

## 4.2 Energy and Power

**Definition 4.11.** For a signal  $g(t)$ , the instantaneous power  $p(t)$  dissipated in the  $1-\Omega$  resistor is  $p_g(t) = |g(t)|^2$  regardless of whether  $g(t)$  represents a voltage or a current. To emphasize the fact that this power is based upon unity resistance, it is often referred to as the **normalized (instantaneous) power**.

**Definition 4.12.** The total (normalized) **energy** of a signal  $g(t)$  is given by

$$E_g = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p_g(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |g(t)|^2 dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-T}^T |g(t)|^2 dt.$$

**4.13.** By the **Parseval's theorem** discussed in 2.43, we have

$$E_g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(f)|^2 df.$$

← EsD : Energy Spectral density

**Definition 4.14.** The average (normalized) **power** of a signal  $g(t)$  is given by

"general formula"

$$P_g = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} |g(t)|^2 dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |g(t)|^2 dt.$$

energy  
per unit time

**Definition 4.15.** To simplify the notation, there are two operators that used angle brackets to define two frequently-used integrals:

(a) The **"time-average"** operator:

$$\langle g \rangle \equiv \langle g(t) \rangle \equiv \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} g(t) dt = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T g(t) dt \quad (35)$$

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<a(t) + b(t)> = <a(t)> + <b(t)>

(b) The **inner-product** operator:

$$\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle \equiv \langle g_1(t), g_2(t) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(t) g_2^*(t) dt = \langle G_1, G_2 \rangle$$

Parseval  
↓

**4.16.** Using the above definition, we may write

- $E_g = \langle g, g \rangle = \langle G, G \rangle$  where  $G = \mathcal{F}\{g\}$

- $P_g = \langle |g|^2 \rangle$

$$E_g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) g^*(t) dt$$

z z\* = |z|^2  
= <g, g>

# Inner Product (Cross Correlation)

- Vector

$$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{y} \rangle = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y}^* = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}^* = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k^*$$

← Complex conjugate

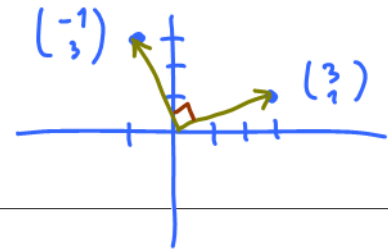
- Waveform: Time-Domain

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) y^*(t) dt$$

- Waveform: Frequency Domain

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) Y^*(f) df$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^* \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (-1)(3) + (3)(1) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



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# Orthogonality

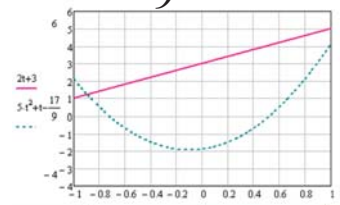
- Two signals are said to be **orthogonal** if their **inner product** is **zero**.
- The symbol  $\perp$  is used to denote orthogonality.

Vector:

$$\langle \bar{a}, \bar{b} \rangle = \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}^* = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}^* = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k^* = 0$$

Example:

$$2t + 3 \text{ and } 5t^2 + t - \frac{17}{9} \text{ on } [-1, 1]$$



Time-domain:

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a(t) b^*(t) dt = 0$$

Frequency domain:

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(f) B^*(f) df = 0$$

Example (Fourier Series):

$$\sin\left(2\pi k_1 \frac{t}{T}\right) \text{ and } \cos\left(2\pi k_2 \frac{t}{T}\right) \text{ on } [0, T]$$

$$e^{j2\pi n \frac{t}{T}} \text{ on } [0, T]$$

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# Important Properties

- Parseval's theorem

$$\langle x, y \rangle \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) y^*(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) Y^*(f) df \equiv \langle X, Y \rangle$$

It is therefore sufficient to check only on the "convenient" domain.



$$x(t) \perp y(t) \quad \text{iff} \quad X(f) \perp Y(f).$$

- Useful observation: If the non-zero regions of two signals

TDM,  
TDMA

- do not overlap in time domain or

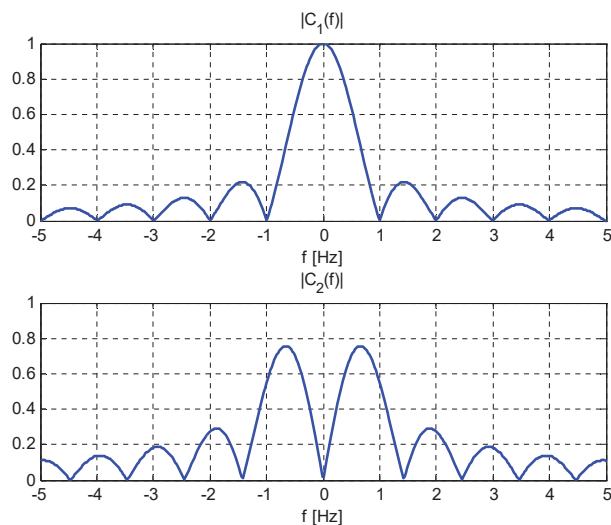
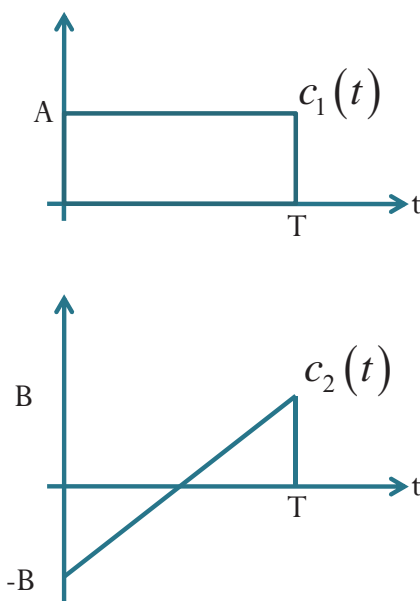


- do not overlap in frequency domain, then the two signals are orthogonal (their inner product = 0).

- However, in general, orthogonal signals may overlap both in time and in frequency domain.

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## Orthogonality: Example 1



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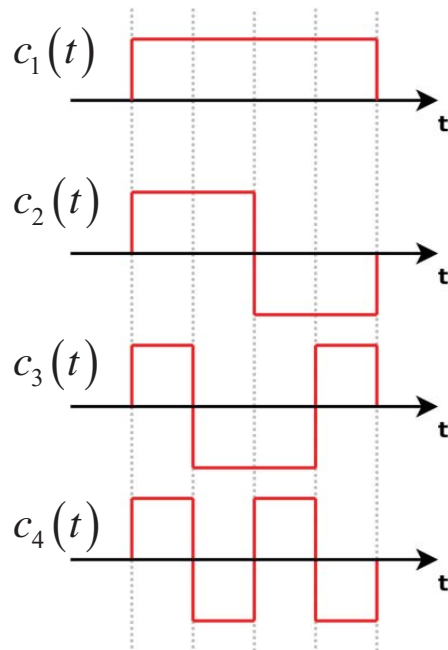
The two waveforms above overlaps both in time domain and in frequency domain.

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2G : CDMA  
3G : WCDMA  
code

## Orthogonality: Example 2

An example of four “mutually orthogonal” signals.



When  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\langle c_i(t), c_j(t) \rangle = 0$$

- Parseval's theorem:  $\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle = \langle G_1, G_2 \rangle$   
where  $G_1 = \mathcal{F}\{g_1\}$  and  $G_2 = \mathcal{F}\{g_2\}$

4.17. Time-Averaging over Periodic Signal: For **periodic** signal  $g(t)$  with period  $T_0$ , the time-average operation in (35) can be simplified to

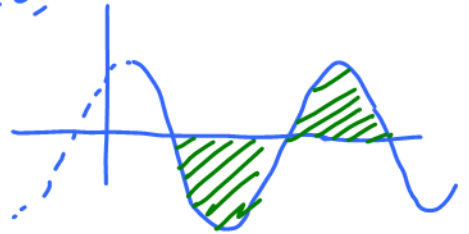
$$\langle g \rangle = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0} g(t) dt$$

$\int_0^{T_0}$  or  $\int_{-T_0/2}^{+T_0/2}$  or  $\int_{\alpha}^{\alpha+T_0}$

where the integration is performed over a period of  $g$ .

**Example 4.18.**  $\langle \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta) \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & f_0 \neq 0, \\ \cos \theta, & f_0 = 0, \end{cases}$

Similarly,  $\langle \sin(2\pi f_0 t + \theta) \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & f_0 \neq 0, \\ \sin \theta, & f_0 = 0. \end{cases}$



**Example 4.19.**  $\langle \cos^2(2\pi f_0 t + \theta) \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2\pi(2f_0)t + 2\theta)) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}, & f_0 \neq 0 \\ \cos^2 \theta, & f_0 = 0 \end{cases}$

**Example 4.20.**  $\langle e^{j(2\pi f_0 t + \theta)} \rangle = \langle \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta) + j \sin(2\pi f_0 t + \theta) \rangle$   
 $= \begin{cases} 0, & f_0 \neq 0, \\ e^{j\theta}, & f_0 = 0 \end{cases}$

**Example 4.21.** Suppose  $g(t) = ce^{j2\pi f_0 t}$  for some (possibly complex-valued) constant  $c$  and (real-valued) frequency  $f_0$ . Find  $P_g$ .

$$P_g = \langle |g(t)|^2 \rangle = \langle |c|^2 |e^{j2\pi f_0 t}|^2 \rangle = \langle |c|^2 \cdot 1 \rangle = \langle |c|^2 \rangle = |c|^2$$

4.22. When the signal  $g(t)$  can be expressed in the form  $g(t) = \sum_k c_k e^{j2\pi f_k t}$  and the  $f_k$  are distinct, then its (average) power can be calculated from

the delta functions do not overlap in the freq domain.

$$P_g = \sum_k |c_k|^2$$

"power of the sum = sum of power"

$$P_{\Sigma} = \Sigma P$$

when we have orthogonal signals.

$$f_1 \neq f_2$$

**Example 4.23.** Suppose  $g(t) = \underset{c_1}{2e^{j6\pi t}} + \underset{c_2}{3e^{j8\pi t}}$ . Find  $P_g$ .

$$P_g = |c_1|^2 + |c_2|^2 = 2^2 + 3^2 = 4 + 9 = 13$$

$$f_1 = f_2 \Rightarrow P_g \neq \sum P$$

**Example 4.24.** Suppose  $g(t) = 2e^{j6\pi t} + 3e^{j6\pi t}$ . Find  $P_g$ .

$$g(t) = 5e^{j6\pi t}$$

$$P_g = 5^2 = 25$$

**Example 4.25.** Suppose  $g(t) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta)$ . Find  $P_g$ .

Here, there are several ways to calculate  $P_g$ . We can simply use Example 4.19. Alternatively, we can first decompose the cosine into complex exponential functions using the Euler's formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta) &\begin{cases} f_c = 0 & \rightarrow g(t) = \cos(\theta) \Rightarrow P_g = \langle |g(t)|^2 \rangle = \cos^2 \theta \\ f_c \neq 0 & \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} e^{j(2\pi f_c t + \theta)} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-j(2\pi f_c t + \theta)} = \frac{1}{2} \overset{c_1}{e^{j\theta}} \overset{f_1}{e^{j2\pi f_c t}} + \frac{1}{2} \overset{c_2}{e^{-j\theta}} \overset{f_2}{e^{-j2\pi f_c t}} \\ & P_g = \left| \frac{1}{2} e^{j\theta} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\theta} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$f_1 = f_c, f_2 = -f_c$

**4.26.** The (average) power of a sinusoidal signal  $g(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta)$  is

$$P_g = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}|A|^2, & f_0 \neq 0, \\ |A|^2 \cos^2 \theta, & f_0 = 0. \end{cases}$$

This property means any sinusoid with nonzero frequency can be written in the form

$$g(t) = \sqrt{2P_g} \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta).$$

**4.27.** Extension of 4.26: Consider sinusoids  $A_k \cos(2\pi f_k t + \theta_k)$  whose **frequencies are positive and distinct**. The (average) power of their sum

$$g(t) = \sum_k A_k \cos(2\pi f_k t + \theta_k)$$

is

$$P_g = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k |A_k|^2.$$

For a signal  $g(t)$ ,

$$E_g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(t)|^2 dt = \langle g, g \rangle = \langle G, G \rangle$$

Parseval

inner-product

$$P_g = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T |g(t)|^2 dt = \langle |g(t)|^2 \rangle$$

time average

periodic  
signal  
with  
period  $T_0$

$$= \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0} |g(t)|^2 dt$$

$$\int_{-T_0/2}^{T_0/2} , \int_0^{T_0} , \int_a^{a+T_0}$$

$$f_1 \neq f_2$$

**Example 4.28.** Suppose  $g(t) = 2 \cos(2\pi\sqrt{3}t) + 4 \cos(2\pi\sqrt{5}t)$ . Find  $P_g$ .

$$f_1 \neq f_2 \quad P_g = \frac{|A_1|^2}{2} + \frac{|A_2|^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(2^2 + 4^2) = 10$$

**Example 4.29.** Suppose  $g(t) = 3 \cos(2t) + 4 \cos(2t - 30^\circ) + 5 \sin(3t)$ . Find  $P_g$ .

$3 \angle 0^\circ + 4 \angle -30^\circ \approx 6.77 \angle -17.2^\circ$   
 $= \sqrt{2^2 + (3 + 2\sqrt{3})^2} \angle \theta^\circ$   
 $= A \angle \theta^\circ$   
 $\Leftrightarrow A \cos(2t + \theta^\circ)$

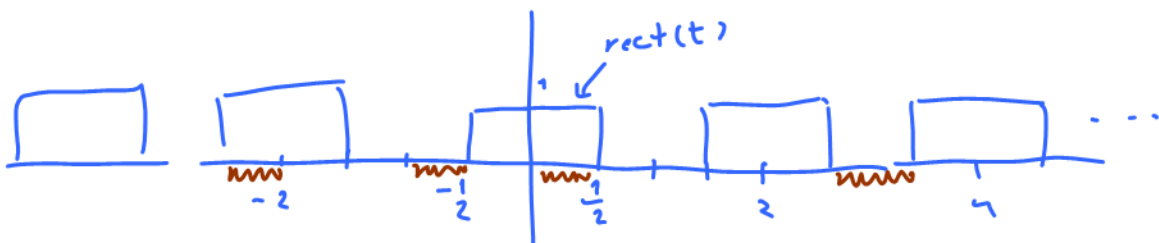
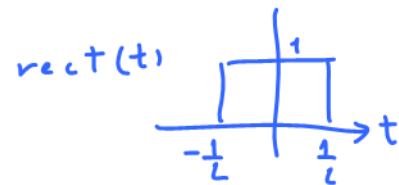
$$P_g = \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{5^2}{2} = 25 + 6\sqrt{3}$$

**4.30.** For *periodic* signal  $g(t)$  with period  $T_0$ , there is also no need to carry out the limiting operation to find its (average) power  $P_g$ . We only need to find an average carried out over a single period:

$$P_g = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{T_0} |g(t)|^2 dt.$$

**Example 4.31.**

$$g(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{rect}(t - 2n)$$



$E_g = \infty$   
 $\Rightarrow g(t)$  is not an energy signal

$$P_g = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} |g(t)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} 1^2 dt = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{1}{2} \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow \text{power signal}$$

$g(t)$  is a power signal



**4.32.** When the Fourier series expansion (to be reviewed in Section 4.3) of the signal is available, it is easy to calculate its power:

- (a) When the corresponding Fourier series expansion  $g(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} c_k e^{j2\pi k f_0 t}$  is known,

$$P_g = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |c_k|^2.$$

- (b) When the signal  $g(t)$  is real-valued and its (compact) trigonometric Fourier series expansion  $g(t) = c_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k| \cos(2\pi k f_0 t + \angle \phi_k)$  is known,

$$P_g = c_0^2 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |c_k|^2.$$

**Definition 4.33.** Based on Definitions 4.12 and 4.14, we can define three distinct classes of signals:

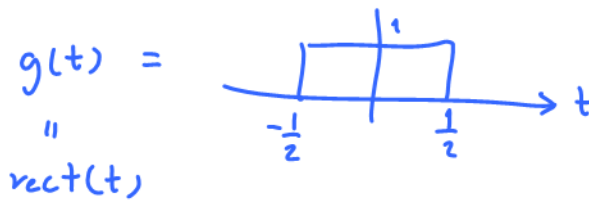
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- (a) If  $E_g$  is finite and nonzero,  $g$  is referred to as an **energy signal**.  
 (b) If  $P_g$  is finite and nonzero,  $g$  is referred to as a **power signal**.  
 (c) Some signals<sup>17</sup> are neither energy nor power signals.

Ex. 

- Note that <sup>①</sup>the power signal has infinite energy <sup>②</sup>and <sup>③</sup>an energy signal has zero average power; thus the two categories are disjoint.

**Example 4.34.** Rectangular pulse



$$E_g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^2(t) dt = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} 1^2 dt = 1 \leftarrow \text{finite, non zero}$$

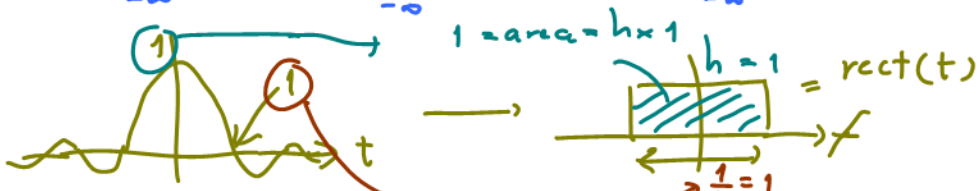
$g(t)$  is an energy signal

$$P_g = \langle |g(t)|^2 \rangle = 0$$

<sup>17</sup>Consider  $g(t) = t^{-1/4} 1_{[t_0, \infty)}(t)$ , with  $t_0 > 0$ .

**Example 4.35.** Sinc pulse  $g(t) = \text{sinc}(\pi t)$

$$E_g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{sinc}^2(\pi t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |G(f)|^2 df = 1 \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow$$



$g(t)$  is an energy signal  
 $\Rightarrow P_g = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow g(t)$  is not a power signal.

**Example 4.36.** For  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $g(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} 1_{[0, \infty)}(t)$  is an energy signal with  $E_g = |A|^2 / 2\alpha$ .

**Example 4.37.** The rotating phasor signal  $g(t) = Ae^{j(2\pi f_0 t + \theta)}$  is a power signal with  $P_g = |A|^2$ .

**Example 4.38.** The sinusoidal signal  $g(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta)$  is a power signal with  $P_g = |A|^2 / 2$ .

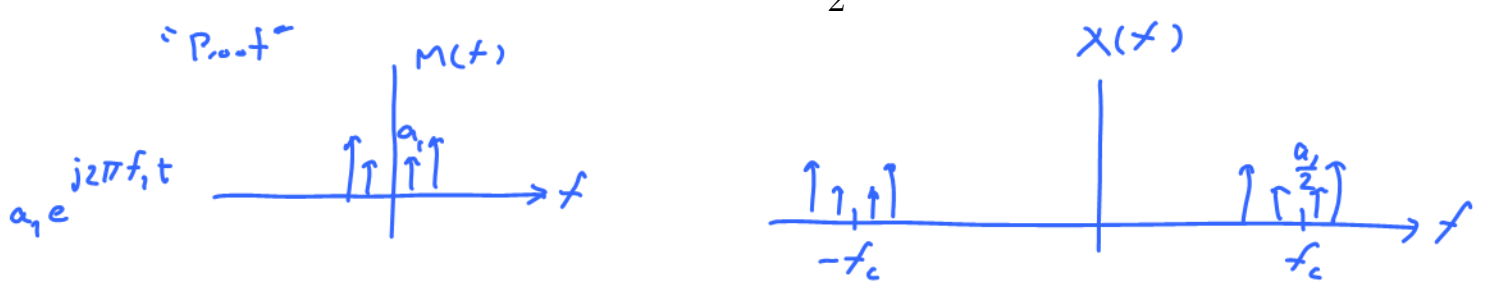
**4.39.** Consider the transmitted signal

$$x(t) = m(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta)$$

in DSB-SC modulation. Suppose  $M(f - f_c)$  and  $M(f + f_c)$  do not overlap (in the frequency domain).

(a) If  $m(t)$  is a power signal with power  $P_m$ , then the average transmitted power is

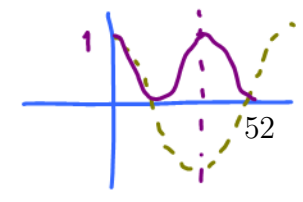
$$P_x = \frac{1}{2} P_m.$$



• Q: Why is the power (or energy) reduced?

$$x(t) = m(t) \cos(\dots)$$

$$x^2(t) = m^2(t) \cos^2(\dots)$$



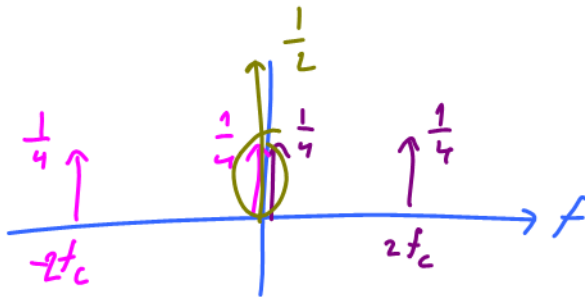
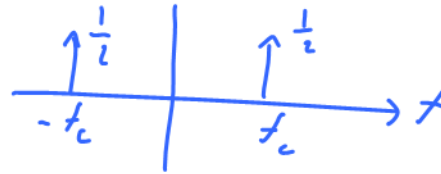
- Remark: When  $x(t) = \sqrt{2}m(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t + \theta)$  (with no overlapping between  $M(f - f_c)$  and  $M(f + f_c)$ ), we have  $P_x = P_m$ .

(b) If  $m(t)$  is an energy signal with energy  $E_m$ , then the transmitted energy is

$$E_x = \frac{1}{2}E_m.$$

**Example 4.40.** Suppose  $m(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_c t)$ . Find the average power in  $x(t) = m(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t)$ .

$$P_m = \frac{|A|^2}{2} = \frac{1^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$P_x = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \times 2 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{8} \left( \neq \frac{1}{2} P_m \right)$$