COM303: Digital Signal Processing

Lecture 10: Ideal Filters and Approximations

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- approximating ideal filters

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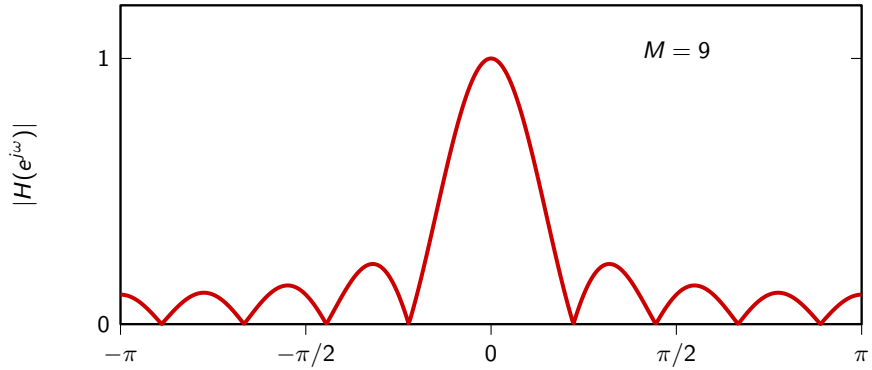

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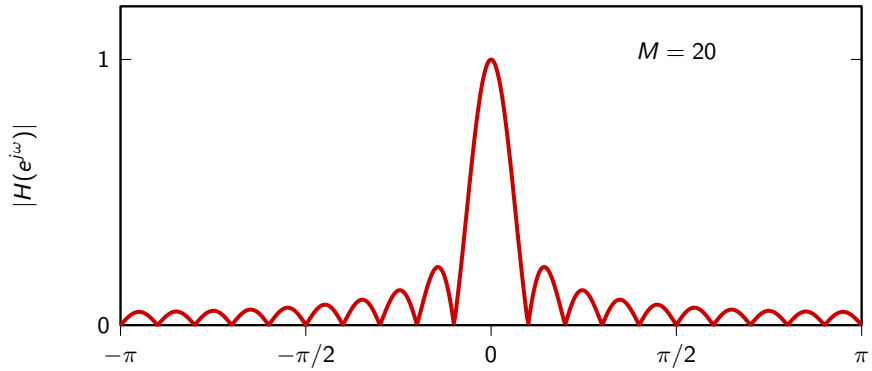

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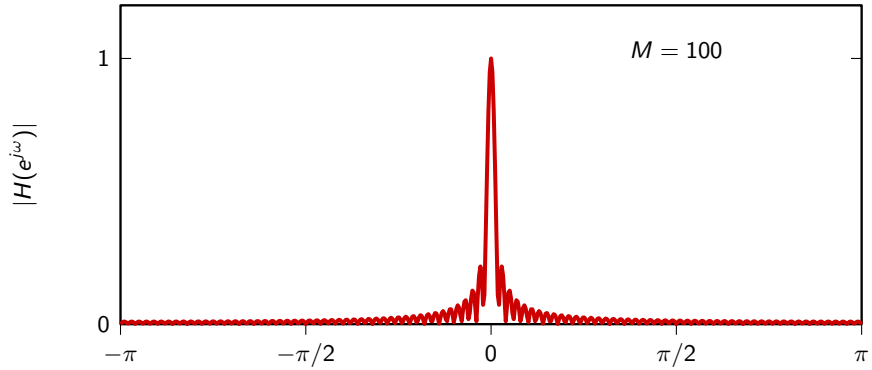

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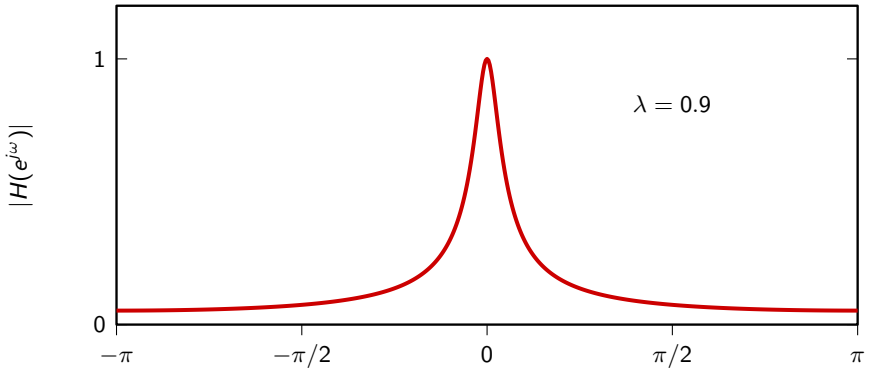

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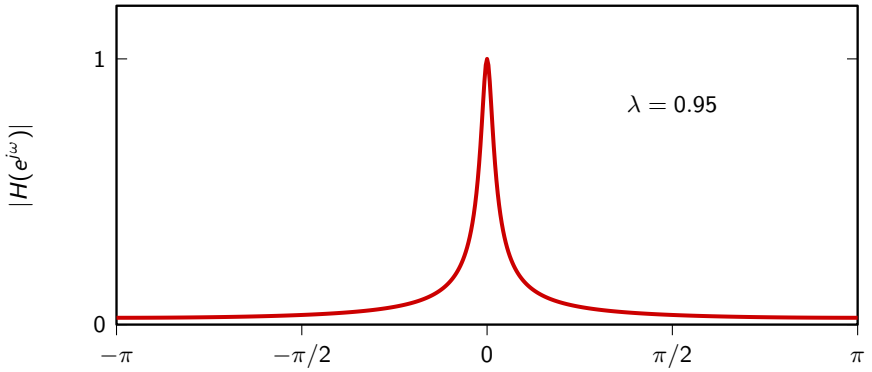

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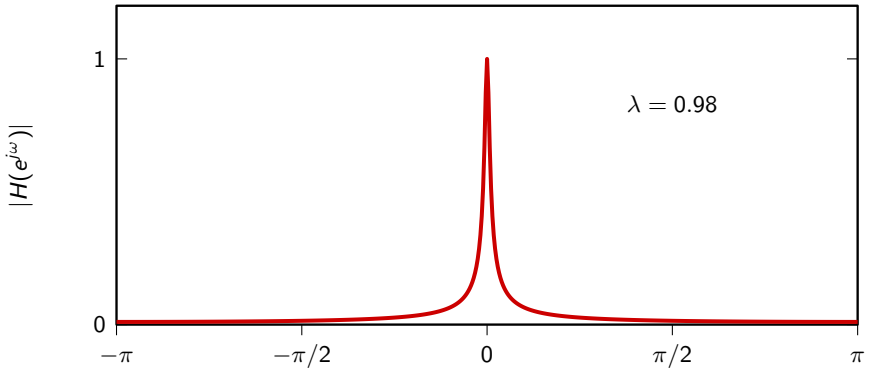

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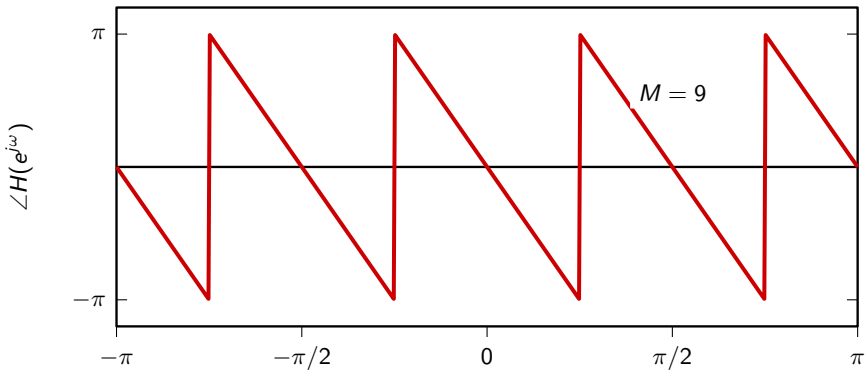

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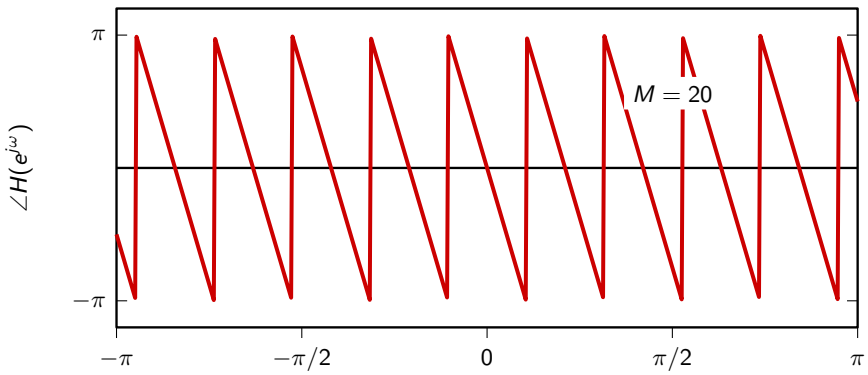

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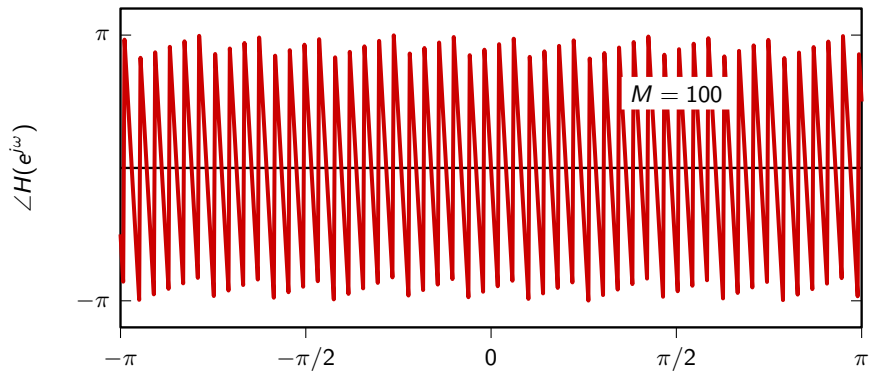

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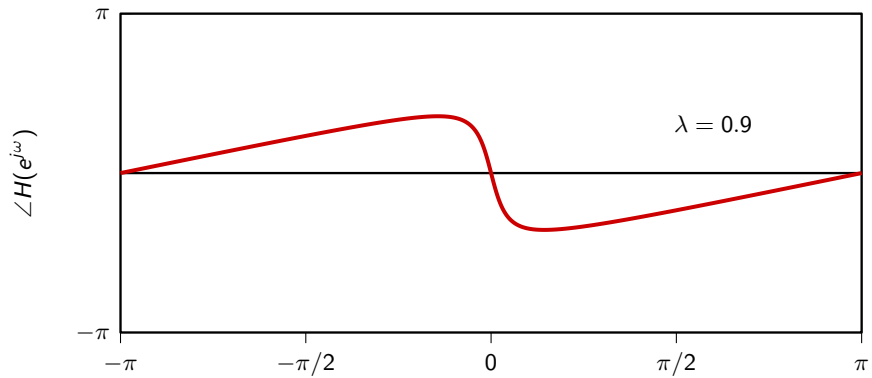

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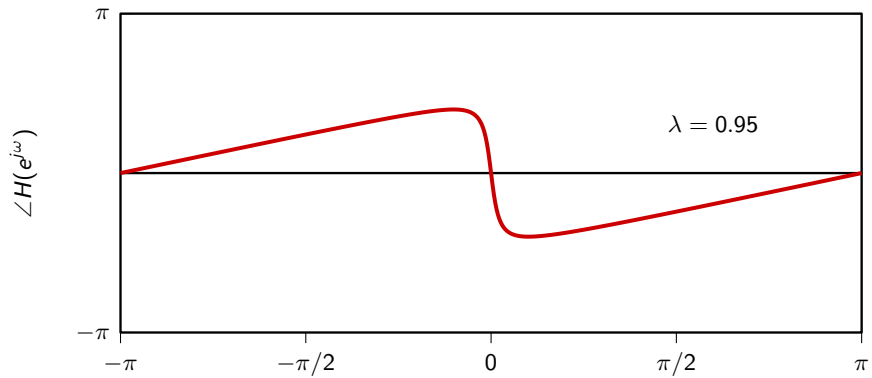

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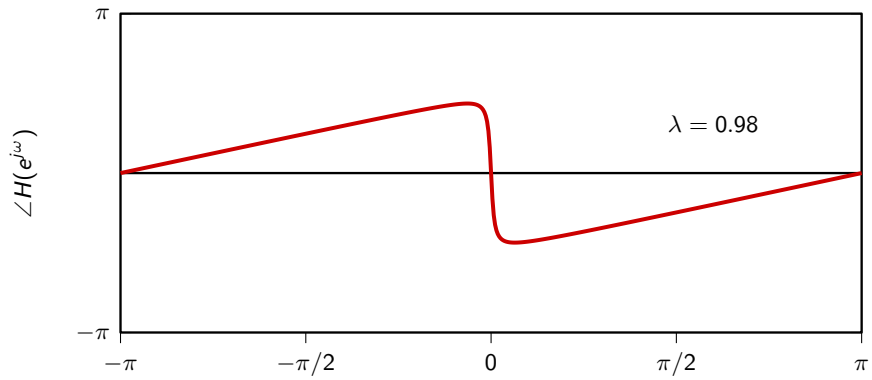

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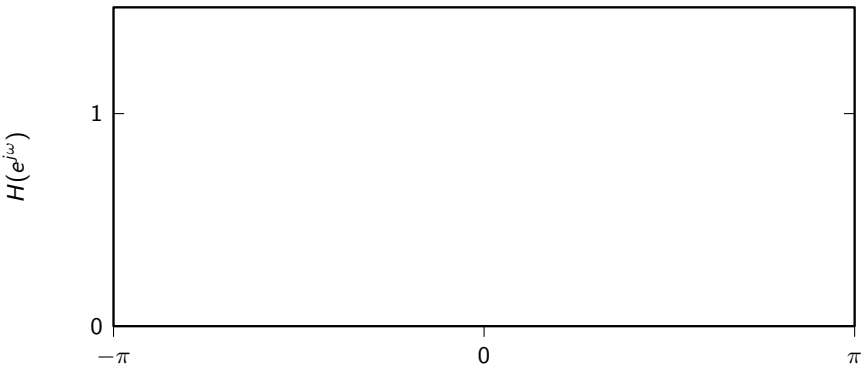

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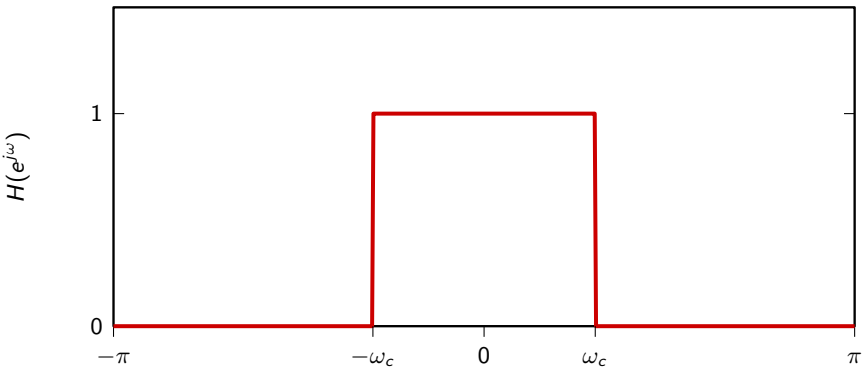

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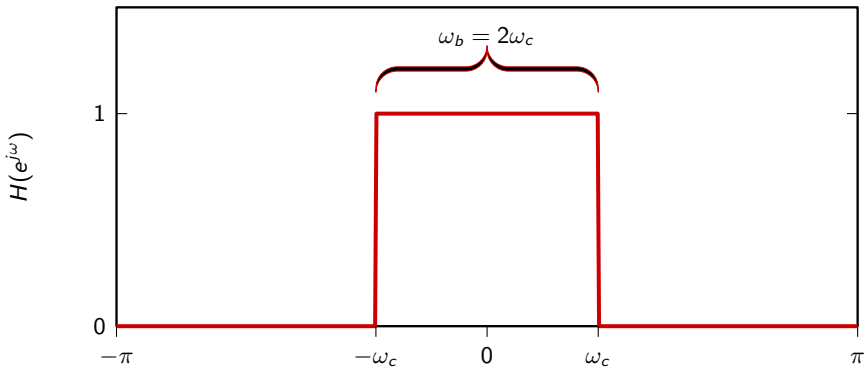

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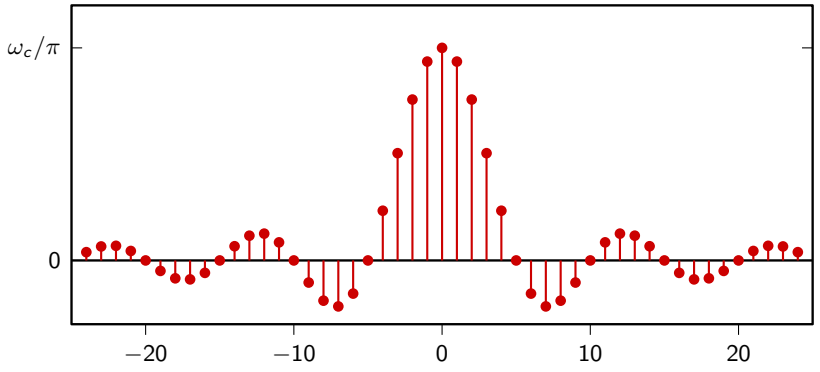

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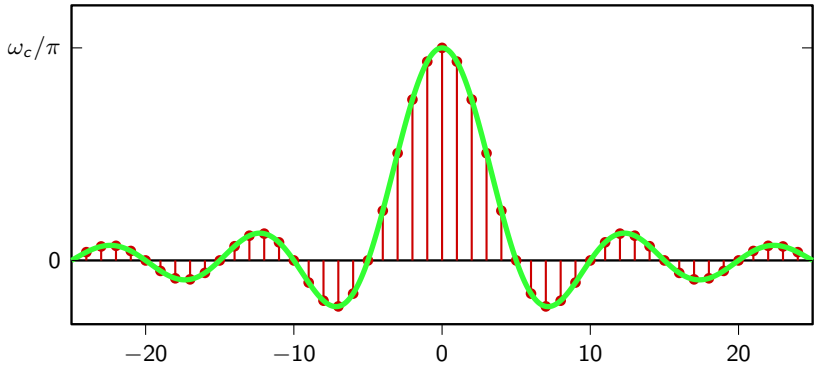

Ladies and Gentlemen: the Sinc and the Rect!

The sinc-rect pair:

$$\text{rect}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & |x| \leq 1/2 \\ 0 & |x| > 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{sinc}(x) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x} & x \neq 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

(note that $\text{sinc}(x) = 0$ when x is a nonzero integer)

The ideal lowpass in canonical form

$$\text{rect}\left(\frac{\omega}{2\omega_c}\right) \overset{\text{DTFT}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{\omega_c}{\pi}\,\text{sinc}\left(\frac{\omega_c}{\pi}n\right)$$

Example

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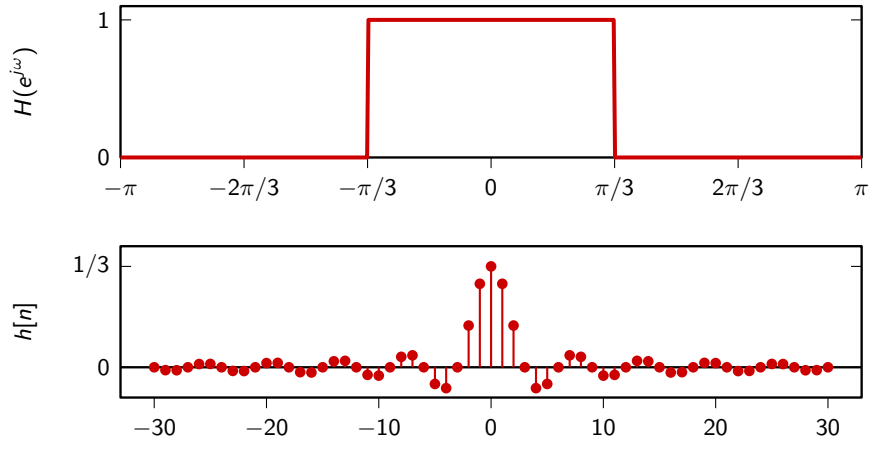

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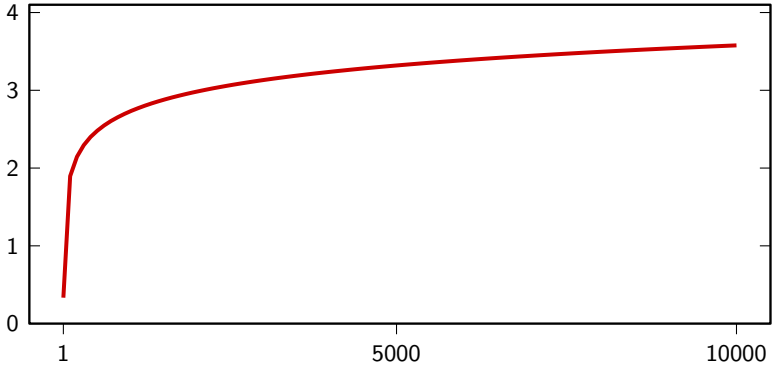

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integral criterion for convergence:

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} f(n) < \infty \Leftrightarrow \int_1^\infty f(t)dt < \infty$$

so:

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \left|\frac{\sin n}{n}\right| < \infty \Leftrightarrow \int_1^\infty \left|\frac{\sin t}{t}\right| dt < \infty$$

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$$\int_1^\infty \left|\frac{\sin t}{t}\right| dt \geq \int_\pi^\infty \left|\frac{\sin t}{t}\right| dt$$

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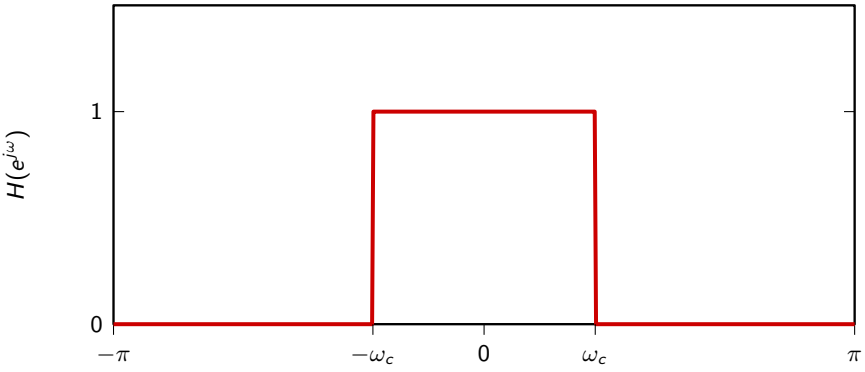

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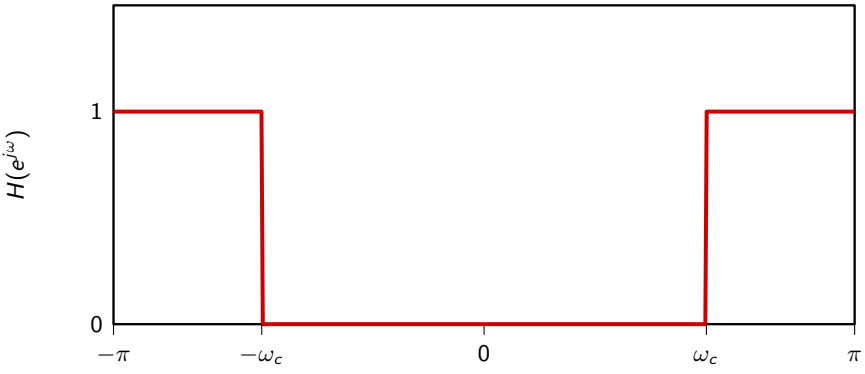

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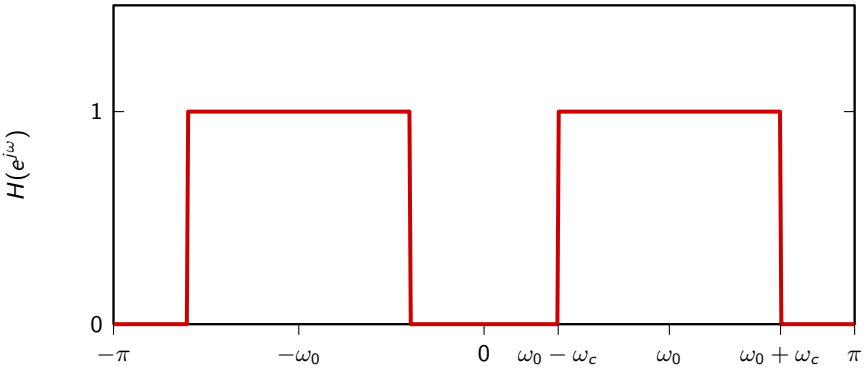

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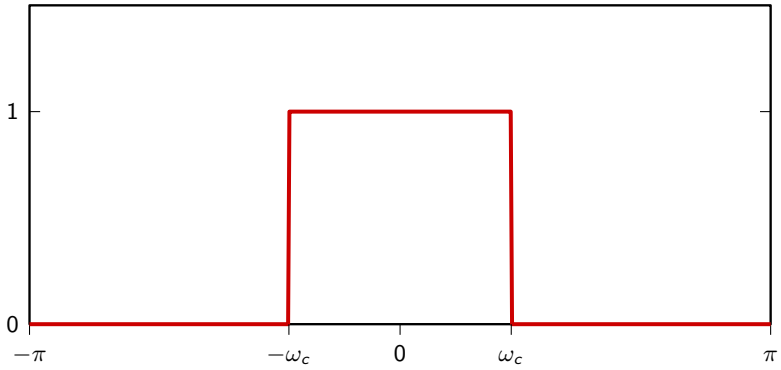

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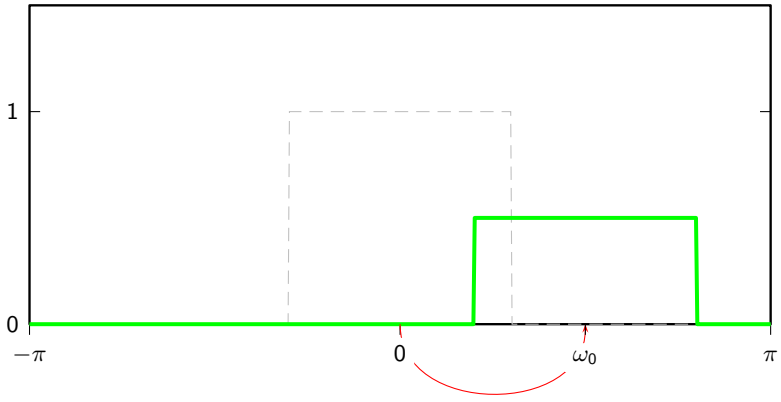

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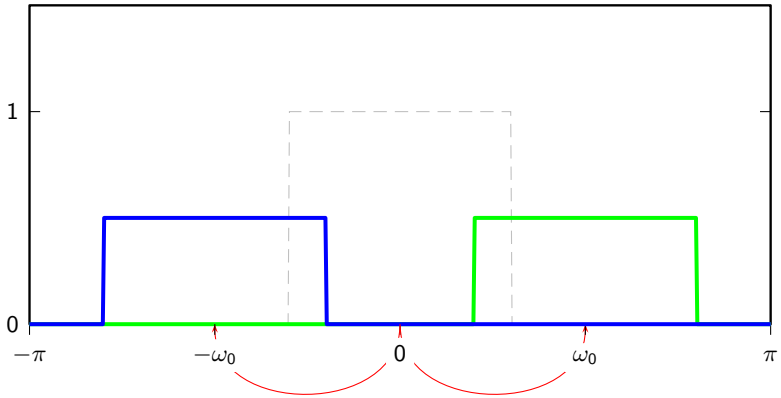

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remember the classic demodulation scheme:

- apply sinusoidal modulation to $x[n]$: $y[n] = x[n] \cos \omega_0 n$
- demodulate by multiplying by the carrier $x'[n] = y[n] \cos \omega_0 n$
- demodulated signal contains unwanted high-frequency components

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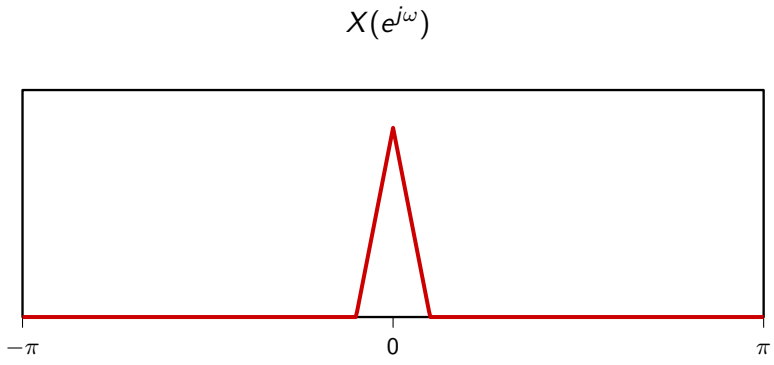

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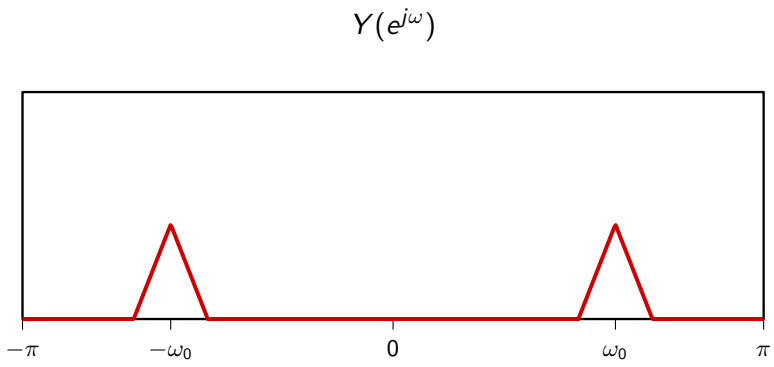

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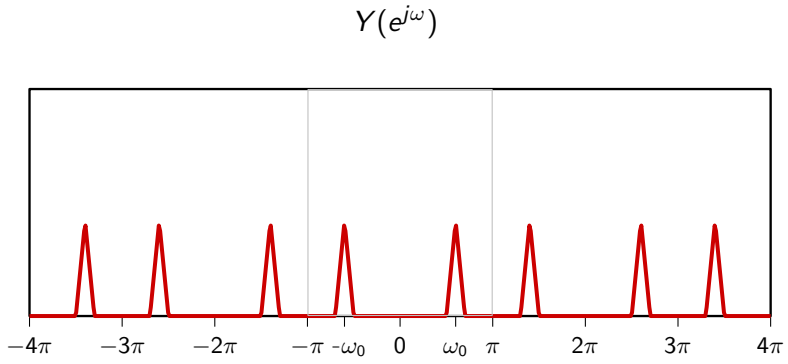

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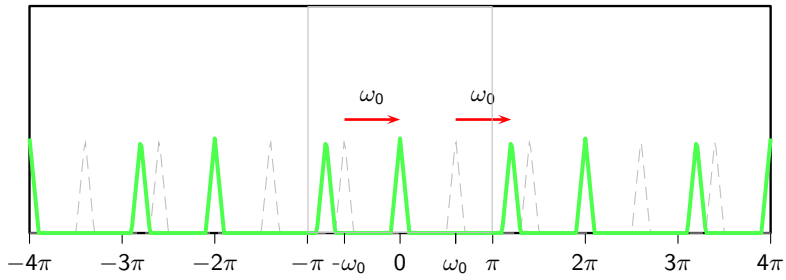

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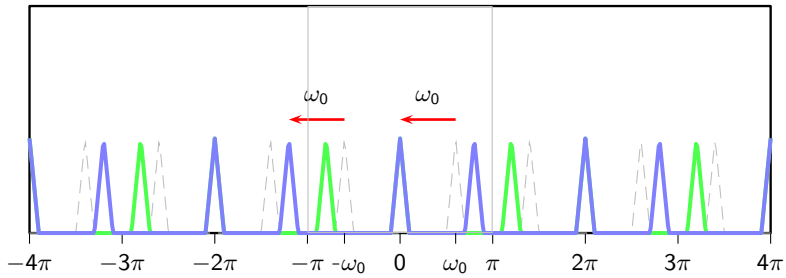

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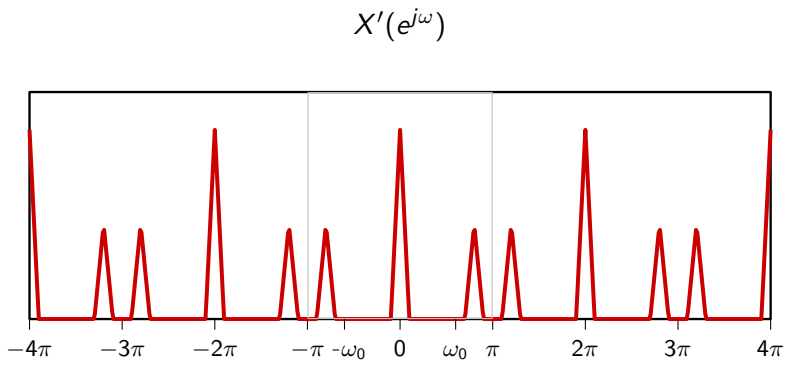

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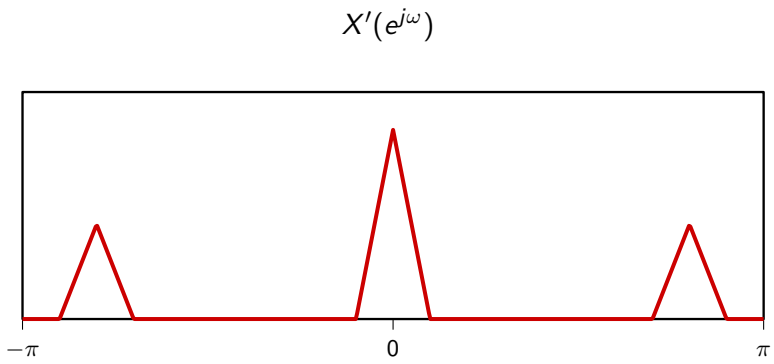

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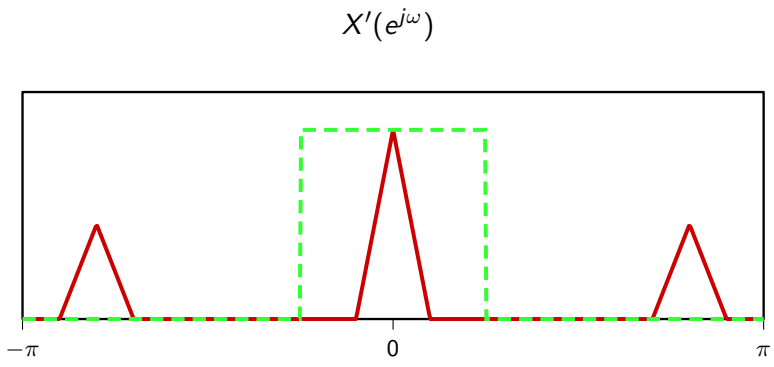

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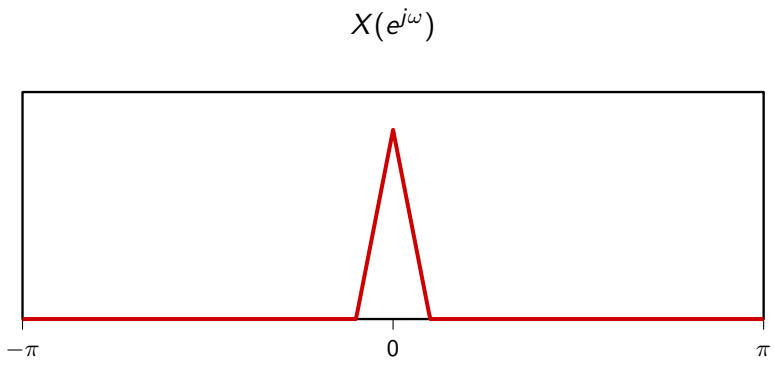

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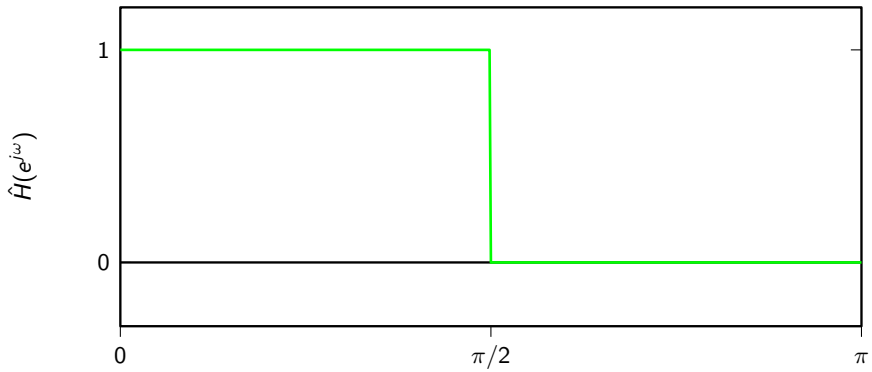

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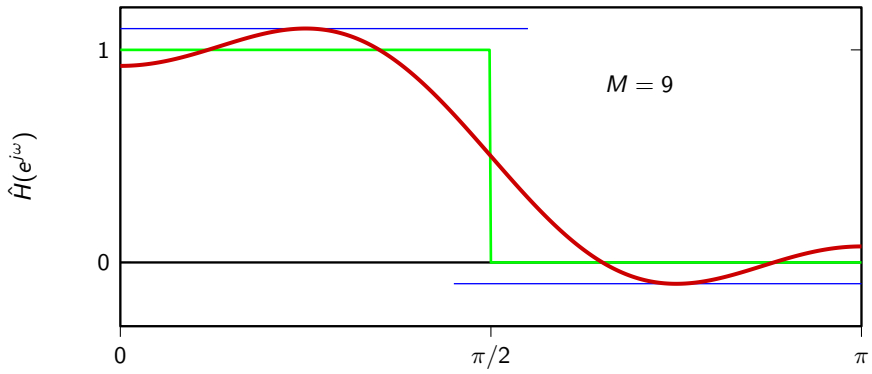

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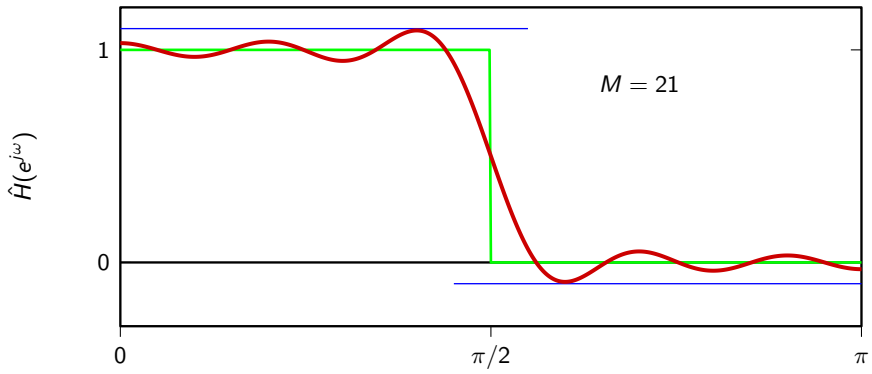

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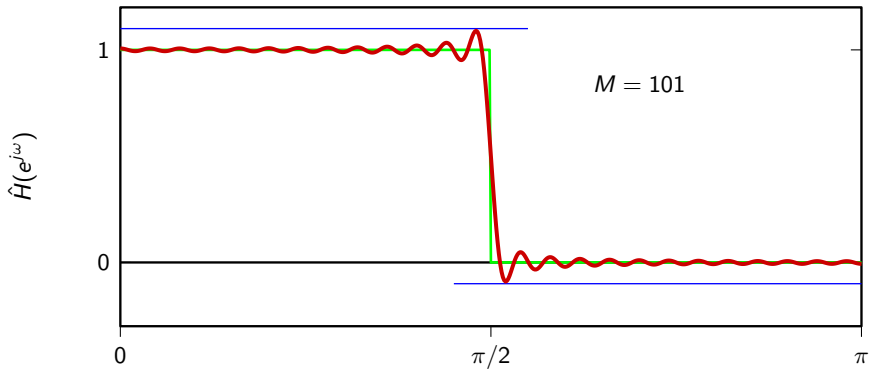

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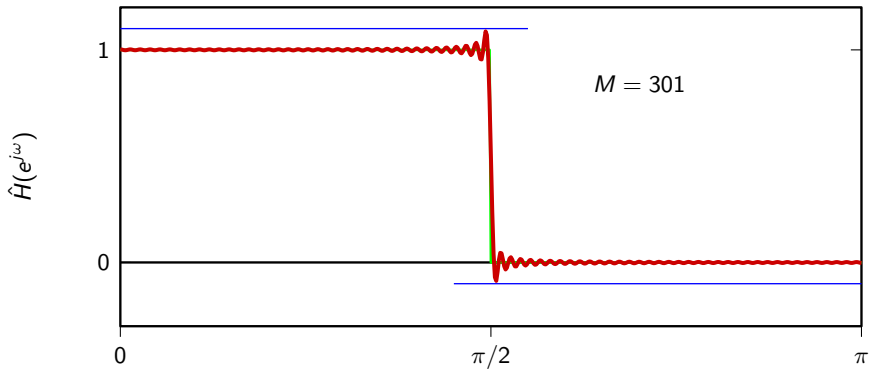

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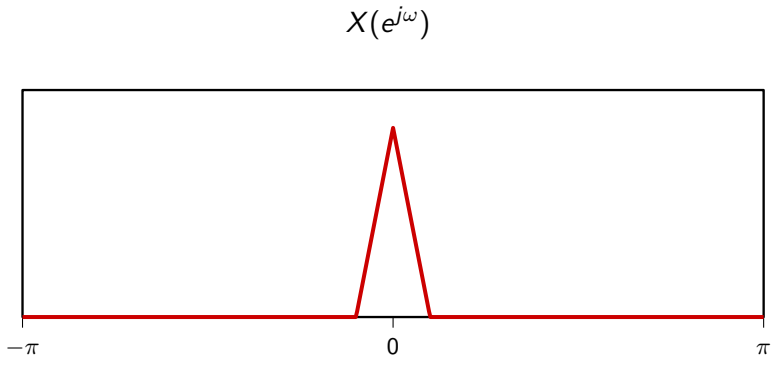

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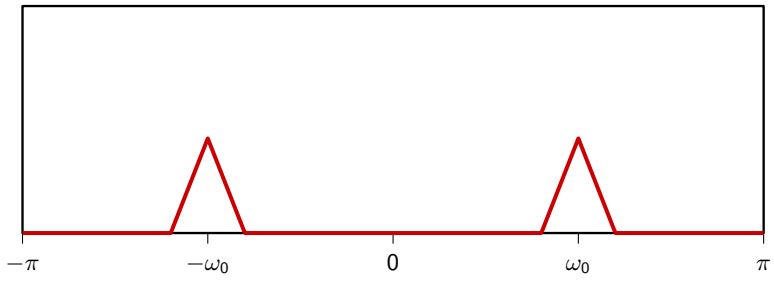

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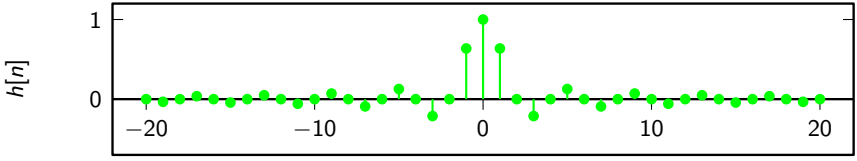

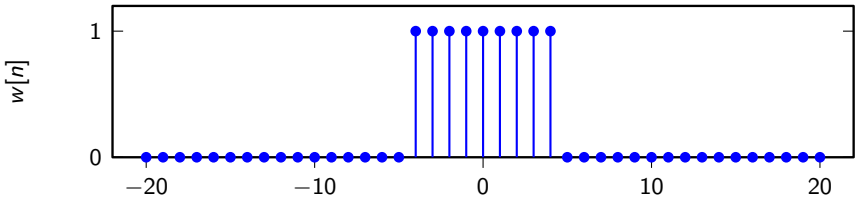

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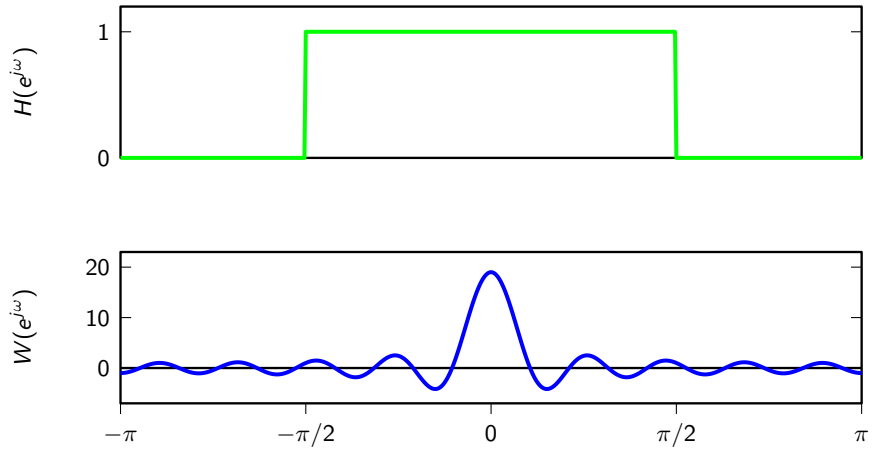

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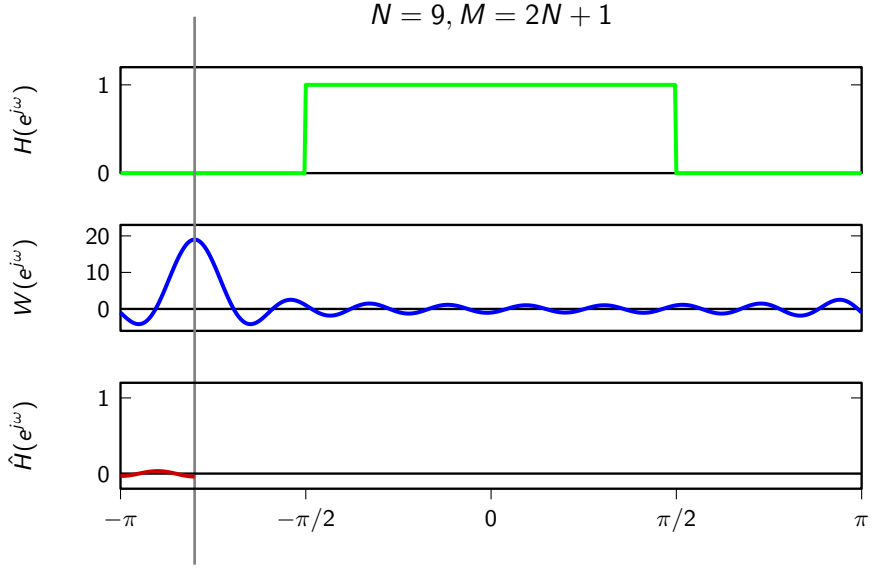

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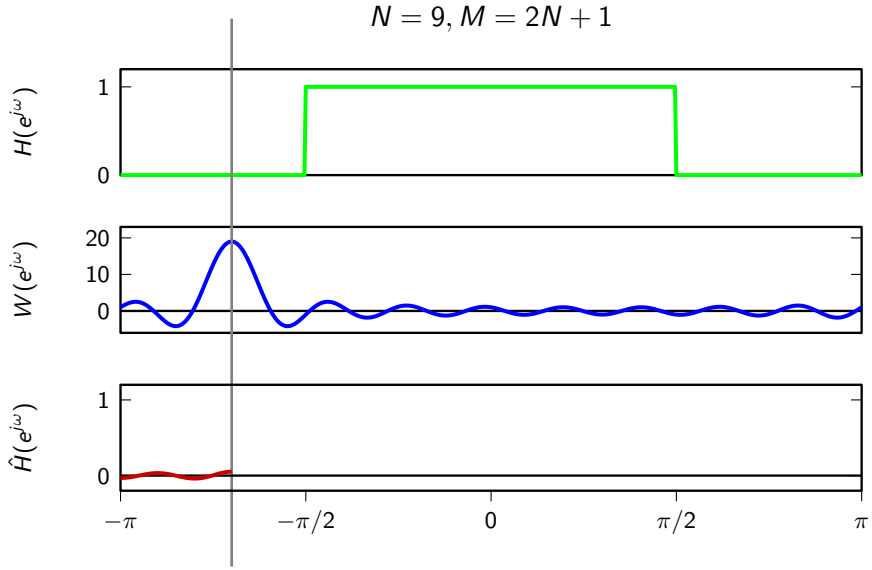

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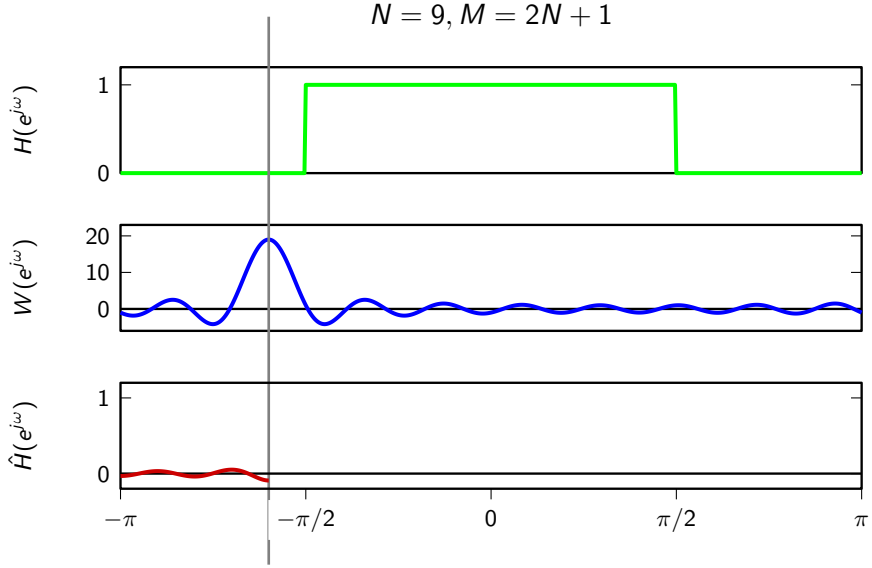

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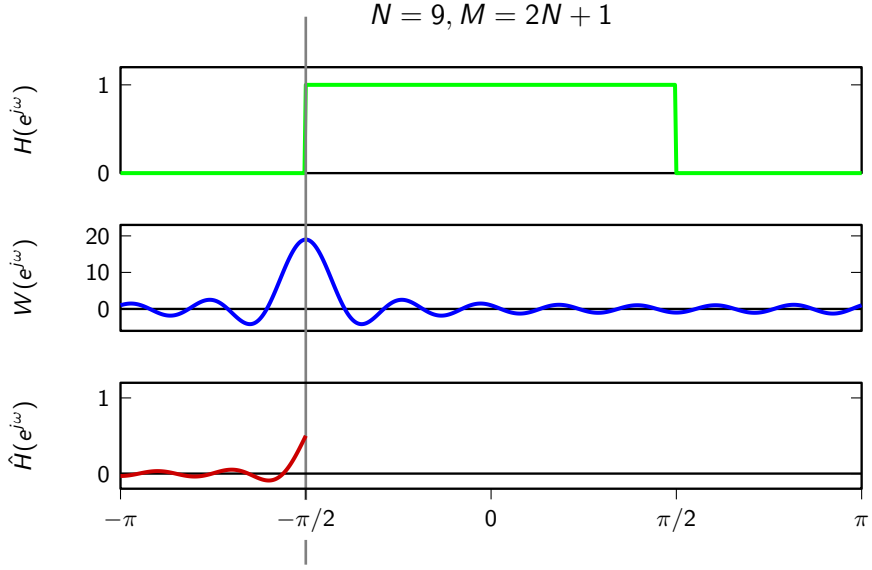

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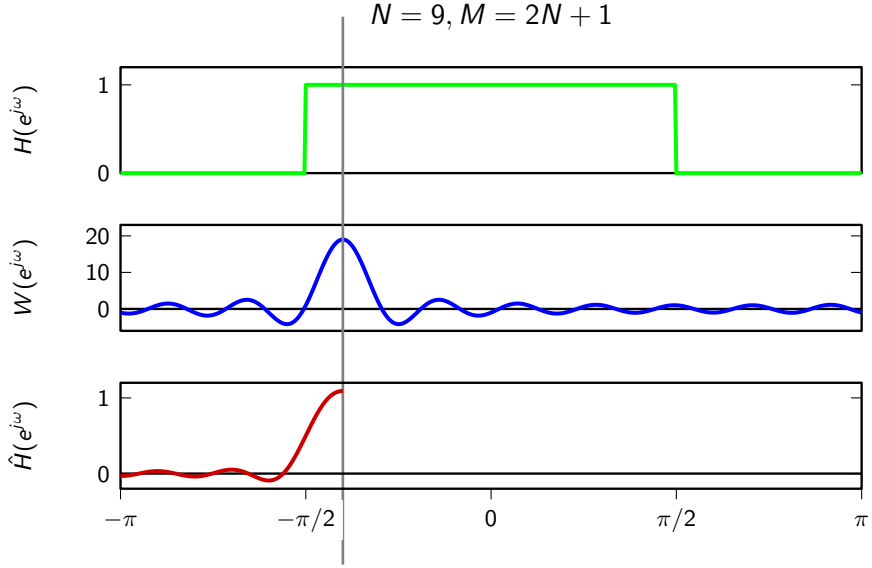

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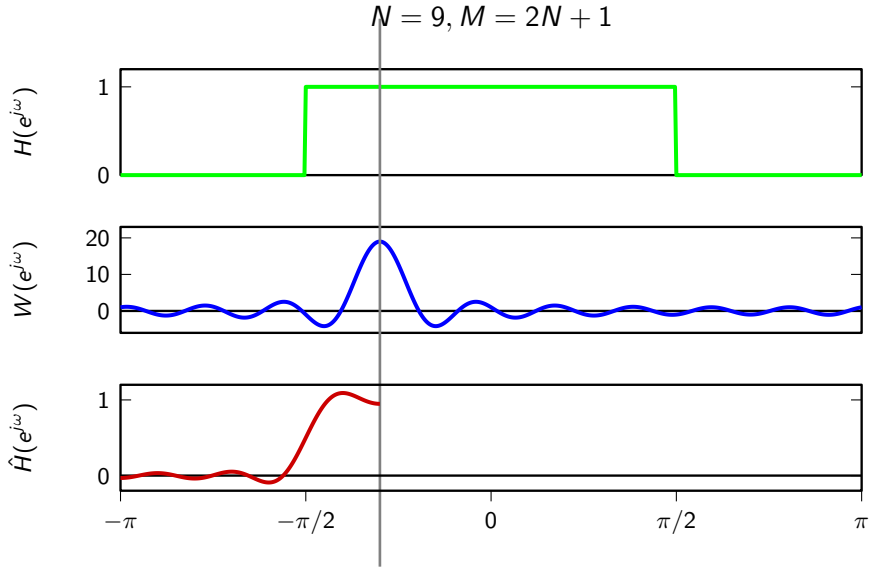

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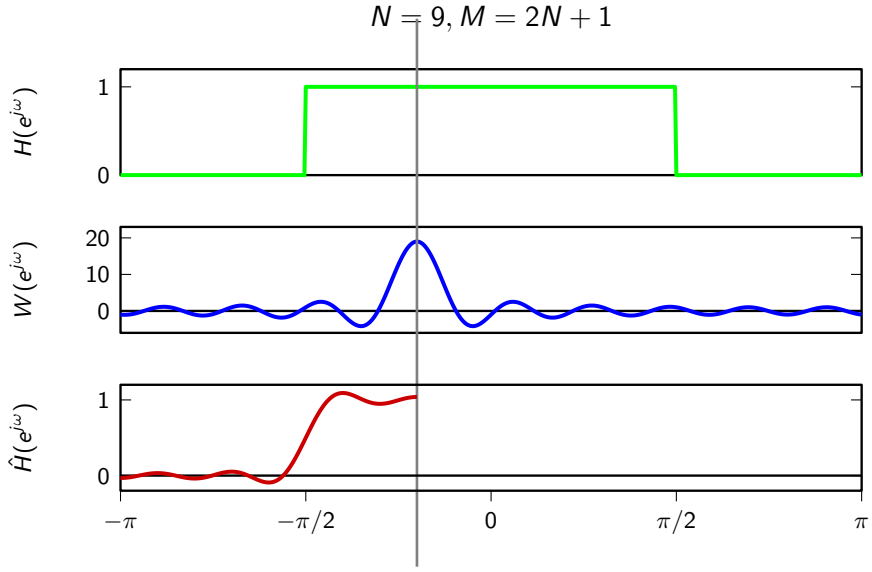

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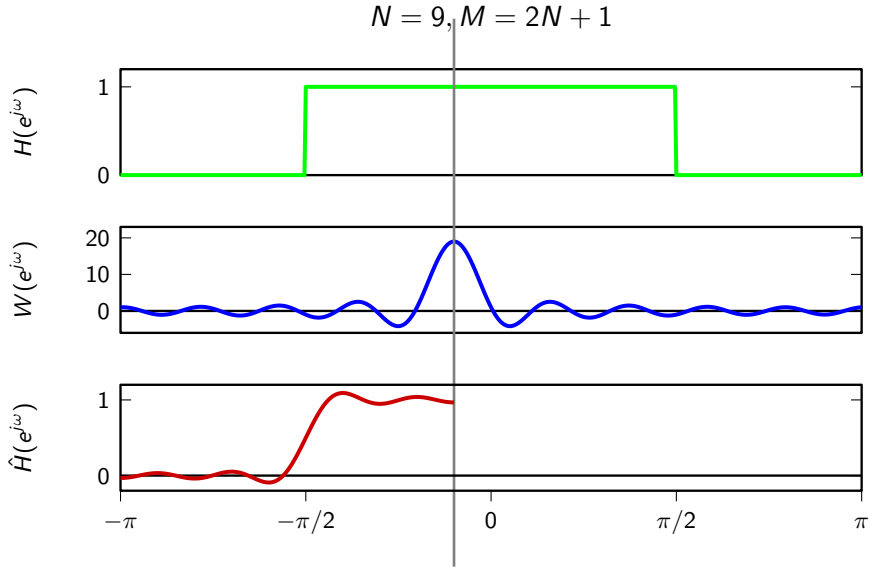

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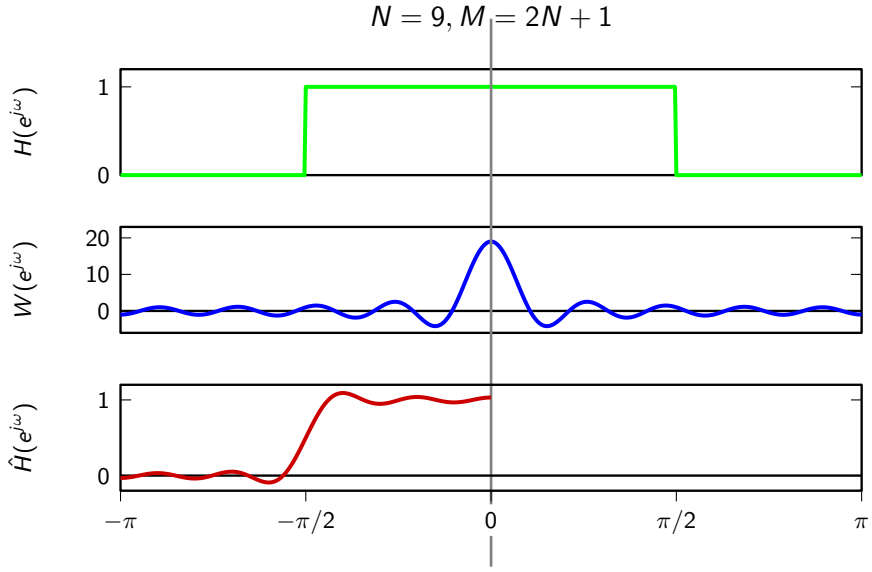

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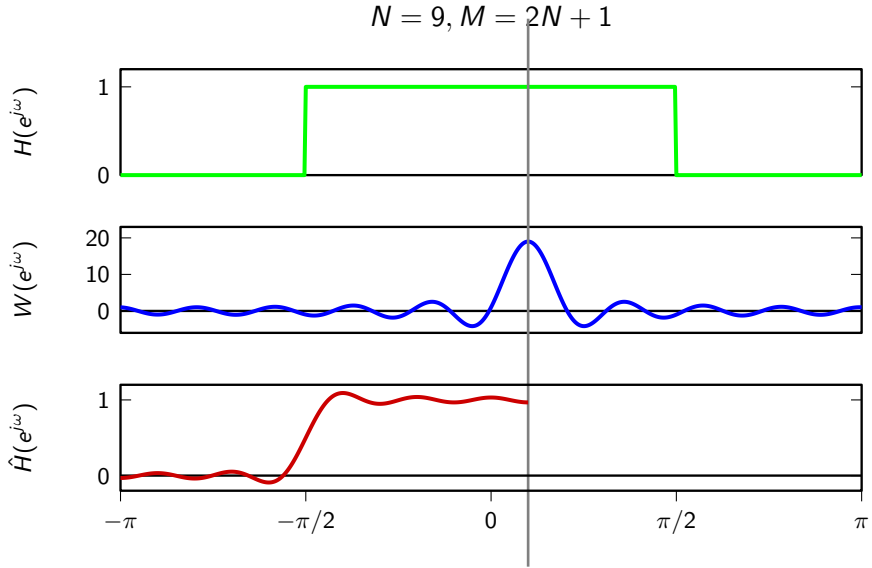

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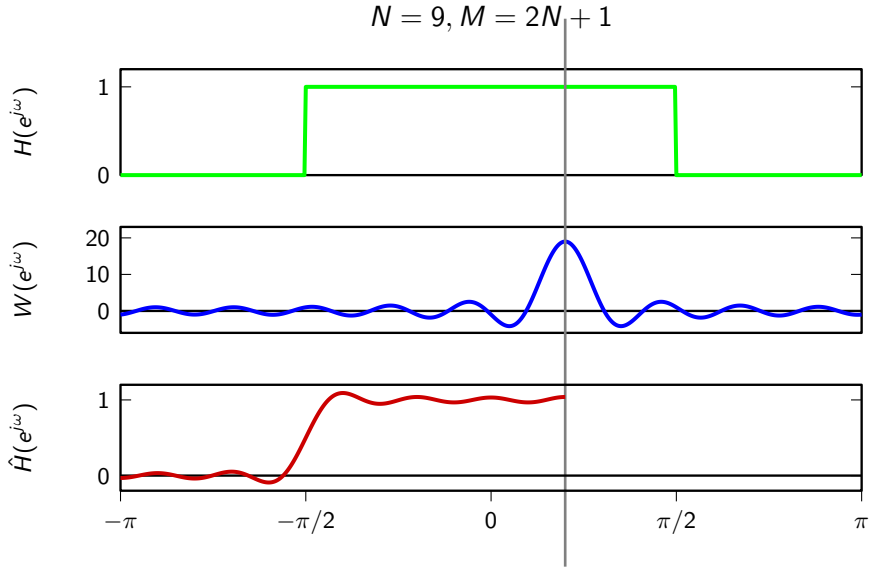

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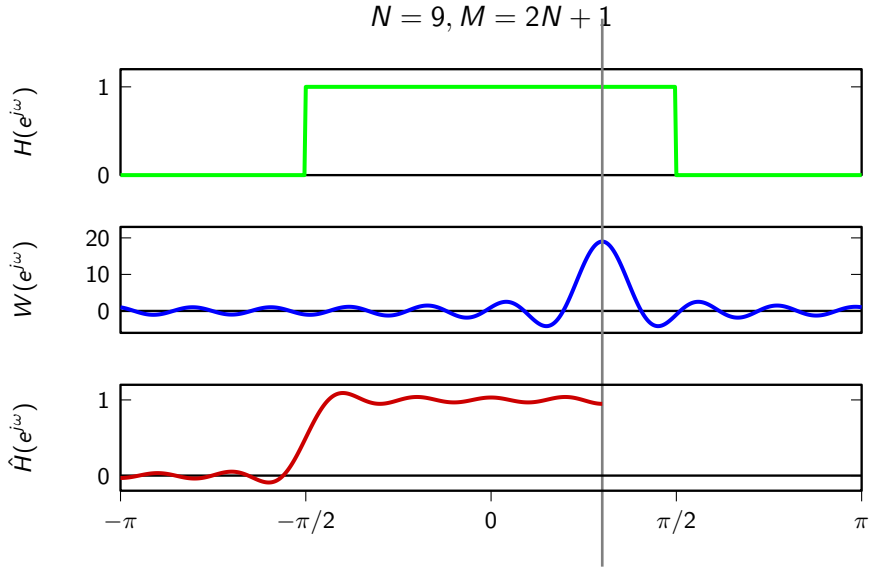

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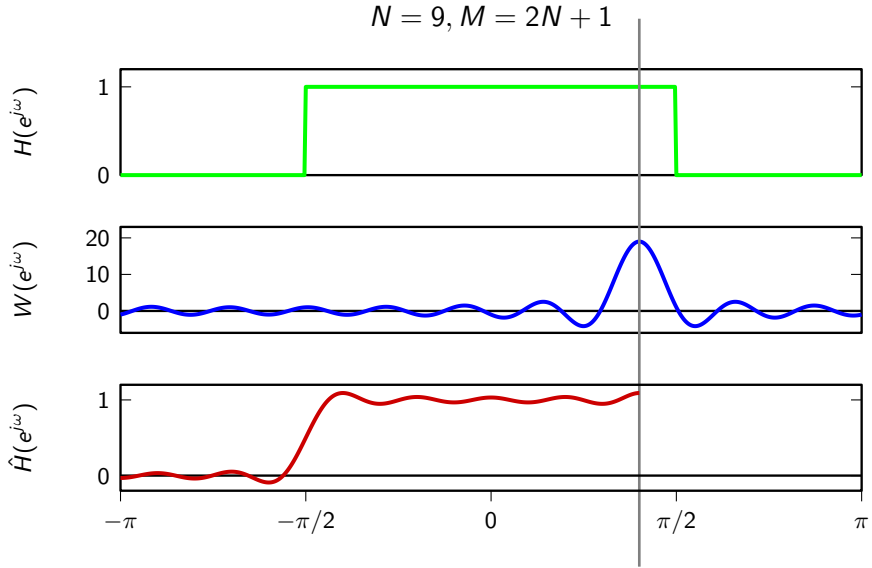

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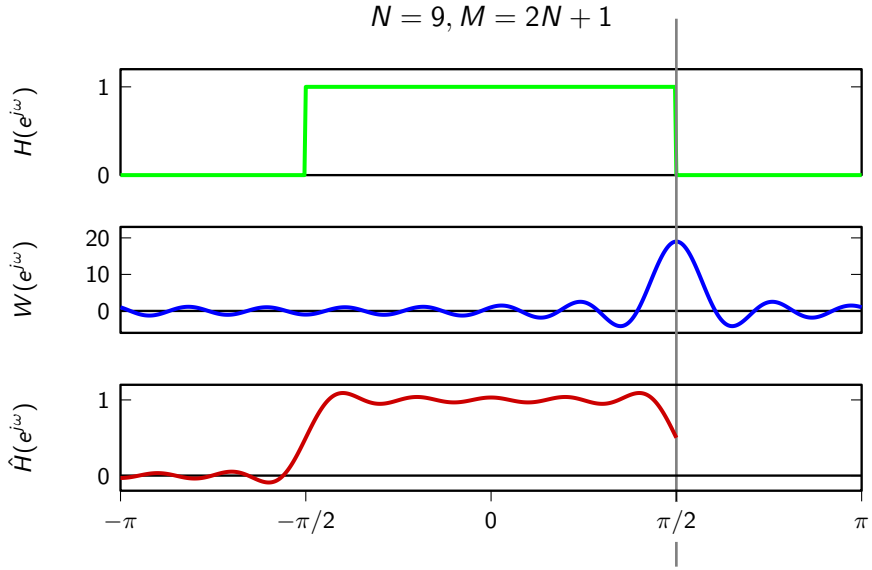

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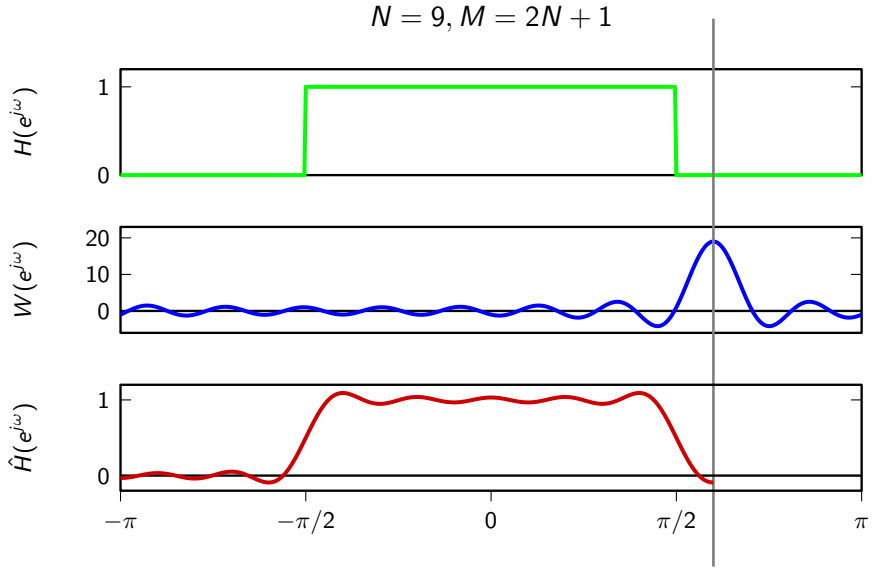

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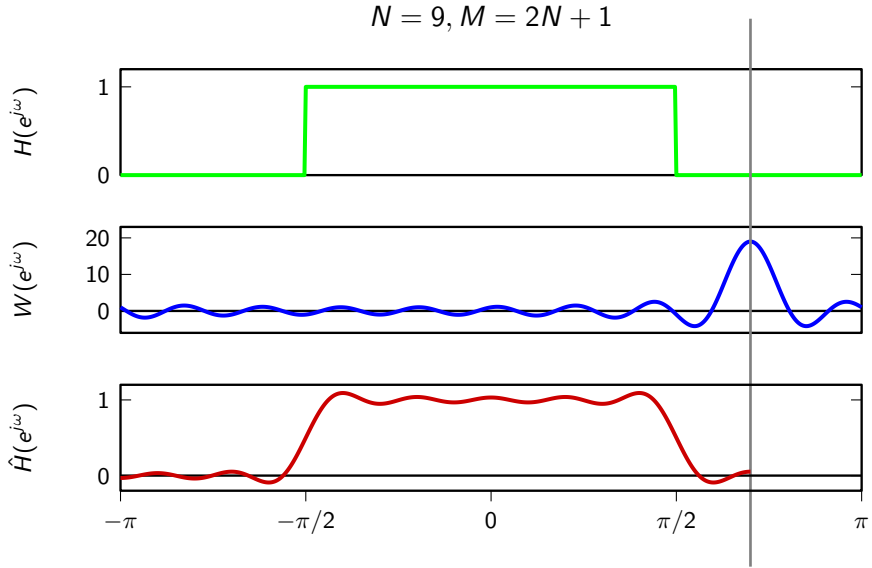

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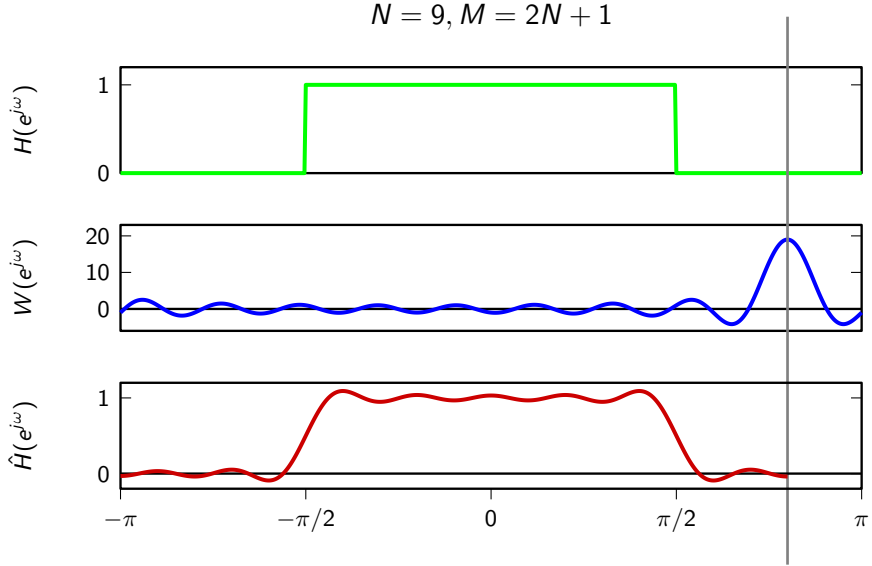

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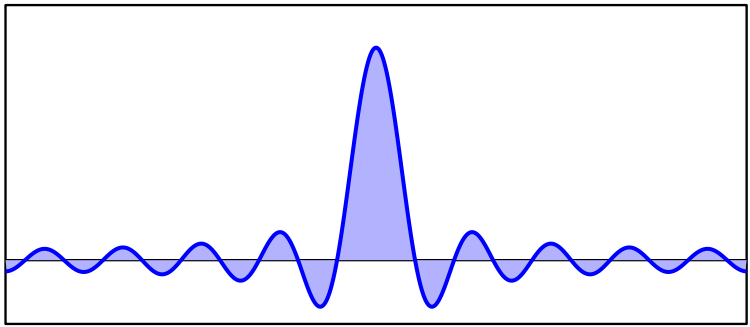

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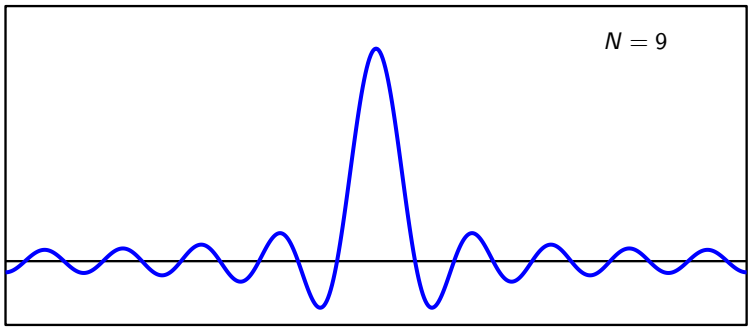

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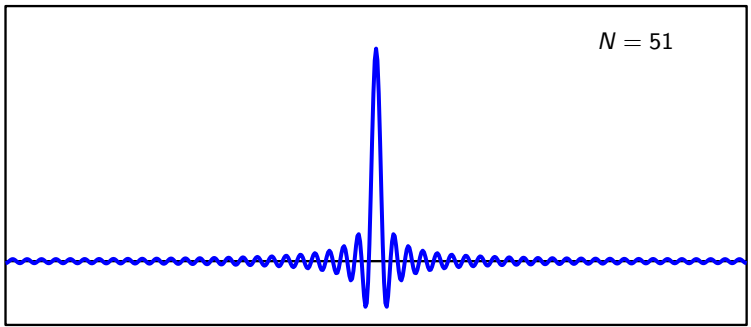

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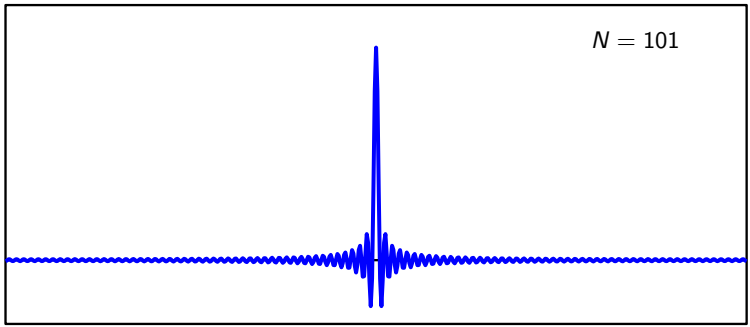

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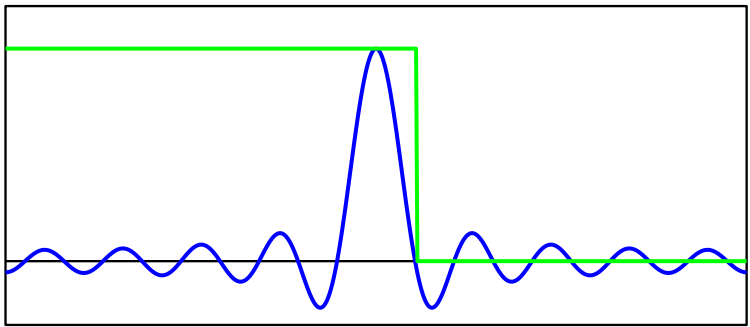

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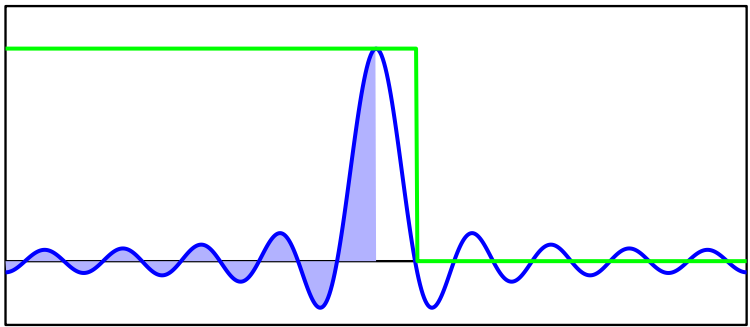

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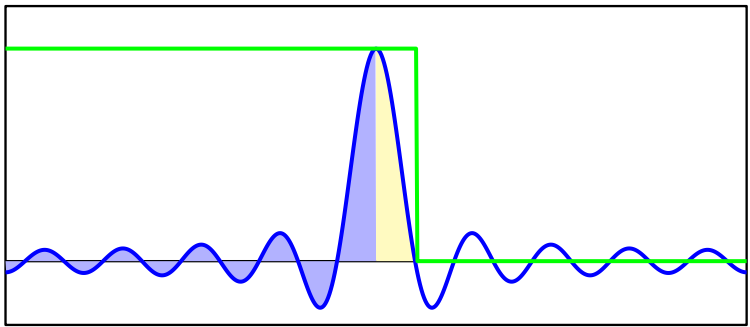

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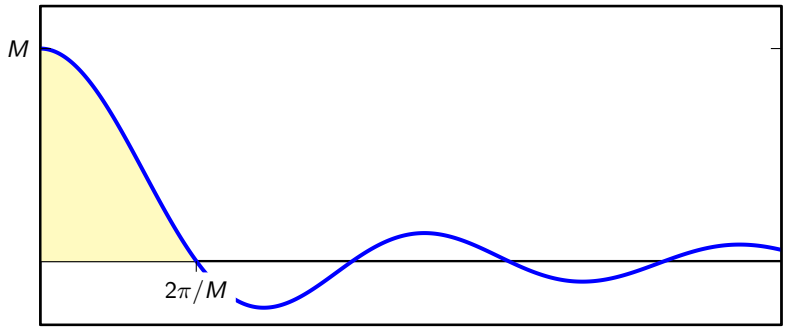

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&= 2 \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt \\
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\end{aligned}$$

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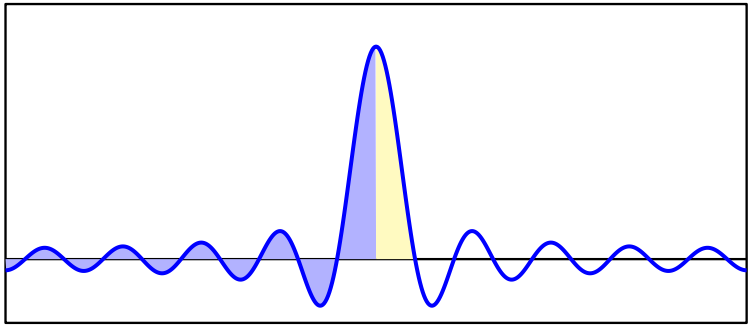

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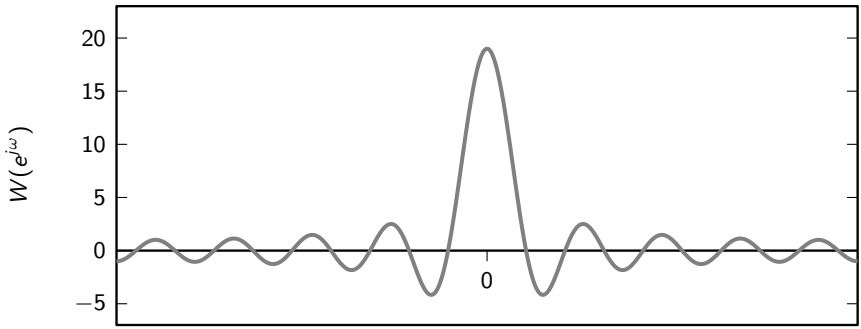

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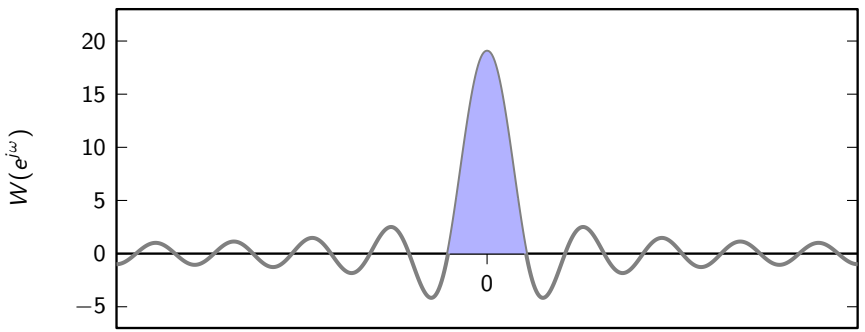

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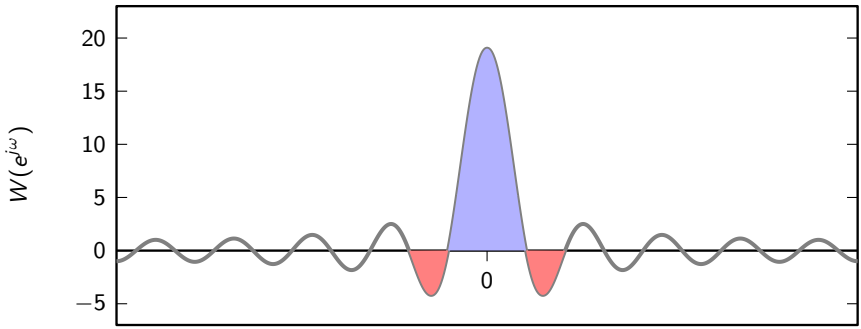

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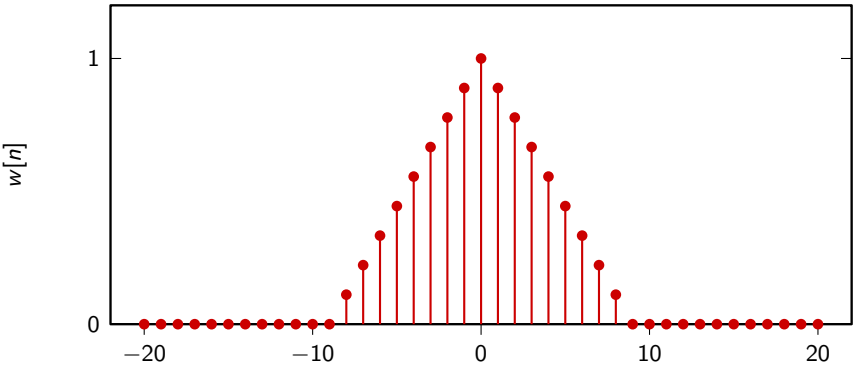

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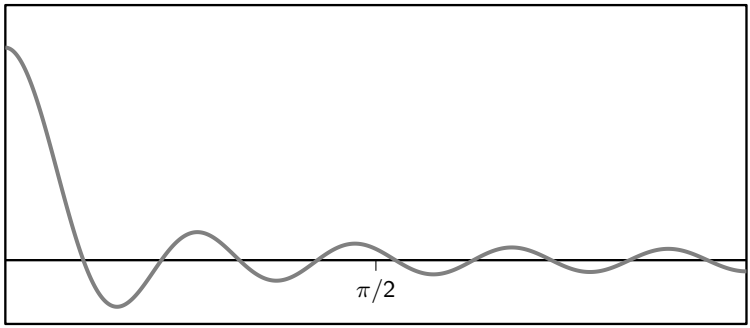

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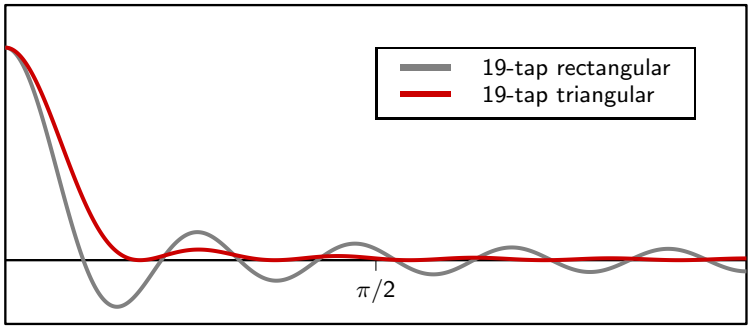

Window method: pros and cons

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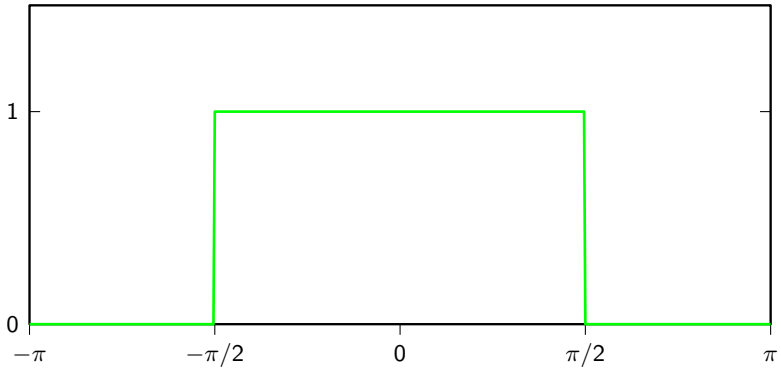

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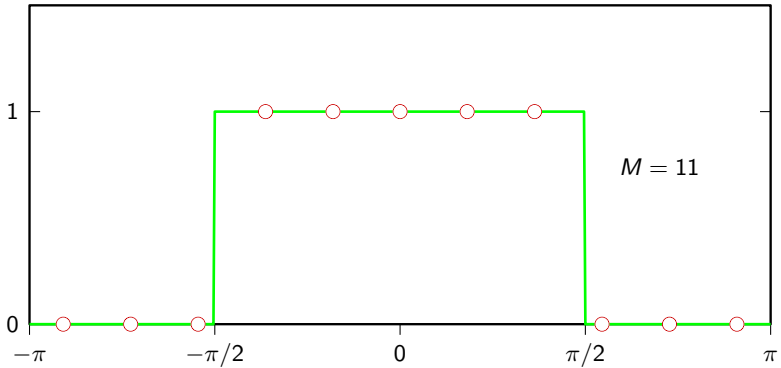

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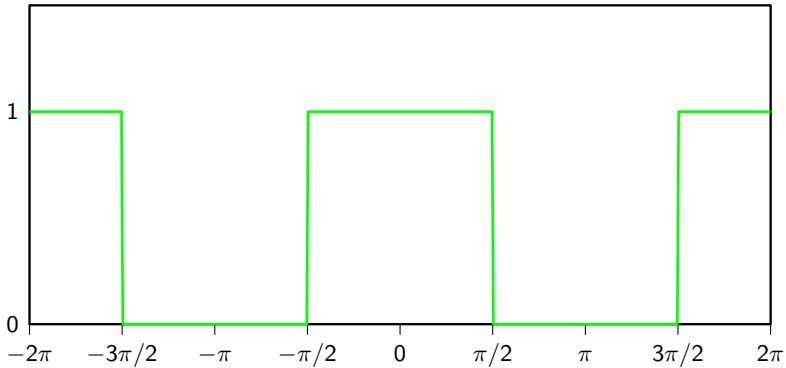

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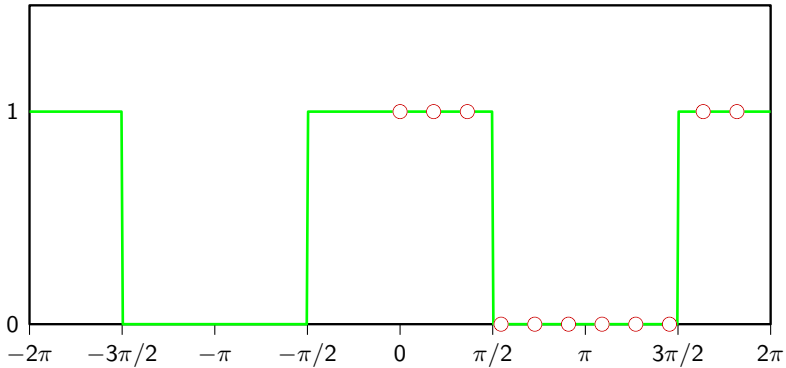

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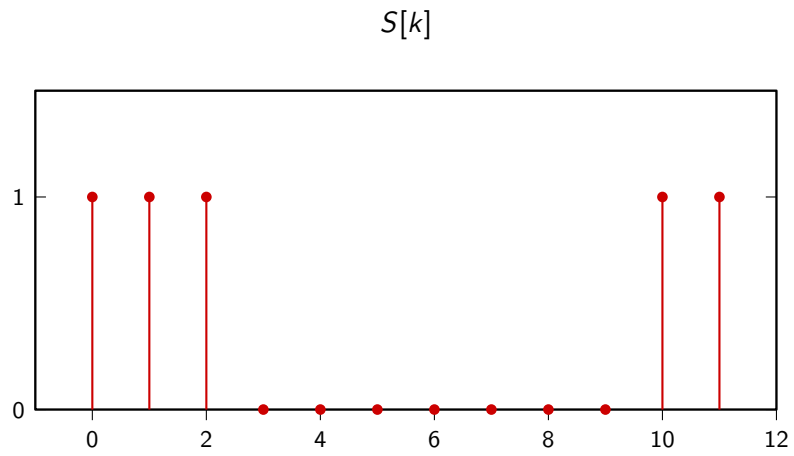

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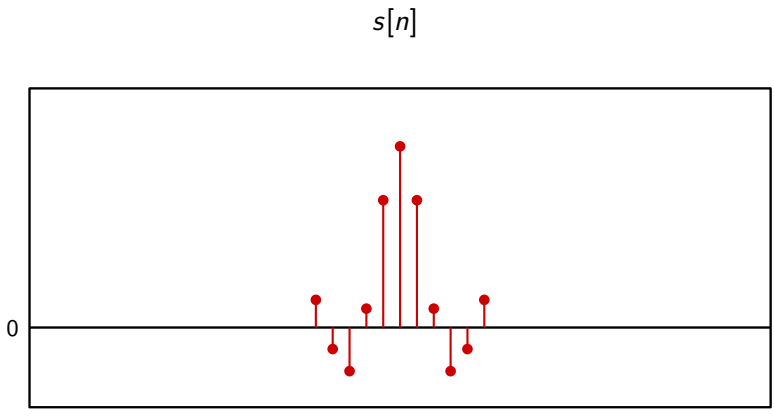

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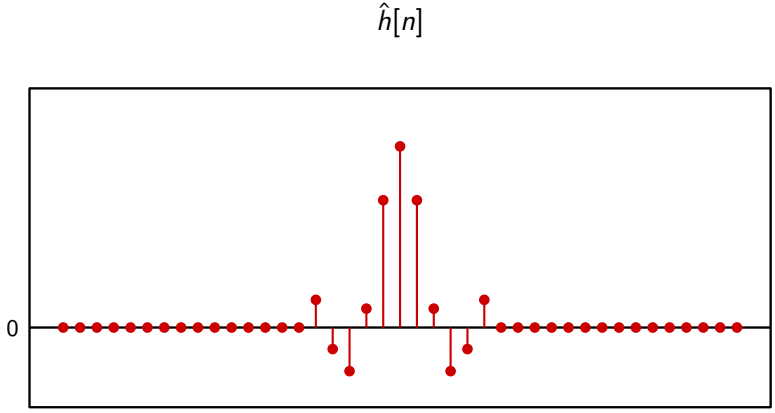

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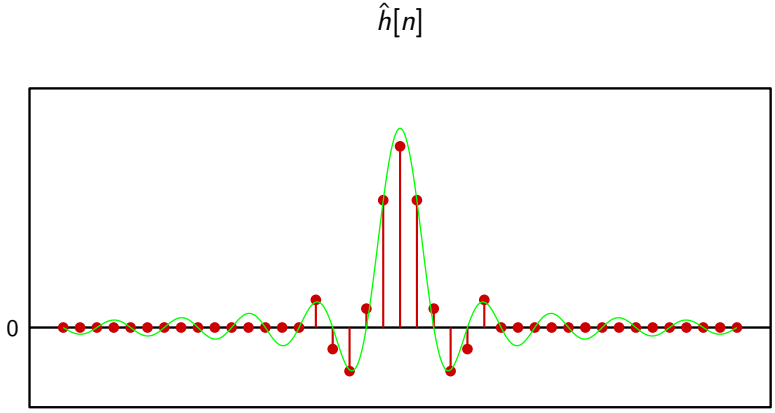

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a familiar result

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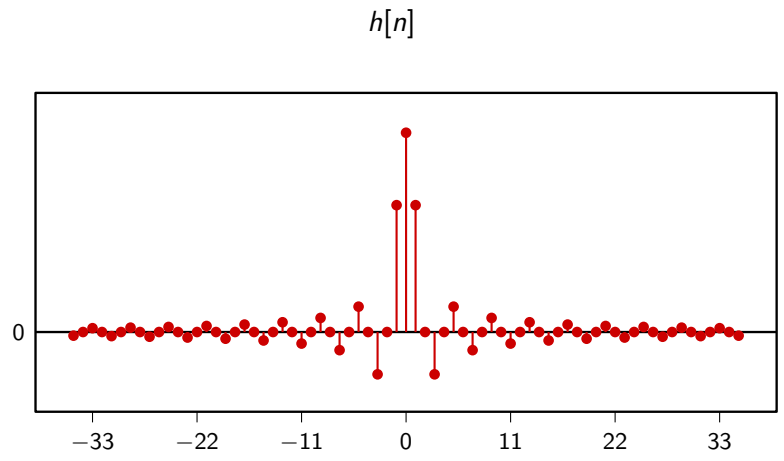

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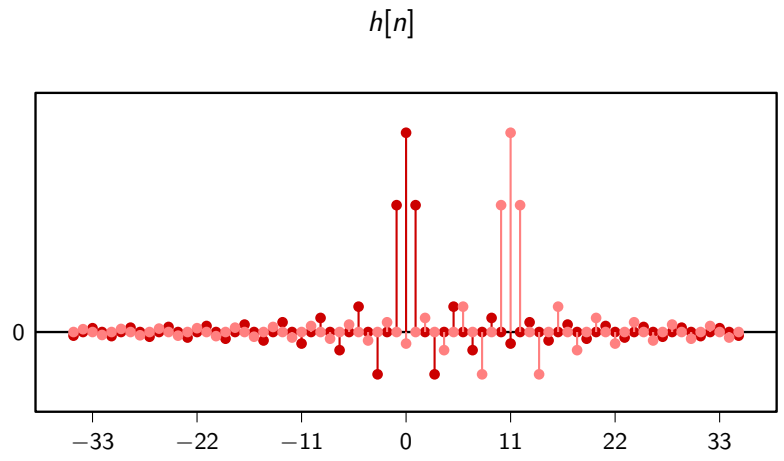

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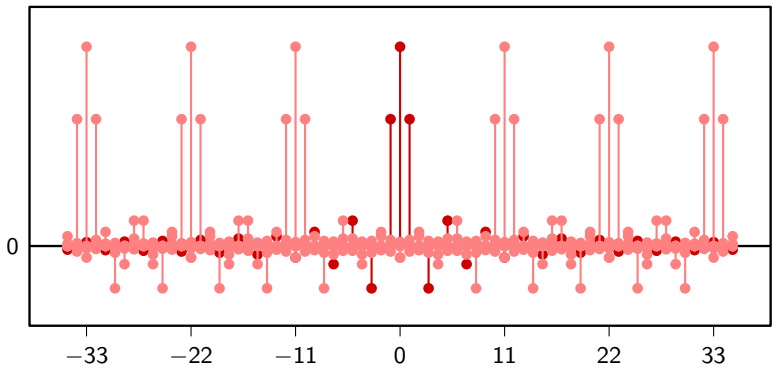

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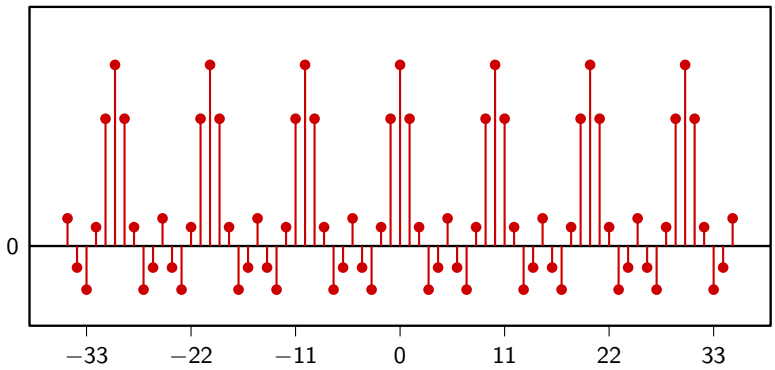

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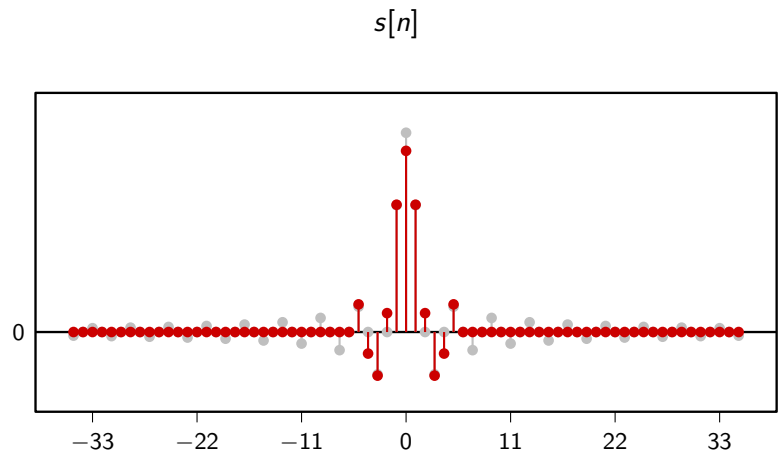

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what is the frequency response $\hat{H}(e^{j\omega})$?

- $s[n]$: length-M signal
- $\hat{h}[n]$: finite-support infinite sequence from $s[n]$
- DFT coefficients $S[k]$ are known
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with $\Lambda(\omega) = \frac{1}{M}\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\omega}{2}M\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\omega}{2}\right)}e^{-j\frac{\omega}{2}(M-1)}$: smooth interpolation of DFT values.

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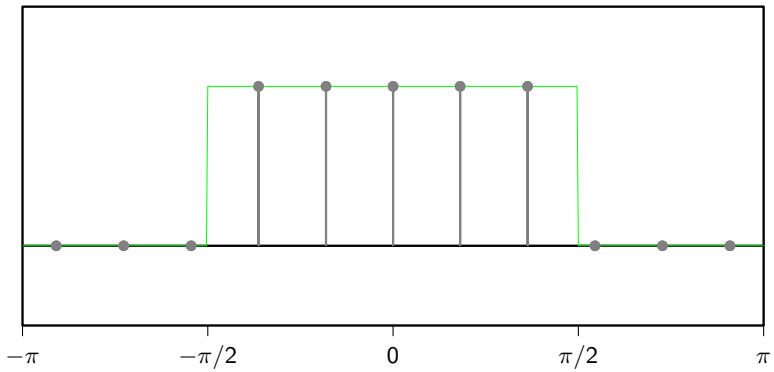

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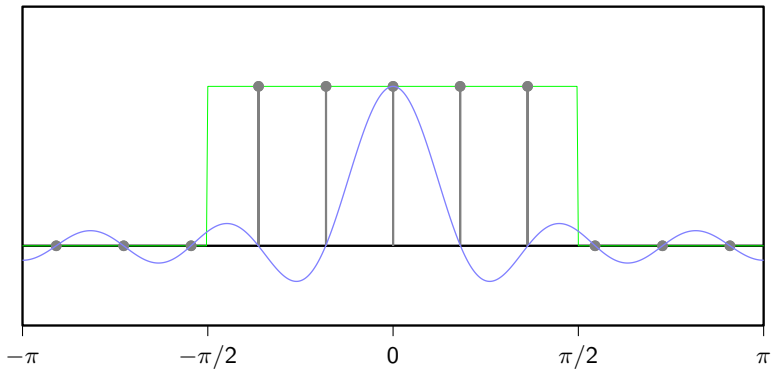

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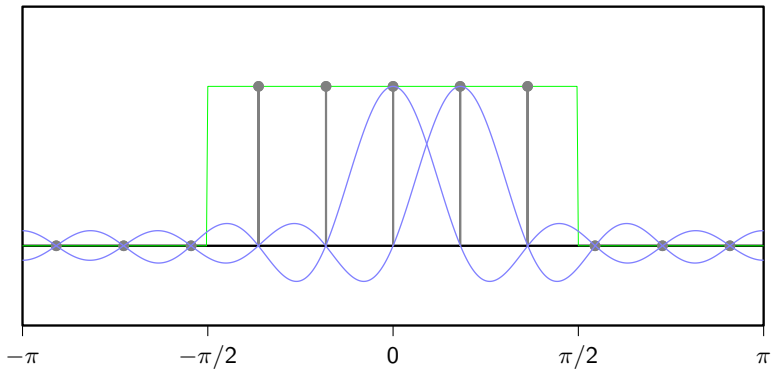

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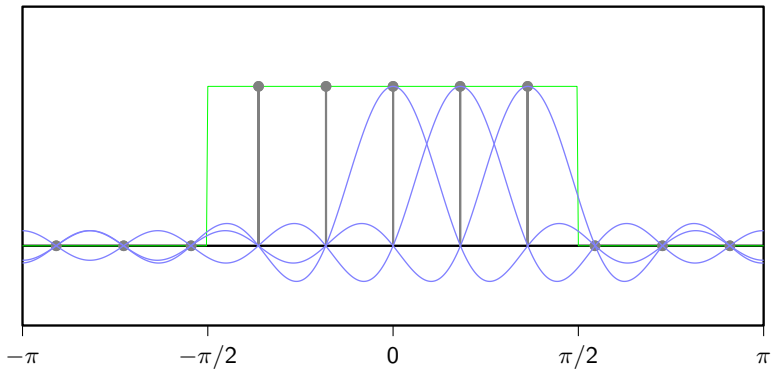

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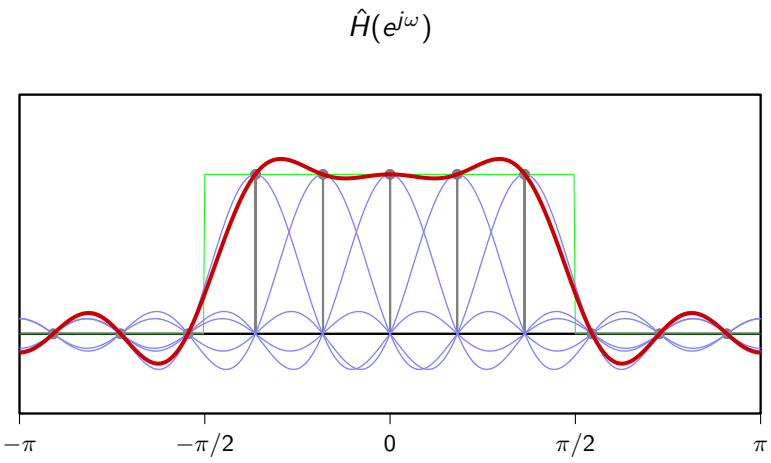

Frequency sampling: pros and cons

Pros:

- simple
- works with arbitrary frequency responses

Cons:

- can't control max error