

# Signals and Systems 1.2

## --- *Elementary Signals*

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*Reference:*

*1. Textbook: 1.6*

# *Outline of Today's Lecture*

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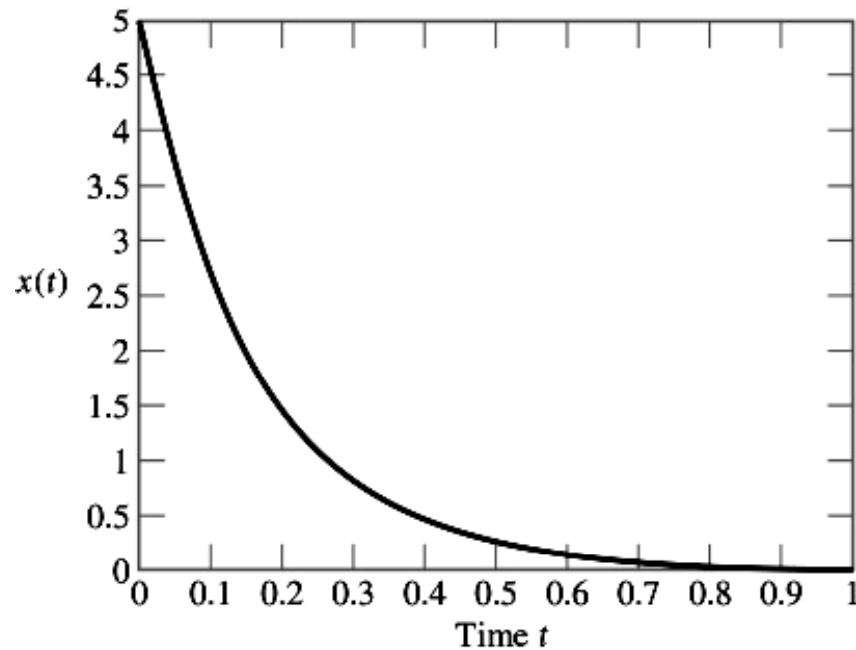
- Elementary Signals: Several elementary signals feature prominently in the study of signals and systems. All of elementary signals serve as building blocks for construction of more complex signals.
  - Exponential Signals
  - Sinusoidal Signals
  - The Unit-Step Function
  - The Unit-Impulse Function

# *Elementary Signals*---Exponential Signals

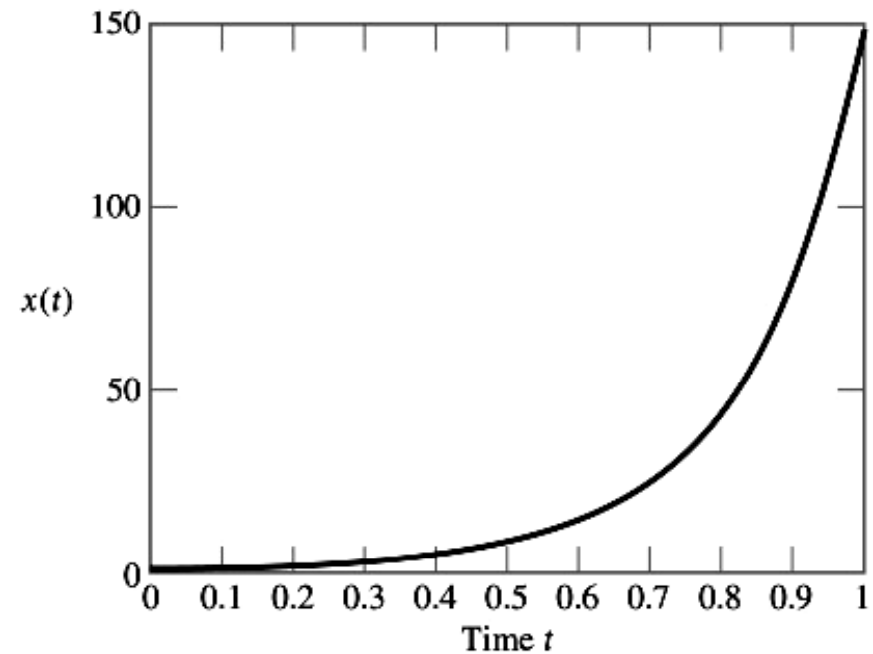
$$x(t) = Be^{at}$$

$B$  and  $a$  are real parameters

1. Decaying exponential, for which  $a < 0$
2. Growing exponential, for which  $a > 0$



(a)



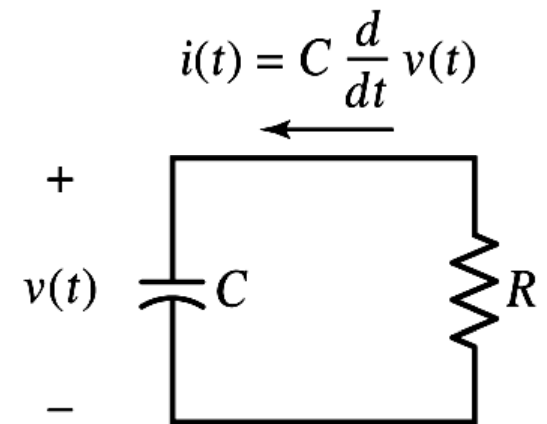
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# *Elementary Signals*---Exponential Signals

- For a physical example of an exponential signal, consider a so-called lossy capacitor. The capacitor has capacitance  $C$ , and the loss is represented by shunt resistance (分流电阻)  $R$ . The capacitor is charged by connecting a battery across it, and then the battery is removed at time  $t=0$ . Let  $V_0$  denote the initial value of the voltage developed across the capacitor. For  $t \geq 0$ :

$$RC \frac{d}{dt} v(t) + v(t) = 0$$

➡  $v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/(RC)}$   $\diagup$   $RC = \text{Time constant}$



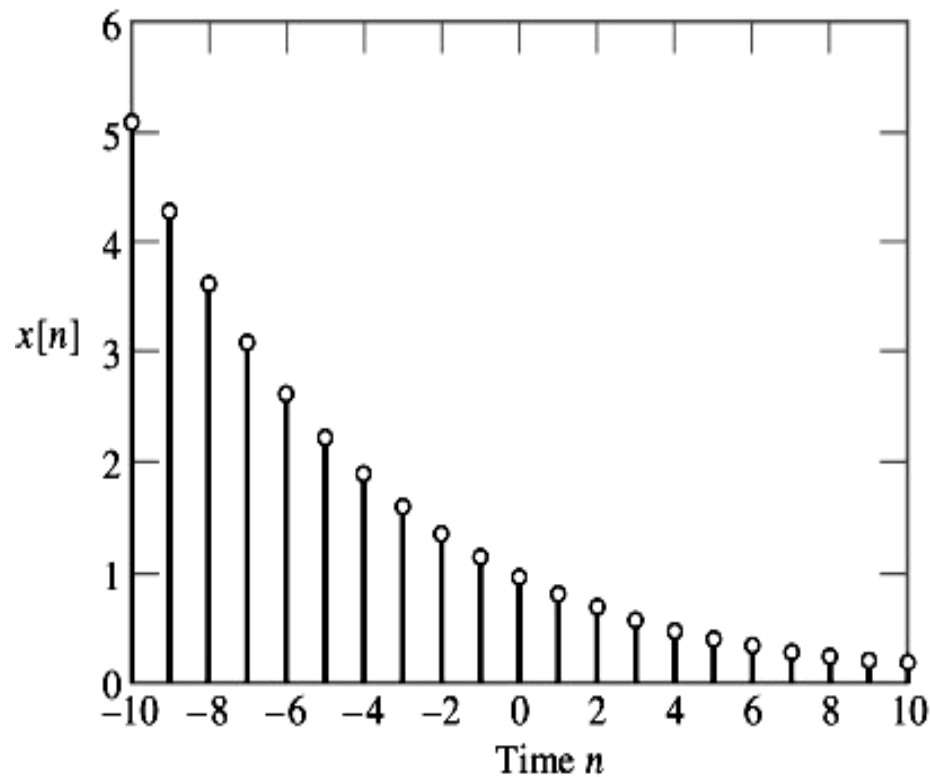
where  $v(t)$  is the voltage measured across the capacitor at time  $t$ .

# *Elementary Signals*---Exponential Signals

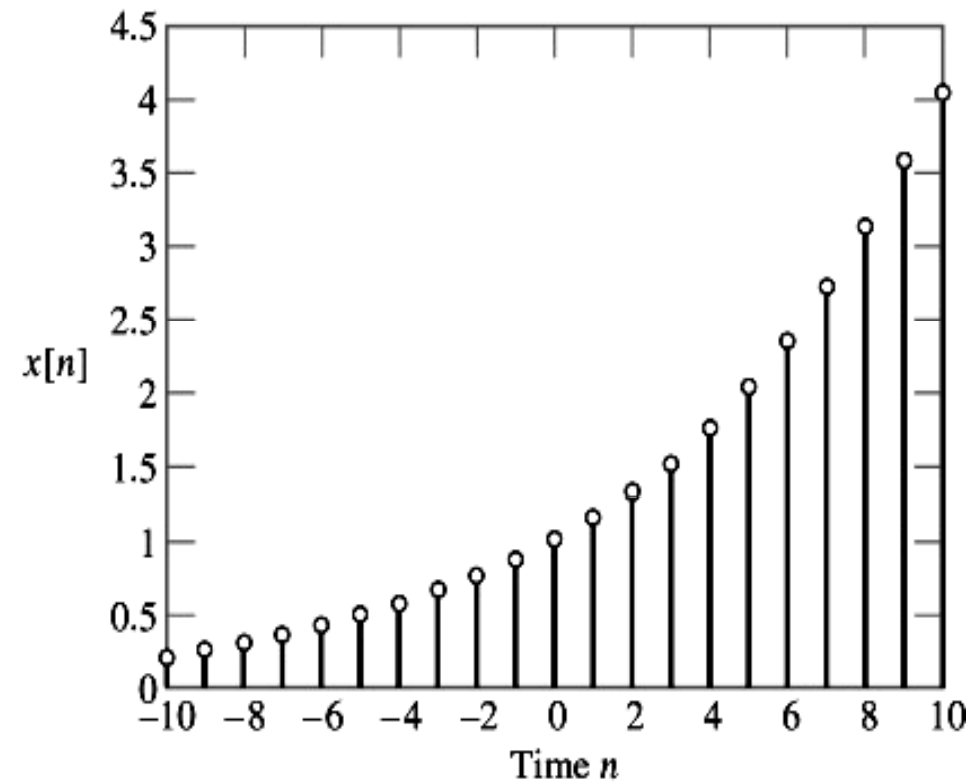
## ◆ Discrete-time case:

$$x[n] = Br^n$$

$$r = e^{\alpha}$$



(a)



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# *Elementary Signals*---Sinusoidal Signals

## ◆ Continuous-time case:

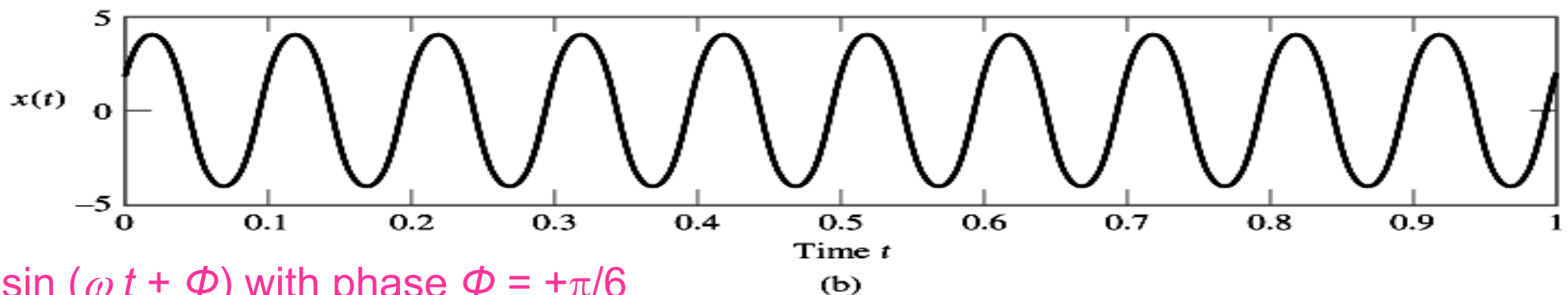
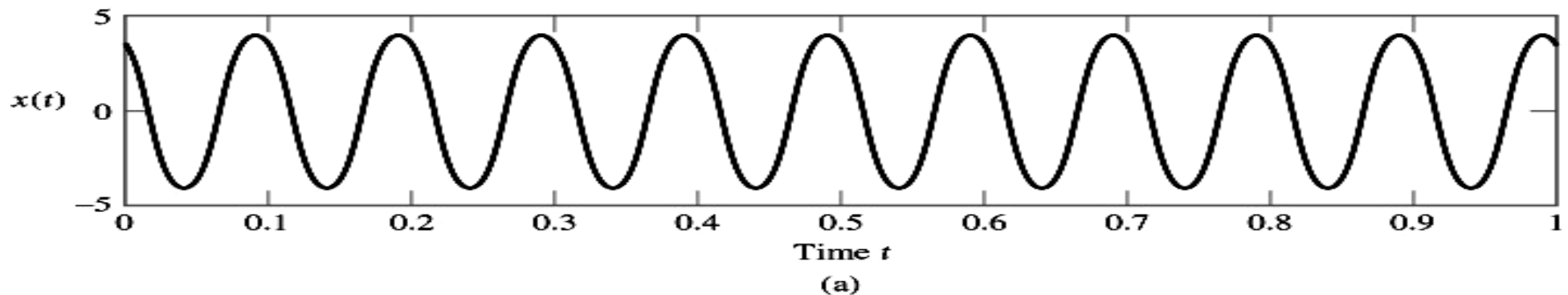
$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

**Periodicity**

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t + T) &= A \cos(\omega(t + T) + \phi) \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + \omega T + \phi) \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + 2\pi + \phi) \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\ &= x(t) \end{aligned}$$

$A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$  with phase  $\phi = +\pi/6$



$A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$  with phase  $\phi = +\pi/6$

# *Elementary Signals*---Sinusoidal Signals

## Generation of a sinusoidal signal:

Parallel of an inductor and an capacitor, without loss.

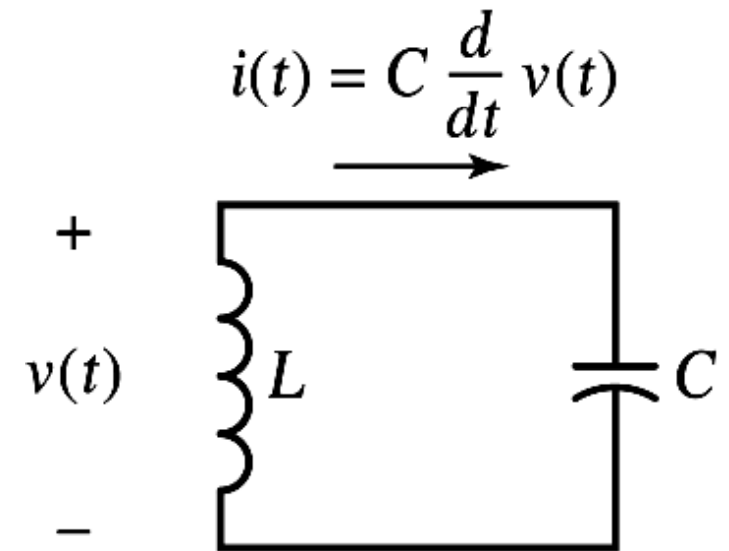
$$LC \frac{d^2}{dt^2} v(t) + v(t) = 0$$



$$v(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega_0 t), \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

*Natural angular frequency  
of oscillation of the circuit*



# *Elementary Signals*---Sinusoidal Signals

## ◆ Discrete-time case :

Periodic condition

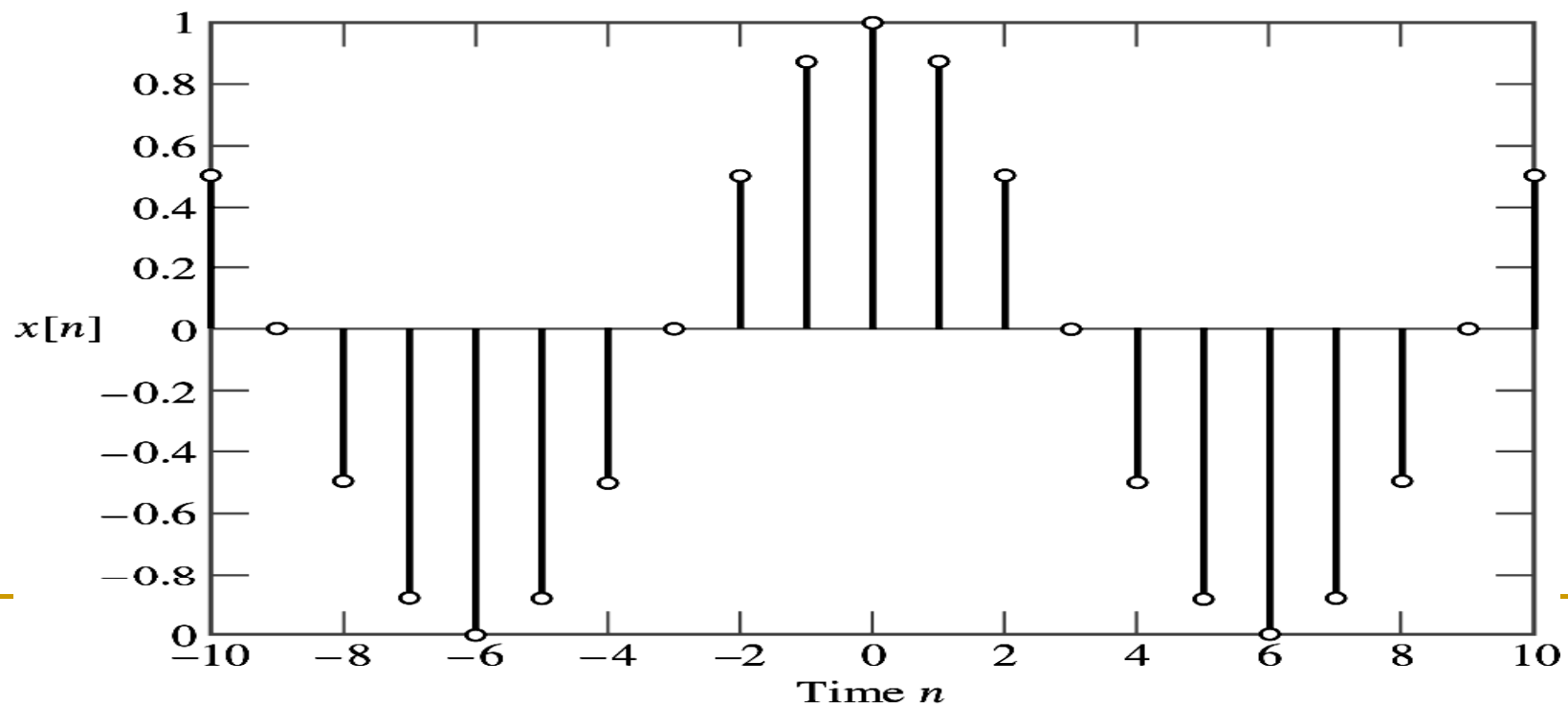
$$x[n] = A \cos(\Omega n + \phi)$$

$$x[n + N] = A \cos(\Omega n + \Omega N + \phi)$$

➡  $\Omega N = 2\pi m$

$$\Omega = \frac{2\pi m}{N} \text{ radians/cycle, integer } m, N$$

**Ex. A discrete-time sinusoidal signal:  $A = 1$ ,  $\phi = 0$ , and  $N = 12$ .**





# *Elementary Signals*---Sinusoidal Signals

## Example 1.7 Discrete-Time Sinusoidal Signal

A pair of sinusoidal signals with a common angular frequency is defined by

$$x_1[n] = \sin[5\pi n] \quad \text{and} \quad x_2[n] = \sqrt{3} \cos[5\pi n]$$

- (a) Both  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$  are periodic. Find their common fundamental period.  
(b) Express the composite sinusoidal signal

$$y[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$$

In the form  $y[n] = A \cos(\Omega n + \phi)$ , and evaluate the amplitude  $A$  and phase  $\phi$ .

<Sol.>

- (a) Angular frequency of both  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$ :

$$\Omega = 5\pi \text{ radians/cycle} \quad \Rightarrow \quad N = \frac{2\pi m}{\Omega} = \frac{2\pi m}{5\pi} = \frac{2m}{5}$$

$\Rightarrow$  This can be only for  $m = 5, 10, 15, \dots$ , which results in  $N = 2, 4, 6, \dots$

# *Elementary Signals*---Sinusoidal Signals

(b) Trigonometric identity:

$$A \cos(\Omega n + \phi) = A \cos(\Omega n) \cos(\phi) - A \sin(\Omega n) \sin(\phi)$$

Let  $\Omega = 5\pi$ , then compare  $x_1[n] + x_2[n]$  with the above equation to obtain that

$$A \sin(\phi) = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad A \cos(\phi) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan(\phi) = \frac{\sin(\phi)}{\cos(\phi)} = \frac{\text{amplitude of } x_1[n]}{\text{amplitude of } x_2[n]} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \phi = -\pi/6$$

$$\Rightarrow A \sin(\phi) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{-1}{\sin(-\pi/6)} = 2$$

$$y[n] = 2 \cos\left(5\pi n - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

# Elementary Signals

## -Relation Between Sinusoidal and Complex Exponential Signals

1. Euler's identity:  $e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$

Complex exponential signal:  $B = Ae^{j\phi}$

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \cos(\omega t + \phi) = \operatorname{Re}\{Be^{j\omega t}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & Be^{j\omega t} \\ &= Ae^{j\phi} e^{j\omega t} \\ &= Ae^{j(\phi + \omega t)} \\ &= A \cos(\omega t + \phi) + jA \sin(\omega t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

◇ Continuous-time signal in terms of sine function:

$$x(t) = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \sin(\omega t + \phi) = \operatorname{Im}\{Be^{j\omega t}\}$$

# Elementary Signals

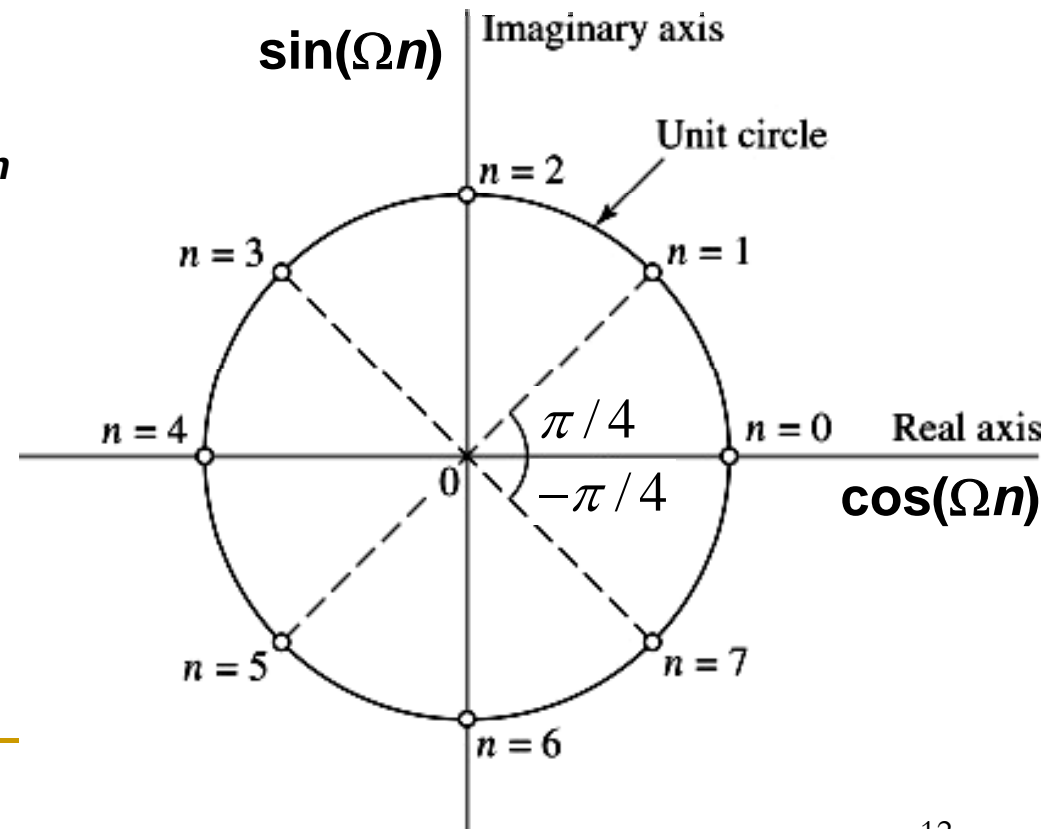
## -Relation Between Sinusoidal and Complex Exponential Signals

### 2. Discrete-time case:

$$A \cos(\Omega n + \phi) = \text{Re}\{B e^{j\Omega n}\}$$

$$A \sin(\Omega n + \phi) = \text{Im}\{B e^{j\Omega n}\}$$

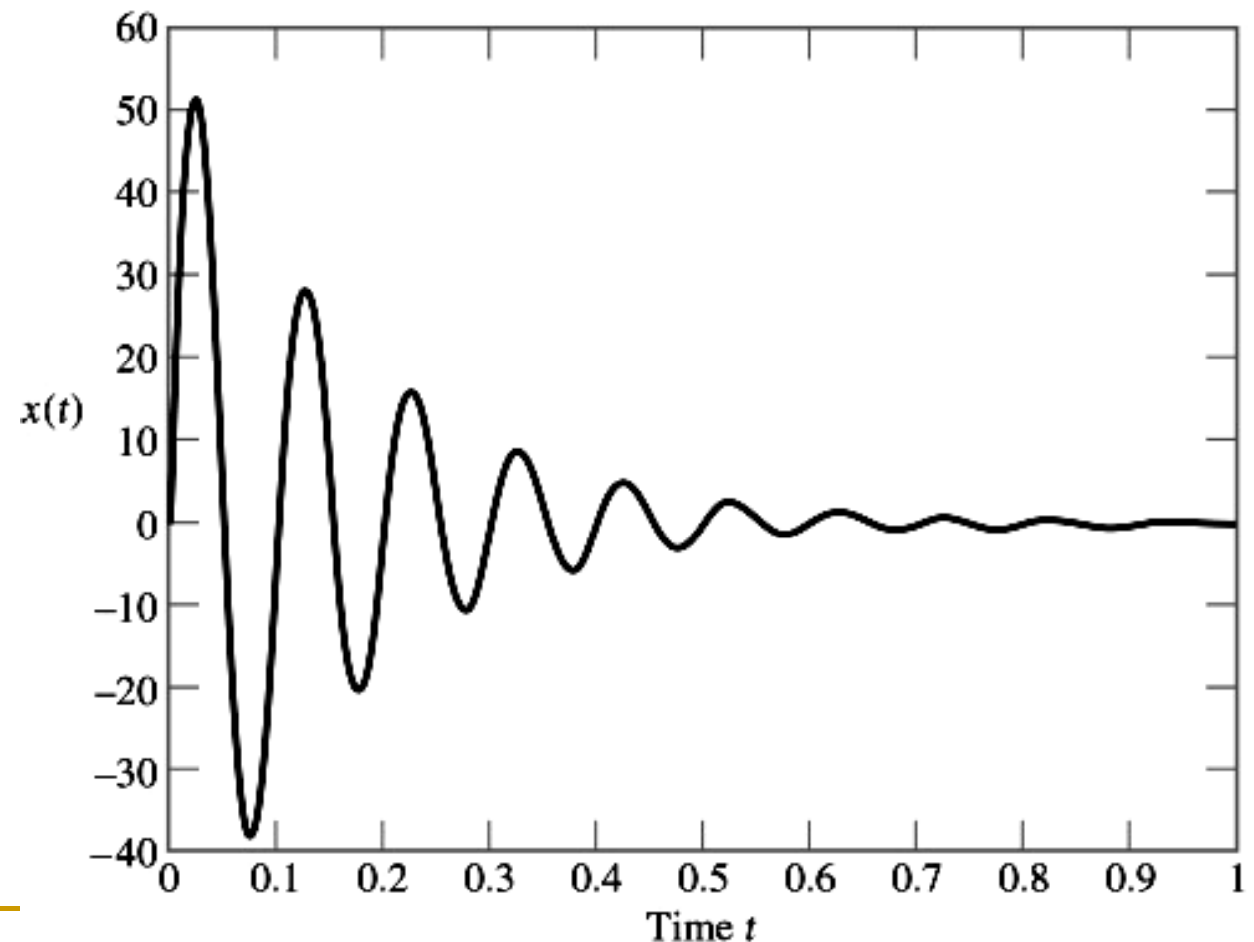
### 3. Two-dimensional representation of the complex exponential $e^{j\Omega n}$ for $\Omega = \pi/4$ and $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 7$ .



# *Elementary Signals* - Exponential Damped Sinusoidal Signals

$$x(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega t + \phi), \quad \alpha > 0$$

**Example for  $A = 60$ ,  
 $\alpha = 6$ , and  $\phi = 0$**



# *Elementary Signals* - Exponential Damped Sinusoidal Signals

## Ex. Generation of an exponential damped sinusoidal signal

Let  $V_0$  denote the initial voltage developed across the capacitor at  $t = 0$ .

Circuit Eq.: 
$$C \frac{d}{dt} v(t) + \frac{1}{R} v(t) + \frac{1}{L} \int_{-\infty}^t v(\tau) d\tau = 0$$

⇒ 
$$v(t) = V_0 e^{-t/(2CR)} \cos(\omega_0 t) \quad t \geq 0$$

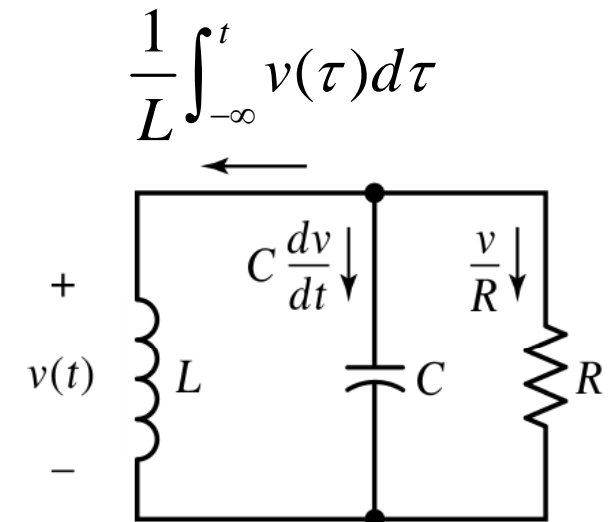
where  $v(t)$  is the voltage across the capacitor at time  $t > 0$ .

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \frac{1}{4C^2 R^2}}$$

$$R > \sqrt{L/(4C)}$$

$$x(t) = A e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega t + \phi), \quad \alpha > 0$$

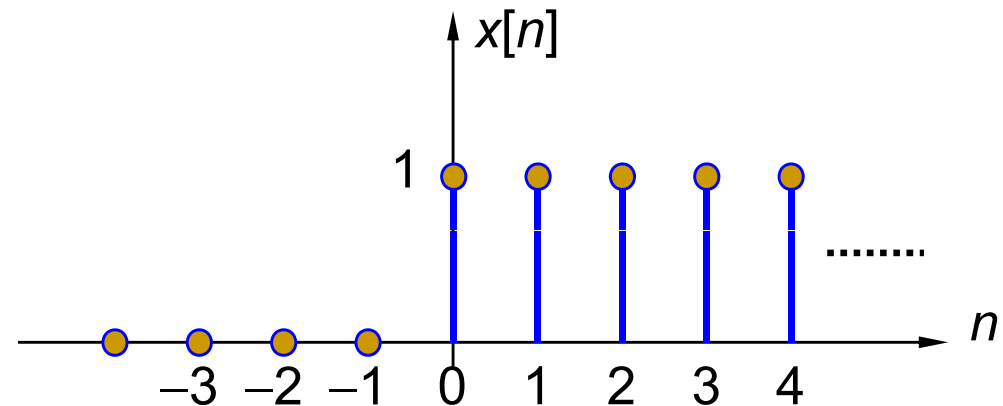
$$A = V_0, \quad \alpha = 1/(2CR), \quad \omega = \omega_0, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = \pi/2$$



# *Elementary Signals*---Step Function

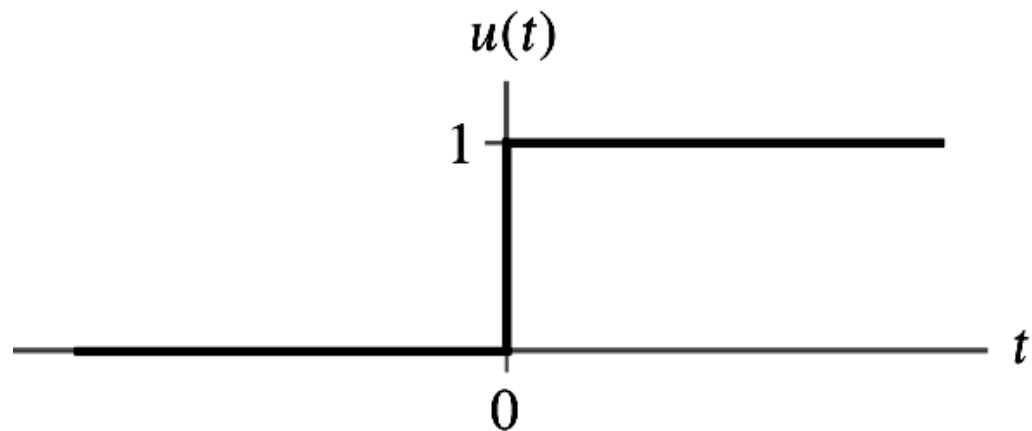
## ◆ Discrete-time case:

$$u[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$$



## ◆ Continuous-time case: unit-step function

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t > 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$



$u(0)$  ( $t = 0$ ) is undefined

# Elementary Signals---Step Function

## Example 1.8 Rectangular Pulse

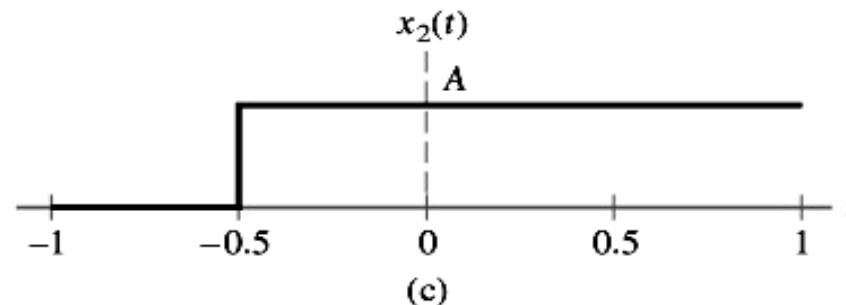
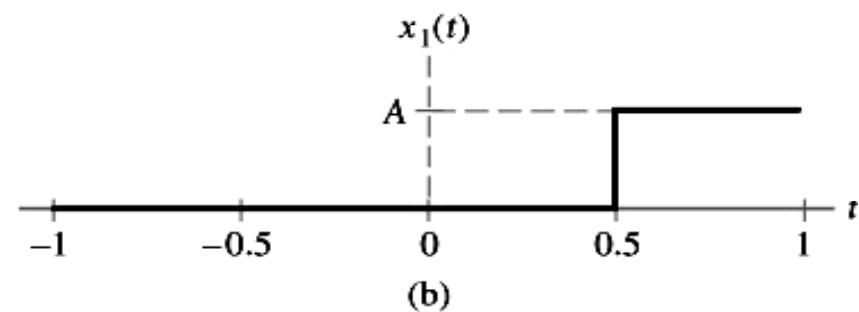
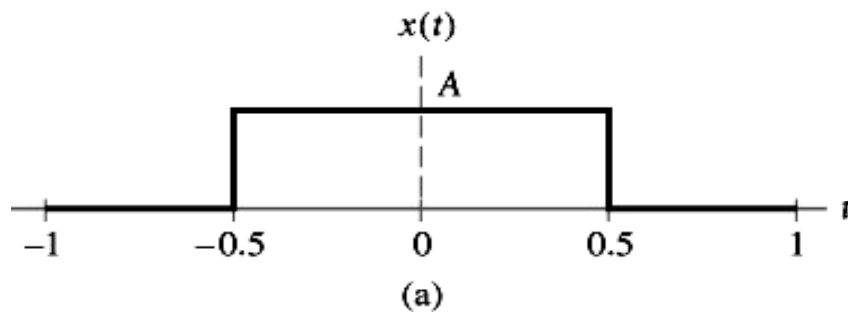
Consider the rectangular pulse  $x(t)$ . This pulse has an amplitude  $A$  and duration of 1 second. Express  $x(t)$  as a weighted sum of two step functions.

<Sol.>

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} A, & 0 \leq |t| < 0.5 \\ 0, & |t| > 0.5 \end{cases}$$



$$x(t) = Au\left(t + \frac{1}{2}\right) - Au\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

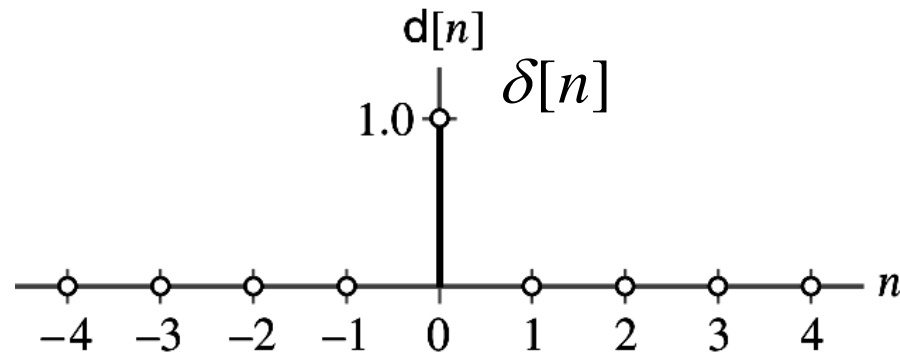




# *Elementary Signals*---Impulse Function

## ◆ Discrete-time case:

$$\delta[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ 0, & n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



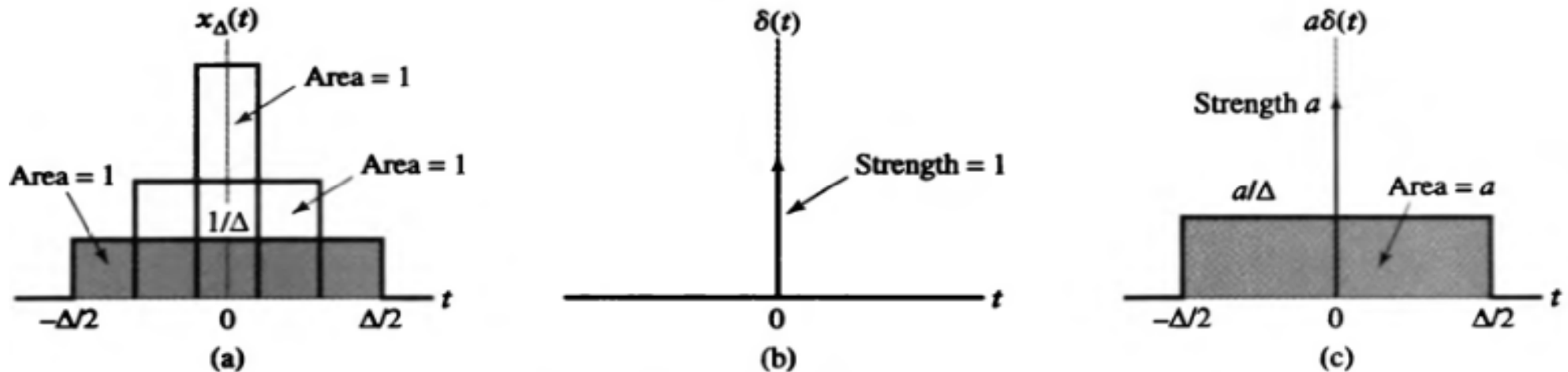
## ◆ Continuous-time case:

$$\delta(t) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad t \neq 0$$

*Dirac delta function*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

# Elementary Signals---Impulse Function



**Figure 1.42 (p. 46)**

(a) Evolution of a rectangular pulse of unit area into an impulse of unit strength (i.e., unit impulse). (b) Graphical symbol for unit impulse. (c) Representation of an impulse of strength  $a$  that results from allowing the duration  $\Delta$  of a rectangular pulse of area  $a$  to approach zero.

1. As the duration decreases, the rectangular pulse approximates the impulse more closely.
2. Mathematical relation between impulse and rectangular pulse function:

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} x_{\Delta}(t)$$

1.  $x_{\Delta}(t)$ : even function of  $t$ ,  $\Delta$  = duration.
2.  $x_{\Delta}(t)$ : Unit area.

# *Elementary Signals*---Impulse Function

The impulse and unit step function  $u(t)$  are related to each other

3.  $\delta(t)$  is the derivative of  $u(t)$ :



4.  $u(t)$  is the integral of  $\delta(t)$ :

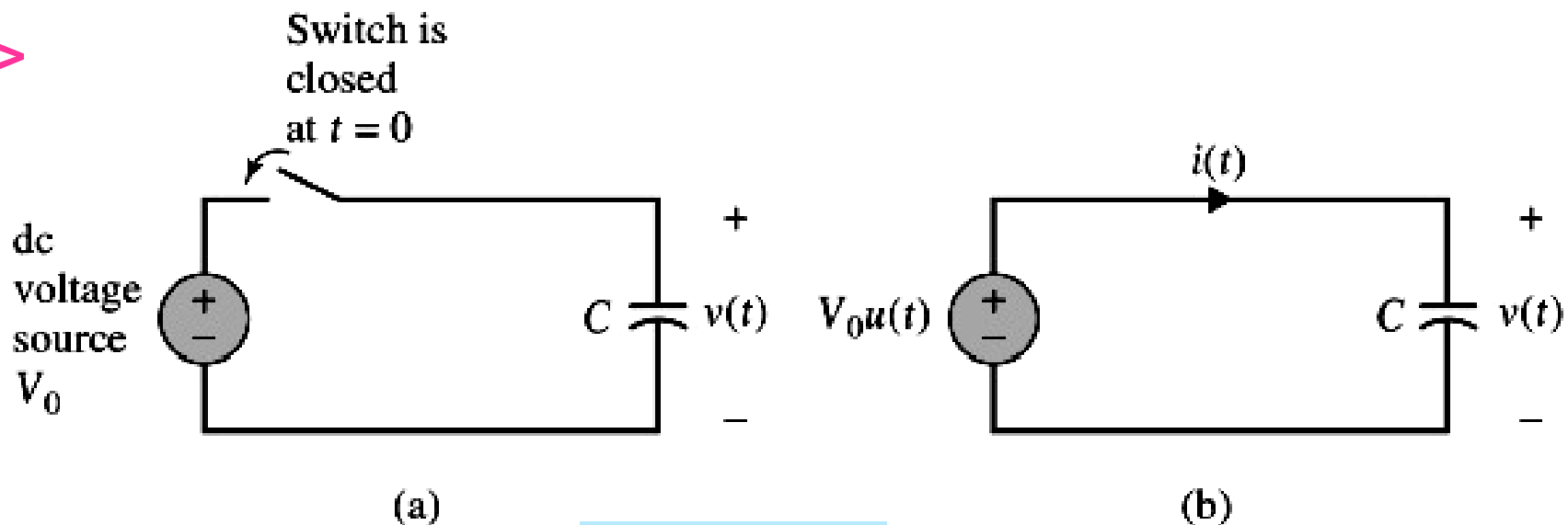
$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(\tau) d\tau$$

# Elementary Signals---Impulse Function

## Example 1.10 RC Circuit (Continued)

For the RC circuit shown in Fig. 1.43 (a), determine the current  $i(t)$  that flows through the capacitor for  $t \geq 0$ .

<Sol.>



1. Voltage across the capacitor:



2. Current flowing through capacitor:

$$i(t) = C \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$$



$$i(t) = CV_0 \frac{du(t)}{dt} = CV_0 \delta(t)$$

# *Elementary Signals*---Impulse Function

## ◆ Properties of impulse function:

1. Even function:  $\delta(-t) = \delta(t)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - t_0) dt = 1$$

2. Sifting property:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \delta(t - t_0) dt = x(t_0)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta(t) dt = f(0)$$

3. Time-scaling property:

$$\delta(at) = \frac{1}{a} \delta(t), \quad a > 0$$

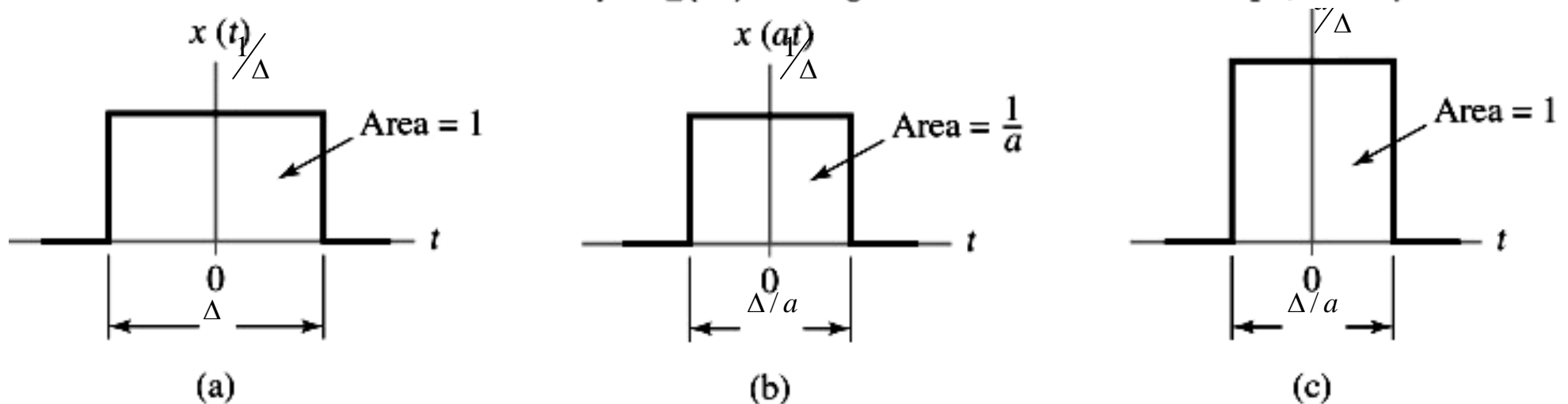
$$f(t) \delta(t) = f(0) \delta(t)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta'(t) dt = -f'(0)$$

$$U(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(t) dt$$

# Elementary Signals---Impulse Function

To represent the function  $x_{\Delta}(t)$ , we use the rectangular pulse shown in Fig. 1.44(a), which has duration  $\Delta$ , amplitude  $1/\Delta$ , and therefore unit area. Correspondingly, the time-scaled function  $x_{\Delta}(at)$  is shown in Fig. 1.44(b) for  $a > 1$ . The amplitude of  $x_{\Delta}(at)$  is left unchanged by the time-scaling operation. Consequently, in order to restore the area under this pulse to unity,  $x_{\Delta}(at)$  is scaled by the same factor  $a$ , as indicated in Fig. 1.44(c), in which the time function is thus denoted by  $ax_{\Delta}(at)$ . Using this new function in Eq. (1.67) yields



**Figure 1.44 (p. 48)**

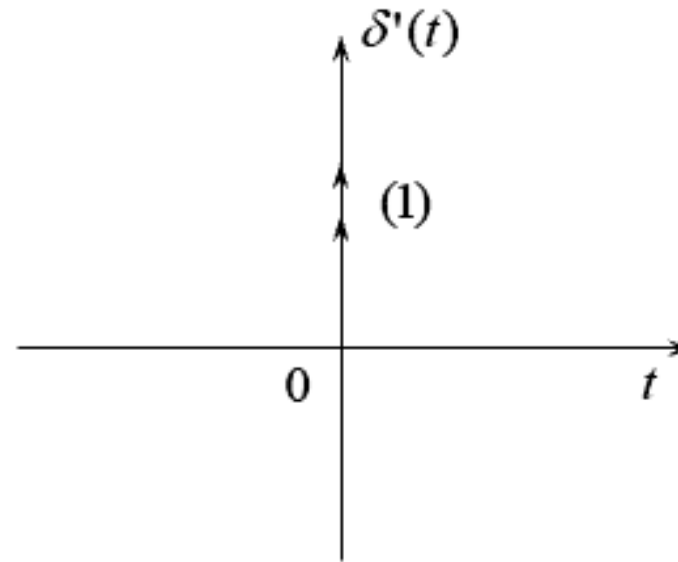
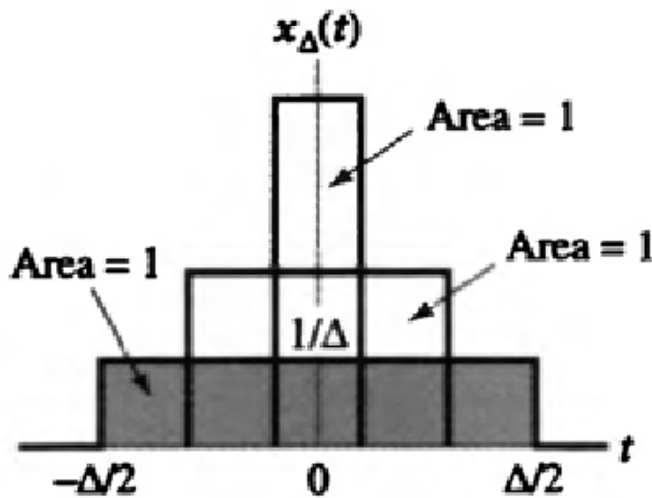
Steps involved in proving the time-scaling property of the unit impulse. (a) Rectangular pulse  $x_{\Delta}(t)$  of amplitude  $1/\Delta$  and duration  $\Delta$ , symmetric about the origin. (b) Pulse  $x_{\Delta}(t)$  compressed by factor  $a$ . (c) Amplitude scaling of the compressed pulse, restoring it to unit area.

# *Elementary Signals*---Impulse Function

## Derivatives of The Impulse

Definitions:

$$\delta'(t) = \frac{d\delta(t)}{dt}$$



The first derivative of  $\delta(t)$  as the limiting form of the first derivative of the same rectangular pulse. The rectangular pulse is equal to the step function  $(1/\Delta)[u(t + \Delta/2) - u(t - \Delta/2)]$

# *Elementary Signals*---Impulse Function

## Derivatives of The Impulse

### 1. Doublet:

$$\delta^{(1)}(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta} (\delta(t + \Delta/2) - \delta(t - \Delta/2)) \quad (1.70)$$

### 2. Fundamental property of the doublet:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta^{(1)}(t) dt = 0 \quad (1.71)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta^{(1)}(t - t_0) dt = \frac{d}{dt} f(t) \Big|_{t=t_0} \quad (1.72)$$

### 3. Second derivative of impulse:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \delta(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \delta^{(1)}(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta^{(1)}(t + \Delta/2) - \delta^{(1)}(t - \Delta/2)}{\Delta} \quad (1.73)$$

### Problem 1.24

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta^{(2)}(t - t_0) dt = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f(t) \Big|_{t=t_0}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta^{(n)}(t - t_0) dt = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(t) \Big|_{t=t_0}$$



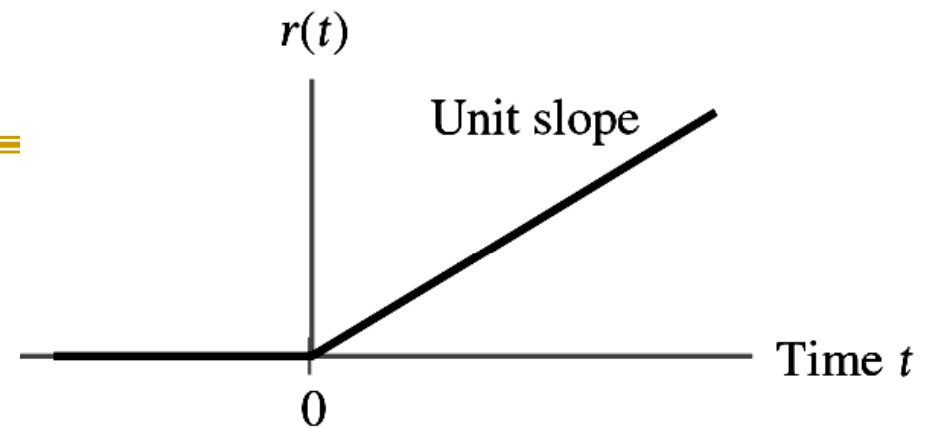
# Other signals

## ★ 1 Ramp Function

### 1A. Continuous-time case

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} t, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

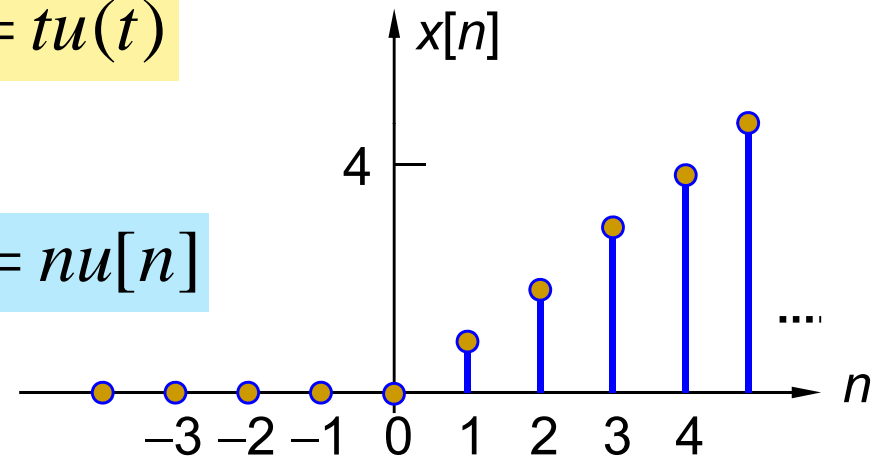
$$r(t) = tu(t)$$



### 1B. Discrete-time case

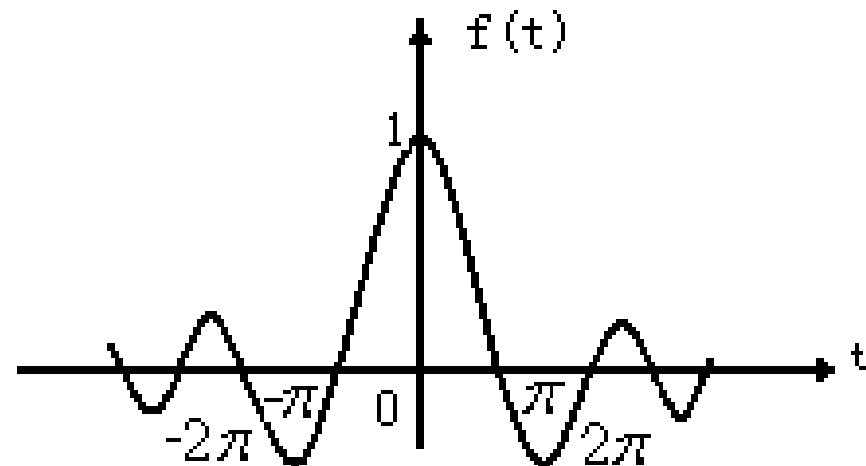
$$r[n] = \begin{cases} n, & n \geq 0 \\ 0, & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$r[n] = nu[n]$$



## ★ 2 Sampling signals

$$f(t) = \frac{\sin t}{t} = \text{Sa}(t)$$



# Summary and Exercises

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- Summary

- Exponential Signals
- Sinusoidal Signals
- The Unit-Step Function
- The Unit-Impulse Function

- Exercises

- P89: 1.54 (a, c, e)
  - P90: 1.56 (b, d, f, h, j), 1.57 (a, c, e, g, i) , 1.58, 1.60
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# Trigonometric identities

$$\sin A \pm \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A \pm B}{2} \cos \frac{A \mp B}{2}$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\sin 3A = 3 \sin A - 4 \sin^3 A$$

$$\cos 3A = 4 \cos^3 A - 3 \cos A$$

# Circuit Fundamental

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$$u_R(t) = Ri_R(t)$$

$$i_C(t) = C \frac{du_C(t)}{dt}$$

$$u_L(t) = L \frac{di_L(t)}{dt}$$