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# **Fundamentals of Signal Processing**

## **Part 1**

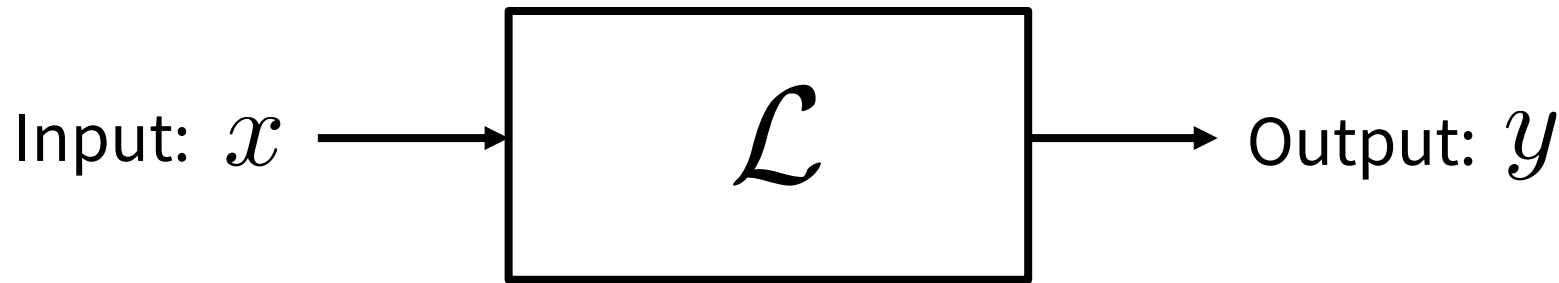
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# What is Signal Processing?

- Techniques for analyzing, modifying, and synthesizing **signals**, such as sound, images, and others



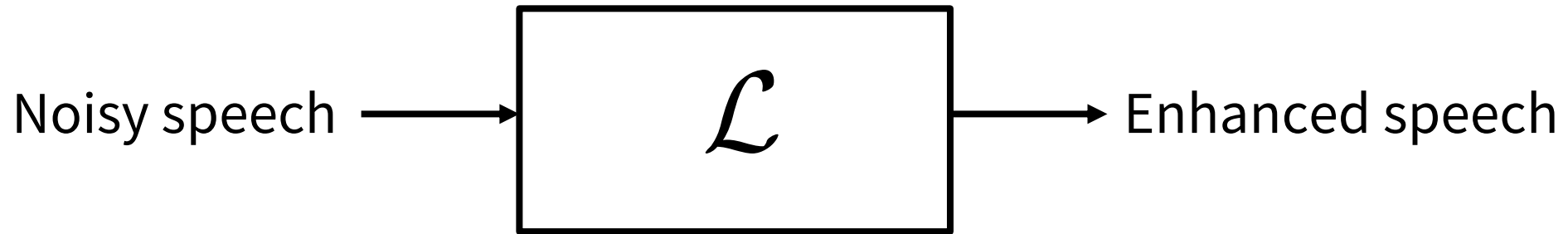
**Generating output  $y$  by processing  
input  $x$  using mapping  $\mathcal{L}$**

See also <https://youtu.be/R90ciUoxcJU>

# What is Signal Processing?

## ➤ Noise reduction

- Input: speech contaminated by noise
- Output: enhanced speech by reducing noise



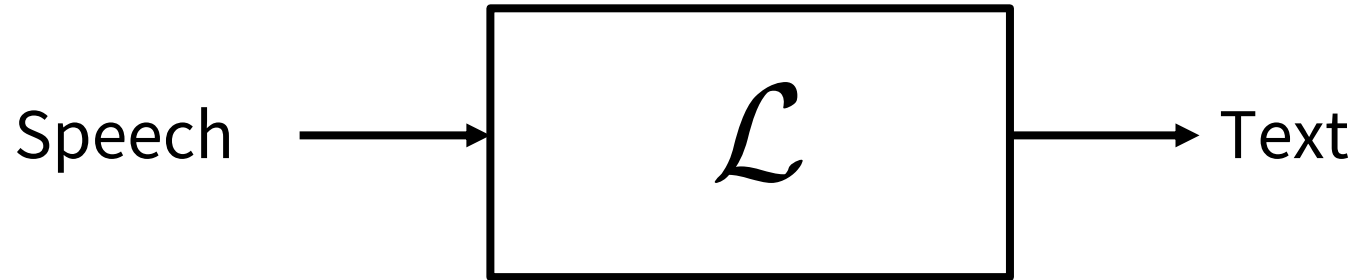
Extracting speech signal based on properties of speech and/or noise



# What is Signal Processing?

## ➤ Speech recognition

- Input: Human's speech
- Output: Spoken text



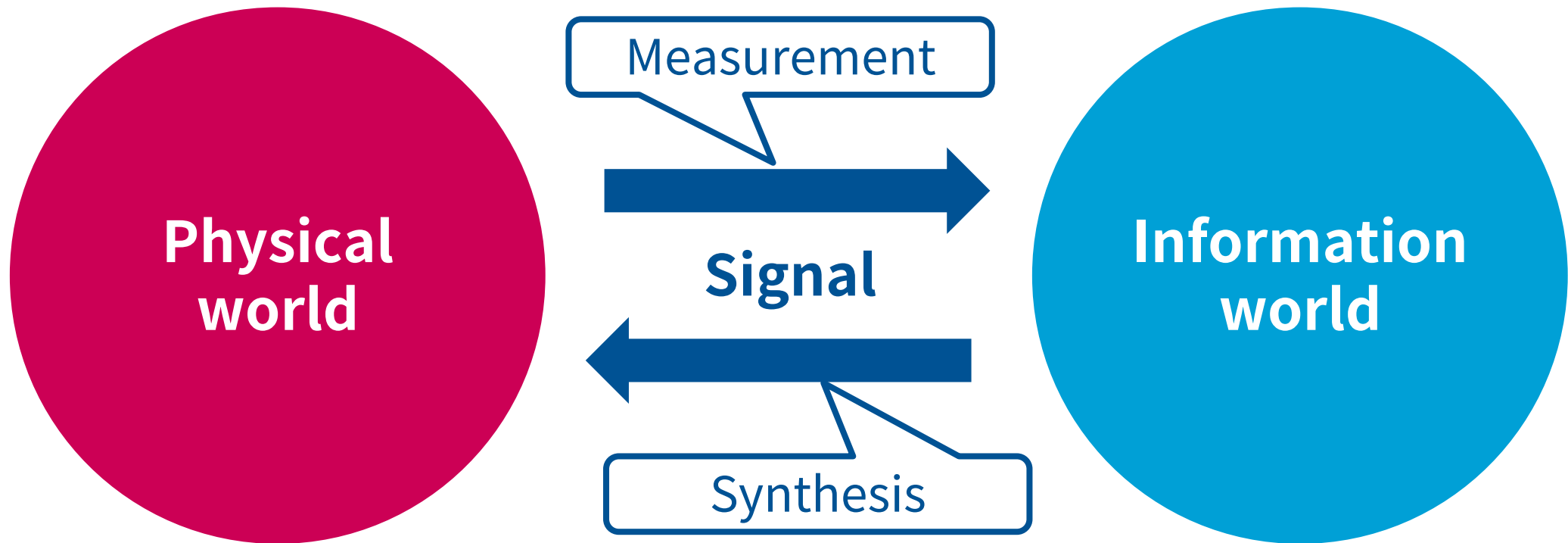
Conversion from speech to text is learned from a large amount of training data



# **SIGNAL AND LINEAR TIME-INVARIANT SYSTEM**

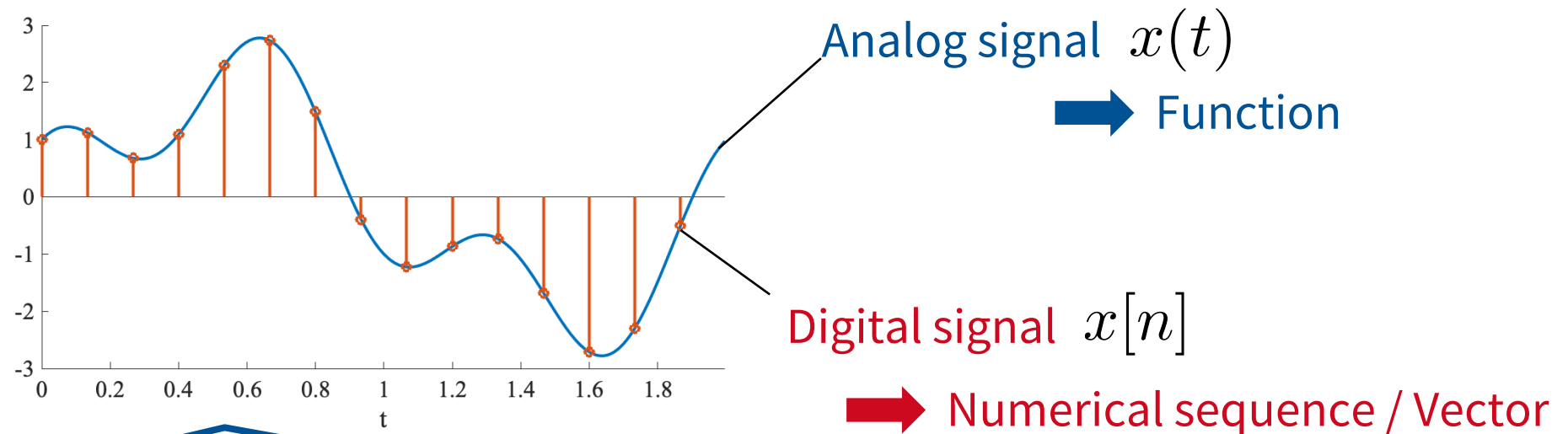
# Signal

- Signal is temporal/spatial variations of physical quantities obtained by sensors or their representation by symbols
  - Speech, music, image, video, ultrasonic sonar, radiowave, brainwave, seismic wave, stock price, etc.



# Signal

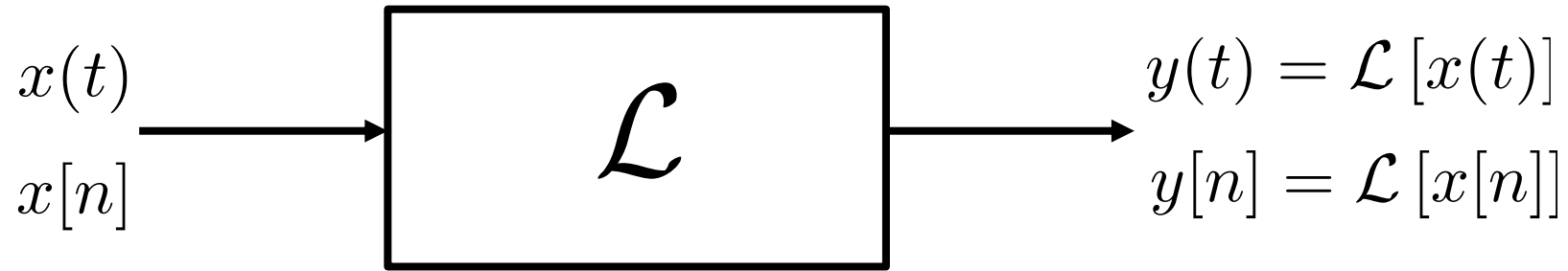
- Signal used in this class is **time-series signal**: one-dimensional signal of amplitude variation changing with time
  - **Continuous-time signal / Analog signal**:  
Continuous value of time and amplitude
  - **Discrete-time signal / Digital signal**:  
Discrete value of time and quantized value of amplitude



Signal processing theory finds its basis on wide variety of mathematics

# System

- System: Representation of signal processing stages and input-output characteristics



**Converting input to output by mapping  $\mathcal{L}$**



# Linear time-invariant system

➤ Focusing on **linear time-invariant (LTI) system**

➤ **Linearity:**

- Superposition principle holds

$$\mathcal{L} [\alpha x[n] + \beta y[n]] = \alpha \mathcal{L} [x[n]] + \beta \mathcal{L} [y[n]]$$

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$$

➤ **Time-invariance / Shift-invariance:**

- System is consistent with time change

$$y[n] = \mathcal{L} [x[n]] \Rightarrow y[n - m] = \mathcal{L} [x[n - m]] , \quad \forall m$$

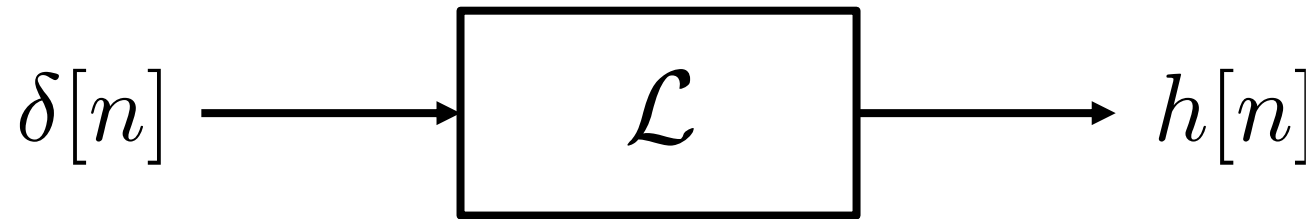
**Input-output characteristics of LTI system can be decomposed into basic elements for analysis**

# Impulse response

## ➤ Definition of impulse response

- Output of LTI system  $h[n]$  when input is delta function  $\delta[n]$

$$h[n] = \mathcal{L} [\delta[n]]$$



Here,

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

# Impulse response

**LTI system characteristics are fully described by impulse response**

- When impulse response of LTI system is  $h[n]$ , input signal  $x[n]$  and output signal  $y[n]$  have the following relationship:

$$y[n] = h[n] * x[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[m]x[n - m]$$

- This operation is called **convolution**

**Output signal of any input signal for LTI system can be computed if its impulse response is known**

# Impulse response

- Arbitrary signal is written by weighted sum of delta function

$$\begin{aligned}x[n] * \delta[n] &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] \delta[n-m] \left( = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[m] x[n-m] \right) \\&= \dots + x[n-1] \delta[1] + x[n] \delta[0] + x[n+1] \delta[-1] + \dots \\&= x[n]\end{aligned}$$

- Thus,

$$y[n] = \mathcal{L}[x[n]]$$

$$= \mathcal{L} \left[ \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] \delta[n-m] \right]$$

$$= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] \mathcal{L}[\delta[n-m]]$$

$$= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] h[n-m]$$

$$= x[n] * h[n]$$

Equation above

$x[m]$  does not depend on  $n$

$$h[n] = \mathcal{L}[\delta[n]]$$

# Impulse response

- In continuous case, input signal  $x(t)$  and output signal  $y(t)$  are related by **convolution** with impulse response of LTI system  $h(t)$

$$y(t) = h(t) * x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)x(t - \tau)d\tau$$

- Impulse response  $h(t)$  is output of LTI system when input is delta function  $\delta(t)$

$$h(t) = \mathcal{L}[\delta(t)]$$

where  $\delta(t) = \begin{cases} \infty, & t = 0 \\ 0, & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$

Not strictly correct representation

# Convolution

- **Convolution** is operation to obtain function/sequence from two functions/sequences
  - Continuous system:

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= h(t) * x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau)x(t - \tau)d\tau \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t - \tau)x(\tau)d\tau\end{aligned}$$

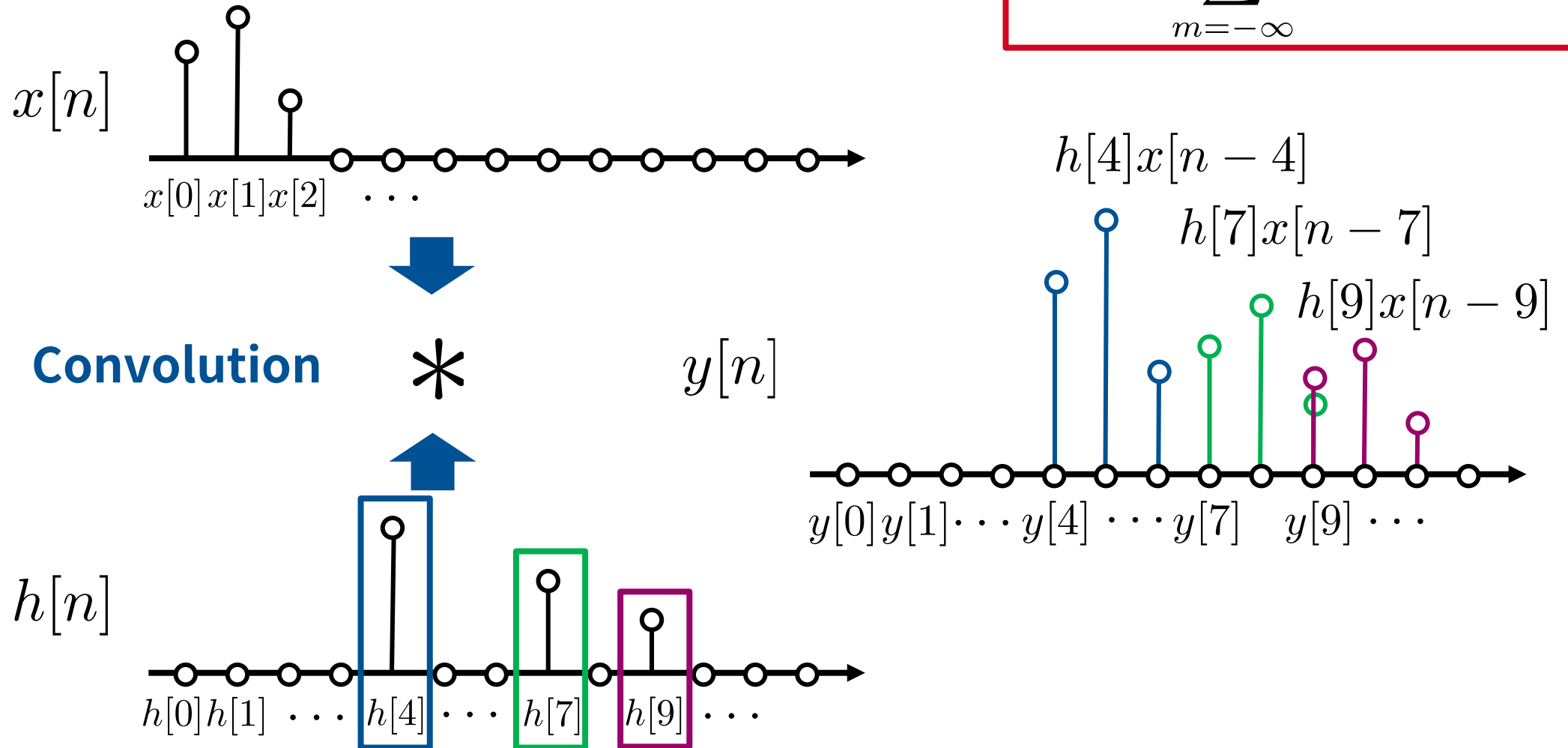
- Discrete system:

$$\begin{aligned}y[n] &= h[n] * x[n] = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[m]x[n - m] \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} h[n - m]x[m]\end{aligned}$$

# Convolution

➤ In discrete case,

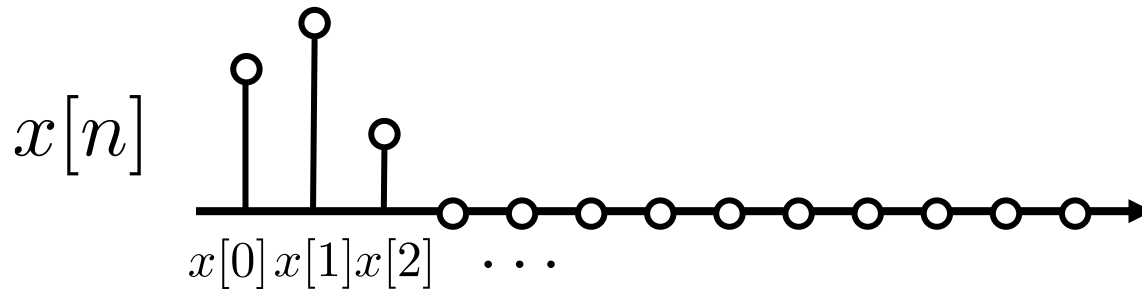
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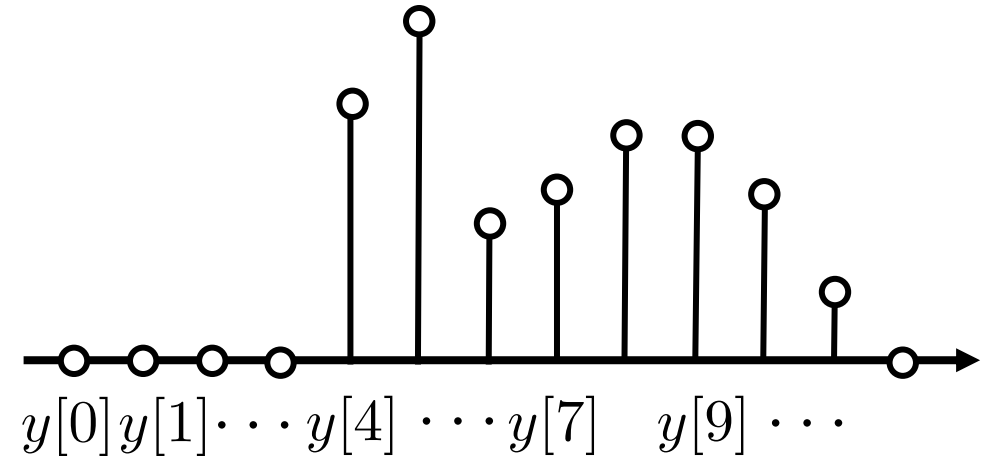
**Convolution**



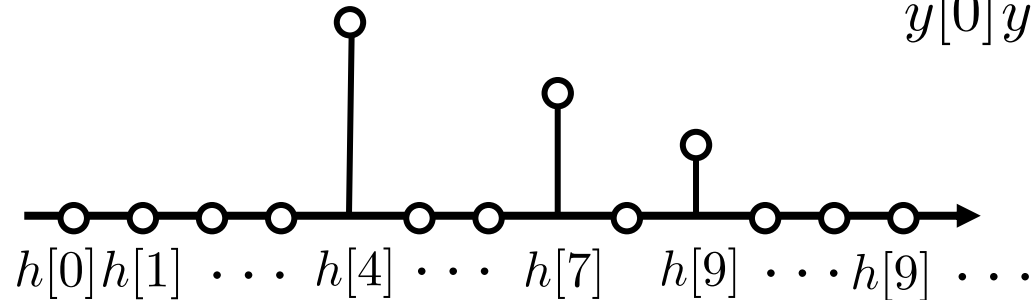
$*$



$y[n]$



$h[n]$



$$\begin{aligned} y[n] = & h[4]x[n-4] \\ & + h[7]x[n-7] \\ & + h[9]x[n-9] \end{aligned}$$



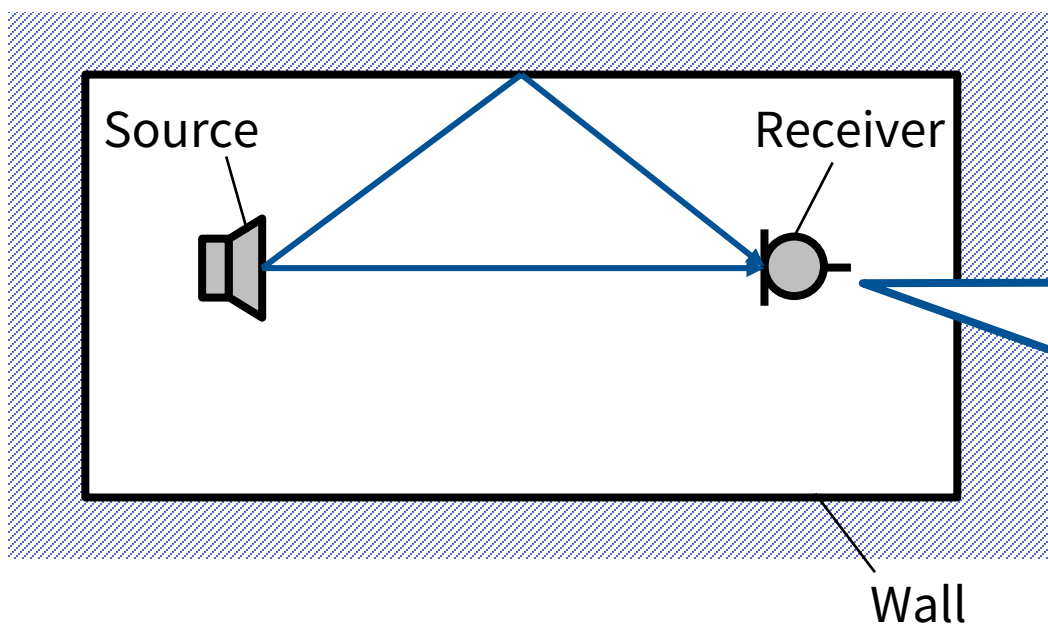
# Convolution in acoustic signal processing

- Transfer characteristics from source (loudspeaker) to receiver (microphone) can be regarded as LTI system
  - If impulse response is measured or predicted in advance, signal at the receiver position from any source signal can be computed
  - Here, impulse response represents characteristics of sound reflections at walls

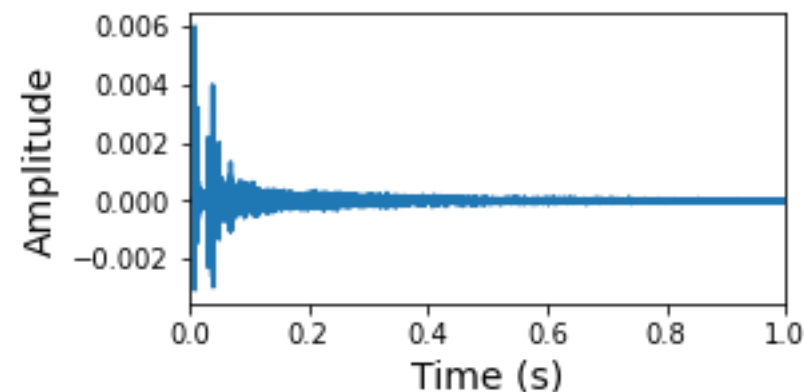
Source signal



Received signal



## Impulse response



# FOURIER TRANSFORM

# Fourier series expansion

- Expansion representation by approximating signal by linear combination of sinusoidal signals

## Fourier series expansion

Orthogonal basis expansion of continuous-time periodic signal  $x(t)$  with period of  $T$

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \underbrace{\exp\left(j\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right)}$$

Complex sine-wave  $e^{j\varphi} = \cos \varphi + j \sin \varphi$

Here,

$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \exp\left(-j\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt \quad (\text{Fourier coefficient})$$

# Fourier series expansion

## ➤ Another representation of Fourier series expansion

### Fourier series expansion (represented by trigonometric functions)

Orthogonal basis expansion of continuous-time periodic signal  $x(t)$  with period of  $T$

$$x(t) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \sin\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right)$$

Here,

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) dt$$

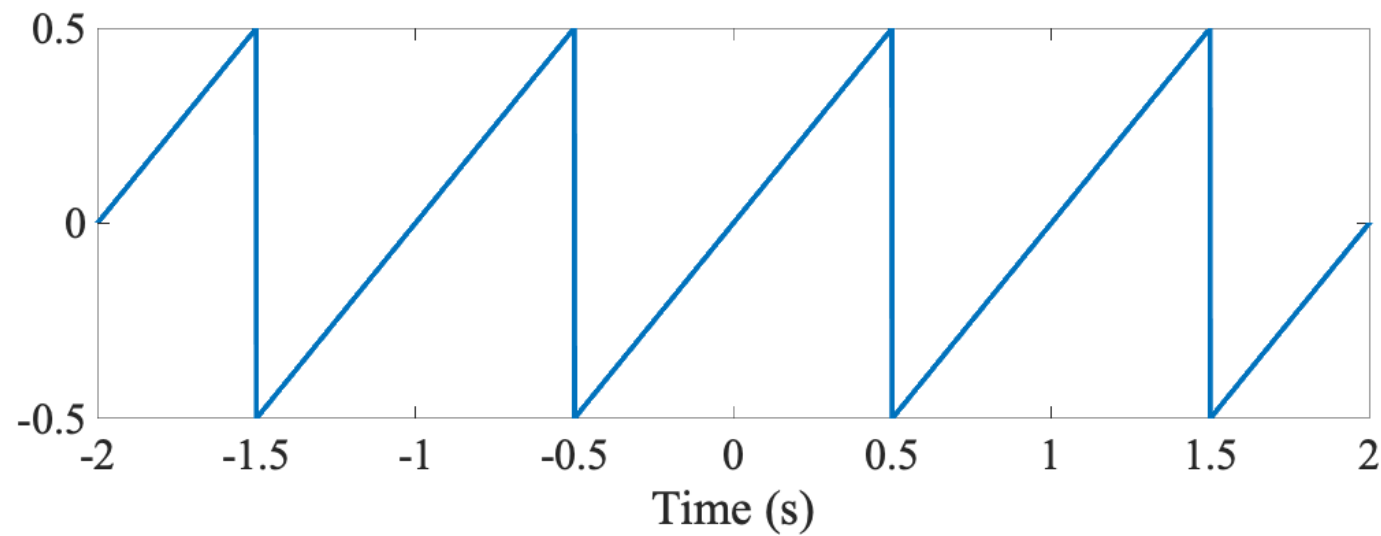
$$a_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt$$

$$b_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt$$

# Example

## ➤ Saw wave

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} t - p, & (p - \frac{1}{2})T \leq t \leq (p + \frac{1}{2})T \quad (p \in \mathbb{Z}) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Example

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} t dt = 0$$

$$a_k = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} t \cos\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt = 0$$

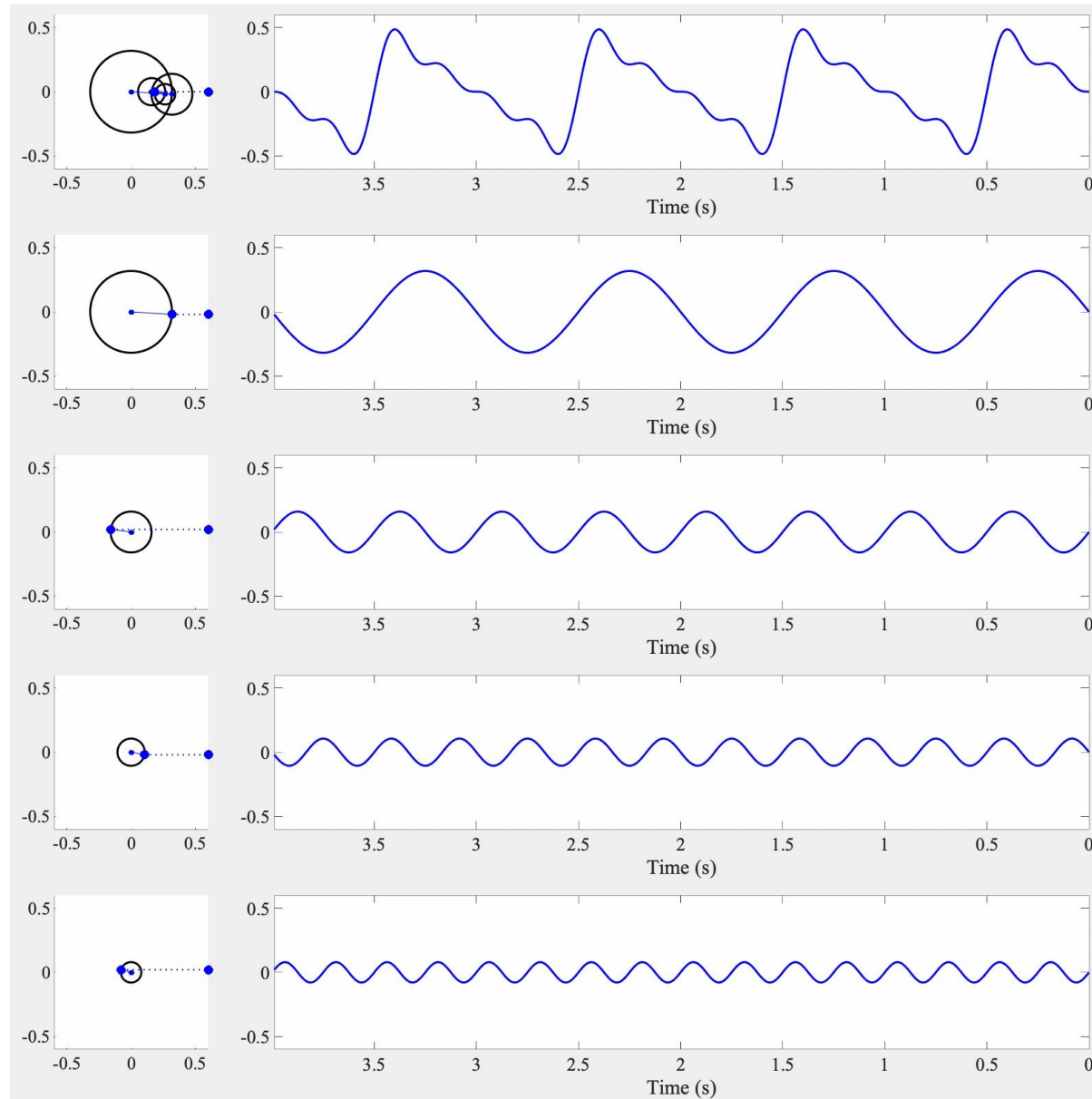
$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} t \sin\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt \\ &= \frac{2}{T} \left\{ -\frac{T}{2\pi k} t \cos\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) \Big|_{-T/2}^{T/2} + \frac{T}{2\pi k} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt \right\} \\ &= -\frac{T}{\pi k} \cos(\pi k) \end{aligned}$$

Odd functions are expanded only by sine function



$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ -\frac{T}{\pi k} \cos(\pi k) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{T}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) - \frac{T}{2\pi} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi t}{T}\right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Example



# From Fourier series to Fourier transform

## ➤ Fourier series expansion

- Aimed at approximating signal
- Only for periodic signals
  - By constraint of periodic signals, signal having uncountably many (i.e., continuous) degrees of freedom is represented by countably many basis functions
- $x(t)$  and  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are equivalent information if the series converges
  - Just a difference in perspective

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k \exp \left( j \frac{2\pi k t}{T} \right)$$

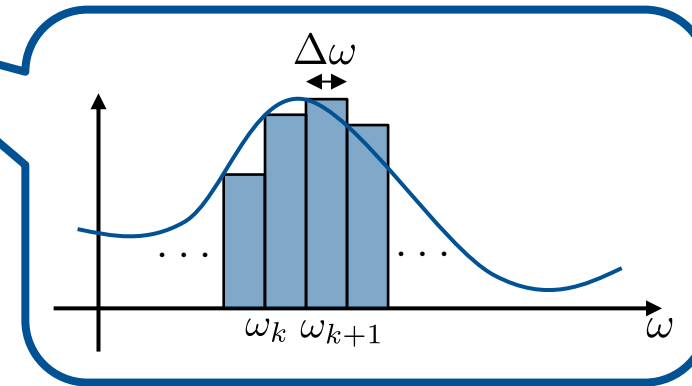


# From Fourier series to Fourier transform

## ➤ Extension of Fourier series expansion to aperiodic signals

- Replacing with  $\Delta\omega = 2\pi/T$ ,  $\omega_k = 2\pi k/T$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \exp\left(-j\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) dt \right] \exp\left(j\frac{2\pi kt}{T}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) \exp(-j\omega_k t) dt \right] \exp(j\omega_k t) \Delta\omega \end{aligned}$$



- When  $T \rightarrow \infty$  ( $\Delta\omega \rightarrow 0$ )

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \exp(-j\omega t) dt \right] \exp(j\omega t) d\omega$$

# Fourier transform

- Transformation of continuous-time signal into continuous-frequency complex function

- Fourier transform

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

$(\omega \in \mathbb{R})$

- Inverse Fourier transform

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) \exp(j\omega t) d\omega$$

$(t \in \mathbb{R})$

# Fourier transform

- Notations for Fourier transform and inverse Fourier transform

$$\mathcal{F}[x(t)] = X(\omega)$$

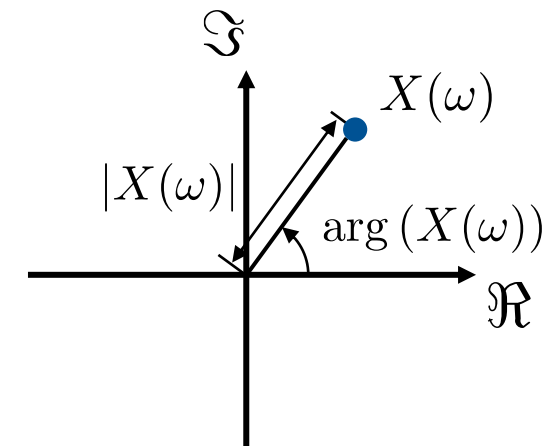
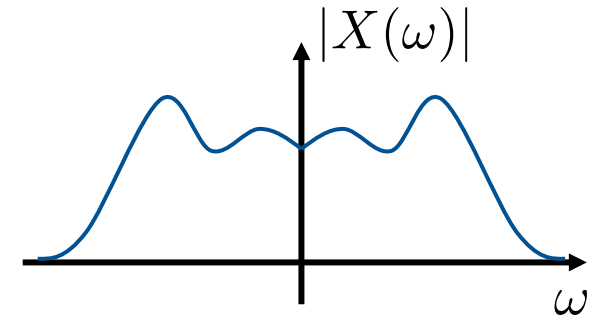
$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[X(\omega)] = x(t)$$

- Fourier transform pair is denoted as

$$x(t) \xleftrightarrow{\text{FT}} X(\omega)$$

# Fourier transform

- $\omega$  : (Angular) frequency
- When  $X(\omega)$  is regarded as a complex function of variable  $\omega$ 
  - $X(\omega)$ : (Angular) frequency spectrum
  - $|X(\omega)|$  : Magnitude spectrum
  - $|X(\omega)|^2$  : Power spectrum
  - $\arg(X(\omega))$  : Phase spectrum
- When  $X(\omega)$  is regarded as a complex scalar value at  $\omega$ 
  - $|X(\omega)|$  : Magnitude
  - $|X(\omega)|^2$  : Power
  - $\arg(X(\omega))$  : Phase



# Discrete Fourier transform

## ➤ Definition

- Discrete Fourier transform

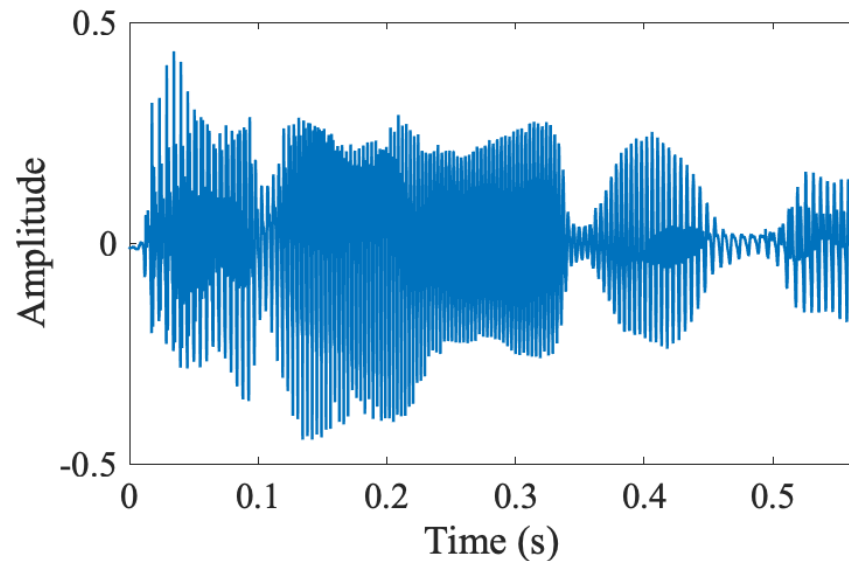
$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \exp \left( -j \frac{2\pi kn}{N} \right)$$
$$k \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$$

- Inverse discrete Fourier transform

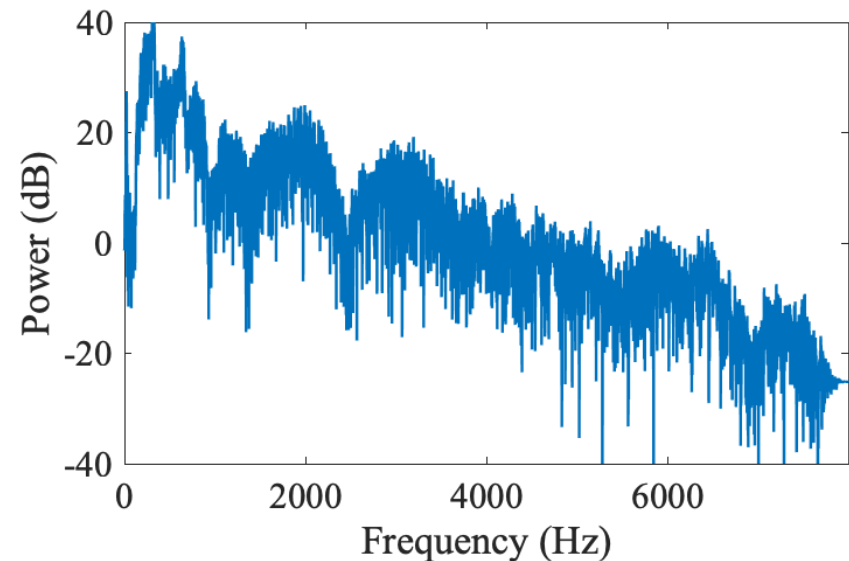
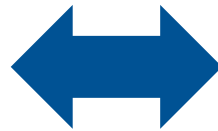
$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] \exp \left( j \frac{2\pi kn}{N} \right)$$
$$n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$$

# Fourier transform for frequency analysis

- From engineering perspective, Fourier transform is **frequency analysis** of temporal signal by decomposing it by amplitude and phase of sinewaves
- Inverse Fourier transform is **waveform synthesis** by generating temporal signal from amplitude and phase of sinewaves



Temporal signal

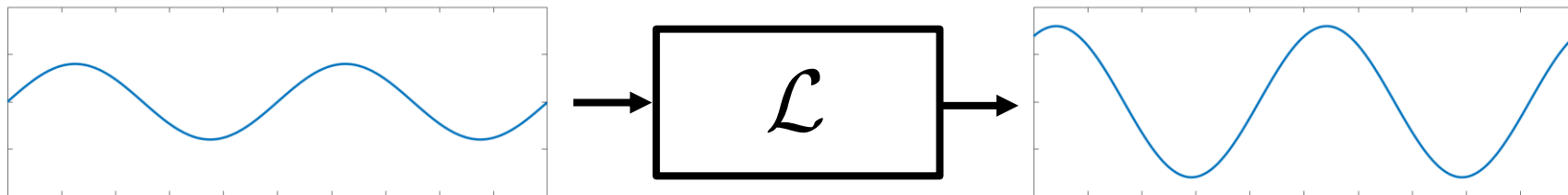


Spectrum

# Frequency response of LTI system

**LTI system characteristics are fully described by frequency response**

- By decomposing LTI system into sinewaves, input-output relationship can be represented by change of amplitude and phase at each frequency.
- Amplitude change is called **gain** (or **amplitude response**), and phase change is called **phase shift** (or **phase response**)
- Gain and phase shift for each frequency is called **frequency response**



# Transfer function

- Input-output relationship represented by function of frequency is called **transfer function**
- Transfer function  $H(\omega)$  at angular frequency  $\omega$  is written by gain  $G(\omega)$  and phase shift  $\exp(j\theta(\omega))$  as

$$H(\omega) = G(\omega) \exp(j\theta(\omega))$$

- Output of the system when input is complex sinewave  $\exp(j\omega t)$  at angular frequency  $\omega$

$$\mathcal{L}[\exp(j\omega t)] = H(\omega) \exp(j\omega t)$$


- Input signal and output signal are related by their spectrum  $X(\omega)$ ,  $Y(\omega)$

$$Y(\omega) = H(\omega)X(\omega)$$



# Transfer function

- Representing input-output relationship of LTI system by using Fourier transform,

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) &= \mathcal{L}[x(t)] \\&= \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) \exp(j\omega t) d\omega\right] \\&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) \mathcal{L}[\exp(j\omega t)] d\omega \\&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) H(\omega) \exp(j\omega t) d\omega\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\exp(j\omega t)] = H(\omega) \exp(j\omega t)$$

# Transfer function

- Output signal is

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y(\omega) \exp(j\omega t) d\omega$$

- By comparing with

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(\omega) H(\omega) \exp(j\omega t) d\omega$$

we can obtain

$$Y(\omega) = H(\omega) X(\omega)$$

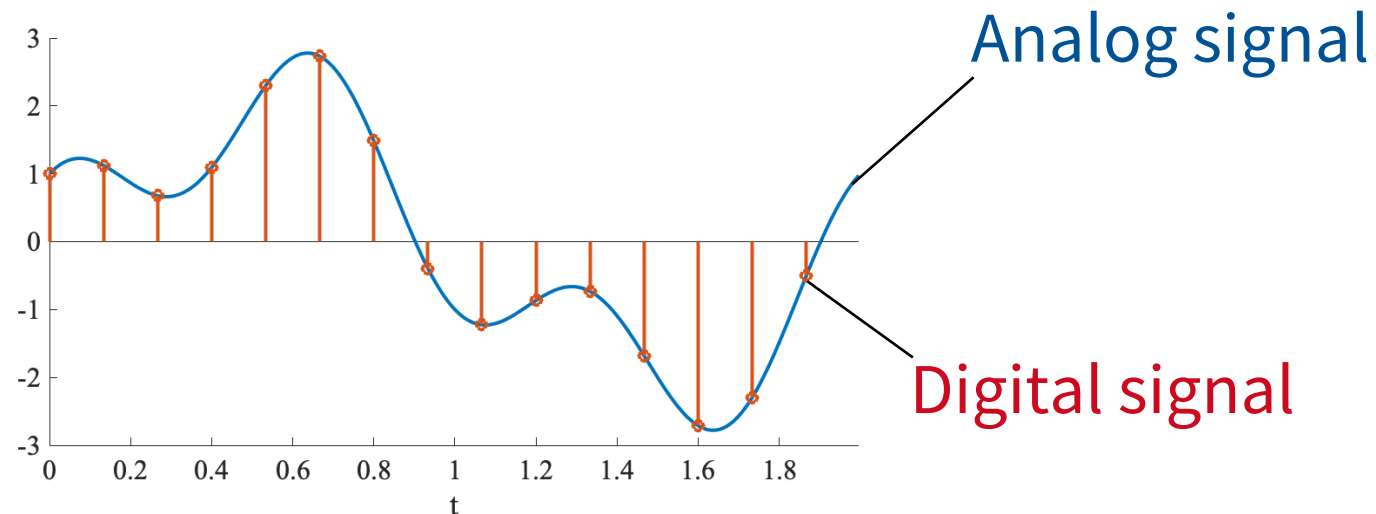
Output signal of LTI system is multiplication of input signal and transfer function in the frequency domain

# SAMPLING THEOREM

# Sampling

- By discretizing continuous-time signal in the temporal axis, which is called **sampling**, discrete-time signal is obtained
- Time interval of sampling  $T$  is called sampling period, and its inverse  $1/T$  is called sampling frequency
- Discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  is written as

$$x[n] = x(nT) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)\delta(t - nT)$$



# Sampling theorem

## ➤ Sampling theorem

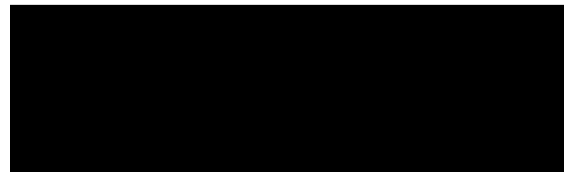
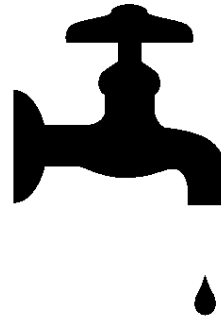
- When the upper limit of the frequency band of Fourier transform  $X(\omega)$  of continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  is  $\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0$ , continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  is perfectly reconstructed from discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  of sampling frequency  $2f_0$  or above
- Corresponding to the condition that aliasing does not occur, sampling frequency must satisfy  $f_s$

$$f_0 \leq \frac{f_s}{2}$$

- Half of the sampling frequency is called **Nyquist frequency**

# Sampling theorem

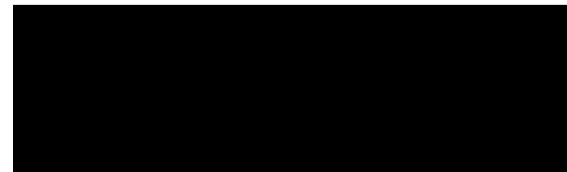
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$$T = 0.5 \text{ s}$$

# Sampling theorem

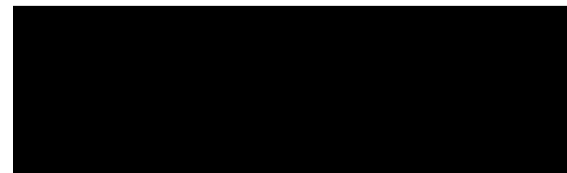
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$$T = 1.0 \text{ s}$$

# Sampling theorem

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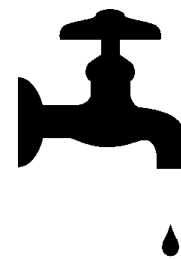
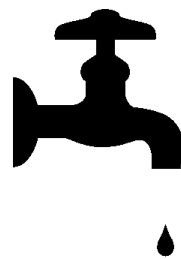
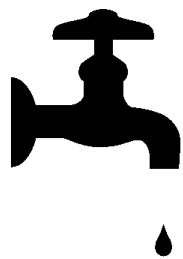


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# Sampling theorem

- Irradiating flash lamp to periodic waterdrop from faucet



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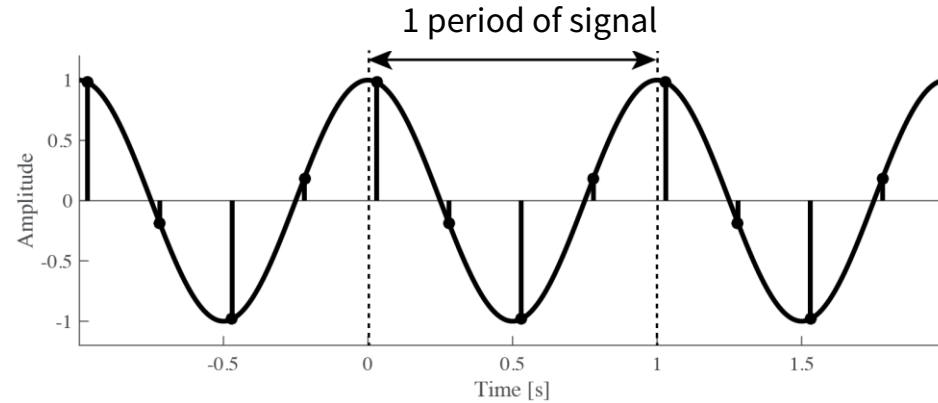
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Direction of waterdrop is indistinctive  
when interval of irradiation is large

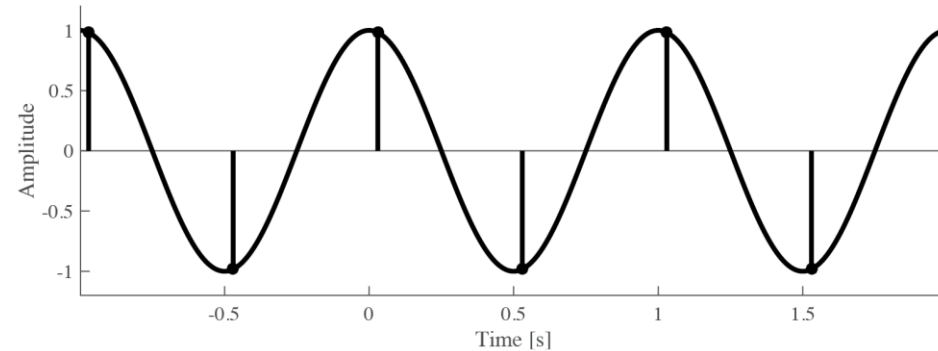
# Sampling theorem

- Suppose sinewave of 1 sec of period (1 Hz of frequency)

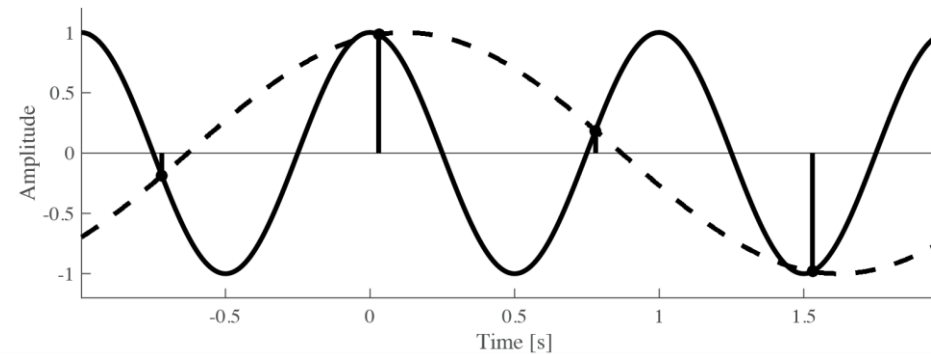
$$f_s = 4 \text{ Hz}$$



$$f_s = 2 \text{ Hz}$$



$$f_s = 4/3 \text{ Hz}$$



# Relationship between continuous and discrete signals

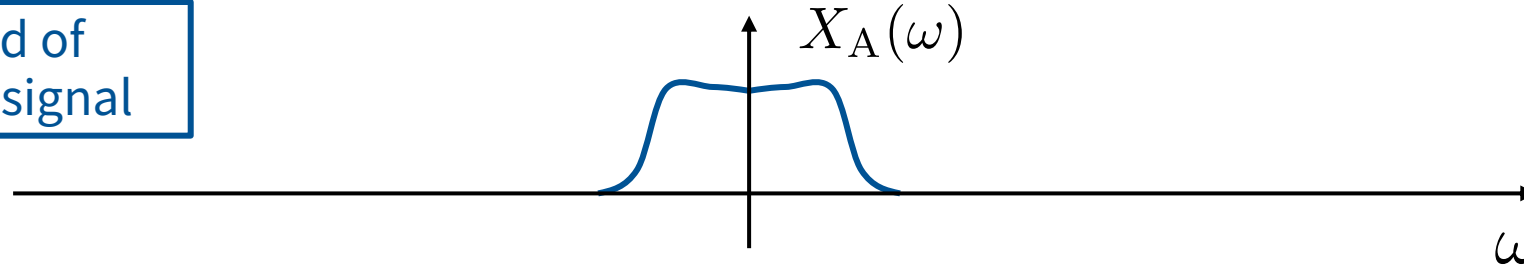
- Relationship between continuous-time and discrete-time signals in the frequency domain

$$\begin{aligned} X_D(\omega T) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \delta(t - nT) \exp(-j\omega t) dt \quad \leftarrow \boxed{x(t) = x(nT)} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT) \exp(-j\omega t) dt \quad \rightarrow \text{Convolution and multiplication} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} X_A(\omega) * \mathcal{F} \left[ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT) \right] \quad \rightarrow \text{Fourier transform of delta sequence} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} X_A(\omega) * \frac{2\pi}{T} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta \left( \omega - \frac{2\pi}{T} n \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_A(\xi) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta \left( \omega - \frac{2\pi}{T} n - \xi \right) d\xi \quad \rightarrow \text{Definition of convolution} \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X_A \left( \omega - \frac{2\pi}{T} n \right) \quad \rightarrow \text{Definition of delta function} \\ &\rightarrow X_D(\Omega) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X_A \left( \frac{\Omega}{T} - \frac{2\pi}{T} n \right) \end{aligned}$$

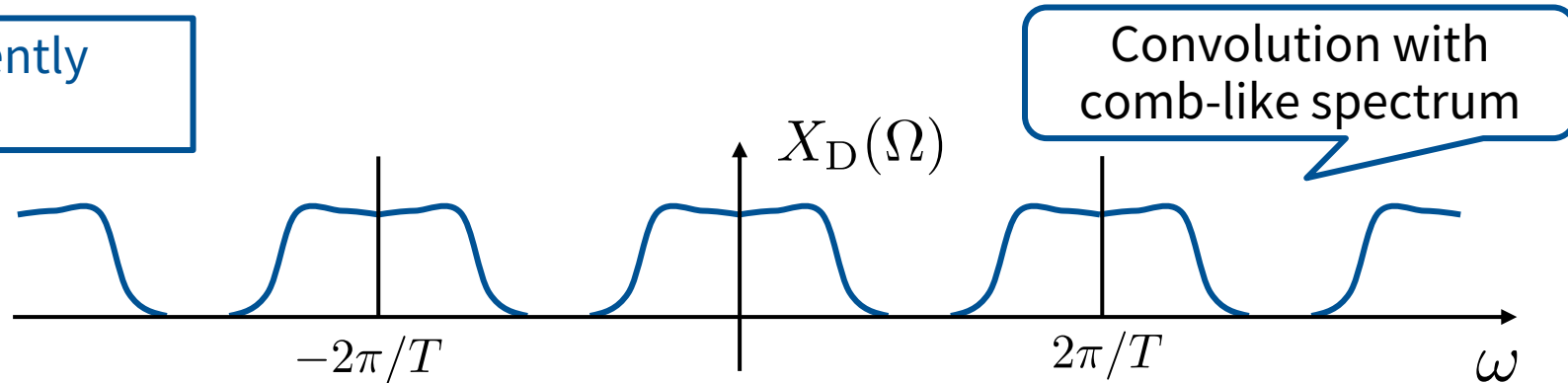
# Relationship between continuous and discrete signals

➤  $X_D(\Omega)$  is shifted sum of  $X_A(\omega)$  at intervals of  $2\pi/T$

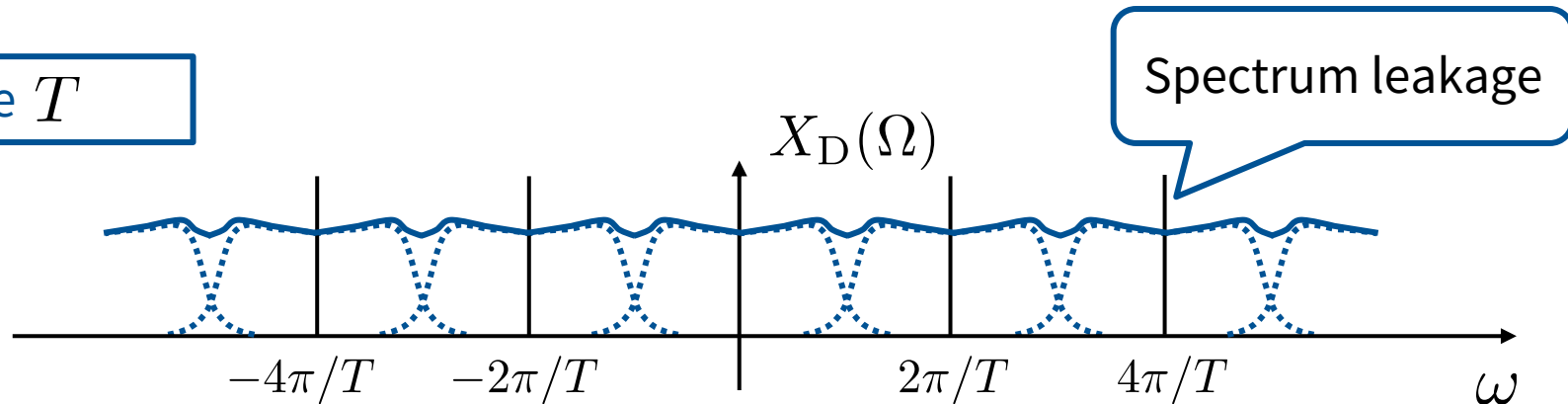
Frequency band of  
continuous-time signal



Case of sufficiently  
small  $T$



Case of large  $T$



# Sampling theorem, again

## ➤ Sampling theorem

- When the upper limit of the frequency band of Fourier transform  $X(\omega)$  of continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  is  $\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0$ , continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  is perfectly reconstructed from discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  of sampling frequency  $2f_0$  or above
- Corresponding to the condition that aliasing does not occur, sampling frequency must satisfy  $f_s$

$$f_0 \leq \frac{f_s}{2}$$

- Half of the sampling frequency is called **Nyquist frequency**

# Sampling theorem

- Relationship between continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  with band limitation ( $-\pi/T < \omega < \pi/T$ ) and discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  in the time domain

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_A(\omega) \exp(j\omega t) d\omega \\&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/T}^{\pi/T} X_A(\omega) \exp(j\omega t) d\omega && \text{Band limitation} \\&= \frac{1}{2\pi T} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X_A\left(\frac{\Omega}{T}\right) \exp\left(j\frac{\Omega}{T}t\right) d\Omega && \text{Change of variable } \Omega = \omega T \\&= \frac{1}{2\pi T} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} T X_D(\Omega) \exp\left(j\frac{\Omega}{T}t\right) d\Omega && \begin{array}{l} \text{Because of band limitation} \\ X_D(\Omega) = \frac{1}{T} X_A\left(\frac{\Omega}{T}\right) \end{array} \\&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \exp(-j\Omega n) \right] \exp\left(j\frac{\Omega}{T}t\right) d\Omega \\&= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp\left[j\Omega \left(\frac{t}{T} - n\right)\right] d\Omega \right\} \\&= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \frac{\sin \pi \left(\frac{t}{T} - n\right)}{\pi \left(\frac{t}{T} - n\right)}\end{aligned}$$

# Sampling theorem

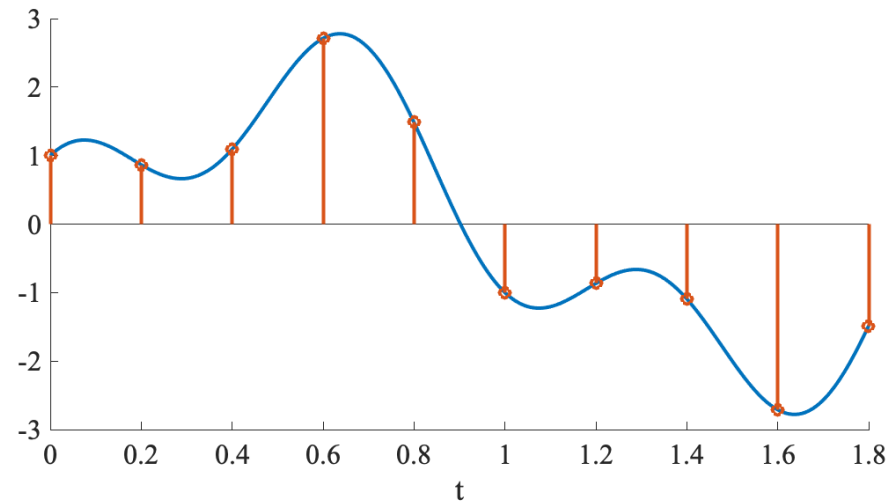
- Band-limited continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  is perfectly reconstructed by convolution of discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  and sinc function

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \operatorname{sinc} \left[ \pi \left( \frac{t}{T} - n \right) \right] \\ &= x[n] * \operatorname{sinc} \left( \frac{\pi t}{T} \right) \quad \rightarrow \text{Sinc interpolation} \end{aligned}$$

- For perfect reconstruction, discrete-time signal  $x[n]$  must be defined in  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- Difficult in practice, but well approximated by truncation because of rapid attenuation of sinc function

# Reconstruction from discrete-time signal

## ➤ Sampling of continuous-time signal



## ➤ Reconstruction of continuous-time signal by sinc interpolation

