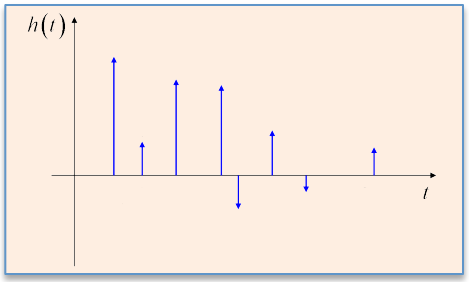
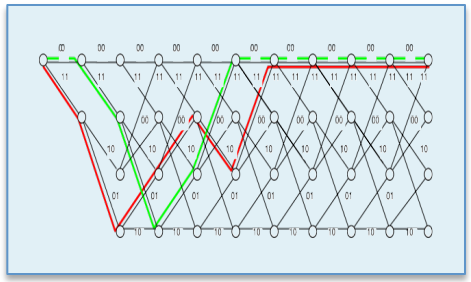
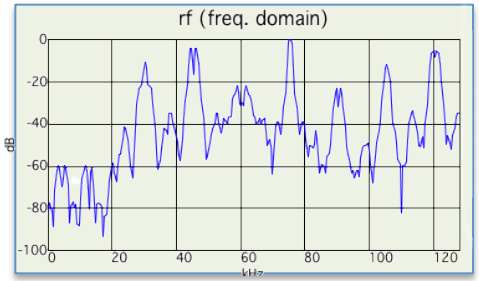
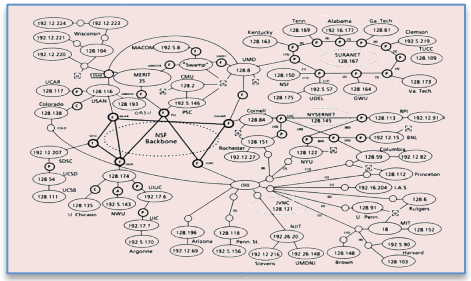








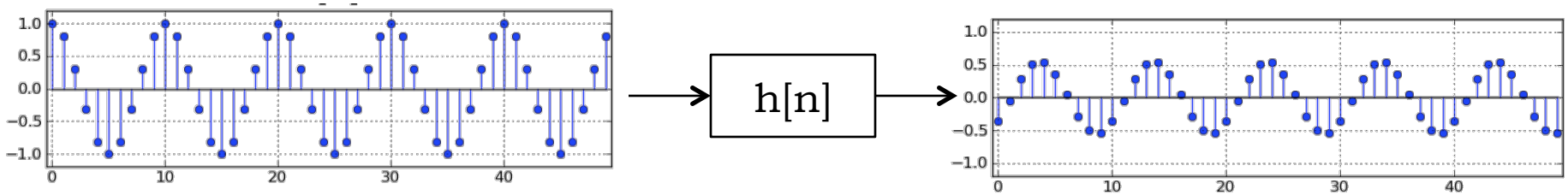
INTRODUCTION TO EECS II

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

6.02 Fall 2014
Lecture #13

- Frequency response
- Filters
- Introduction to spectral content of signals

Sinusoidal Inputs and LTI Systems



A very important property of LTI systems or channels:

If the input x[n] is a sinusoid of a given amplitude, frequency and phase, the response will be a *sinusoid at the same frequency*, although the amplitude and phase may be altered. The change in amplitude and phase will, in general, depend on the frequency of the input.

Complex Exponentials as "Eigenfunctions" of LTI System

$$x[n]=e^{j\Omega n} \longrightarrow \boxed{h[.]} \longrightarrow y[n]=H(\Omega)e^{j\Omega n}$$

Eigenfunction: Undergoes only scaling -- by the **frequency response** $H(\Omega)$ in this case:

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} H(\Omega) &\equiv \sum_m h[m]e^{-j\Omega m} \\ &= \sum_m h[m]\cos(\Omega m) - j\sum_m h[m]\sin(\Omega m) \end{aligned}}$$

This is an infinite sum in general, but is well behaved if h[.] is absolutely summable, i.e., if the system is stable.

We also call $H(\Omega)$ the **discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT)** of the time-domain function h[.] --- more on the DTFT later.

From Complex Exponentials to Sinusoids

$$\cos(\Omega n)=(e^{j\Omega n}+e^{-j\Omega n})/2$$

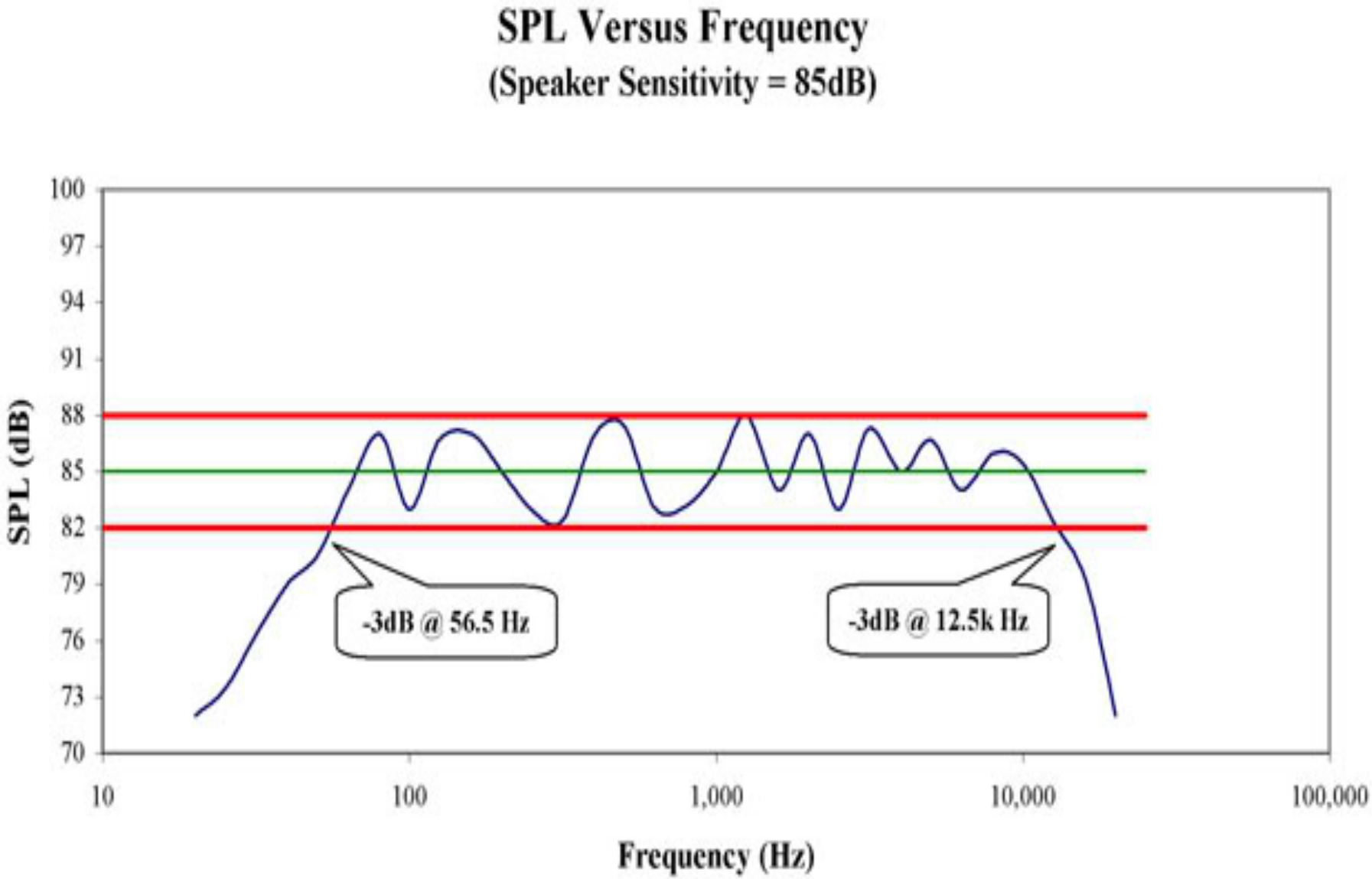
So response to a cosine input is:

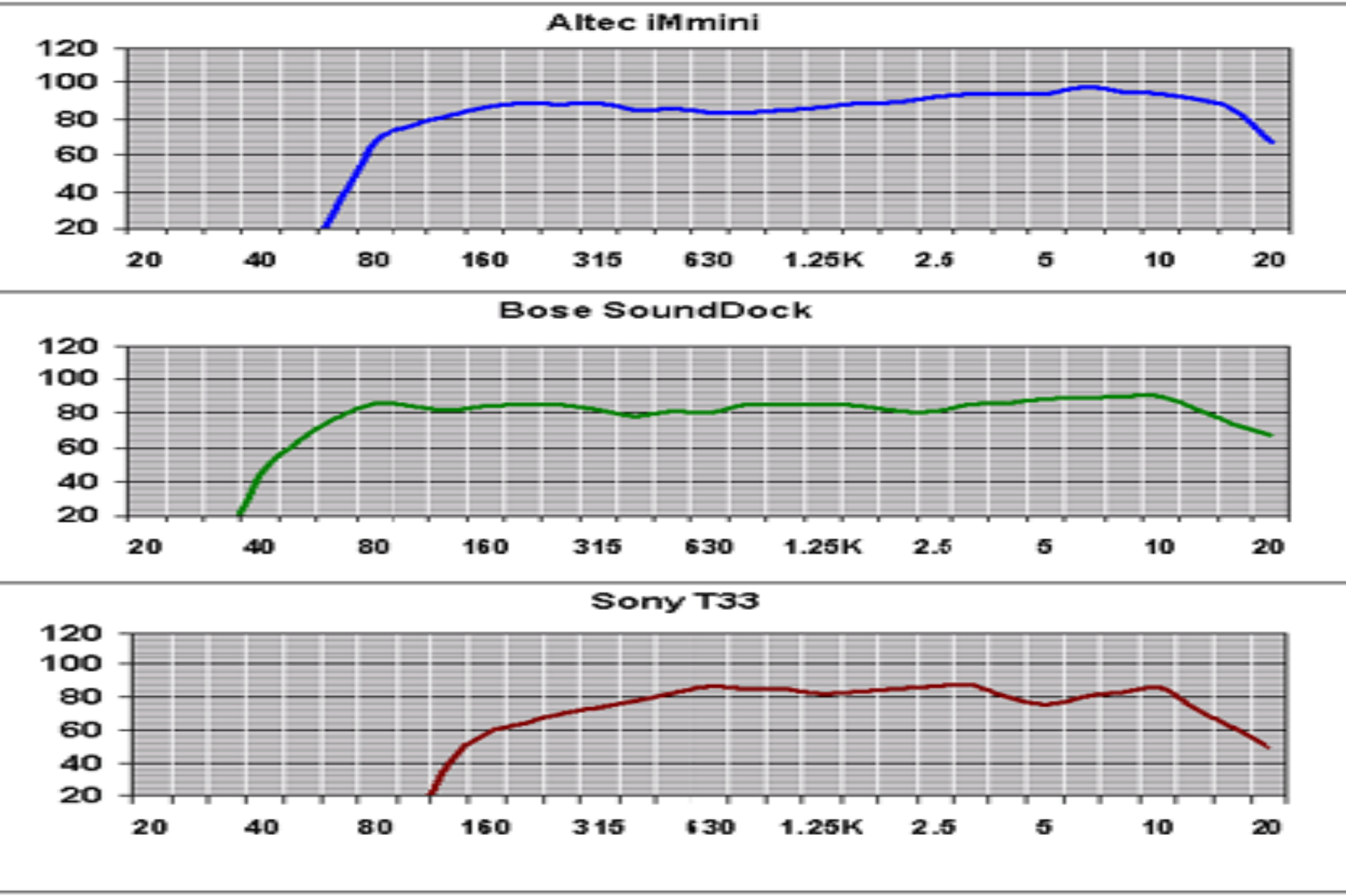
$$A\cos(\Omega_0 n+\varnothing_0) \longrightarrow \boxed{H(\Omega)} \longrightarrow |\mathbf{H(\Omega_0)}|\,A\cos(\Omega_0 n+\varnothing_0+\angle\mathbf{H(\Omega_0)})$$

(Recall that we only need vary Ω in the interval $[-\pi,\pi]$.)

This gives rise to an easy experimental way to determine the frequency response of an LTI system.

Loudspeaker Frequency Response





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Connection between CT and DT

The continuous-time (CT) signal

$$x(t) = \cos(\omega t) = \cos(2\pi f t)$$

sampled every T seconds, i.e., at a sampling frequency of $f_s = 1/T$, gives rise to the discrete-time (DT) signal

$$x[n] = x(nT) = \cos(\omega n T) = \cos(\Omega n)$$

So $$\Omega = \omega T$$

and $\Omega = \pi$ corresponds to $\omega = \pi/T$ or $f = 1/(2T) = f_s/2$

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Ω = π or −π, i.e., $Ae^{j\Omega n}=(-1)^n A$, corresponds to the highest-frequency variation possible for a discrete-time signal, so H(π)=H(-π) is the high-frequency gain of the system.

$H(\pi) = \sum (-1)^m h[m]$ --- show from definition!

Symmetry Properties of H(Ω)

$$H(\Omega) \equiv \sum_m h[m]e^{-j\Omega m}$$
$$= \sum_m h[m]\cos(\Omega m) - j\sum_m h[m]\sin(\Omega m)$$
$$= C(\Omega) - jS(\Omega)$$

For real h[n]:

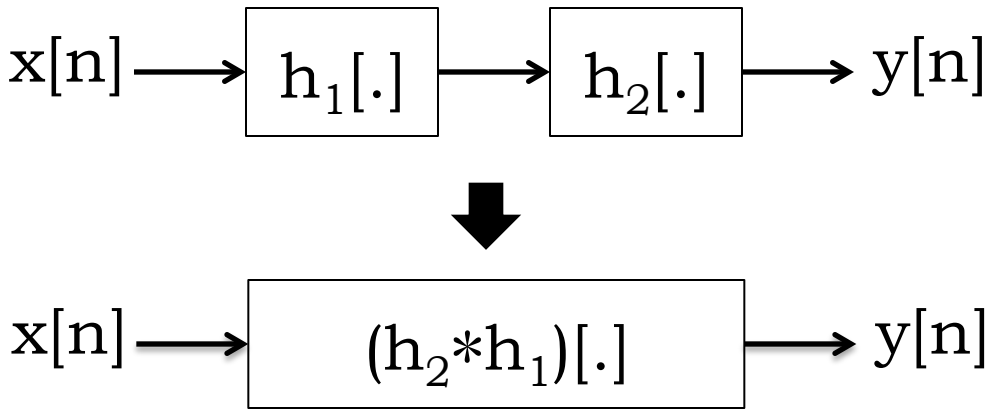
Real part of H(Ω) & **magnitude** are EVEN functions of Ω.

Imaginary part & **phase** are ODD functions of Ω.

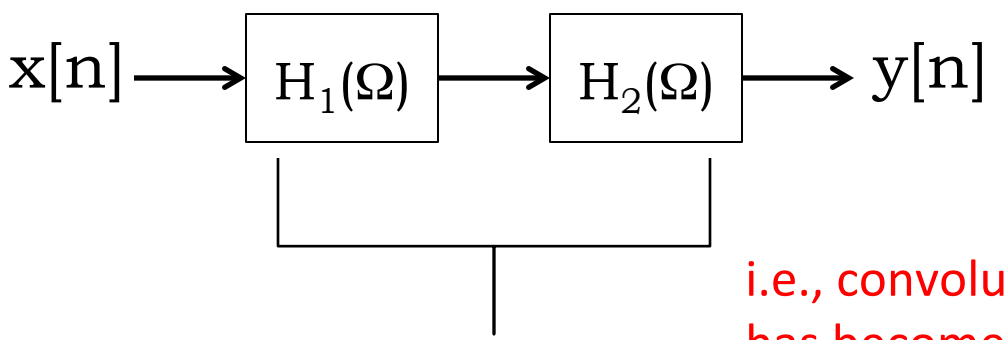
For real and *even* h[n] = h[–n], H(Ω) is purely real.

For real and *odd* h[n] = –h[–n], H(Ω) is purely imaginary.

Convolution in Time <---> Multiplication in Frequency



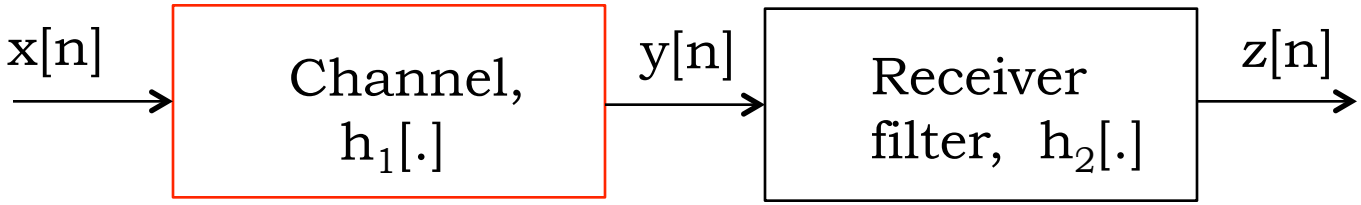
In the frequency domain (i.e., thinking about input-to-output frequency response):



$$H(\Omega)=H_2(\Omega)H_1(\Omega)$$

i.e., convolution in time has become multiplication in frequency!

Example: "Deconvolving" Output of Channel with Echo



Suppose channel is LTI with

$h_1[n]=\delta[n]+0.8\delta[n-1]$

$$H_1(\Omega) = ?? = \boxed{\sum_m h_1[m]e^{-j\Omega m}}$$

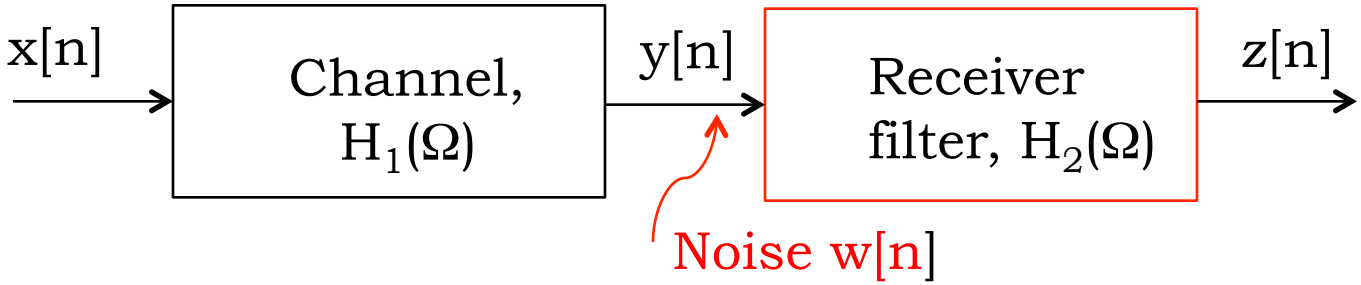
$$= 1 + 0.8e^{-j\Omega} = 1 + 0.8\cos(\Omega) - j0.8\sin(\Omega)$$

So:

$|H_1(\Omega)| = [1.64 + 1.6\cos(\Omega)]^{1/2}$ *EVEN function of* Ω;

$<H_1(\Omega) = \arctan[-(0.8\sin(\Omega)/[1 + 0.8\cos(\Omega)]$ *ODD* .

A Frequency-Domain view of Deconvolution



Given $H_1(\Omega)$, what should $H_2(\Omega)$ be, to get z[n]=x[n]?

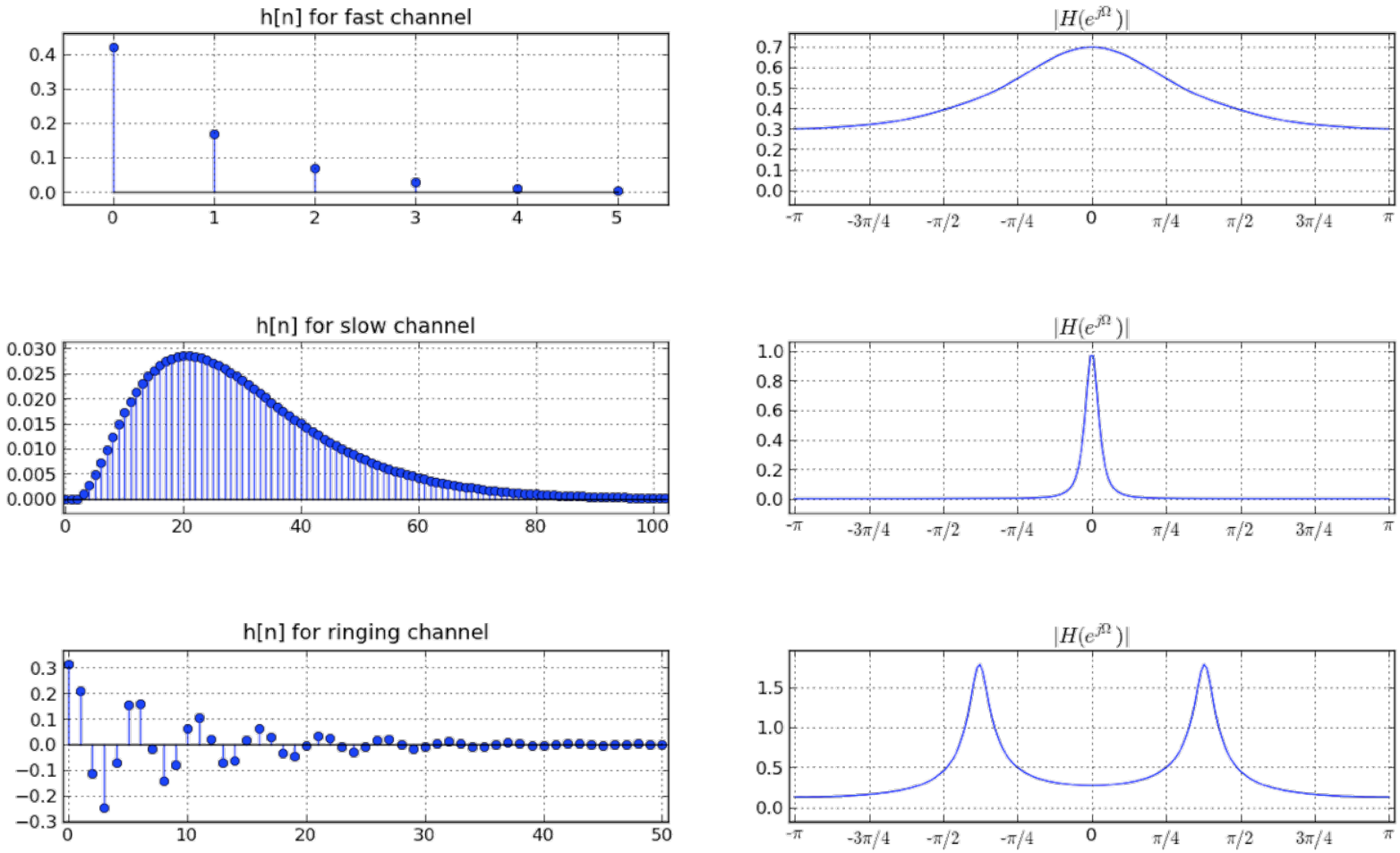
$\Rightarrow$ $H_2(\Omega)=1/H_1(\Omega)$ "Inverse filter"

$= (1/|H_1(\Omega)|).\ \exp\{-j<H_1(\Omega)\}$

Inverse filter at receiver typically does very badly in the presence of noise that adds to y[n]:

filter has high gain for noise precisely at frequencies where channel gain $|H_1(\Omega)|$ is low (and channel output is weak)!

Illustrative Frequency Responses of Channel Models



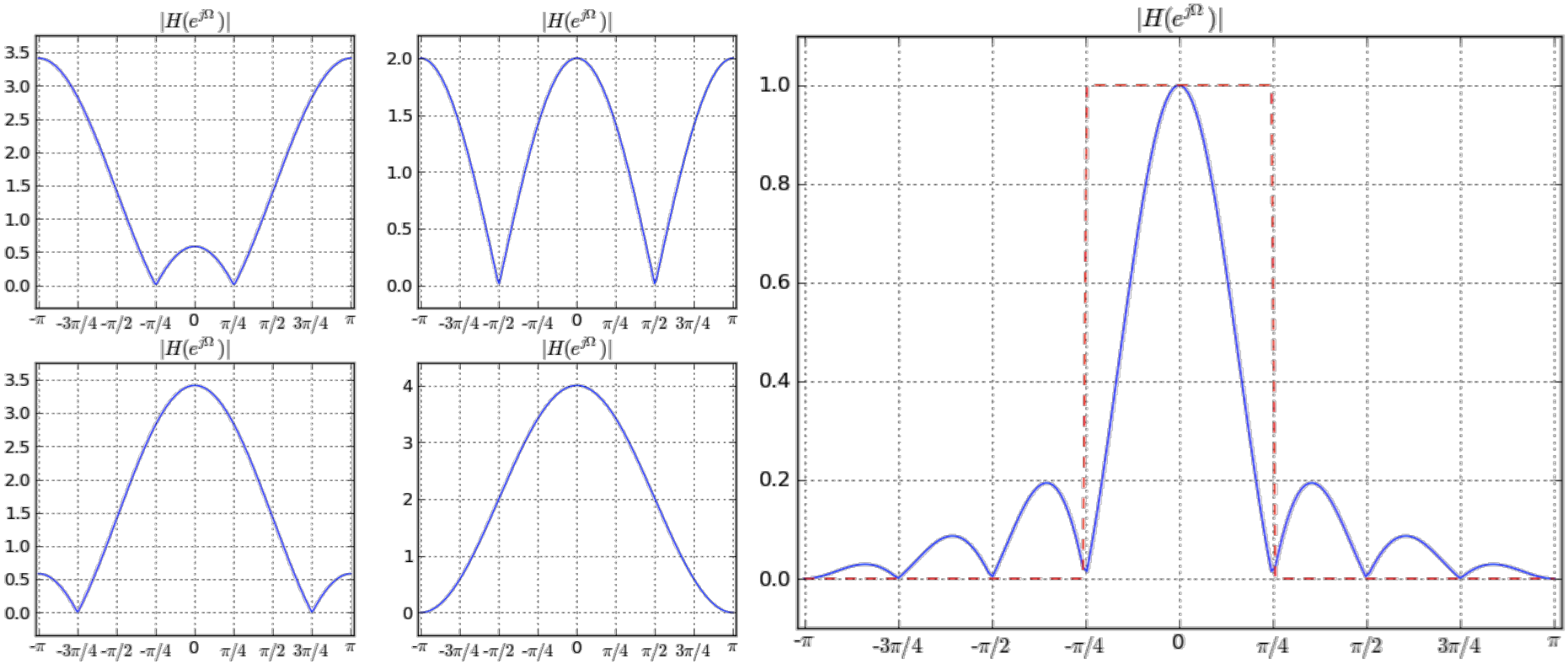
To Get a Filter with a Specified Zero-Pair in H(Ω)

- Let $h[0] = h[2] = 1$, $h[1] = \mu$, all other $h[n] = 0$
- Then $H(\Omega) = 1 + \mu e^{-j\Omega} + e^{-j2\Omega} = e^{-j\Omega}(\mu + 2\cos(\Omega))$
- So $|H(\Omega)| = |\mu + 2\cos(\Omega)|$, with zeros at $\pm \arccos(-\mu/2)$

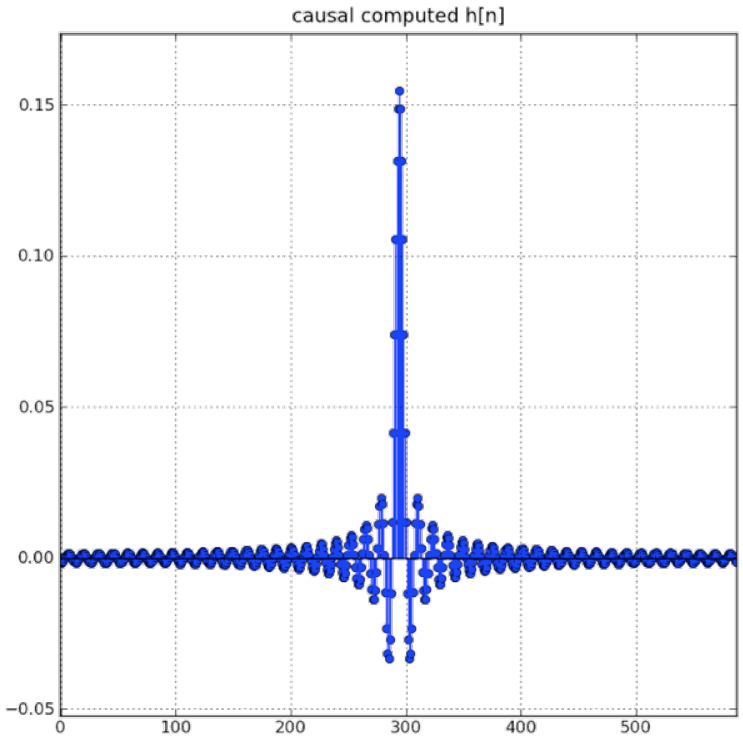
A 10-cent Lowpass Filter

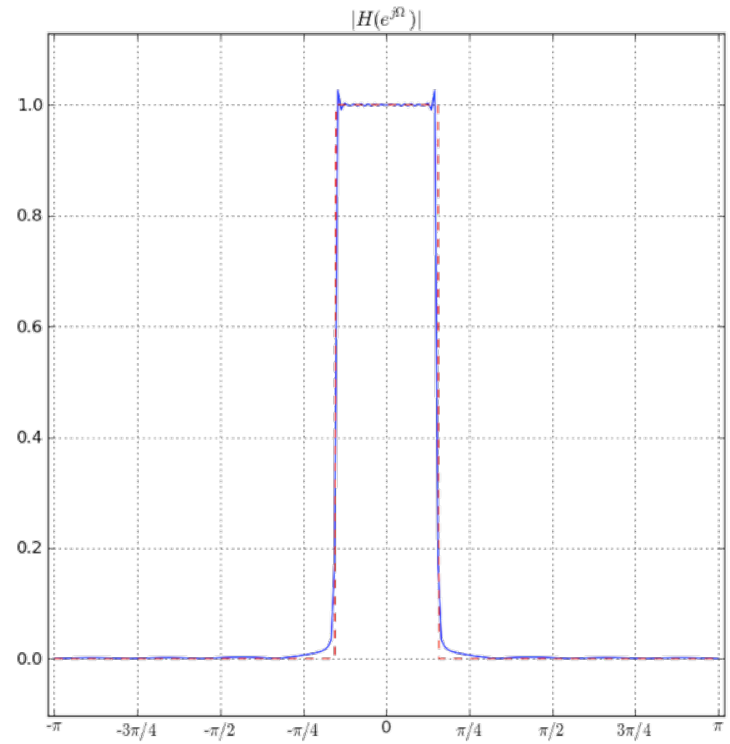
Suppose we wanted a lowpass filter with a cutoff frequency of π/4?

$$x[n] \rightarrow \boxed{H_{\pi/4}(\Omega)} \rightarrow \boxed{H_{\pi/2}(\Omega)} \rightarrow \boxed{H_{3\pi/4}(\Omega)} \rightarrow \boxed{H_{\pi}(\Omega)} \rightarrow y[n]$$



The $4.99 version of a Lowpass Filter, h[n] and H(Ω)





Determining h[n] from H(Ω)

$$H(\Omega) = \sum_m h[m] e^{-j\Omega m}$$

Multiply both sides by $e^{j\Omega n}$ and integrate over a (contiguous) 2π interval. Only one term survives!

$$\int_{<2\pi>} H(\Omega) e^{j\Omega n} d\Omega = \int_{<2\pi>} \sum_m h[m] e^{-j\Omega(m-n)} d\Omega$$

$$= 2\pi \cdot h[n]$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad h[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{<2\pi>} H(\Omega) e^{j\Omega n} d\Omega$$

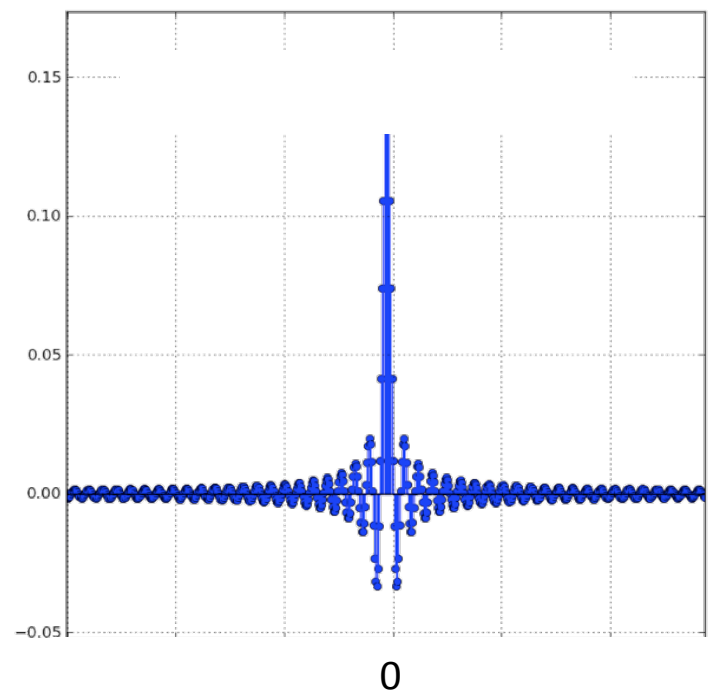
Design ideal lowpass filter with cutoff frequency Ω_C and $H(\Omega)=1$ in passband

$$h[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{<2\pi>} H(\Omega) e^{j\Omega n} d\Omega$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\Omega_C}^{\Omega_C} 1 \cdot e^{j\Omega n} d\Omega$$

$$= \frac{\sin(\Omega_C n)}{\pi n} \quad , \quad n \neq 0$$

$$= \Omega_C / \pi \quad , \quad n = 0$$



DT "sinc" function
(extends to ±∞ in time, falls off only as 1/n))

Exercise: Frequency response of h[n-D]

Given an LTI system with unit sample response h[n] and associated frequency response $H(\Omega)$,

determine the frequency response $H_D(\Omega)$ of an LTI system whose unit sample response is

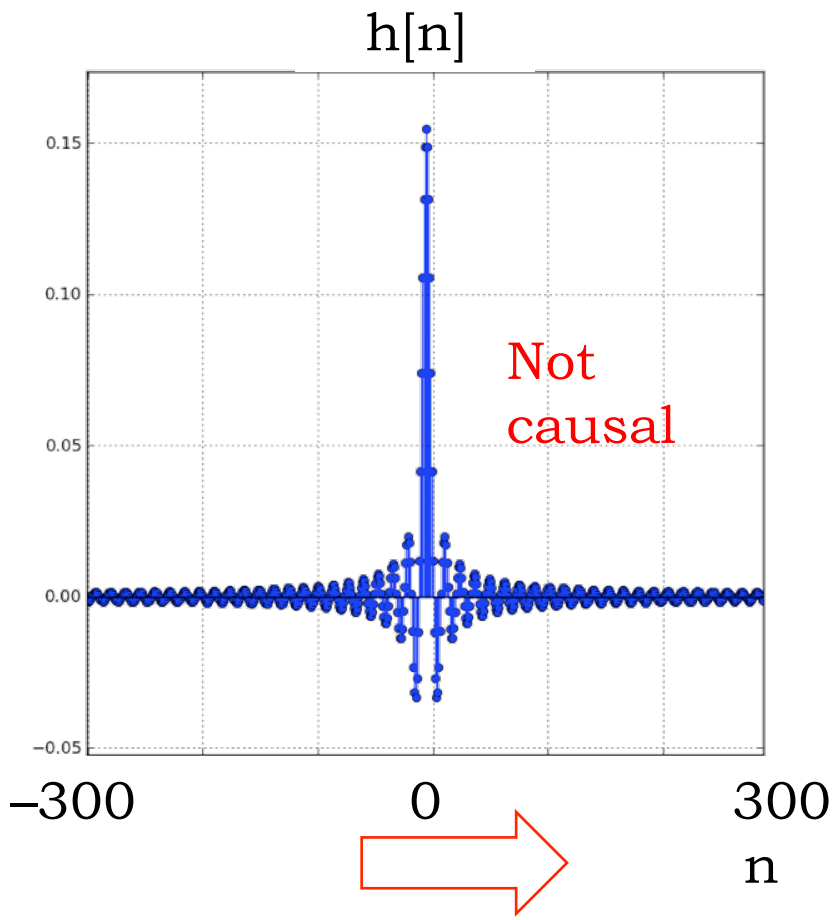
$$h_D[n] = h[n-D].$$

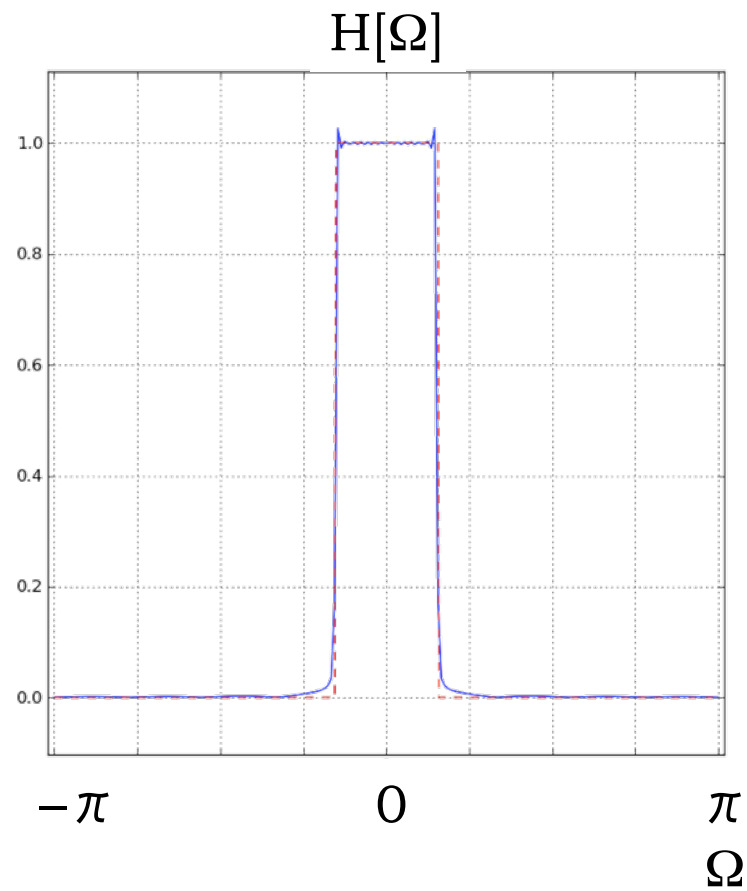
Answer: $H_D(\Omega) = \exp\{-j\Omega D\}.H(\Omega)$

so : $|H_D(\Omega)| = |H(\Omega)|$, i.e., magnitude unchanged

$<H_D(\Omega) = -\Omega D + <H(\Omega)$, i.e., linear phase term added

e.g.: Approximating an ideal lowpass filter

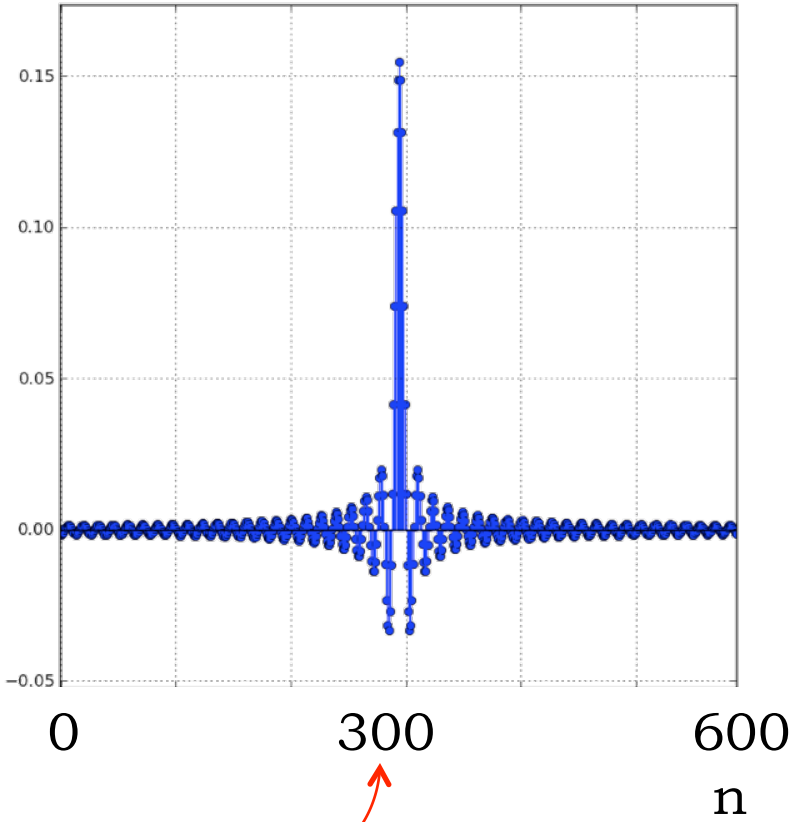




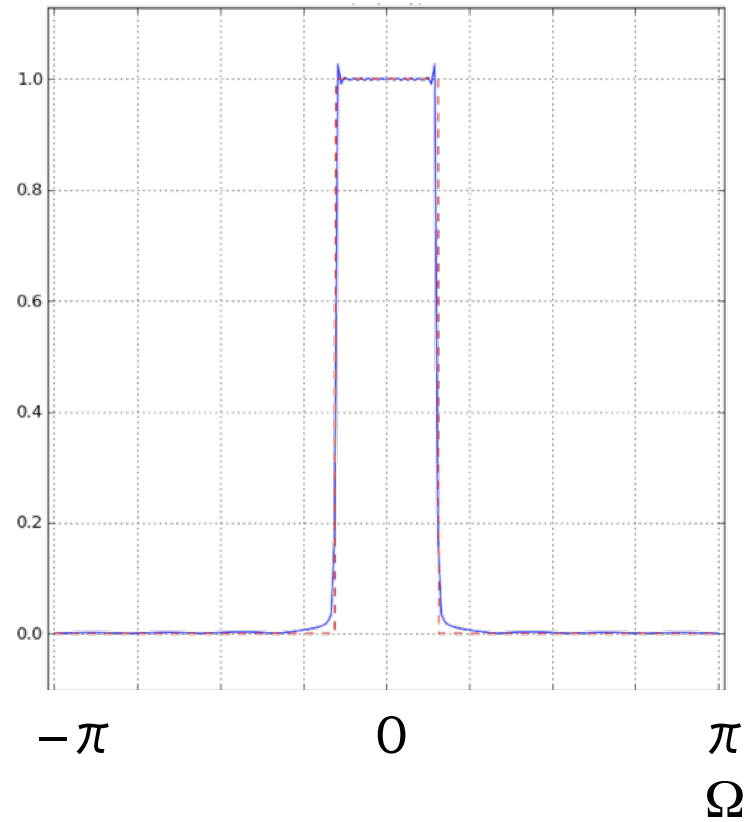
Idea: shift h[n] right to get causal LTI system.
Will the result still be a lowpass filter?

Causal approximation to ideal lowpass filter

$h_C[n] = h[n-300]$

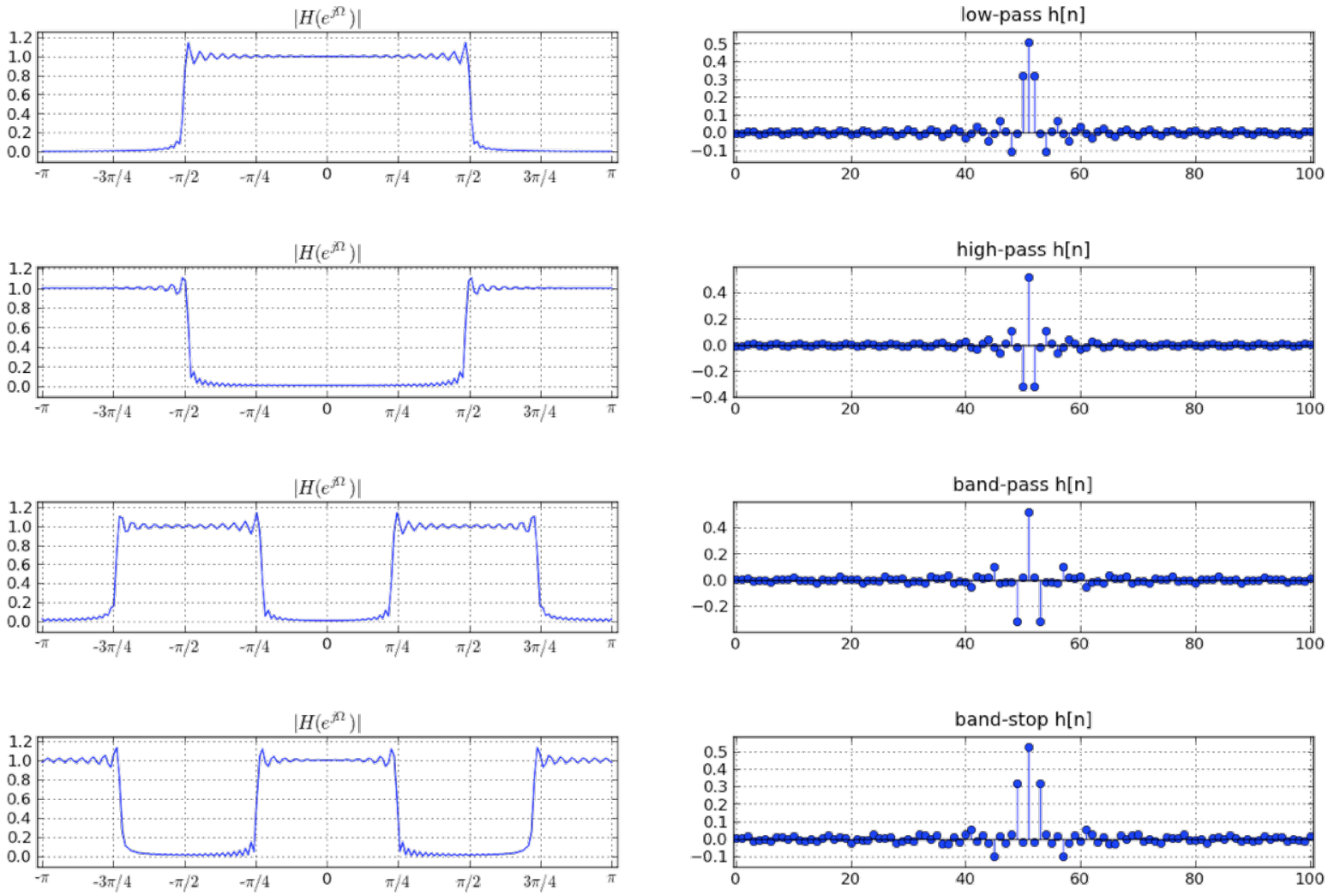


$|H_C[\Omega]|$



Determine $<H_C(\Omega)$

Useful Filters



A Deeper Reason for Interest in Sinusoidal Inputs

- General inputs x[.] can we written as "sums" of sinusoids
- Each input sinusoidal component is mapped via the frequency response $H(\Omega)$ to its corresponding sinusoidal output component
- Superposition of these output components yields the general response y[.]

We'll develop this story over the next couple of lectures, but here's a start →