

# Principles of Communications

## ECS 332

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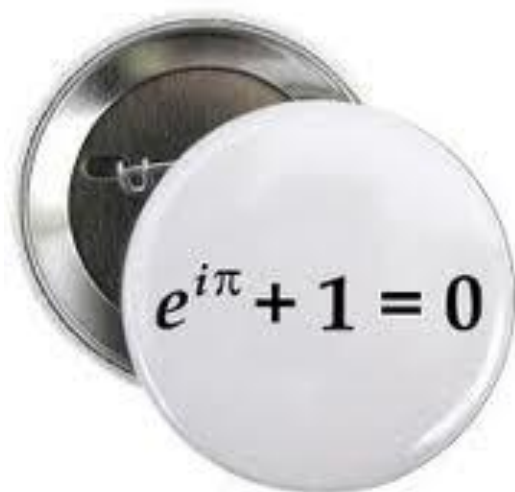
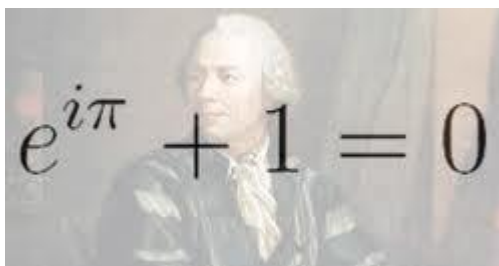
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# The Most Beautiful Equation



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The coffee cup sleeve is decorated with several mathematical equations, including the wave equation  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$ , the Helmholtz equation  $\nabla^2 H = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$ , the Schrödinger equation  $\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$ , the divergence of the electric field  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho$ , and the divergence of the electric displacement  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = -\rho$ . There is also an integral equation  $\psi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') e^{-2\pi i x x'} dx'$ .

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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial H}{\partial t}$$

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$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \hat{H}\psi$$

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

## First among equals

Behind the scenes, equations rule our everyday lives. Mathematician **Ian Stewart** goes in search of the most influential

helped launch the geos positioning satellites and set their orbits. It also uses random number generator equations for timing signals, trigonometric equations to compute location, and special and general relativity for precise tracking of the satellites' motion under the Earth's gravity.

Without equations, most of our technology would never have been invented. Of course, important inventions such as fire and the wheel came about without any mathematical knowledge. Yet without equations we would be stuck in a medieval world.

Equations reach far beyond technology too. Without them, we would have no understanding of the physics that governs the tides, waves breaking on the beach, the ever-changing weather, the movements of the planets, the nuclear furnaces of the stars, the spirals of galaxies – the vastness of the universe and our place within it.

There are thousands of important equations. The seven I focus on here – the wave equation, Maxwell's four equations, the Fourier transform and Schrödinger's equation – illustrate how empirical observations have led to equations that we use both in science and in everyday life.

First, the wave equation. We live in a world of waves. Our ears detect waves of compression in the air as sound, and our eyes detect light waves. When an earthquake hits a town, the destruction is caused by seismic waves moving through the Earth.

Mathematicians and scientists could

**T**HE alarm rings. You glance at the clock. The time is 6.30 am. You haven't even got out of bed, and already at least six mathematical equations have influenced your life. The memory chip that stores the time in your clock couldn't have been devised without a key equation in quantum mechanics. Its time was set by a radio signal that we would never have dreamed of inventing were it not for James Clerk Maxwell's four equations of electromagnetism. And the signal itself travels according to what is known as the wave equation.

We are afloat on a hidden ocean of equations. They are at work in transport, the financial system, health and crime prevention and detection, communications, food, water, heating and lighting. Step into the shower and you benefit from equations used to regulate the water supply. Your breakfast cereal comes from crops that were bred with the help of statistical equations. Drive to work and your car's aerodynamic design is in part down to the Navier-Stokes equations that describe how air flows over and around it. Switching on its satnav involves quantum physics again, plus Newton's laws of motion and gravity, which

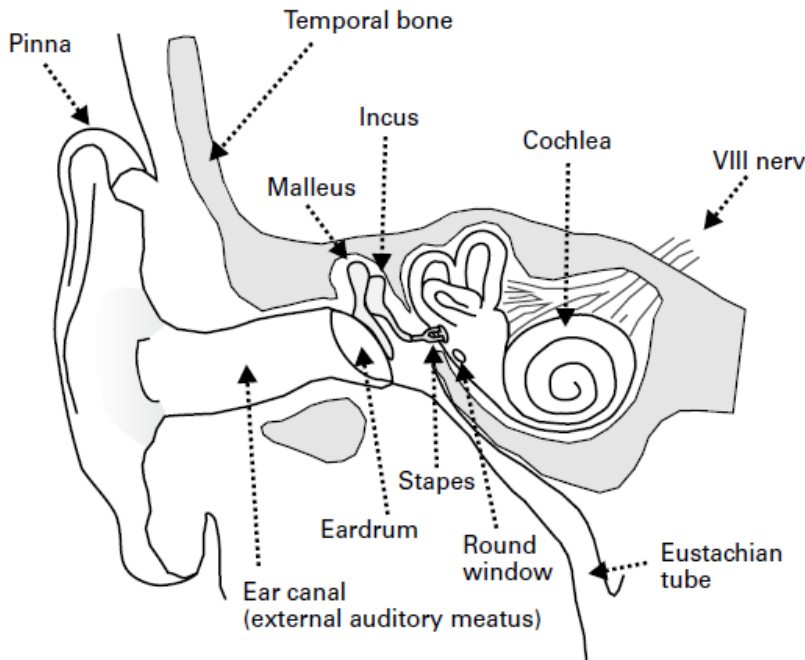


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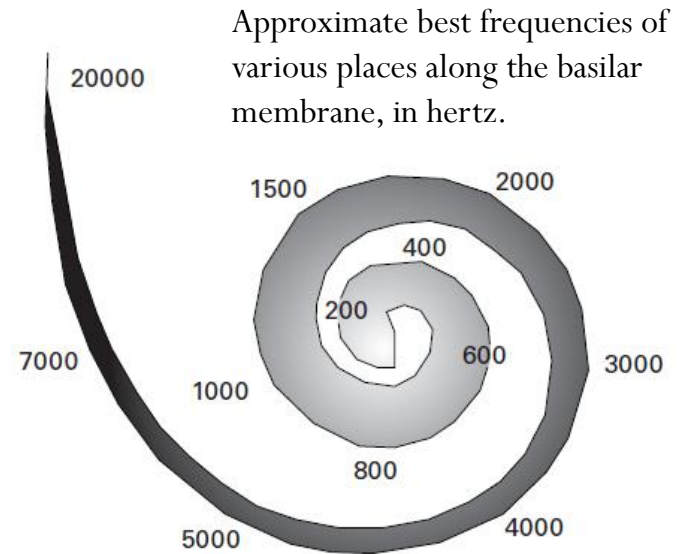


The cochlea has sometimes been described as a **biological Fourier analyzer**.

# Fourier Transform in Auditory System

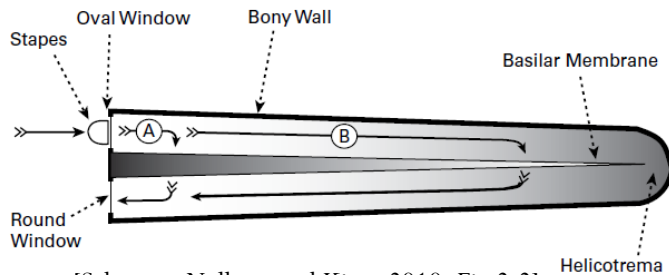


[Schnupp, Nelken, and King, 2010, Fig 2.1]

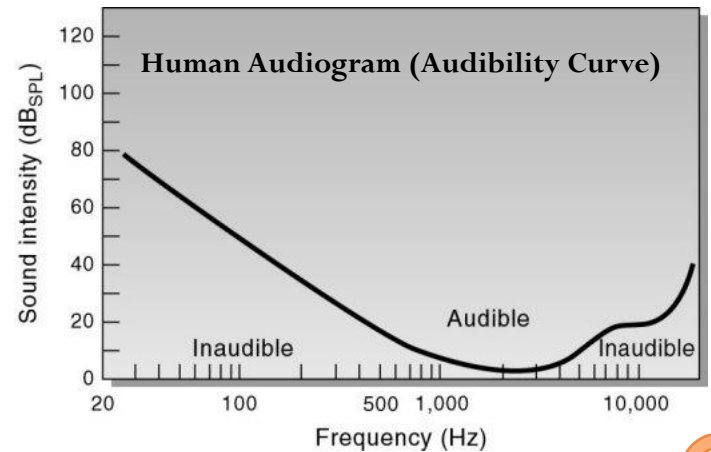


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Schematic showing the cochlea unrolled, in cross-section.



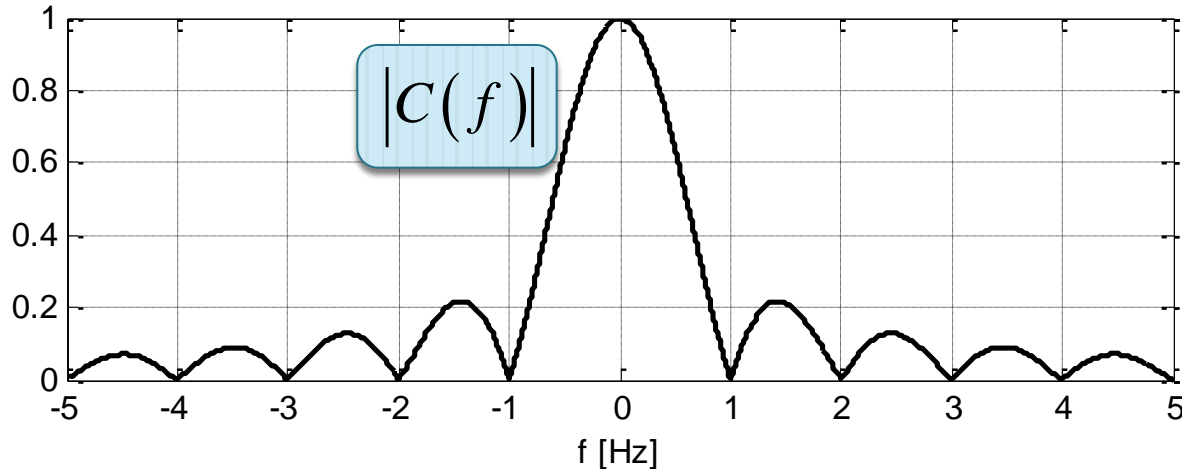
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# Spectrum of Digital Data (1/4) ( $A=1, T=1$ )

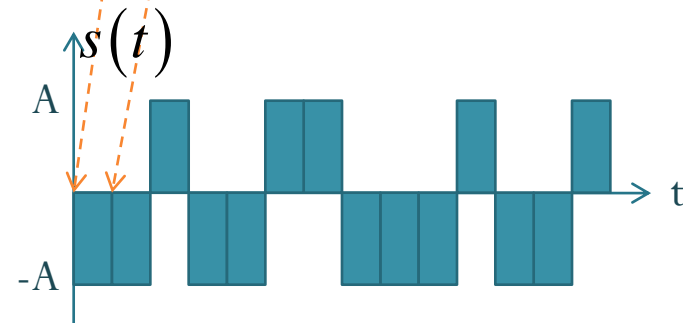


$$c(t) = A \times 1[t \in [0, T)]$$

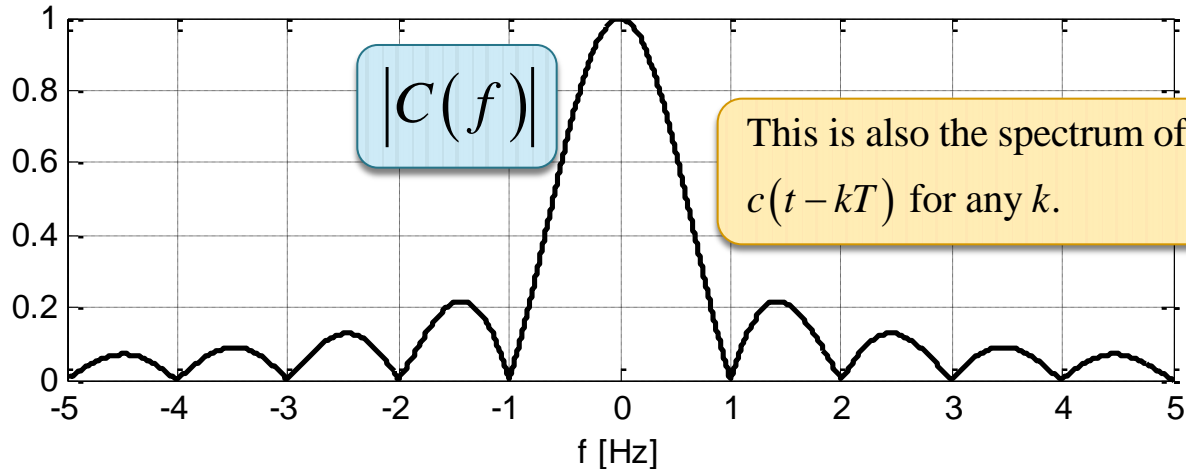


$$m = [-1, -1, 1, -1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1, 1, -1, -1, 1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1, -1, 1, -1, -1, 1, -1, 1]$$

Can you sketch the spectrum of  $s(t)$ ?



# Spectrum of Digital Data (2/4) ( $A=1, T=1$ )

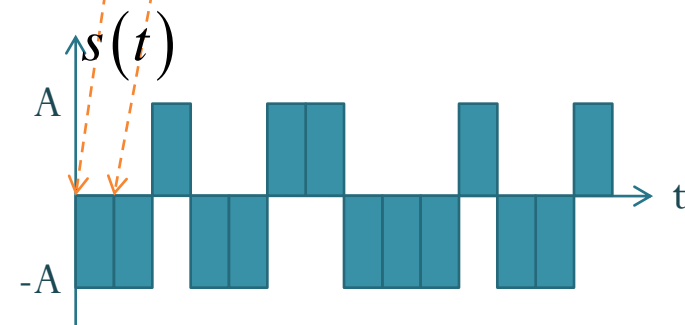


$$c(t) = A \times 1[t \in [0, T)]$$



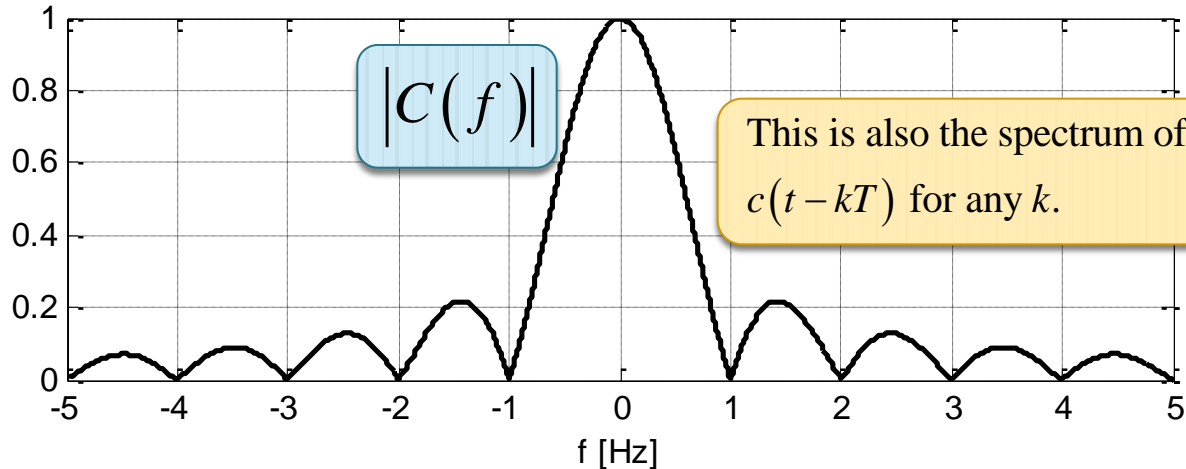
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$$s(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} m_k c(t - kT)$$





# Spectrum of Digital Data (3/4) ( $A=1, T=1$ )



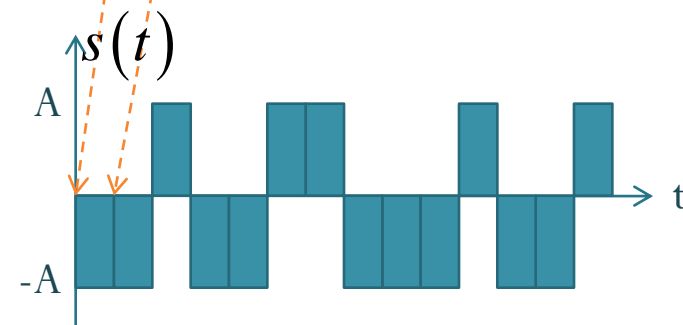
$$c(t) = A \times 1[t \in [0, T))$$



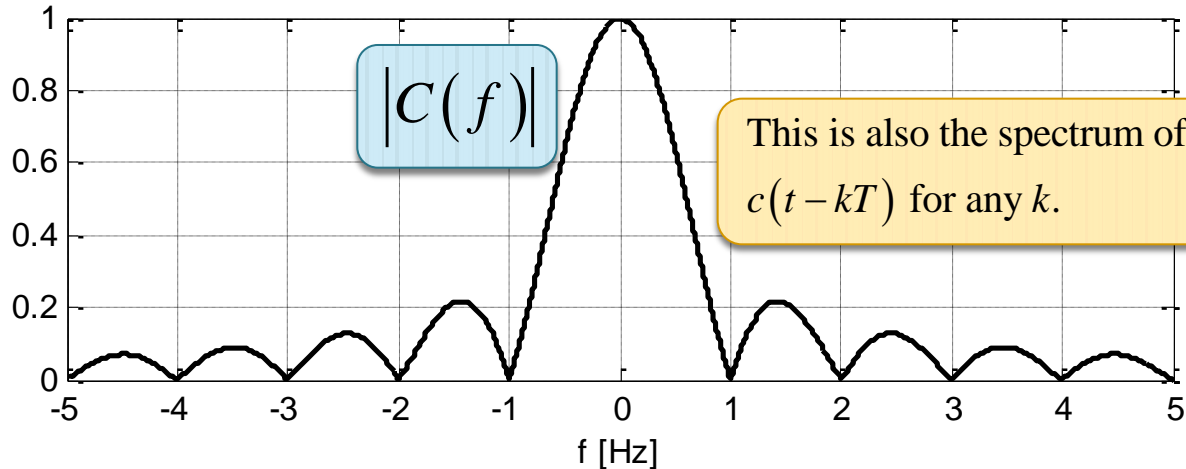
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$$s(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} m_k c(t - kT)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} S(f) = C(f) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} m_k e^{-j2\pi f k T}$$

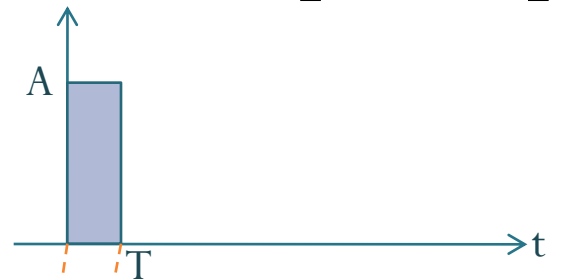


# Spectrum of Digital Data (4/4) ( $A=1, T=1$ )

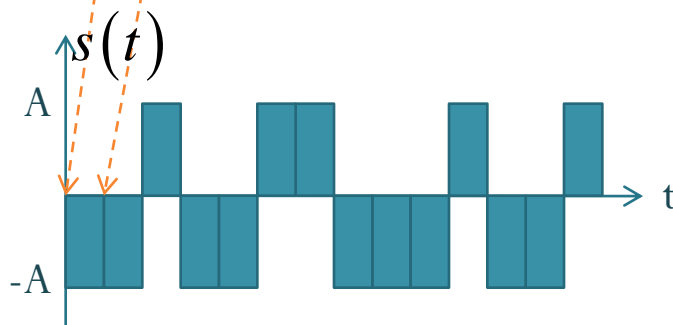
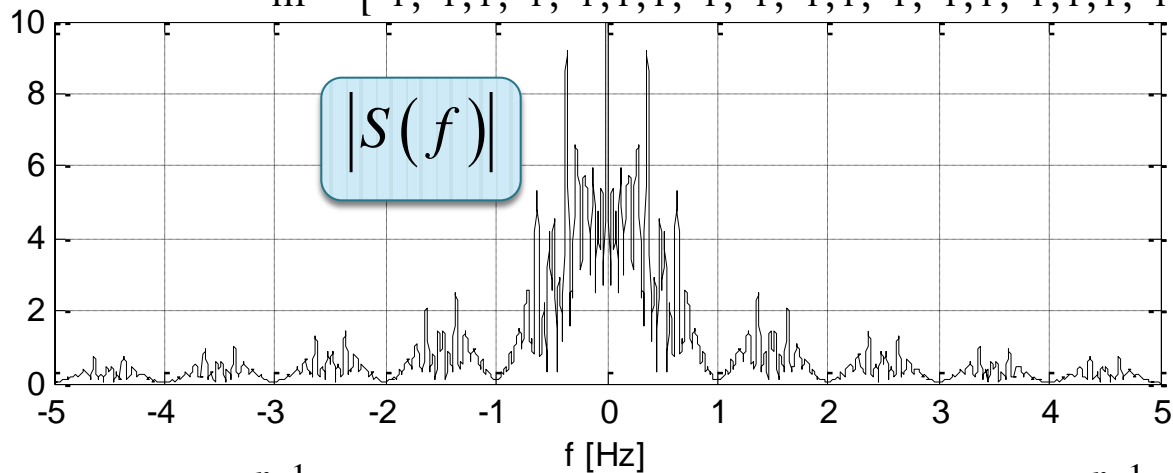


This is also the spectrum of  $c(t - kT)$  for any  $k$ .

$$c(t) = A \times 1[t \in [0, T))$$



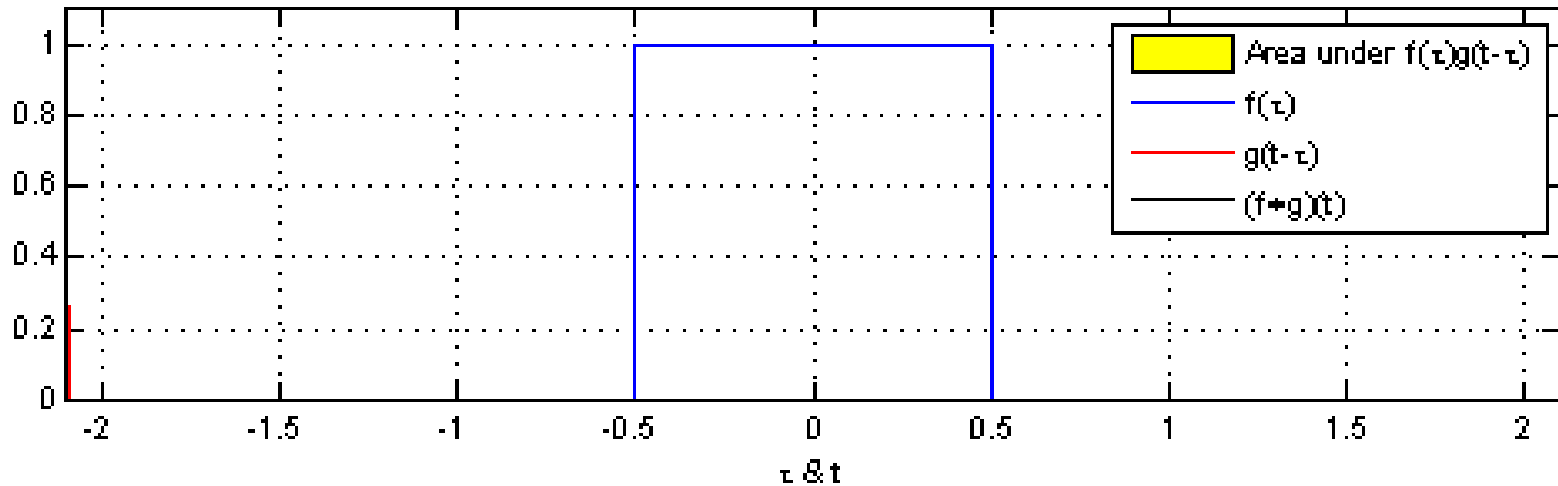
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$$s(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} m_k c(t - kT) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} S(f) = C(f) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} m_k e^{-j2\pi f k T}$$



# Example: Convolution



# Important Formulas

(Will be provided on the midterm)

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

$$2 \cos^2 x = 1 + \cos(2x)$$

$$2 \sin^2 x = 1 - \cos(2x)$$

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

$$\cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{2} \delta(f - f_c) e^{j\theta} + \frac{1}{2} \delta(f + f_c) e^{-j\theta}$$

$$g(t - t_0) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} e^{-j2\pi f t_0} G(f)$$

$$e^{j2\pi f_0 t} g(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} G(f - f_0)$$

$$m(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{2} M(f - f_c) + \frac{1}{2} M(f + f_c)$$