

# Ve 216: Introduction to Signals and Systems

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Transform	Signal	
	Continuous Time	Discrete Time
Continuous Frequency	Fourier Transform	DTFT (periodic in frequency)
Discrete Frequency	Fourier Series (periodic in time)	DTFS or DFT (periodic in time and frequency) FFT



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# Overview

- Definition
- Existence
- Examples
- Properties
- Convolution / filtering
- Multiplication / modulation (app: all electronic communication systems)
- Application to diffeq systems (app: RLC circuits)
- Partial fraction expansion (PFE)
- Finally: easy answer to  $\cos(\omega t) u(t) \xrightarrow{\text{LTI}} y(t) = ?$  and related problems

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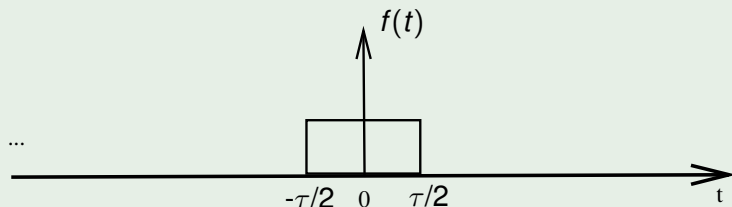
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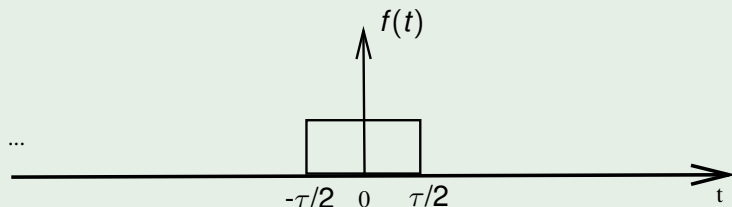


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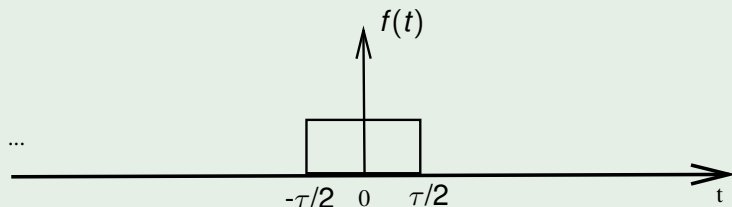
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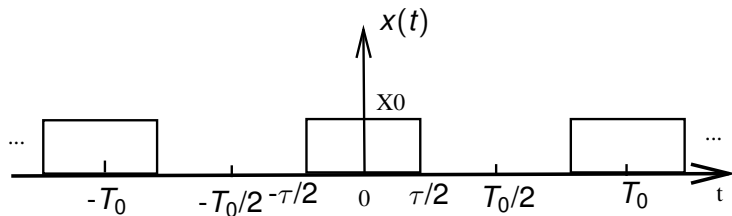
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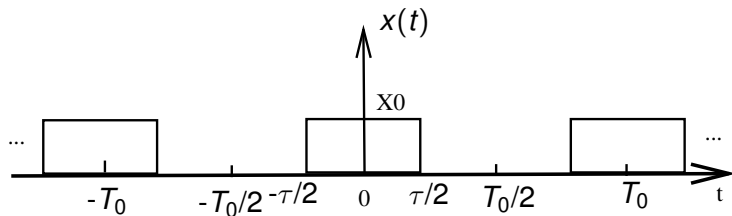
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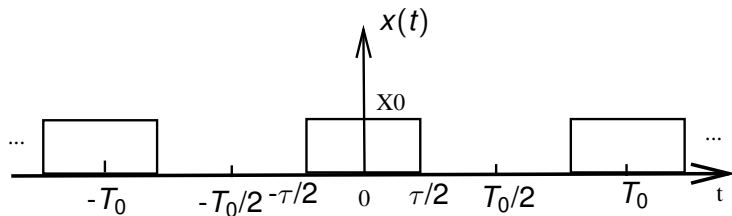
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- 2 Is it an energy or power signal? **Power**
- 3 What is the name of the special function that we defined to describe the  $c_k$ 's of  $x_{T_0}(t)$ ? **Sinc**

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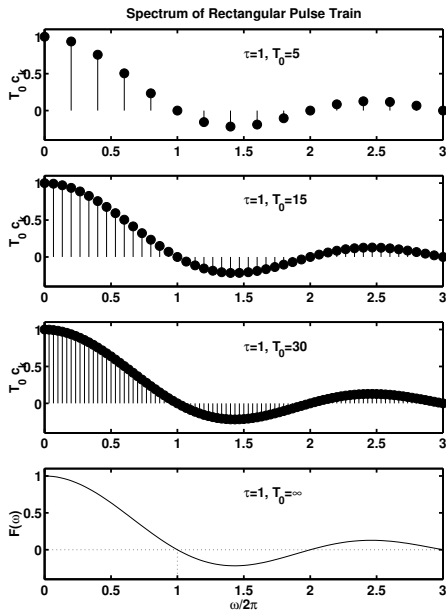
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*This formula describes the frequency content of the aperiodic signal  $f(t)$ .*

Video: MIT Lecture 8, 11.58 min

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then

$$T_0 c_k = F(\omega)|_{\omega=k\omega_0} \implies c_k = \frac{1}{T_0} F(\omega)|_{\omega=k\omega_0}$$

where the  $c_k$ 's are the FS coefficients of the periodic signal  $x_{T_0}(t)$ , but the  $F(\omega)$  is solely related to the aperiodic signal  $f(t)$ .

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- We need to scale the FS coefficients by a factor of  $T_0$ , since there is such a difference in the definitions of energy and power.

# Energy and power

## Recall

- The **energy** of a signal  $x(t)$  is defined as

$$E \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt.$$

If  $E$  is finite ( $E < \infty$ ) then  $x(t)$  is called an **energy signal** and  $P = 0$ .

- The **average power** of a signal is defined as

$$P \triangleq \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^2 dt.$$

If  $P$  is finite and nonzero, then  $x(t)$  is called a **power signal**.

# General treatment (5)

Define:

$$F_{T_0}(k\omega_0) \triangleq T_0 c_k = \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} f(t) e^{-jk\omega_0 t} dt,$$

then

$$F_{T_0}(\omega) = \int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} f(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt.$$

Although  $F_{T_0}(\cdot)$  is only valid for the values  $\omega = k\omega_0$ , as  $T_0$  increases these values become ever closer together, so there are “more and more” valid values. In the limit we have the following expression, valid for all  $\omega$ :

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So we see how to compute a FT  $F(\omega)$  from an aperiodic signal  $f(t)$ . But this would be of limited utility if we could not also recover  $f(t)$  from  $F(\omega)$ . Fortunately, we can!

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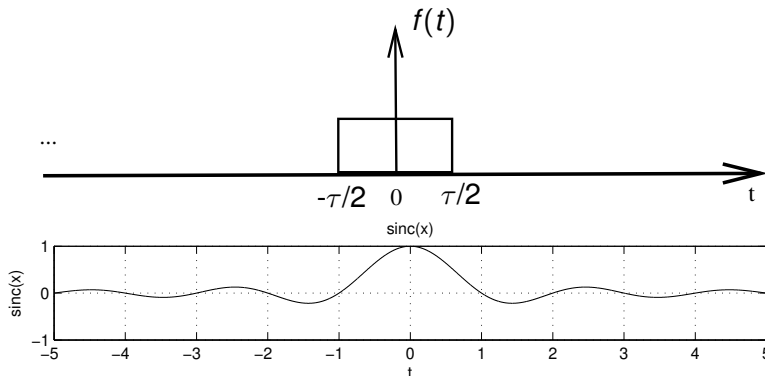
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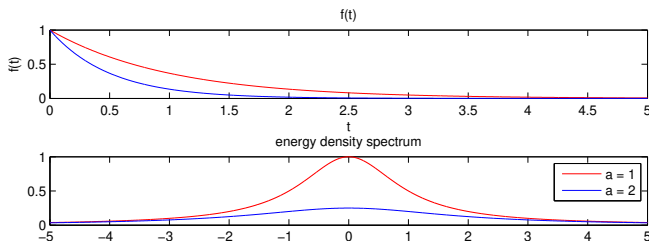
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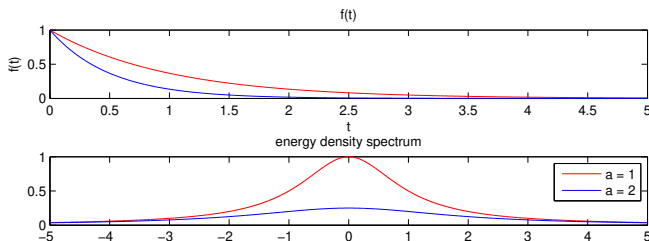
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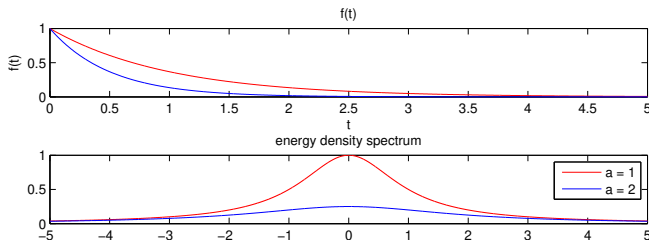
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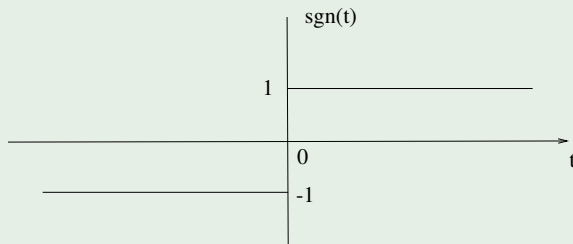
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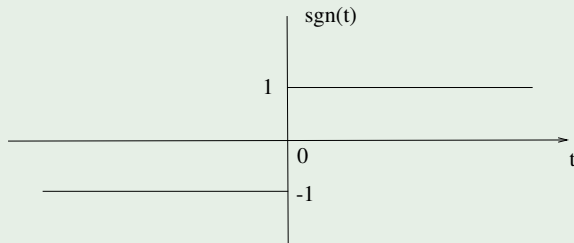


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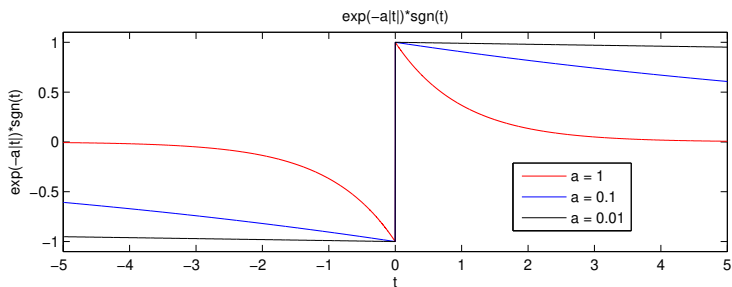


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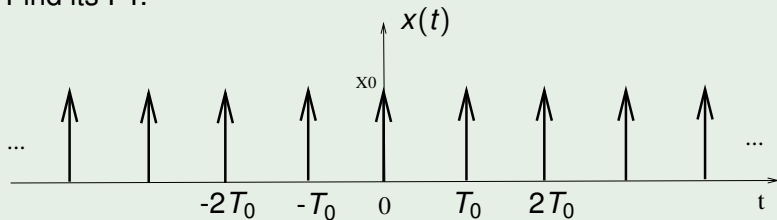
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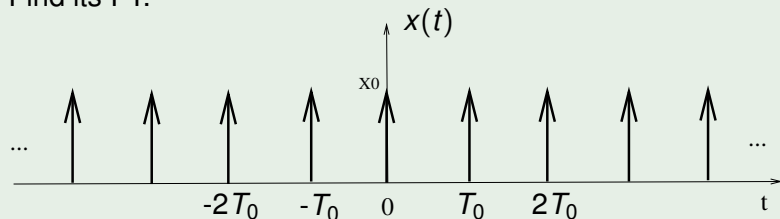
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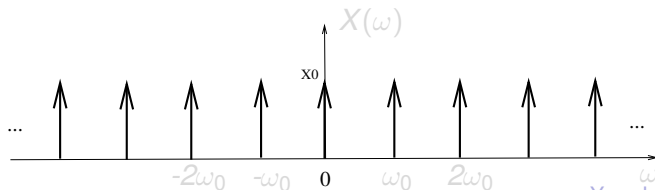
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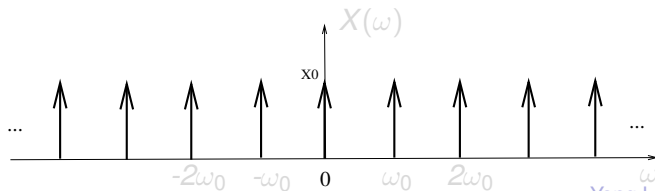
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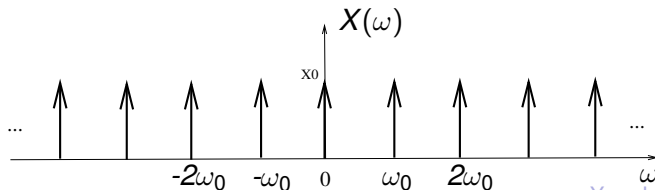
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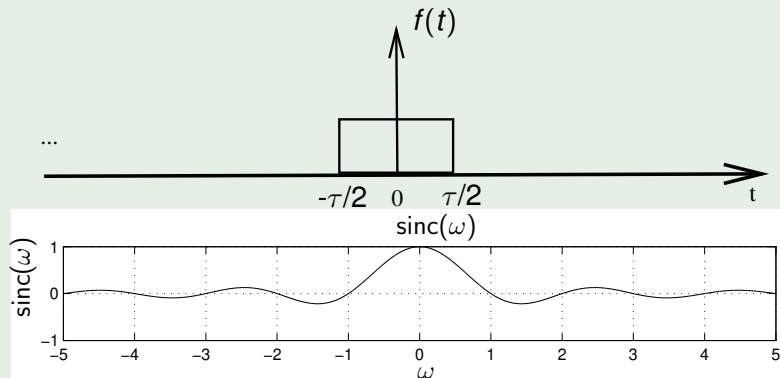
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*Useful for PFE later.*

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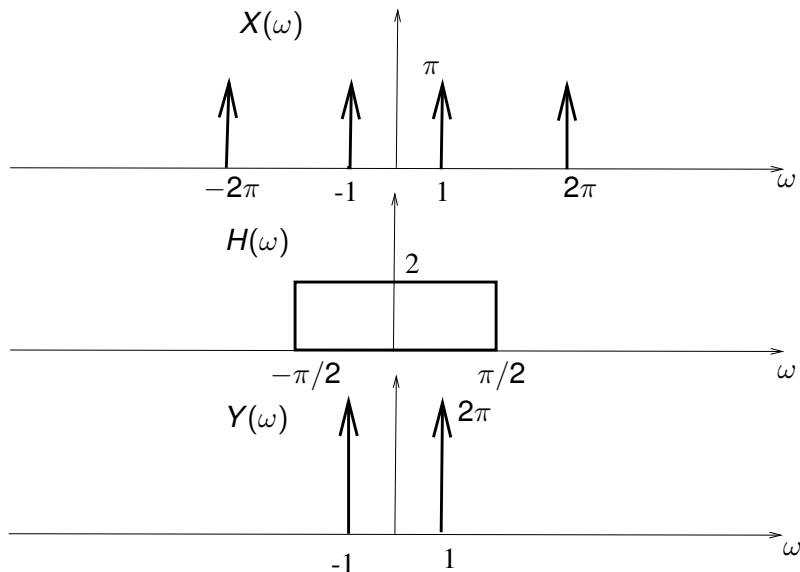
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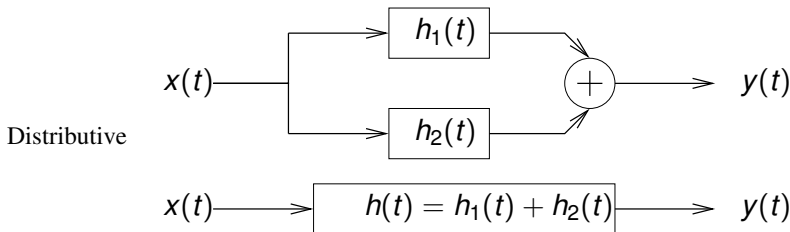
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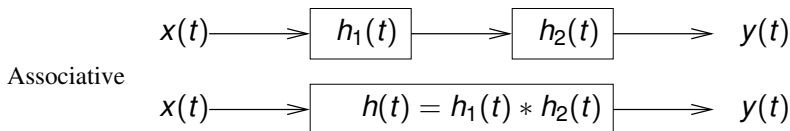
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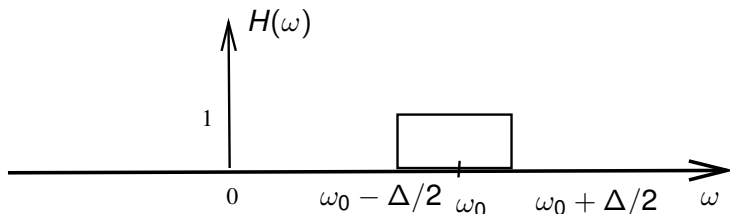
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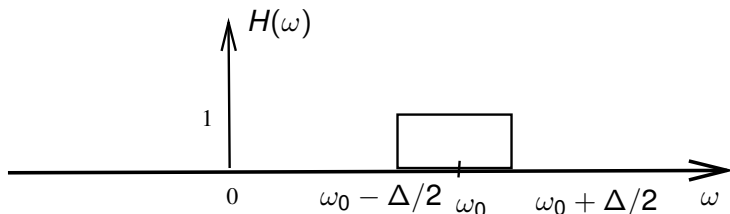
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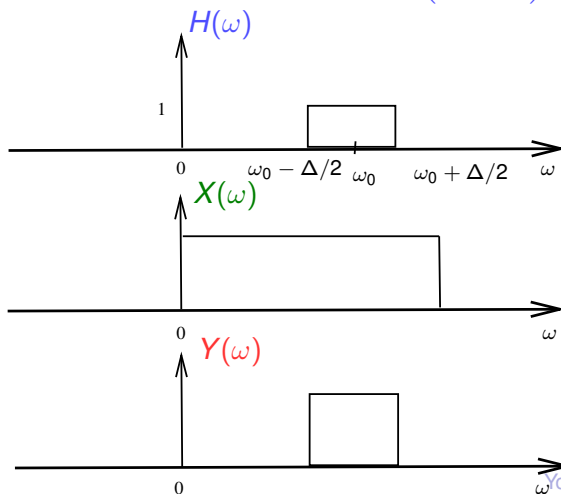


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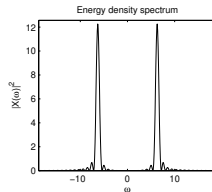
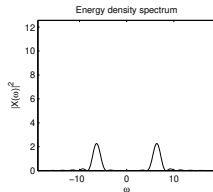
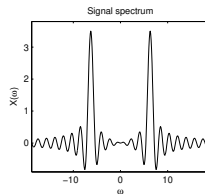
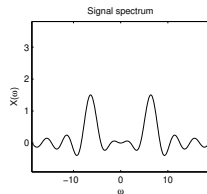
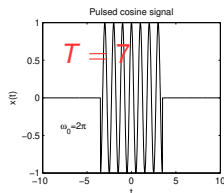
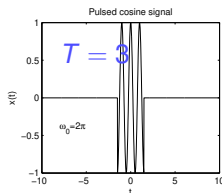
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- Even though the  $f(t)$  above is not periodic, its spectrum is “similar” to that of a periodic signal in that most of its energy is near the frequency component  $\omega_0$ .

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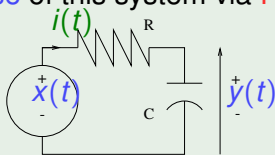
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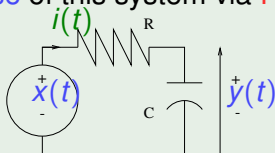
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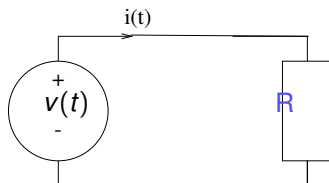
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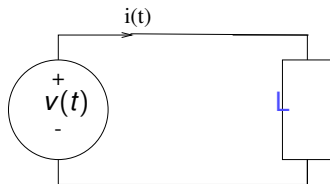
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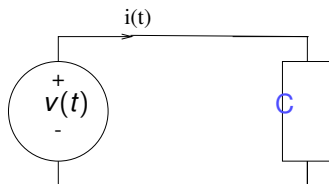
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This is the **complex impedance** of an inductor derived by FT methods!



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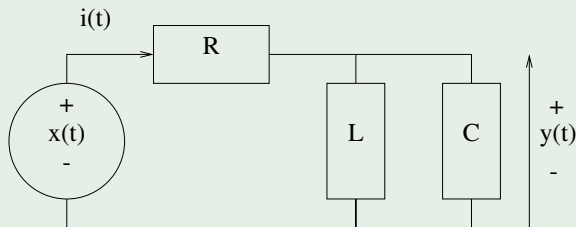
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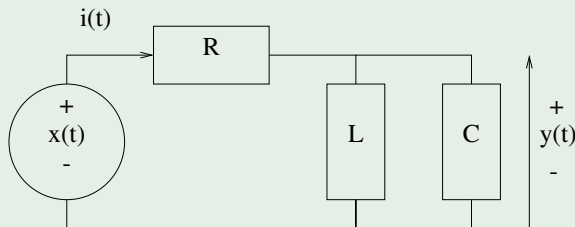
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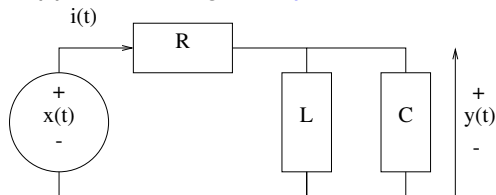
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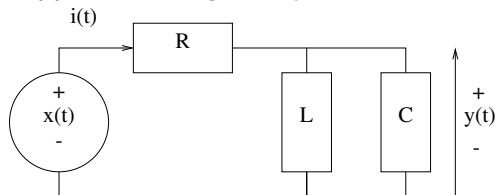
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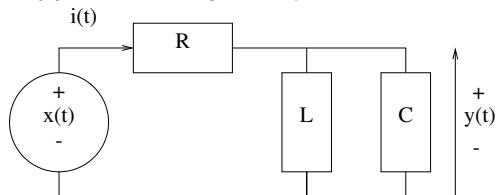
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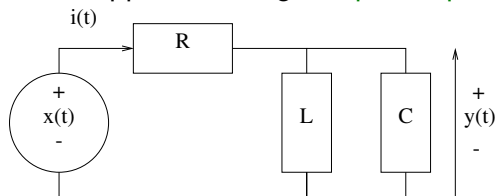
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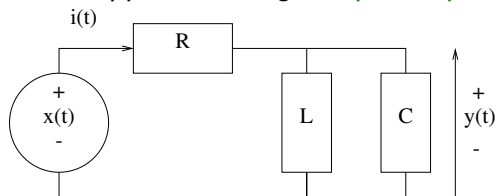


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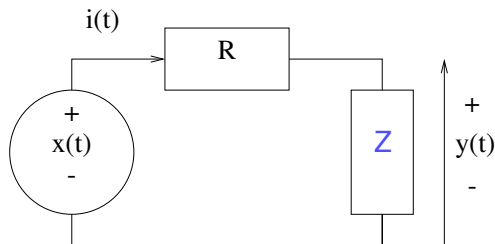
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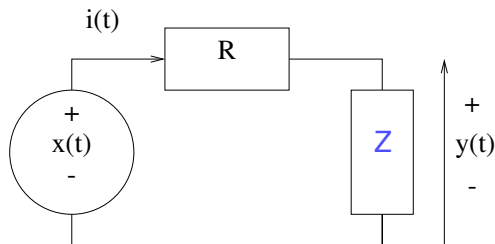
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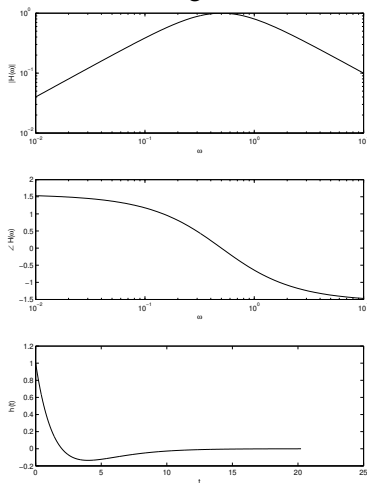


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# Frequency response from RLC circuits: Example (3)

Now it is trivial to plot **magnitude** and **phase response** using MATLAB's `freqs` command for given RLC values.



# MATLAB code (1)

```
a = [1 1 1/4]; %RC = 1; R/L = 1/4
b = [1 0]; %start from higher-order coefficients
[H,o]= freqs(b,a);
sys = tf(b,a);
[h,t] = impulse(sys);
plot(h,t)

subplot(311)
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xlabel('\omega'), ylabel('|H(\omega)|')
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## MATLAB code (2)

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