

# 6.003: Signals and Systems

## Sampling

*April 27, 2010*

## Mid-term Examination #3

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Tomorrow: Wednesday, April 28, 7:30-9:30pm, 34-101.

No recitations tomorrow.

Coverage:     Lectures 1–20  
                  Recitations 1–20  
                  Homeworks 1–11

Homework 11 will not be collected or graded. Solutions are posted.

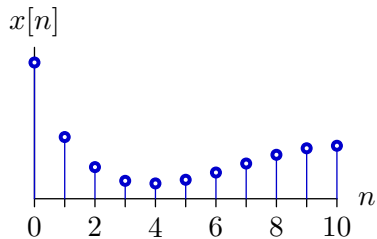
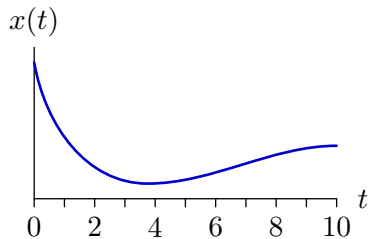
Closed book: 3 pages of notes ( $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  inches; front and back).

Designed as 1-hour exam; two hours to complete.

## Sampling

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Conversion of a continuous-time signal to discrete time.



We have used sampling a number of times before.

Today: new insights from Fourier representations.

## Sampling

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Sampling allows the use of modern digital electronics to process, record, transmit, store, and retrieve CT signals.

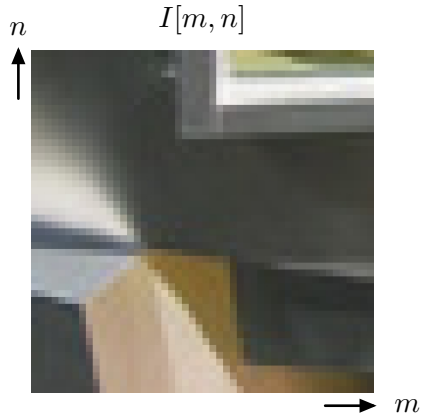
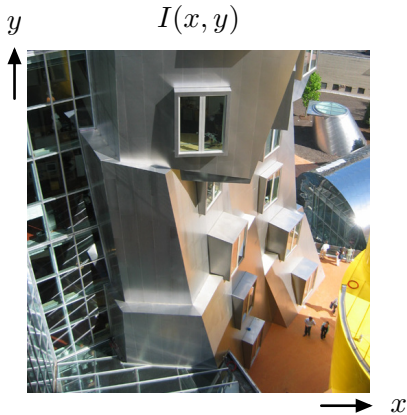
- audio: MP3, CD, cell phone
- pictures: digital camera, printer
- video: DVD
- everything on the web

# Sampling

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Sampling is pervasive.

Example: digital cameras record sampled images.



## Sampling

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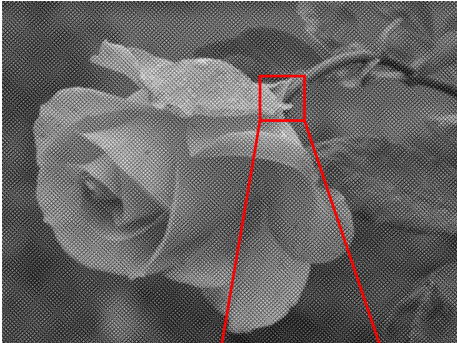
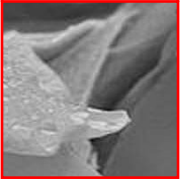
Photographs in newsprint are “half-tone” images. Each point is black or white and the average conveys brightness.



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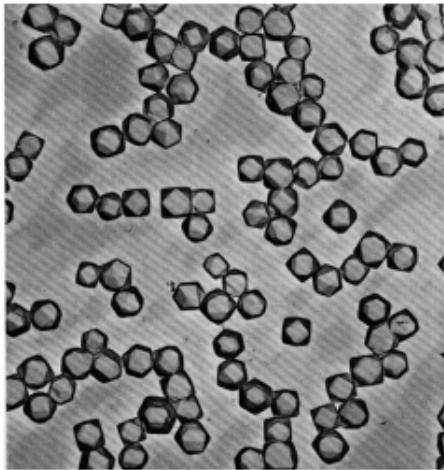
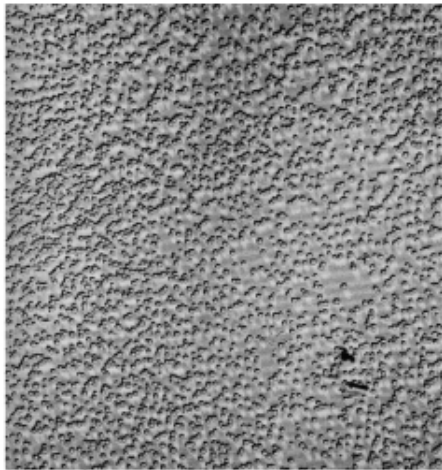
Zoom in to see the binary pattern.



## Sampling

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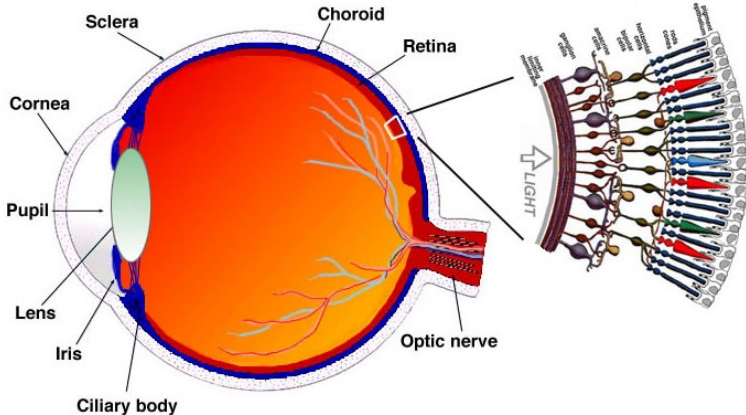
Even high-quality photographic paper records discrete images. When AgBr crystals ( $0.04 - 1.5\mu\text{m}$ ) are exposed to light, some of the Ag is reduced to metal. During “development” the exposed grains are completely reduced to metal and unexposed grains are removed.





# Sampling

Every image that we see is sampled by the retina, which contains  $\approx 100$  million rods and 6 million cones (average spacing  $\approx 3\mu\text{m}$ ) which act as discrete sensors.



## Check Yourself

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Your retina is sampling this slide, which is composed of  $1024 \times 768$  pixels.

Is the spatial sampling done by your rods and cones adequate to resolve individual pixels in this slide?

## Check Yourself

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The spacing of rods and cones limits the angular resolution of your retina to approximately

$$\theta_{\text{eye}} = \frac{\text{rod/cone spacing}}{\text{diameter of eye}} \approx \frac{3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}}{3 \text{ cm}} \approx 10^{-4} \text{ radians}$$

The angle between pixels viewed from the center of the classroom is approximately

$$\theta_{\text{pixels}} = \frac{\text{screen size} / 1024}{\text{distance to screen}} \approx \frac{3 \text{ m} / 1024}{10 \text{ m}} \approx 3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ radians}$$

Light from a single pixel falls upon multiple rods and cones.

## Sampling

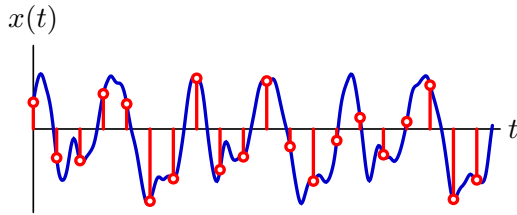
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How does sampling affect the information contained in a signal?

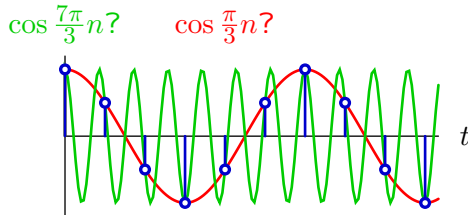
# Sampling

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We would like to sample in a way that preserves information, which may not seem possible.



Information between samples is lost. Therefore, the same samples can represent multiple signals.

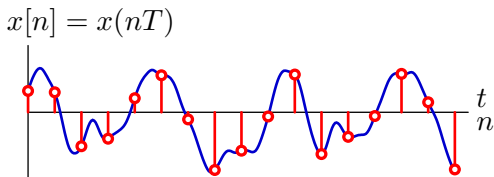


## Sampling and Reconstruction

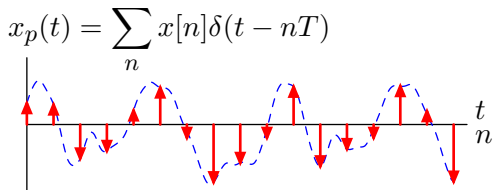
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To determine the effect of sampling, compare the original signal  $x(t)$  to the signal  $x_p(t)$  that is **reconstructed** from the samples  $x[n]$ .

Uniform sampling (sampling interval  $T$ ).



Impulse reconstruction.



## Reconstruction

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Impulse reconstruction produces a signal  $x_p(t)$  that is equal to the original signal  $x(t)$  multiplied by an impulse train.

$$\begin{aligned}x_p(t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\delta(t - nT) \\&= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(nT)\delta(t - nT) \\&= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)\delta(t - nT) \\&= x(t) \underbrace{\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)}_{\equiv p(t)}\end{aligned}$$

$x_p(t)$  is motivated by impulse reconstruction (top line)

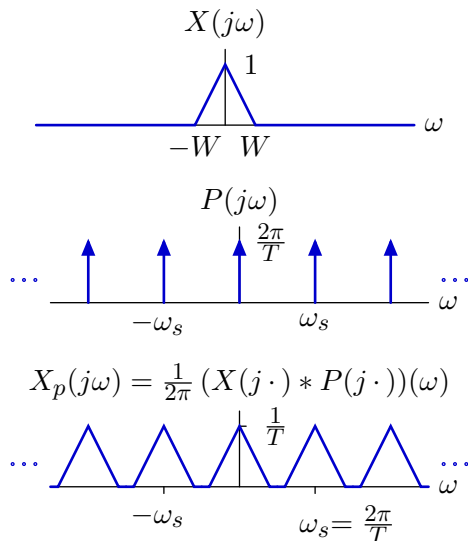
– can be understood entirely within CT framework (bottom line)

## Sampling

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Multiplication by an impulse train in time is equivalent to convolution by an impulse train in frequency.

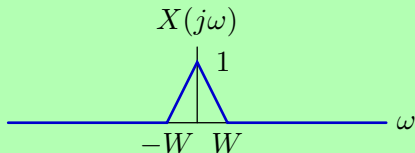
→ generates multiple copies of original frequency content.





## Check Yourself

What is the relation between the DTFT of  $x[n] = x(nT)$  and the CTFT of  $x_p(t) = \sum x[n]\delta(t - nT)$  for  $X(j\omega)$  below.



1.  $X_p(j\omega) = X(e^{j\Omega})|_{\Omega=\omega}$
2.  $X_p(j\omega) = X(e^{j\Omega})|_{\Omega=\frac{\omega}{T}}$
3.  $X_p(j\omega) = X(e^{j\Omega})|_{\Omega=\omega T}$
4.  $X_p(j\omega) = X(e^{j\Omega})|_{\Omega=\omega}$
5. none of the above

## Check Yourself

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DTFT

$$X(e^{j\Omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\Omega n}$$

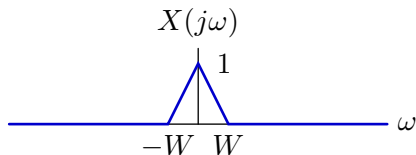
CTFT of  $x_p(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} X_p(j\omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\delta(t - nT)e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT)e^{-j\omega t} dt \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega nT} \\ &= X(e^{j\Omega}) \Big|_{\Omega=\omega T} \end{aligned}$$

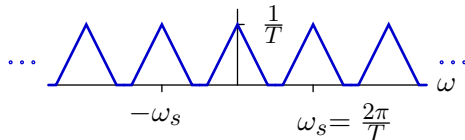
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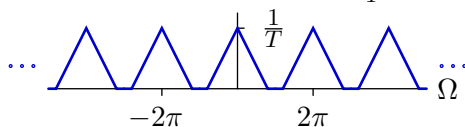
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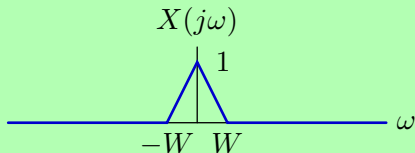


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## Sampling

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The high frequency copies can be removed with a low-pass filter (also multiply by  $T$  to undo the amplitude scaling).

$$X_p(j\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} (X(j\cdot) * P(j\cdot))(\omega)$$

...  $\omega$   $T$   $\frac{1}{T}$   $-\frac{\omega_s}{2}$   $\frac{\omega_s}{2}$  ...

Impulse reconstruction followed by ideal low-pass filtering is called **bandlimited reconstruction**.

## The Sampling Theorem

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If signal is bandlimited  $\rightarrow$  sample without losing information.

If  $x(t)$  is bandlimited so that

$$X(j\omega) = 0 \quad \text{for } |\omega| > \omega_m$$

then  $x(t)$  is uniquely determined by its samples  $x(nT)$  if

$$\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T} > 2\omega_m.$$

The minimum sampling frequency,  $2\omega_m$ , is called the “Nyquist rate.”

## Summary

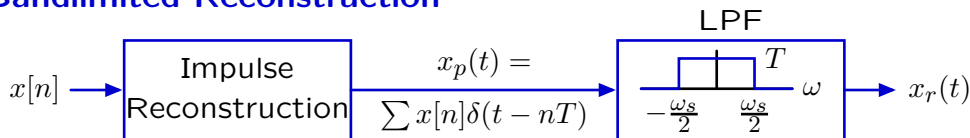
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Three important ideas.

### Sampling

$$x(t) \rightarrow x[n] = x(nT)$$

### Bandlimited Reconstruction



**Sampling Theorem:** If  $X(j\omega) = 0 \forall |\omega| > \frac{\omega_s}{2}$  then  $x_r(t) = x(t)$ .

## Check Yourself

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We can hear sounds with frequency components between 20 Hz and 20 kHz.

What is the maximum sampling interval  $T$  that can be used to sample a signal without loss of audible information?

1.  $100 \mu s$
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3.  $25 \mu s$
4.  $100\pi \mu s$
5.  $50\pi \mu s$
6.  $25\pi \mu s$



## Check Yourself

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$$2\pi f_m = \omega_m < \frac{\omega_s}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{2T}$$

$$T < \frac{1}{2f_m} = \frac{1}{2 \times 20 \text{ kHz}} = 25 \mu\text{s}$$

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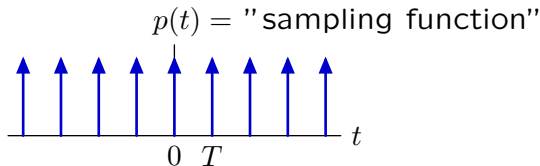
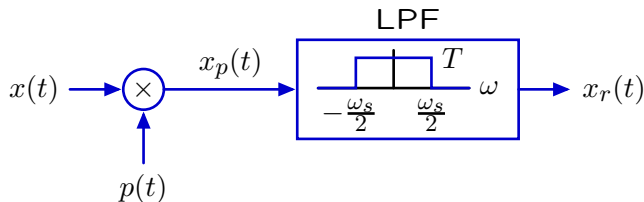
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## CT Model of Sampling and Reconstruction

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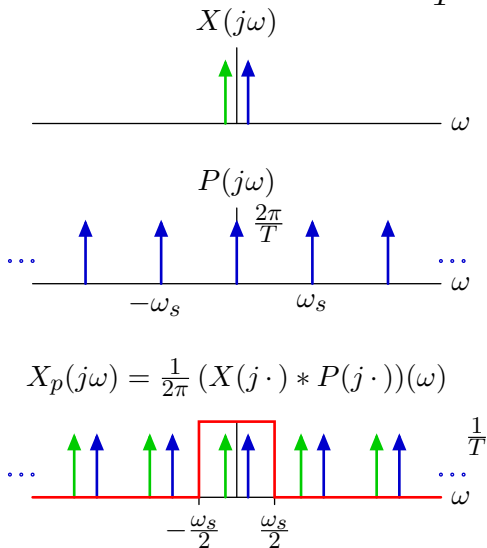
Sampling followed by bandlimited reconstruction is equivalent to multiplying by an impulse train and then low-pass filtering.



## Aliasing

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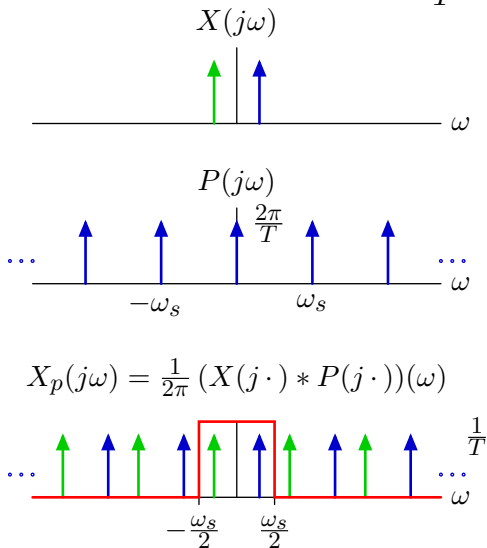
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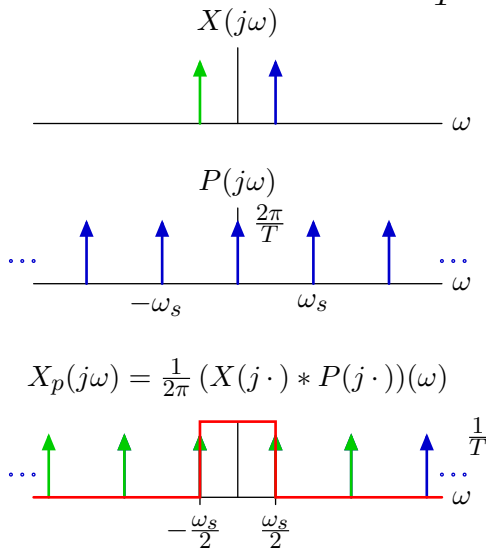
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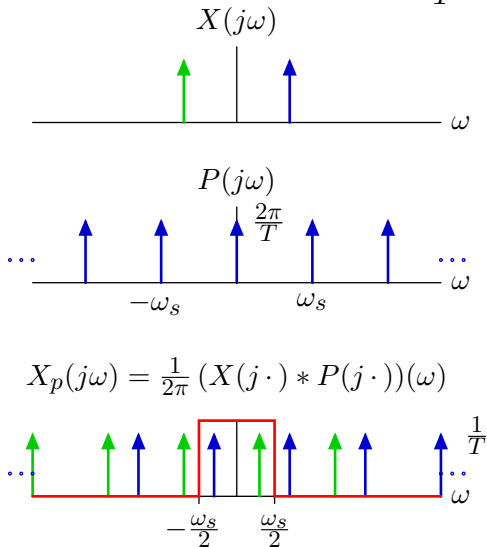
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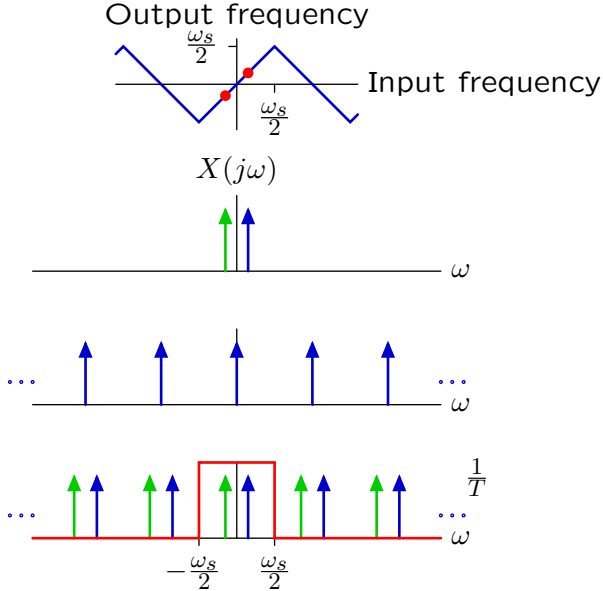
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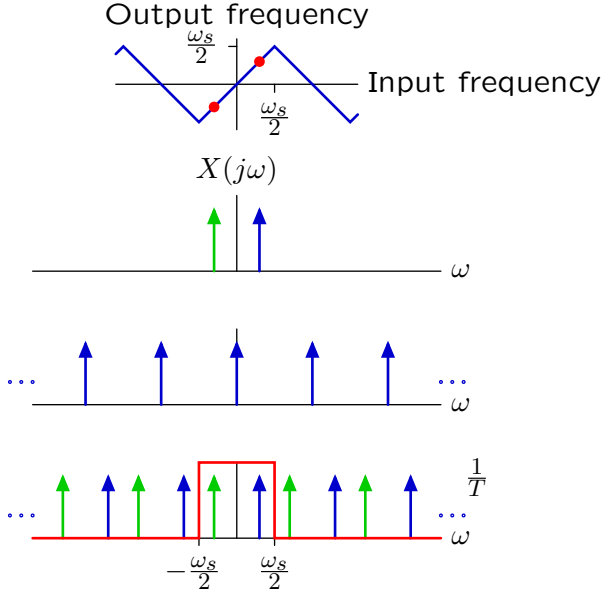
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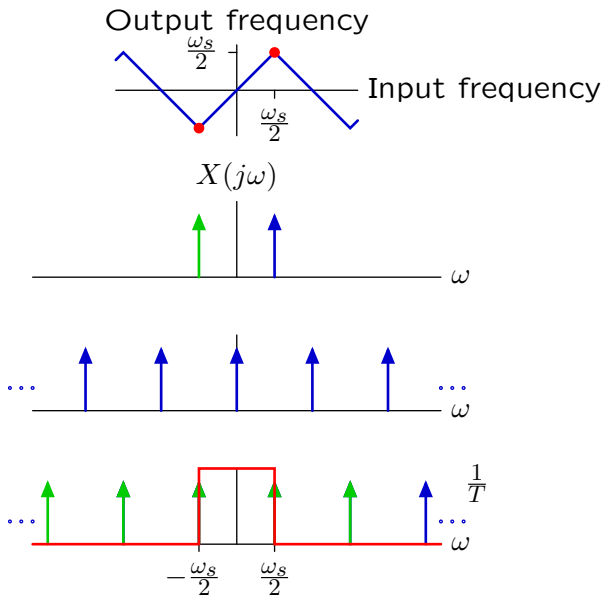
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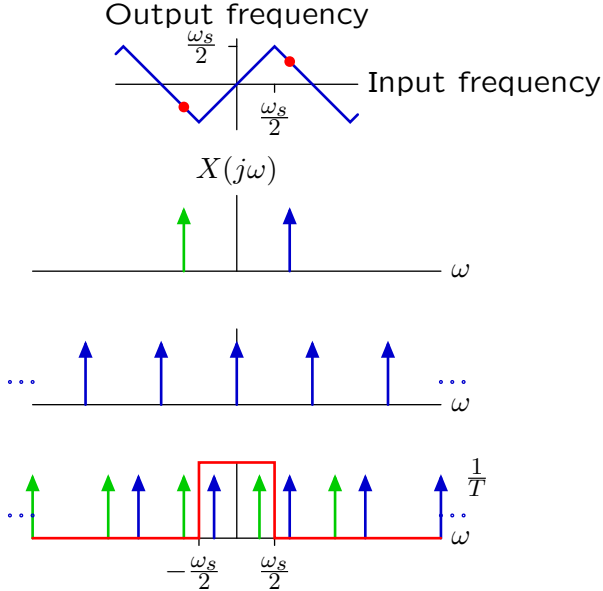
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# Aliasing

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## Check Yourself

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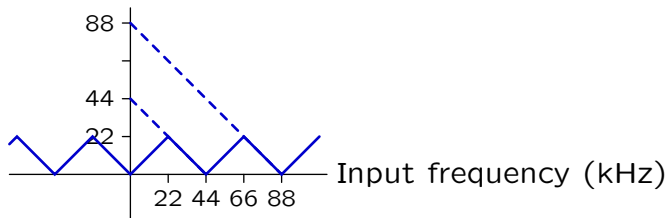
To what frequency does the eighth harmonic alias?

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## Check Yourself

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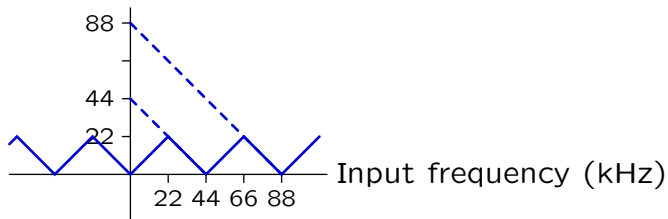
Output frequency (kHz)



## Check Yourself

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Output frequency (kHz)



Harmonic

Alias

10 kHz

10 kHz

20 kHz

20 kHz

30 kHz

44 kHz-30 kHz = 14 kHz

40 kHz

44 kHz-40 kHz = 4 kHz

50 kHz

50 kHz-44 kHz = 6 kHz

60 kHz

60 kHz-44 kHz = 16 kHz

70 kHz

88 kHz-70 kHz = 18 kHz

80 kHz

88 kHz-80 kHz = 8 kHz

## Check Yourself

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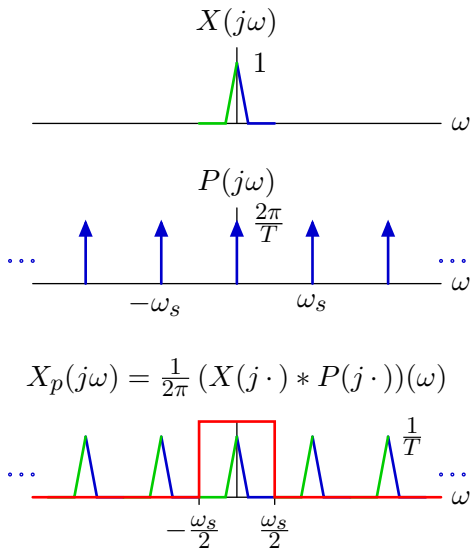
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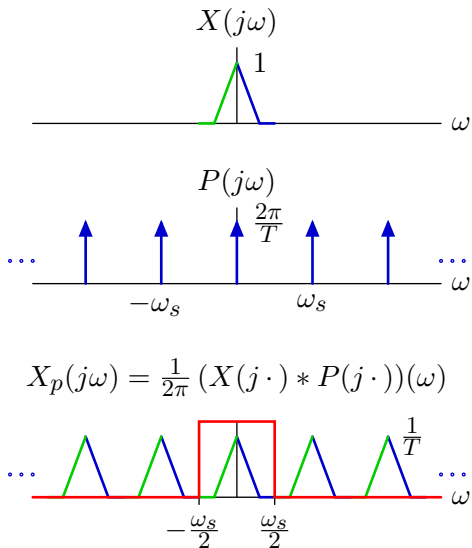




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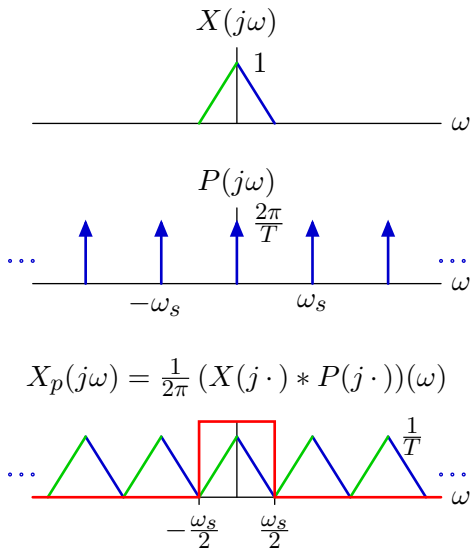
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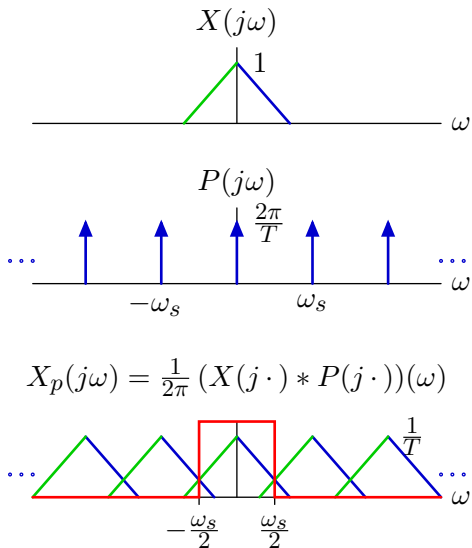
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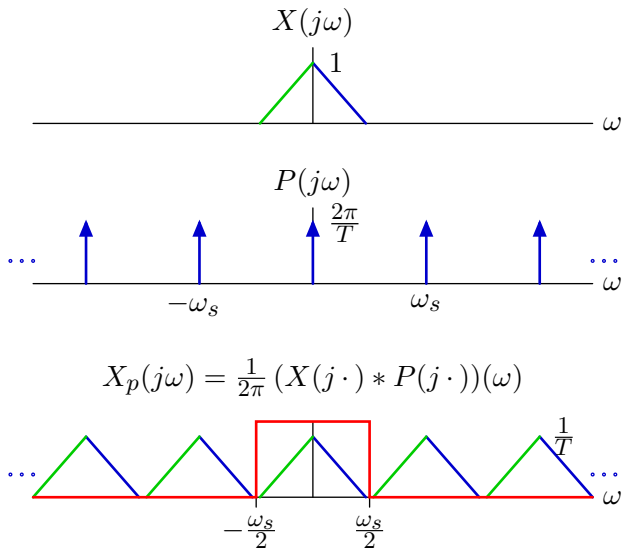
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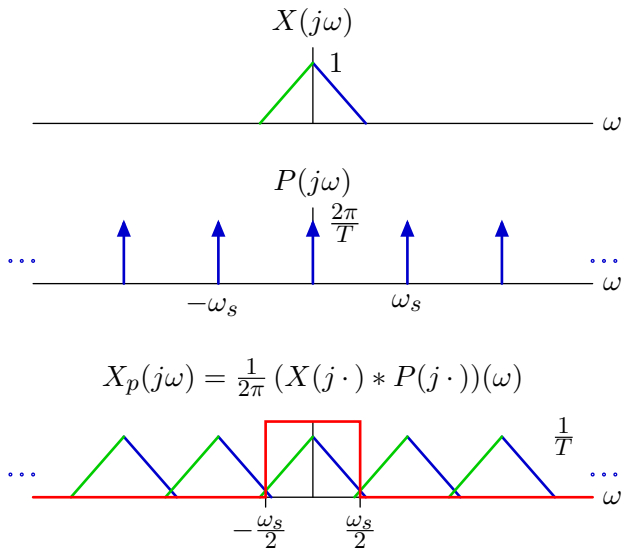
Aliasing increases as the sampling rate decreases.



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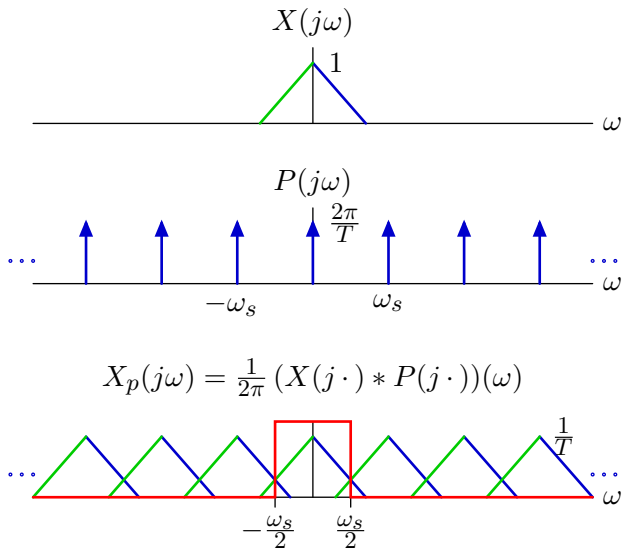
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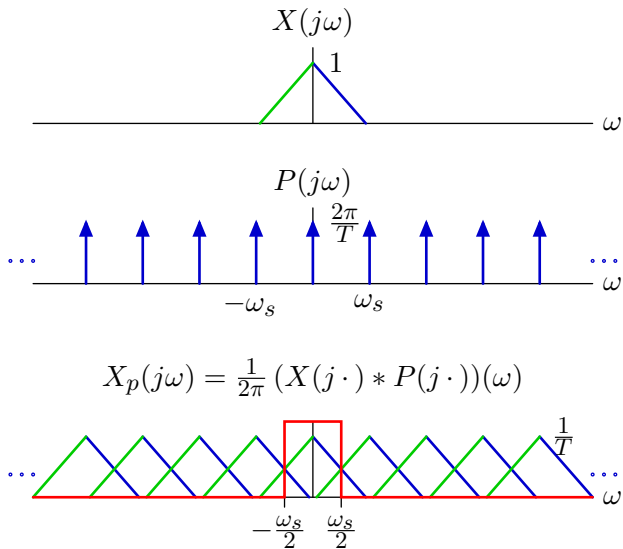
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## Aliasing

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## Aliasing Demonstration

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### Sampling Music

$$\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f_s$$

- $f_s = 44.1$  kHz
- $f_s = 22$  kHz
- $f_s = 11$  kHz
- $f_s = 5.5$  kHz
- $f_s = 2.8$  kHz

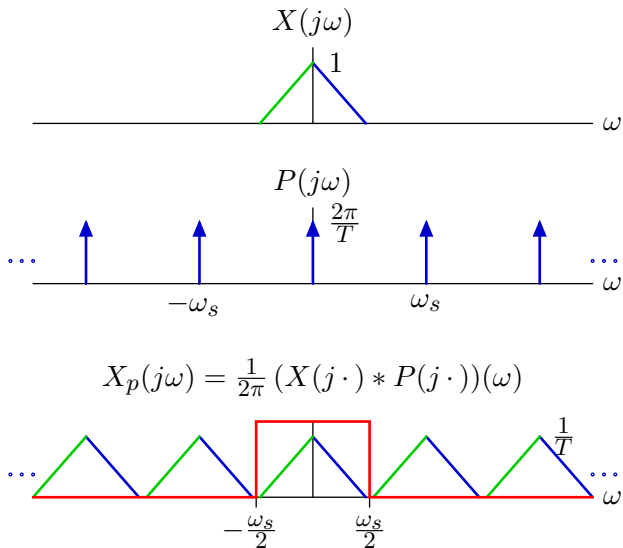
J.S. Bach, Sonata No. 1 in G minor Mvmt. IV. Presto  
Nathan Milstein, violin



## Aliasing

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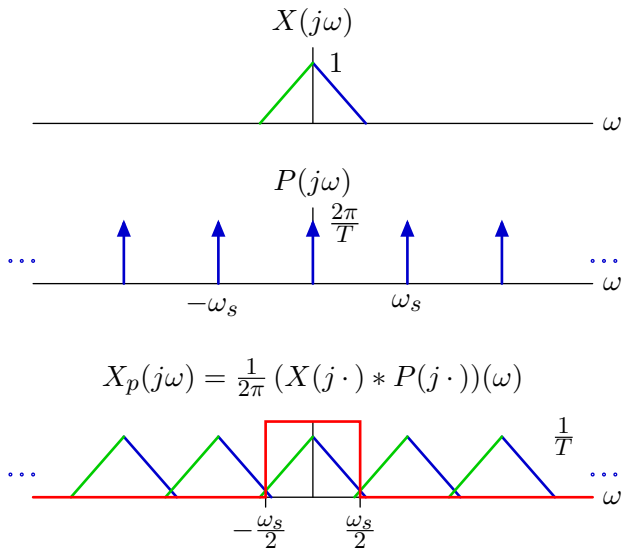
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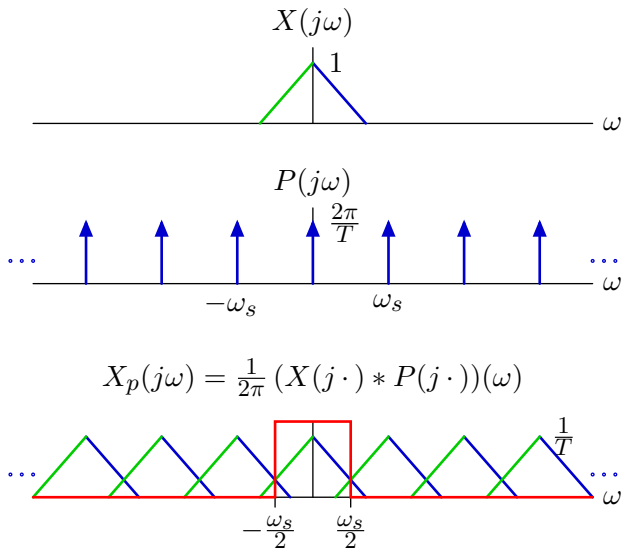
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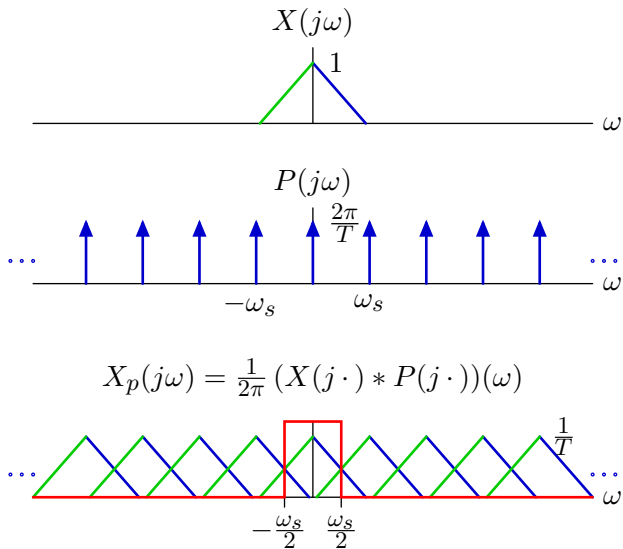
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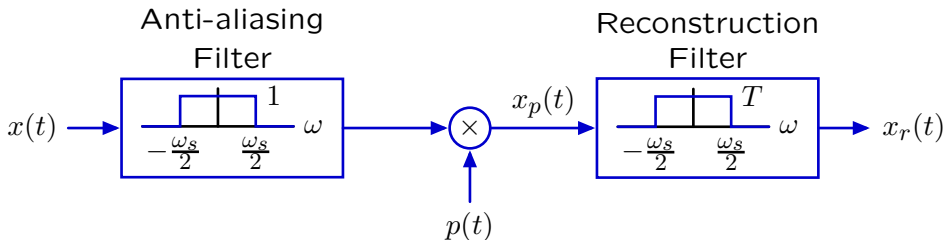
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## Anti-Aliasing Filter

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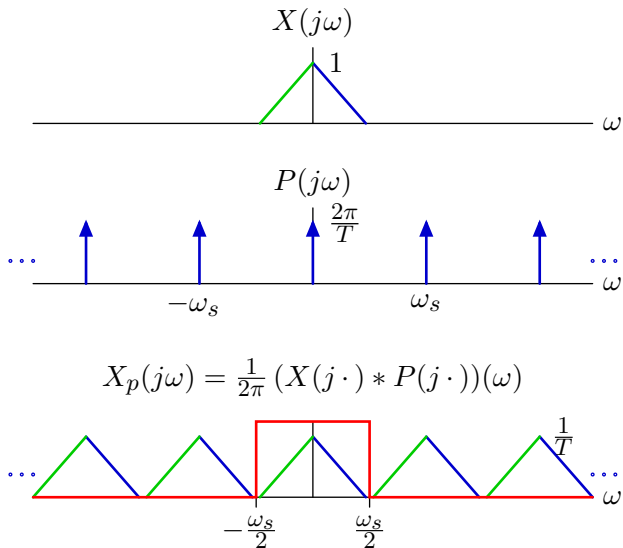
To avoid aliasing, remove frequency components that alias before sampling.



## Aliasing

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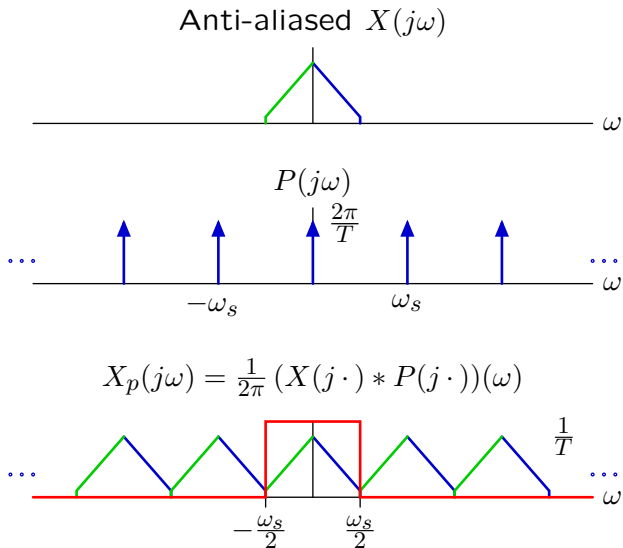
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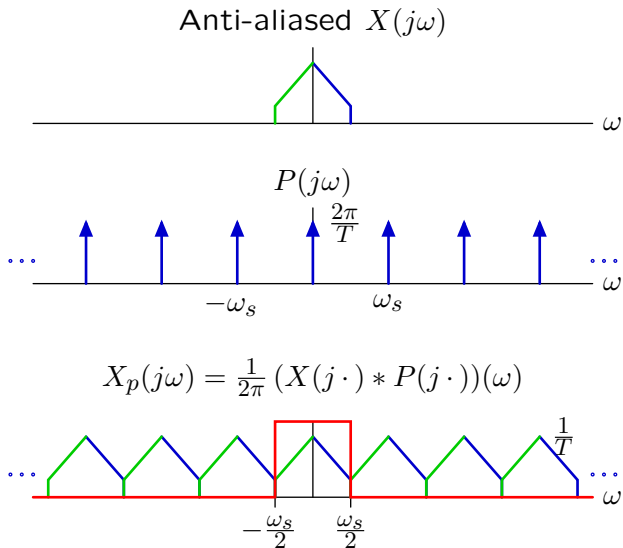
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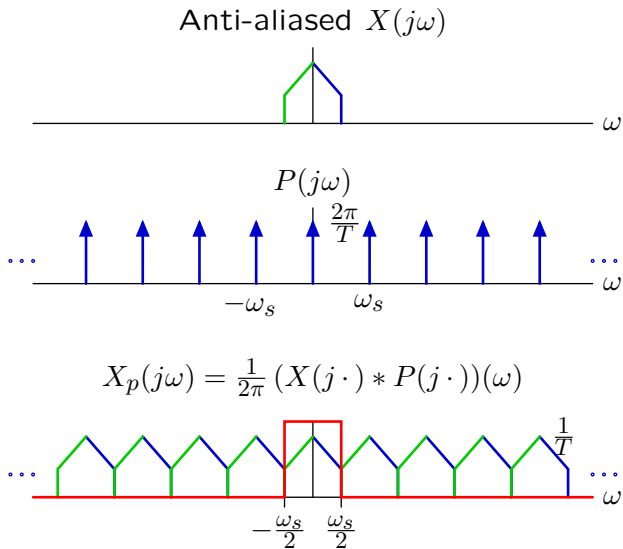




## Aliasing

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# Anti-Aliasing Demonstration

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## Sampling Music

$$\omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f_s$$

- $f_s = 11$  kHz without anti-aliasing
- $f_s = 11$  kHz with anti-aliasing
- $f_s = 5.5$  kHz without anti-aliasing
- $f_s = 5.5$  kHz with anti-aliasing
- $f_s = 2.8$  kHz without anti-aliasing
- $f_s = 2.8$  kHz with anti-aliasing

J.S. Bach, Sonata No. 1 in G minor Mvmt. IV. Presto

Nathan Milstein, violin

## Sampling: Summary

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Effects of sampling are easy to visualize with Fourier representations.

Signals that are bandlimited in frequency (e.g.,  $-W < \omega < W$ ) can be sampled without loss of information.

The minimum sampling frequency for sampling without loss of information is called the Nyquist rate. The Nyquist rate is twice the highest frequency contained in a bandlimited signal.

Sampling at frequencies below the Nyquist rate causes aliasing.

Aliasing can be eliminated by pre-filtering to remove frequency components that would otherwise alias.