



# Continuous-Time Signals and Systems

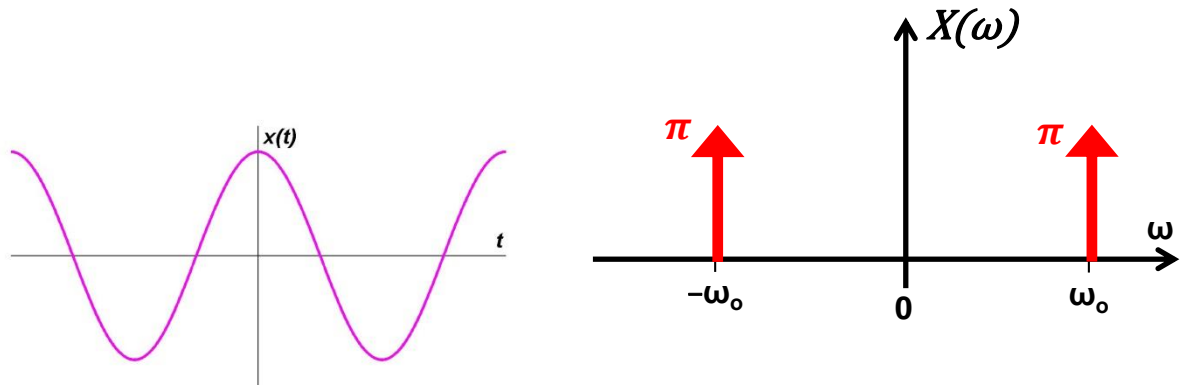
## Sinusoidal Amplitude Modulation & Convolution Review

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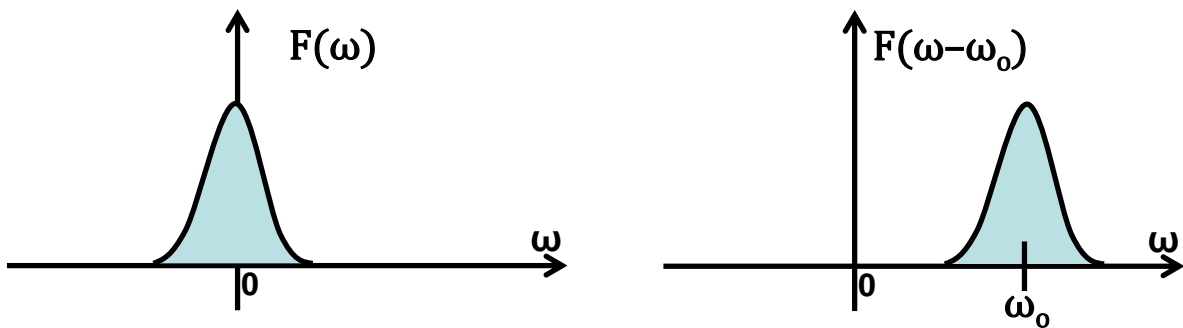
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## Recall

$$1) \quad x(t) = \cos(\omega_o t) \Leftrightarrow X(\omega) = \pi \delta(\omega - \omega_o) + \pi \delta(\omega + \omega_o)$$



$$2) \quad F(\omega) * \delta(\omega - \omega_o) = F(\omega - \omega_o)$$



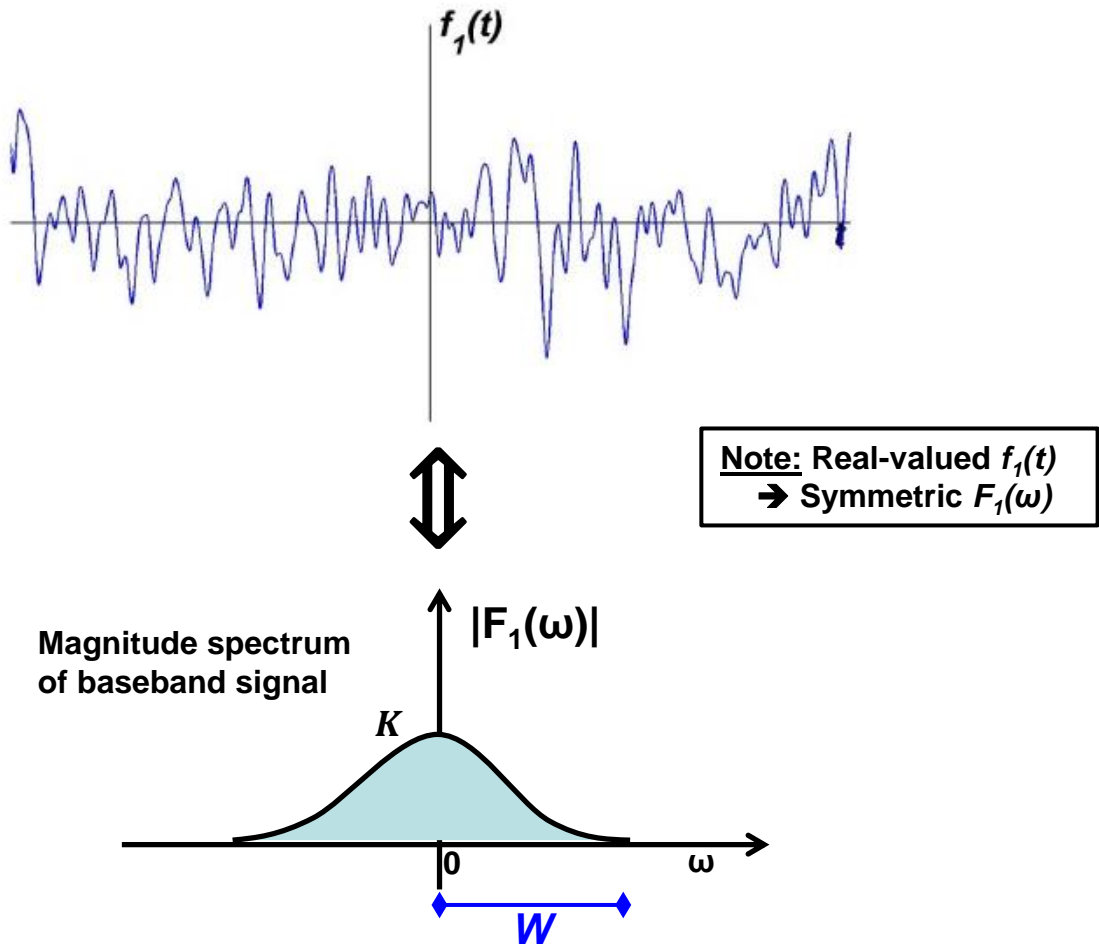
3) Multiplication in time



Convolution in frequency

## Baseband Signal

- **Baseband:** Signal band of original signal
  - Generally clustered around DC ( $\omega = 0$ )
  - E.g., natural voice band  $\approx 300$  Hz to 3000 Hz



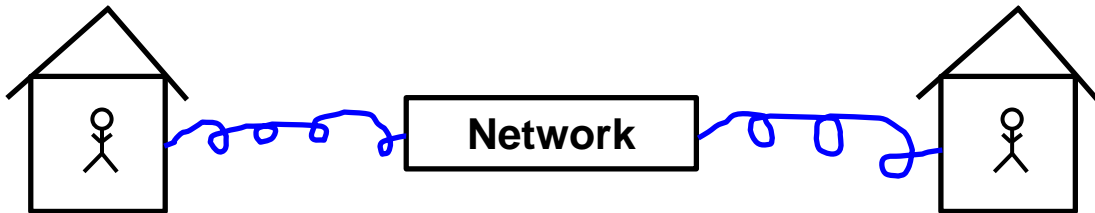
- $f_1(t)$  can be anything  $\rightarrow$  Not fit a functional form  
 $\rightarrow$  Model in frequency domain via its **bandwidth**

## Signal Transmission

- **Goal: Transmit signals from place-to-place**

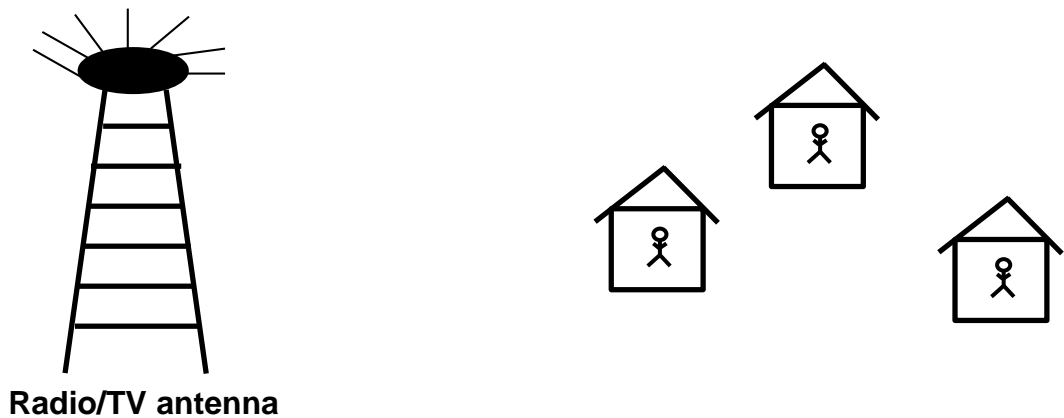
- One-to-one:

- E.g., Telephone (landline or cell)



- One-to-many:

- E.g.



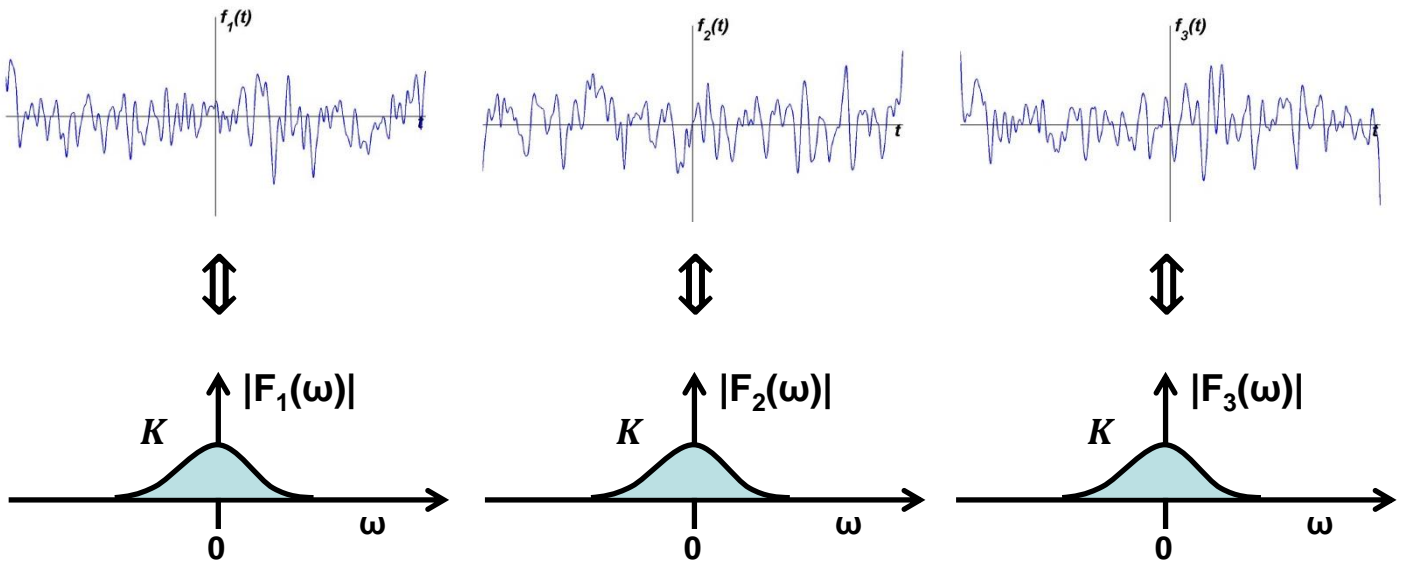
- Many-to-many: E.g., Conference call

- Transmission via wire and/or air → channel

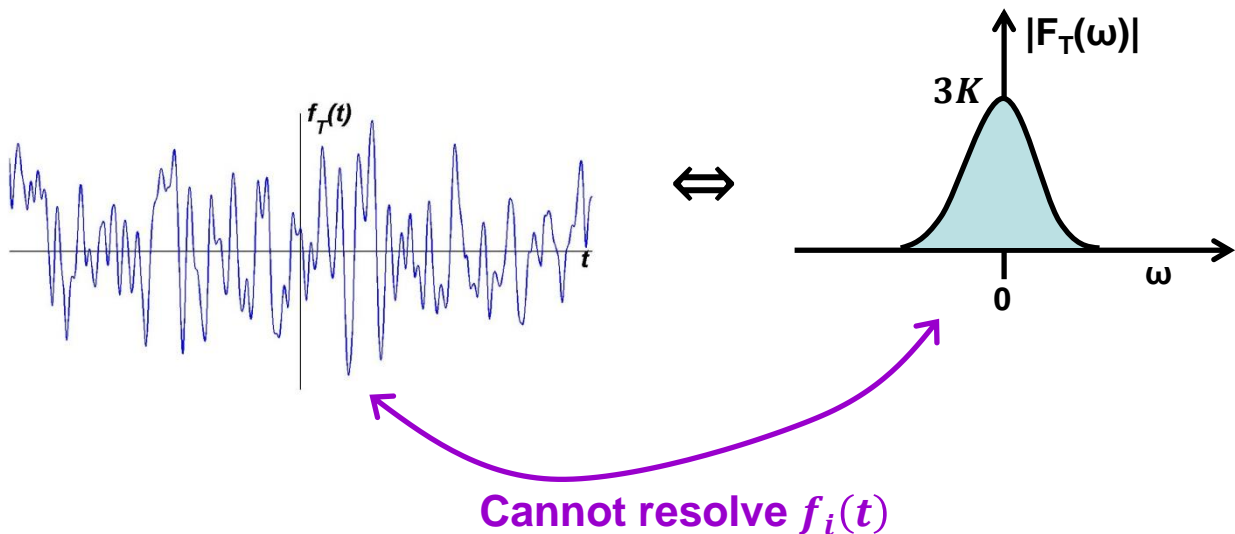
- Issue: **Must transmit multiple signals over same channel**

## Baseband Signals Interfere

- Consider three baseband voice signals:



- Signals overlap in time and frequency
- No obvious way for multiple baseband signals to share channel
  - E.g.: Consider  $f_T(t) = f_1(t) + f_2(t) + f_3(t)$



## Antennae for Baseband Signals

- Wireless transmission (e.g., radio, TV, cell phone, Bluetooth, ...)

– Requires antenna  $length \geq \frac{\text{signal wavelength}}{10}$ ,

where  $v = f \lambda$

Velocity:  $\sim v = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$       Signal frequency (Hz)      Wavelength (m)

– Thus,

$$\text{Antenna Length: } L \geq \frac{v}{10 \cdot f}$$

- Consider voice: 300 Hz  $\rightarrow$  3000 Hz

$$L_1 = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{10 \cdot 300/\text{s}} = 100 \text{ km}$$

$$L_2 = \frac{3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{10 \cdot 3000/\text{s}} = 10 \text{ km}$$

Too long !!!

- Must find other way to share channel
- Wireless systems usually not able to transmit at baseband
- **MANY POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS**

## Signal Modulation — 1

- Baseband signal  $m(t)$ 
  - Characterize with bandwidth over  $[-W, W]$

- Form:

$$s(t) = m(t) \cdot A_c \cos(\omega_c t)$$

$\updownarrow$

$$S(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot M(\omega) * A_c \cdot \pi [\delta(\omega - \omega_c) + \delta(\omega + \omega_c)]$$

Carrier gain
Carrier frequency

- Assume  $\omega_c \gg W$

$$S(\omega) = \frac{A_c}{2} [M(\omega - \omega_c) + M(\omega + \omega_c)]$$

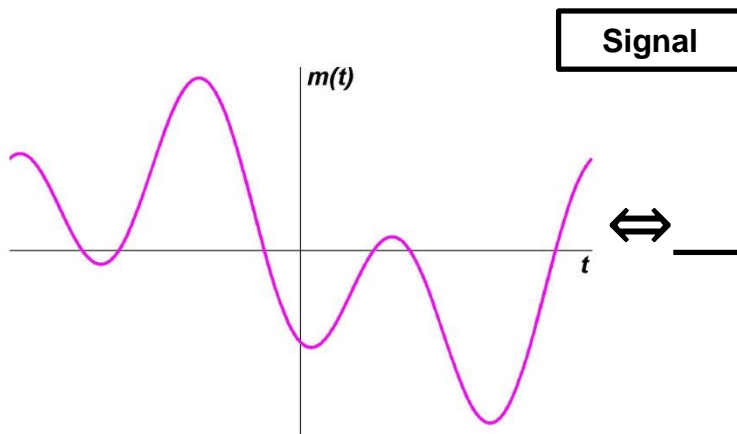
Recall:

$$x_1(t) \cdot x_2(t) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} X_1(\omega) * X_2(\omega)$$

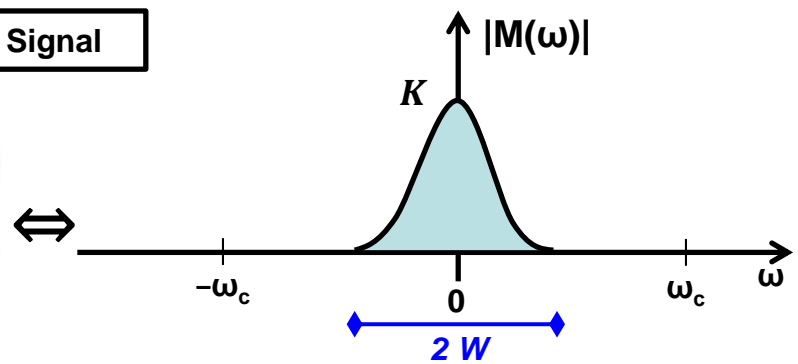
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## Signal Modulation — 2

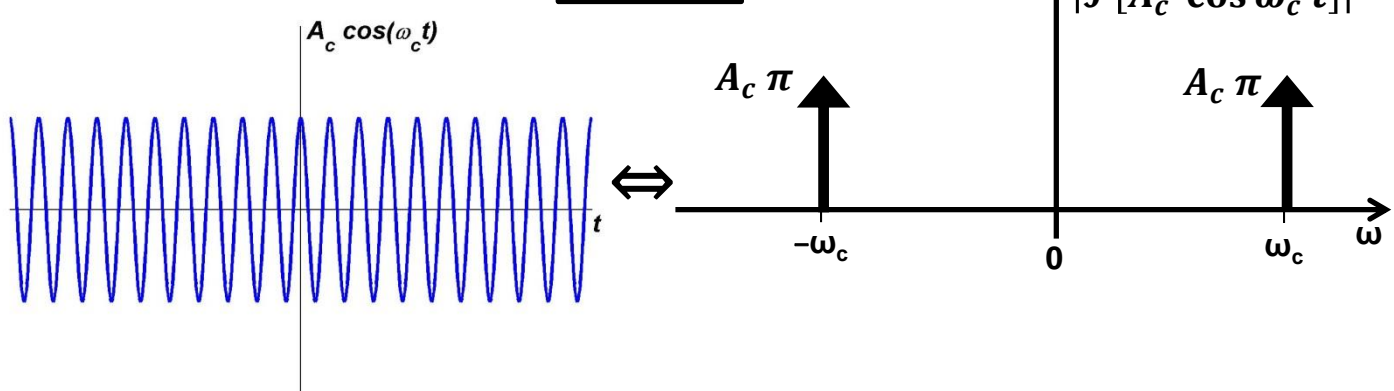
Time Domain:



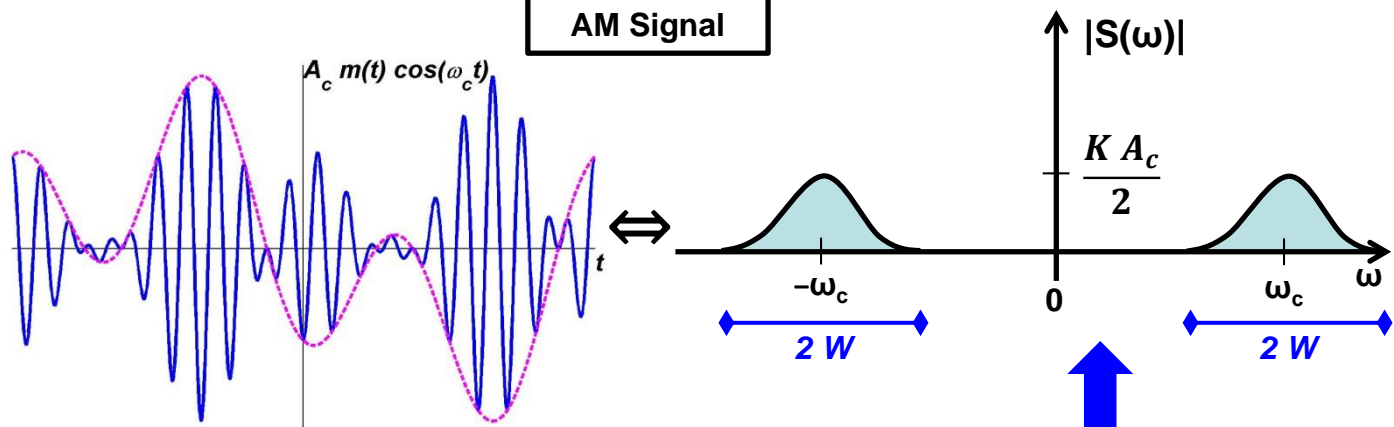
Frequency Domain:



**Carrier**



**AM Signal**



**NOTES:**

1. Amplitude halved
2. Bandwidth doubled



## Frequency-Division Multiplexing

- Example: Two signals  $m_1(t)$ ,  $m_2(t)$

- To share a channel:

- **Modulate**  $m_1(t)$  at carrier frequency  $\omega_{c,1}$

$$s_1(t) = m_1(t) \cdot A_{c,1} \cos(\omega_{c,1} t)$$

$$\updownarrow$$

$$S_1(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot M_1(\omega) * A_{c,1} \cdot \pi \cdot [\delta(\omega - \omega_{c,1}) + \delta(\omega + \omega_{c,1})]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot M_1(\omega) * A_{c,1} \cdot [\delta(\omega - \omega_{c,1}) + \delta(\omega + \omega_{c,1})]$$

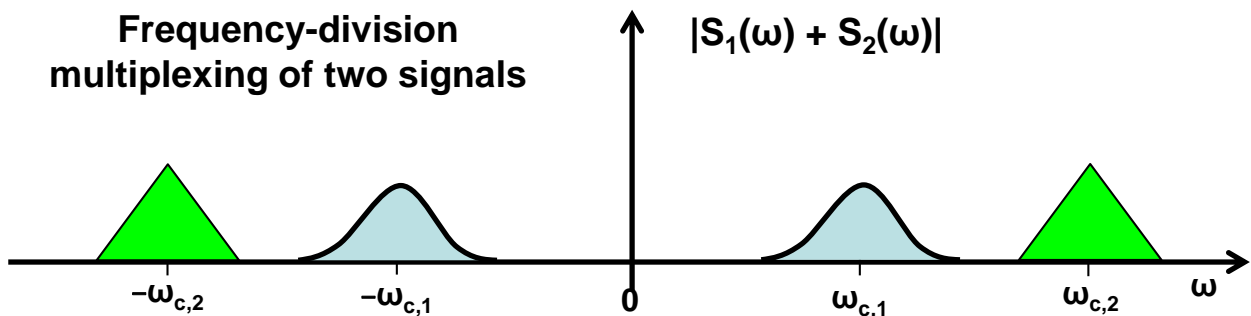
- **Modulate**  $m_2(t)$  at  $\omega_{c,2} \neq \omega_{c,1}$

- **Transmit**:

$$s_T(t) = s_1(t) + s_2(t)$$

$$\updownarrow$$

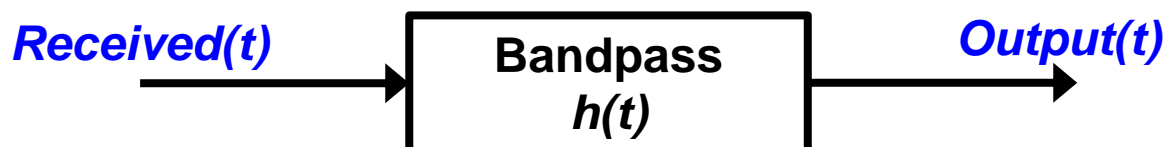
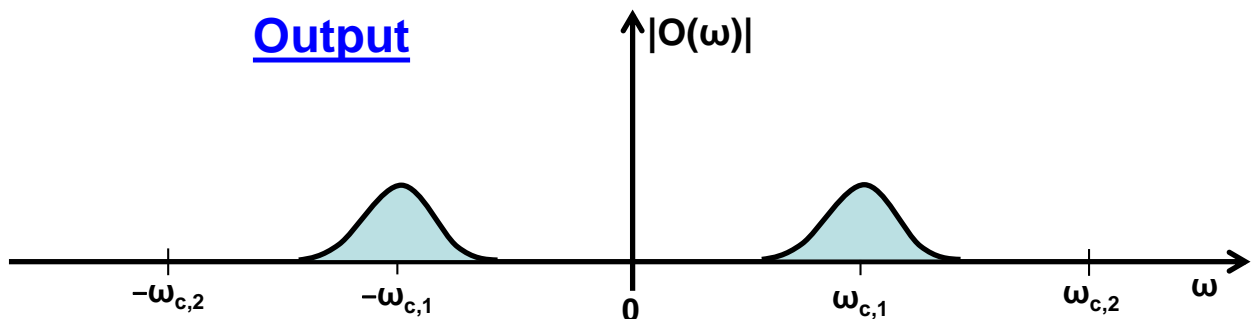
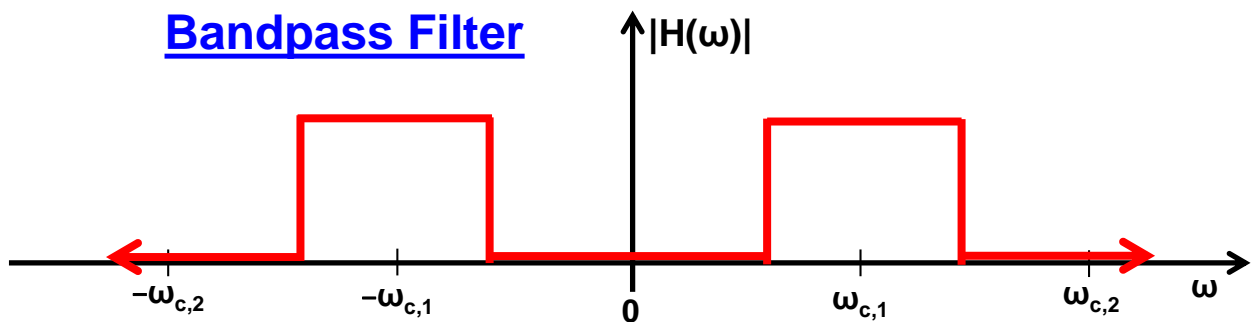
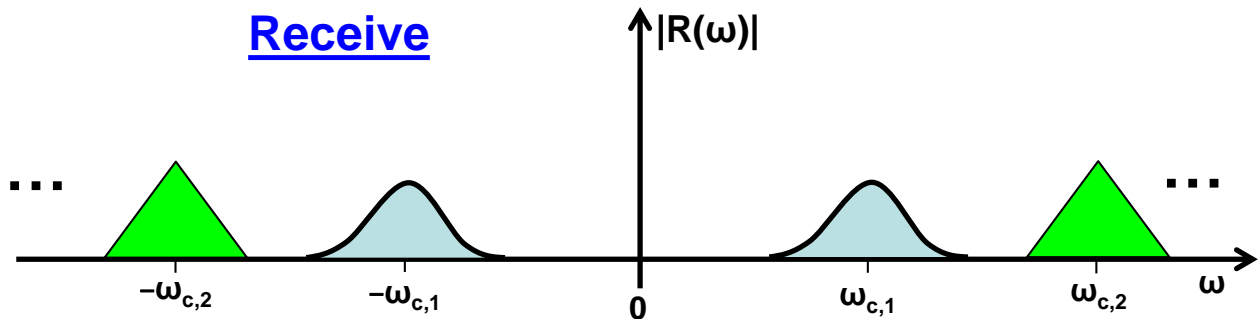
$$S_T(\omega) = \mathbf{S_1(\omega) + S_2(\omega)}$$



- **Select**  $\omega_{c,1}$ ,  $\omega_{c,2}$  to avoid spectral overlap
- **Extend** to many signals (E.g., radio/TV stations)

## Receiver Bandpass Filter

- Common receiver step → **Bandpass select desired frequency band**



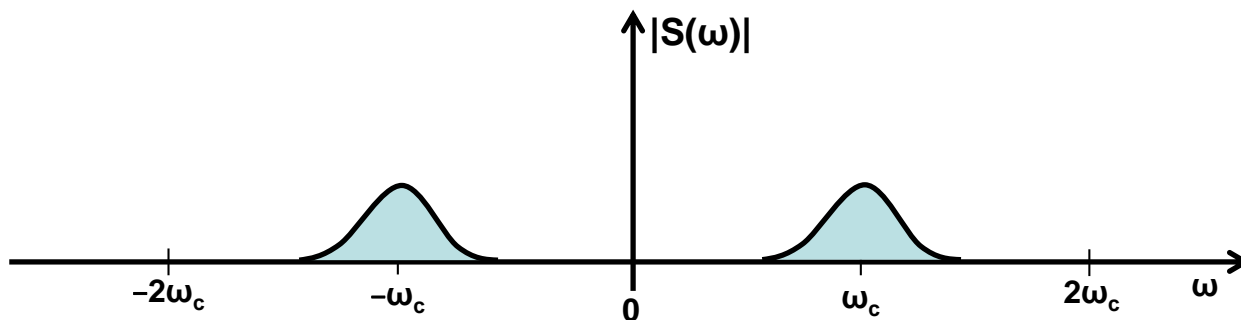
## Coherent Detection (Product Detection) — 1

- After bandpass filter, have received:

$$s(t) = m(t) \cdot A_c \cos(\omega_c t)$$

$$\updownarrow$$

$$S(\omega) = \frac{A_c}{2} [M(\omega - \omega_c) + M(\omega + \omega_c)]$$



- Multiply again by:  $A_r \cos(\omega_c t)$ , giving:

$$r(t) = s(t) \cdot A_r \cos(\omega_c t) = m(t) \cdot A_c \cos(\omega_c t) \cdot A_r \cos(\omega_c t)$$

- Time Domain:

$$r(t) = A_c A_r \cdot m(t) \cdot \cos^2(\omega_c t)$$

$$= A_c A_r \cdot m(t) \cdot \left[ \frac{1 + \cos(2 \omega_c t)}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{A_c A_r}{2} \cdot m(t) + \frac{A_c A_r}{2} \cdot \cos(2 \omega_c t) \cdot m(t)$$

**Desired (scaled)  
baseband signal**

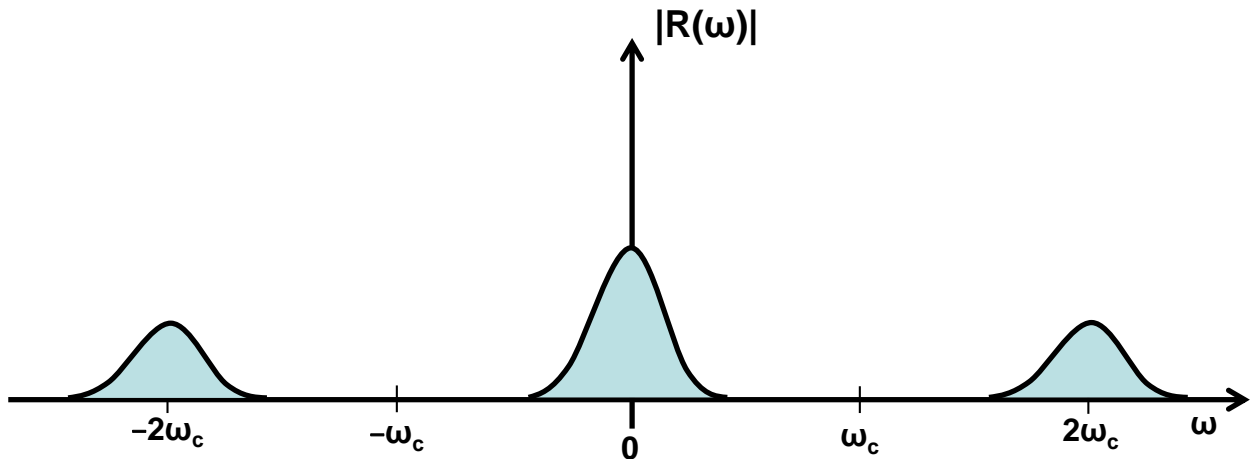
**Undesired signal at frequency  $2 \omega_c$**

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## Coherent Detection (Product Detection) — 2

### • Frequency Domain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(\omega) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} S(\omega) * A_r \cdot \pi [\delta(\omega - \omega_c) + \delta(\omega + \omega_c)] \\
 &= \frac{A_r}{2} \cdot [S(\omega - \omega_c) + S(\omega + \omega_c)] \\
 &= \frac{A_c \cdot A_r}{4} \cdot \{[M(\omega - 2\omega_c) + M(\omega)] + [M(\omega) + M(\omega + 2\omega_c)]\} \\
 &= \underbrace{\frac{A_c \cdot A_r}{2} \cdot M(\omega)}_{\text{Desired (scaled) baseband signal}} + \underbrace{\frac{A_c \cdot A_r}{4} \cdot [M(\omega - 2\omega_c) + M(\omega + 2\omega_c)]}_{\text{Undesired signal at frequencies } \pm 2\omega_c}
 \end{aligned}$$



Magnitude spectra of AM signal after second multiplication with carrier.

- Thus, **LOWPASS FILTER** to recover  $M(\omega) \Leftrightarrow m(t)$

**ISSUE:** Receiver and transmitter cosine must have same frequency & phase !!!

## Non-Coherent (Envelope) Detection

### • Coherent detection

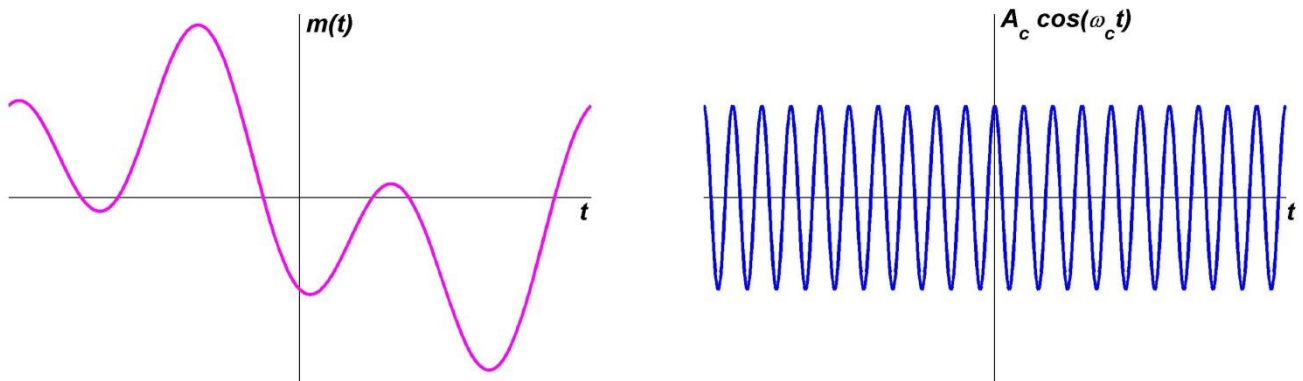
- Harder (phase- and frequency-matched mixer)
- More expensive
- But, recovers full signal
- ➔ Some schemes transmit carrier frequency, phase in real time

### • Non-coherent detection

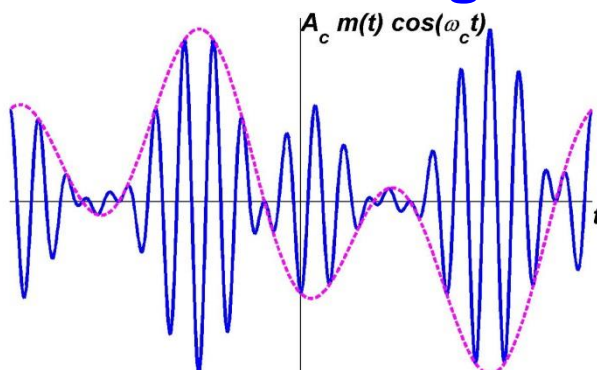
- Simple, cheap
- But, **only recover**  $|m(t)|$

Recall: Amplitude modulation in time domain:

**Signal      x      Carrier**



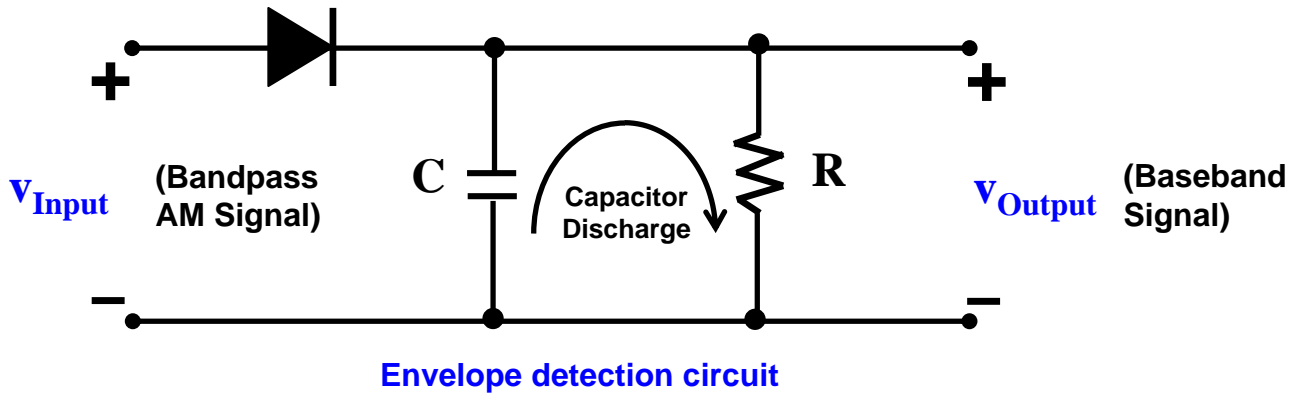
**= Transmitted Signal**



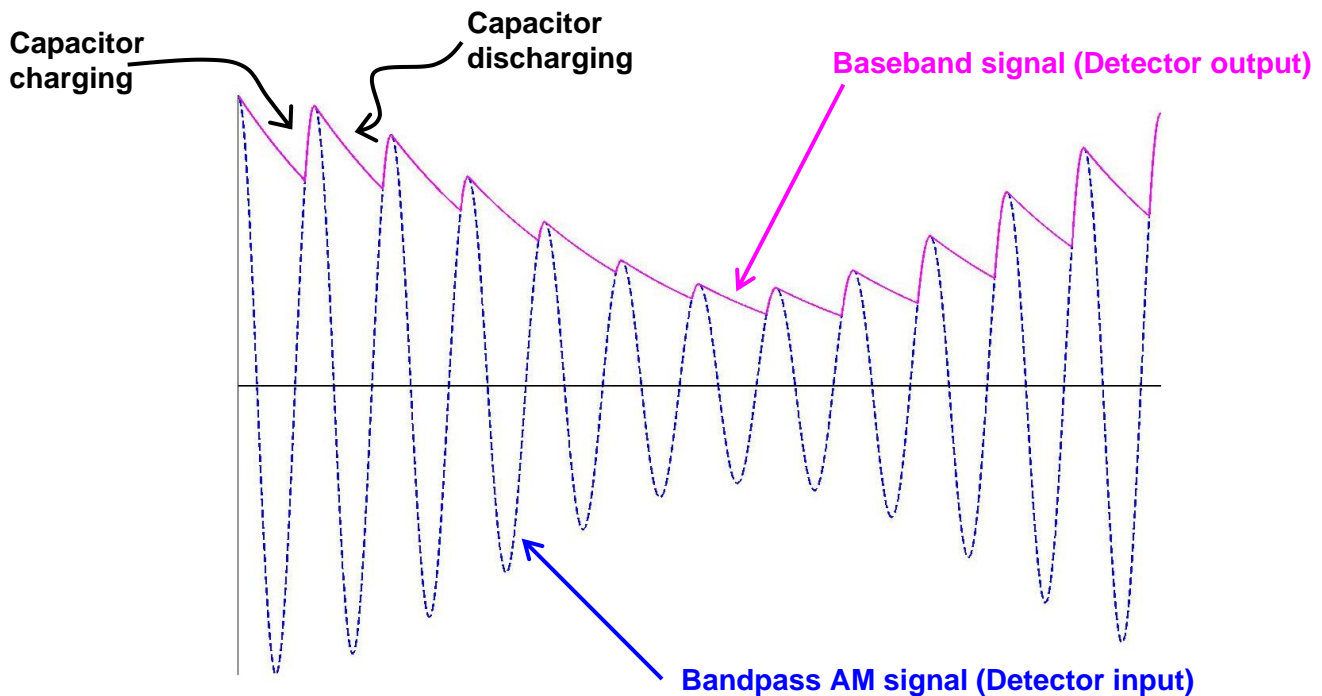
**Signal envelope  
gives  $|m(t)|$**

## Envelope Detection Circuit

- Simple electronic circuit to detect envelope
  - Found in simple AM radio receivers:



- Sample Input-Output signals: AM signal & envelope-detected signal



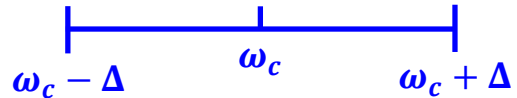
- **Detected signal approximates  $|m(t)|$** 
  - So, add offset to  $m(t)$  to make signal non-negative
- Some ripple at carrier frequency
  - Can lowpass filter detector output to reduce ripple

## Amplitude Modulation—Epilogue

- Many amplitude modulation schemes available
- Commodity applications fostered by standards
- Another modulation genre: **Frequency modulation**
  - Signal:  $m(t)$
  - Carrier frequency:  $\omega_c$
  - Transmit:

$$s(t) = A_c \cos(\omega_c t + f[m(t)])$$

- ↖
- Signal varies its transmit frequency over a band



- For example:
  - Limit  $-1 \leq m(t) \leq 1$
  - Let

$$s(t) = A_c \cos[\omega_c t + k \cdot m(t)]$$

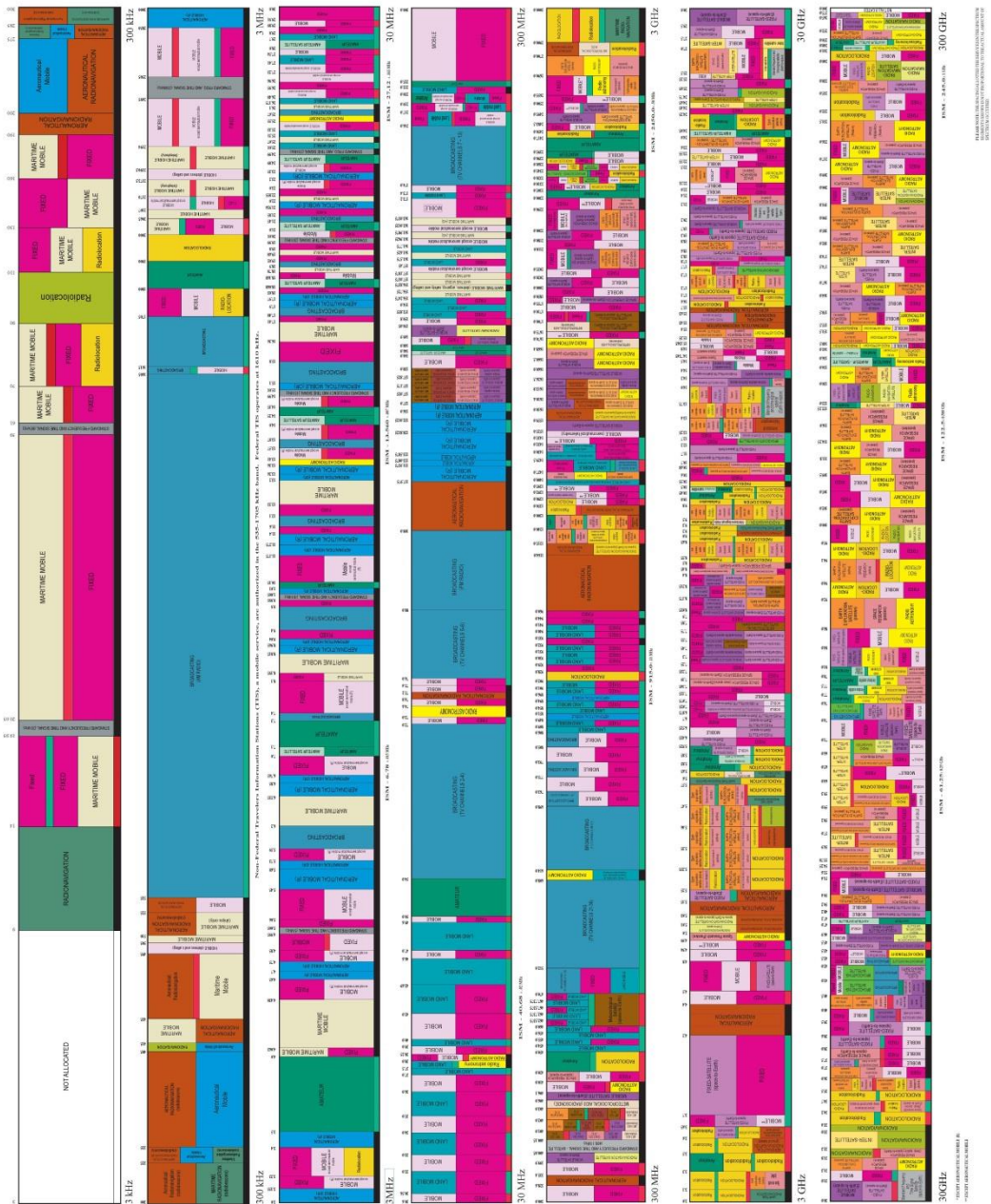
↖ k: Scalar

**Instantaneous frequency**  $\equiv$  Time derivative of cosine argument

Here,  $\frac{d}{dt}(\omega_c t + k \cdot m(t)) = \omega_c + k \cdot \frac{d}{dt}m(t)$

– Instantaneous frequency can be outside of  $[\omega_c - k, \omega_c + k]$

## U.S. Frequency Allocations Chart

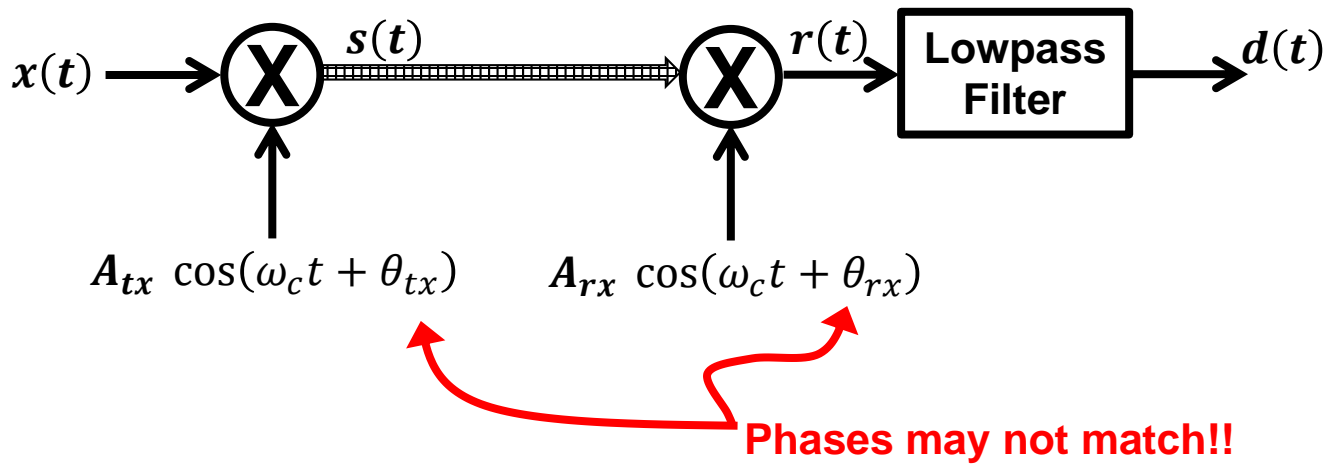




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## Sine Amp Mod—Phase Matching

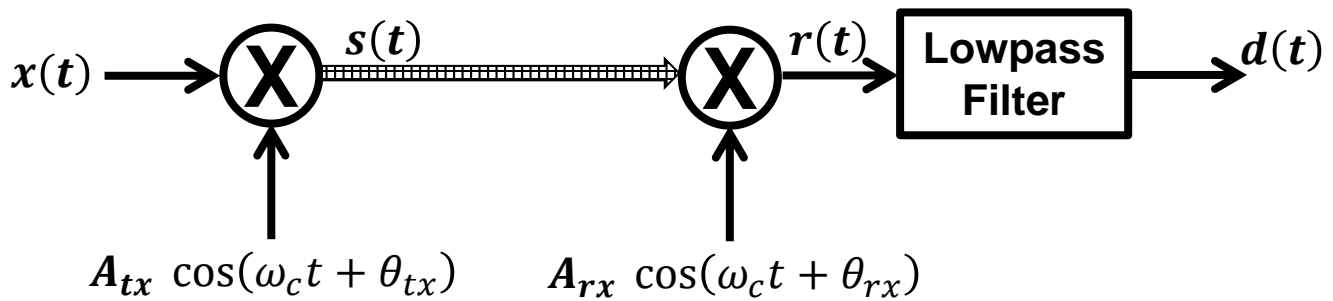


- Original signal to transmit:  $x(t)$
- Transmit (TX) modulation signal:  $A_{tx} \cos(\omega_c t + \theta_{tx})$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  Transmitted signal:  $s(t) = A_{tx} x(t) \cos(\omega_c t + \theta_{tx})$
- Receive (RX) modulation signal:  $A_{rx} \cos(\omega_c t + \theta_{rx})$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  Received signal:  $r(t) = A_{tx} A_{rx} x(t) \cos(\omega_c t +$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}$   
 Sum frequency  $\rightarrow$  Remove via lowpass filter

$\curvearrowright$  Phase mismatch applies gain between -1 and 1

## Sine Amp Mod—Phase Matching Demonstration



**From above:** 
$$d(t) = \frac{A_{tx}A_{rx}}{2} \cos(\theta_{tx} - \theta_{rx}) x(t)$$

• MATLAB (audio) demonstration: handel\_demo\_phase.m

- Launch MATLAB, navigate to directory with demo
- >> handel\_demo\_phase
  - Function will play 8–9 s duration of Handel’s Messiah
  - Vary phase from 0 to 90 degrees (via screen prompt)
    - Function plays “Messiah” with phase mismatch
    - Full gain at 0 degrees
    - Gain = 0 at 90 degrees
- Mismatched phase lowers demodulated signal strength
  - Noise becomes more problematic (lower SNR)
  - Might need to boost transmit power
- One method to lock phase of receiver to transmitter →  
Phase locked loop

## Sine Amp Mod—Phase Matching Demonstration Code

- **Code for MATLAB demo from previous slide:**

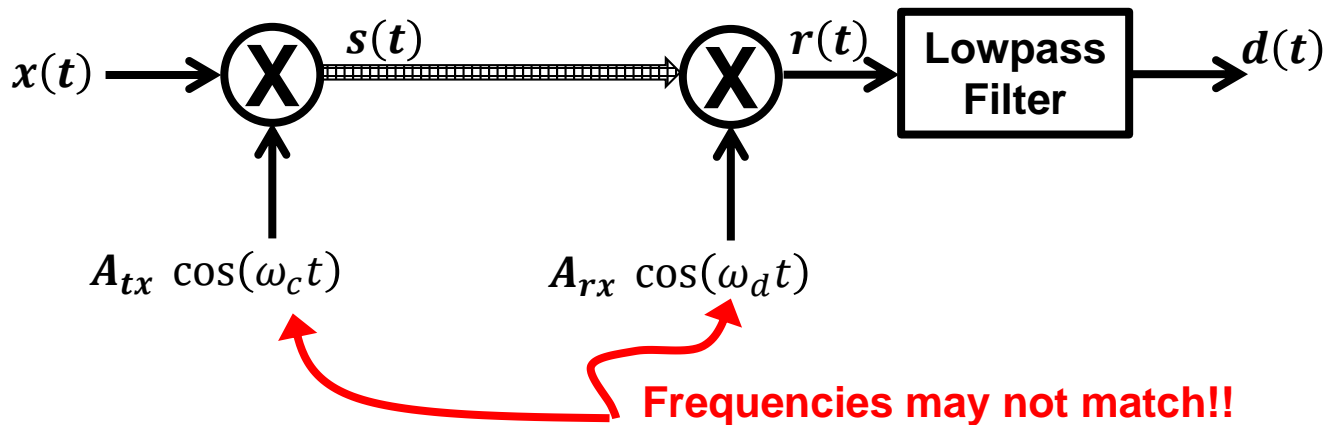
```
function handel_demo_phase

Fs = []; y = []; load handel.mat; % Matlab demo of Handel's Messiah (~9 s).
% To play: sound(y,Fs) % Fs = 8192 Hz.
display('Listen to short clip of Handel''s Messiah');
sound(y, Fs); pause(8);

while 1==1
    % Request phase error (Degrees) in detector.
    Theta = input('Input detector phase error (in degrees): ');
    % Compute revised received Handel clip.
    y2 = cos(Theta*pi/180) * y;
    % Play revised received signal.
    sound(y2, Fs); pause(8);
end

return
```

## Sine Amp Mod—Frequency Matching



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$$r(t) = A_{tx} A_{rx} x(t) \cos(\omega_c t) \cos(\omega_d t)$$

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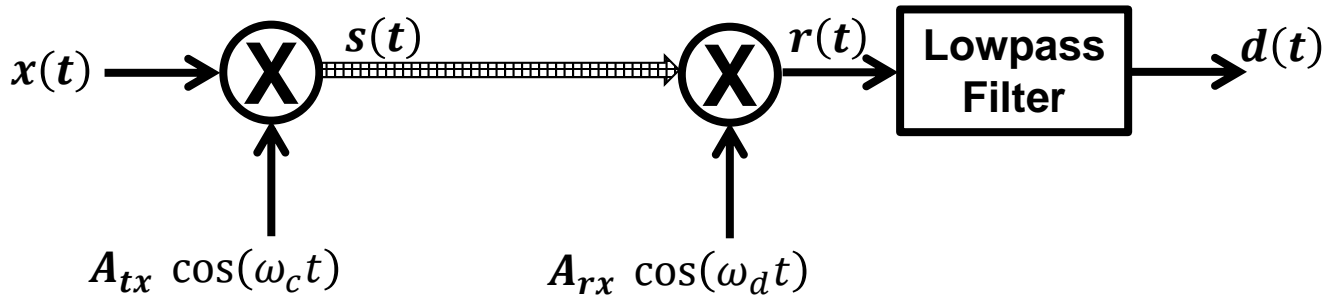
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Sum frequency  $\rightarrow$  Remove via lowpass filter

$$d(t) = \frac{A_{tx} A_{rx}}{2} \cos((\omega_c - \omega_d) t) x(t)$$

Frequency mismatch applies TIME-VARYING gain between  $-1$  and  $1$

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- Vary frequency mismatch (via screen prompt)
  - Function plays “Messiah” with frequency mismatch
  - No mismatch at 0 Hz TX-RX difference
  - Audible differences at 1, 2, 3, 10, 100, 1000 Hz
- Mismatched frequency distorts signal
  - Not simply a problem of low gain.
  - Time-varying distortion
- One method to lock frequency of receiver to transmitter →  
Phase locked loop

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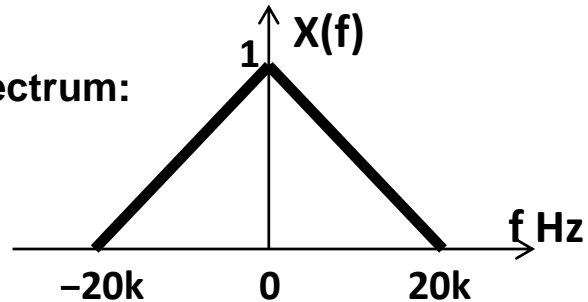
% Creat time vector.
t = ( 0:(length(y)-1) ) / 8192;

while 1==1
    % Request receive mixer frequencies in Hz.
    DeltaF = input('Input TX-RX frequency DIFFERENCE (Hz): ');
    % Compute revised received Handel clip.
    y2 = cos(2*pi*DeltaF*t) .* y';
    % Play revised received signal.
    sound(y2, Fs); pause(8);
end

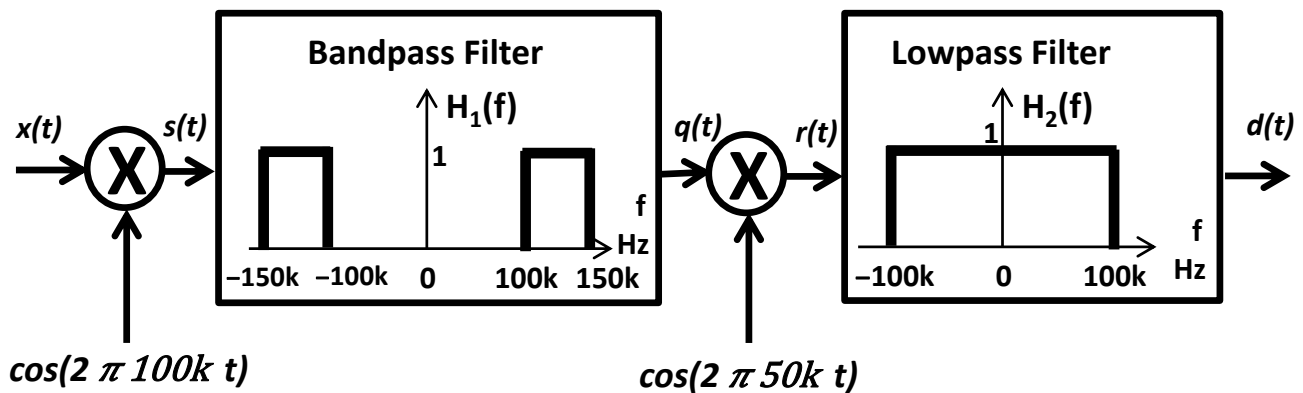
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## Sinusoidal Amplitude Modulation: Example 1

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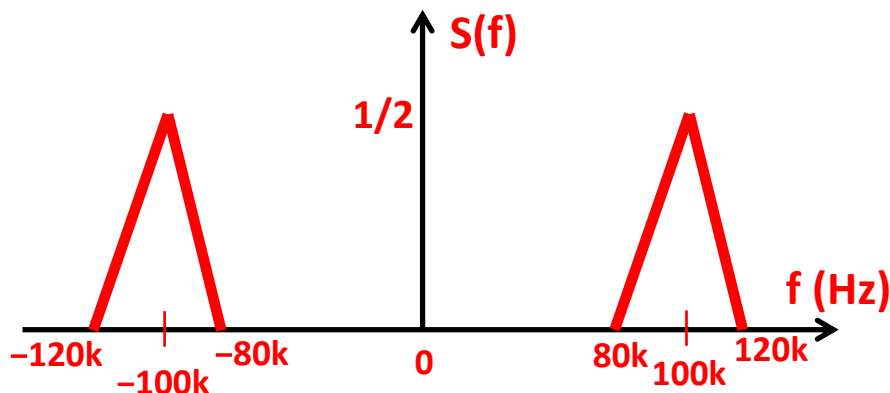


- Let  $x(t)$  be processed through the system shown below to produce output signal  $d(t)$ .
  - Draw the spectrum of signals  $s(t)$ ,  $q(t)$ ,  $r(t)$  and  $d(t)$



### Solution:

- First mixer creates two copies of original spectrum, shifted  $\pm 100k$  Hz and reduced in amplitude by half:



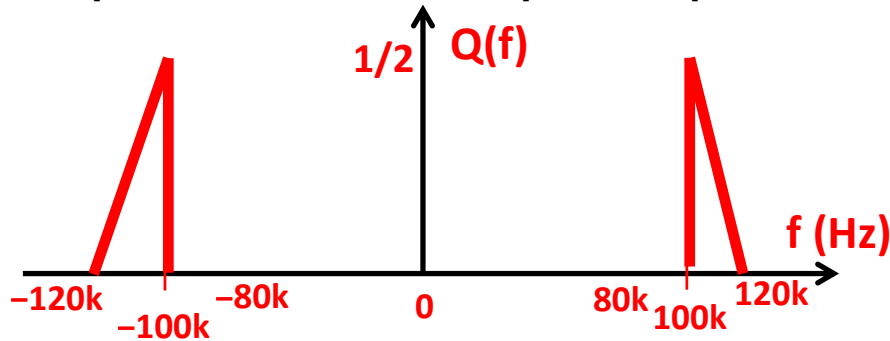
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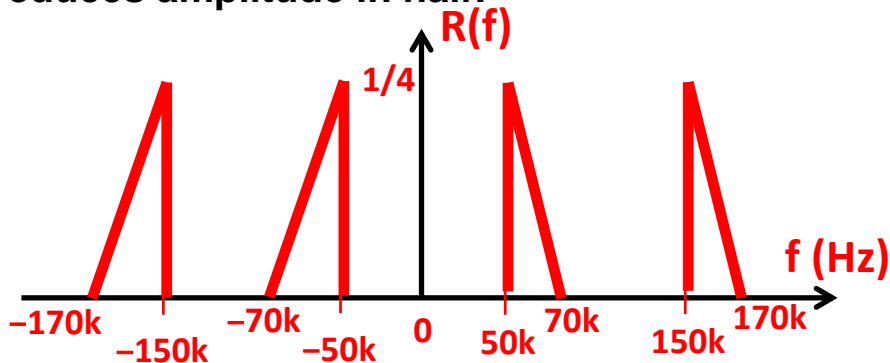
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### • Solution (Continued):

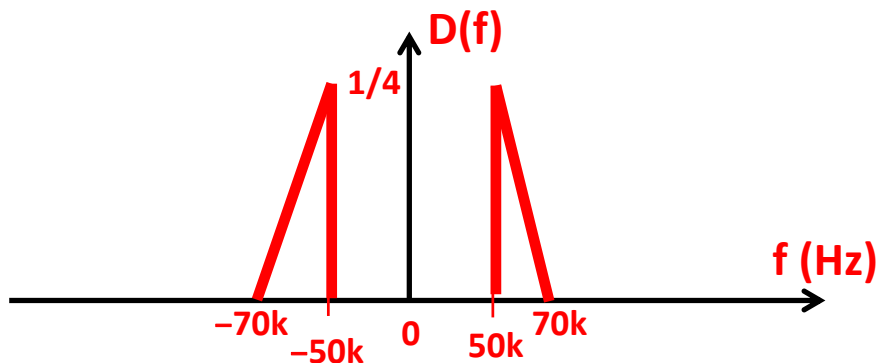
2. Bandpass filter eliminates spectrum portion below 100k Hz:



3. Second mixer shifts BOTH spectral portions by  $\pm 50k$  Hz and reduces amplitude in half:

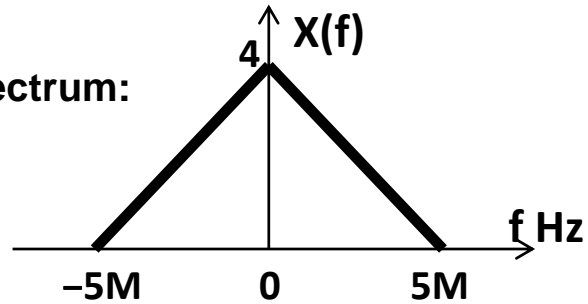


4. Lowpass filter eliminates the higher frequencies portions:

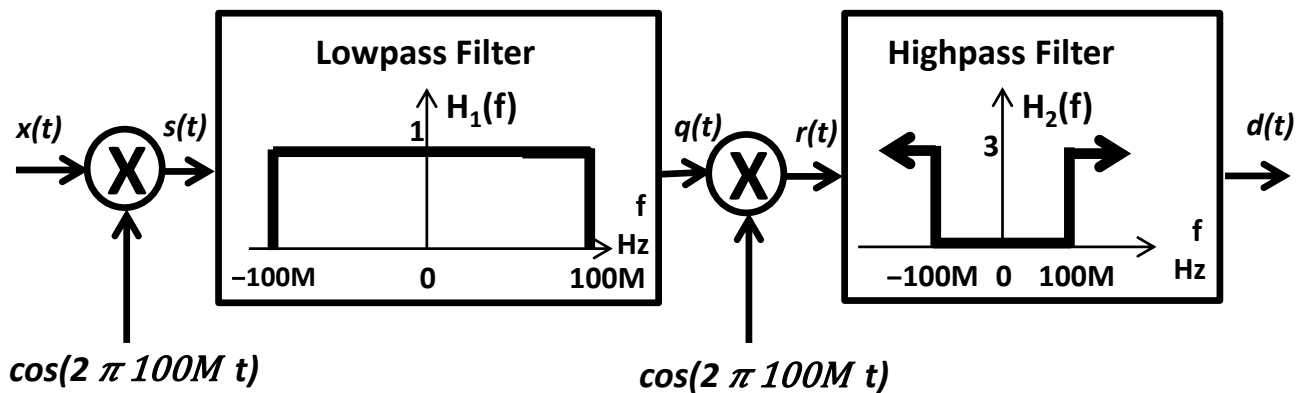


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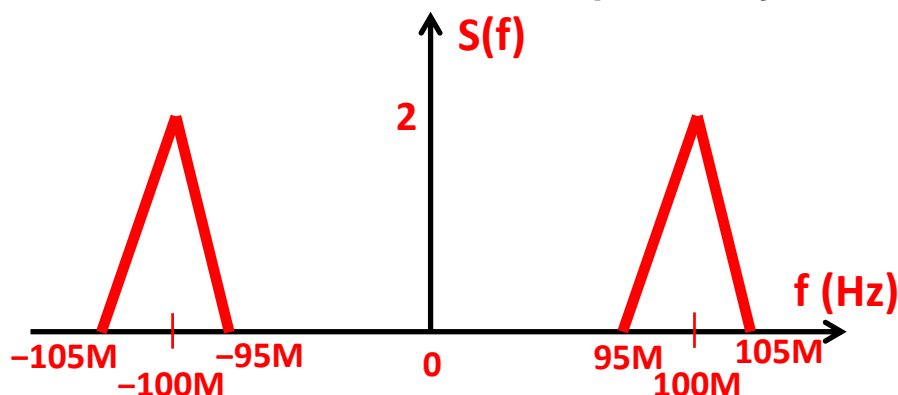


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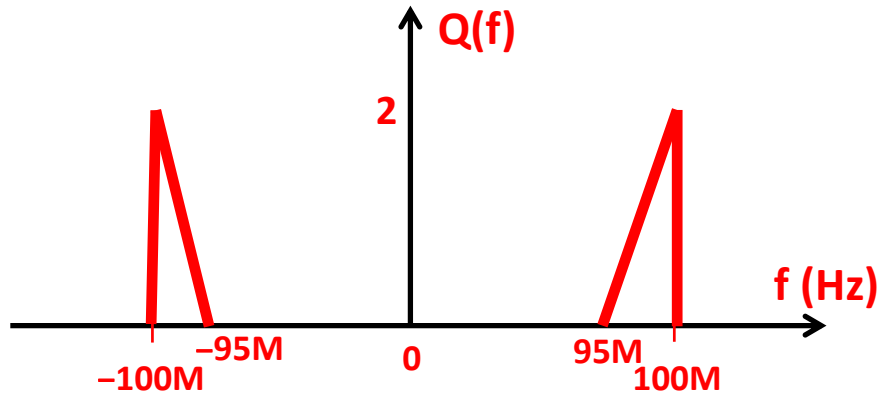


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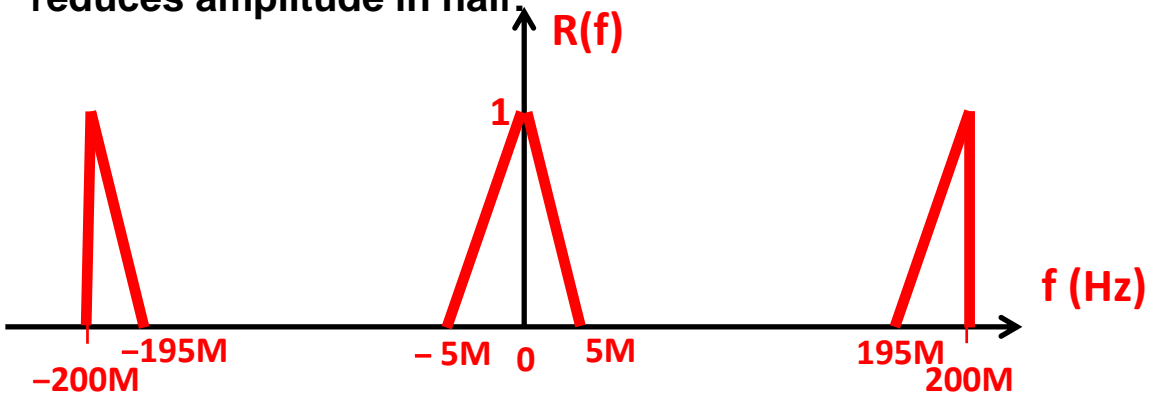
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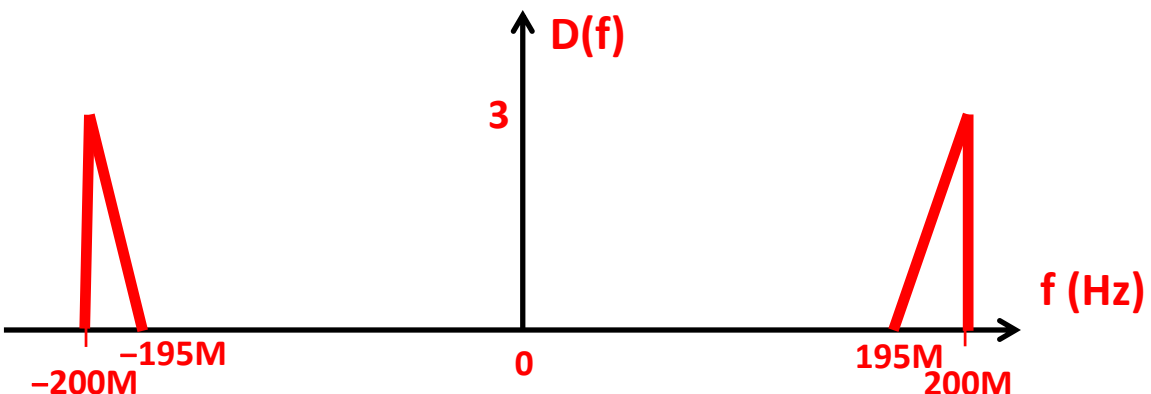
2. Lowpass filter eliminates spectrum portion above 100M Hz:



3. Second mixer shifts BOTH spectral portions by  $\pm 100\text{M}$  Hz and reduces amplitude in half:

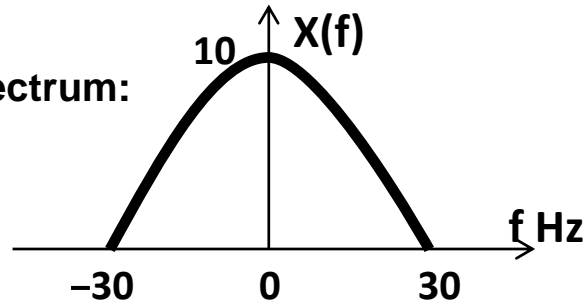


4. Highpass filter retains higher frequencies portions (gain of 3):

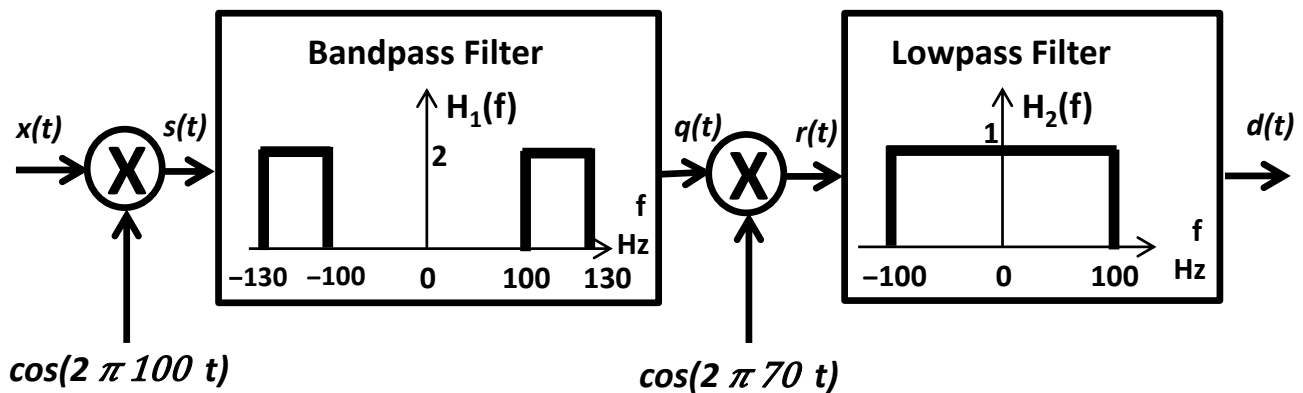


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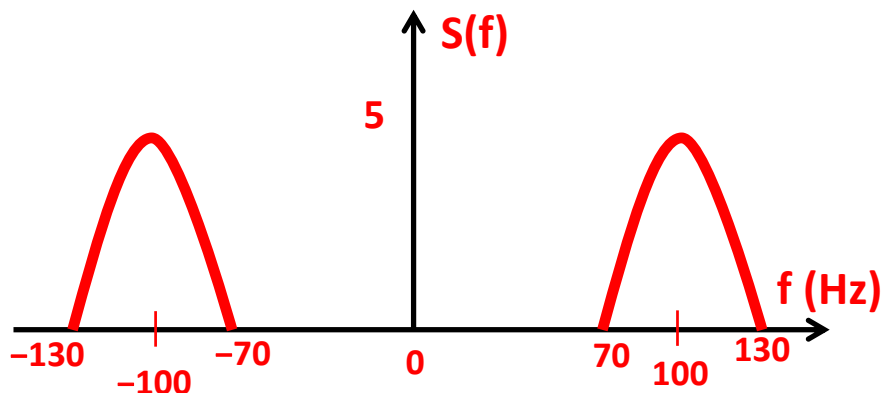


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### Solution:

- First mixer creates two copies of original spectrum, shifted  $\pm 100$  Hz and reduced in amplitude by half:

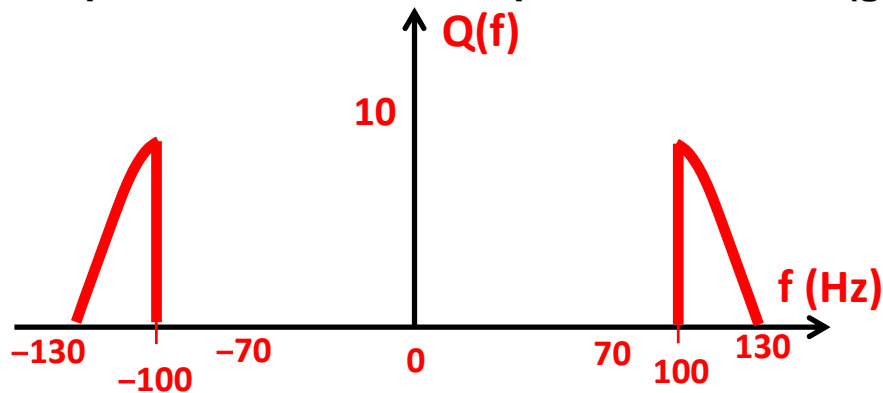


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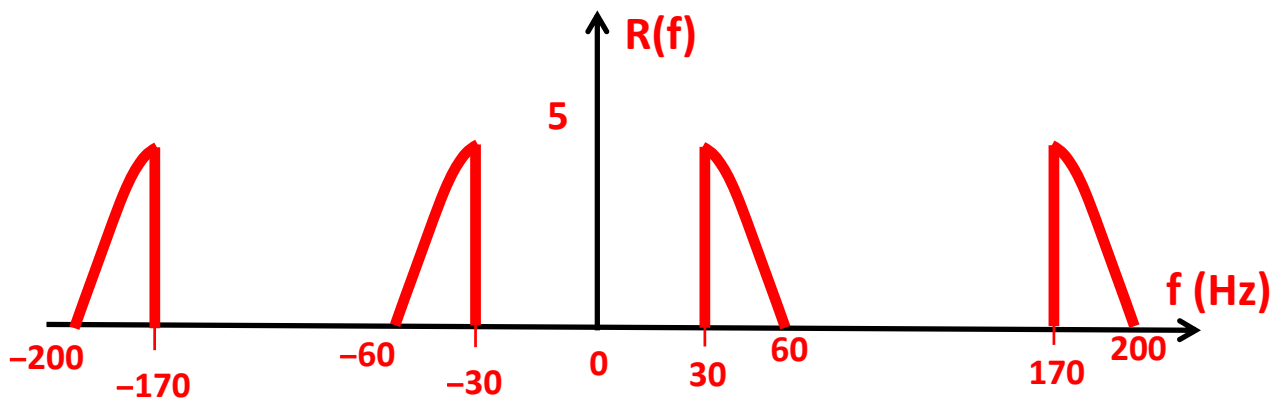
## Sinusoidal Amplitude Modulation: Example 3 (Continued)

### • Solution (Continued):

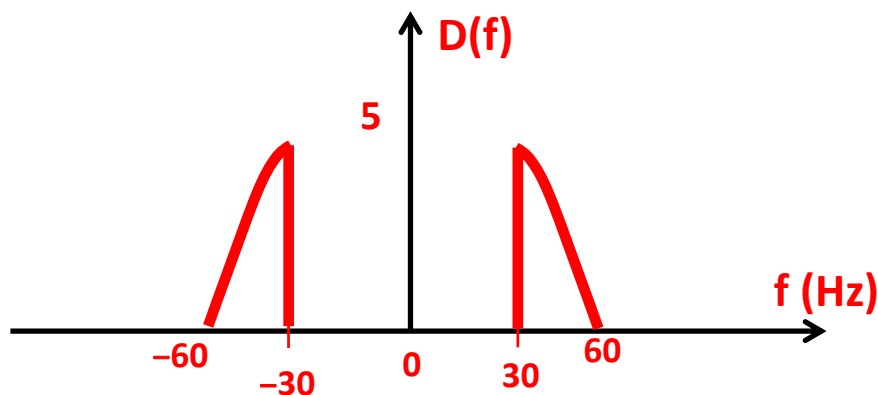
2. Bandpass filter eliminates spectrum  $<100$  Hz (gain of 2):



3. Second mixer shifts BOTH spectral portions by  $\pm 70$  Hz and reduces amplitude in half:



4. Lowpass filter retains lower frequencies:

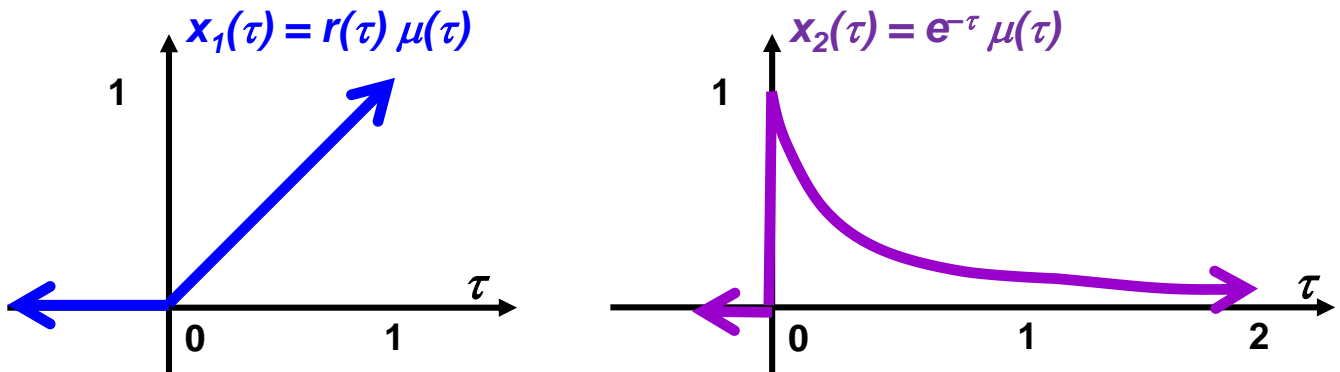


## Convolution Example: Ramp \* Exponential

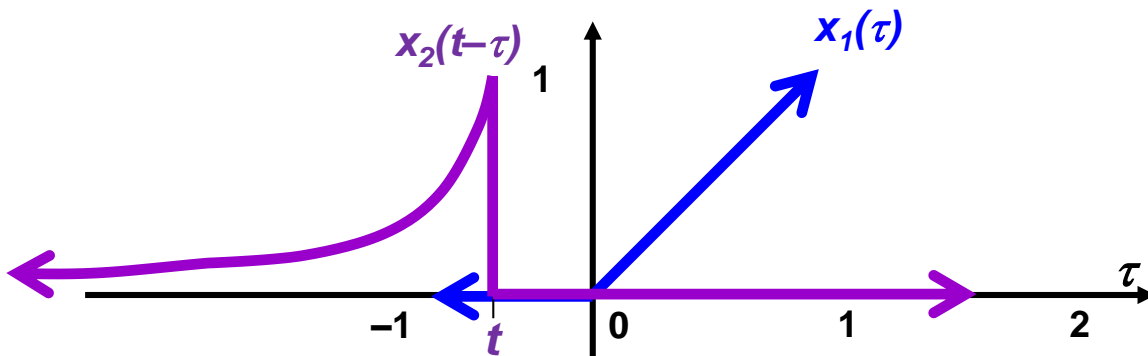
- Use convolution integral to convolve  $x_1(t) * x_2(t)$ , where:

$$x_1(t) = r(t) \mu(t), \quad x_2(t) = e^{-t} \mu(t)$$

- Solution:**



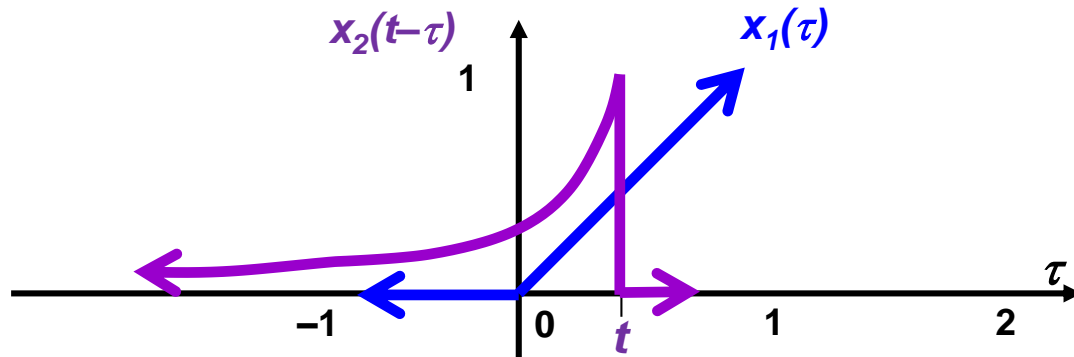
- $t < 0$** : No overlap. Convolution equals zero in this range.



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## Convolution Example: Ramp \* Exponential (2)

- $t \geq 0$ : Partial overlap from left.



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{\tau=0}^t \tau \cdot e^{-(t-\tau)} d\tau = e^{-t} \int_{\tau=0}^t \tau \cdot e^{\tau} d\tau = e^{-t} [e^{\tau}(\tau - 1)] \Big|_{\tau=0}^t \\
 &= e^{-t} [e^t(t - 1)] - e^{-t} [e^0(0 - 1)] = t - 1 + e^{-t}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Total Solution:

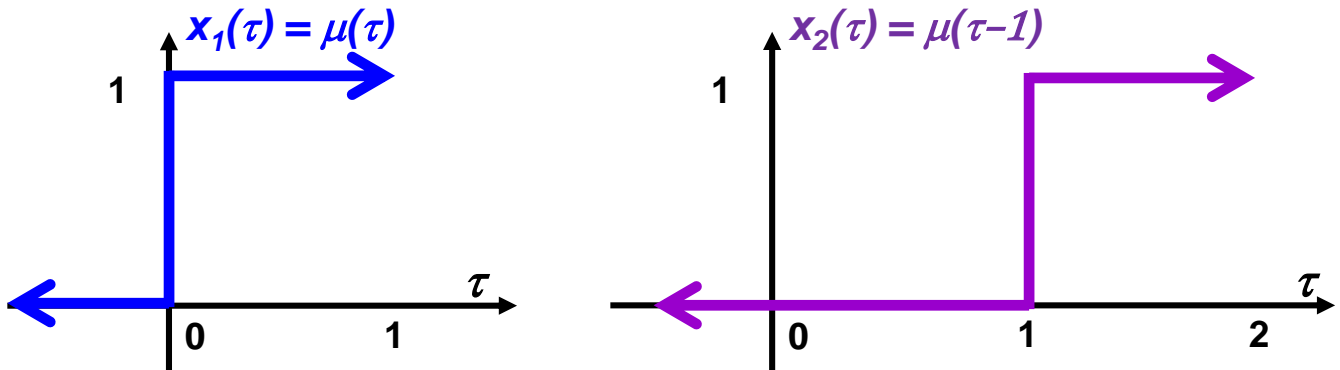
$$x_1(t) * x_2(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ t - 1 + e^{-t}, & t \geq 0 \end{cases} = (t - 1 + e^{-t}) \mu(t)$$

## Convolution Example: Step \* Step

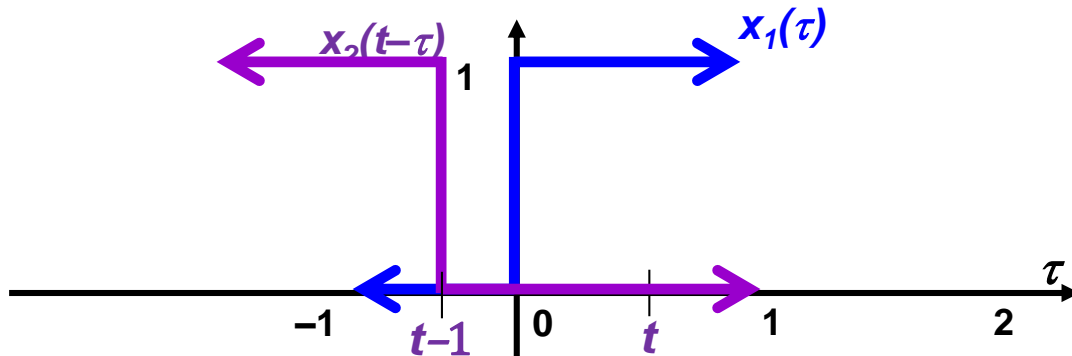
- Use convolution integral to convolve  $x_1(t) * x_2(t)$ , where:

$$x_1(t) = \mu(t), \quad x_2(t) = \mu(t - 1)$$

- Solution:**



- $t < 1$** : No overlap. Convolution equals zero in this range.

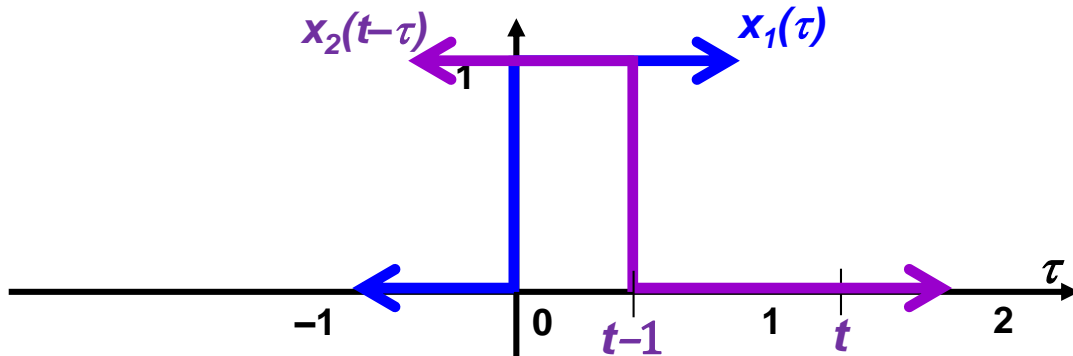


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## Convolution Example: Step \* Step (2)

- $t \geq 1$ : Partial overlap from left.



$$= \int_{\tau=0}^{t-1} 1 \cdot 1 d\tau = \tau \Big|_{\tau=0}^{t-1} = t - 1 - 0 = t - 1$$

- Total Solution:

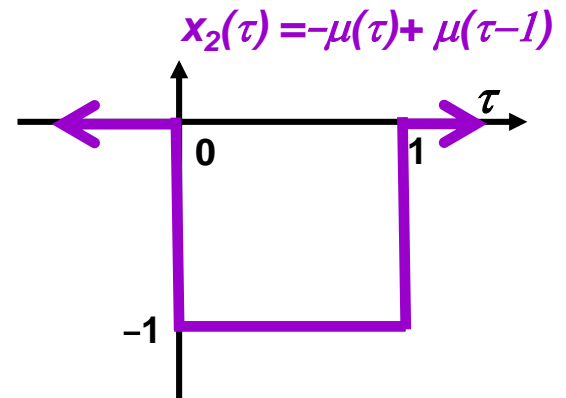
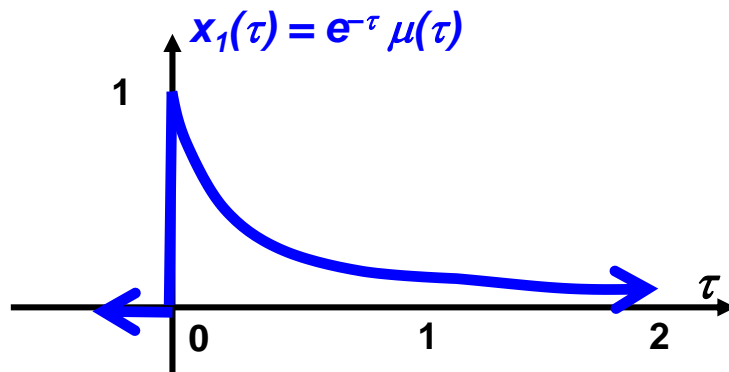
$$x_1(t) * x_2(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 1 \\ t - 1, & t \geq 1 \end{cases} = (t - 1) \mu(t - 1)$$

## Convolution Example: Exponential \* Negative Gate

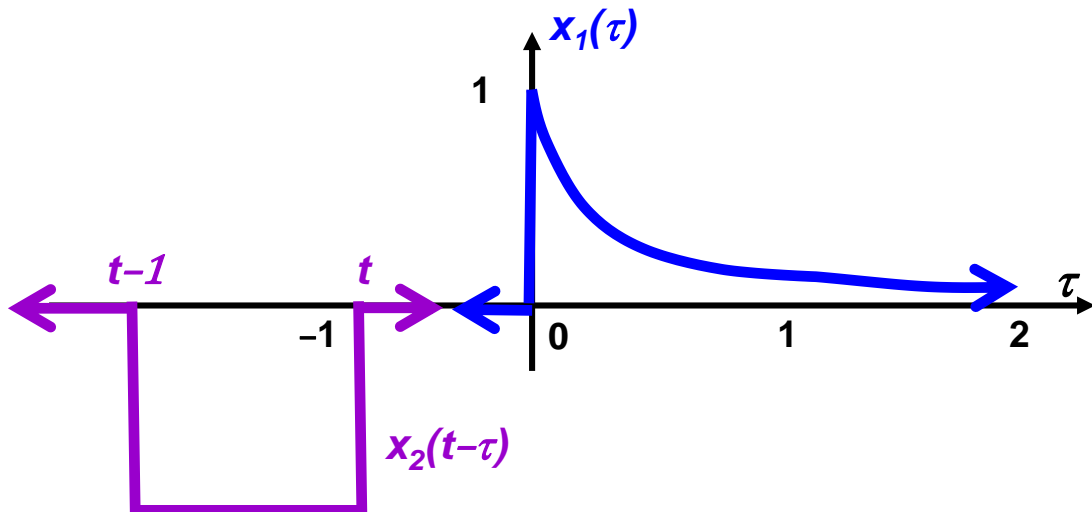
- Use convolution integral to convolve  $x_1(t) * x_2(t)$ , where:

$$x_1(t) = e^{-t} \mu(t), \quad x_2(t) = -\mu(t) + \mu(t-1)$$

- Solution:**



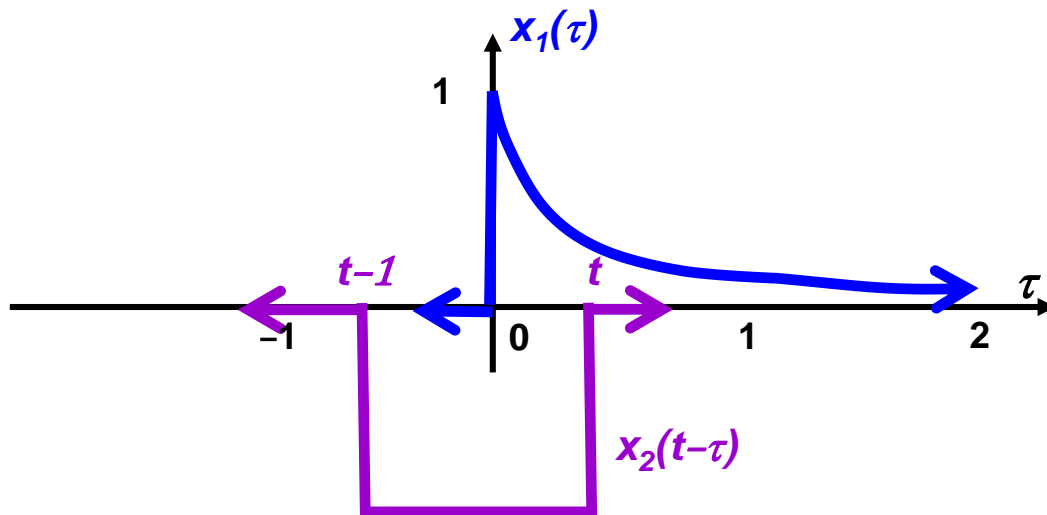
- $t < 0$** : No overlap. Convolution equals zero in this range.



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## Convolution Example: Exponential \* Negative Gate (2)

- $0 \leq t \leq 1$ : Partial overlap from left.

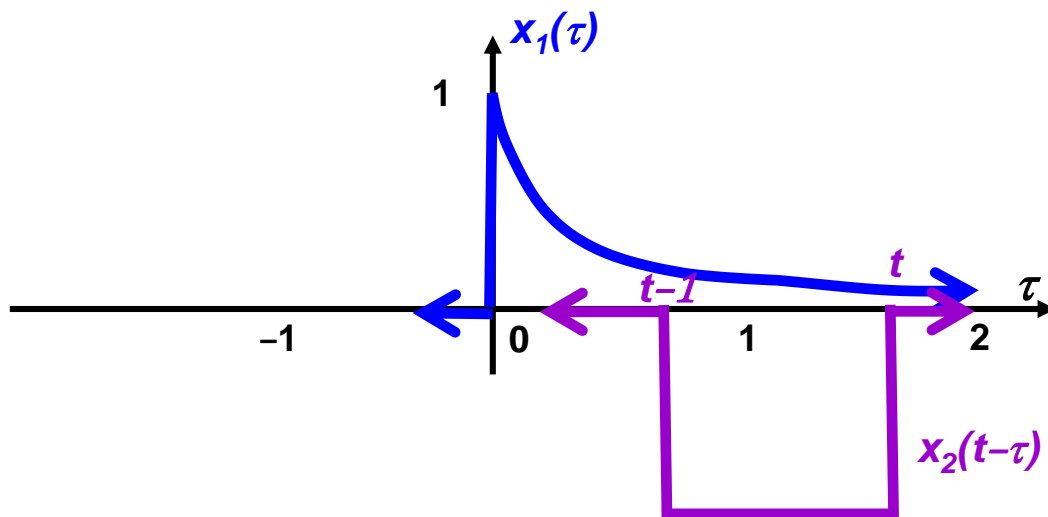


$$= \int_{\tau=0}^t e^{-\tau} \cdot (-1) d\tau = \left. \frac{-e^{-\tau}}{-1} \right|_{\tau=0}^t = e^{-t} - e^{-0} = e^{-t} - 1$$

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## Convolution Example: Exponential \* Negative Gate (3)

- $t > 1$ : Full overlap.



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{\tau=t-1}^t e^{-\tau} \cdot (-1) d\tau = \left. \frac{-e^{-\tau}}{-1} \right|_{\tau=t-1}^t = e^{-t} - e^{-(t-1)} \\
 &= e^{-t}(1 - e)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Total Solution:

$$x_1(t) * x_2(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ e^{-t} - 1, & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ e^{-t}(1 - e), & t > 1 \end{cases}$$