

# EBU6018

## Advanced Transform Methods

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# Fourier Transform

- The Fourier Series can only be applied to **periodic signals**, giving an infinite number of **discrete** frequencies. However, periodic signals are non-informational.
- **Non-periodic signals** (signals containing information) cannot be analysed using the Fourier Series, the Fourier Transform (FT) is required.
- This gives us the bandwidth of a signal as the sum of an **continuous** infinity of sinusoids.

# Fourier Transforms

The Fourier Transform (FT) is defined as:

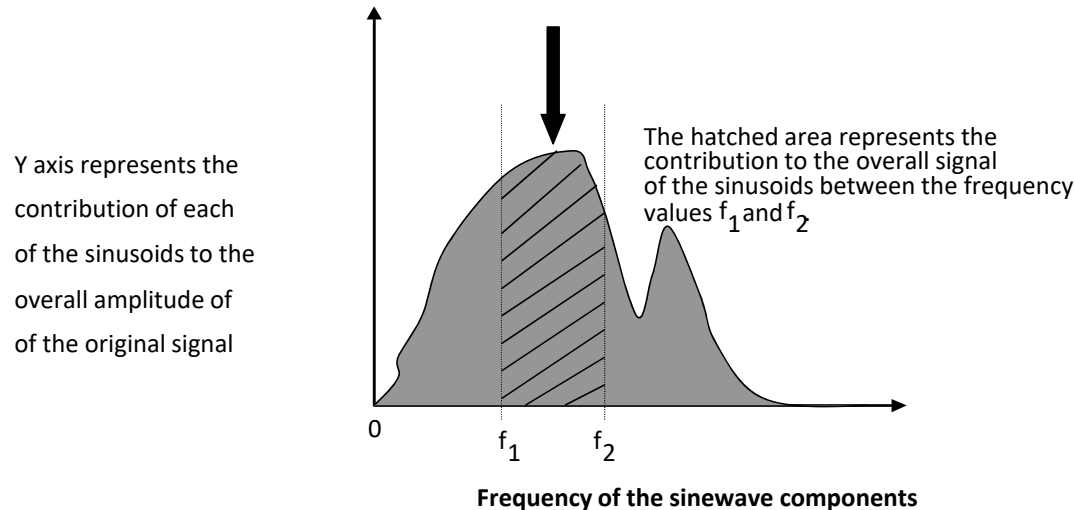
$$X(f) = \int_{t=-\infty}^{t=\infty} e^{-j\omega t} \cdot x(t) dt$$

$X(f)$  in LHS is values in the amplitude spectral density

(ASD). A frequency domain diagram showing spectral density

$x(t)$  is the signal

The **Fourier transform** will always be denoted by an **uppercase** letter or symbol, whereas **signals** will usually be denoted by **lowercase** letters or symbols.



**Example:**  
**R&S spectrum analyzer**  
**(R&S FSP40) F**

**Note: the spectrum analyser will sample the signal before analysing it.**



# Fourier Transforms

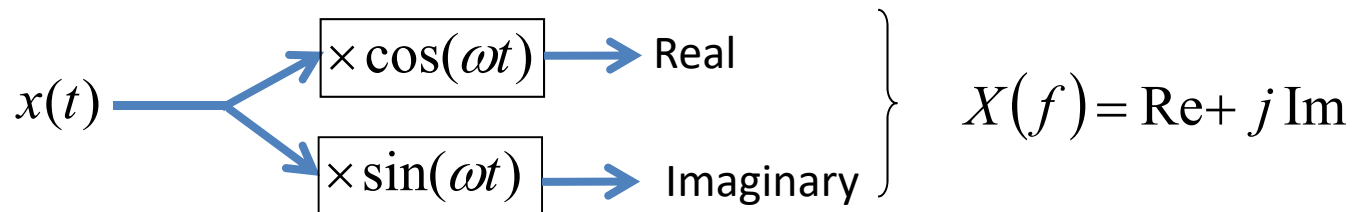
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By Euler's formula

$$= \int_{t=-\infty}^{t=\infty} (\cos(\omega t) - j \sin(\omega t)) \cdot x(t) dt$$

Implement the FT:



# The Conditions for an FT

- A signal is said to have a Fourier transform in the ordinary sense if the integral in the following equation converges (i.e. exists) .

$$X(f) = \int_{t=-\infty}^{t=\infty} e^{-j\omega t} \cdot x(t) dt$$

$x(t)$  is “well behaved” if:

1. the signal  $x(t)$  has a finite number of discontinuities, maxima, and minima within any finite interval of time.

2. if  $x(t)$  is absolutely integrable  $\int_{t=-\infty}^{t=\infty} |x(t)| dt < \infty$

These are the Dirichlet Conditions.

However some common signals are not absolutely integrable, such as a constant DC signal.

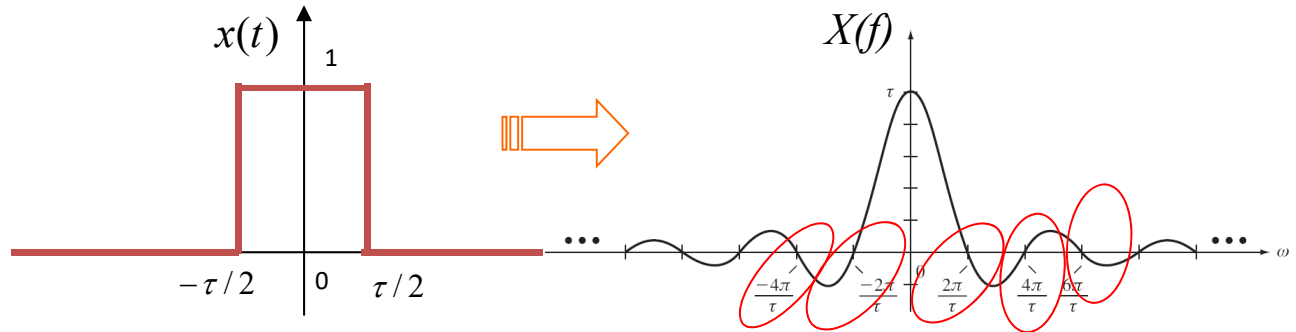
But in practice this could not exist for an infinite time.



# Isolated Rectangular Pulse

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -\frac{\tau}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{\tau}{2} \\ 0, & \text{all other } t \end{cases}$$

also denoted as  $p_\tau(t)$



FT definition

$$X(f) = \int_{t=-\infty}^{t=\infty} e^{-j\omega t} \cdot x(t) dt = \int_{t=-\infty}^{t=\infty} (\underbrace{\cos(\omega t)}_{\text{even}} - j \underbrace{\sin(\omega t)}_{\text{odd}}) \cdot x(t) dt \quad \text{and } x(t) \text{ is an even signal.}$$

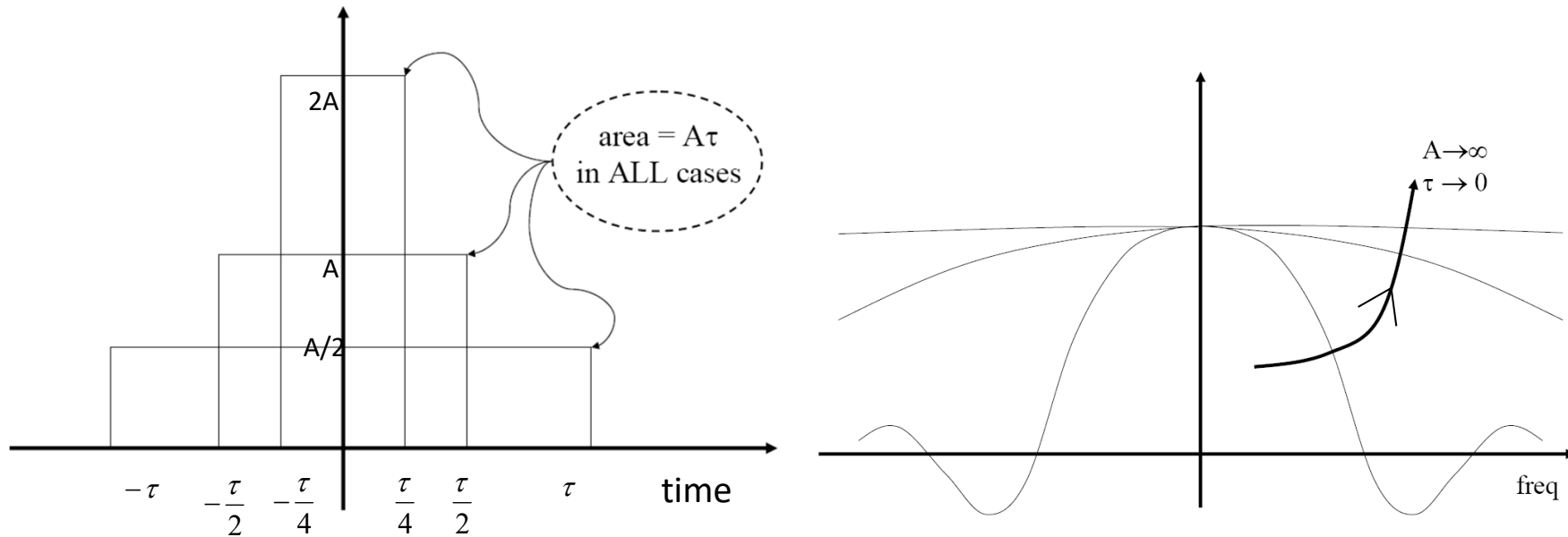
$$X(f) = 2 \int_0^{\tau/2} (1) \cos(\omega t) dt = \frac{2}{\omega} \left[ \sin(\omega t) \right]_{t=0}^{t=\tau/2} = \frac{2}{\omega} \sin \frac{\omega \tau}{2}$$

Let's recall the sinc function  $\text{sinc}(a\omega) = \frac{\sin(a\pi\omega)}{a\pi\omega}$       Setting  $a = \frac{\tau}{2\pi}$

$$\text{sinc}\left(\frac{\tau\omega}{2\pi}\right) = \frac{2}{\tau\omega} \sin\left(\frac{\omega\tau}{2}\right) \quad \text{Thus,} \quad X(f) = \tau \text{sinc}\left(\frac{\tau\omega}{2\pi}\right)$$



# Isolated Rectangular Pulse



As the pulse becomes narrower, the lobes of the frequency spectrum become wider (more energy at higher frequencies).

Also, the pulse is “time-limited”, but the frequency spectrum is infinite.

# Inverse Fourier Transform

Given a signal  $x(t)$  with Fourier transform  $X(f)$ ,  $x(t)$  can be recomputed from  $X(f)$  by application of the inverse Fourier transform give by:

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) \cdot e^{j\omega t} df$$

Note: the definitions of the FT and IFT are a pair. The  $1/2\pi$  and the sign of the exponential can be interchanged.

To denote the fact that  $X(f)$  is the Fourier transform of  $x(t)$ , or that  $X(f)$  is the inverse Fourier transform of  $x(t)$ , the transform pair notation:

$$x(t) \leftrightarrow X(f)$$

will sometimes be used.

One of most fundamental transform pairs in the Fourier Theory is the pair

$$p_{\tau}(t) \leftrightarrow \tau \operatorname{sinc} \frac{\tau \omega}{2\pi}$$