

Digital Signal Processing

Module 9: Digital Communication Systems

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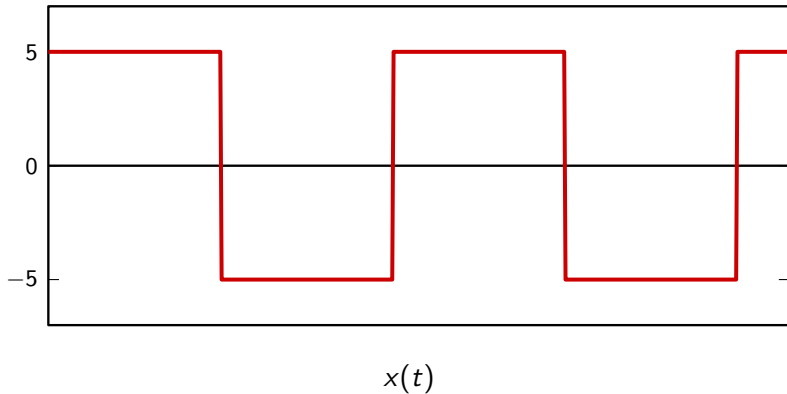
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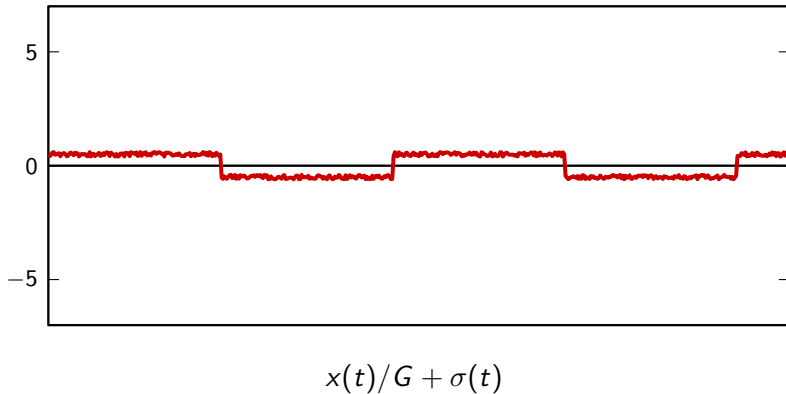
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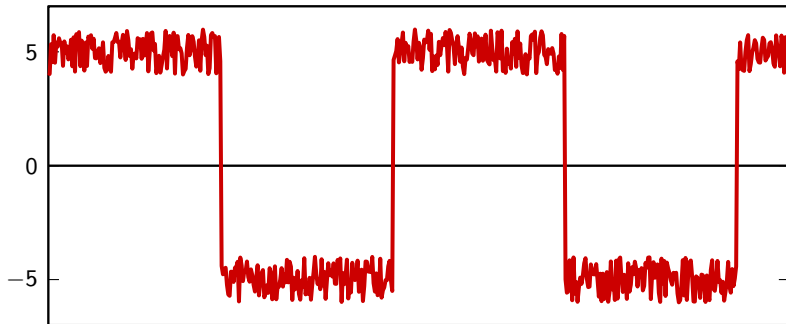
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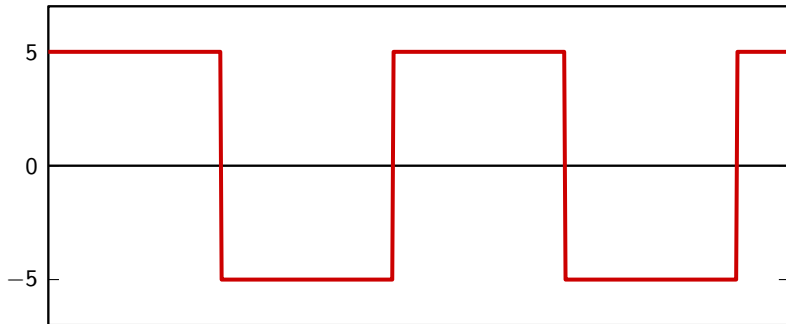
- ▶ integers are “easy” to regenerate
- ▶ good phase control
- ▶ adaptive algorithms







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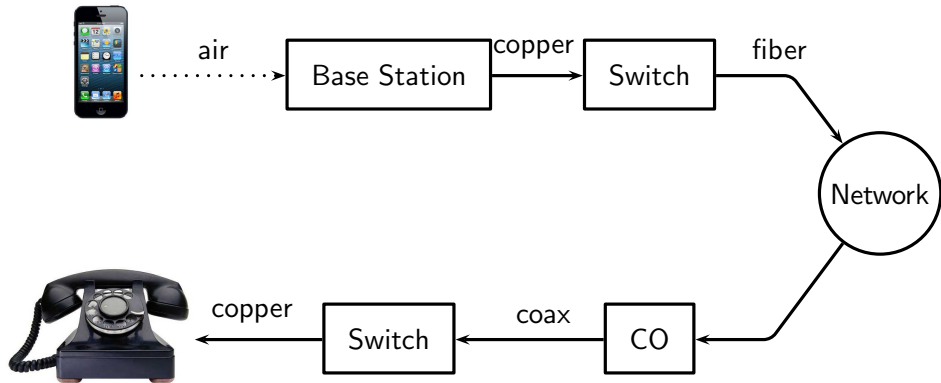
2) algorithmic nature of DSP is a perfect match with information theory:

- ▶ JPEG's entropy coding
- ▶ CD's and DVD's error correction
- ▶ trellis-coded modulation and Viterbi decoding

3) hardware advancement

- ▶ miniaturization
- ▶ general-purpose platforms
- ▶ power efficiency

The many incarnations of a conversation



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(bits per second)

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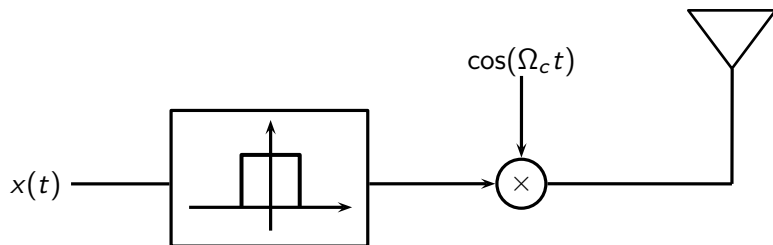
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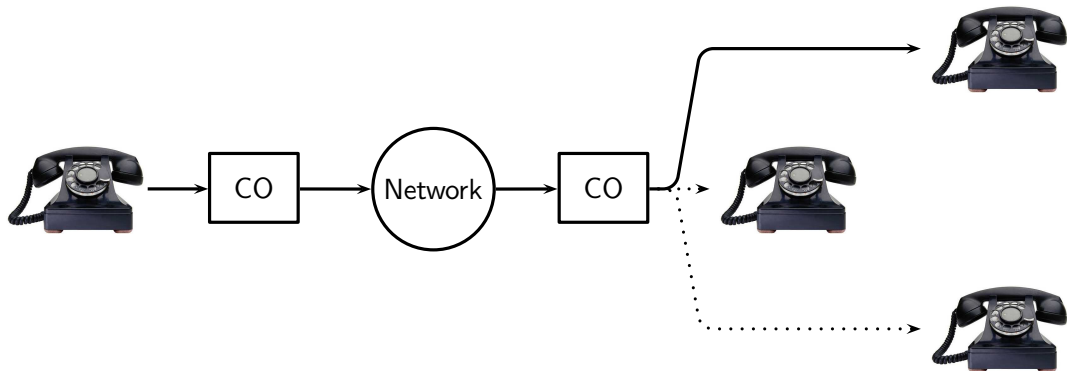
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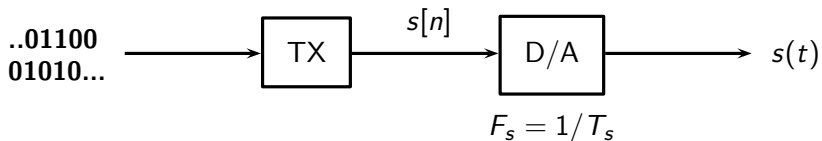


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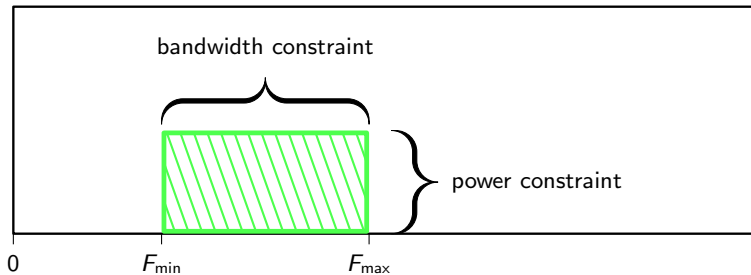
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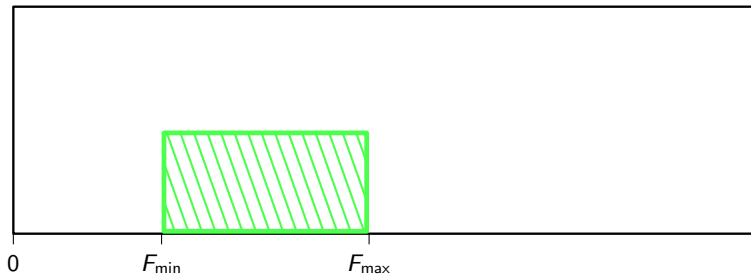
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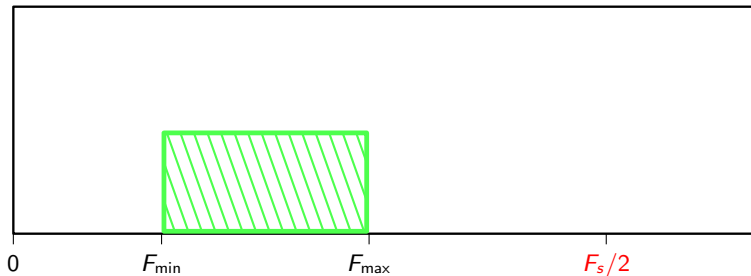
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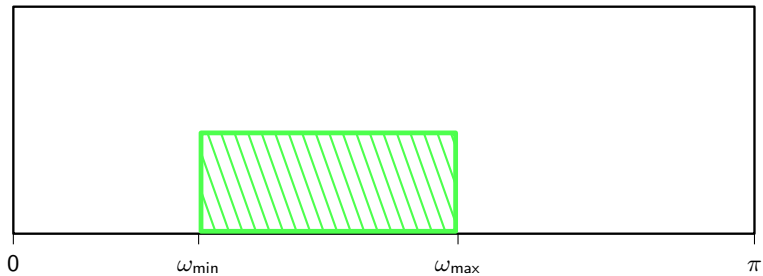


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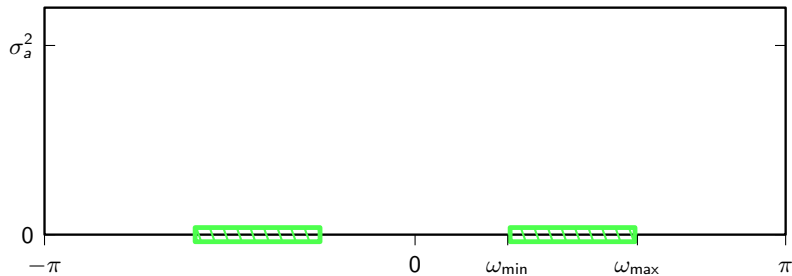
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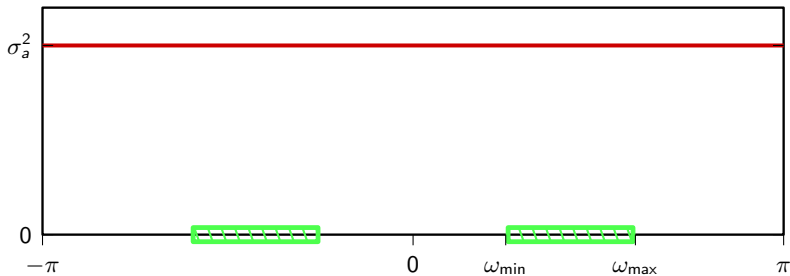
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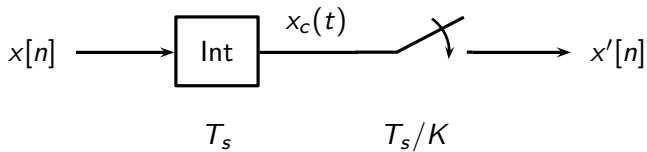
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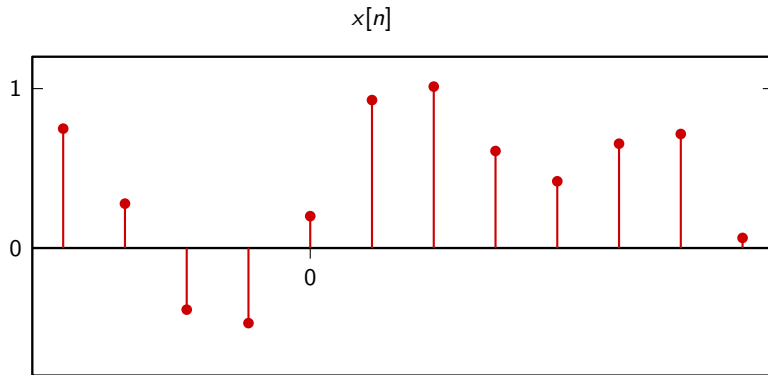
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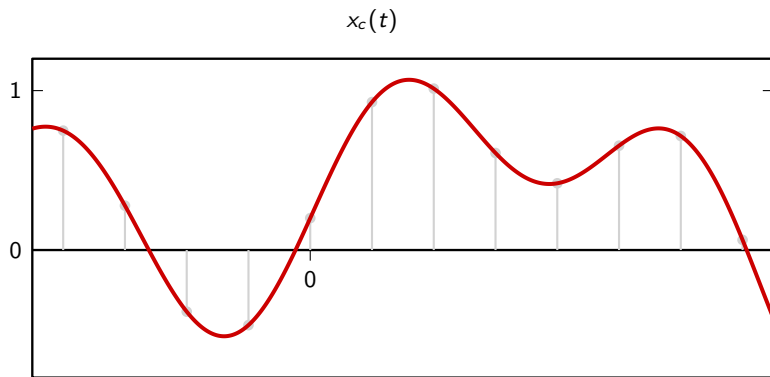
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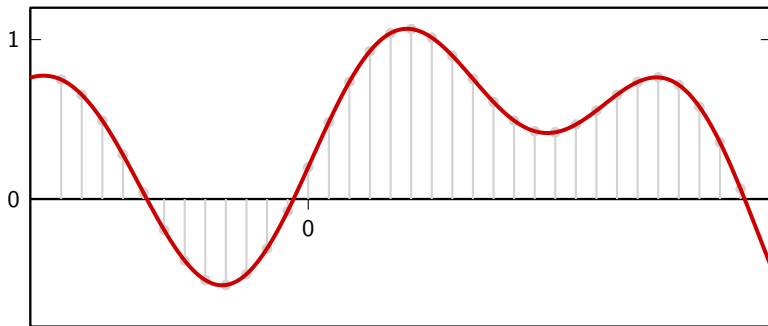


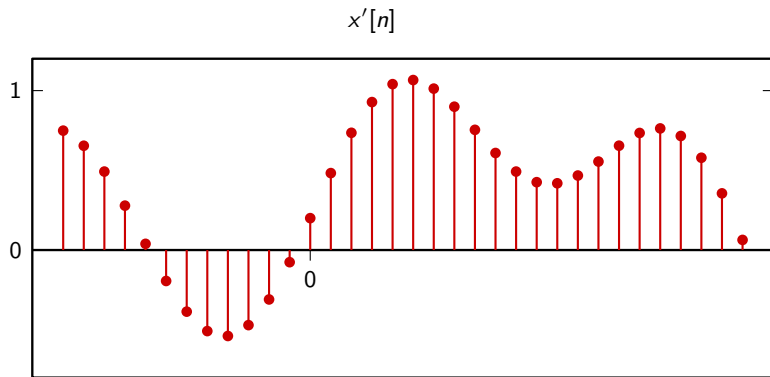
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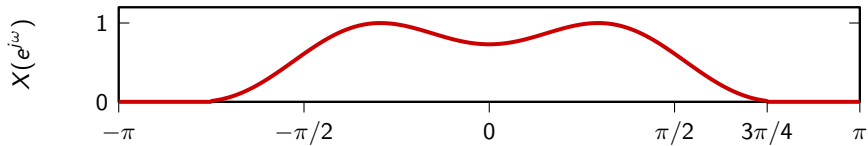
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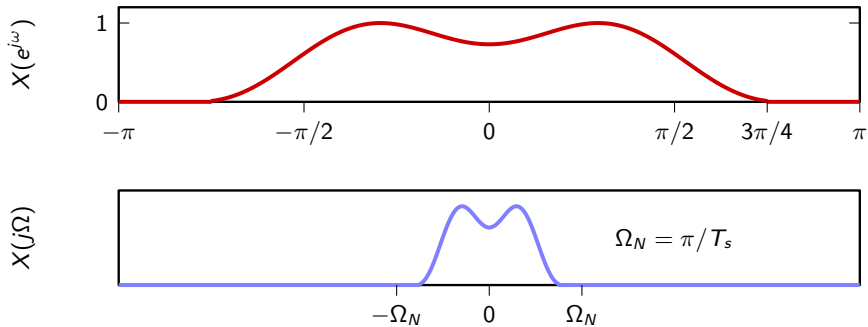
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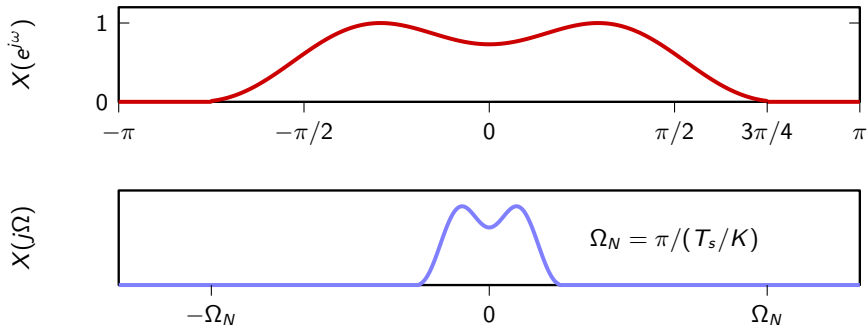
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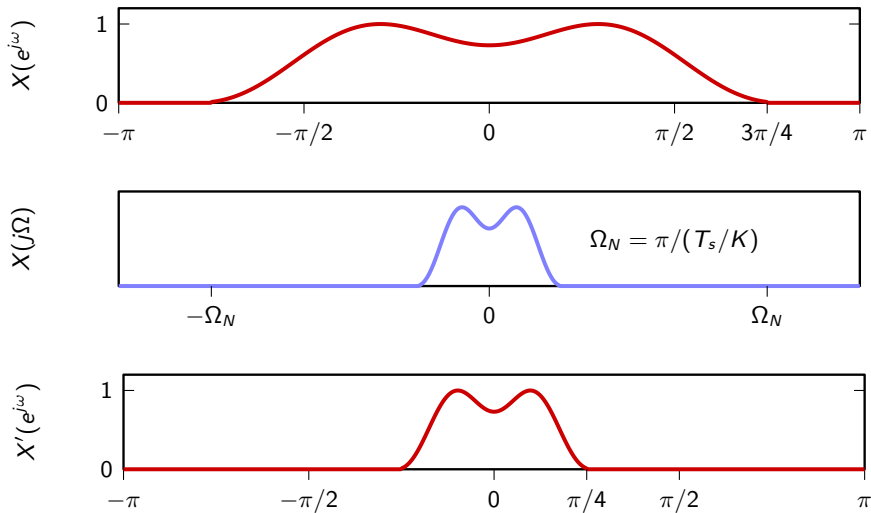
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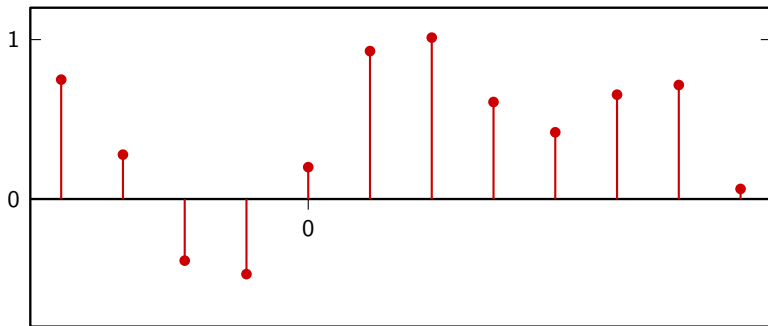
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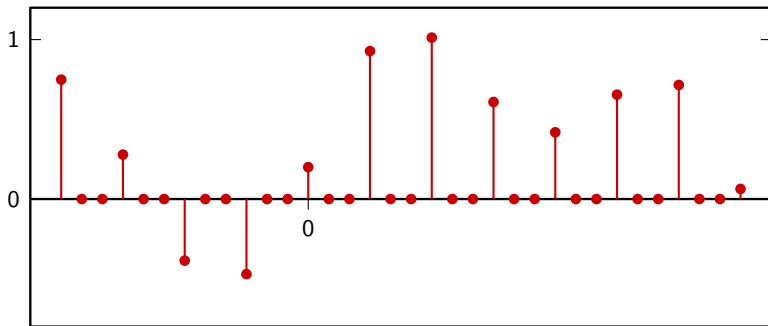
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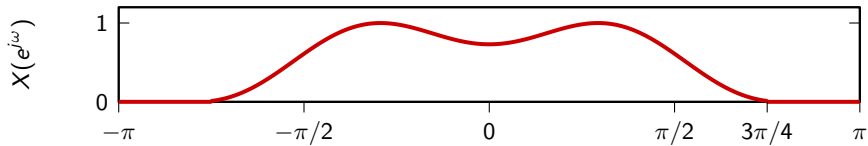
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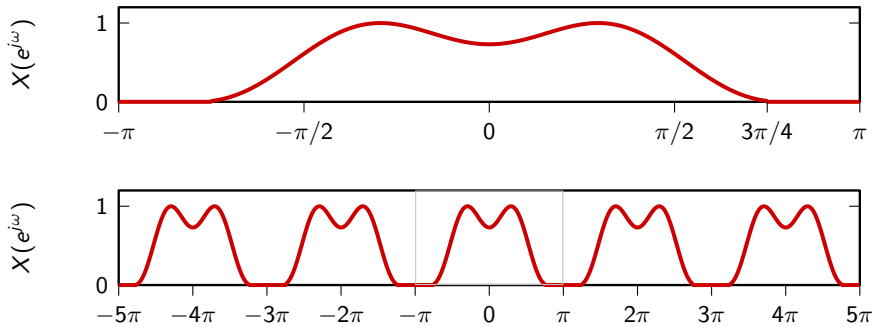
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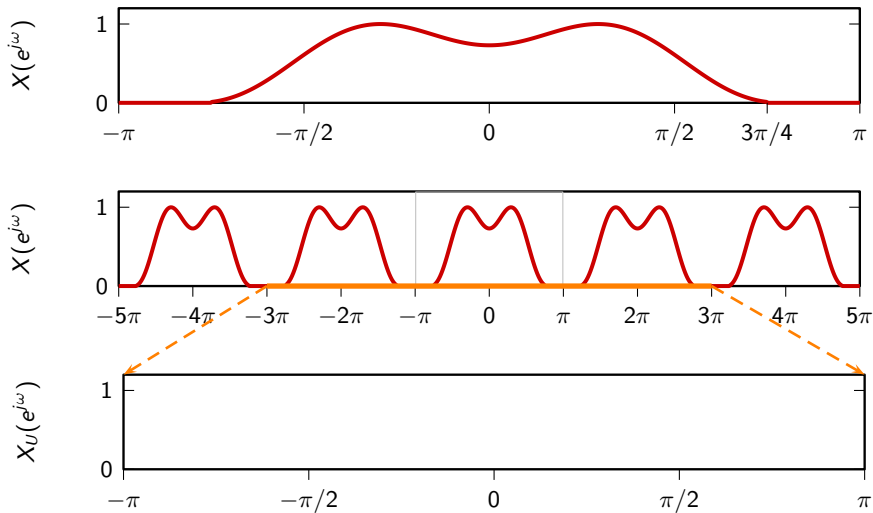
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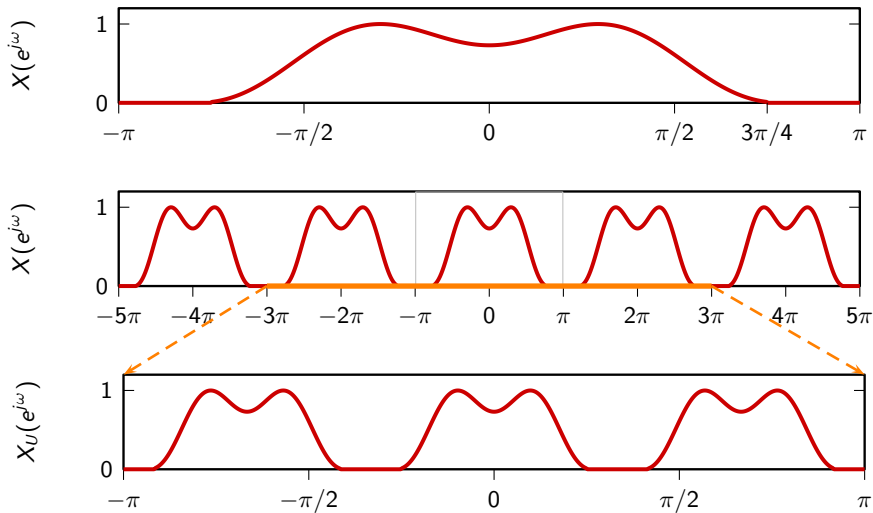
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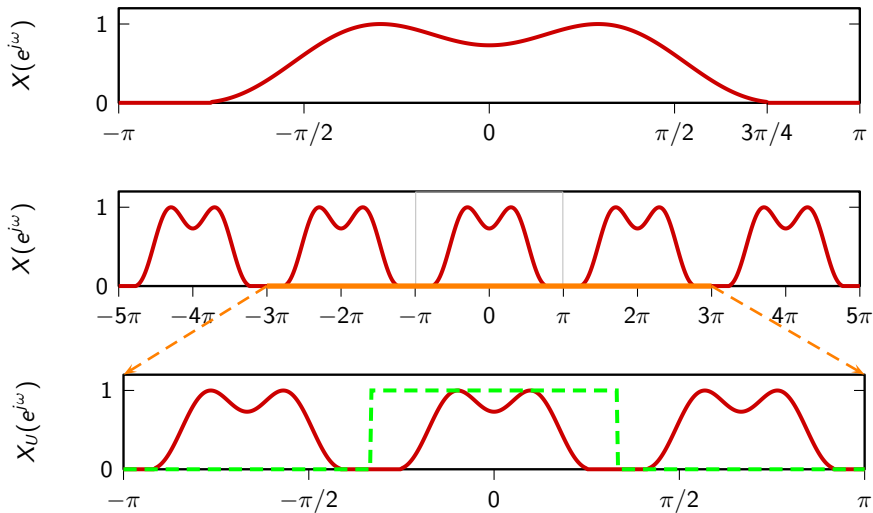
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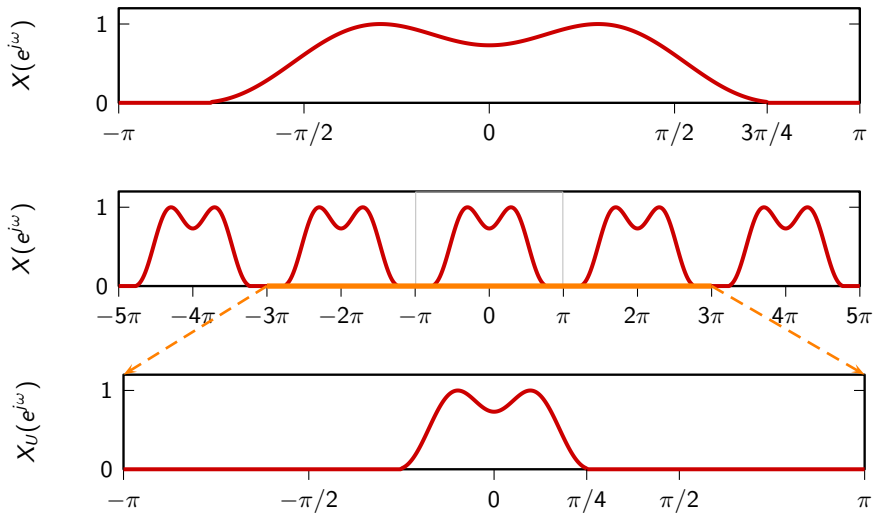












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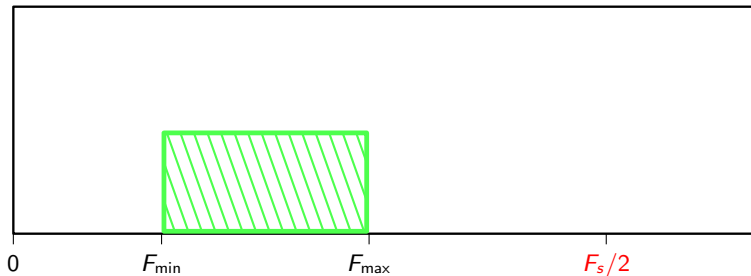
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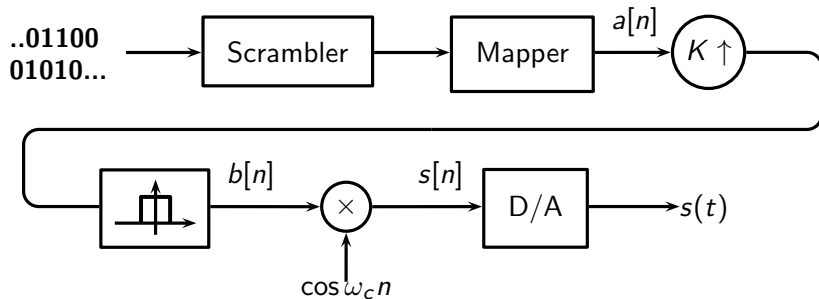
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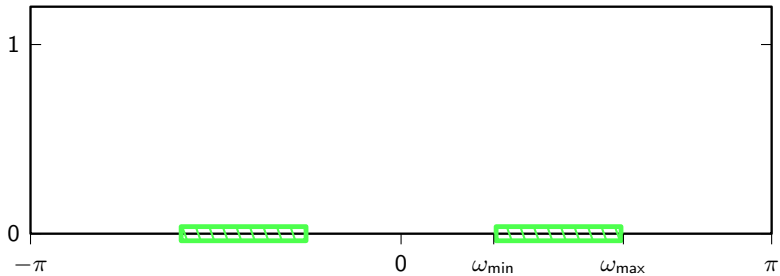
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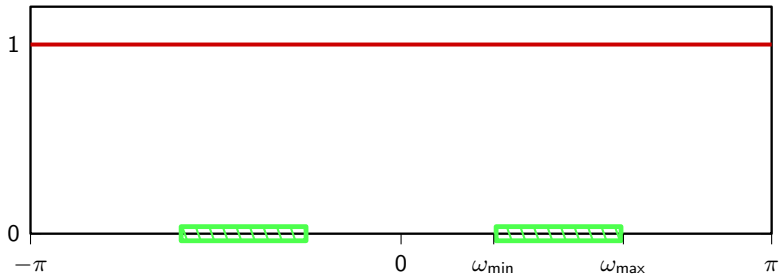
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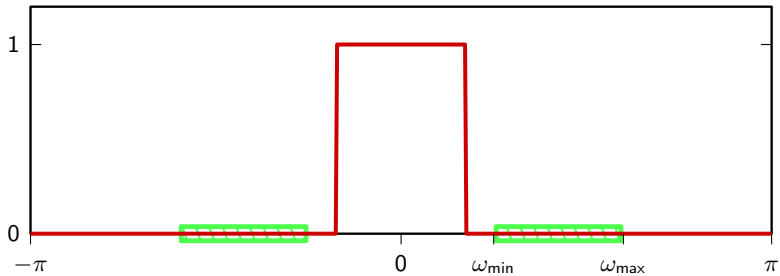
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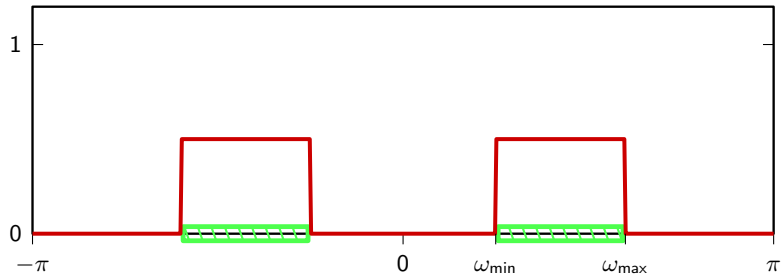
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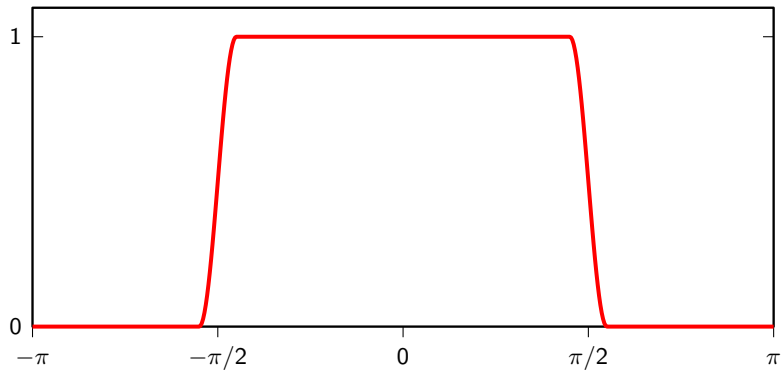


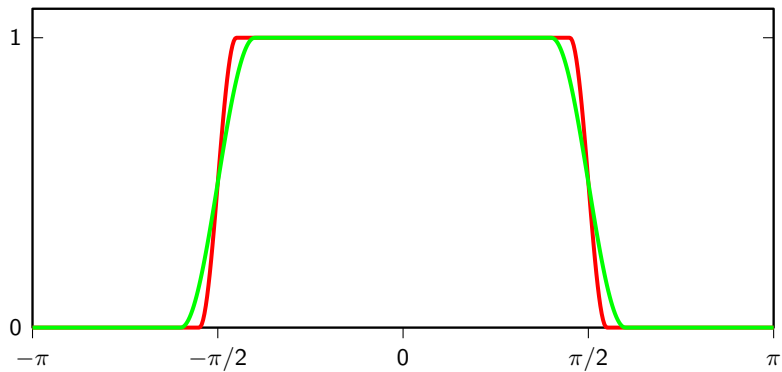


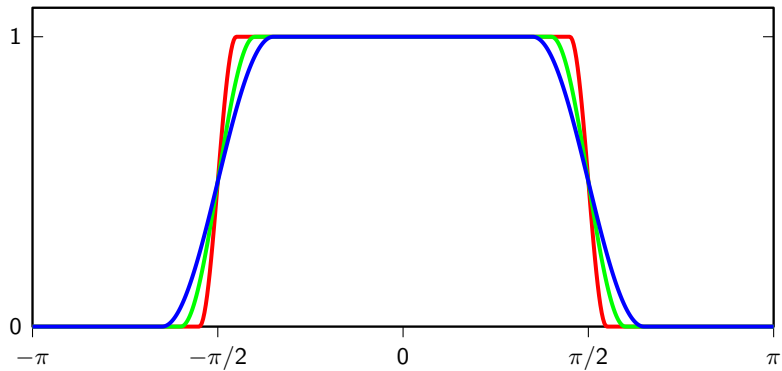


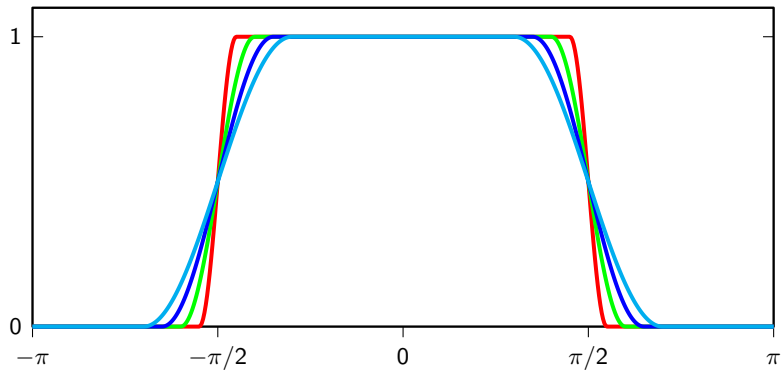


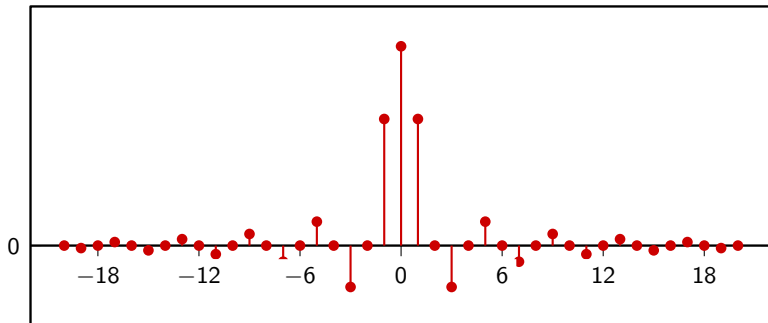


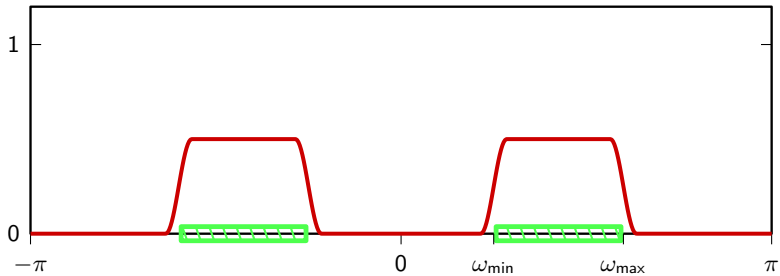












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Digital Signal Processing

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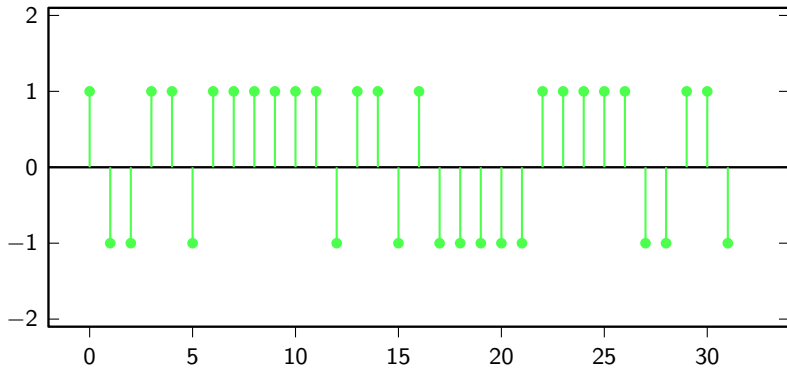
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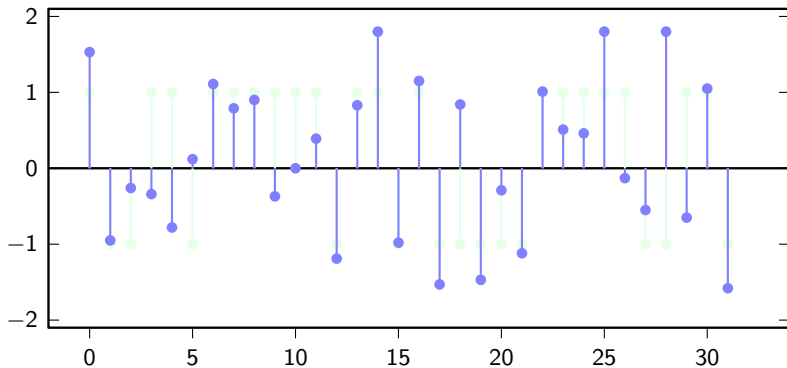
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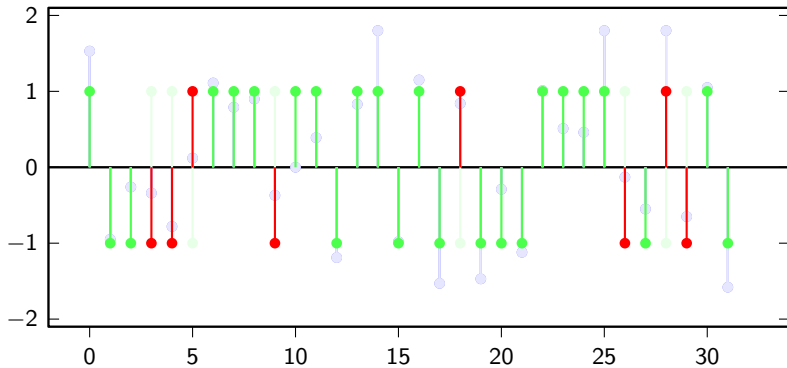
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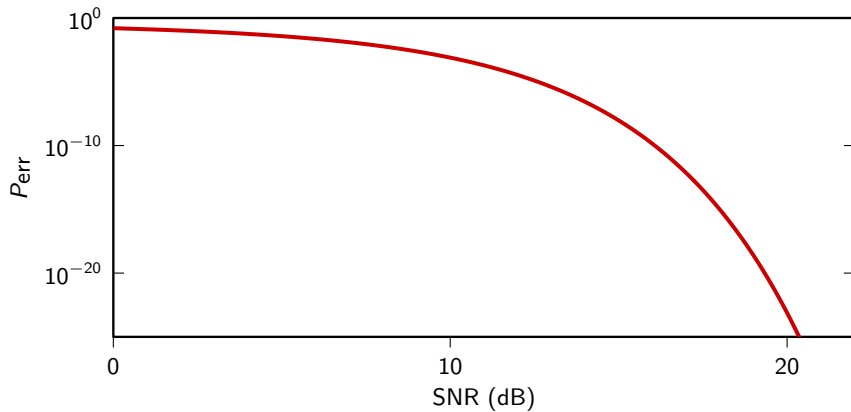
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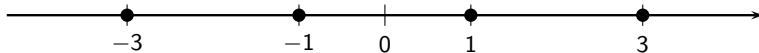
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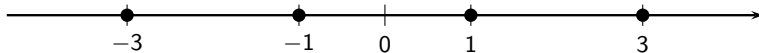
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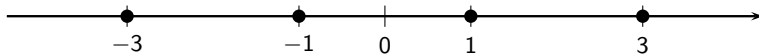
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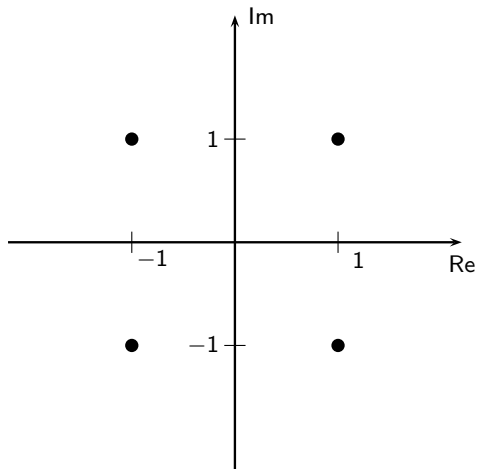
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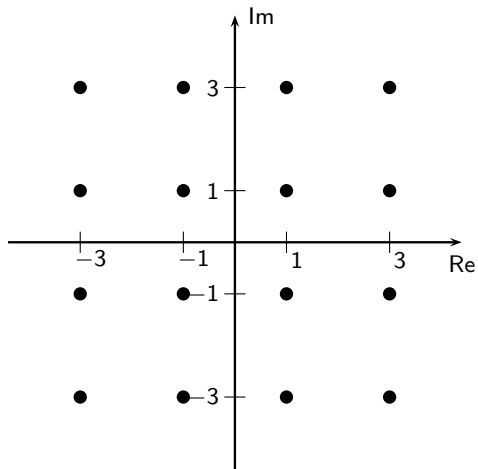
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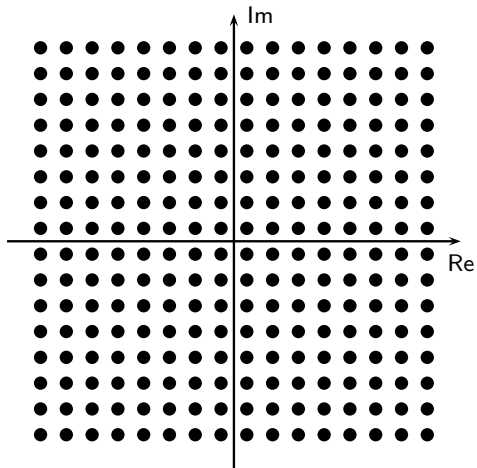
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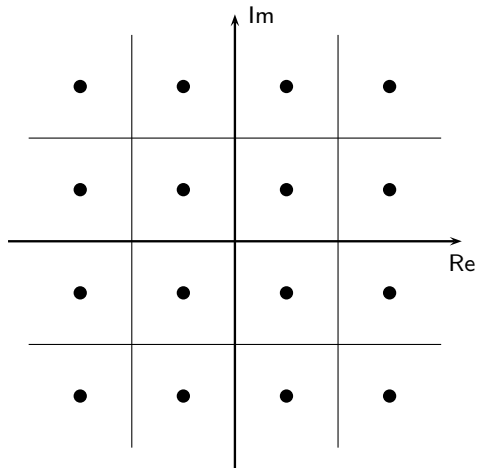
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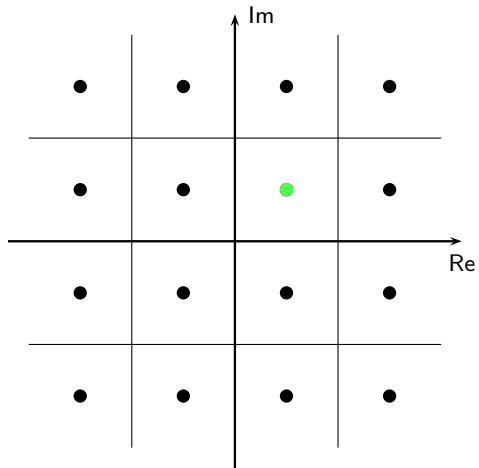
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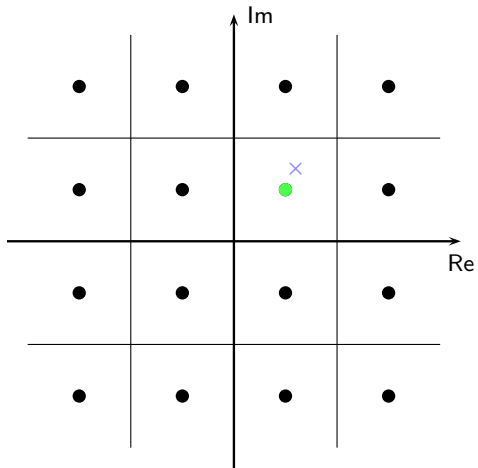


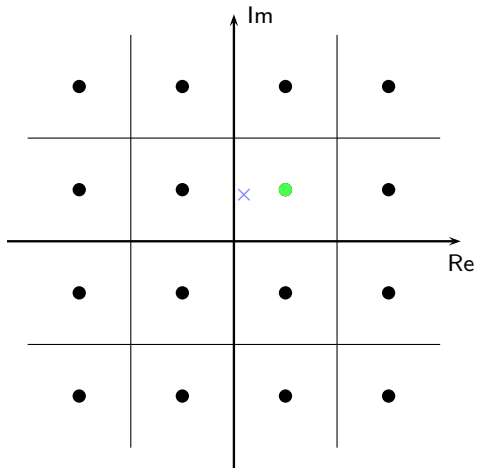


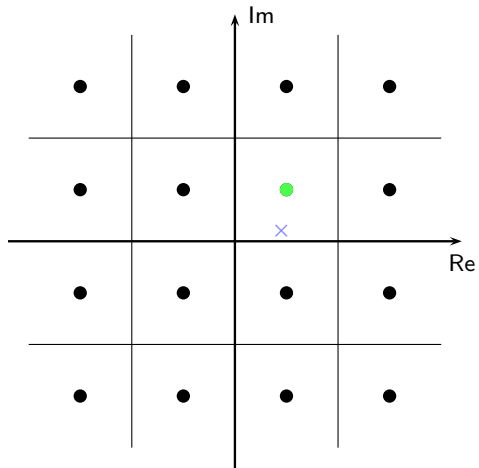


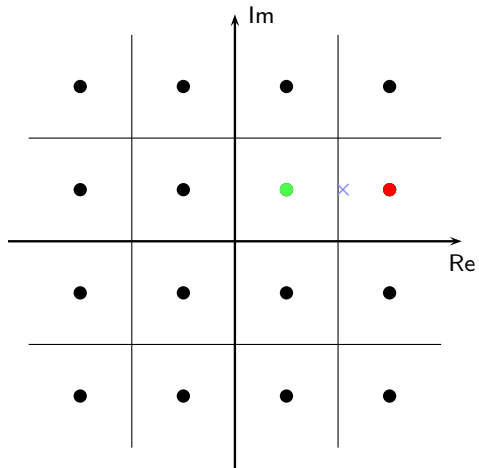






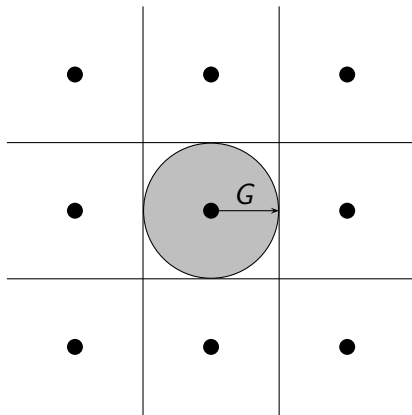






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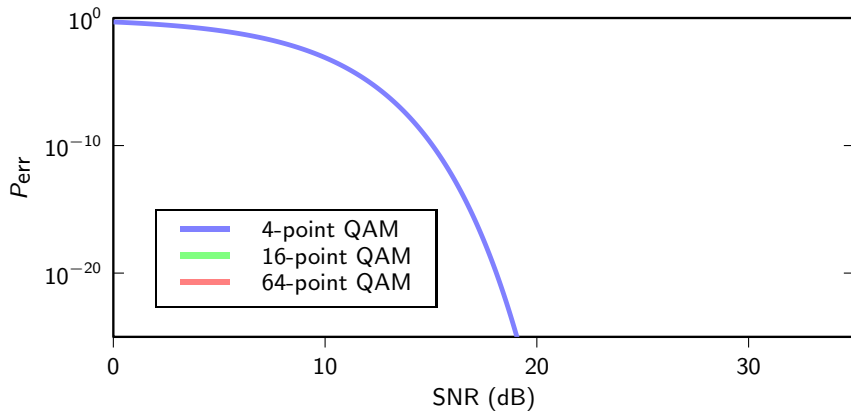
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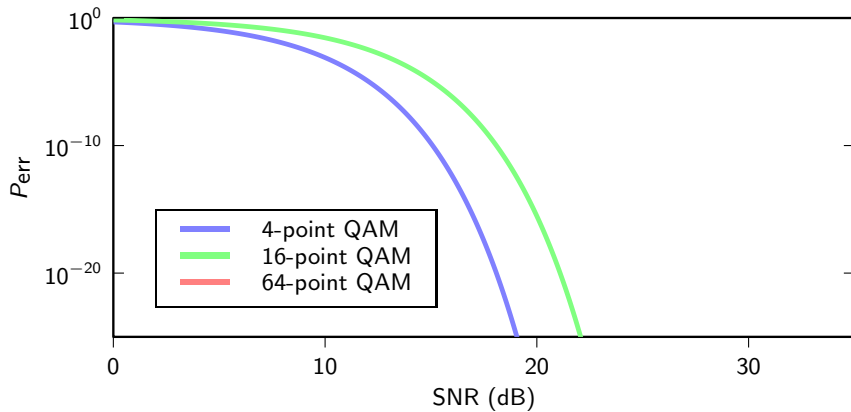
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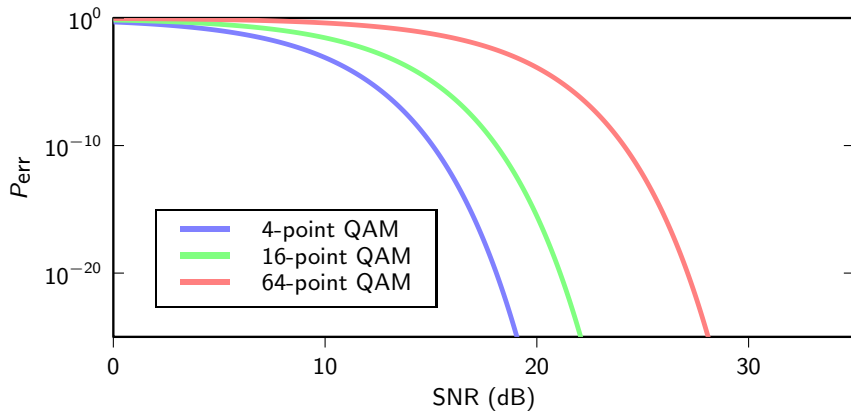
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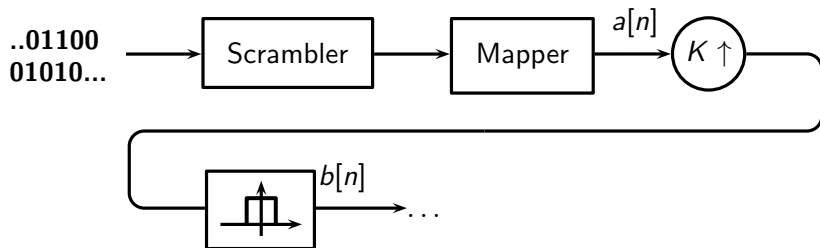
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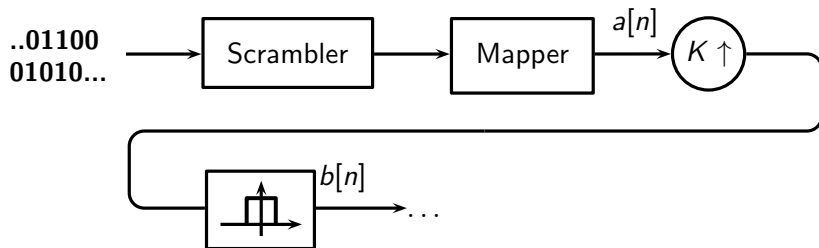
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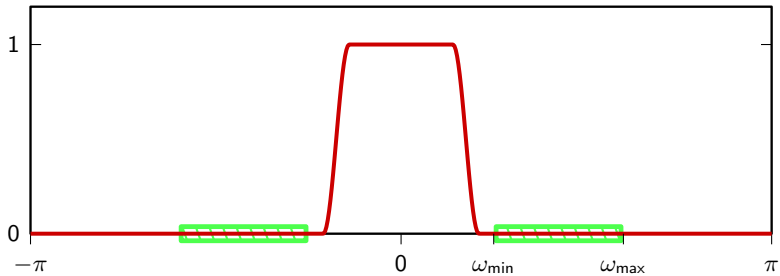
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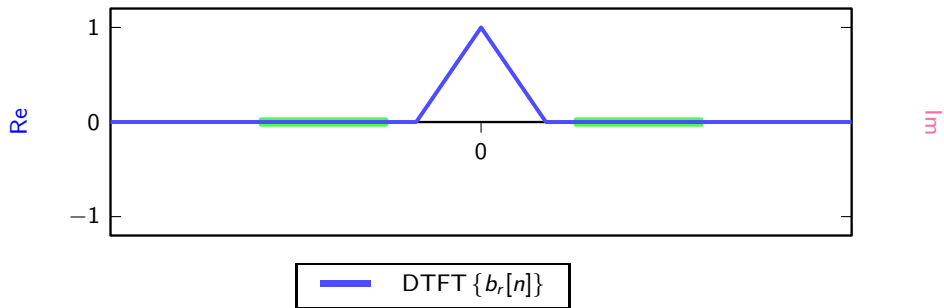
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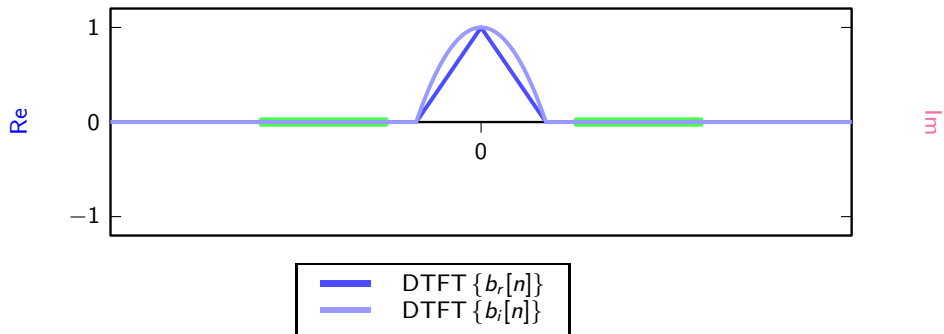


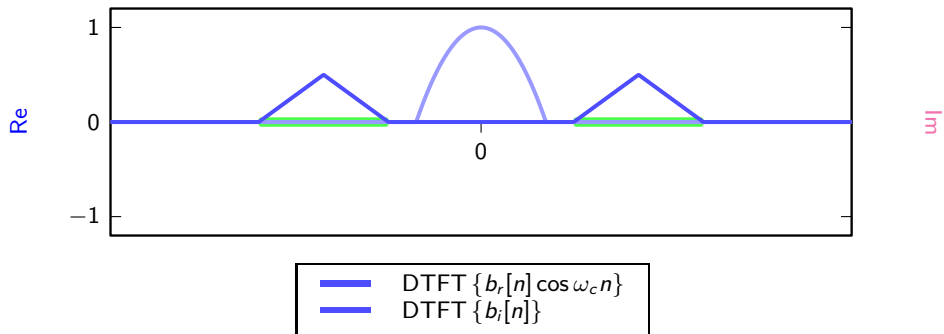
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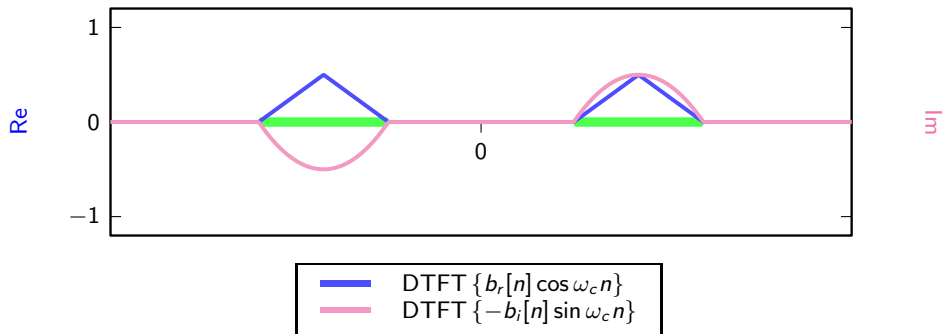
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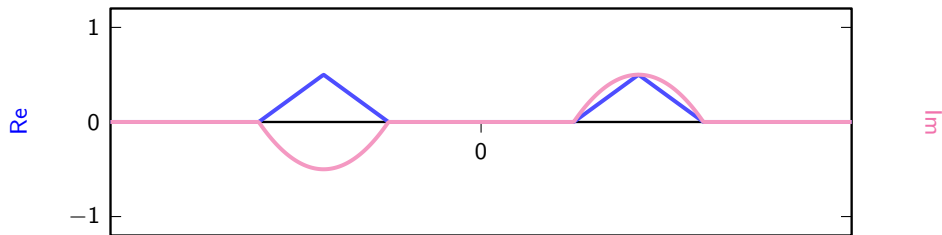
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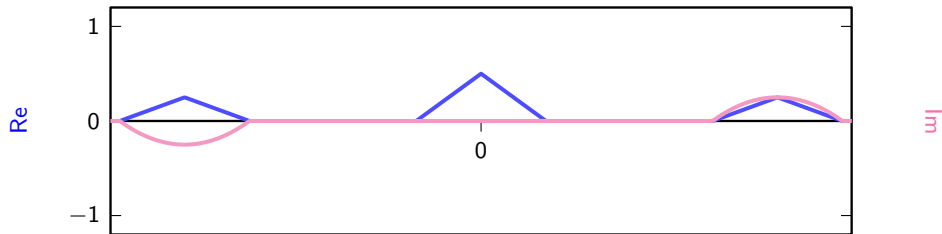
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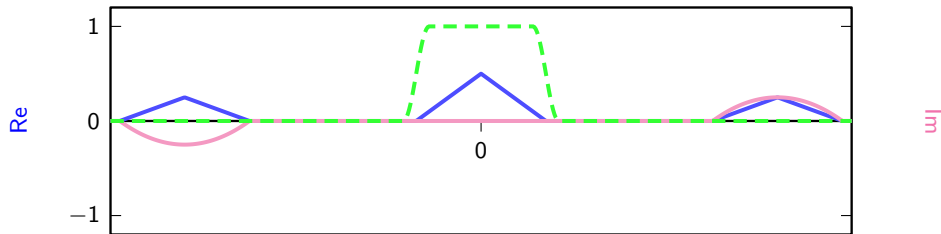
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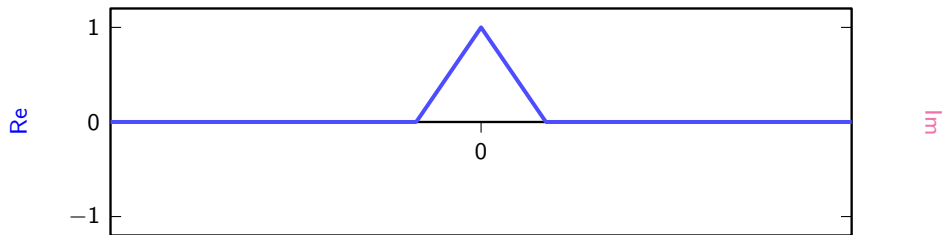
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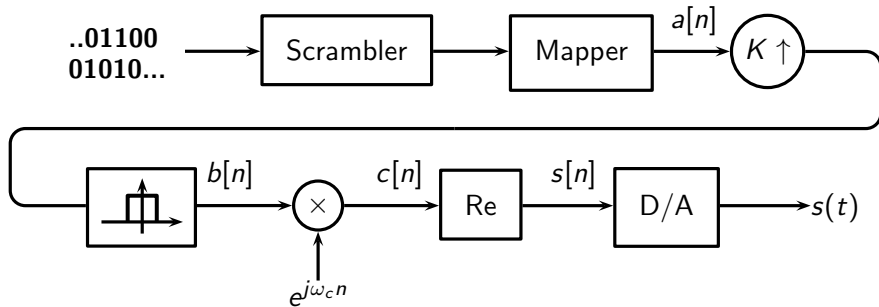
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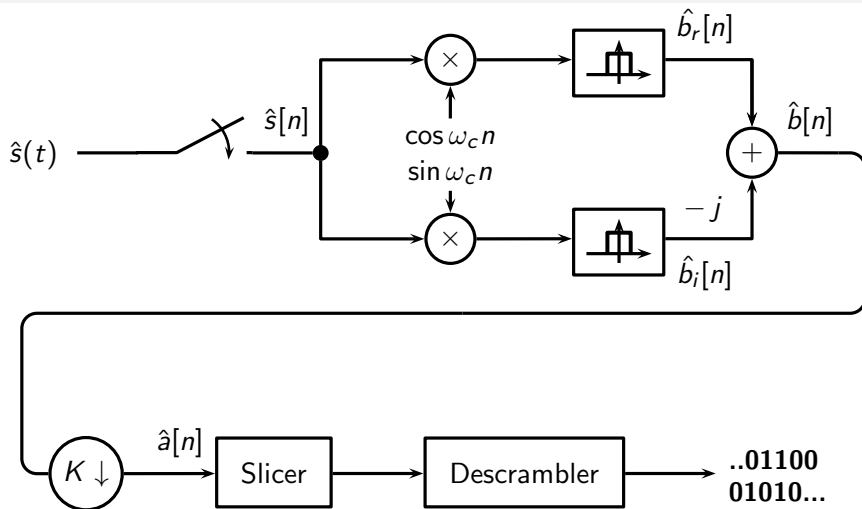
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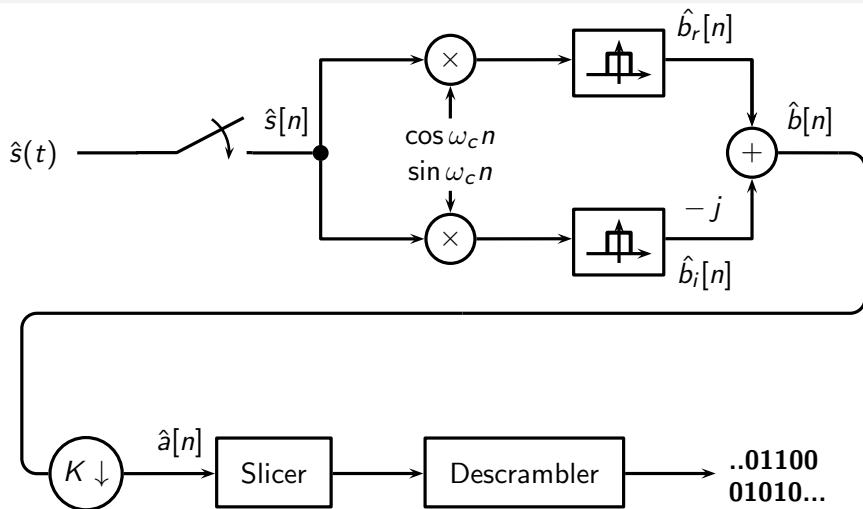
Digital Signal Processing

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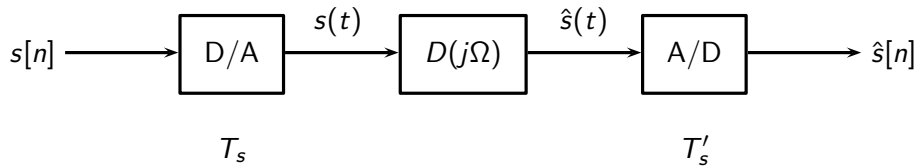
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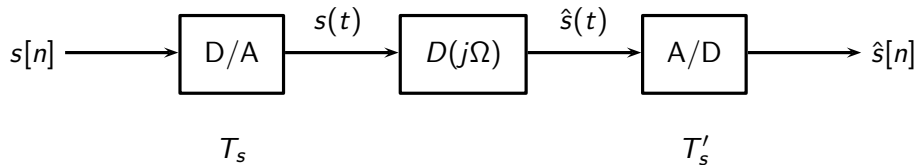
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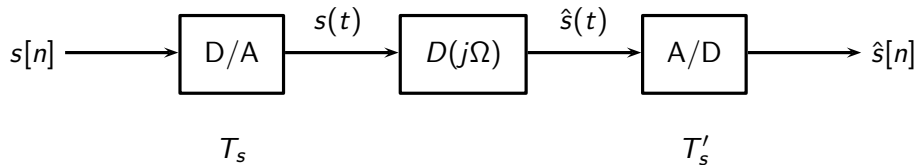
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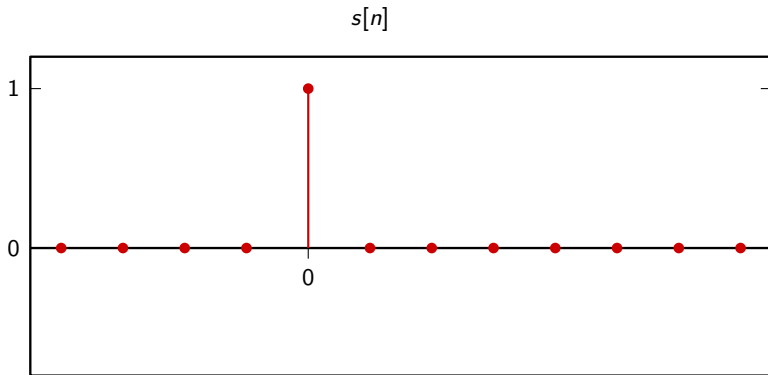
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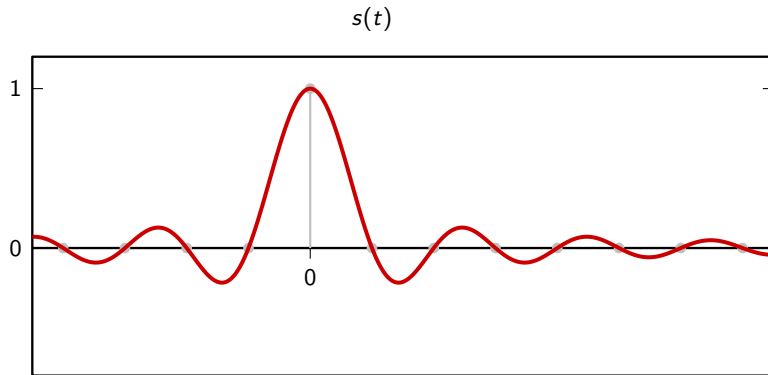
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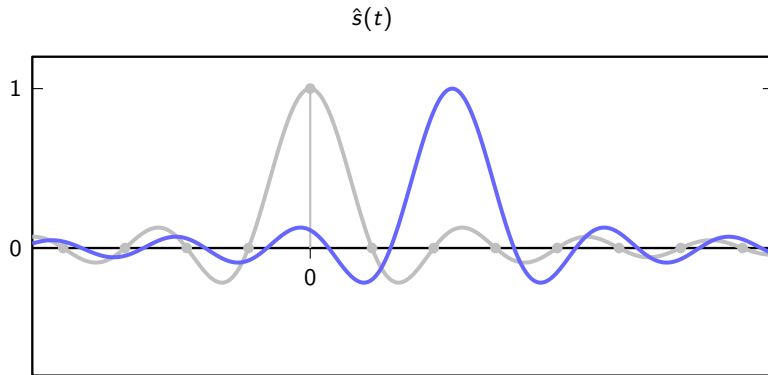
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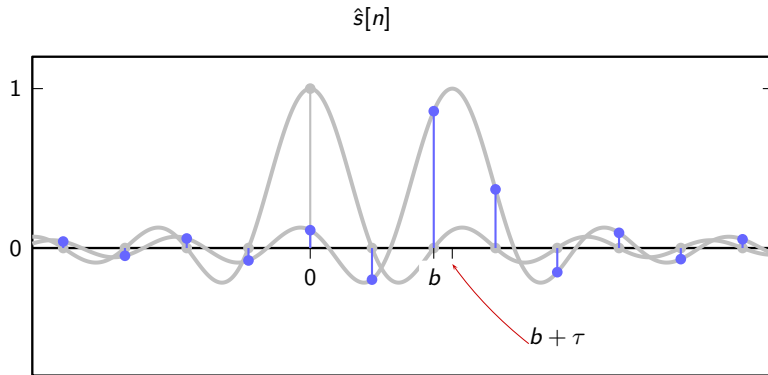
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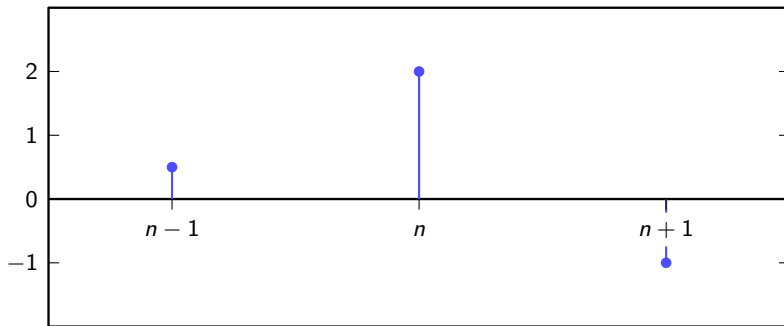
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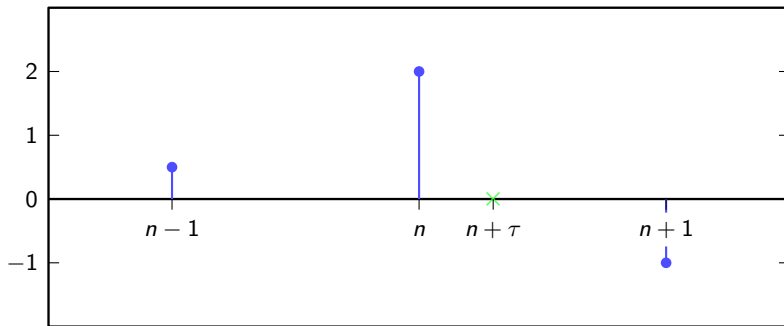
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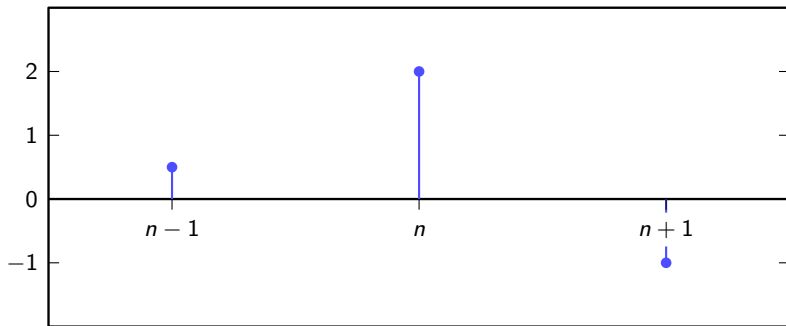
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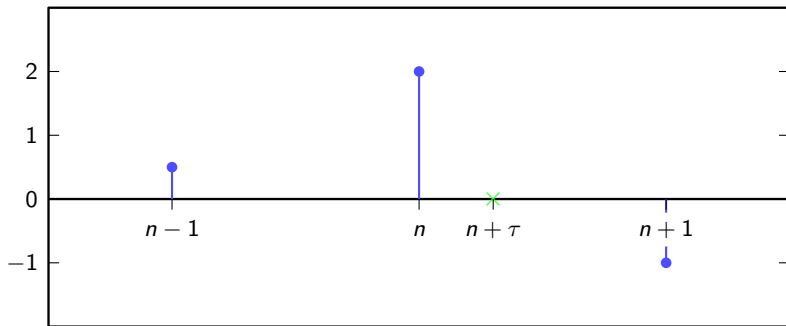
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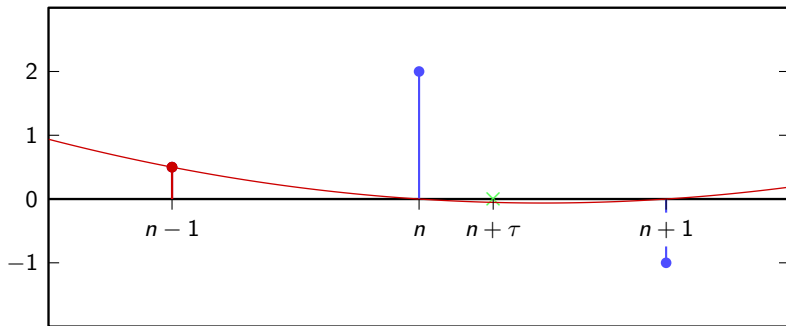
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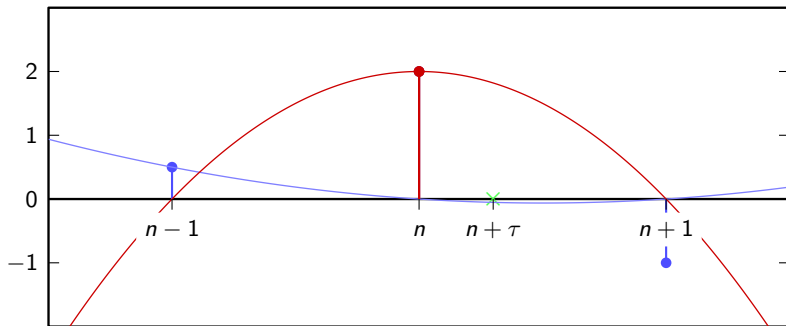
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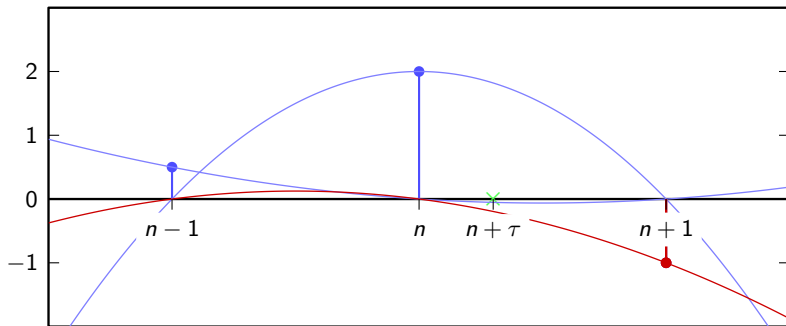
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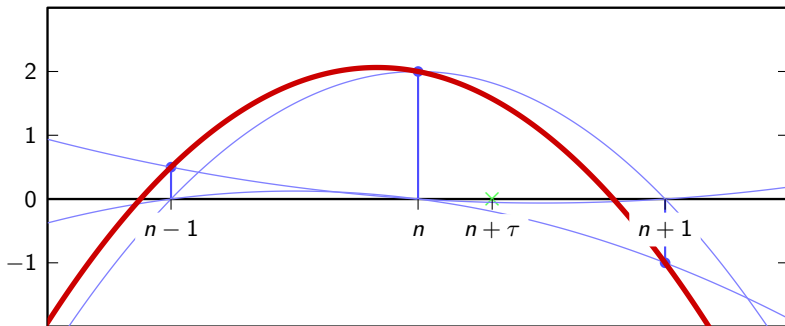
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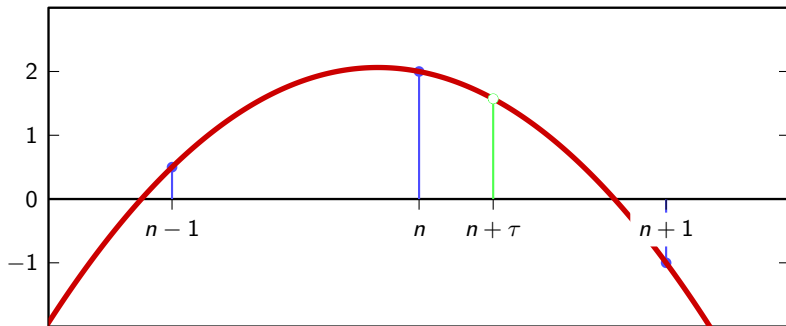
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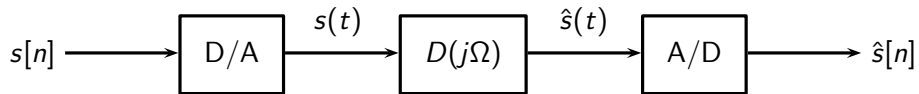
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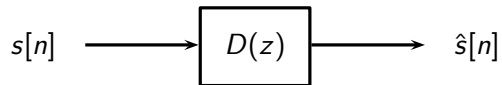
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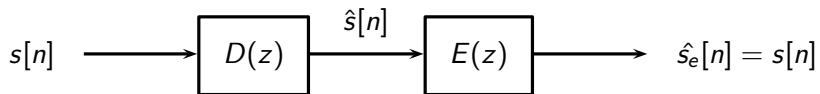
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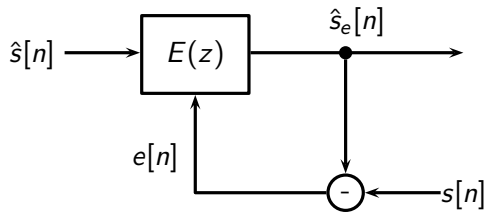


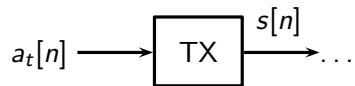


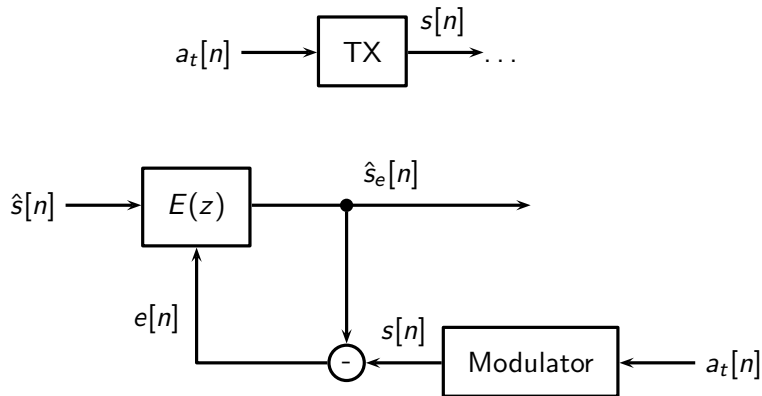
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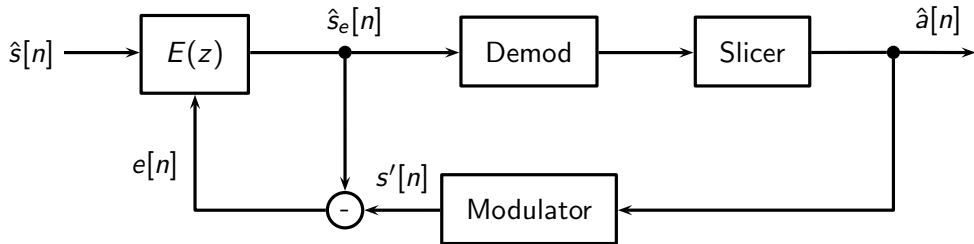
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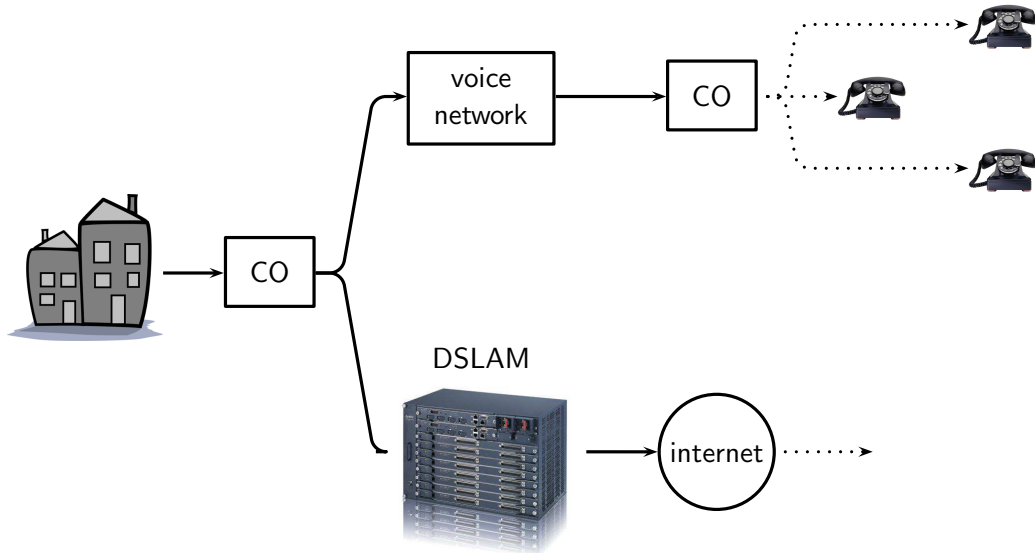
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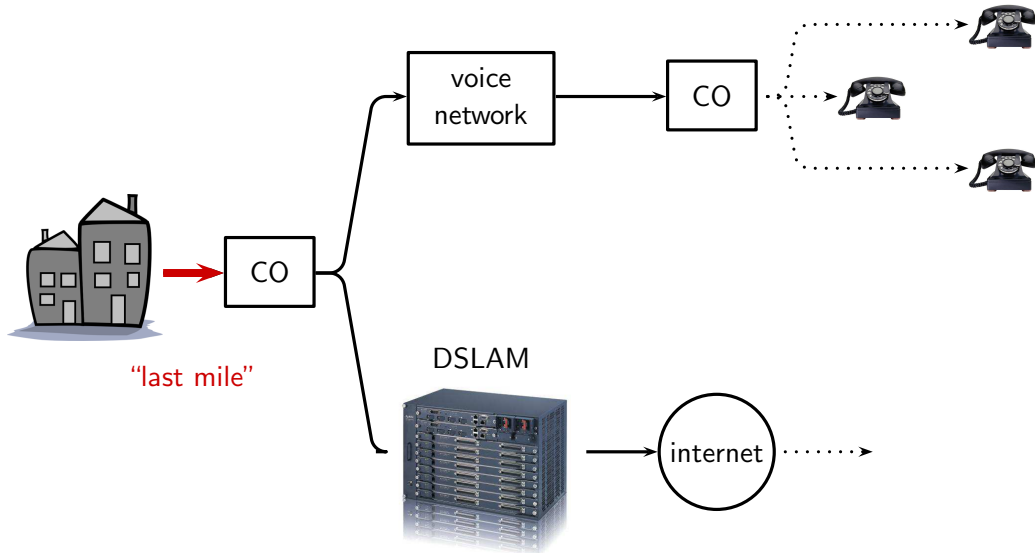
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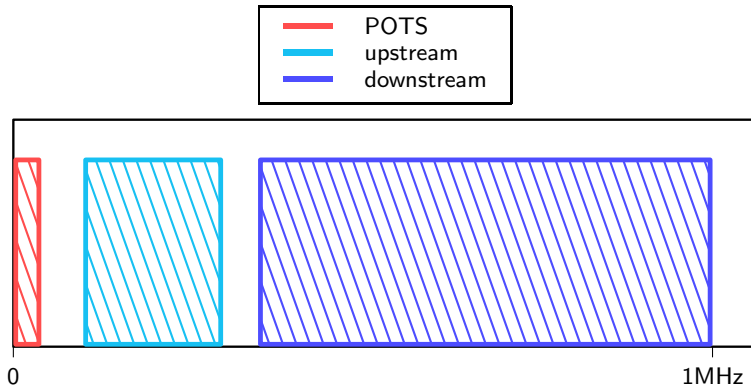
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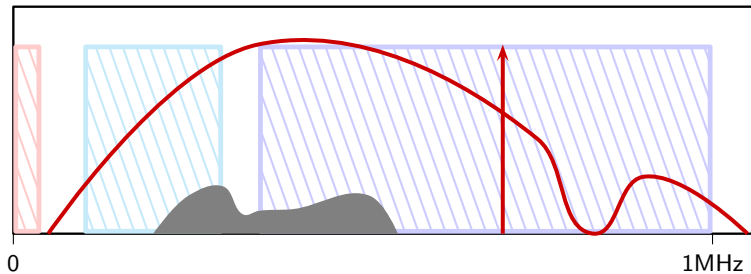


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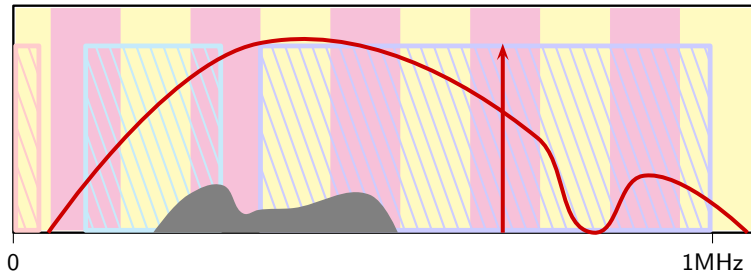
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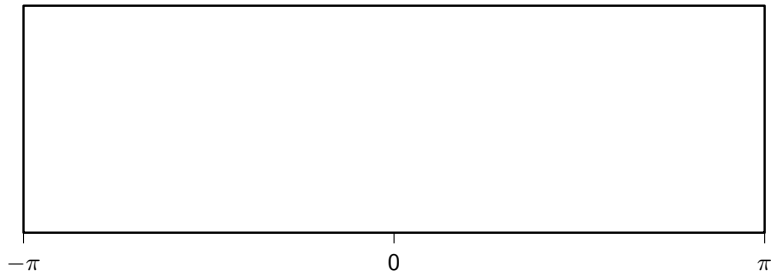
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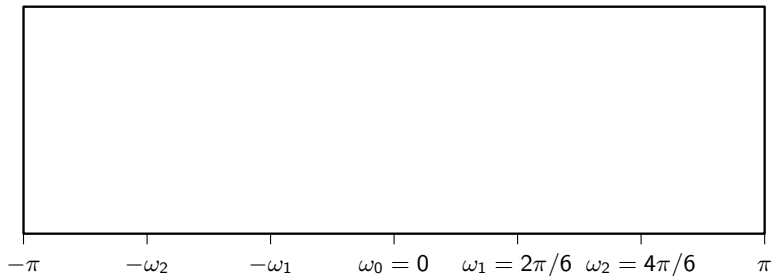
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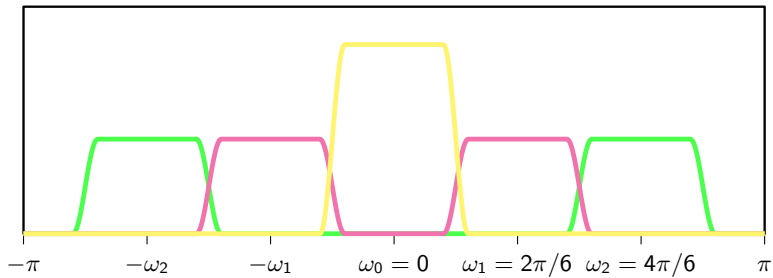
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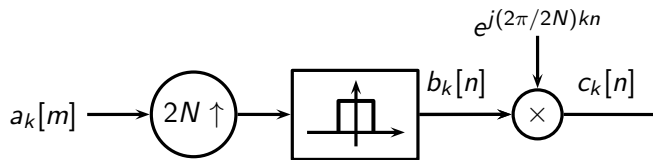
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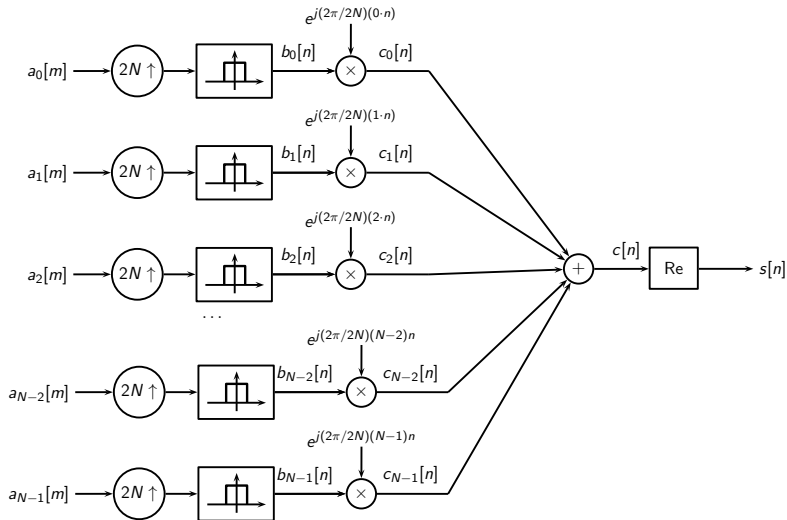


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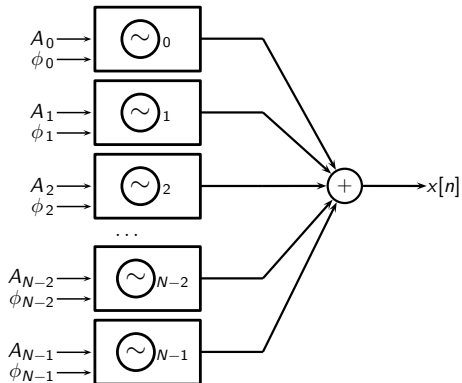
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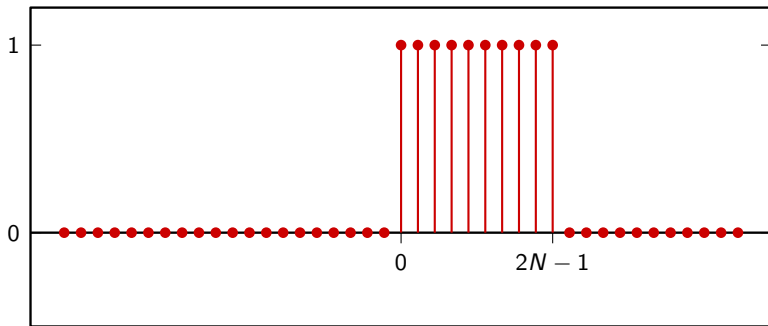


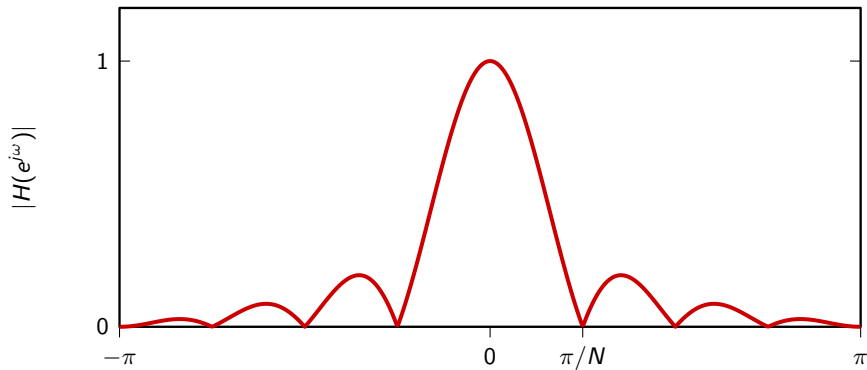
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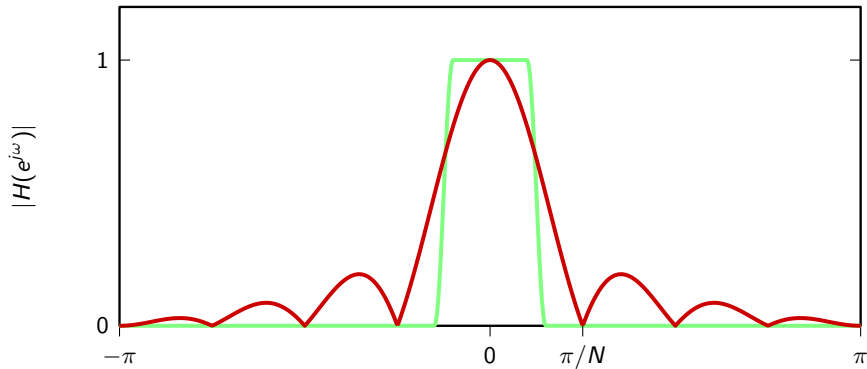
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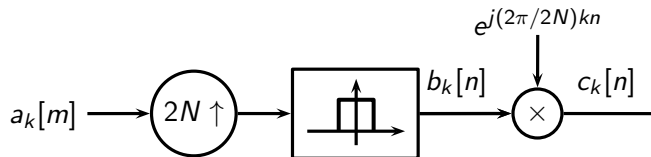
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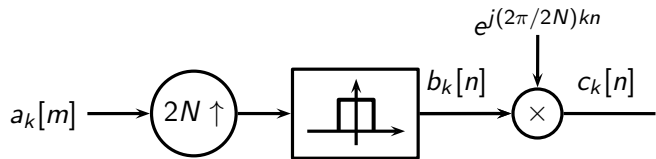






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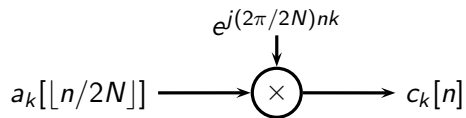
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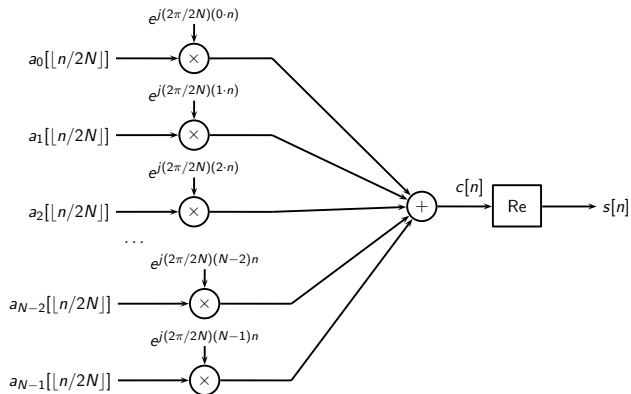


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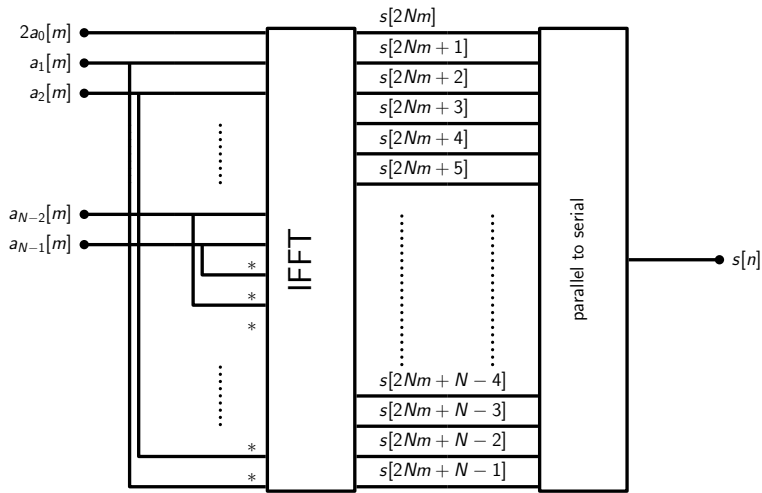
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