
Smoothing using convolution

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In[63]:= SetDirectory[NotebookDirectory[]];
```

Define a simple signal:

```
In[64]:= f[x_] := Cos[2  $\pi$  26 x / 1024] + Cos[2  $\pi$  34 x / 1024];
```

We will be smoothing noisy signals with two filters: a Gaussian filter FG of length and with a moving average filter of length lhfiltA=21:

```
In[65]:= lhfiltG = 35;
```

```
In[66]:= lhfiltA = 21;
```

Our signals will have length of lh=900 samples; thus, the nearest power of 2 larger plus the length of the signal lhfiltG+lh-1=35+900-1<1024.

```
In[67]:= lh = 900;
```

```
In[68]:= LH = 1024;
```

```
In[69]:= diff = LH - lh
```

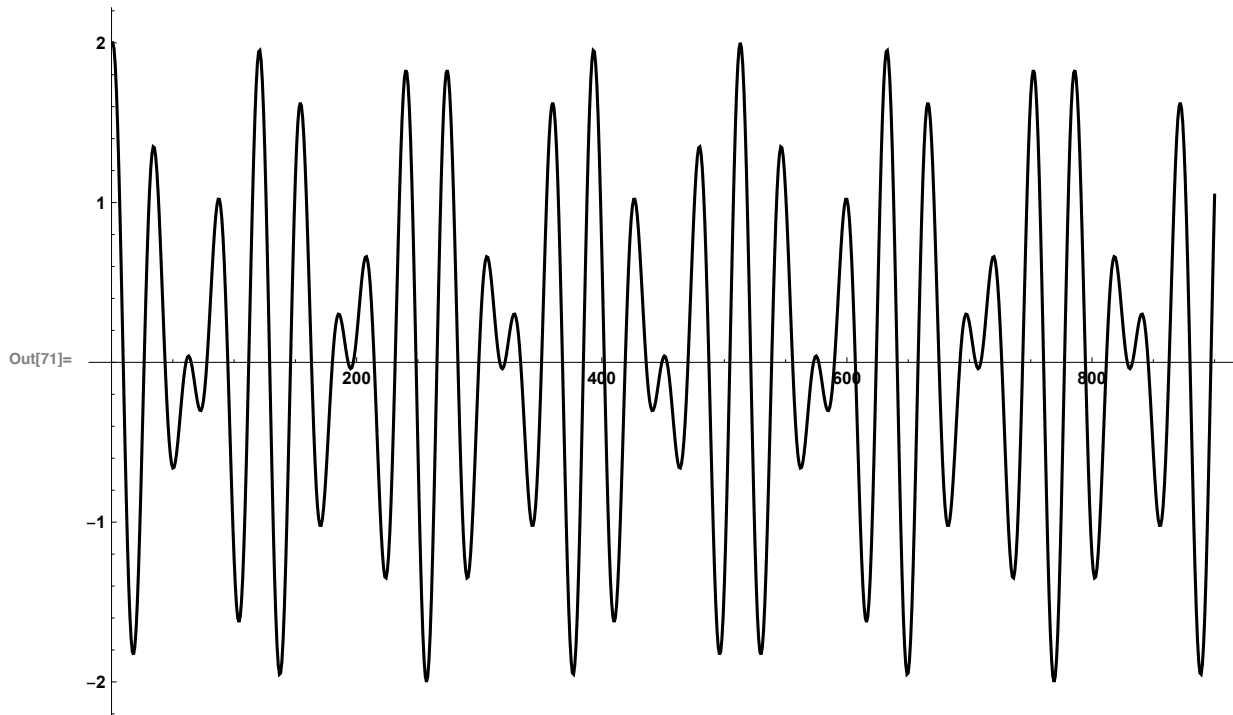
```
Out[69]= 124
```

Let us produce a list (in Mathematica a Table) of 900 samples of our signal at all i

```
In[70]:= Sig = Table[f[x], {x, 0, lh - 1}];
```

Let us plot such a signal, joining the sampling points for easy viewing:

```
In[71]:= P1 = ListPlot[Sig, ImageSize → 600, PlotStyle → {Black}, Joined → True]
```

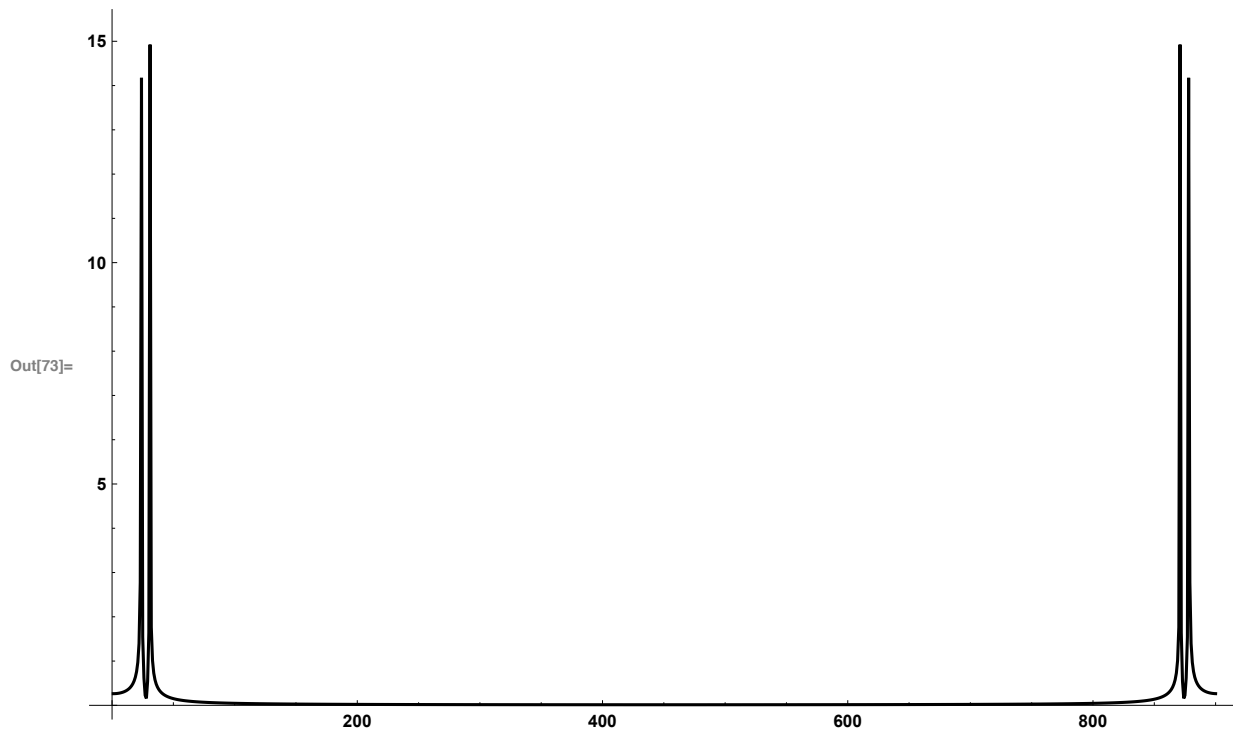


Let us take the FFT of such a signal; in Mathematica FFT is called Fourier:

```
In[72]:= FT = Fourier[Sig];
```

FFT produces the `DFT[Sig]` which is a sequence of complex values, so let us plot the `DFT[Sig]`:

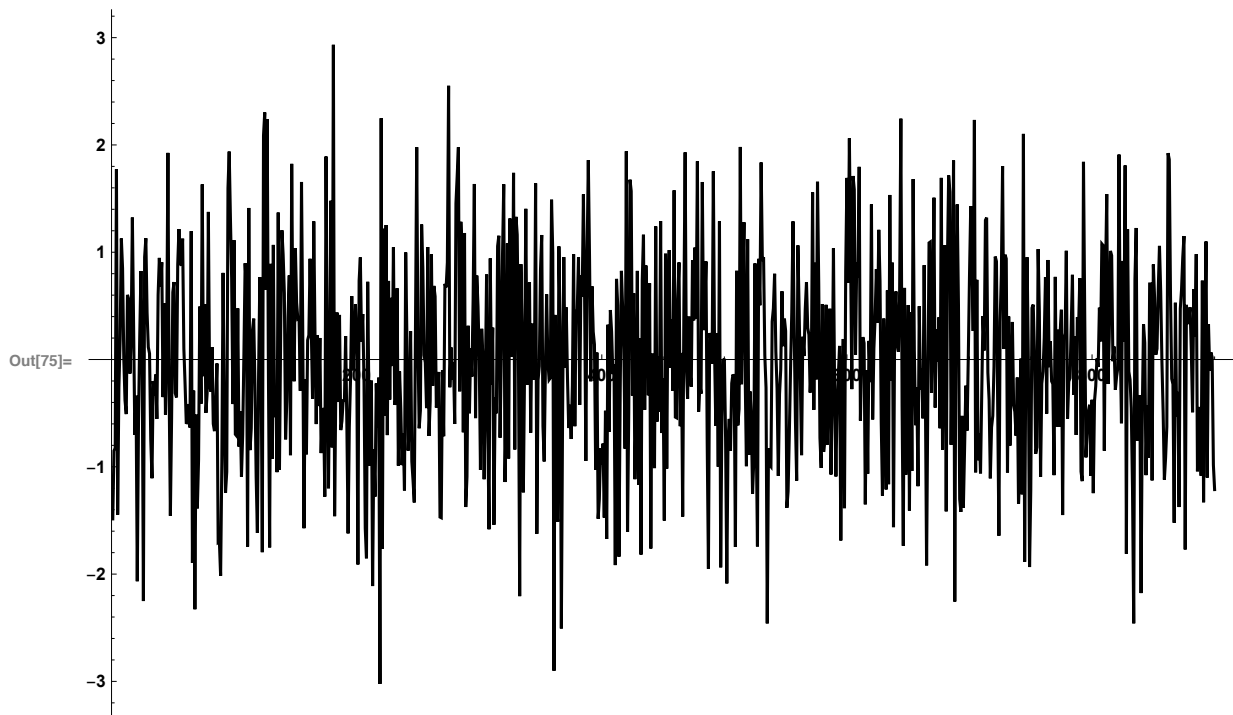
```
In[73]:= ListPlot[Abs[FT], ImageSize → 600,  
  PlotRange → All, Joined → True, PlotStyle → {Black}]
```



As explained in the slides, two cosines produce 4 peaks. We now generate some Gaussian noise with variance 1, of length also `lh` and plot it.

```
In[74]:= noise = Table[RandomVariate[NormalDistribution[0, 1]], {x, 1, lh}];
```

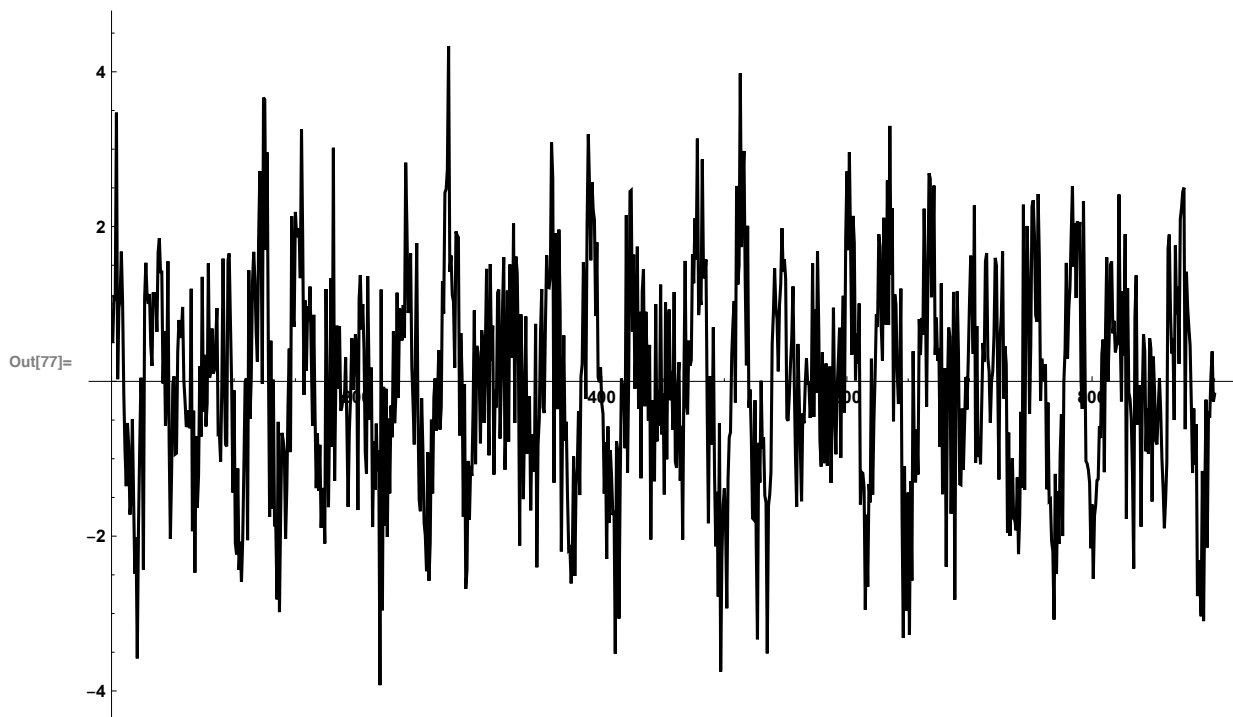
```
In[75]:= P2 = ListPlot[noise, ImageSize → 600, PlotStyle → {Black}, Joined → True]
```



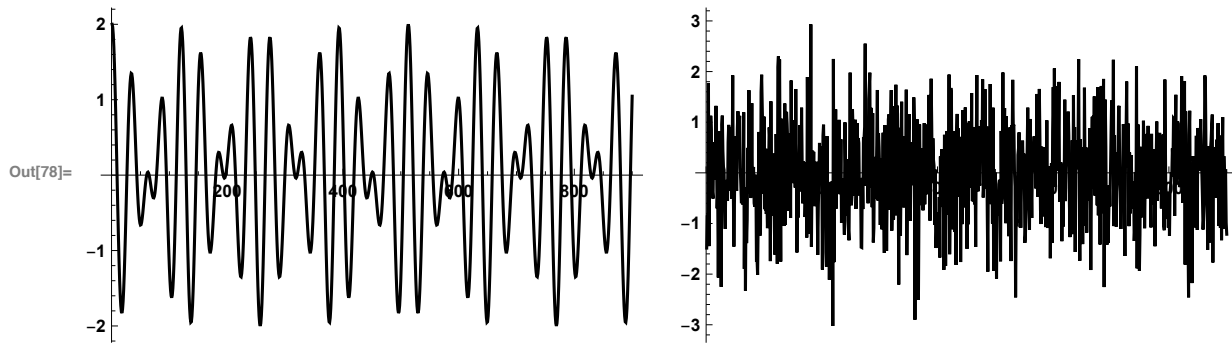
We add signal `Sig` and the noise to produce a very noisy signal '`noisySignal`' and the

```
In[76]:= noisySig = Sig + noise;
```

```
In[77]:= P3 = ListPlot[noisySig, ImageSize → 600, PlotStyle → {Black}, Joined → True]
```

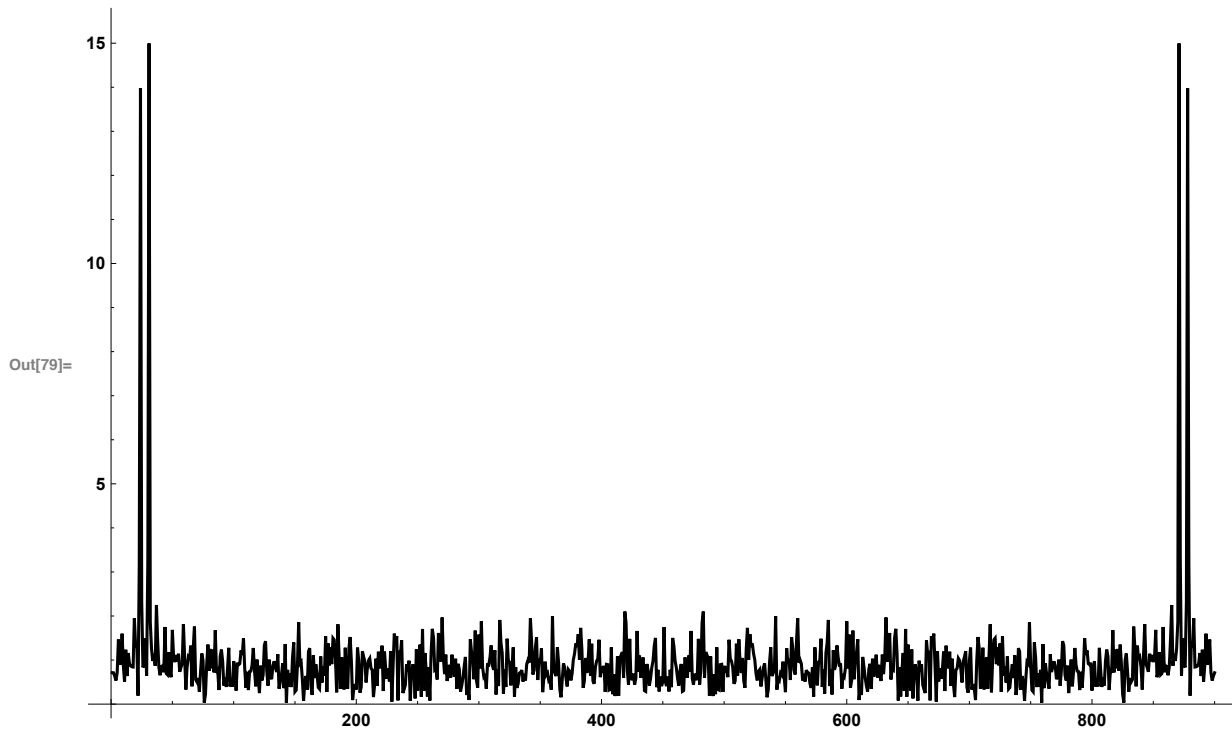


```
In[78]:= GG = GraphicsGrid[{{P1, P2}}, ImageSize -> 600]
```



We also plot the absolute value of the DFT of the 'noisySignal'. Even though noisySignal is a sum of two cosines, the DFT still clearly shows just 4 peaks (as symmetric pairs)

```
In[79]:= ListPlot[Abs[Fourier[noisySig]], ImageSize -> 600,
  PlotStyle -> {Black}, Joined -> True, PlotRange -> All]
```



We make a smoothing Gaussian filter using a zero mean Gaussian with variance $((\text{lhfiltG}-1)/6)^2$ so that $3\sigma^{1/2} = (\text{lhfiltG}-1)/2$:

```
In[80]:= v =  $\left(\frac{\text{lhfiltG}-1}{6}\right)^2$ 
```

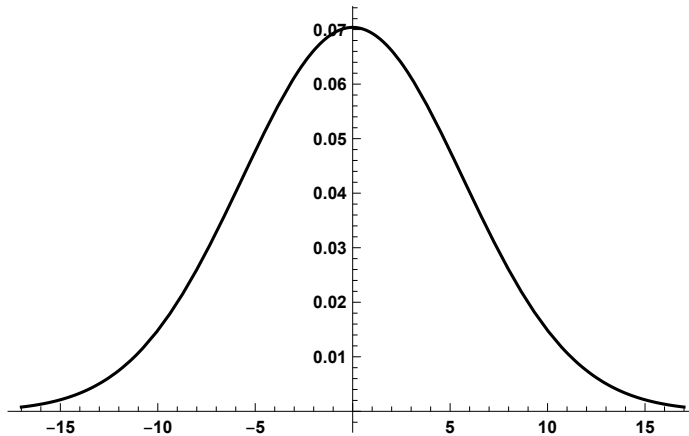
Out[80]= $\frac{289}{9}$

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In[81]:=
```

```
In[82]:= hlfilt =  $\frac{\text{hlfiltG} - 1}{2}$ ;
```

```
In[83]:= Plot[ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi v}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2v}}$ , {t, -hlfilt, hlfilt}, PlotStyle → Black]
```

Out[83]=



```
In[84]:=
```

We evaluate such a Gaussian at all integers in the interval $[-\text{hlfilt}, \text{hlfilt}]$:

```
In[85]:= FG0 = N[Table[ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi v}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2v}}$ , {t, -hlfilt, hlfilt}]];
```

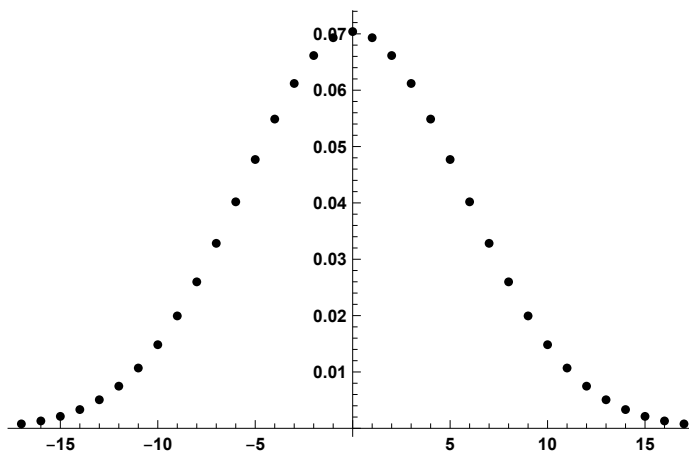
Note that weights obtained in this way sum up almost to 1, so we do not need to normalize.

```
In[86]:= Total[FG0]
```

Out[86]= 0.998014

```
In[87]:= ListPlot[Table[{t,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi v}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2v}}$ }, {t, -hlfilt, hlfilt}],  
PlotRange → All, PlotStyle → Black]
```

Out[87]=



```
In[88]:= FG =  $\frac{FG0}{\text{Total}[FG0]}$ ; (* normalization,
      so that all the weights sum up to 1 exactly (not really needed) *)
```

```
In[89]:= Total[FG]
```

```
Out[89]= 1.
```

To be able to compute the convolution of the noisySig and our Gaussian smoother FG, we pad the weights vector as $lh+lhfiltG-1$ and then find the nearest power of 2 which is LH in our case. So we

```
In[90]:= lh + lhfiltG - 1
```

```
Out[90]= 934
```

```
In[91]:= padd = LH - (lh + lhfiltG - 1)
```

```
Out[91]= 90
```

So we pad noisySig with LH-lh many zeros:

```
In[92]:= noisySigE = Join[noisySig, ConstantArray[0, LH - lh]];
```

```
In[93]:= Length[noisySigE]
```

```
Out[93]= 1024
```

We now find the DFT of the noisySig:

```
In[94]:= FNSE = Fourier[noisySigE];
```

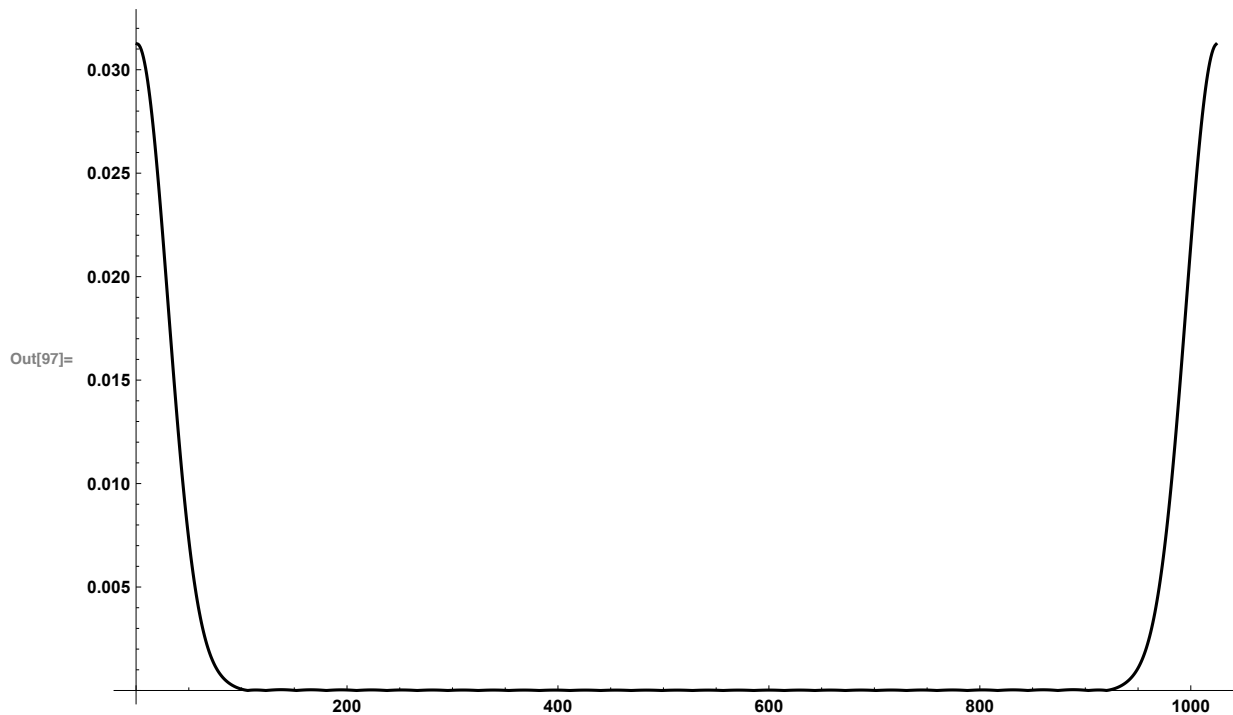
Similarly, we pad the weights vector with LH-lhfiltrG many zeros and compute its DFT:

```
In[95]:= FGE = Join[FG, ConstantArray[0, LH - lhfiltrG]];
```

```
In[96]:= FFG = Fourier[FGE];
```

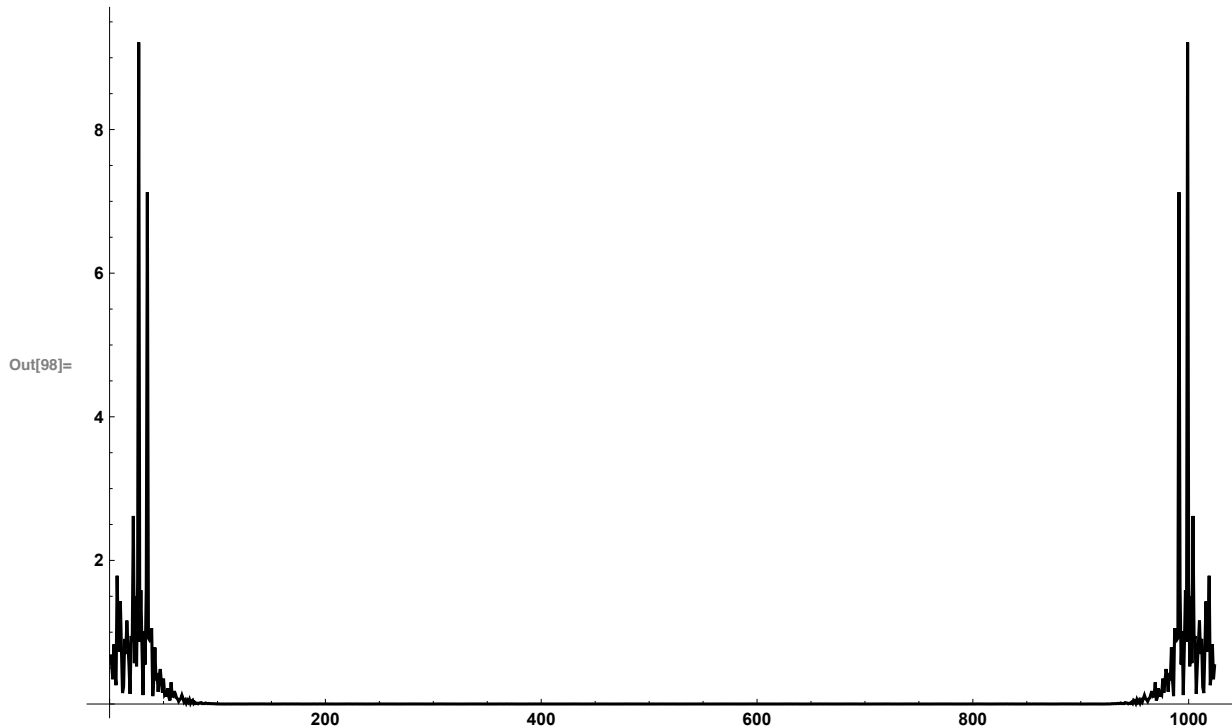
Let us look what the DCT of our Gaussian filter looks like:

```
In[97]:= ListPlot[Abs[FFG], ImageSize → 600,
  PlotStyle → {Black}, Joined → True, PlotRange → All]
```



Clearly, it will remove high frequency noise after we multiply the DCT of the noisy signal by our Gaussian filter. We now find the product of the DCT of the noisy signal and the DCT of the Gaussian filter. Mathematica computes the DCT by function 'Fourier' which includes a normalisation with $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Length}[FFG]}}$ for the direct and inverse DCT, so, as explained in the slides we have to multiply the result by $\sqrt{\text{Length}[FFG]}$ to get a proper scaling:


```
In[98]:= ListPlot[Abs[FNSE * FFG *  $\sqrt{\text{Length}[FFG]}$ ], ImageSize → 600,
  PlotStyle → {Black}, Joined → True, PlotRange → All]
```



As it can be seen on the plot, most of the high frequency noise is gone. Further below is the smoothed signal (blue) with the DCT of the noisy signal (red)

As it can be seen on the plot, most of the high frequency noise is gone. We now find the Inverse DCT of the product which will produce the convolution of the noisy signal and the smoothing weights FG:

```
In[99]:= smoothedSigG1 = Chop[InverseFourier[FNSE * FFG *  $\sqrt{\text{Length}[FFG]}$ ],
```

'Chop' function removes small imaginary components which are due to roundoff error. We now remove the part of the convolution which is due to padding by dropping 'padd'

```
In[100]:= smoothedSigG2 = smoothedSigG1[[1 ;; -padd - 1]];
```

To obtain a cleaned signal of the same size as the original signal for an easy comparison, we drop many points from both end:

```
In[101]:= offset = (lhfiltG - 1) / 2
```

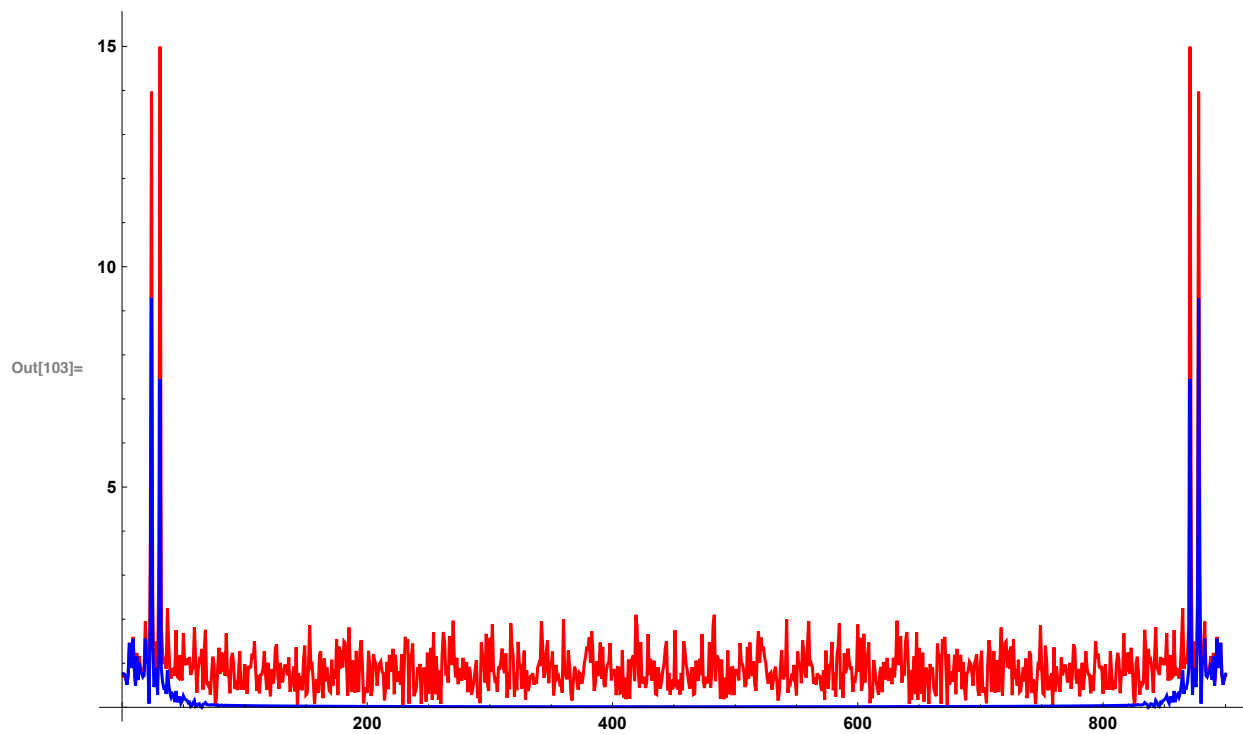
Out[101]= 17

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In[102]:= smoothedSigG = smoothedSigG2[[offset + 1 ;; -offset - 1]];
```

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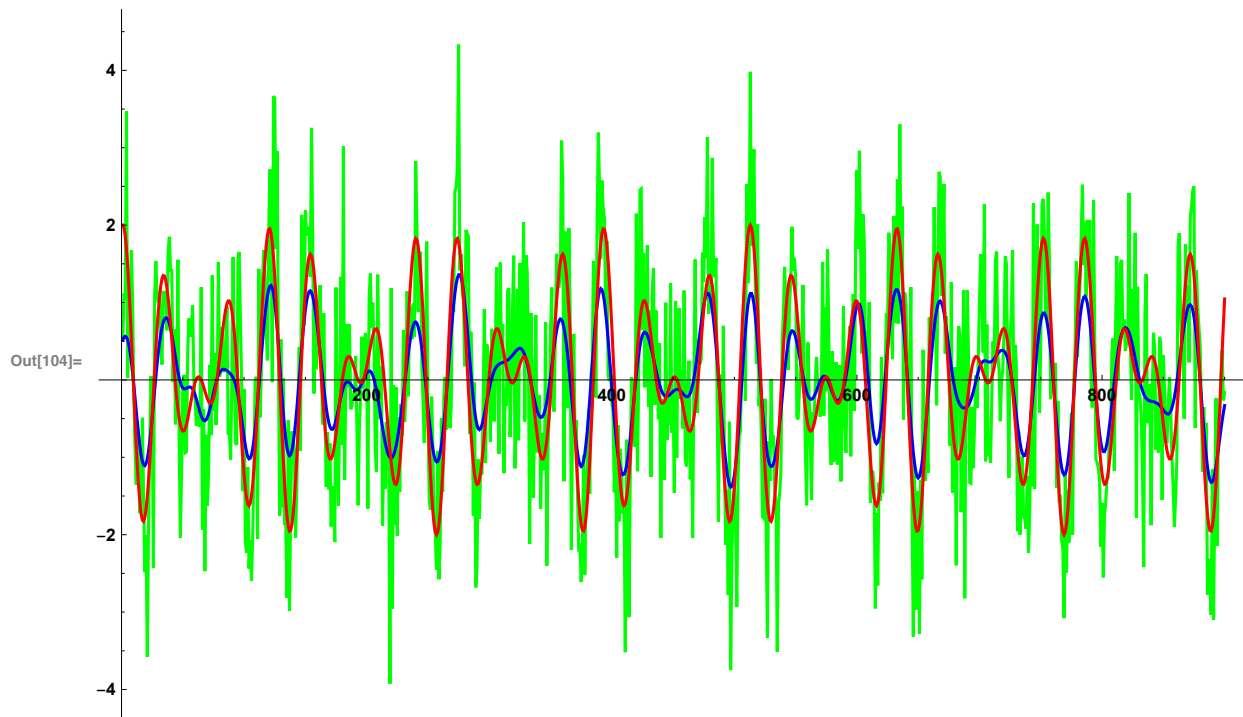
In[103]:= ListPlot[{Abs[Fourier[noisySig]], Abs[Fourier[smoothedSigG]]},
  ImageSize -> 600, PlotRange -> All, Joined -> True, PlotStyle -> {Red, Blue}]

```



We now compare the smoothed noisy signal with the clean initial signal and with the plotting the noisy signal `noisySig` in green, the original "pure" signal in red and the one obtained by our gaussian smoothing in blue:

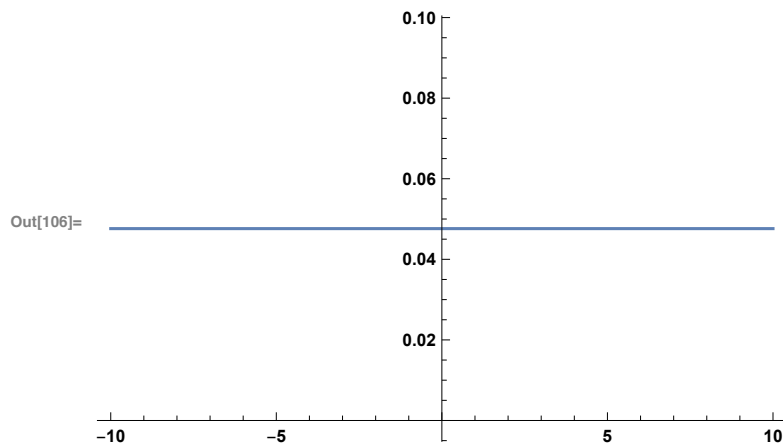
```
In[104]:= ListPlot[{ noisySig, smoothedSigG, Sig},
  ImageSize -> 600, Joined -> True, PlotStyle -> {Green, Blue, Red}]
```



We repeat the same procedure now with a Moving Average smoothing weights. So let us using a Moving Average:

```
In[105]:= hlhfiltA = (lhfiltA - 1) / 2;
```

```
In[106]:= Plot[ $\frac{1}{\text{lhfiltA}}$ , {t, -hlhfiltA, hlhfiltA}]
```

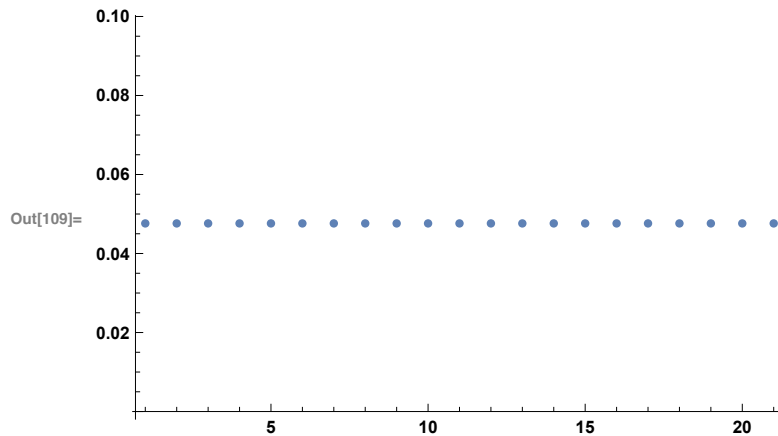


In[107]:=

```
In[108]:= FA = N[Table[ $\frac{1}{\text{lhfiltA}}$ , {t, -lhfiltA, lhfiltA}]];
```

All the weights are the same:

```
In[109]:= ListPlot[FA, PlotRange → All]
```



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In[110]:= paddA = LH - (lh + lhfiltA - 1)
```

Out[110]= 104

```
In[111]:= lh + lhfiltA - 1
```

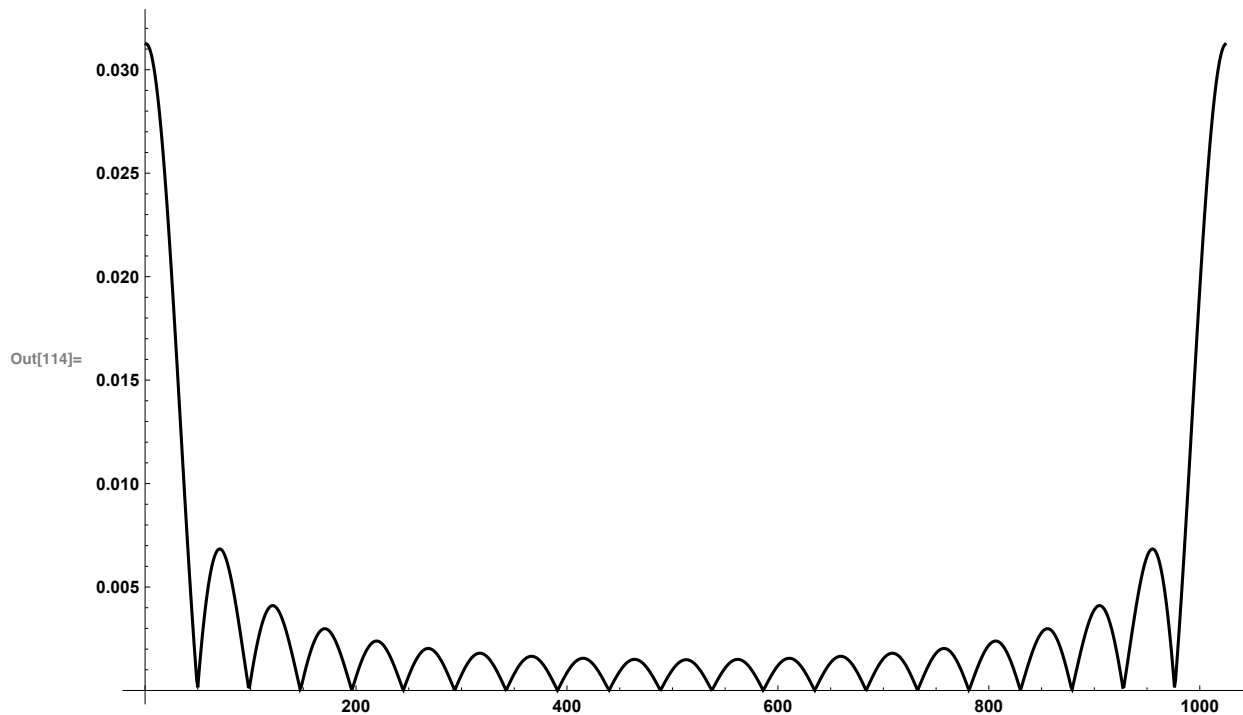
Out[111]= 920

```
In[112]:= FAE = Join[FA, ConstantArray[0, LH - lhfiltA]];
```

Let us see what the DCT of such weights looks like:

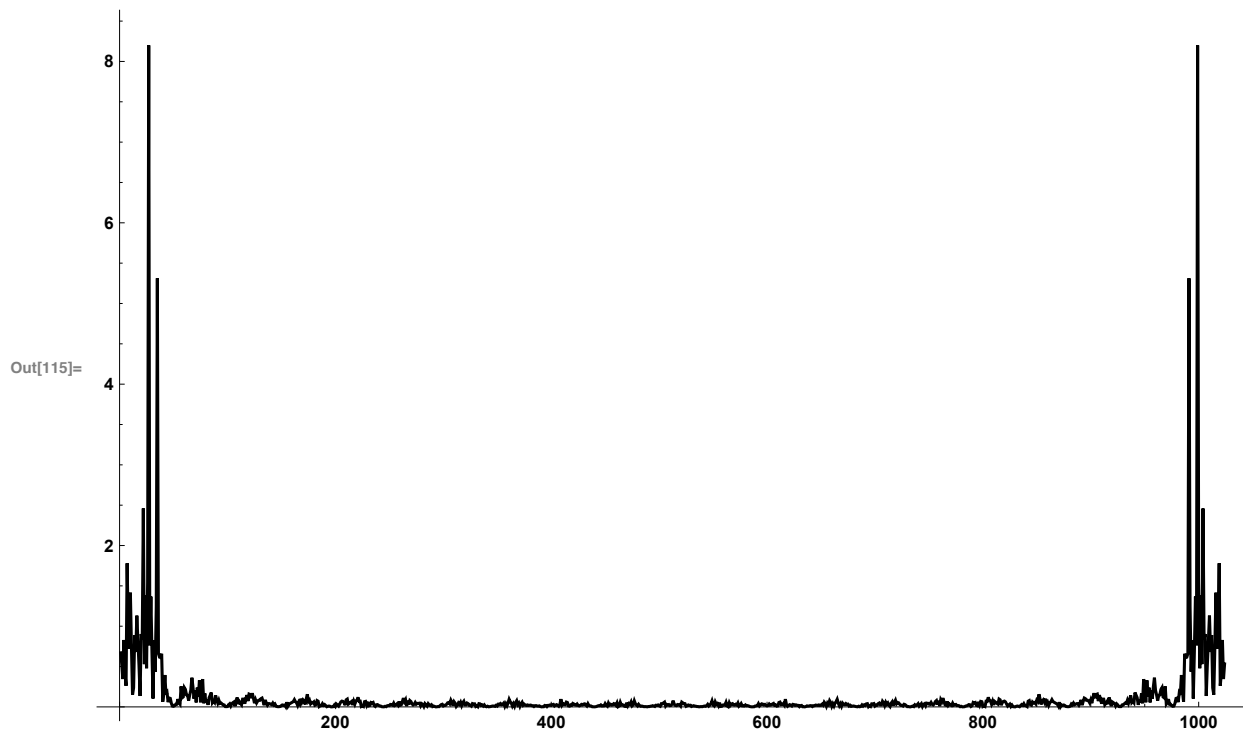
```
In[113]:= FFA = Fourier[FAE];
```

```
In[114]:= ListPlot[Abs[FFA], ImageSize → 600,
  PlotStyle → {Black}, Joined → True, PlotRange → All]
```



Obviously, such a smoother will suppress high frequency noise, but not nearly as cle

```
In[115]:= ListPlot[Abs[FNSE * FFA *  $\sqrt{\text{Length}[FFA]}$ ], ImageSize → 600,
  PlotStyle → {Black}, Joined → True, PlotRange → All]
```



We can see that there is some high frequency noise left. We now find the Inverse DCI of the Moving Average smoothed noisy signal:

```
In[116]:= smoothedSigA1 = Chop[InverseFourier[FNSE * FFA]  $\sqrt{\text{Length}[FFA]}$ ];
```

```
In[117]:= Length[smoothedSigA1]
```

```
Out[117]= 1024
```

```
In[118]:= smoothedSigA2 = smoothedSigA1[[1 ;; -paddA - 1]];
```

```
In[119]:= Length[smoothedSigA2] - lhfiltA + 1
```

```
Out[119]= 900
```

```
In[120]:= offsetA = (lhfiltA - 1) / 2
```

```
Out[120]= 10
```

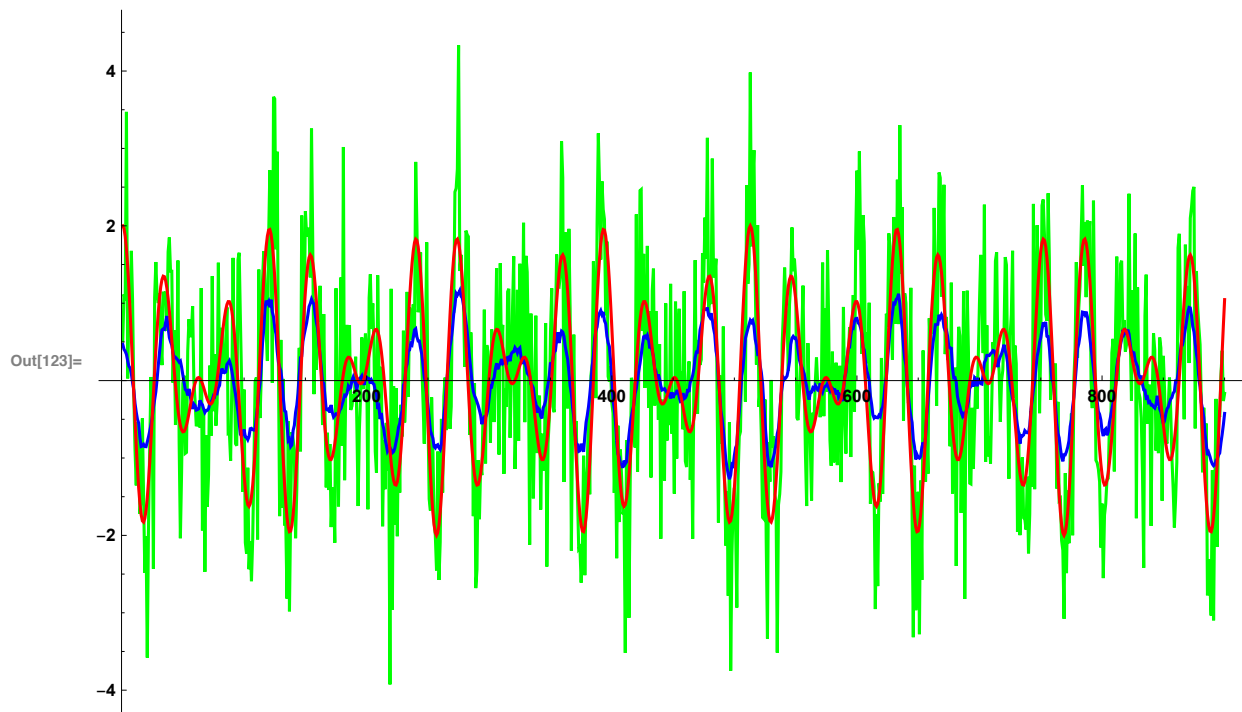
```
In[121]:= smoothedSigA = smoothedSigA2[[offsetA + 1 ;; -offsetA - 1]];
```

```
In[122]:= Length[smoothedSigA]
```

```
Out[122]= 900
```

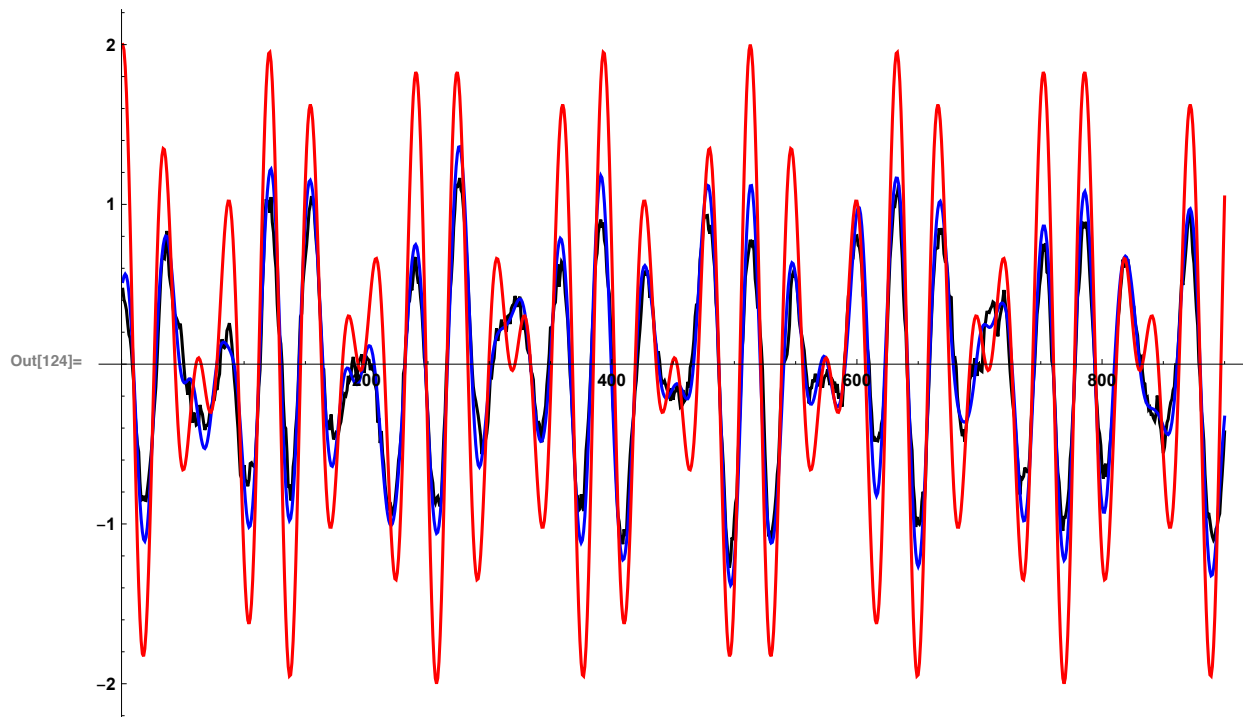
Compare the smoothed noisy signal with the clean initial signal and with the noisy :

```
In[123]:= ListPlot[{noisySig, smoothedSigA, Sig},  
  ImageSize → 600, Joined → True, PlotStyle → {Green, Blue, Red}]
```



Compare the smoothed noisy signal using the Gaussian smoothing weights (blue) with 1 (black) with the clean initial signal (red):

```
In[124]:= ListPlot[{ smoothedSigA, smoothedSigG, Sig},  
  ImageSize → 600, Joined → True, PlotStyle → {Black, Blue, Red}]
```



Clearly, Gaussian smoothing weights worked better than the Moving Average smoothing