

COM303: Digital Signal Processing

Lecture 16: Interpolation

overview

- ▶ the analog worldview
- ▶ interpolation of discrete-time signals
- bandlimited functions
- the sinc basis and sinc sampling





 ${\sf Analog/continuous\ versus\ discrete/digital}$

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- arithmetic
- combinatorics
- computer science
- ► DSP

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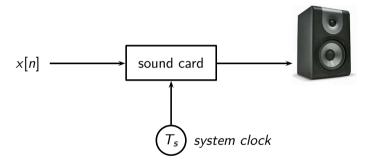
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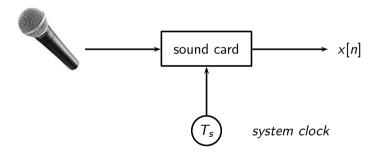
analog worldview:

- ► real-valued time *t* (sec)
- ▶ functions $x(t) \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$
- ▶ frequency $f \in \mathbb{R}$ (Hz)
- ▶ FT: $L_2(\mathbb{R}) \mapsto L_2(\mathbb{R})$

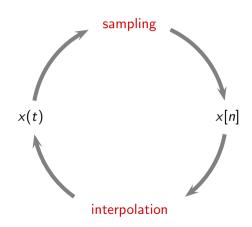
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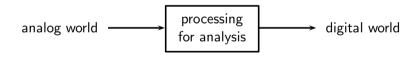


Today, processing is as digital as possible

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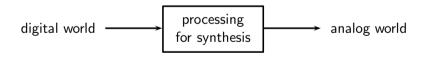


examples: storage and compression (MP3, JPG), control systems, monitoring

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examples: telephony, VOIP, sound effects, digital photography



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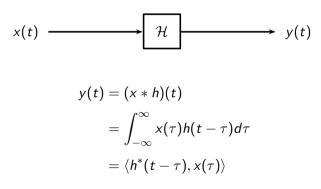
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Real-world frequency

frequency: number of repetitions per second

- ► f expressed in Hz (1/sec)
- lacktriangle alternatively, angular frequency in rad/s: $\Omega=2\pi f$
- ightharpoonup period for periodic signals is $T=rac{1}{f}=rac{2\pi}{\Omega}$

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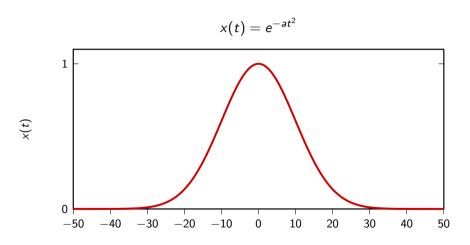
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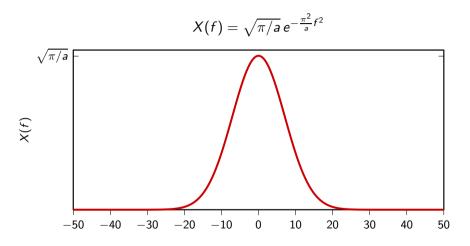
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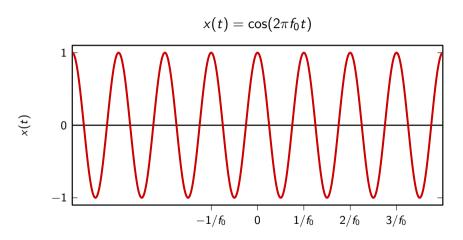
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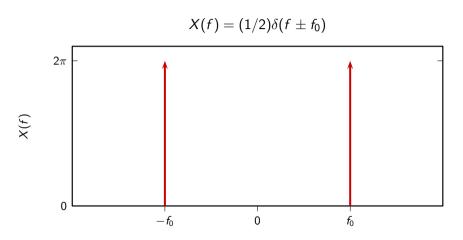
$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(j\Omega) e^{j\Omega t} d\Omega$$

Laplace transform computed on the imaginary axis









Convolution theorem

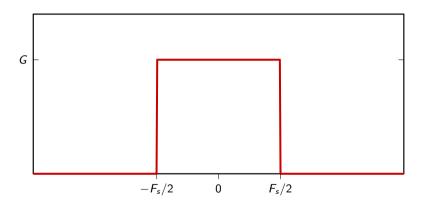
$$x(t) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H} \longrightarrow y(t)$$
$$Y(f) = X(f) H(f)$$

A new concept: bandlimited functions

a continuous-time signal is bandlimited if there exists a frequency F_s such that:

$$X(f) = 0$$
 for $|f| > F_s/2$

Prototypical bandlimited function



The prototypical bandlimited function

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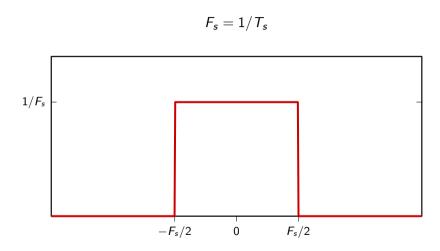
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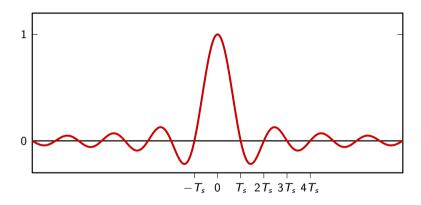
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- ightharpoonup total bandwidth: F_s
- ightharpoonup define $T_s = 1/F_s$
- ▶ normalization: $G = 1/F_s = T_s$

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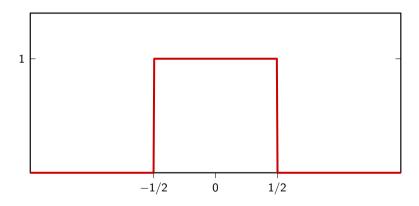


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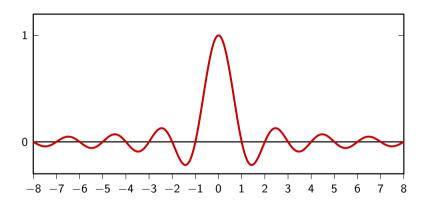
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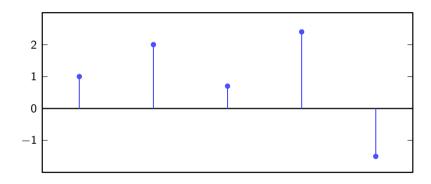
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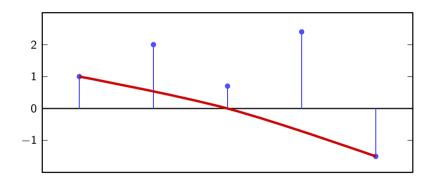
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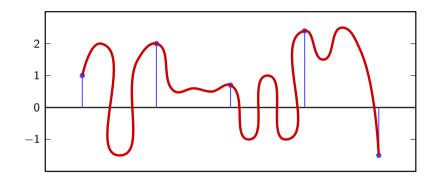
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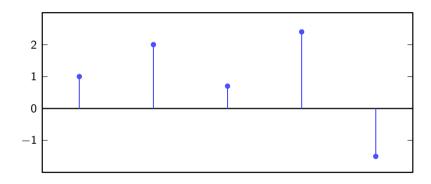
"fill the gaps" between samples

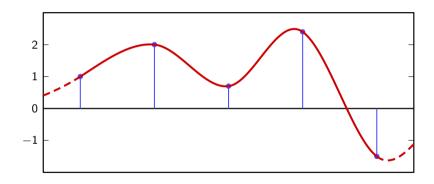
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Lagrange interpolation

Let's use the power of vector spaces:

- \triangleright P_N : space of degree-2N polynomials over I_N
- ightharpoonup interpolation will be a linear combination of basis vectors for P_N
- what is a good basis for interpolation?

Aside: N-degree polynomial bases on the interval

- ightharpoonup naive basis: $1, t, t^2, \dots, t^N$
- ▶ Legendre basis: orthonormal, increasing degree, good for MSE approximation
- ► Chebyshev basis: orthonormal, increasing degree, good for minimax approximation
- ► Lagrange polynomials: equal degree, interpolation property

Lagrange interpolation

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- ightharpoonup a basis for P_N is the family of 2N+1 Lagrange polynomials

$$L_n^{(N)}(t) = \prod_{\substack{k=-N\\k\neq n}}^N \frac{t-k}{n-k}$$
 $n = -N, \dots, N$

interpolation property:

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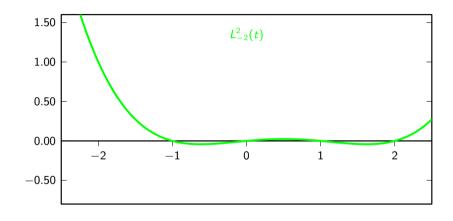
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Lagrange polynomials for I_2

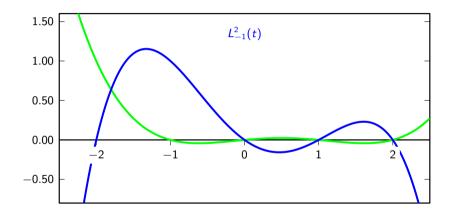
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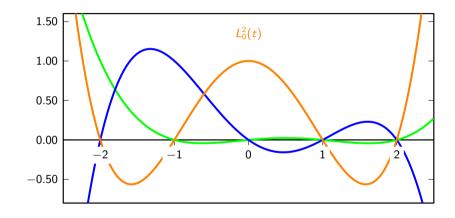
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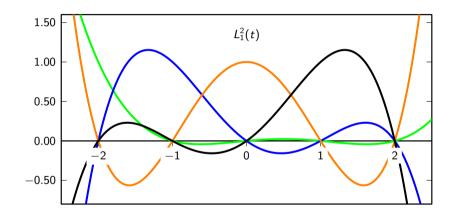
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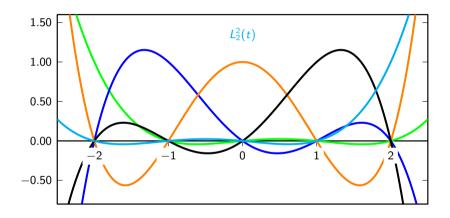
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$$p(t) = \sum_{n=-N}^{N} x[n] L_n^{(N)}(t)$$

The Lagrange interpolation is the unique polynomial interpolation:

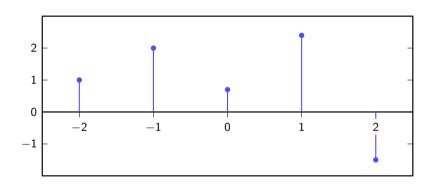
- ightharpoonup polynomial of degree 2N through 2N + 1 points is unique
- ▶ the Lagrangian interpolator satisfies

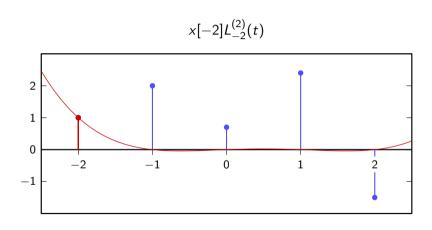
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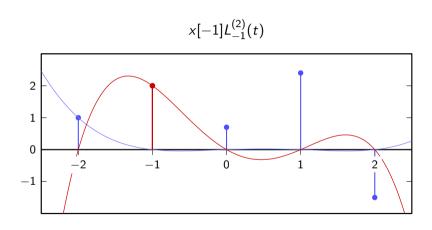
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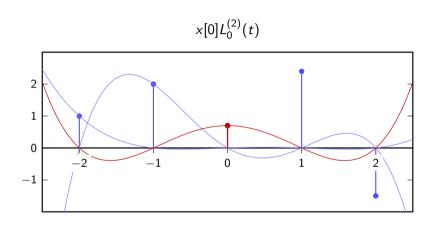
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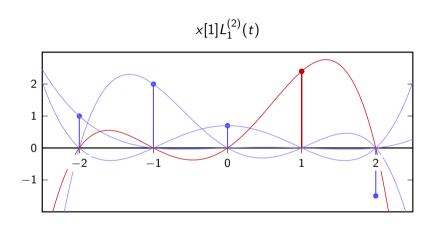
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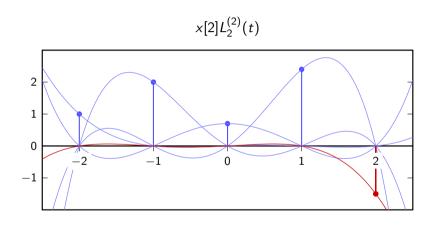


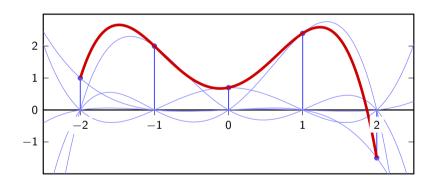


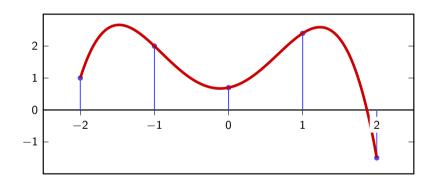












Polynomial interpolation

key property:

maximally smooth (infinitely many continuous derivatives)

drawback:

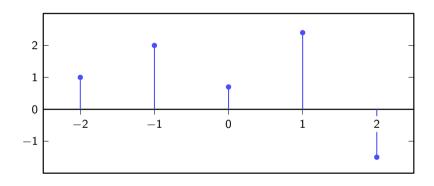
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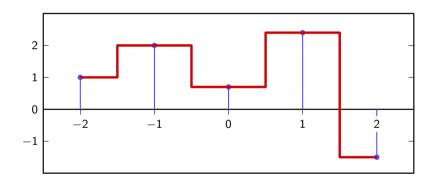
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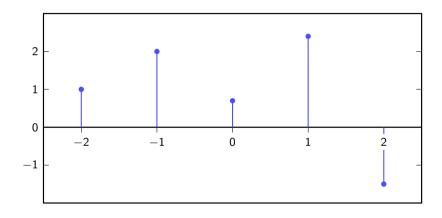
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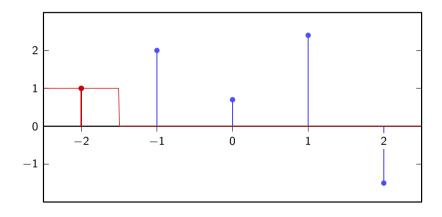
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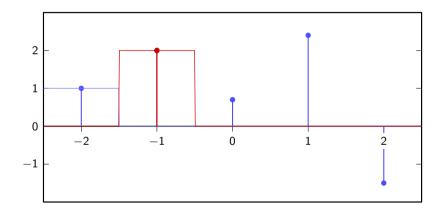
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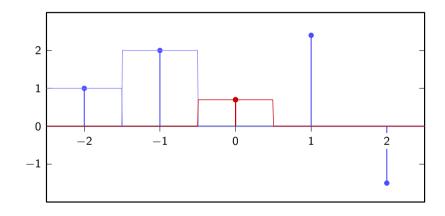
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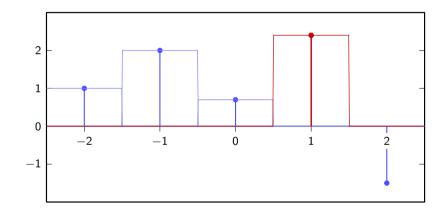
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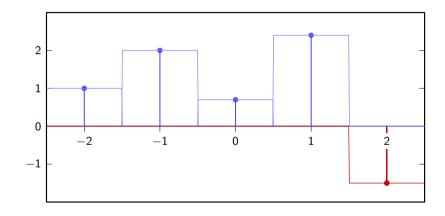


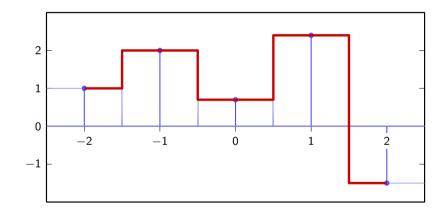


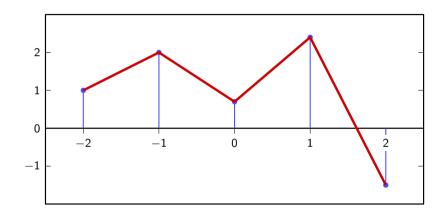












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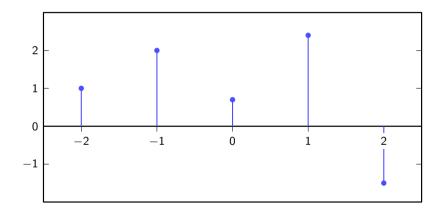
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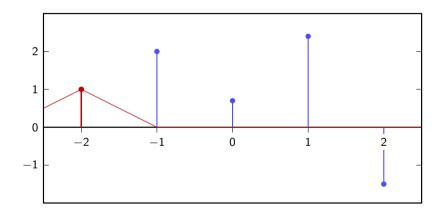
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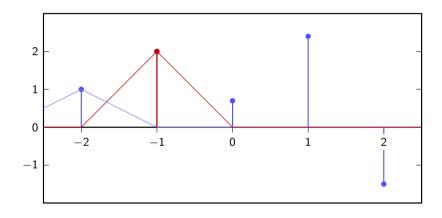
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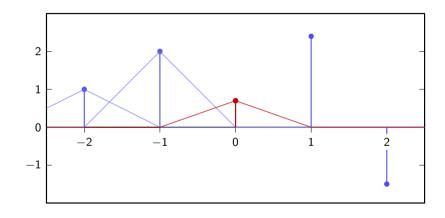
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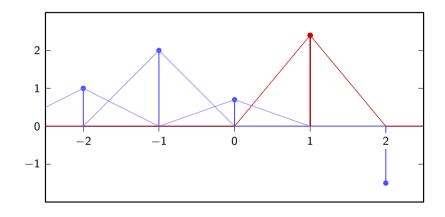
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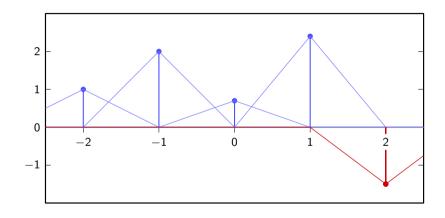


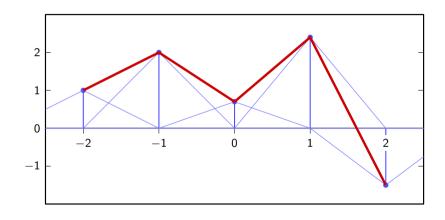










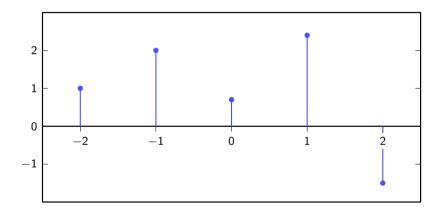


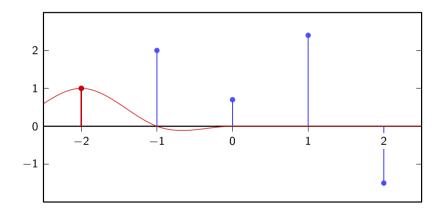
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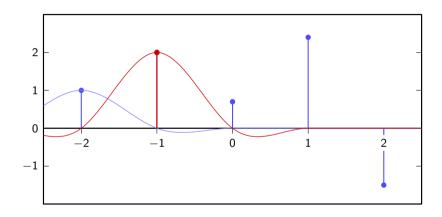
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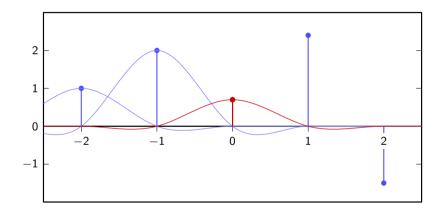
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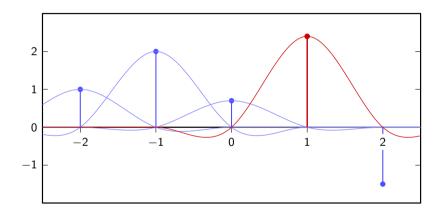
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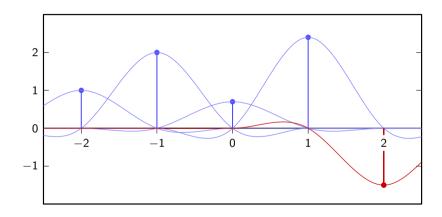


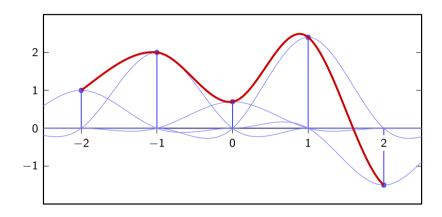












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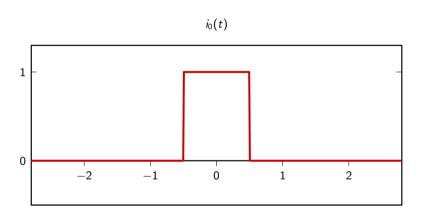
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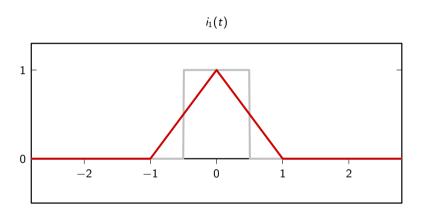
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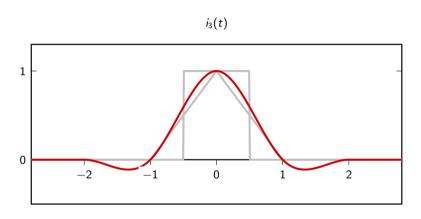
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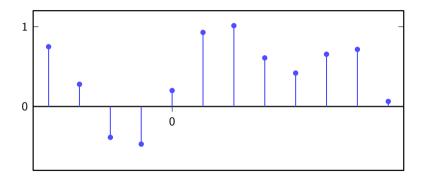
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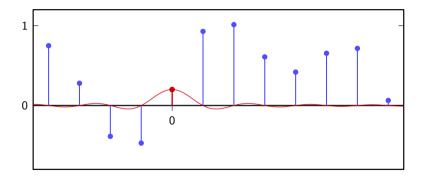
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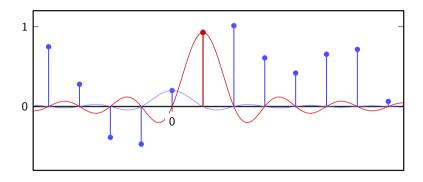
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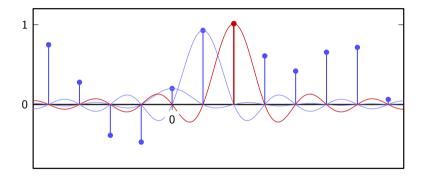
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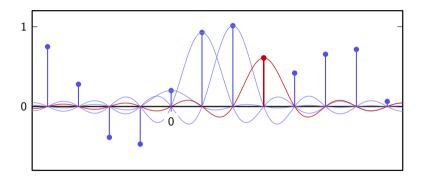
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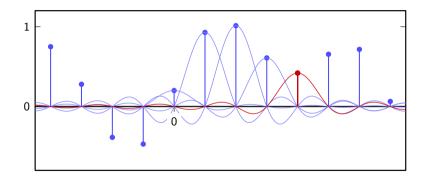


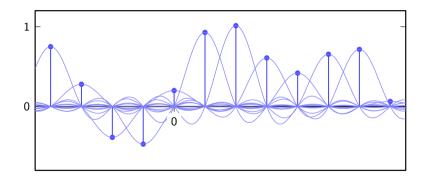


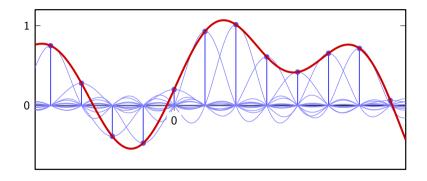


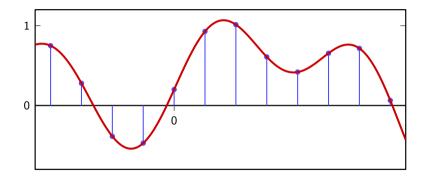










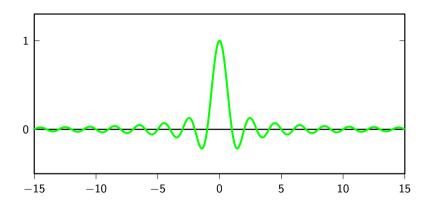


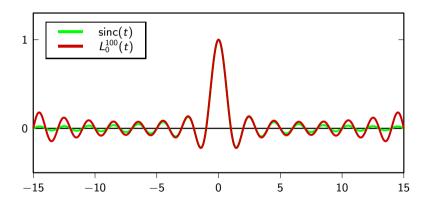
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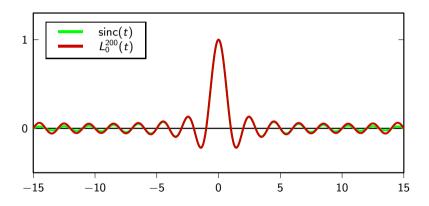
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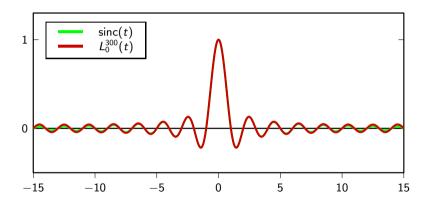
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$$L_n^{(N)}(m) = \delta[m-n]$$
 $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, -N \le n, m \le N$

Convergence: Euler's "proof" (1748)

very cute (if non-rigorous) proof – see handout or book for details

Convergence: rigorous proof

uses the properties of Fourier series expansions – see handout or book for details



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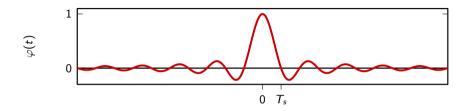
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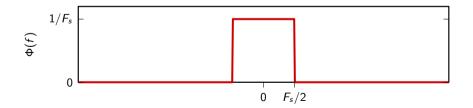
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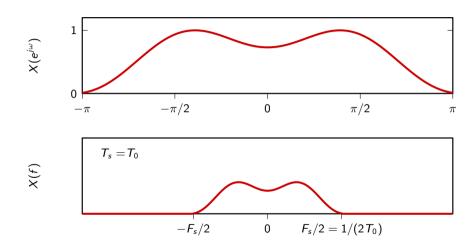
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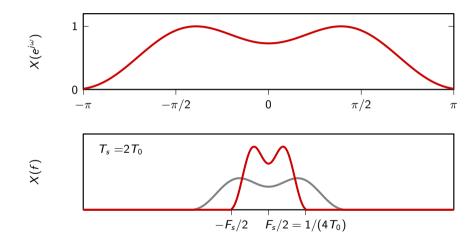
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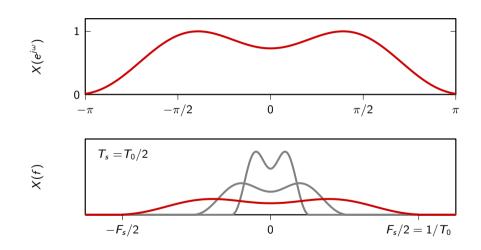
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Let's lighten the notation

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Sampling as a basis expansion, F_s -BL

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 F_N is called the Nyquist frequency of the signal.