

# Multirate Systems

Ex:

- YouTube full screen



increased the  
rate

- Watching videos at 2x speed.

Recall:

$$x[n] = x_c(nT), \frac{1}{T} \text{ sampling rate}$$

Downsample by factor 2:

$$(\downarrow 2) x[n] = x[2n] = x_c(2nT), \frac{1}{2T} \text{ sampling rate}$$

Slower

Intuition:

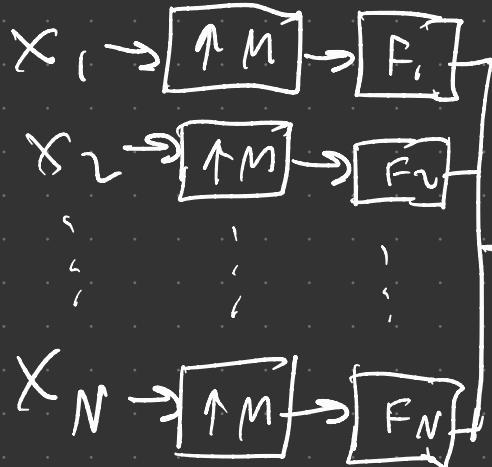
Downsampling reduces bandwidth

Upsampling increases bandwidth

Ex:

Voice is  
sampled at

8 kHz

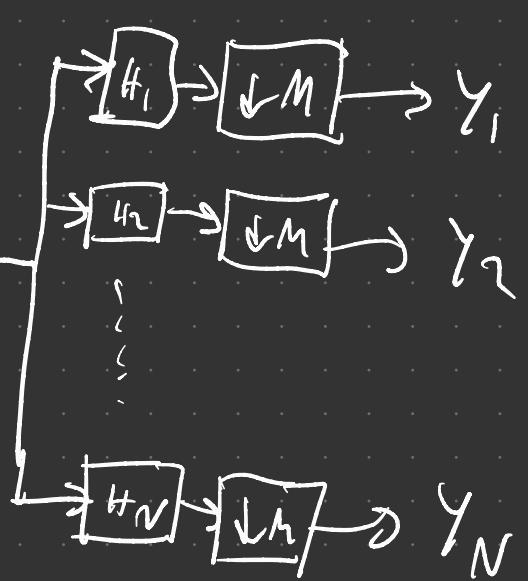


Filter Bank

freq. Resp. /



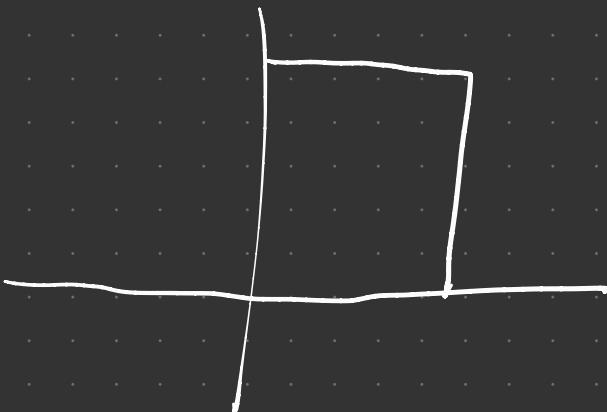
8 kHz



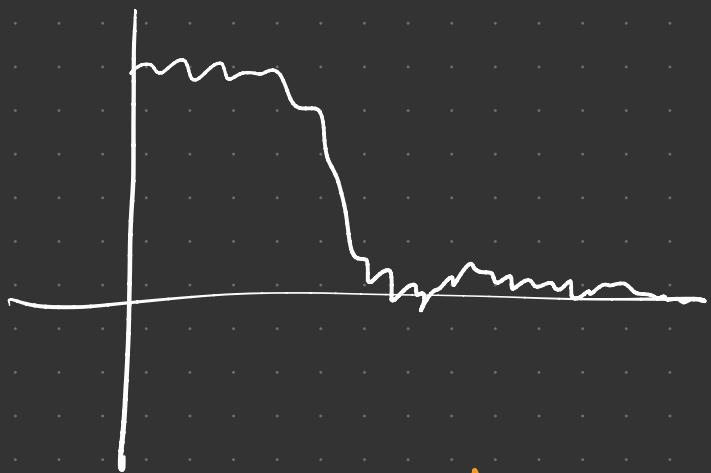
Cell phones  
operate in  
MHz or GHz  
(RF spectrum)

Also how  
cable TV  
works

$|H_i(e^{j\omega})|$



ideal filter



actual filter

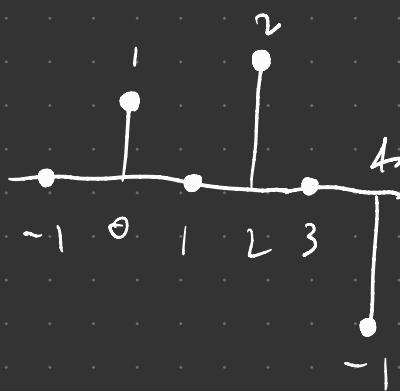
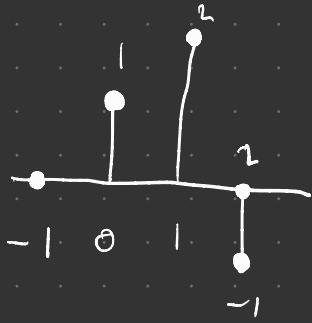
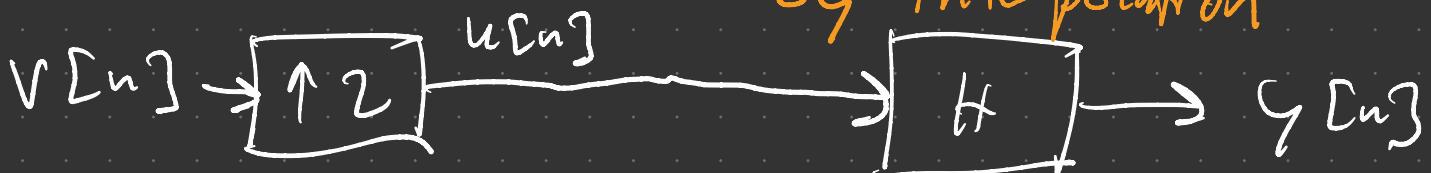
# Upsampling & Interp by factor 2

Q: What is upsampling?

A: Putting zeros between samples

upsampling is  
always followed  
by interpolation

Ex:



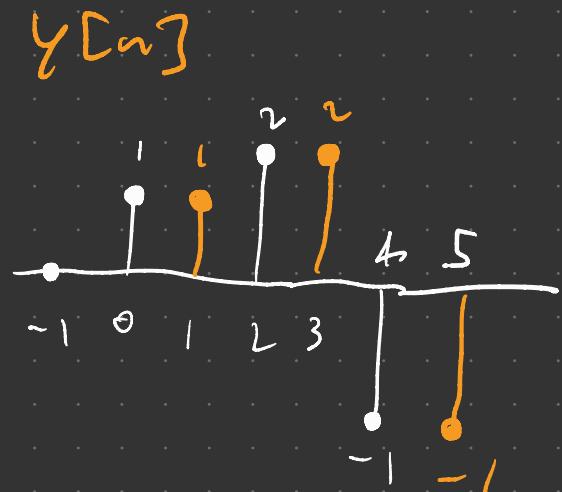
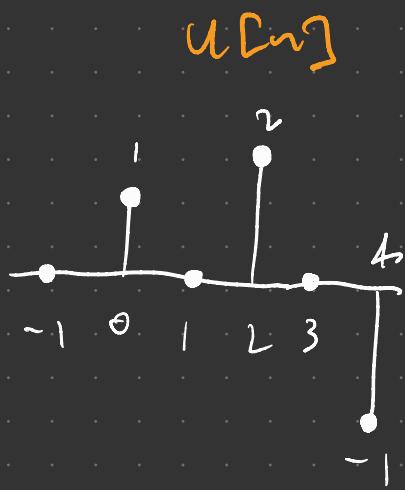
not useful  
e.g. in an  
image this  
would be  
dark lines

Q: what is  
the job  
of the filter?

A: To interpolate  
the zeros.

Q: what's the easiest way to interpolate?

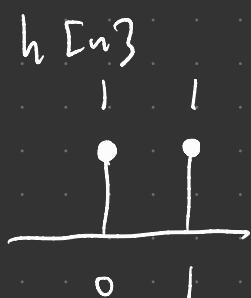
A: Repeat value to the left.



Exercise: What is  $h[n]$  such that

$$(h * u)[n] = y[n] ?$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:



Why? :

$$y[n] = u[n] + u[n-1]$$

$$h[n] = \delta[n] + \delta[n-1]$$

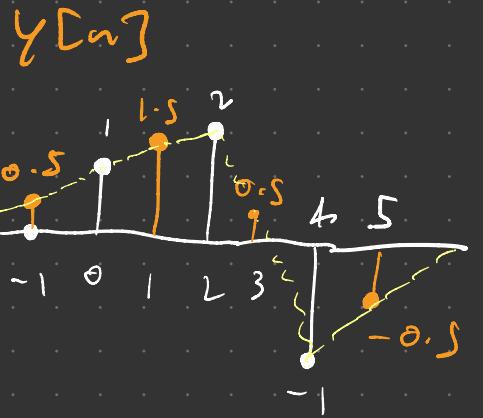
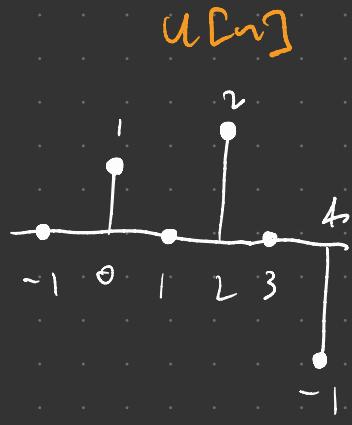
Q: Why is this bad?

A: Blocking artifacts.

(Imagine upsampling by factor 8)

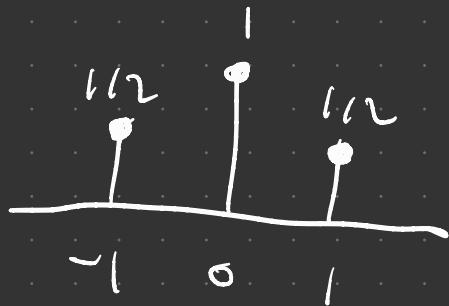
Remark: Interpolation filter design  
is a kind of art.

Q: What about linear interpolation?



Exercise: What is  $h[n]$ ?

Sol:



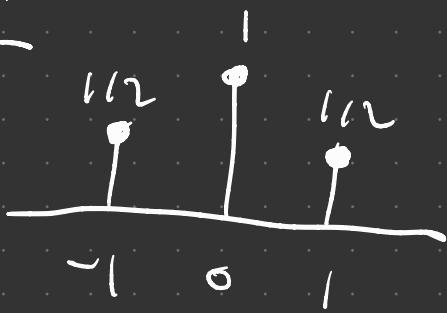
$$y[n] = \frac{u[n+1] + u[n-1]}{2} + u[n]$$

$$h[n] = \frac{1}{2}\delta[n+1] + \delta[n] + \frac{1}{2}\delta[n-1]$$

Q: Why is this bad?

A: Looks too sharp. We want something that looks smooth.

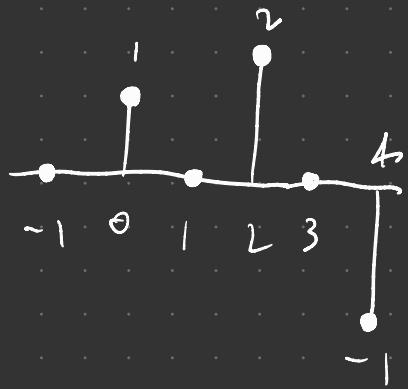
Obs:



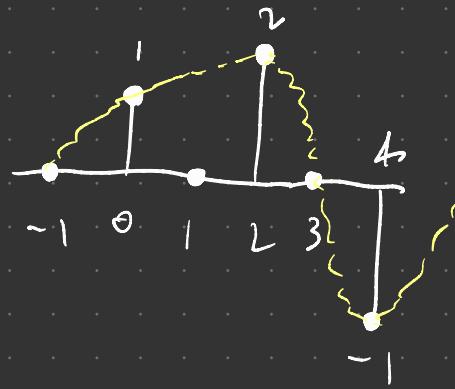
looks kinda like  
a sinc  $\Rightarrow$  low-pass

Goal:

$u[n]$

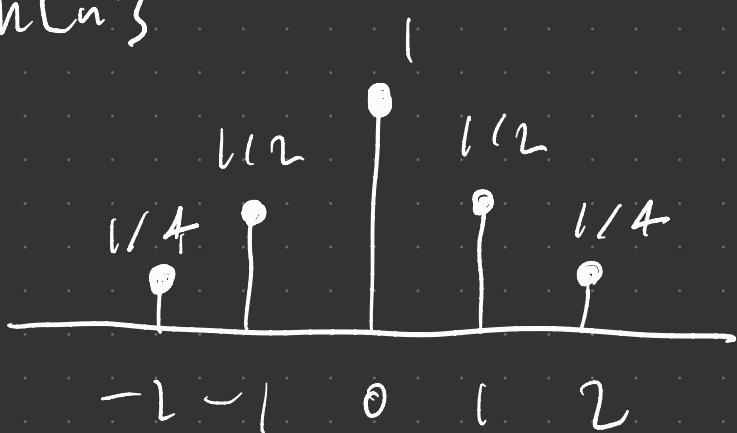


$y[n]$



Exercise: What about the filter

$h[n]$



Obs: It's bad because it changes the original samples!

Check what happens @  $y[0]$

$$y[0] = 1 + 0 + \frac{1}{4}(2) = \frac{3}{2} \neq u[0]$$

We destroyed the original samples!

Goal: Interpolate and preserve samples.

Obs: The issue is at even coeff. of  $h[n]$ .

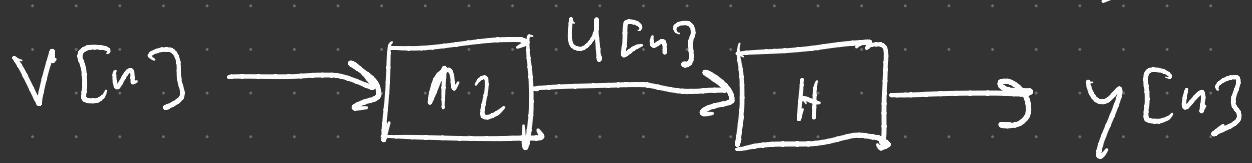
Property: An interpolation filter must satisfy

$$h[2n] = 8[n] \rightarrow (↓2)h[n]$$

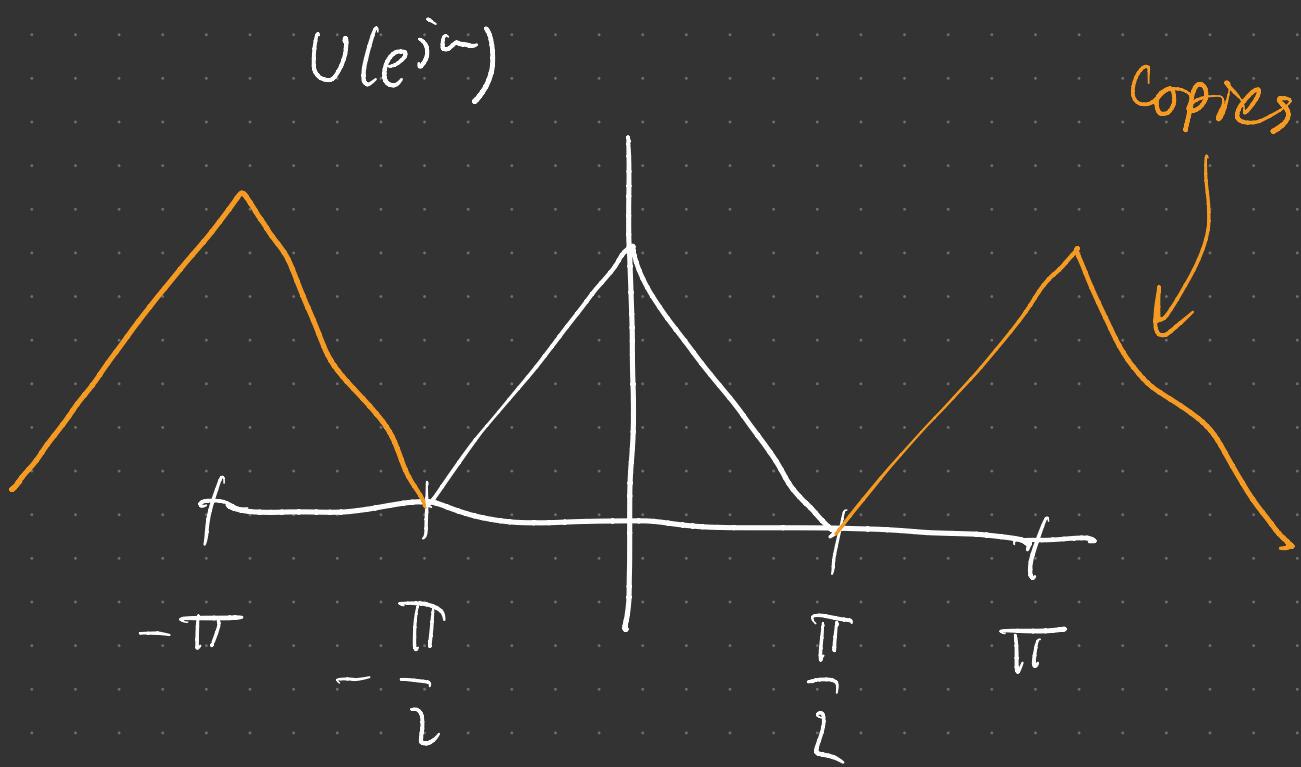
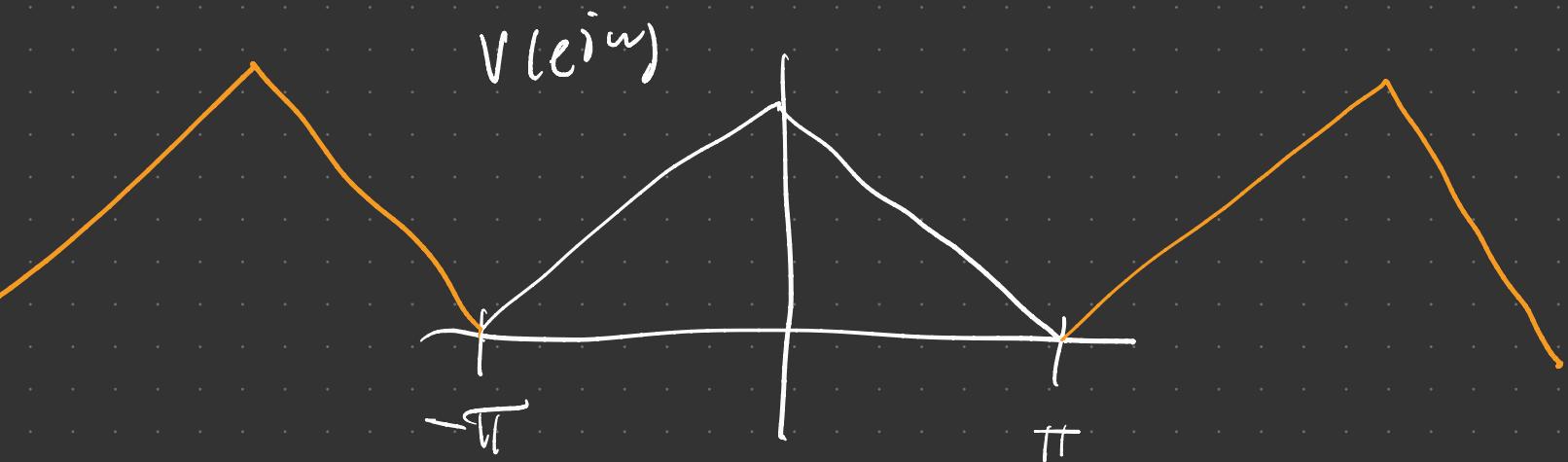
half-band condition

Obs: Interpolation filter design is only about the odd coeff.

# Frequency - Domain Analysis



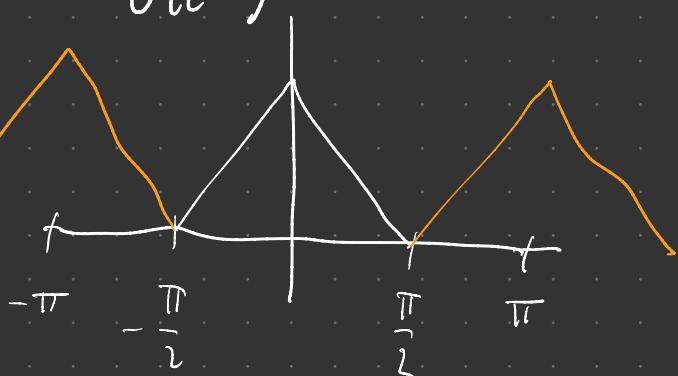
$$U(z) = V(z^2) \Rightarrow U(e^{j\omega}) = V(e^{j2\omega})$$



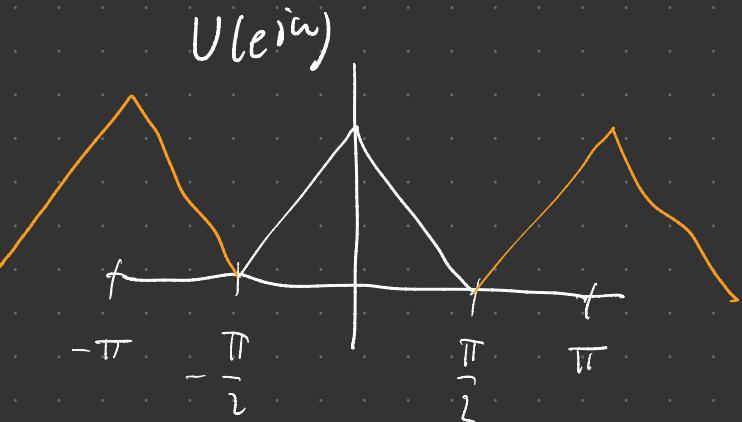
Remark: We don't want the spectrum to look like this!

Two Options:

$U(e^{j\omega})$

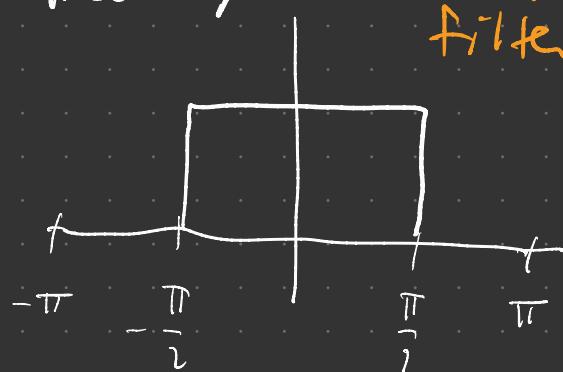


$U(e^{j\omega})$



$H(e^{j\omega})$

low-pass filter

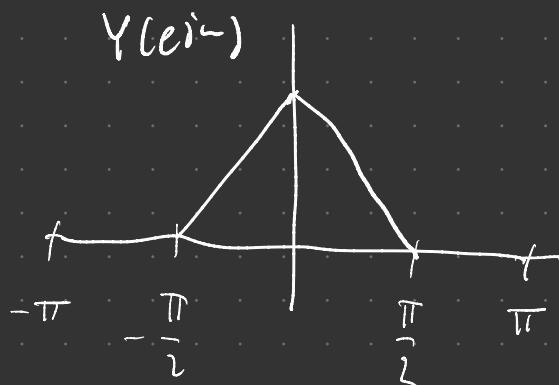


$G(e^{j\omega})$

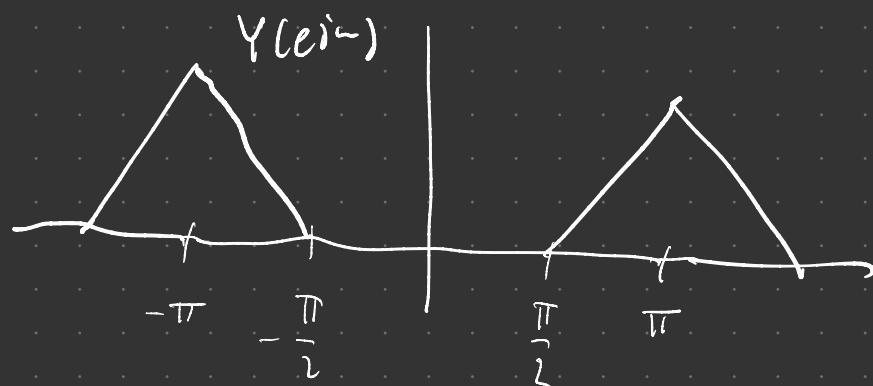
high-pass filter



$Y(e^{j\omega})$



$Y(e^{j\omega})$



Low-pass Interp.

High-pass Interp.

We have already seen low-pass interpolation.

Q: What is high-pass interpolation?

Q: Given a low-pass filter, is there a corresponding high-pass filter?

A: Yes.

$$G(e^{j\omega}) = H(e^{j(\omega - \pi)})$$

shift in freq.

$$g[n] = e^{j\pi n} h[n]$$

modulation in time

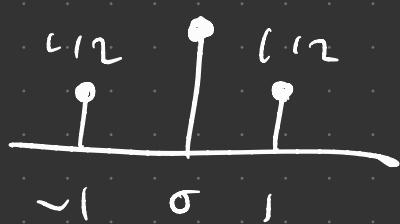
$$= (-1)^n h[n]$$

Obs: If  $h[n]$  satisfies half band condition, then so does  $g[n]$ . (even index stays the same).

Trick: Flip every other coeff of  $h[n]$  to get  $g[n]$ .

Exercise: Given the linear interp - filter

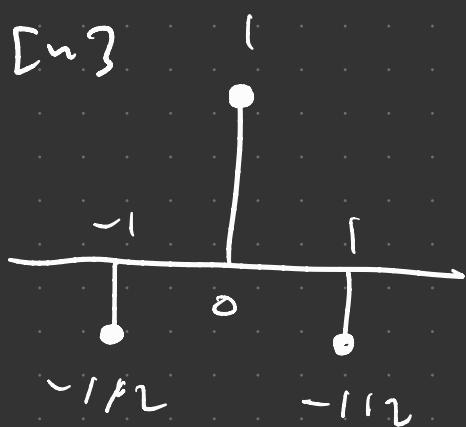
$h[n]$



What is the corresponding high-pass filter  $g[n]$ ?

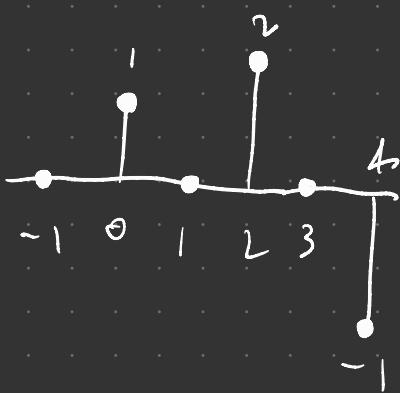
Sol:

$g[n]$

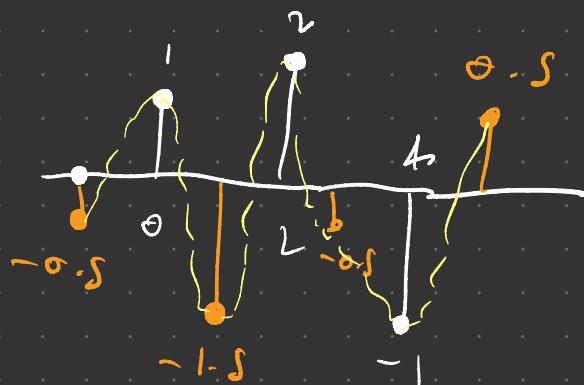


Really wiggly  
⇒ high-pass

$u[n]$



$y[n]$



Obs: Original samples are preserved because  $g[n]$  satisfies the half-band condition.

Q: Is upsampling linear?

A: Yes

$$\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

Proof:  $(\forall n) (\alpha V_1[n] + \beta V_2[n])$

$$= \begin{cases} \alpha V_1\left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + \beta V_2\left[\frac{n}{2}\right], & n \text{ even} \\ 0, & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$= \alpha \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_1\left[\frac{n}{2}\right], \text{ even} \\ 0, \quad \text{odd} \end{array} \right\} + \beta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_2\left[\frac{n}{2}\right], \text{ even} \\ 0, \quad \text{odd} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \alpha (\uparrow 2) V_1[n] + \beta (\uparrow 2) V_2[n]$$

□

Q: Is upsampling time-invariant?

A: No.

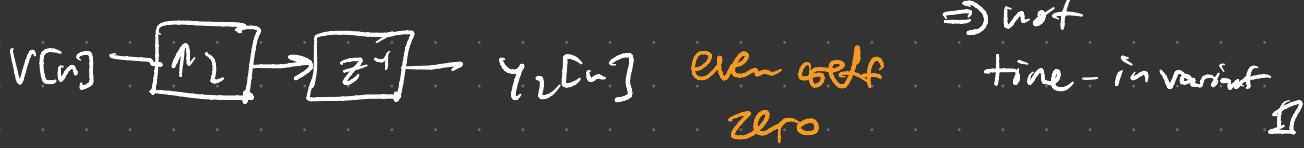
Proof: After upsampling, the signal always has zero for odd coeff.



odd coeff  
zero

$Y_1[n] \neq Y_2[n]$

⇒ not



even coeff  
zero

time-invariant

□

Remark: This is why Multirate DSP is hard: Operations don't commute.