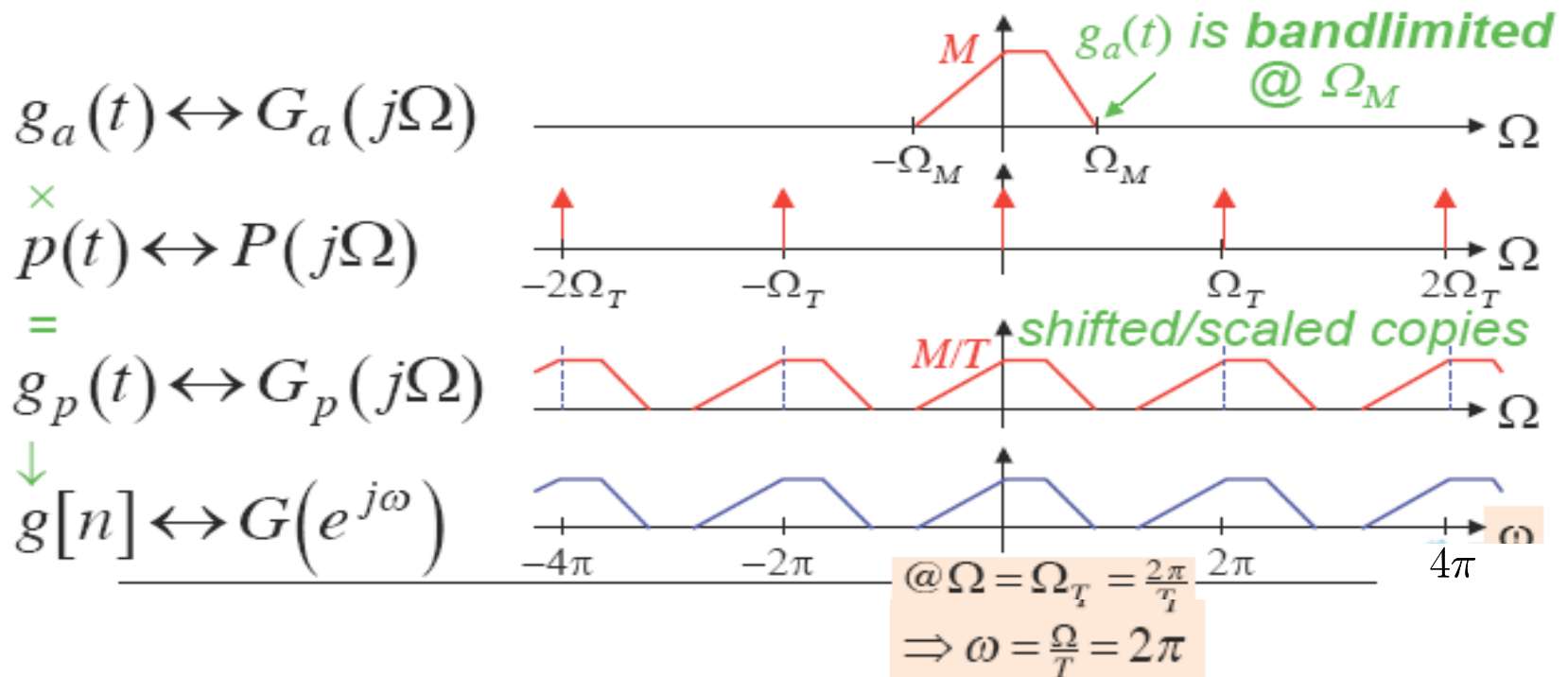
so  $G_p(j\Omega) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\forall k} G_a(j(\Omega - k\Omega_{\text{samp}}))$

- scaled sum of replicas of  $G_a(j\Omega)$   
shifted by multiples of sampling frequency  $\Omega_{\text{samp}}$



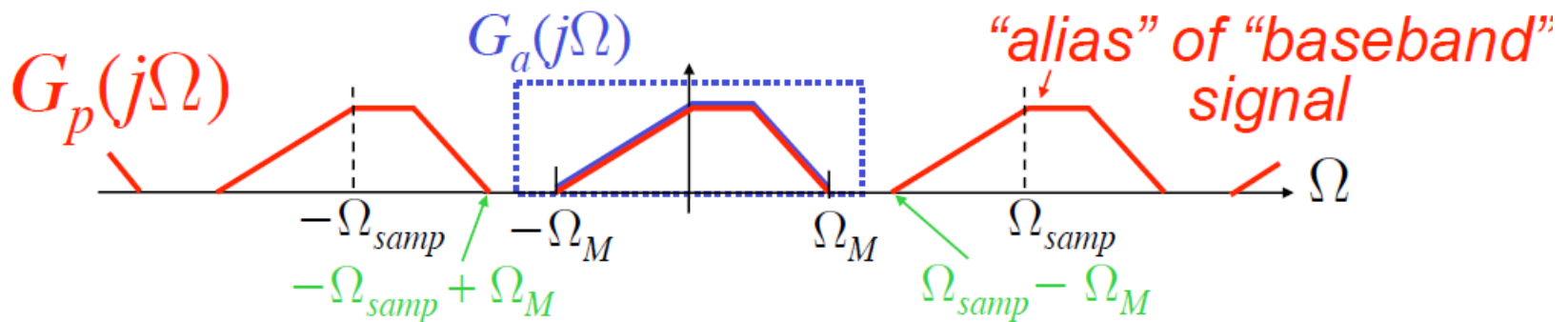
# CT and DT Spectra

- So:  $G(e^{j\omega}) = G_p(j\Omega) \Big|_{\Omega T = \omega} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\forall k} G_a(j(\frac{\omega}{T} - k \frac{2\pi}{T}))$   
or *DTFT*  $G(e^{jT\Omega}) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\forall k} G_a(j(\Omega - k\Omega_T))$  *CTFT*



# Avoid Aliasing

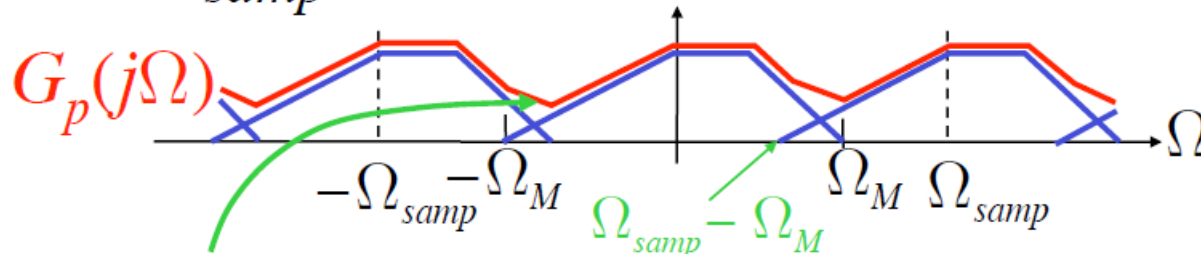
- Sampled analog signal has spectrum:



- $g_a(t)$  is **bandlimited** to  $\pm \Omega_M$  rad/sec
- When sampling frequency  $\Omega_{samp}$  is large...
  - no overlap between aliases
  - can recover  $g_a(t)$  from  $g_p(t)$  by **low-pass filtering**

# The Nyquist Limit

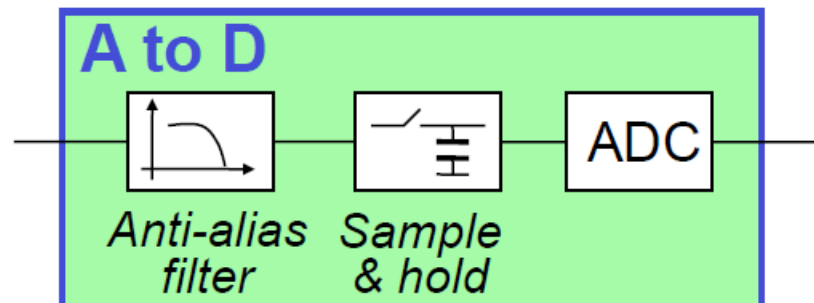
- If bandlimit  $\Omega_M$  is too large, or sampling rate  $\Omega_{smp}$  is too small, **aliases** will **overlap**:



- **Spectral effect** cannot be filtered out  
 → cannot recover  $g_a(t)$
- Avoid by:  $\Omega_{smp} - \Omega_M \geq \Omega_M \Rightarrow \Omega_{smp} \geq 2\Omega_M$  *Sampling theorem*
- i.e. bandlimit  $g_a(t)$  at  $\leq \frac{\Omega_{smp}}{2}$  *Nyquist frequency*

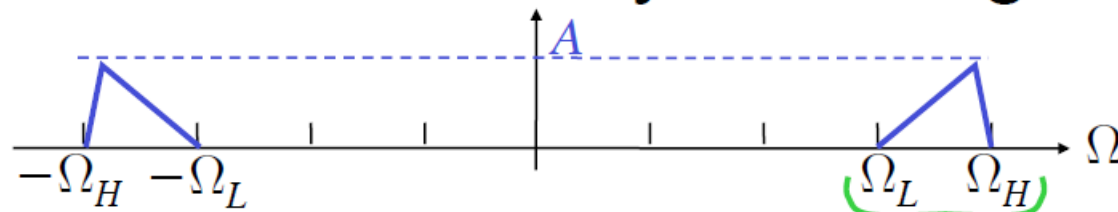
# Anti-Alias Filter

- To understand speech, need  $\sim 3.4$  kHz  
→ 8 kHz sampling rate (i.e. up to 4 kHz)
- Limit of hearing  $\sim 20$  kHz  
→ 44.1 kHz sampling rate for CDs  
*'space' for filter rolloff*
- Must remove energy above Nyquist with LPF before sampling: **“Anti-alias” filter**



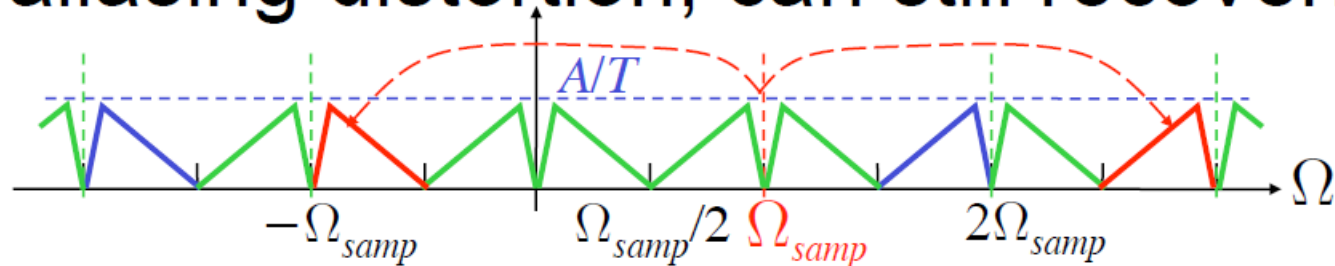
# Sampling Bandpass Signals

- Signal is not always in 'baseband' around  $\Omega = 0$  ... may be at higher  $\Omega$ :



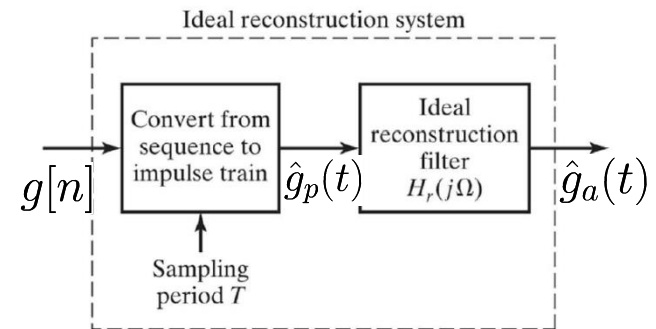
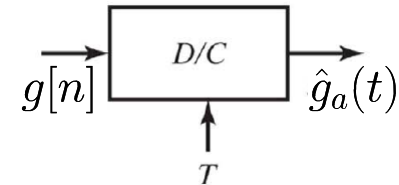
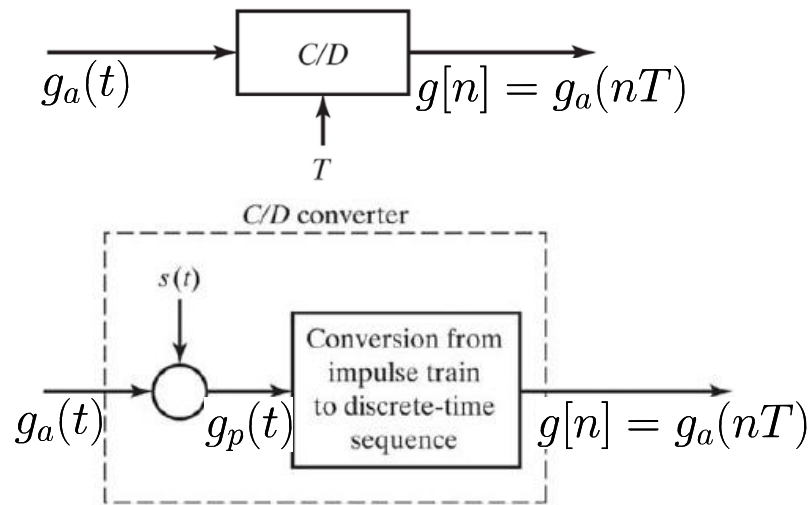
Bandwidth  $\Delta\Omega = \Omega_H - \Omega_L$

- If aliases from sampling don't overlap, no aliasing distortion; can still recover:

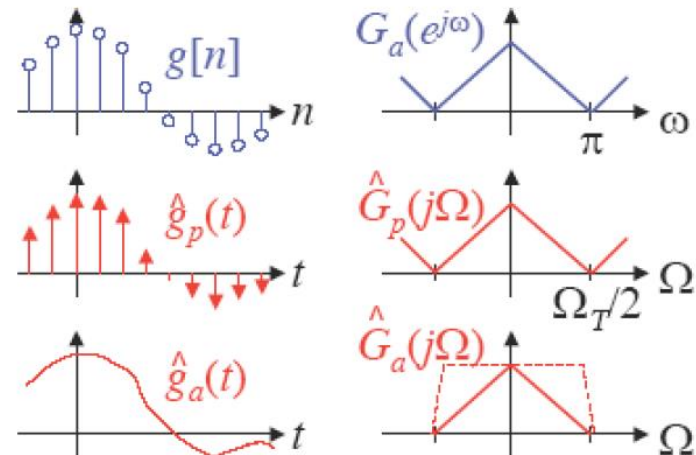


- Basic limit:  $\Omega_{samp}/2 \geq \text{bandwidth } \Delta\Omega$

# Reconstruction (1/4)

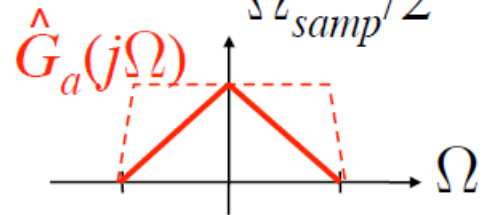
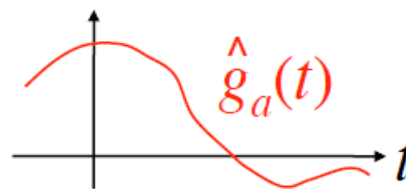
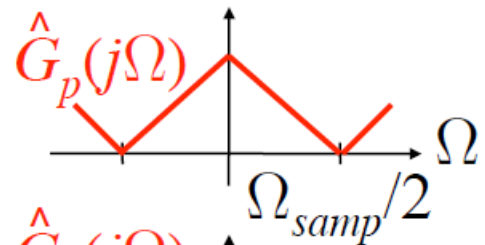
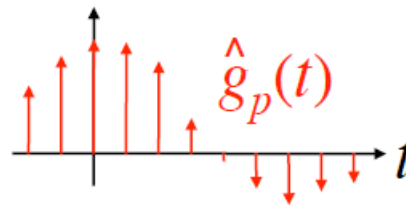
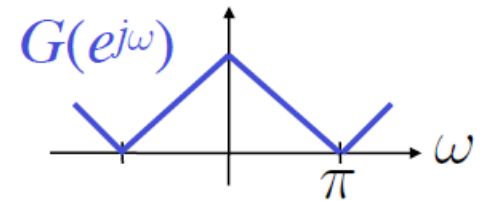
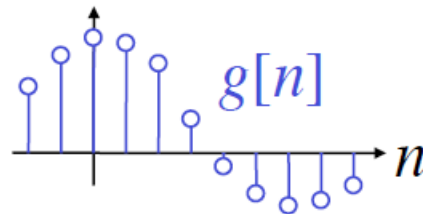


- To turn  $g[n]$  back to  $\hat{g}_a(t)$ :



## Reconstruction (2/4)

- To turn  $g[n]$  back to  $\hat{g}_a(t)$ :
  - make a continuous impulse train  $\hat{g}_p(t)$
  - lowpass filter to extract baseband  
 $\rightarrow \hat{g}_a(t)$

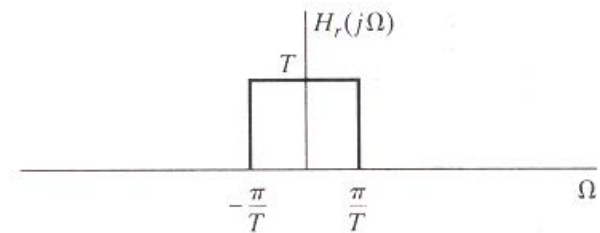


- Ideal reconstruction filter is *brickwall*
  - i.e. **sinc** - not realizable (especially analog!)
  - use something with finite transition band,...

# Reconstruction (3/4)

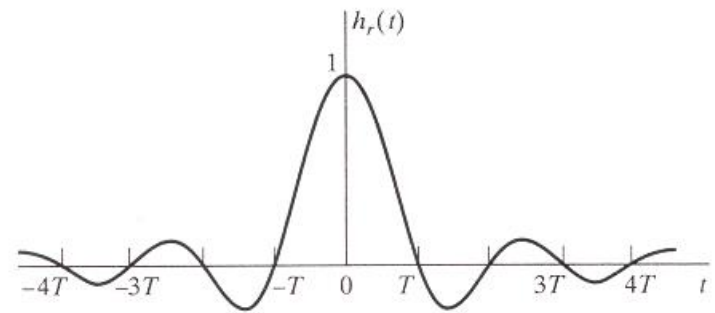
- Time axis is normalized by  $T$
- Frequency axis is normalized by  $f_s = 1/T$
- Reconstruction filter

$$h_r(t) = \frac{\sin(\pi t/T)}{(\pi t/T)}$$



(b)

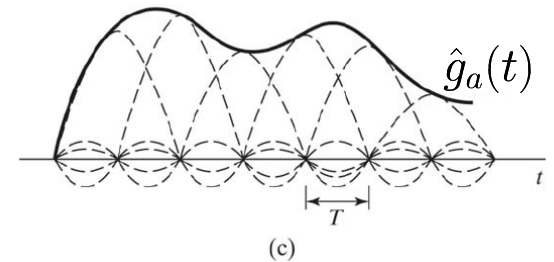
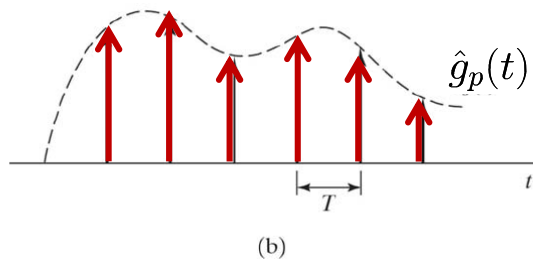
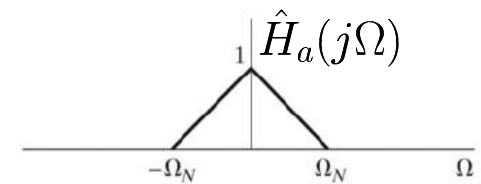
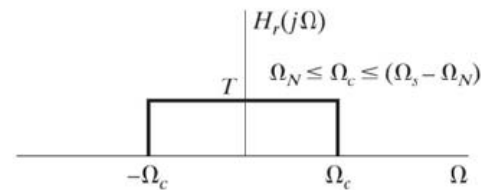
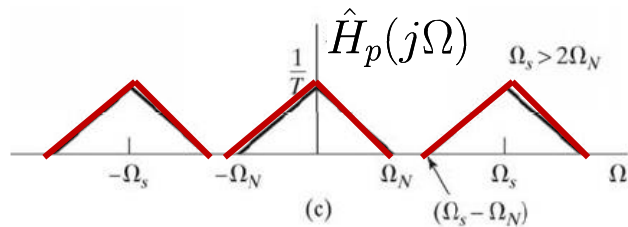
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{g}_a(t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(nT) h_r(t - nT) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(nT) \frac{\sin \pi ((t - nT)/T)}{\pi (t - nT)/T}\end{aligned}$$



(c)



# Reconstruction (4/4)



$$\hat{g}_a(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(nT) \frac{\sin \pi ((t - nT)/T)}{\pi (t - nT)/T}$$

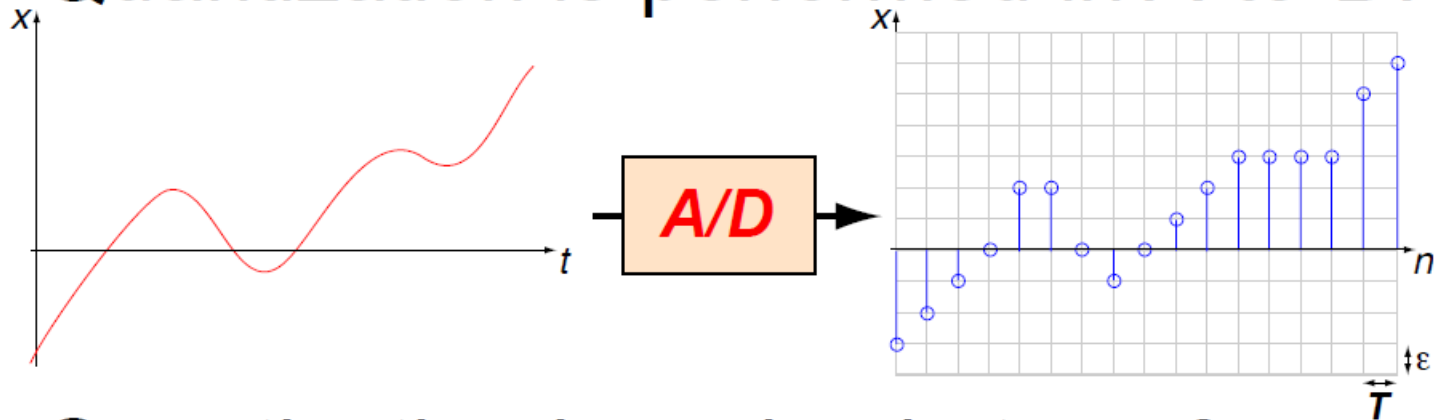
## 2. Quantization

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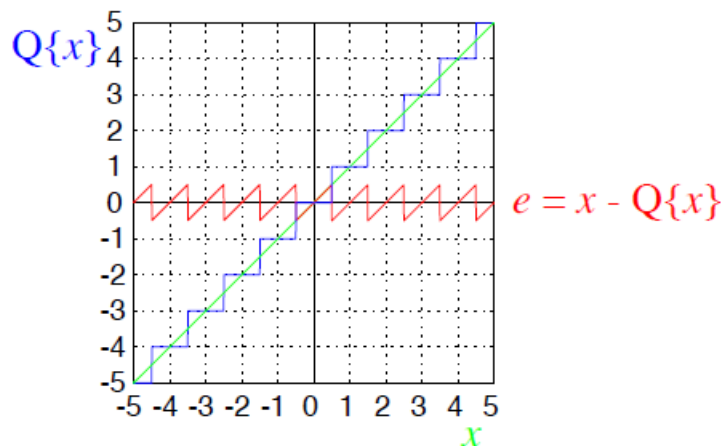
- Course so far has been about discrete-time i.e. quantization of **time**
- Computer representation of signals also quantizes **level** (e.g. 16 bit integer word)
- Level quantization introduces an error between ideal & actual signal → **noise**
- Resolution (# bits) affects data size  
→ quantization critical for **compression**
  - smallest data ↔ coarsest quantization

# Quantization

- Quantization is performed in A-to-D:



- Quantization has simple transfer curve:



Quantized signal

$$\hat{x} = Q\{x\}$$

Quantization error

$$e = x - \hat{x}$$

# Uniform Amplitude Quantization

## □ Round to nearest integer (midtread)

Quantize amplitude to levels  $\{-2, -1, 0, 1\}$

Step size  $\Delta$  for linear region of operation

Represent levels by  $\{00, 01, 10, 11\}$  or  
 $\{10, 11, 00, 01\} \dots$

Latter is two's complement representation

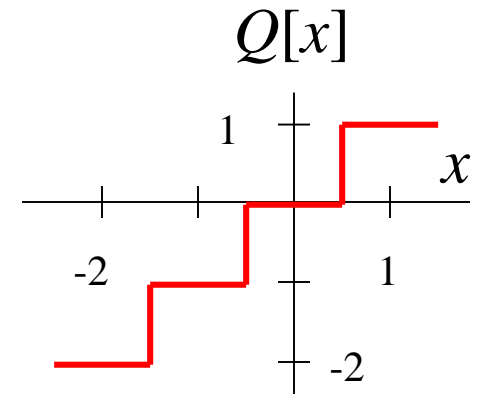
## □ Rounding with offset (midrise)

Quantize to levels  $\{-3/2, -1/2, 1/2, 3/2\}$

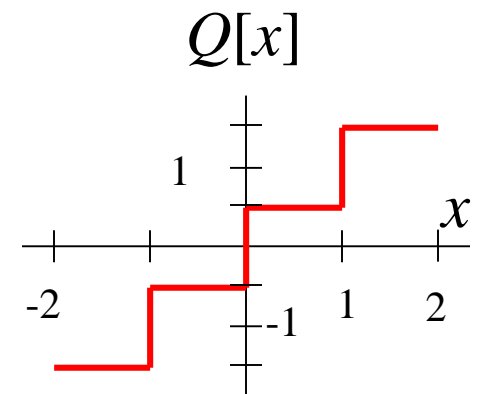
Represent levels by  $\{11, 10, 00, 01\} \dots$

Step size

$$\Delta = \frac{\frac{3}{2} - \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)}{2^2 - 1} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

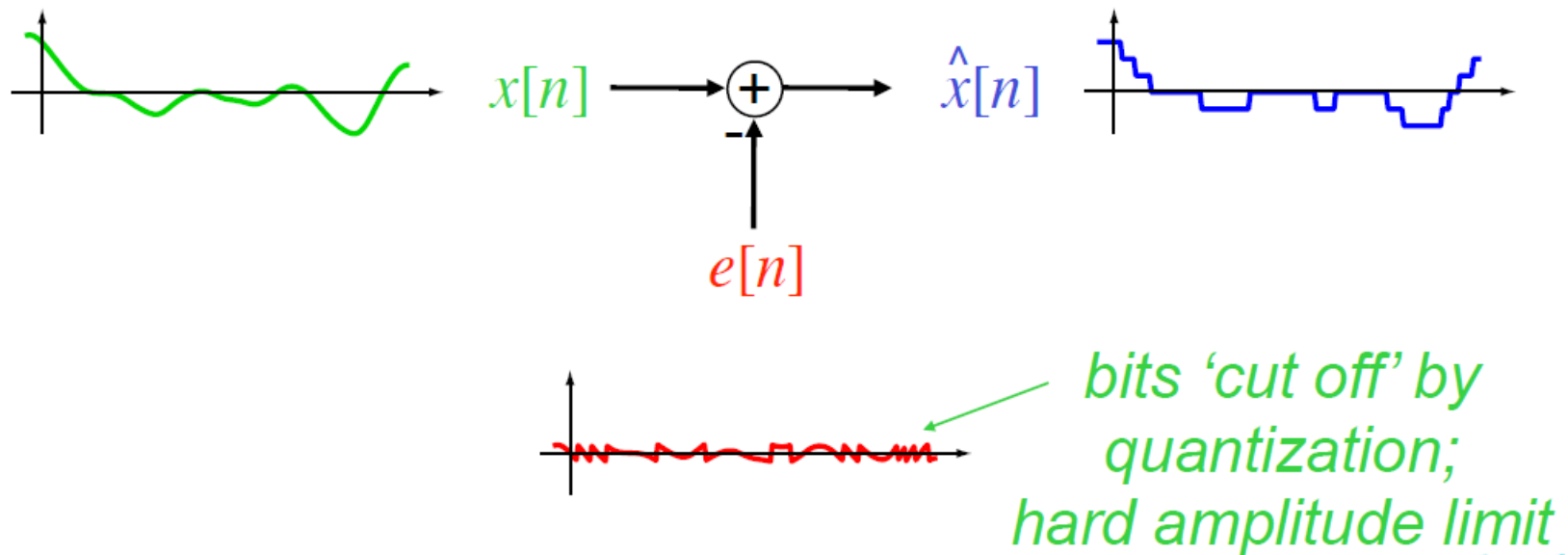


$$\Delta = \frac{1 - (-2)}{2^2 - 1} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$



# Quantization Noise

- Can usually model quantization as additive **white** noise: *i.e. uncorrelated with self or signal  $x$*



# Dynamic Range

- Signal-to-noise ratio in dB

$$\begin{aligned}\text{SNR}_{\text{dB}} &= 10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{Signal Power}}{\text{Noise Power}} \\ &= 10 \log_{10} \text{Signal Power} - \\ &\quad 10 \log_{10} \text{Noise Power}\end{aligned}$$

- For linear systems,  
dynamic range equals SNR
- Lowpass anti-aliasing filter for audio CD format

Ideal magnitude response of 0 dB over passband

$$A_{\text{stopband}} = 0 \text{ dB} - \text{Noise Power in dB} = -98.08 \text{ dB}$$

## Why $10 \log_{10}$ ?

For amplitude  $A$ ,

$$|A|_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10} |A|$$

With power  $P \propto |A|^2$ ,

$$P_{\text{dB}} = 10 \log_{10} |A|^2$$

$$P_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log_{10} |A|$$

# Quantization SNR

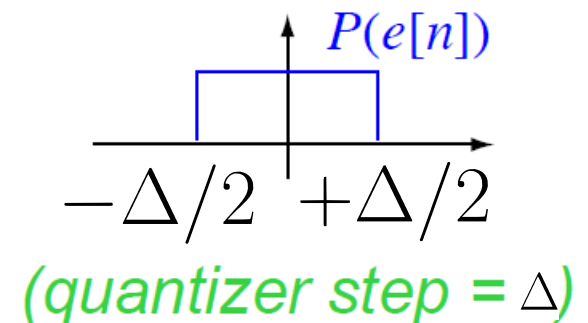
- Common measure of noise is Signal-to-Noise ratio (SNR) in dB:

$$SNR = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \frac{\sigma_x^2}{\sigma_e^2} \text{ dB}$$

*signal power* (pointing to  $\sigma_x^2$ )  
*noise power* (pointing to  $\sigma_e^2$ )

- When  $|x| \gg 1$  LSB, quantization noise has  $\sim$  uniform distribution:

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_e^2 = \frac{\Delta^2}{12}$$



# Quantization Error (Noise) Analysis

## Quantizer step size

$$\Delta = \frac{2 m_{\max}}{L-1} \approx \frac{2 m_{\max}}{L}$$

## Quantization error

$$-\frac{\Delta}{2} \leq q \leq \frac{\Delta}{2}$$

$q$  is sample of zero-mean  
random process  $Q$

$q$  is uniformly distributed

$$\sigma_Q^2 = E\{Q^2\} - \underbrace{\mu_Q^2}_{\text{zero}}$$

$$\sigma_Q^2 = \frac{\Delta^2}{12} = \frac{1}{3} m_{\max}^2 2^{-2B}$$

## Input power: $P_{\text{average},m}$

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\text{Signal Power}}{\text{Noise Power}}$$

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{P_{\text{average},m}}{\sigma_Q^2} = \left( \frac{3P_{\text{average},m}}{m_{\max}^2} \right) 2^{2B}$$

SNR exponential in  $B$

Adding 1 bit increases  
SNR by factor of 4



# Quantization Error (Noise) Analysis

□ SNR in dB = constant + 6.02 dB/bit \*  $B$

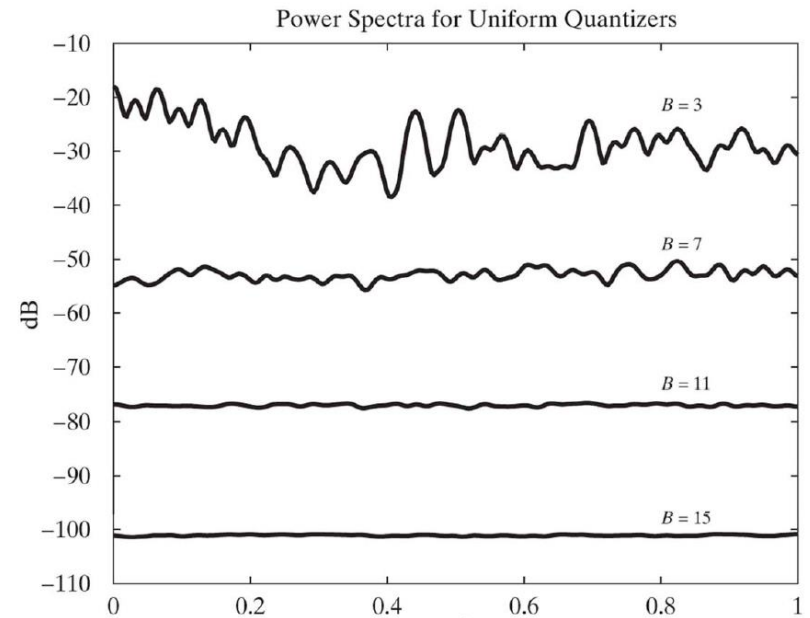
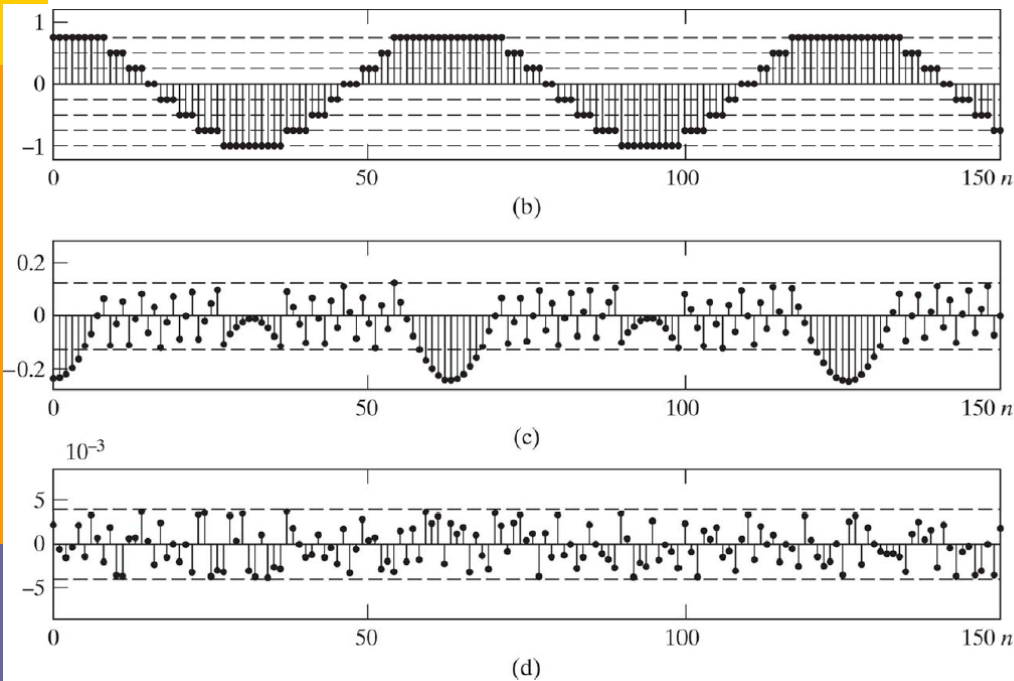
**Loose  
upper  
bound**

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \log_{10} \text{SNR} &= 10 \log_{10} \left( \left( \frac{3P_{\text{averagem}}}{m_{\text{max}}^2} \right) 2^{2B} \right) \\ &= 10 \log_{10} 3 + 10 \log_{10} (P_{\text{averagem}}) - 20 \log_{10} (m_{\text{max}}) + 20 B \log_{10} (2) \\ &= \underbrace{0.477 + 10 \log_{10} (P_{\text{averagem}}) - 20 \log_{10} (m_{\text{max}})}_{1.76 \text{ and } 1.17 \text{ are common constants used in audio}} + 6.02 B \end{aligned}$$

*1.76 and 1.17 are common constants used in audio*

- What is maximum number of bits of resolution for Audio CD signal with SNR of 95 dB
- TI TLV320AIC23B stereo codec used on TI DSP board
- ADC 90 dB SNR (14.6 bits) and 80 dB THD (13 bits)
  - DAC has 100 dB SNR (16 bits) and 88 dB THD (14.3 bits)

# PSD of Quantization Noise



# Coefficient Quantization

- Quantization affects not just signal but filter constants too
  - .. depending on implementation
  - .. may have different resolution
- Some coefficients are very sensitive to small changes
  - e.g. poles near unit circle

