

# **Fourier representation of signals**

## **MATLAB tutorial series (Part 1.1)**

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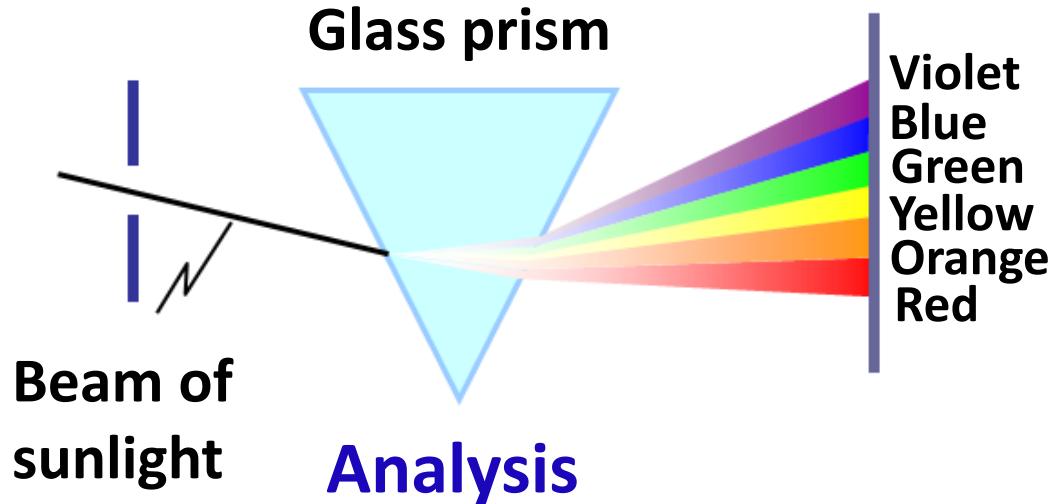
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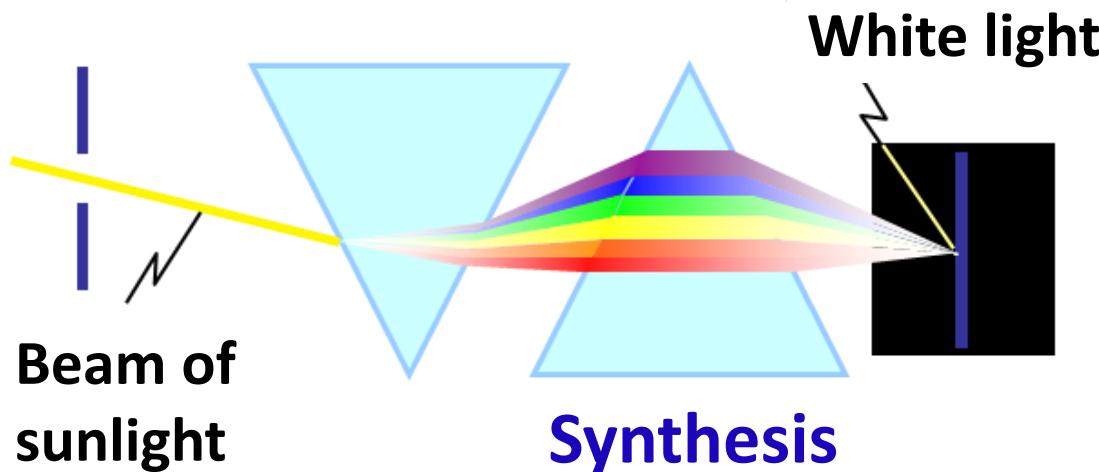
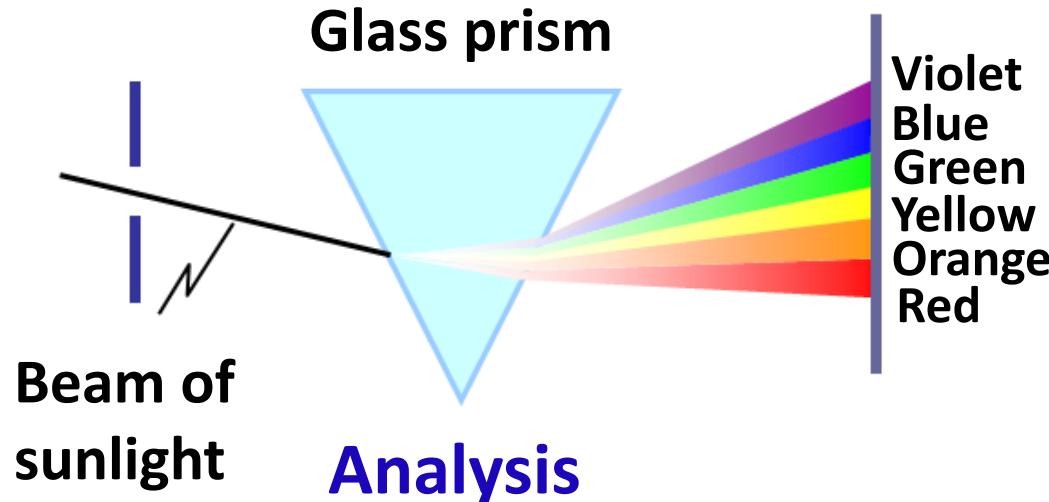
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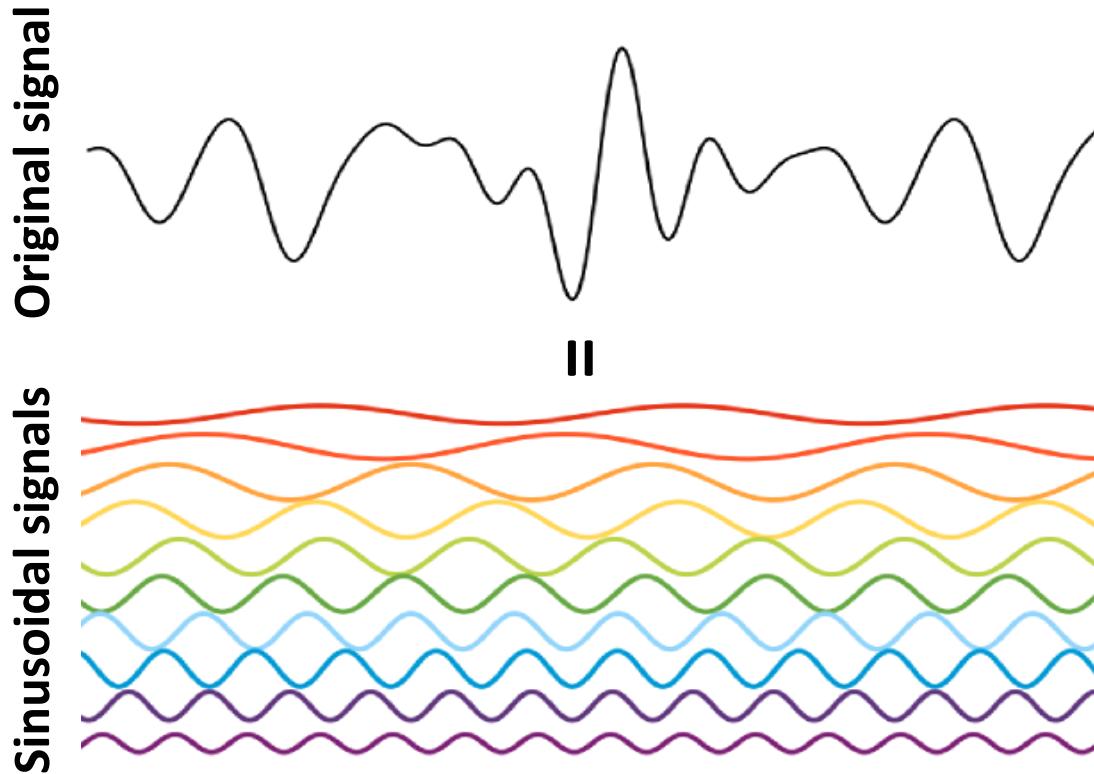
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**Interesting application:** we can remove selectively a desired frequency  $\Omega_i$  from the original signal using an LTI system (i.e. “Filter”) by setting  $H(e^{j\Omega_i}) = 0$ .

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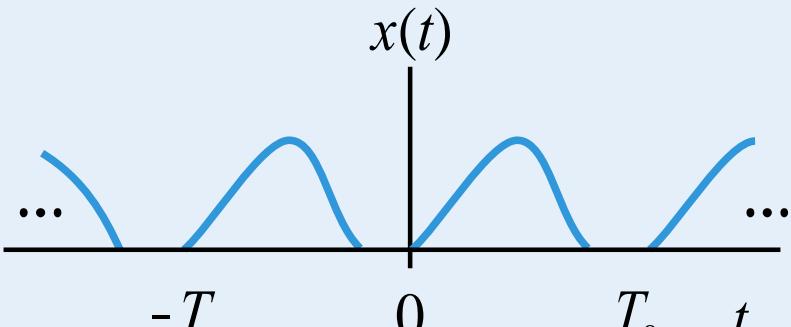
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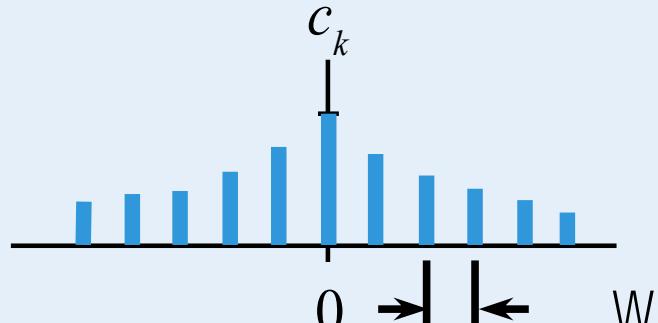
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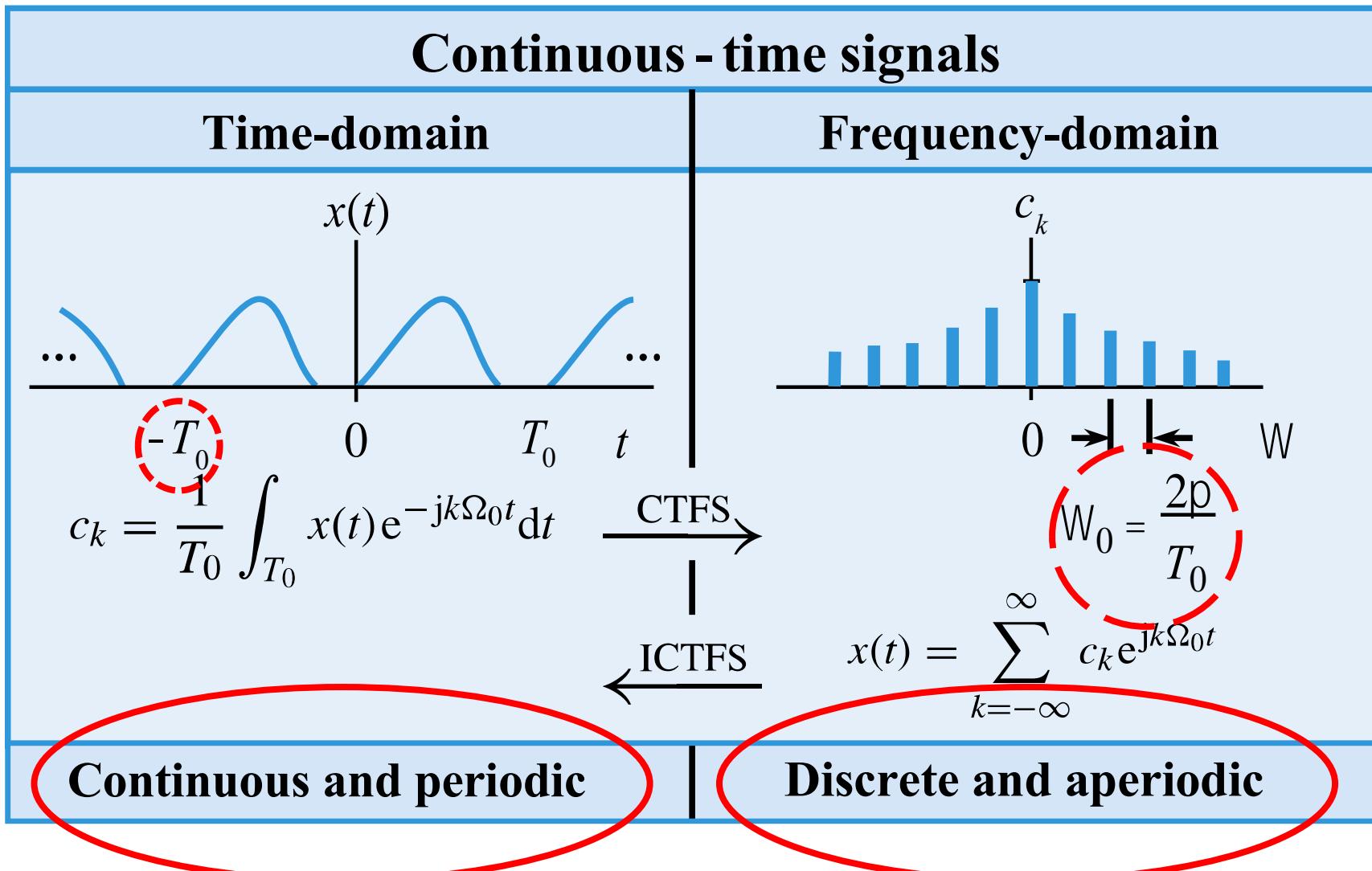
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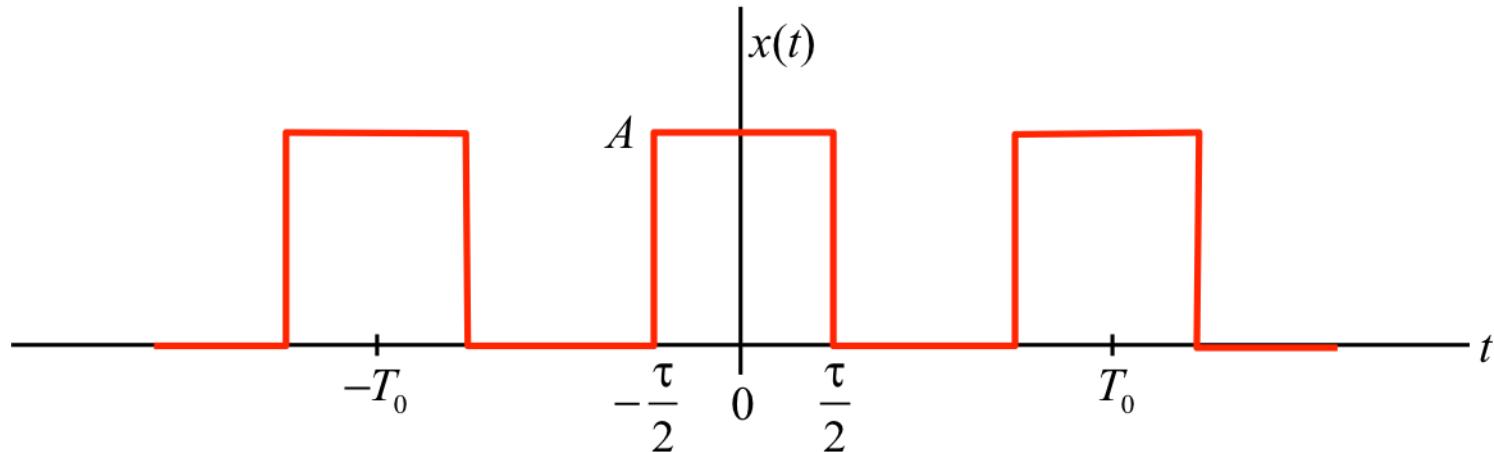
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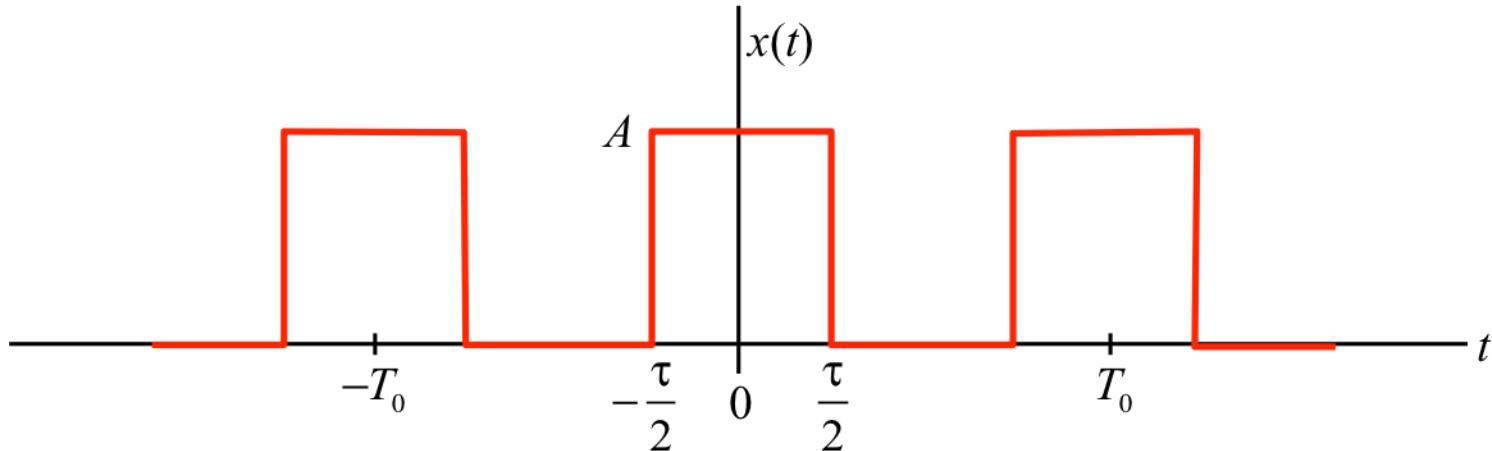
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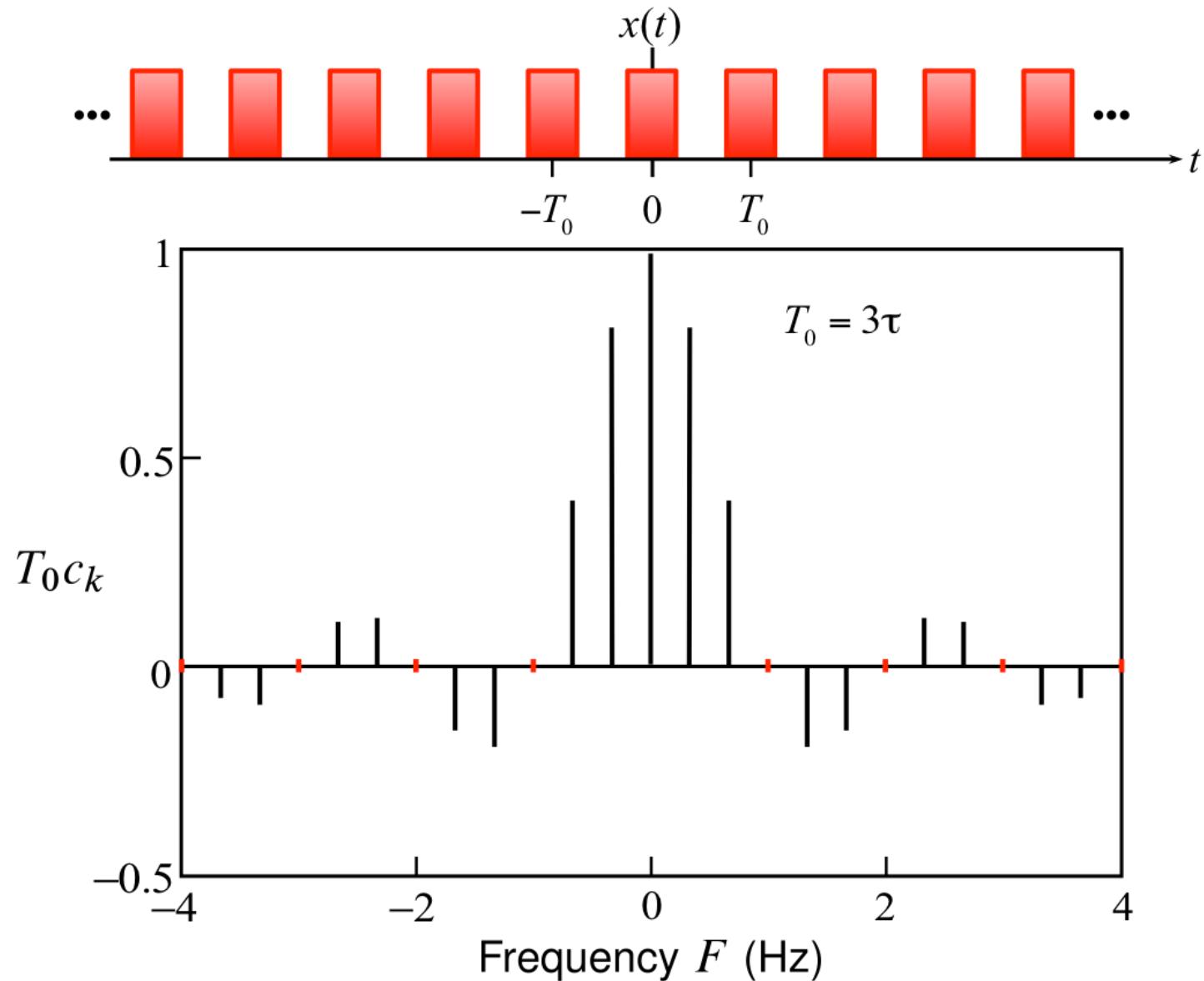
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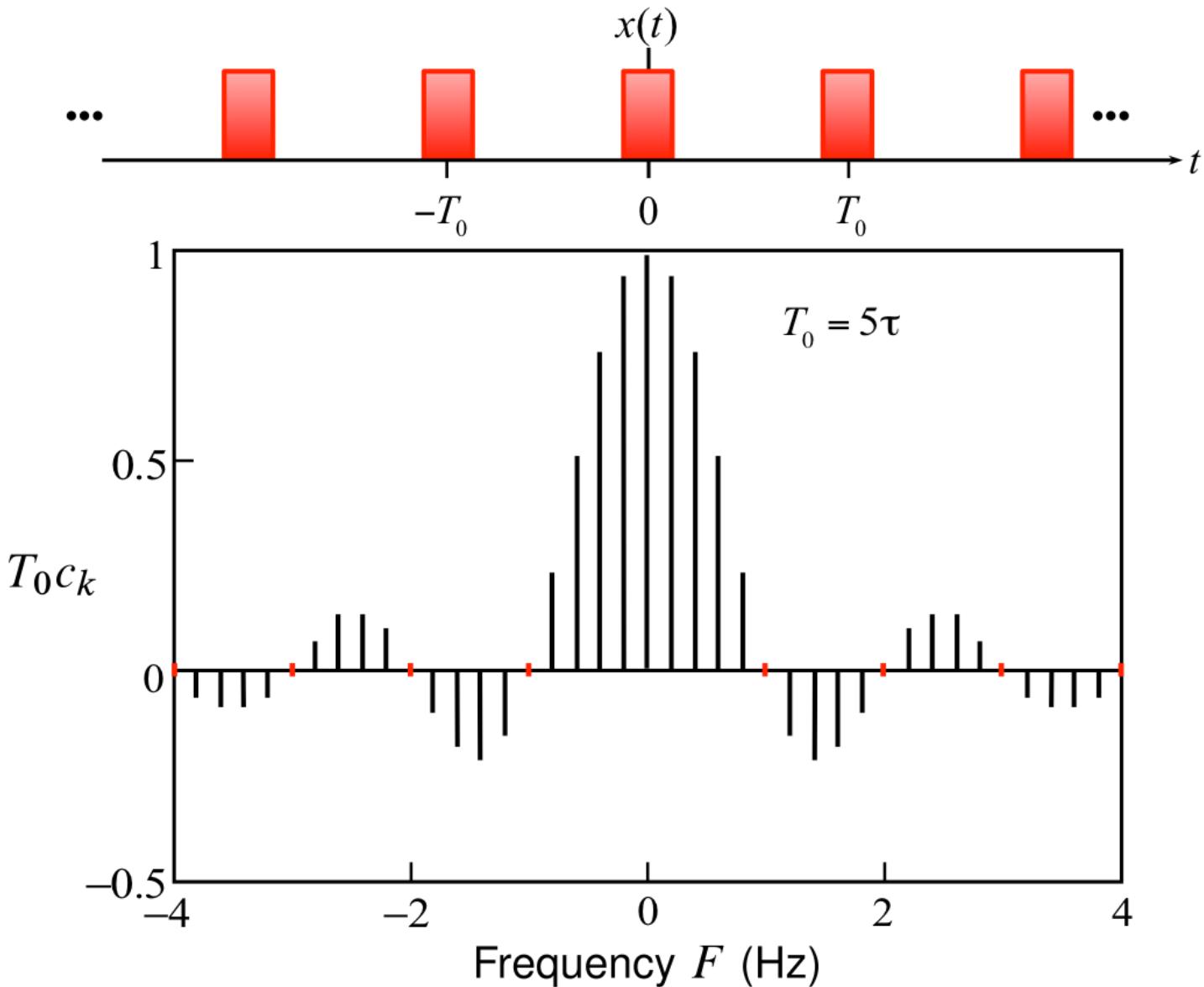


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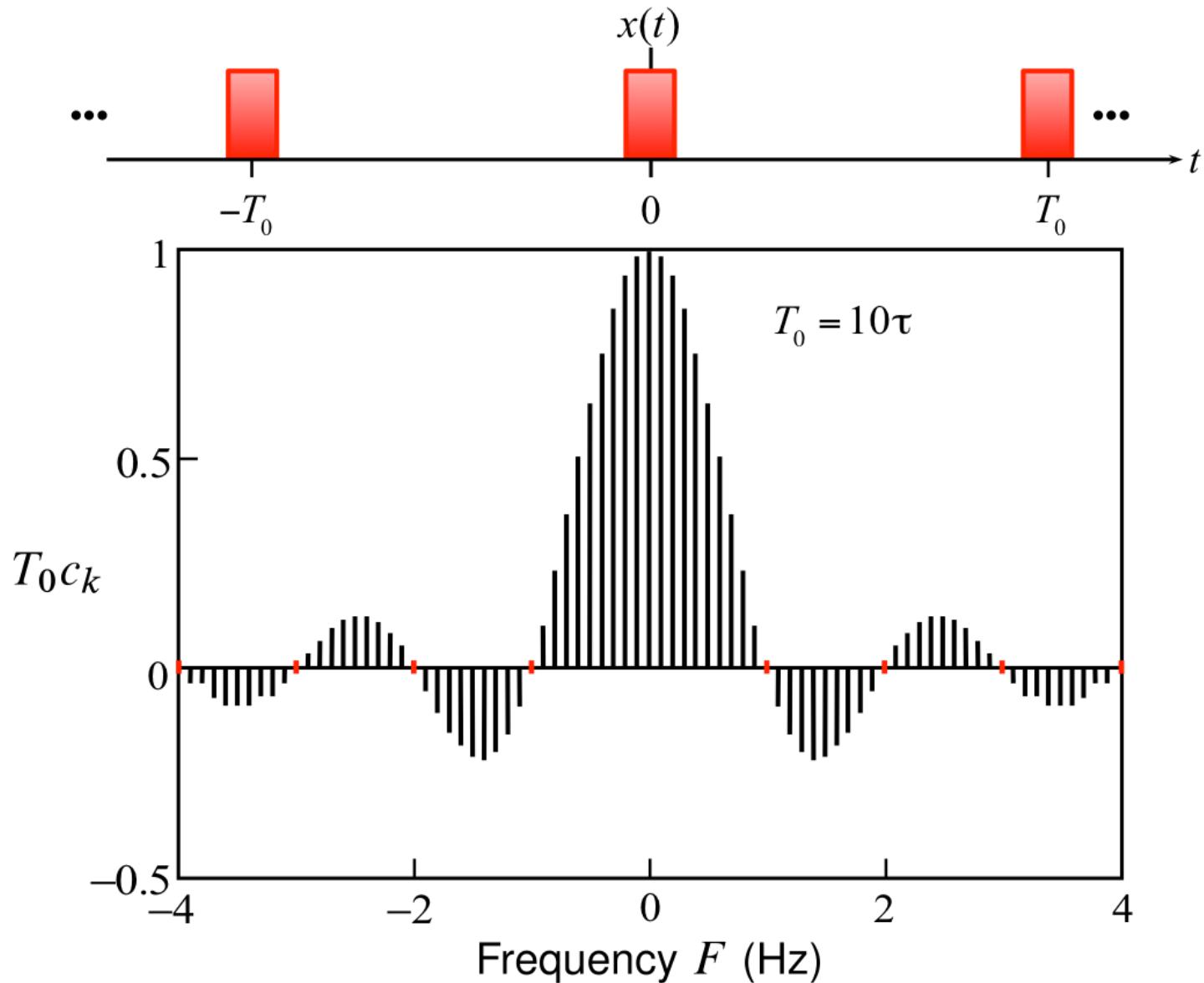
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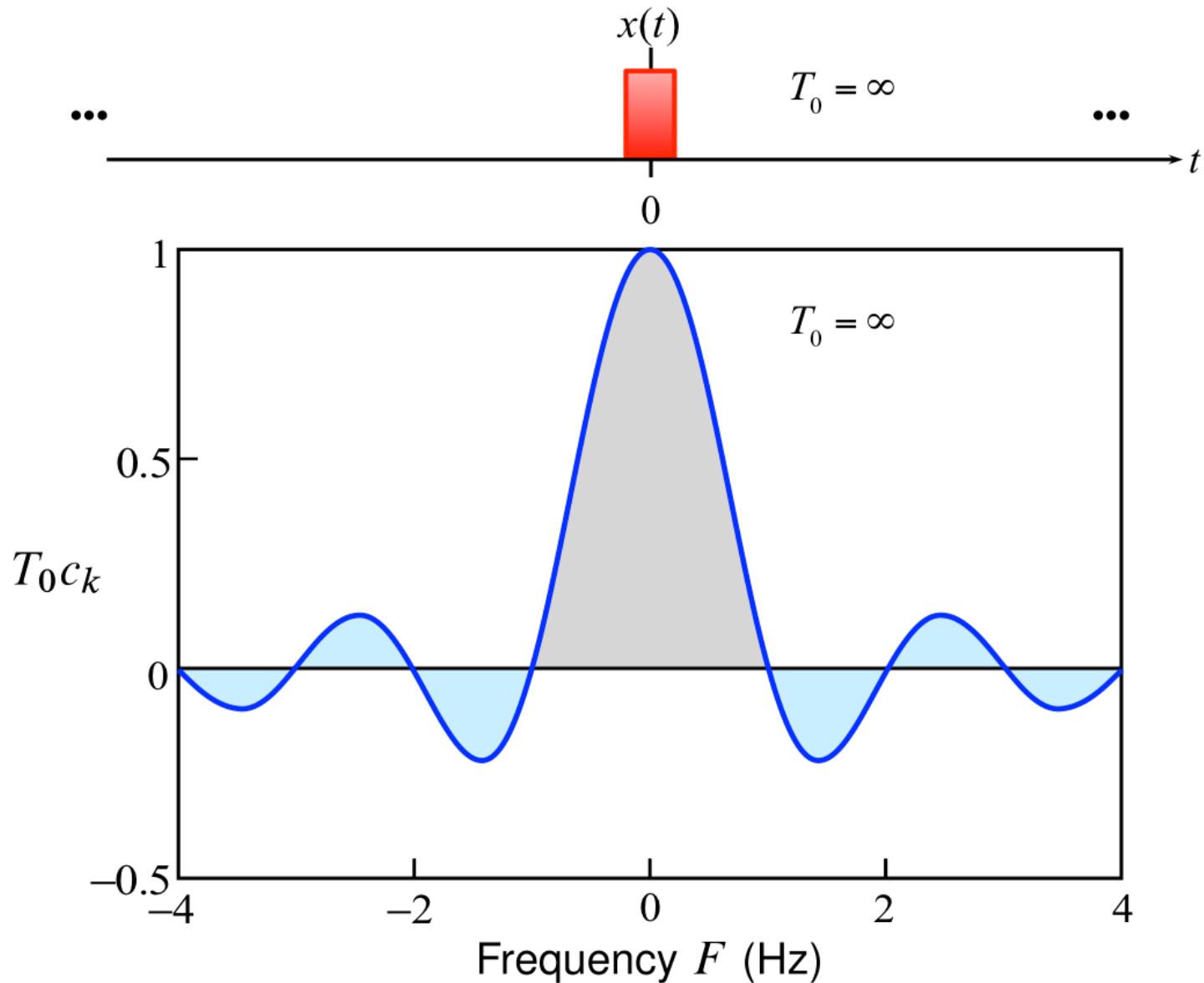
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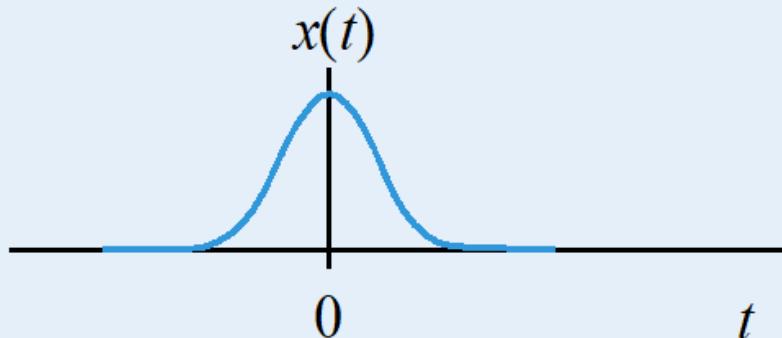
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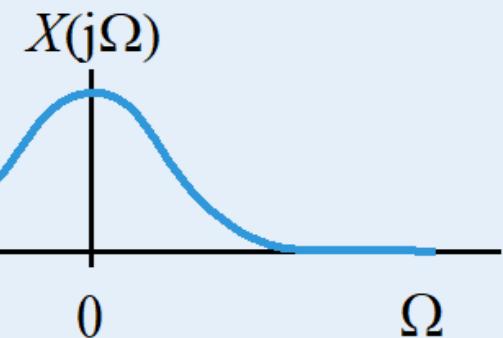
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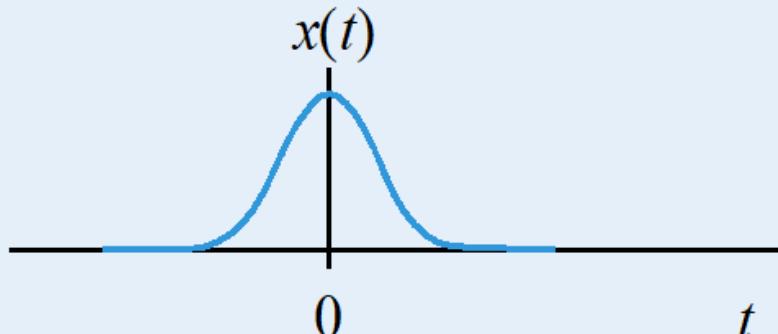
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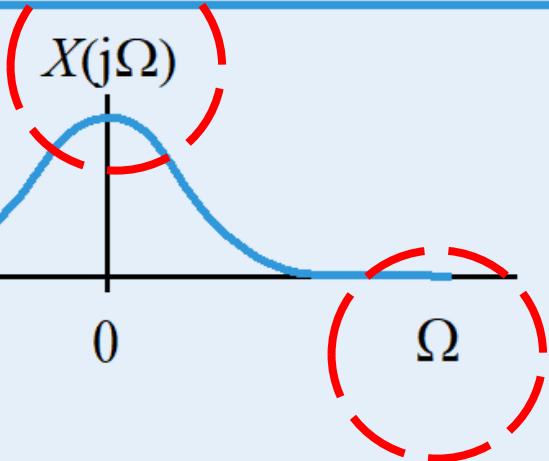
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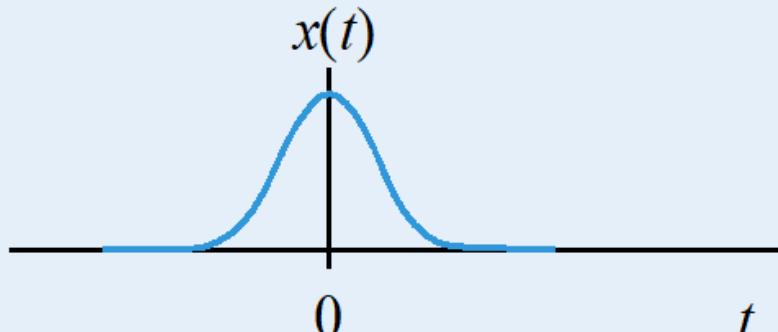
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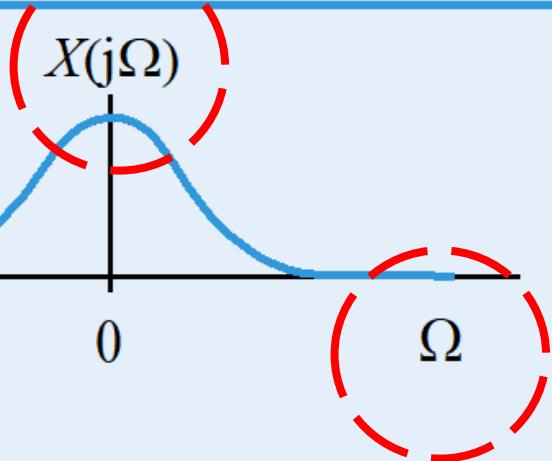
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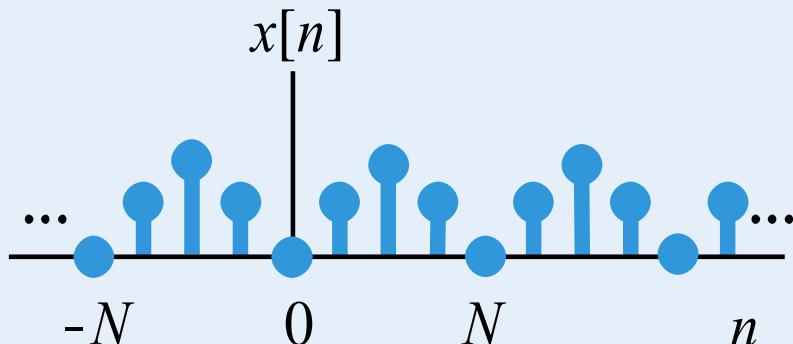
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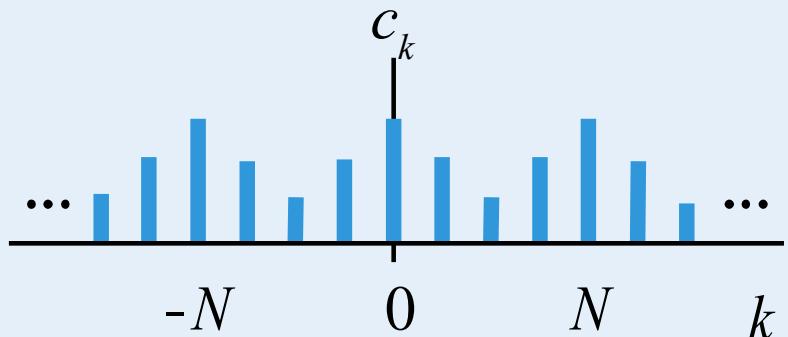
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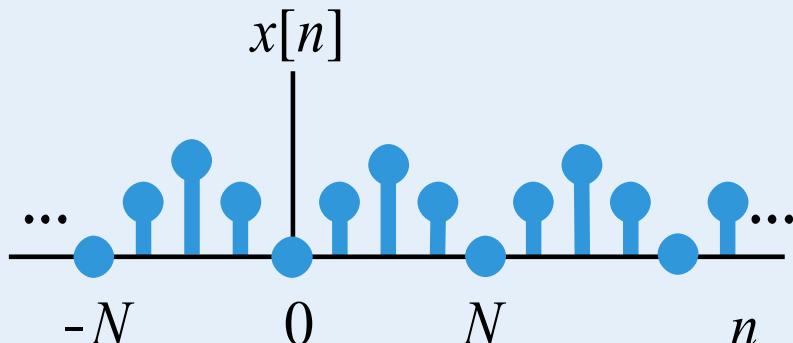
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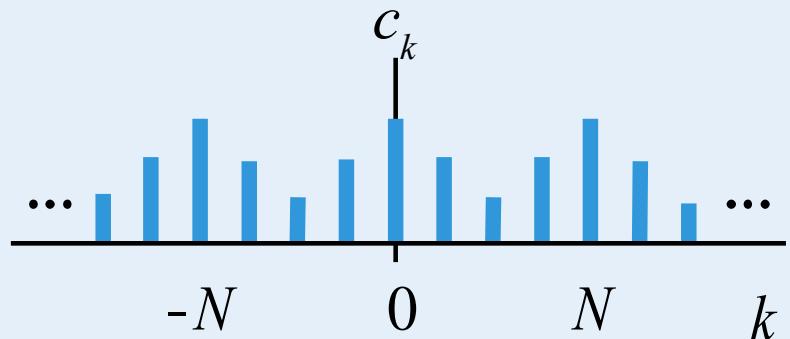
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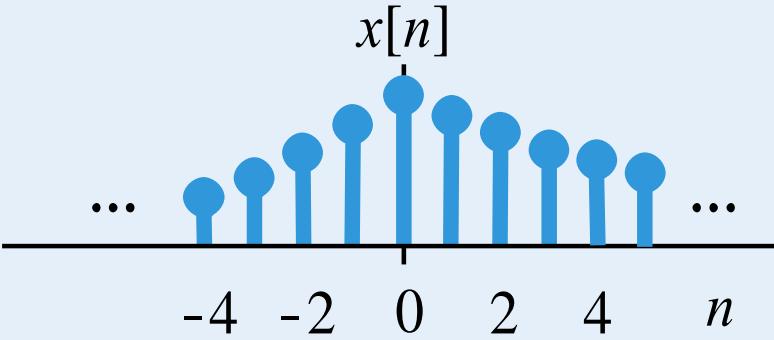
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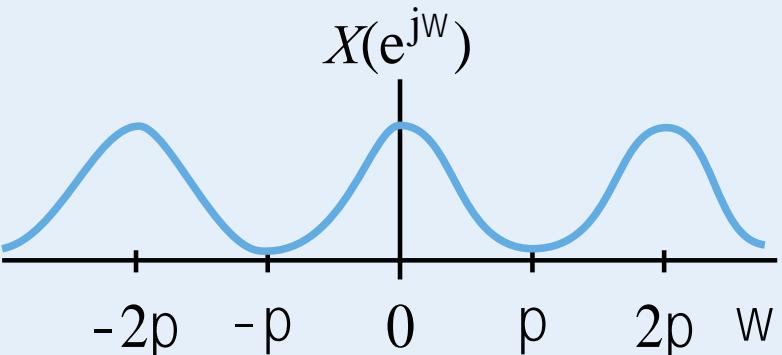
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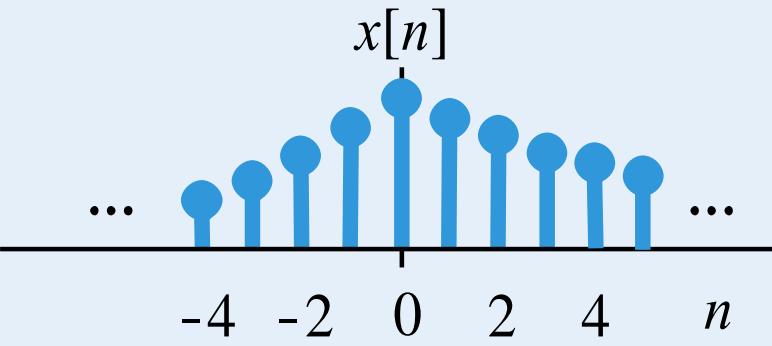
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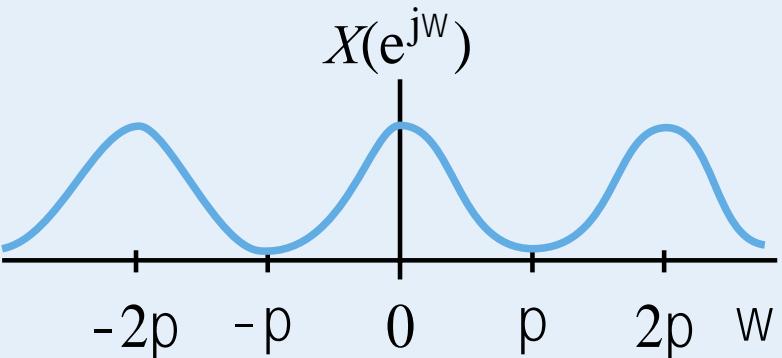
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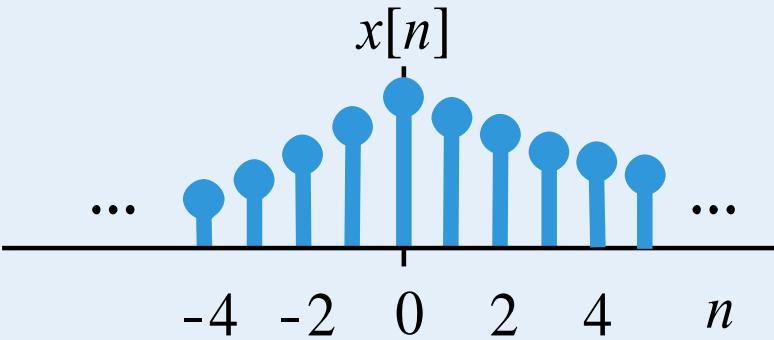
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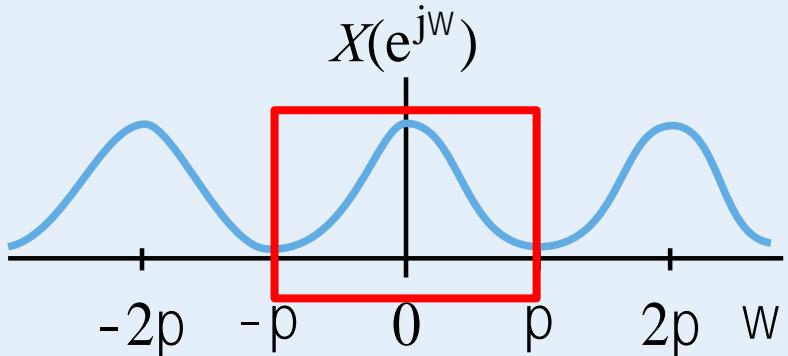
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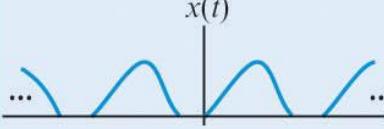
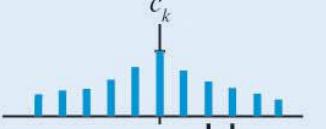
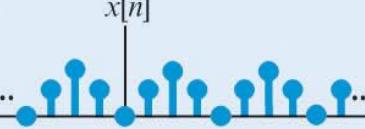
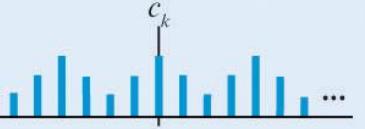
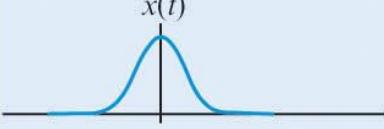
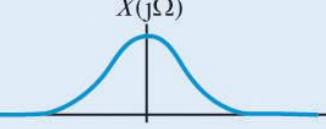
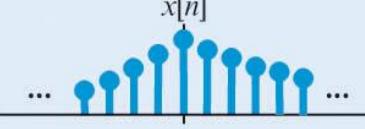
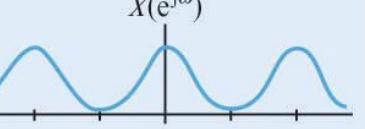
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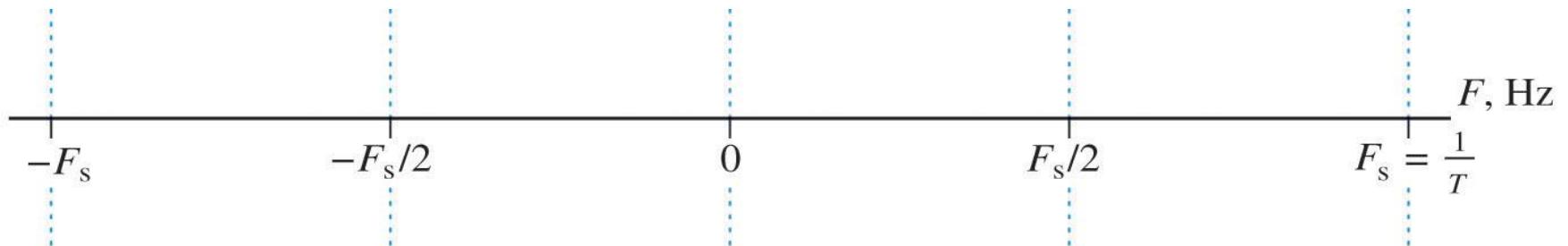
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# Summary of Fourier series and transforms

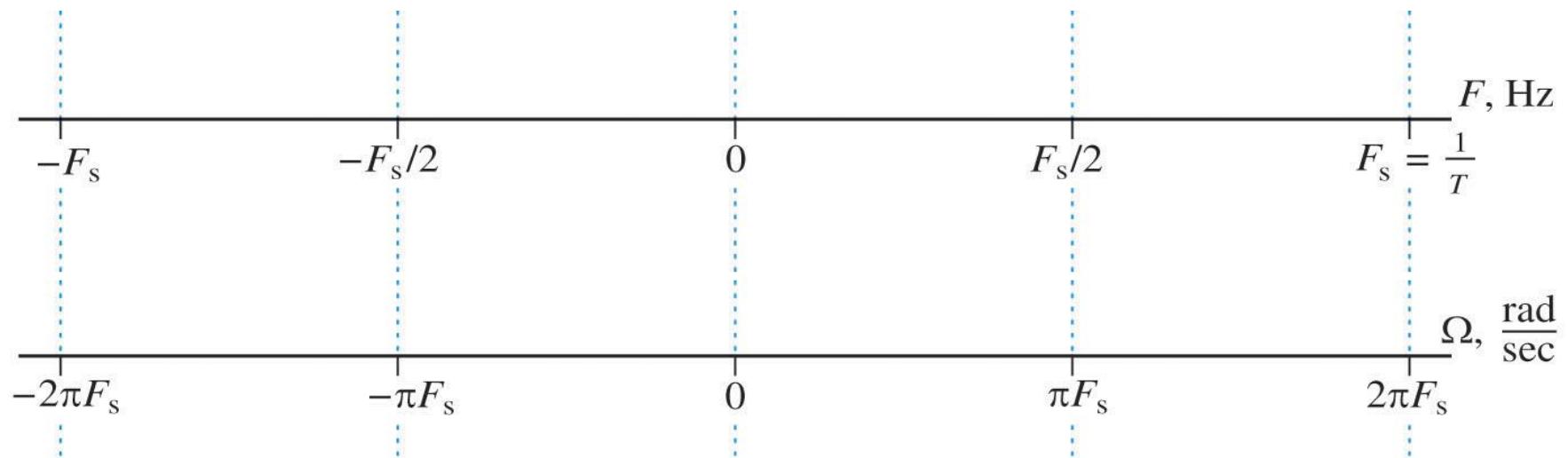
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**Periodicity with “period”  $\alpha$  in one domain implies discretization with “spacing”  $1 / \alpha$  in the other domain, and vice versa.**

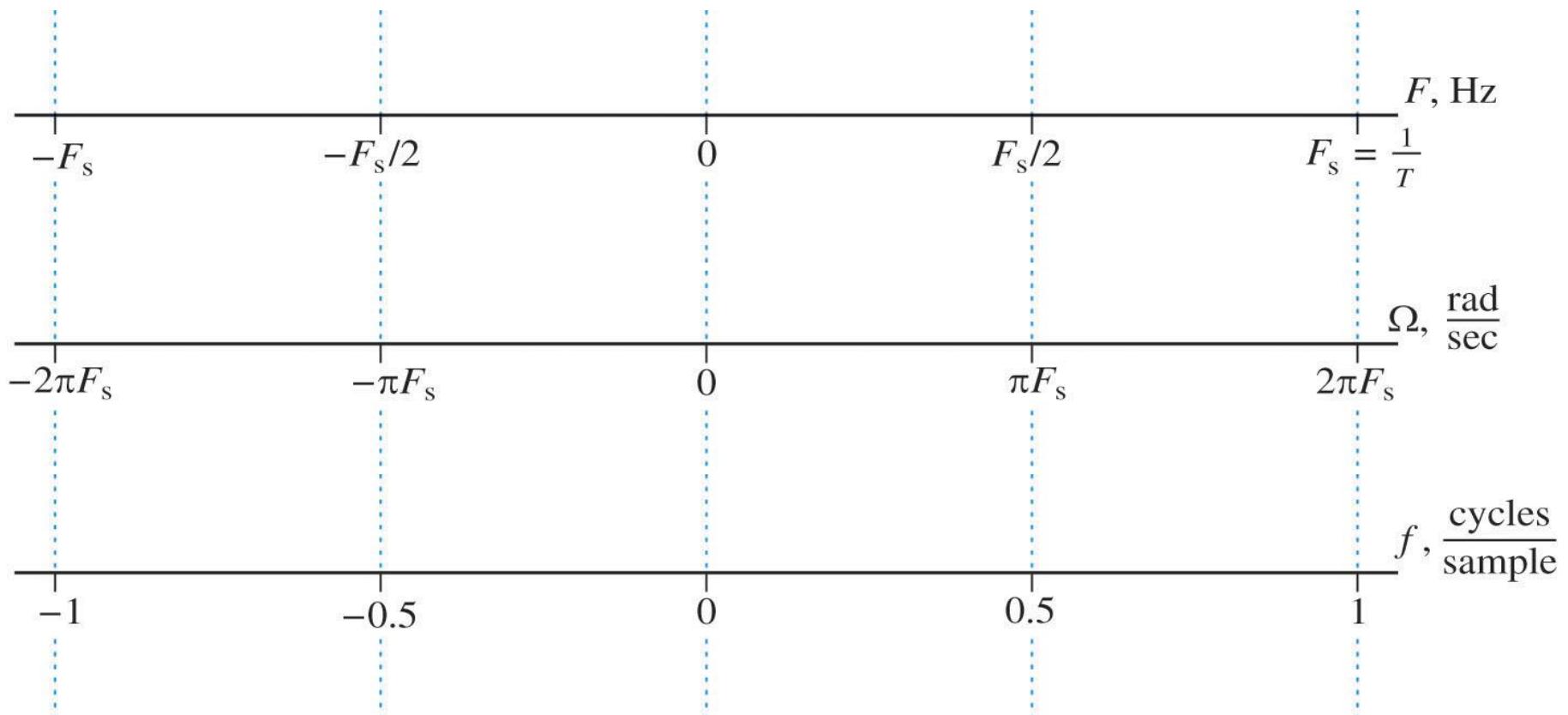
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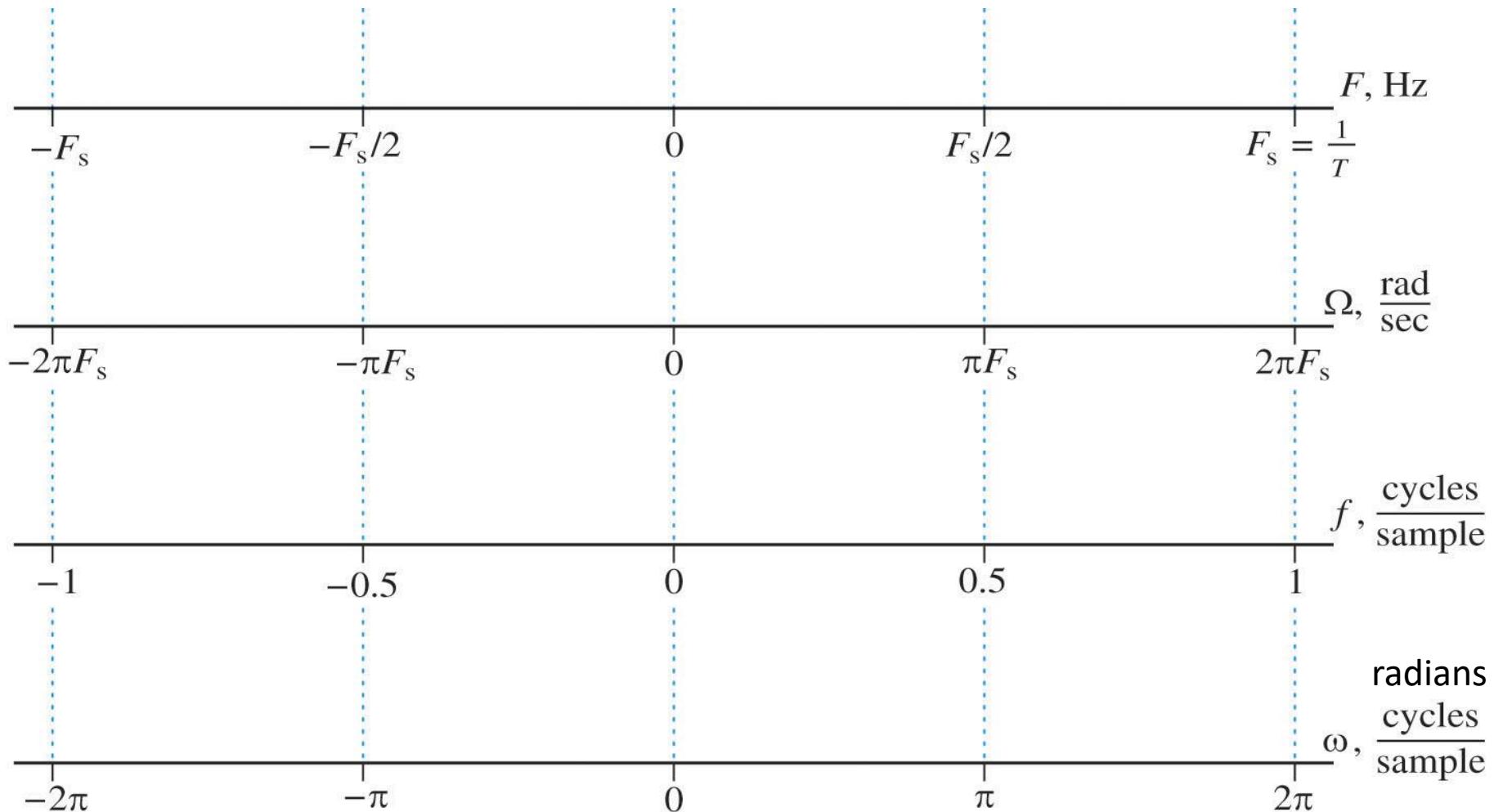
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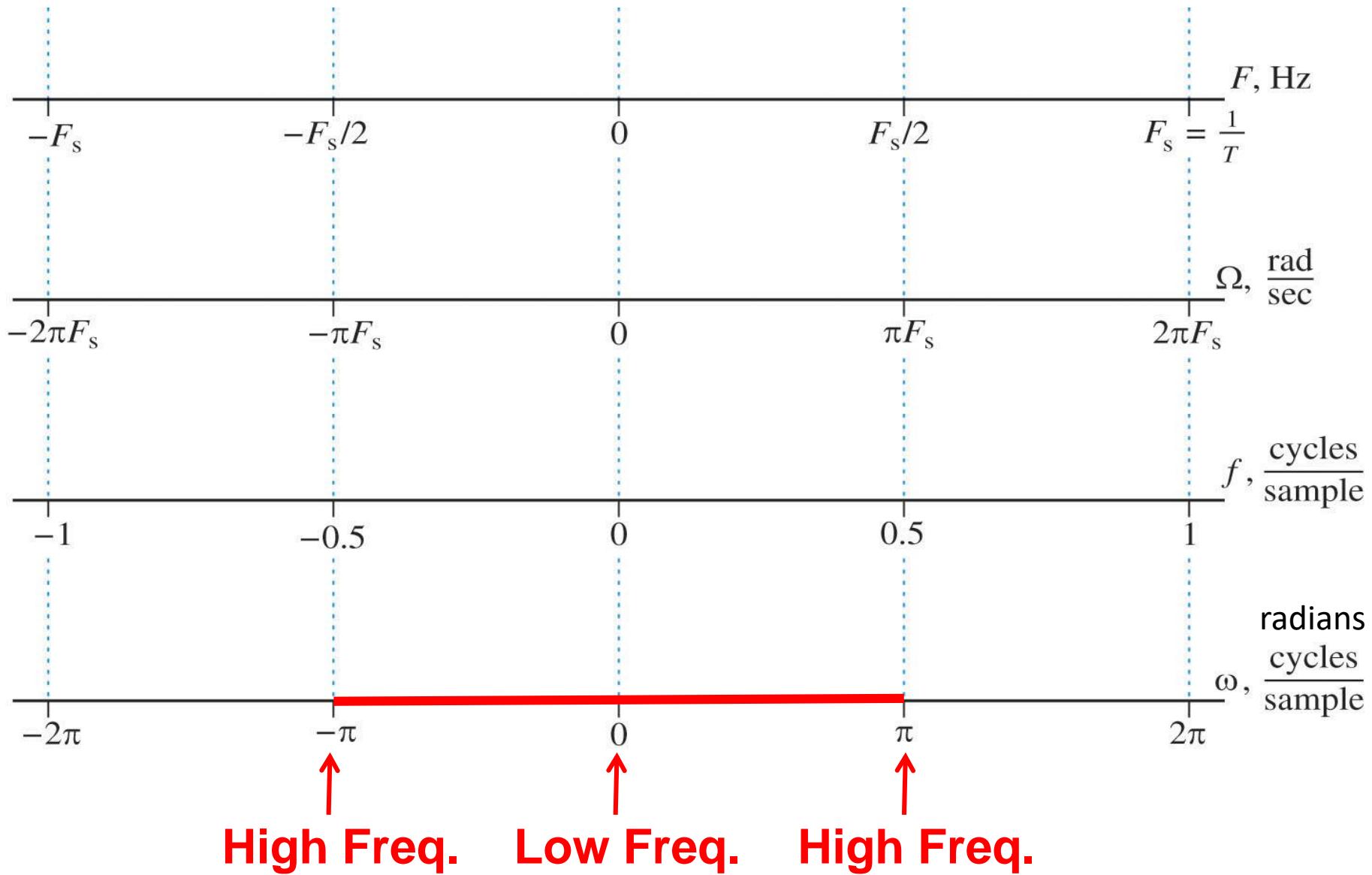
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Let  $x[n]$  be periodic and  $x = [x[0] \ x[1], \dots, x[N - 1]]$  includes first  $N$  samples.

## Formula

$$c_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn}$$

## MATLAB function

$$\text{ck} = (1/N)*\text{fft}(xn) \% \text{ dtfs}$$

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$$xn = N*\text{ifft}(ck) \% \text{ idtfs}$$

## Example 1.1: use of fft and ifft

**Example 1: Compute the DFTS of pulse train with  $L=2$  and  $N = 10$ .**

```
% signal  
x=[1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1]  
% N  
N=length(x);  
% ck  
c=fft(x)/N  
x1=ifft(c)*N  
% plot x1  
stem(x1)  
title('ifft(c)*N')
```

# Numerical computation of DTFT

The computation of a finite length sequence  $x[n]$  that is nonzero between 0 and  $N - 1$  at frequency  $\omega_k$  is given by,

## Formula

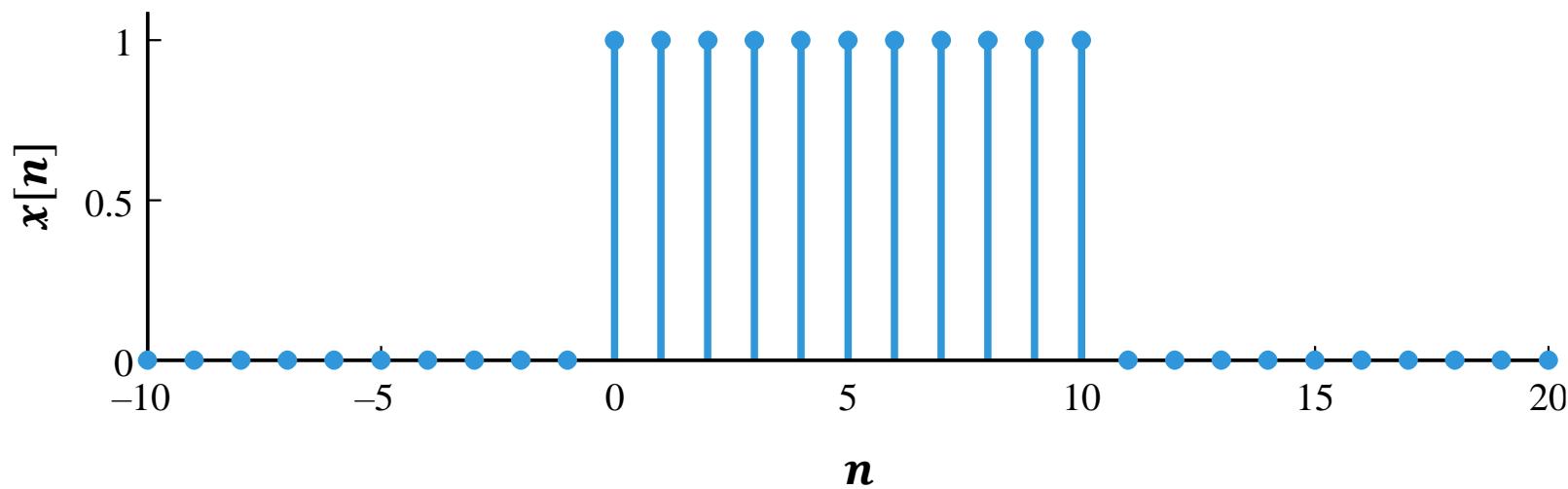
$$X(e^{j\omega_k}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K$$

## MATLAB function

```
X=freqz(x,1,om) % DTFT
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figure(1)
plot(om,X1,'LineWidth',2.5)
xlabel('Normalized angular frequency')
ylabel('Magnitude |X|')
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% phase  
p=angle(X);  
% plot phase spectrum  
figure(2)  
plot(om,p,'LineWidth',2.5)  
xlabel('Normalized angular frequency')  
ylabel('Phase')
```

## Example 1.3: use of freqz

**Example 1.2: plot magnitude and phase spectrum of  $x[n] = 0.6 \times \text{sinc}(0.6n)$  for  $n = -200:1:200$ .**

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% plots signal  
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X=freqz(x,1,om);
```

## Example 1.3: use of freqz

```
% time t or n  
t=-200:1:200;  
% signal  
x=0.6*sinc(0.6.*t);  
% plots signal  
figure(1)  
plot(t,x,'LineWidth',2.5)  
title('x')  
% define omega  
om=linspace(-pi,pi,500);  
% compute DTFT  
X=freqz(x,1,om);  
% plot magnitude spectrum  
figure(2)  
plot(om,abs(X),'LineWidth',2.5)
```

## Example 1.3: use of freqz

```
% time t or n  
t=-200:1:200;  
% signal  
x=0.6*sinc(0.6.*t);  
% plots signal  
figure(1)  
plot(t,x,'LineWidth',2.5)  
title('x')  
% define omega  
om=linspace(-pi,pi,500);  
% compute DTFT  
X=freqz(x,1,om);  
% scale it by factor pi  
figure(2)  
plot(om/pi,abs(X),'LineWidth',2.5)
```

## Example 1.4: use of freqz

**Example 1.2: plot magnitude and phase spectrum of  $x[n] = 0.6 \times \text{sinc}(0.6n)$  for  $n = -200: 0.1: 200$ .**

You should scale `freqz(x,1,om)` by **Ts**  
(i.e. `X=Ts* freqz(x,1,om)`).

More details in the future sessions...

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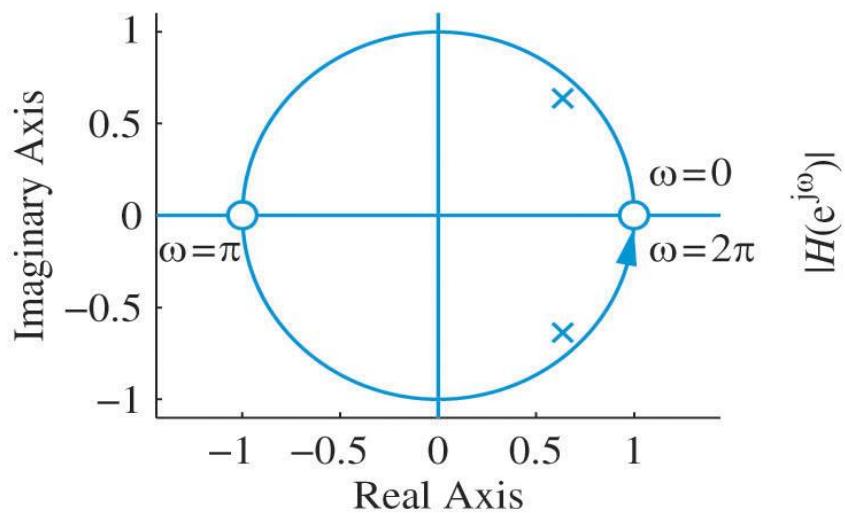
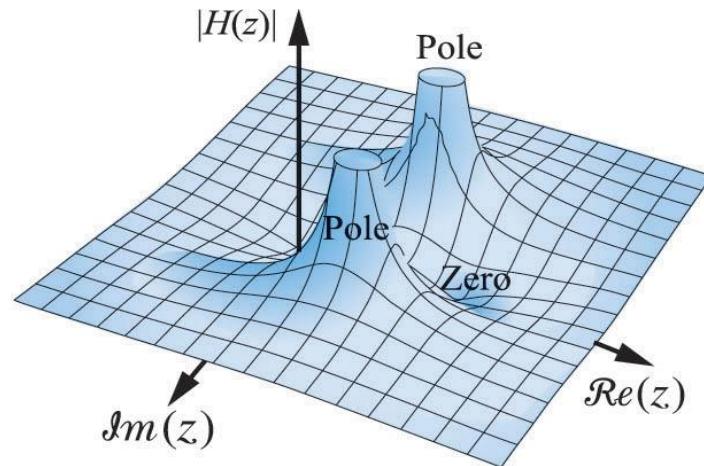
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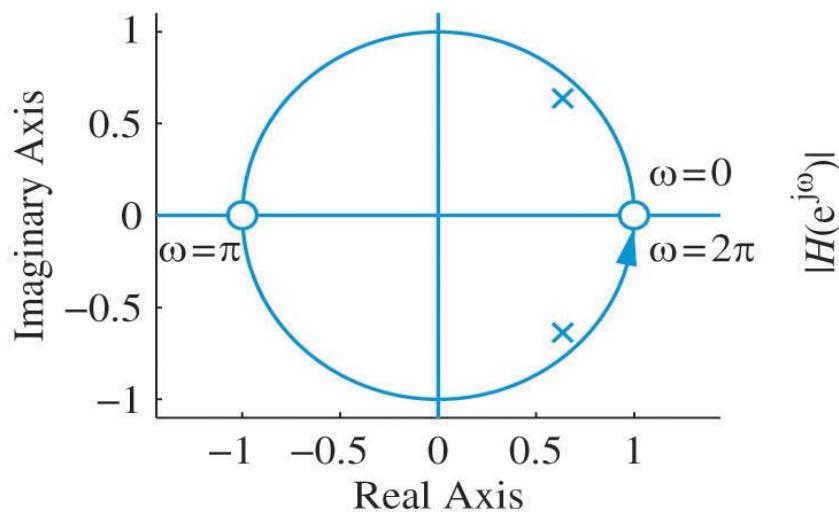
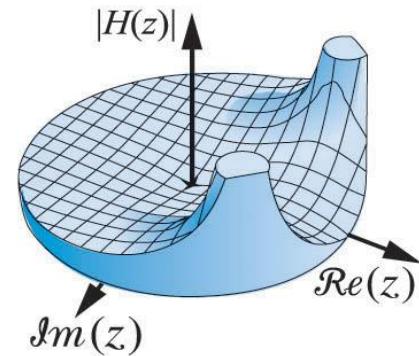
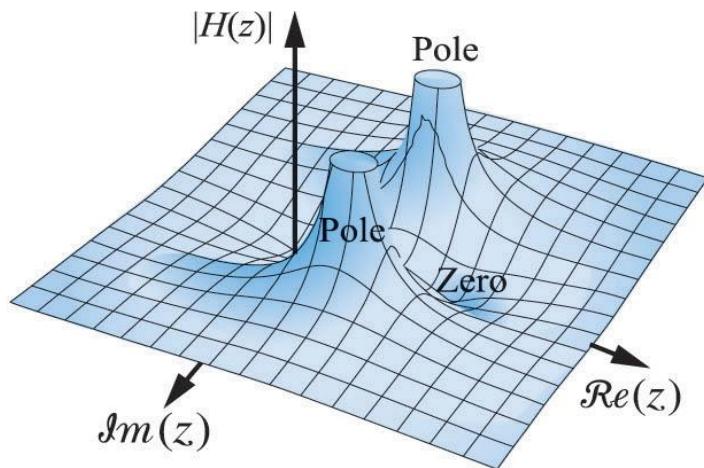
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```
b= [b(1),...,b(n)]; % vector b numerator  
a= [a(1),...,a(n)]; % vector a denominator  
om=linspace(-pi,pi,k); % desired frequency range  
H=freqz(b,a,om); % system frequency response
```

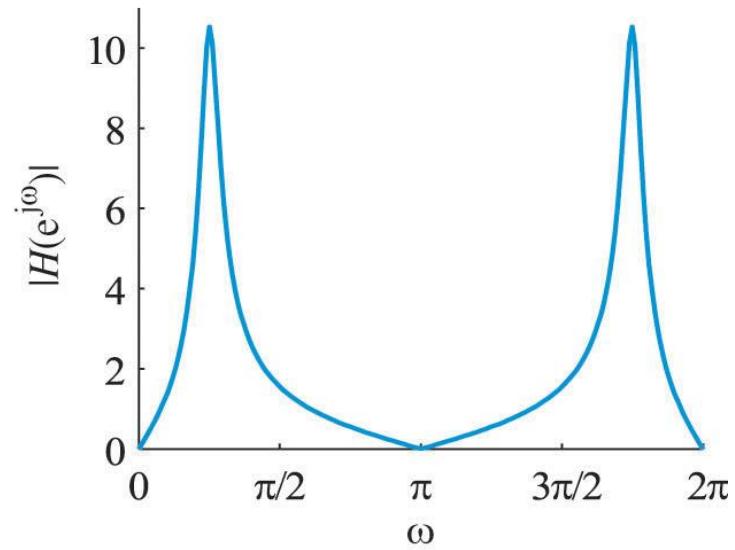
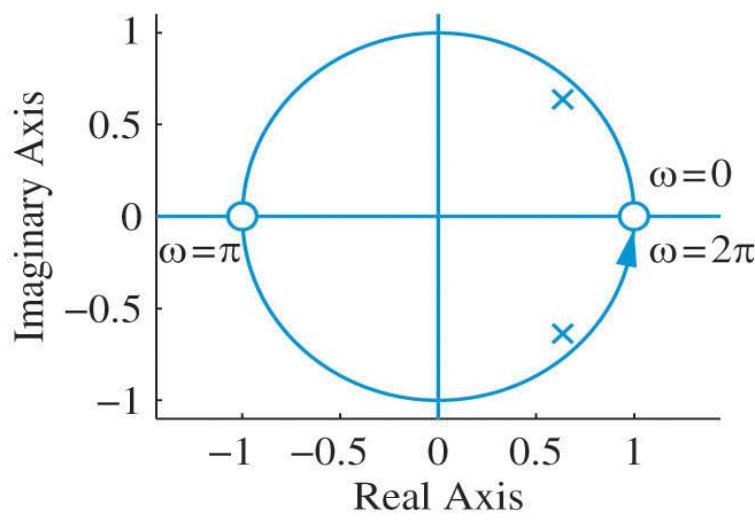
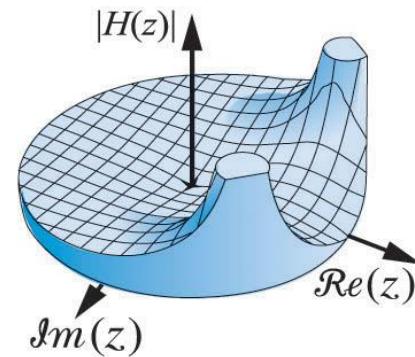
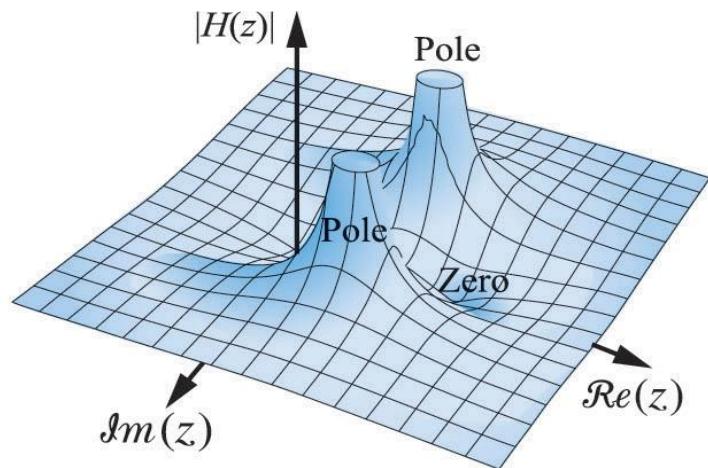
# From ZT to DTFT



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## **Example 1.5: frequency response**

**Example 1.2: plot magnitude and phase spectrum of a system with zeros  $z_{1,2} = \pm 1$  and  $p_{1,2} = 0.9e^{\pm j\pi/4}$ .**

## Example 1.5: frequency response

```
% zeros
```

```
zer = [-1 1];
```

```
% poles
```

```
pol=0.9*exp(1i*pi*1/4*[-1 +1]);
```

## Example 1.5: frequency response

```
% zeros  
zer = [-1 1];  
% poles  
pol=0.9*exp(1i*pi*1/4*[-1 +1]);  
% Turn it to rational transfer function  
[b,a]=zp2tf(zer',pol',1);  
%
```

## Example 1.5: frequency response

```
% zeros
zer = [-1 1];
% poles
pol=0.9*exp(1i*pi*1/4*[-1 +1]);
% Turn it to rational transfer function
[b,a]=zp2tf(zer',pol',1);
% omega
om=linspace(-pi,pi,500);
% freq. response
X=freqz(b,a,om);
% magnitude response scaled by pi
figure(1)
plot(om/pi,abs(X),'LineWidth',2.5)
xlabel('Normalized frequency (\pi x rad/sample) ')
```

# Useful links

- <https://nl.mathworks.com/help/signal/ref/freqz.html>
- <https://nl.mathworks.com/help/signal/ref/angle.html>
- <https://nl.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/fft.html>
- [https://www.12000.org/my\\_notes/on\\_scaling\\_factor\\_for\\_fft\\_in\\_matlab/index.htm](https://www.12000.org/my_notes/on_scaling_factor_for_fft_in_matlab/index.htm)