

# CE 513: STATISTICAL METHODS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

## Lecture: Introduction to Fourier transforms

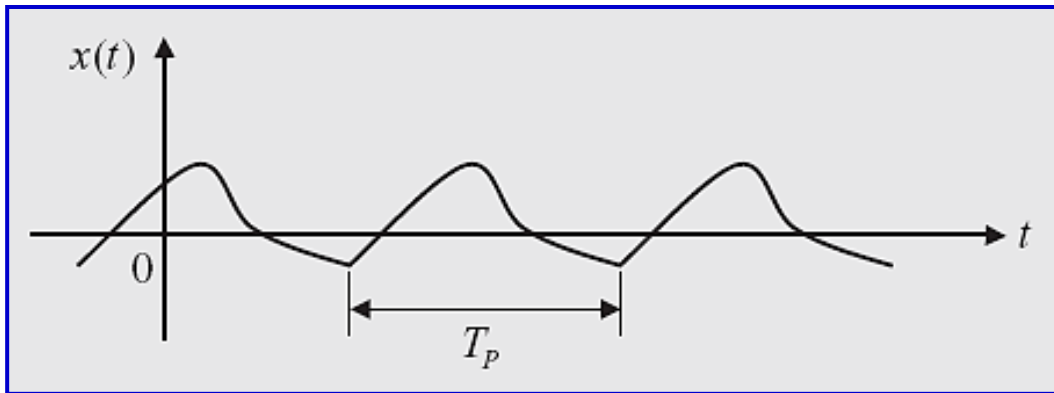
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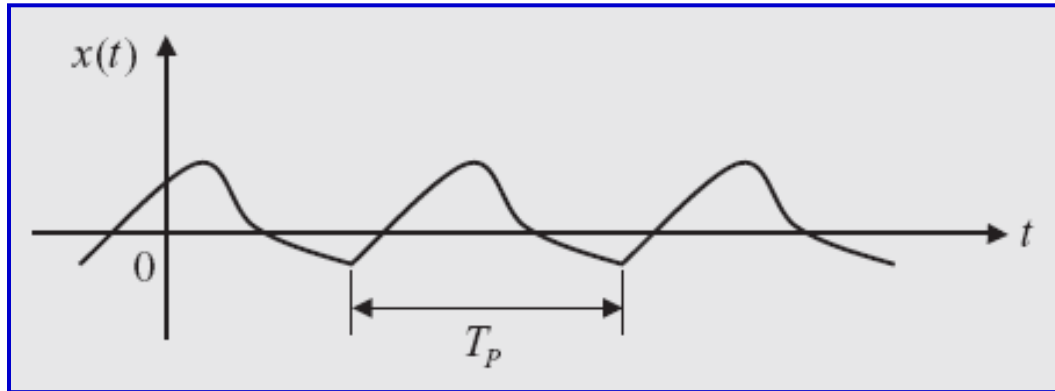
# Fourier Analysis



A period signal with a period  $T_P$

$$x(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \cos \left( \frac{2\pi n t}{T_P} \right) + b_n \sin \left( \frac{2\pi n t}{T_P} \right) \right]$$

# Fourier Series



$$\frac{a_0}{2} = \frac{1}{T_P} \int_0^{T_P} x(t) dt = \frac{1}{T_P} \int_{-T_P/2}^{T_P/2} x(t) dt : \text{ mean value}$$

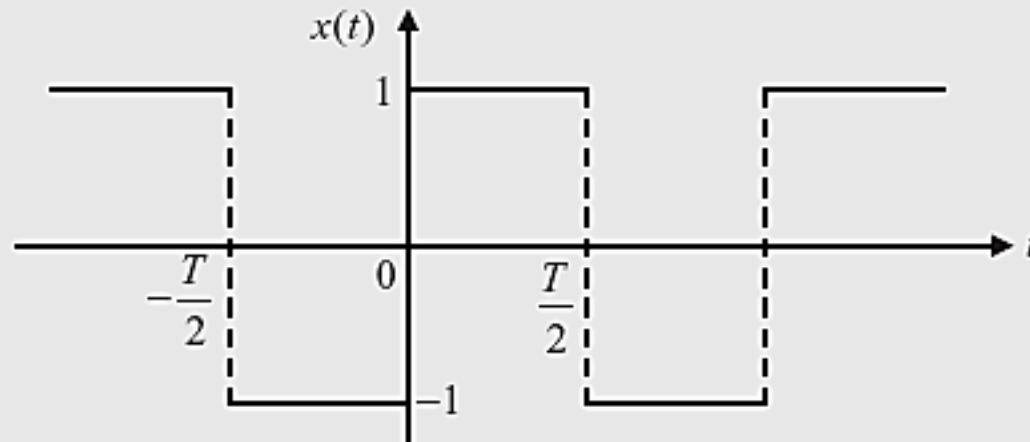
$$a_n = \frac{2}{T_P} \int_0^{T_P} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T_P}\right) dt = \frac{2}{T_P} \int_{-T_P/2}^{T_P/2} x(t) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T_P}\right) dt \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T_P} \int_0^{T_P} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T_P}\right) dt = \frac{2}{T_P} \int_{-T_P/2}^{T_P/2} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi nt}{T_P}\right) dt \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

# Fourier Series: Example

$$x(t) = -1 \quad -\frac{T}{2} < t < 0$$

$$= 1 \quad 0 < t < \frac{T}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad x(t + nT) = x(t) \quad n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$



# Fourier Series: Example

$$a_0 = 0; \quad a_n = 0$$

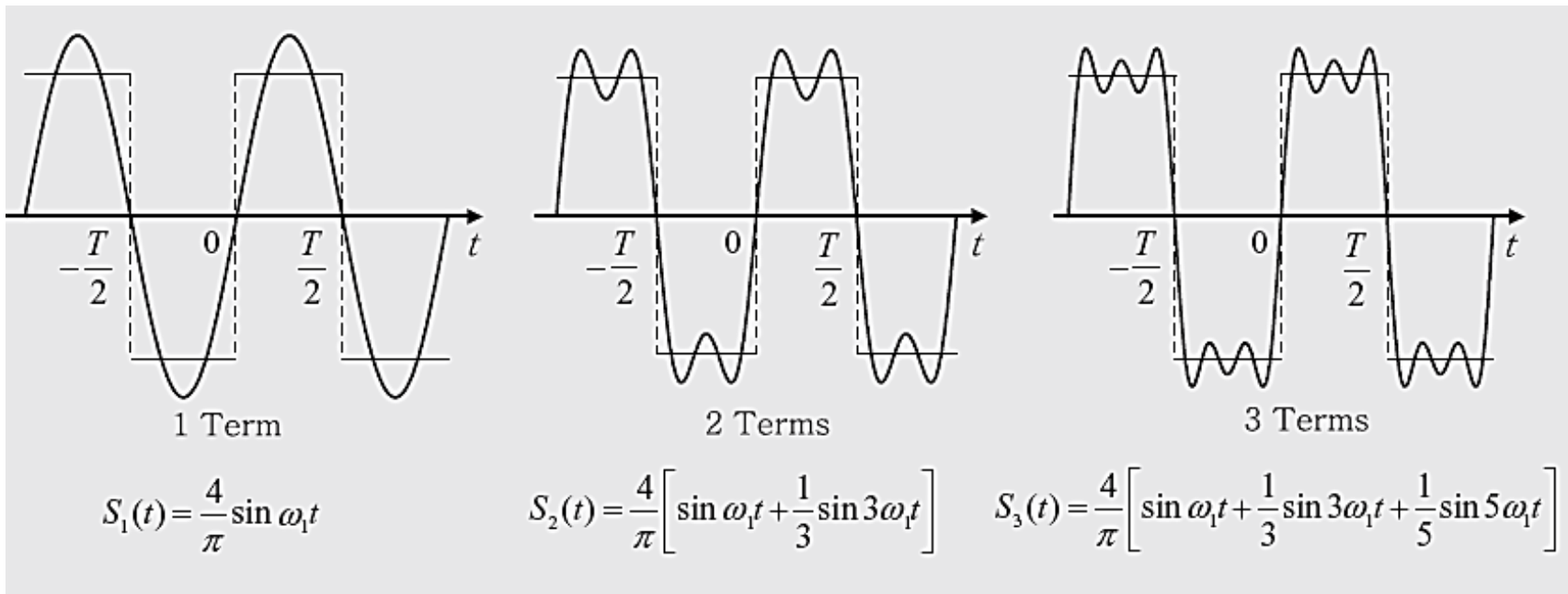
$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-\frac{T}{2}}^{\frac{T}{2}} x(t) \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi t}{T}\right) dt = \frac{2}{n\pi} (1 - n\pi)$$

$$x(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi 3t}{T}\right) + \frac{1}{5} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi 5t}{T}\right) + \dots \right]$$

$$x(t) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left[ \sin \omega_1 t + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3\omega_1 t + \frac{1}{5} \sin 5\omega_1 t + \dots \right]$$

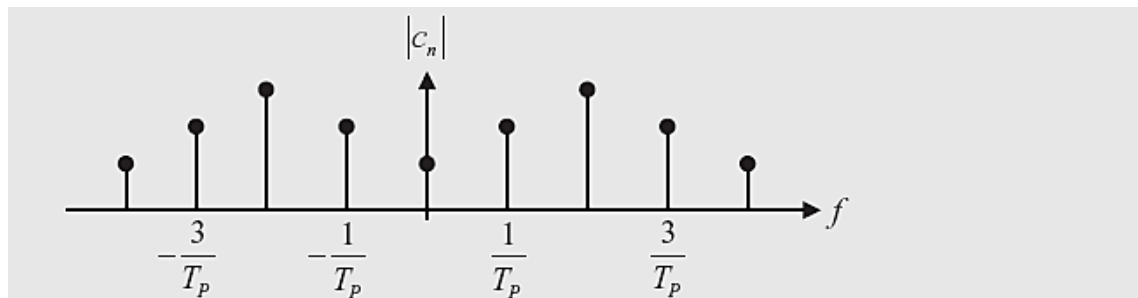


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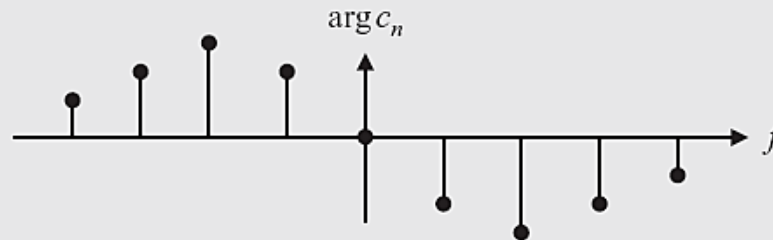


# Amplitude & Phase Spectrum

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{\frac{j2\pi nt}{T}} \quad c_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T x(t) e^{-\frac{j2\pi nt}{T}} dt$$



Amplitude spectrum of a Fourier series (a *line spectrum* and an *even function*)



Phase spectrum of a Fourier series (a *line spectrum* and an *odd function*)



# MATLAB: example

```
clc; close all; clear all
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% Keep hitting enter button if you want to see the term by term approx.
```

```
t=[0:0.001:1];
```

```
x=[ ]; x_tmp=zeros(size(t));
```

```
for n=1:2:39
```

```
    x_tmp=x_tmp+4/pi*(1/n*sin(2*pi*n*t));
```

```
    x=[x; x_tmp];
```

```
end
```

```
figure,
```

```
for i=1:20
```

```
    drawnow
```

```
    plot(t, x(i,:)) %plot(t,x(i,:),t,x(7,:),t,x(20,:));
```

```
    xlabel('\textit{t} (seconds)'); ylabel('\textit{x} (m)')
```

```
    grid on
```

```
    pause
```

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end
```



# FOURIER TRANSFORM

- Extension of Fourier analysis to non-periodic phenomena
- Discrete to continuous
- Skipping essential steps, in the limit  $T_p \rightarrow \infty$

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi f t} dt$$

Fourier transform

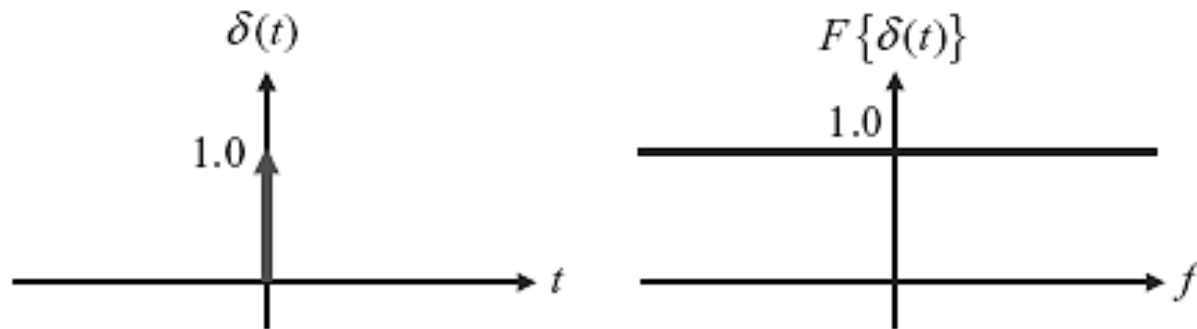
$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi f t} df$$

Inverse Fourier transform

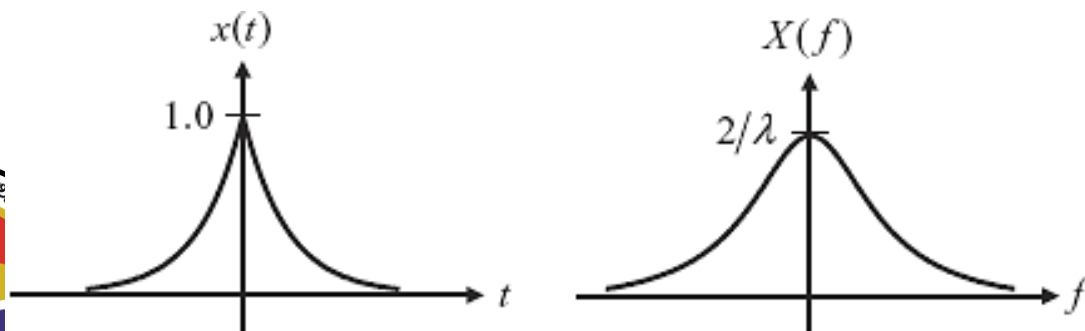


# Examples

## 1) Dirac delta



## 2) Symmetric exponential $x(t) = e^{-\lambda|t|}, \quad \lambda > 0$

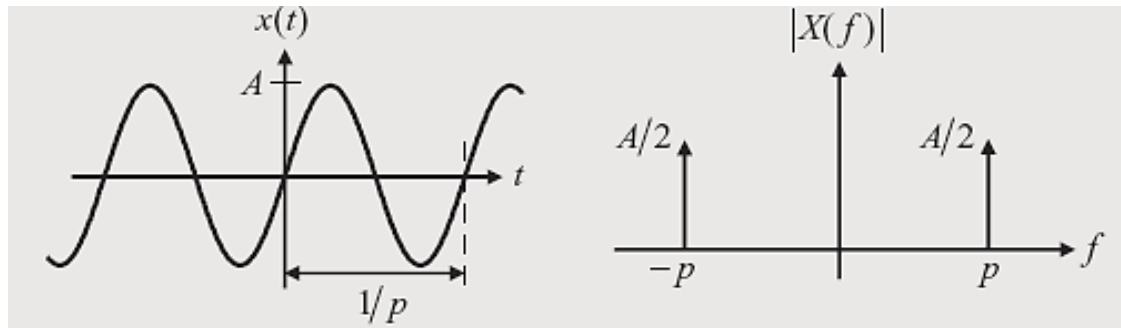


$$X(f) = \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda^2 + 4\pi^2 f^2}$$

# Examples

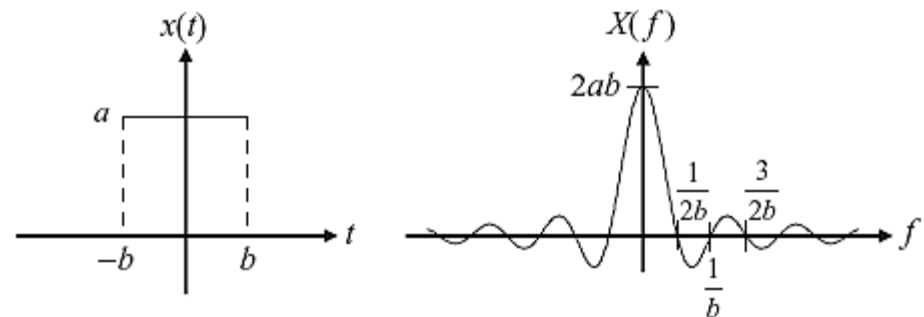
## 3) Sinusoid

$$x(t) = \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \text{ or } \sin(\omega_0 t) \quad X(f) = \frac{1}{2j}[\delta(f - f_0) - \delta(f + f_0)]$$



## 4) Window function

$$x(t) = a \quad |t| < b$$
$$= 0 \quad |t| > b$$



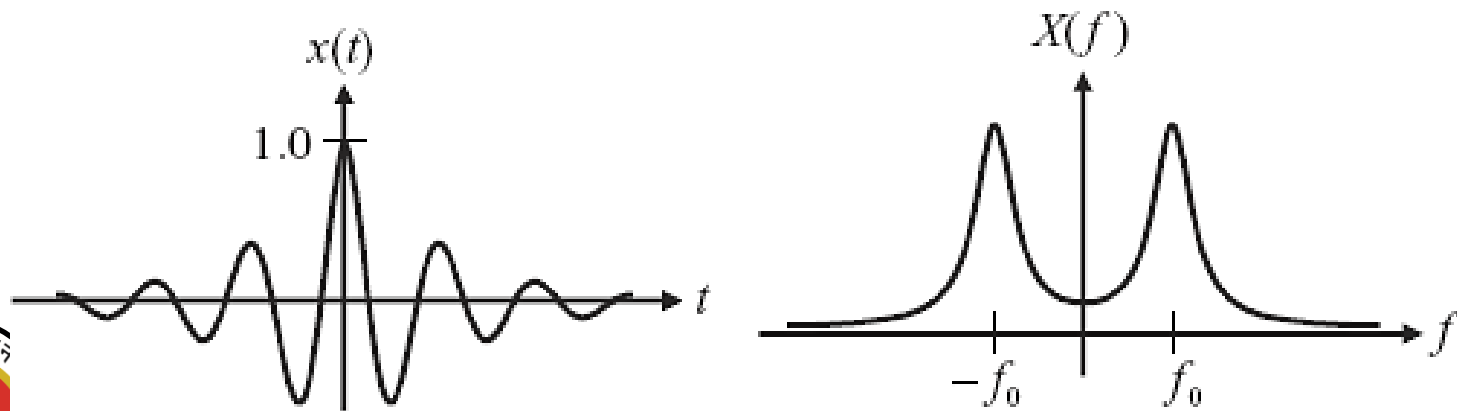
$$X(f) = \frac{2ab \sin(2\pi f b)}{2\pi f b}$$

# Examples

## 5) Damped symmetrically oscillating function

$$x(t) = e^{-a|t|} \cos 2\pi f_0 t, \quad a > 0$$

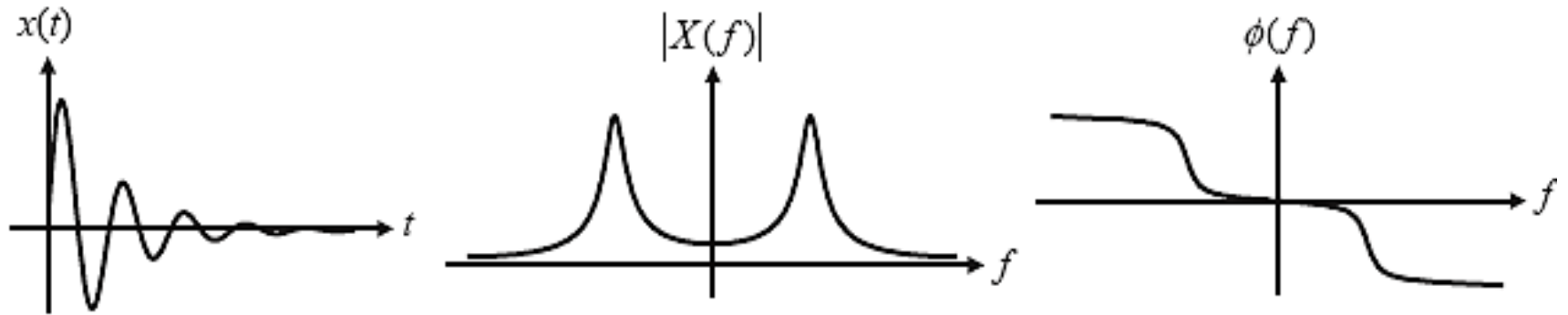
$$X(f) = \frac{a}{a^2 + [2\pi(f - f_0)]^2} + \frac{a}{a^2 + [2\pi(f + f_0)]^2}$$



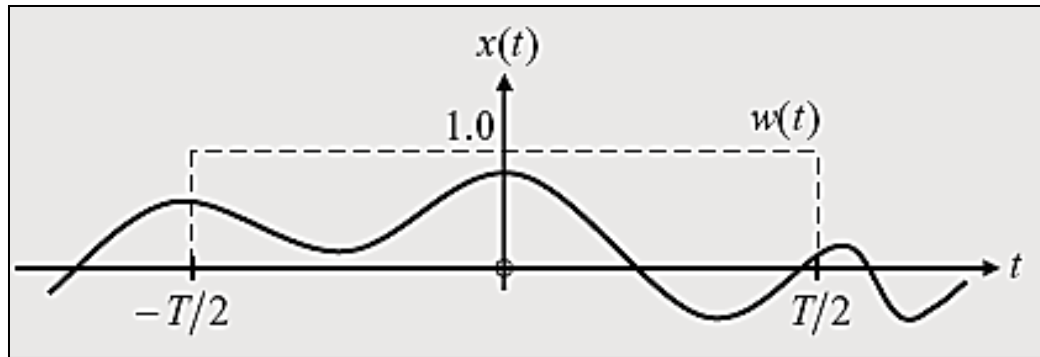
## 6) Damped oscillating function

$$x(t) = e^{-at} \sin 2\pi f_0 t, \quad t \geq 0 \text{ and } a > 0$$

$$X(f) = \frac{2\pi f_0}{(2\pi f_0)^2 + (a + j2\pi f)^2}$$



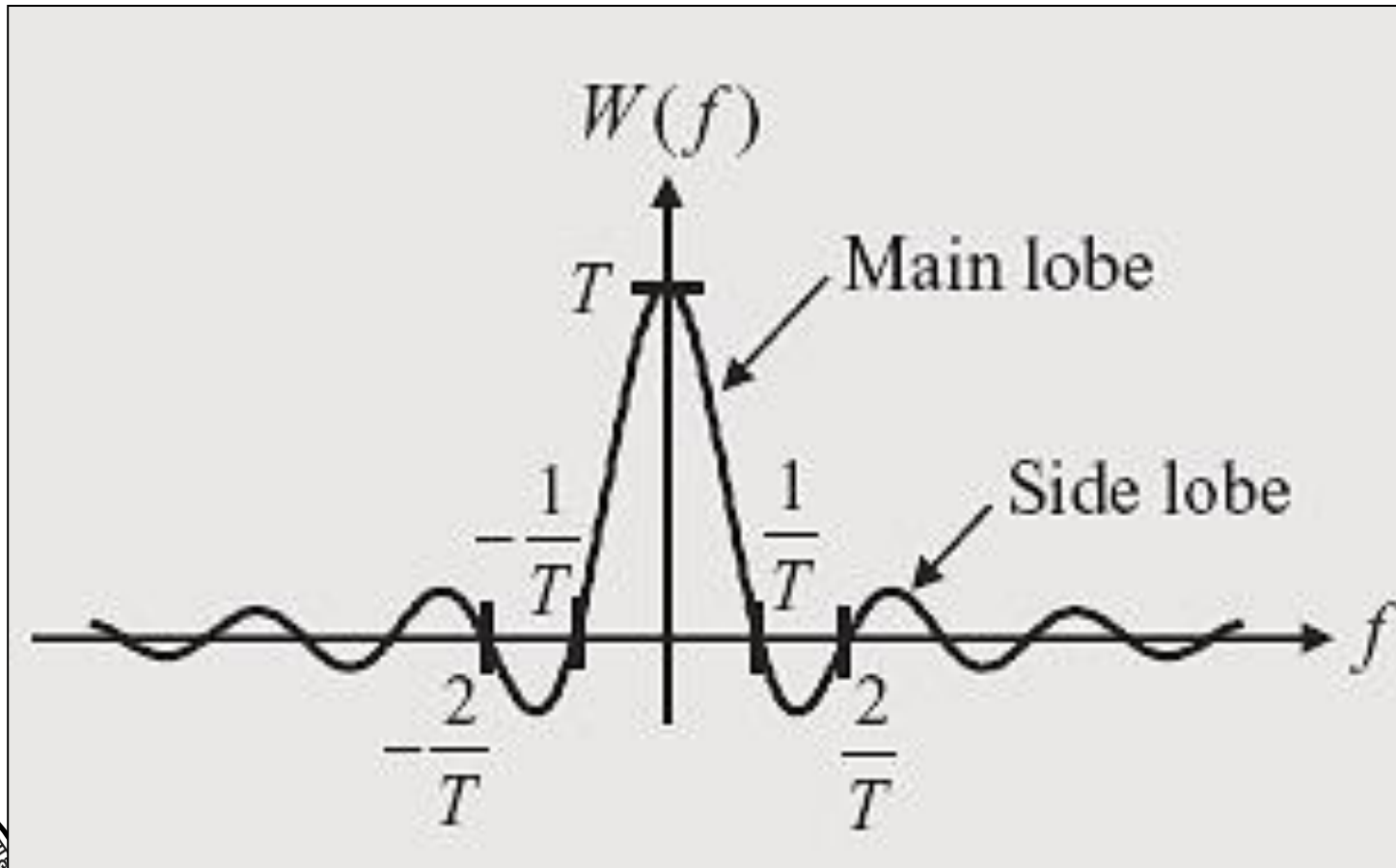
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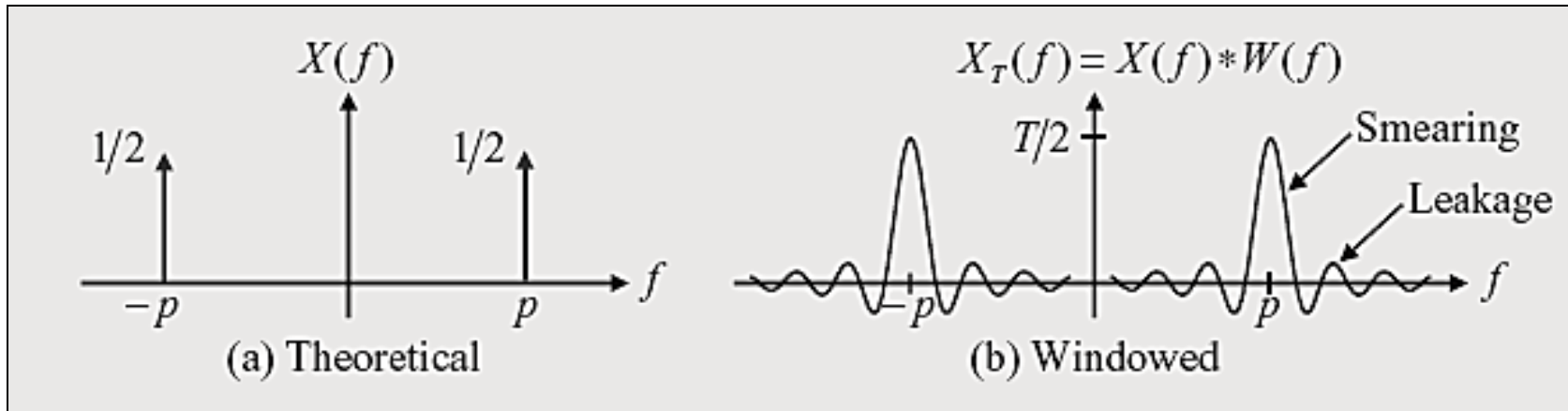
$$\begin{aligned} w(t) &= 1 & |t| < T/2 \\ &= 0 & |t| > T/2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_T(f) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(g)W(f-g)dg = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\delta(g+p) + \delta(g-p)] W(f-g)dg \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [W(f+p) + W(f-p)] \end{aligned}$$

# Windowing



# Windowing: Illustration

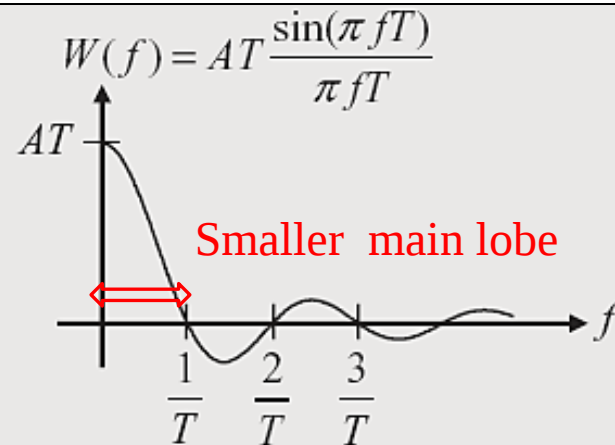
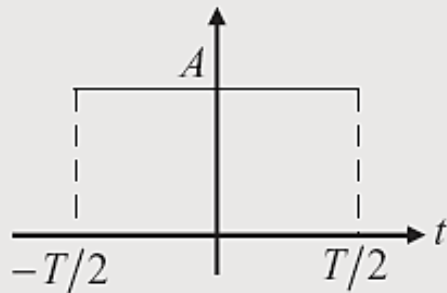


The distortion due to the main lobe is sometimes called *smearing*, and the distortion caused by the side lobes is called *leakage*.

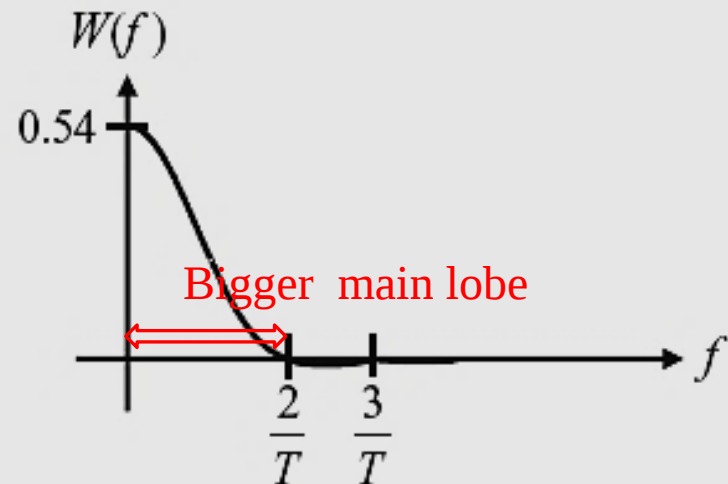
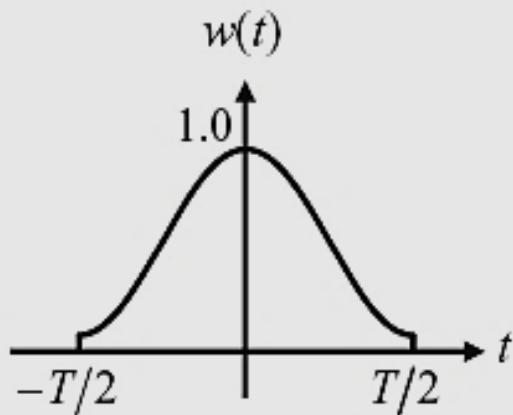
# COMMON WINDOW FUNCTIONS

## Rectangular Window

$$w(t) = A[u(t + T/2) - u(t - T/2)]$$



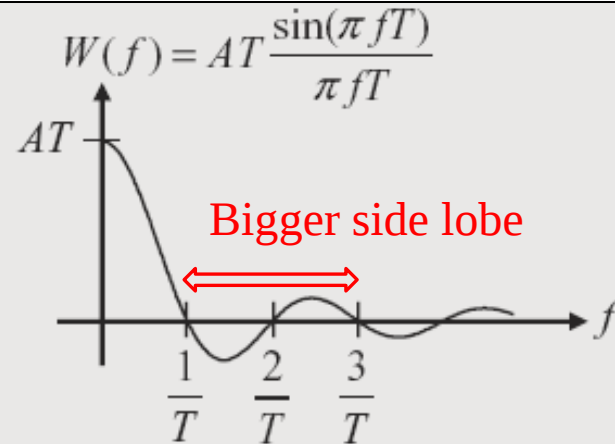
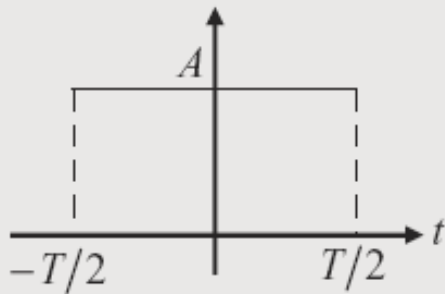
## Hann Window



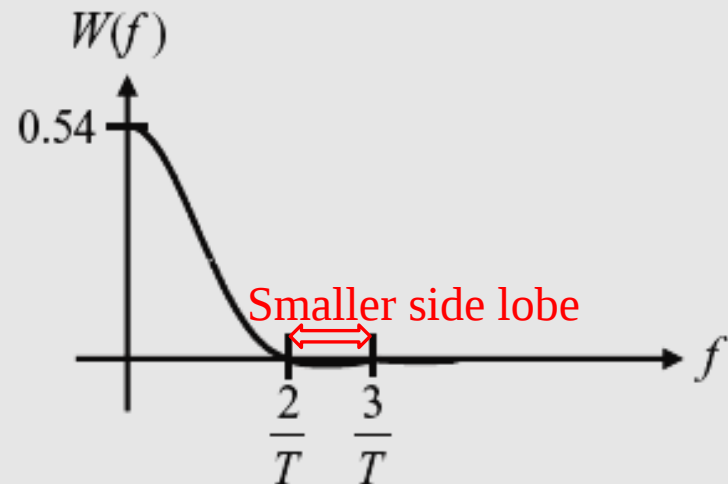
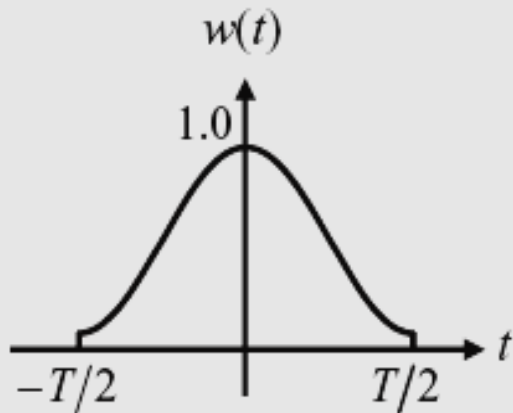
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## Hann Window



# Discrete Fourier Transform

- Consider a sequence  $x(n\Delta)$  at  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, N-1$  points. The DFT is defined as :

$$X(e^{j2\pi f \Delta}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n\Delta) e^{-j2\pi f n \Delta}$$

- Note that this is still continuous in frequency



# Discrete Fourier Transform

Now let us evaluate this at frequencies:  $f = k/N \Delta$

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j(2\pi/N)nk}$$

$$X(k) = \left[ X(e^{j2\pi f \Delta}) \text{ evaluated at } f = \frac{k}{N\Delta} \text{ Hz} \right] (k \text{ integer})$$

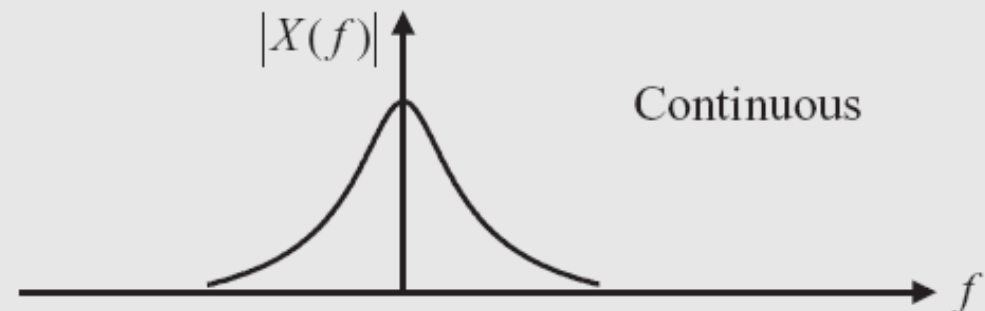
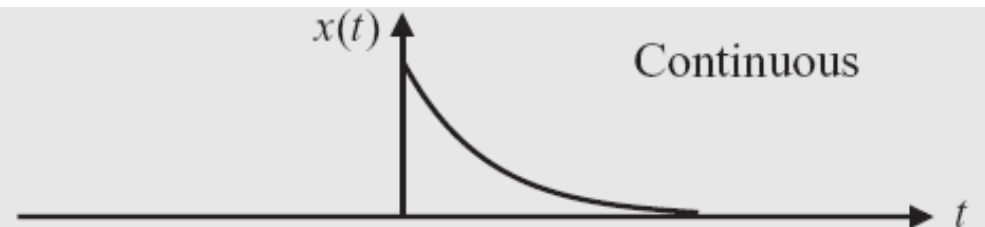


# FOURIER INTEGRAL VS DFT

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) e^{j2\pi ft} df$$

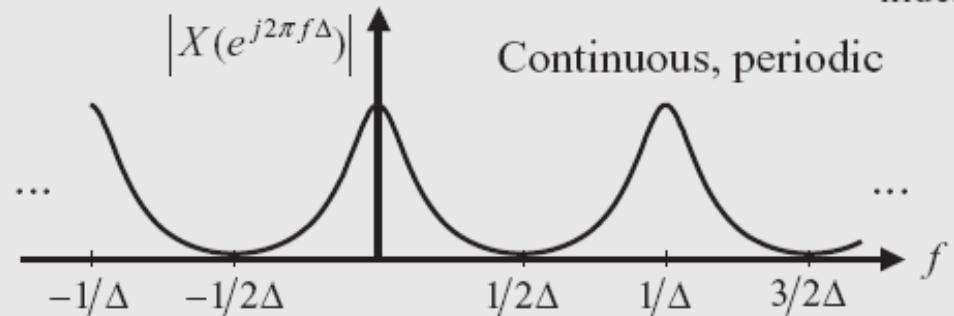
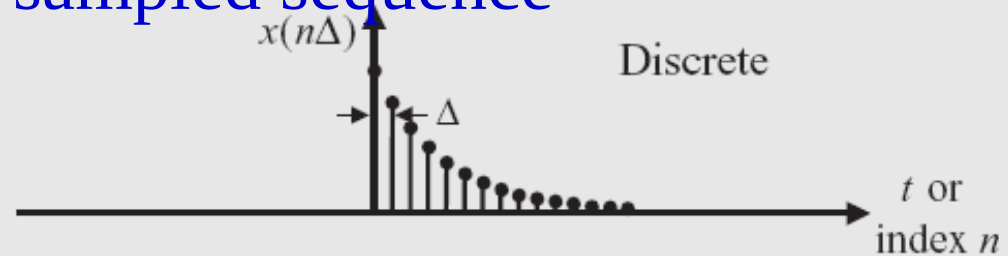
Fourier Integral

$$X(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$$



Fourier transform of the sampled sequence

$$x(n\Delta) = \Delta \int_{-1/2\Delta}^{1/2\Delta} X(e^{j2\pi f\Delta}) e^{j2\pi fn\Delta} df$$

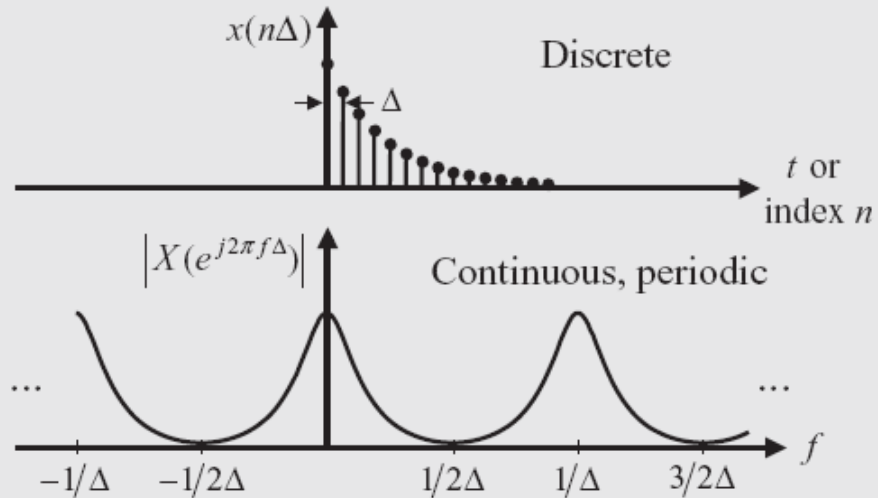


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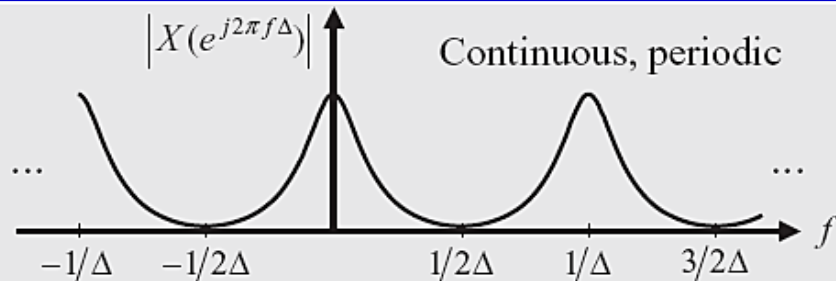
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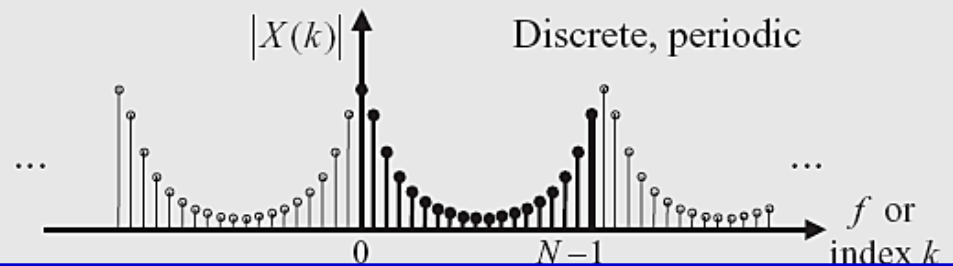
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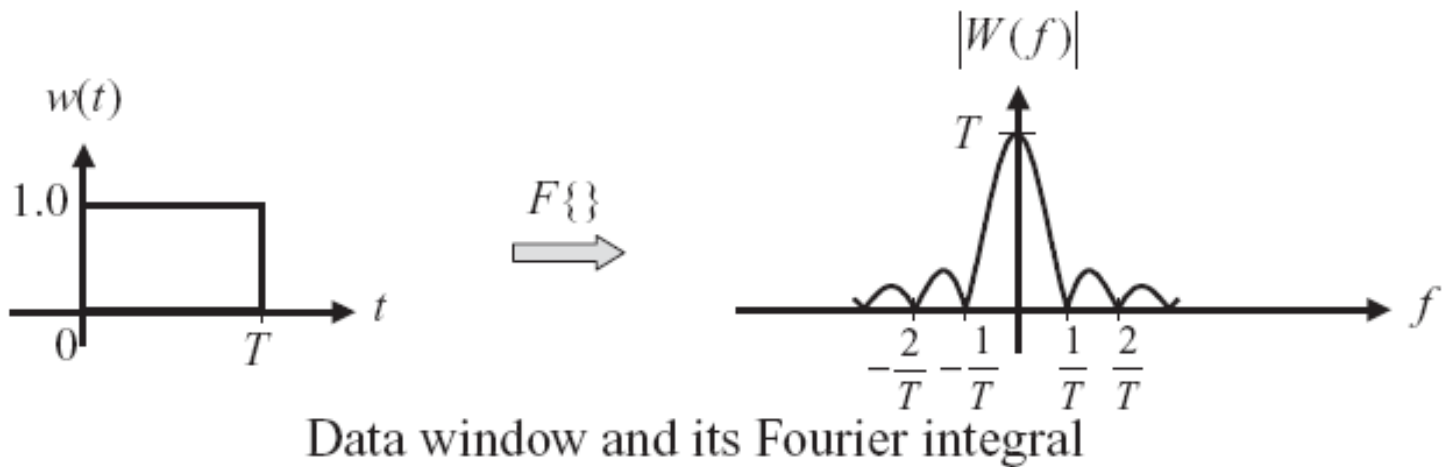
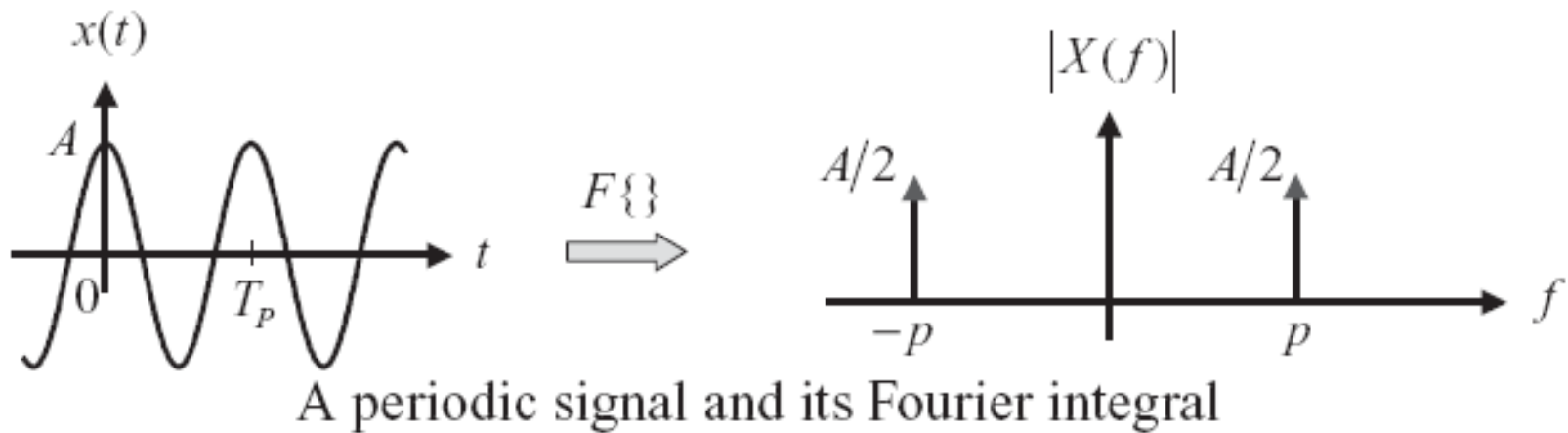
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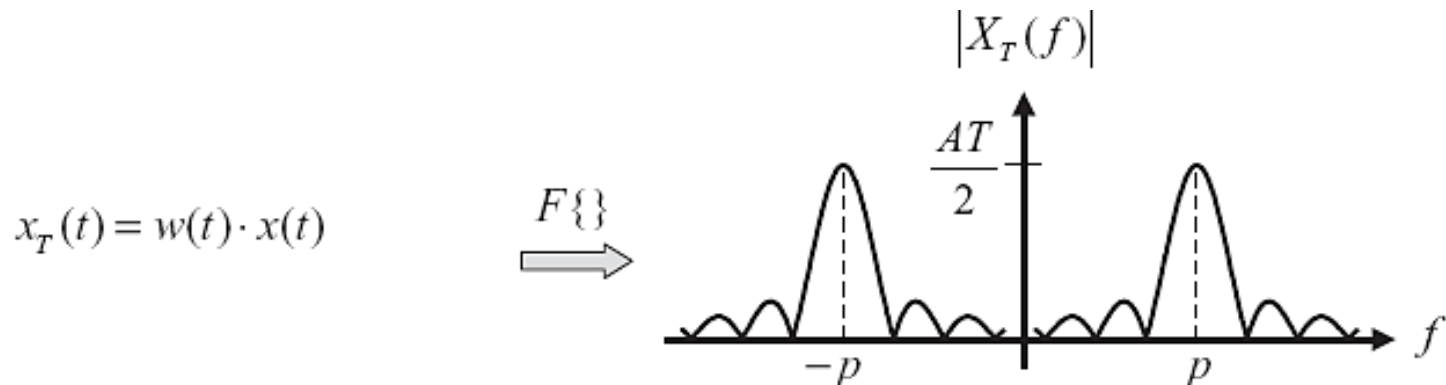
$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j(2\pi/N)nk}$$



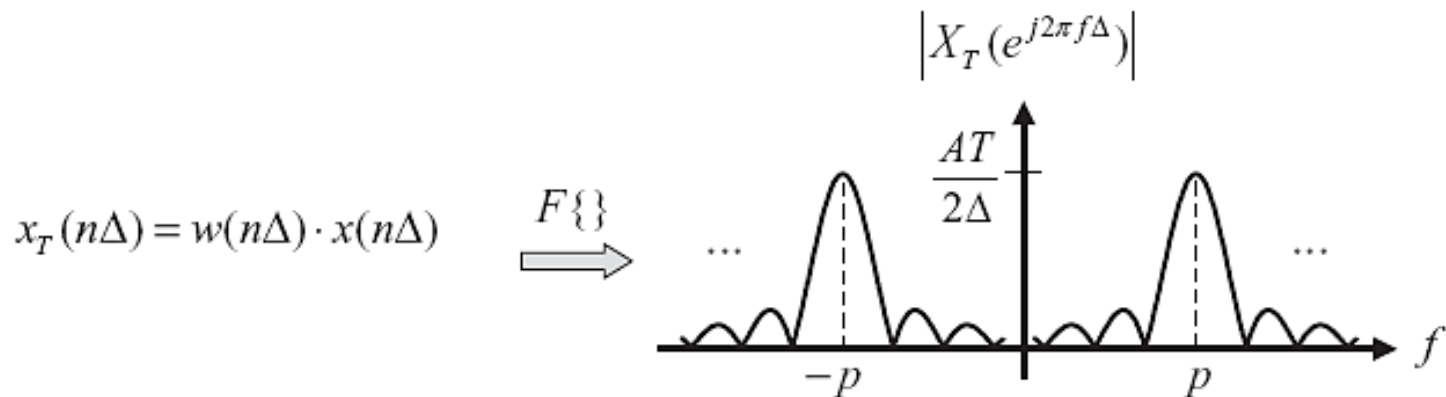
# FOURIER INTEGRAL VS DFT



# FOURIER INTEGRAL VS DFT



(c) Truncated signal and its Fourier integral



(d) Truncated and sampled signal and its Fourier transform of a sequence

## FFT ALGORITHM: GLIMPSES

- The DFT provides uniformly spaced samples of the Discrete-Time Fourier Transform (DTFT)

- DFT definition:

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

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

- Requires  $N^2$  complex multiplications &  $N(N-1)$  complex additions



# LET'S TAKE AN EXAMPLE OF FFT: A SIMPLE MATLAB CODE

- Consider a signal:  $x = A \sin 2\pi p t$
- $p = \frac{1}{T_p} \cdot \text{Hz}$
- Set a sampling frequency  $f_s = \frac{10}{T_p} \cdot \text{Hz}$
- $A = 2, p = 1 \text{ Hz}$
- What does Fourier integral give ?  $|X(f)| = \frac{A}{2}$  at  $p = 1 \text{ Hz}$



# FFT MATLAB EXAMPLE-1

**freq = 1;**      % Frequency of sinusoid.  $\text{freq} = 1 / T_p$ ;

**Tp=1/freq;**      %  $T_p$  is the period

**fs=10\*freq;**      % Define sample time and sample frequency. **Take fs = 10/ $T_p$**

**ts=1/fs;**

**T1= 1\*Tp;**      % Time point where the data is truncated to

**t=0:ts:T1-ts;**

**x= 2\*cos(2\*pi\*freq\*t);**

**L=length(x);**

**FT = fft(x);**    % FFT command; gives Fourier amplitude

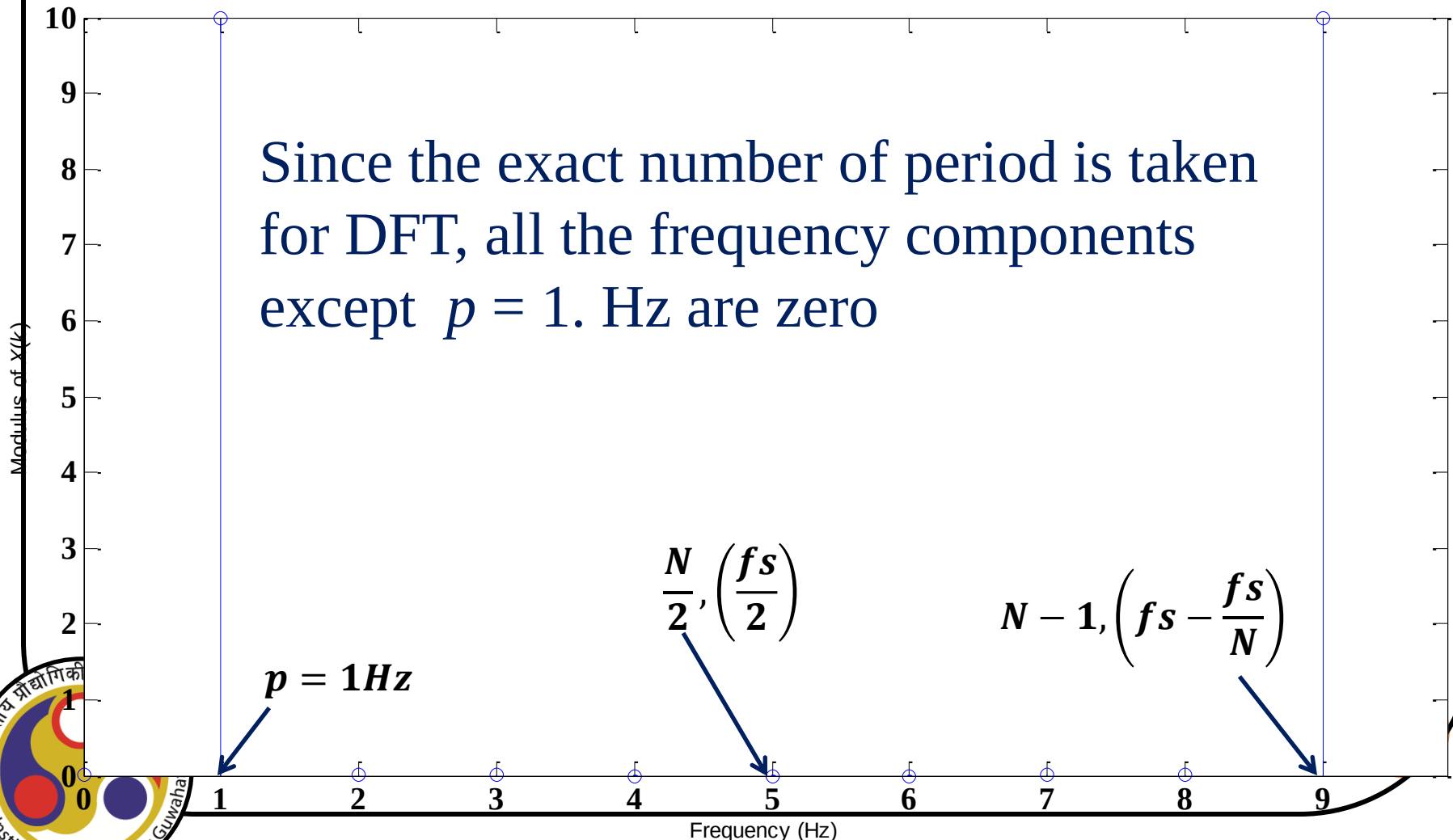
**f =fs\* (0:(L-1))/L;**    % Creating the X-axis or frequency axis

**fabs=abs(FT);**    % Single sided Fourier transform

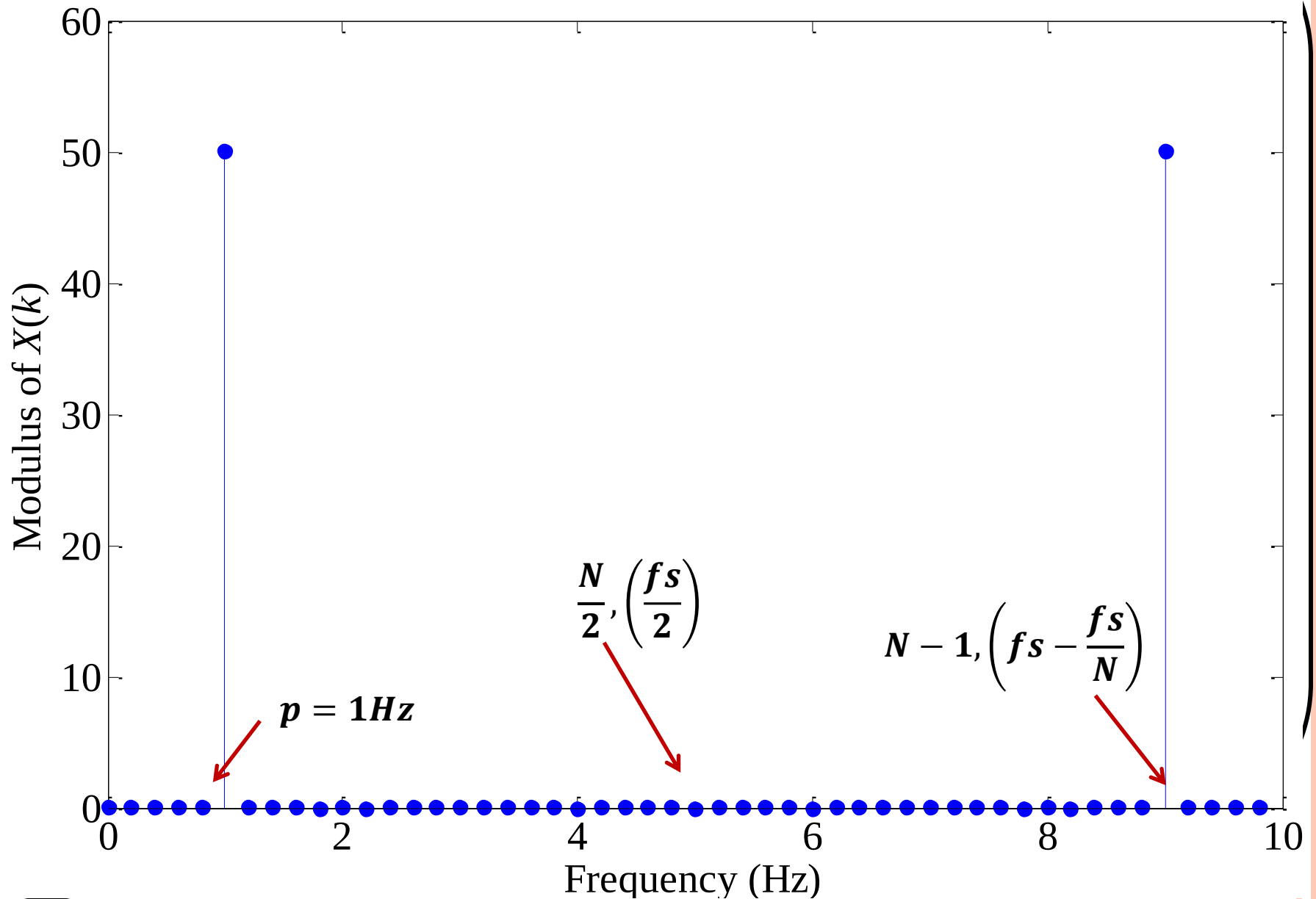


# DATA TRUNCATED AT EXACTLY ONE PERIOD (10-POINT FFT)

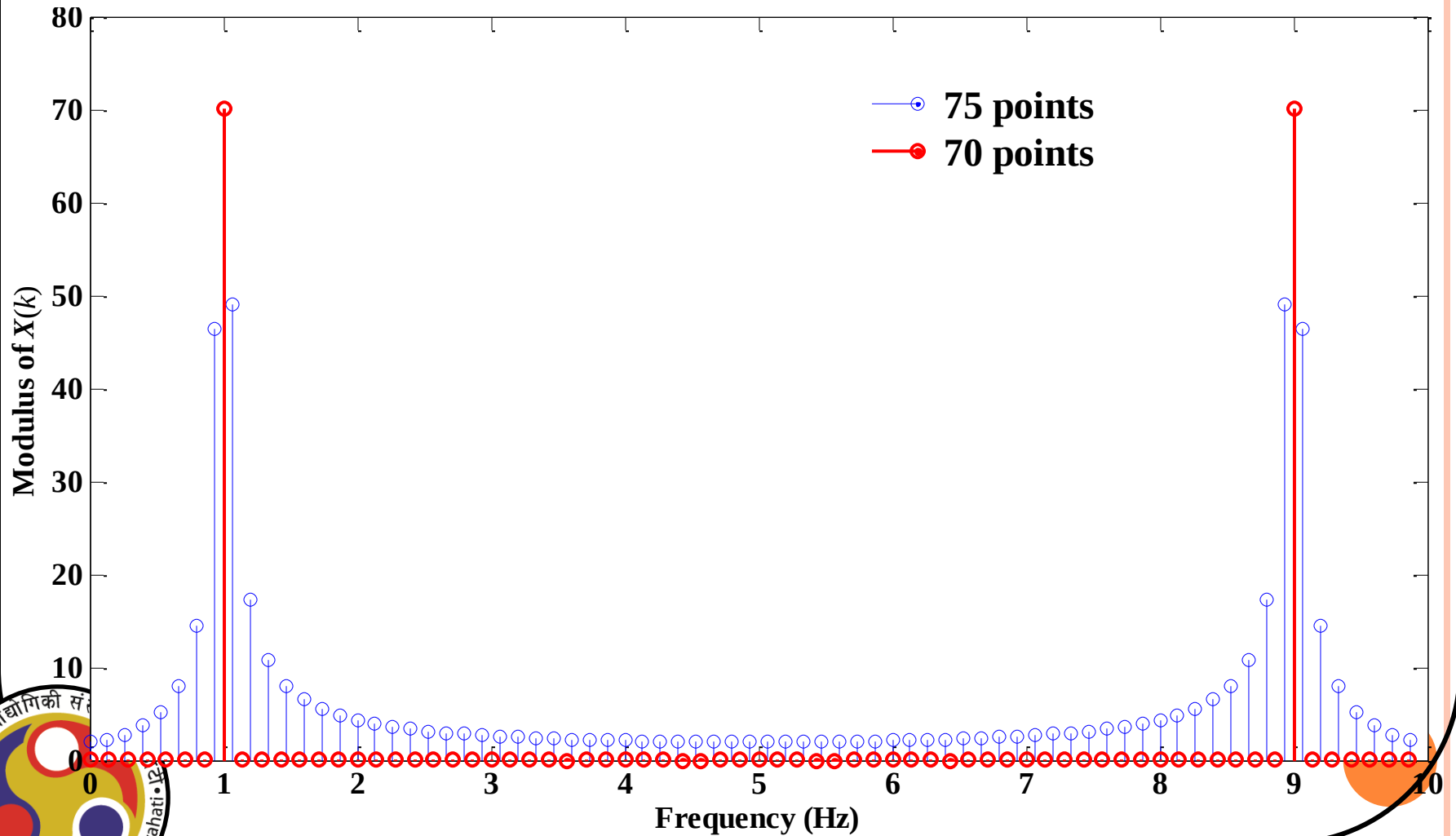
Since the exact number of period is taken for DFT, all the frequency components except  $p = 1$  Hz are zero



# DATA TRUNCATED AT 5 PERIODS (50-POINT FFT)



# LEAKAGE



# FFT MATLAB EXAMPLE-2

```
clc; clear all; close all
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```
A=2;
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```
p=1;
```

```
Tp=1/p;
```

```
fs=10/Tp;
```

```
No_of_periods = 2; %Keep changing this parameter
```

```
T1=No_of_periods*Tp;
```

```
t1=[0:1/fs:T1-1/fs];
```

```
x1=A*cos(2*pi*p*t1);
```

```
X1=fft(x1);
```

```
N1=length(x1); f1=fs*(0:N1-1)/N1;
```

```
figure(1)
```

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subplot(1,2,1)
```

```
plot(f1, abs(X1), 'b')
```

```
xlabel('Frequency (Hz)')
```

```
ylabel('Modulus of  $X$  (V)'); %axis([0 9.9 0 10])
```

```
subplot(1,2,2)
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```
stem(f1, abs(X1), 'b')
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xlabel('Frequency (Hz)')
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ylabel('Modulus of  $X$  (V)'); %axis([0 9.9 0 10])
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EXTRA



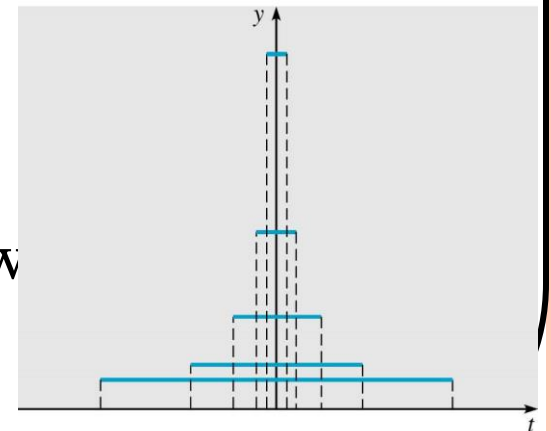
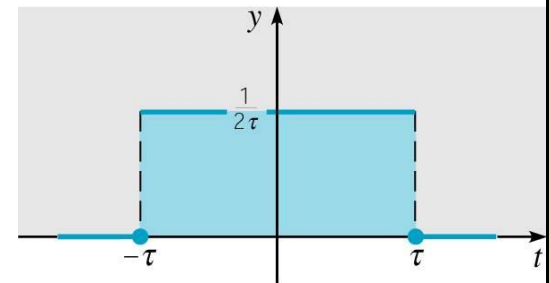
# UNIT IMPULSE FUNCTION

- Suppose a function  $d_\tau(t)$  has the form

$$d_\tau(t) = \begin{cases} 1/2\tau, & -\tau < t < \tau \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Then,  $I(\tau) = 1$ .
- We are interested  $d_\tau(t)$  acting over shorter and shorter time intervals (i.e.,  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ ). See graph on right.
- Note that  $d_\tau(t)$  gets taller and narrower

as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$ . Thus for  $t \neq 0$ , we have  
 $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} d_\tau(t) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} I(\tau) = 1$



# DIRAC DELTA FUNCTION

- Thus for  $t \neq 0$ , we have  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} d_{\tau}(t) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} I(\tau) = 1$
- The **unit impulse function**  $\delta$  is defined to have the properties

$$\delta(t) = 0 \text{ for } t \neq 0, \text{ and } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

- The unit impulse function is an example of a generalized function and is usually called the **Dirac delta function**.
- In general, for a unit impulse at an arbitrary point  $t_0$ ,

$$\delta(t-t_0)=0 \text{ for } t \neq t_0, \text{ and } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t-t_0)dt=1$$



# LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF $\delta$

- The Laplace Transform of  $\delta$  is defined by

$$L\{\delta(t-t_0)\} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} L\{d_\tau(t-t_0)\}, \quad t_0 > 0$$

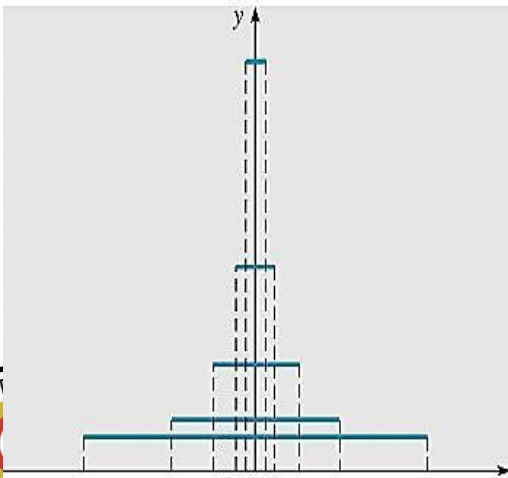
and thus

$$L\{\delta(t-t_0)\} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\infty e^{-st} d_\tau(t-t_0) dt = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\tau} \int_{t_0-\tau}^{t_0+\tau} e^{-st} dt$$

$$= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{-e^{-st}}{2s\tau} \Big|_{t_0-\tau}^{t_0+\tau} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2s\tau} \left[ -e^{-s(t_0+\tau)} + e^{-s(t_0-\tau)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-st_0}}{s\tau} \left[ \frac{e^{s\tau} - e^{-s\tau}}{2} \right] = e^{-st_0} \left[ \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh(s\tau)}{s\tau} \right]$$

$$= e^{-st_0} \left[ \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{s \cosh(s\tau)}{s} \right] = e^{-st_0}$$



# LAPLACE TRANSFORM OF $\delta$

- Thus the Laplace Transform of  $\delta$  is

$$L\{\delta(t-t_0)\} = e^{-st_0}, \quad t_0 > 0$$

- For Laplace Transform of  $\delta$  at  $t_0 = 0$ , take limit as follows:

$$L\{\delta(t)\} = \lim_{t_0 \rightarrow 0} L\{d_\tau(t-t_0)\} = \lim_{t_0 \rightarrow 0} e^{-st_0} = 1$$

- For example, when  $t_0 = 10$ , we have  $L\{\delta(t-10)\} = e^{-10s}$ .

