

Topic 1 - part 1 - “Signals”

Discrete Time Systems (DTS)

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In this slides, WE WILL SEE:

1.1 Definition of signals, examples and classification

1.2 Basic operations with signals in continuous time (CT), and important signals in CT and main properties

1.3 Basic operations with signals in discrete time (DT), and important signals in DT and main properties

1.1 Definition of signals, examples and classification

1.1.1 Signals: definitions and classification

Main concept: signals

- **What is a signal?** numbers/data varying with time and/or space....
- Examples: time series, images etc.

- **Mathematically:**

$$x(t), \quad x[n] \qquad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y(t), \quad y[n] \qquad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$z(t), \quad z[n] \qquad n = \dots - 3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\dots$$

- It is a function - one dimensional, $x(t)$ - or bidimensional $x(t_1, t_2)$ (e.g., images)

Main concept: signals

- Generally, we have *real* signals

$$x(t), x[n] \in \mathbb{R}$$

- or *complex* signals

$$x(t), x[n] \in \mathbb{C}$$

Examples:

$$x(t) = \sin(t)$$

$$x(t) = t$$

Examples:

$$x(t) = e^{-jt}$$

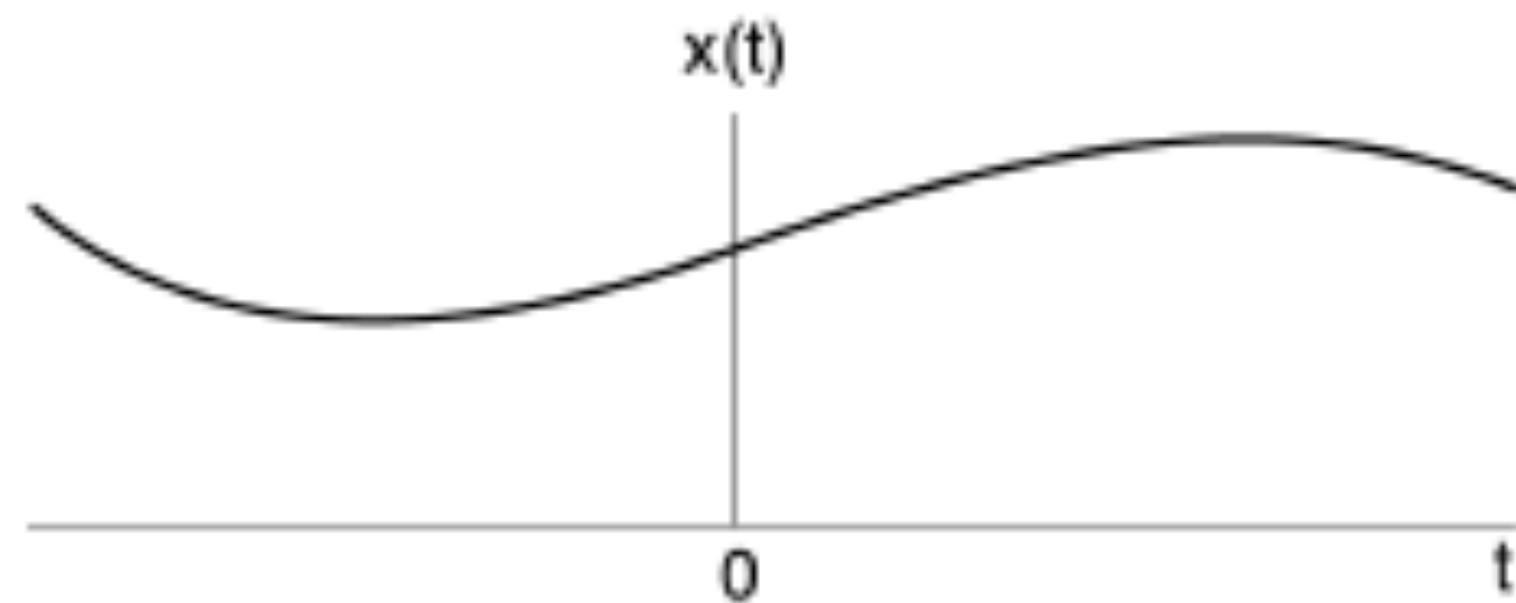
$$x(t) = j \sin(t)$$

Signals

Recall of signals and systems in continuous time

➤ ¿What is a signal?

- Is a “mathematical model” (a function) which represents a variable of interests, that changes with the time.
- Examples of signals: radio, volts, temperature, ...



signals and systems in
continuous time (CT):
where t takes *continuous*
values

$$t \in \mathbb{R}$$

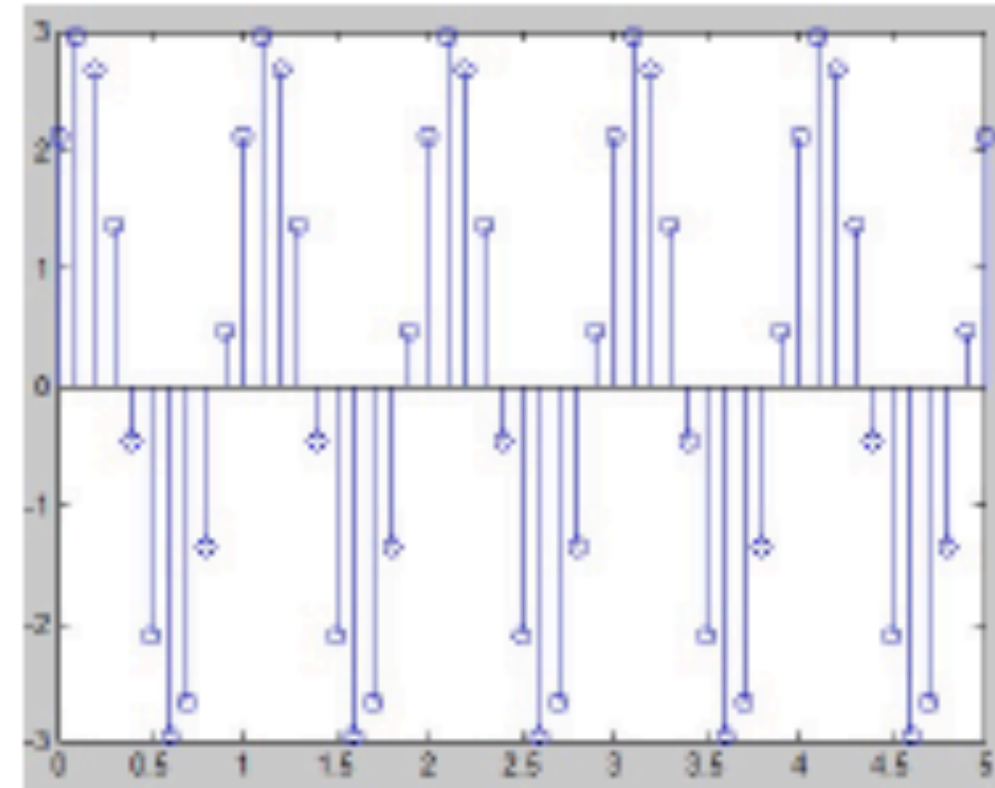
- One-dimensional (temperature in a place) vs. Multidimensional (for instance, an image)

Signals

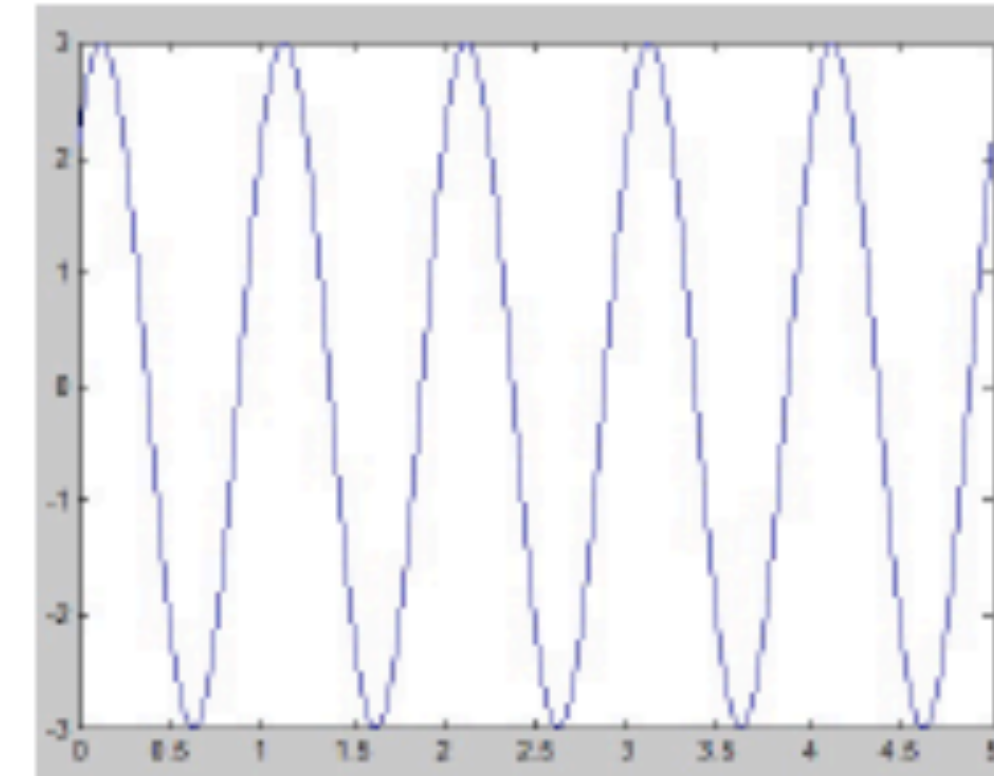
➤ Continuous signals vs. discrete signals

- Continuous: defined for any real values.
 - Example: voice.

- Discrete: defined for only for certain time values.
 - Example: final prize of stocks (in a stock market), every day.



Discrete Signal



Continuous Signal

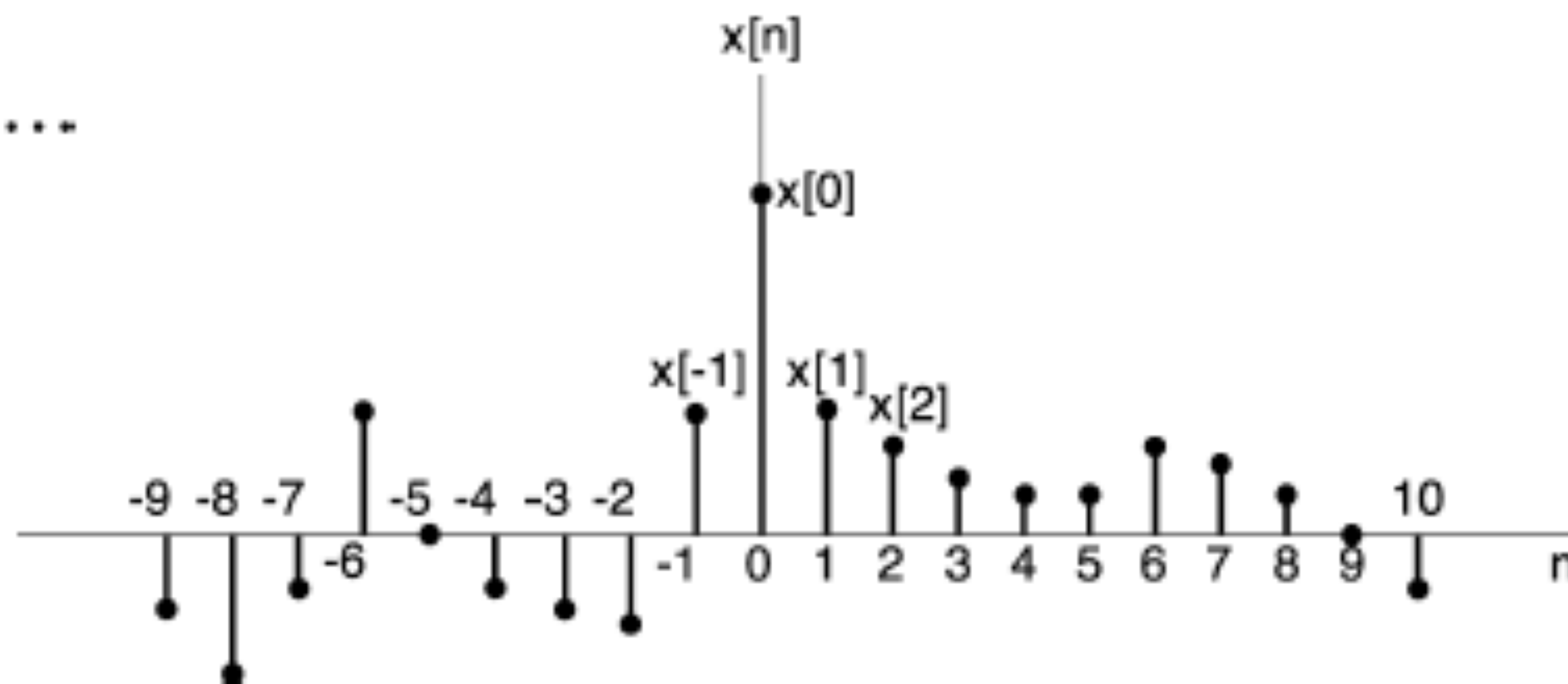
$$n = \dots - 3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\dots$$

REMARK: here we just look the x-axis...

DISCRETE Signals

- A discrete signal is a *sequence of real numbers* and is denoted as:

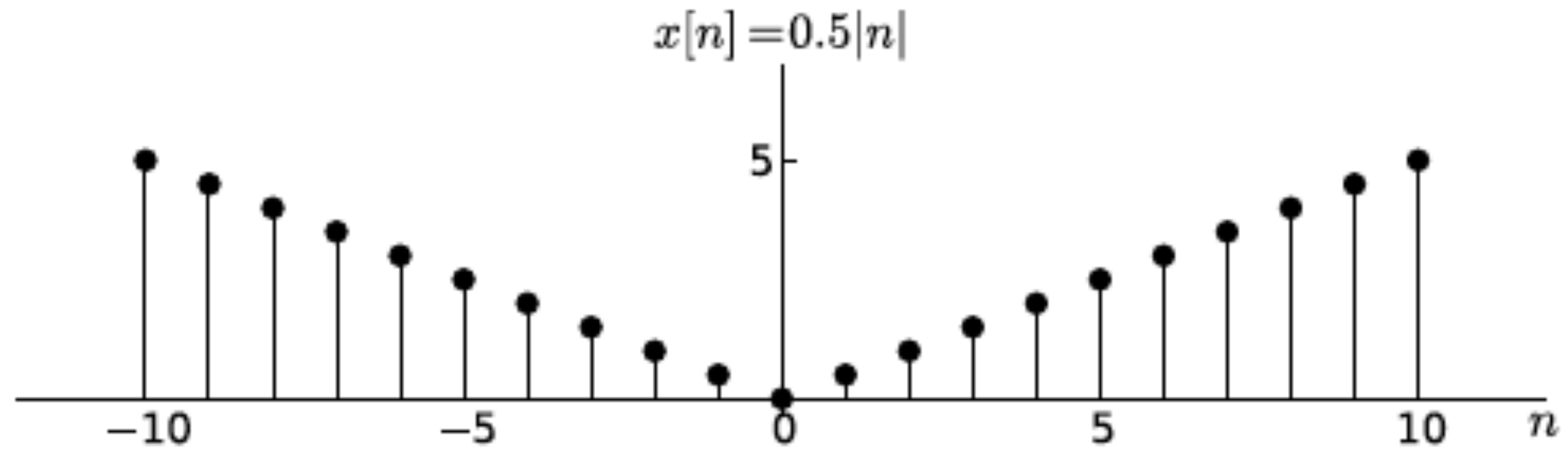
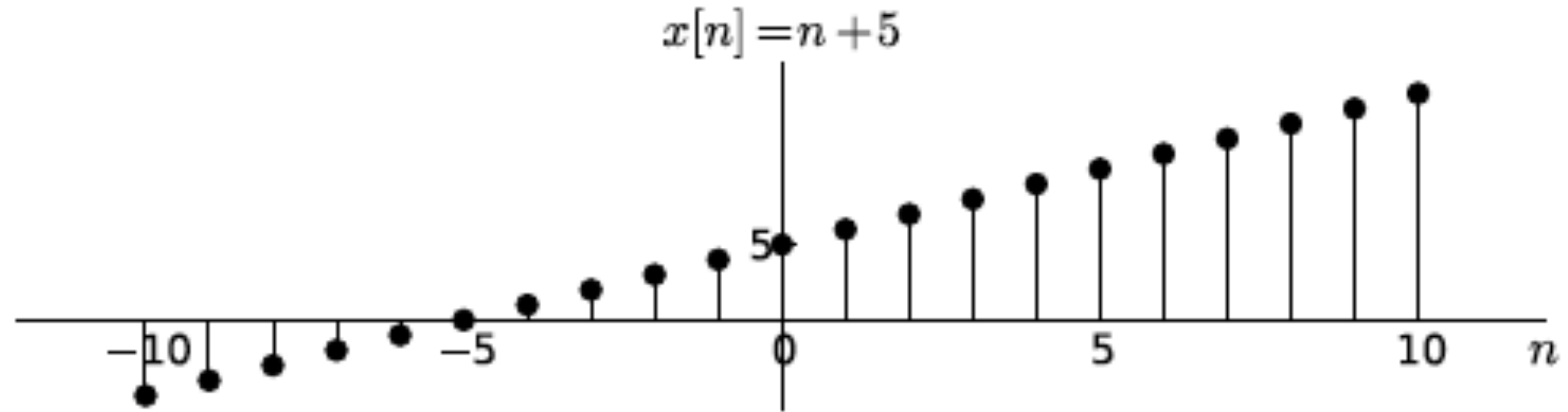
$$x[n], y[n], z[n] \dots$$



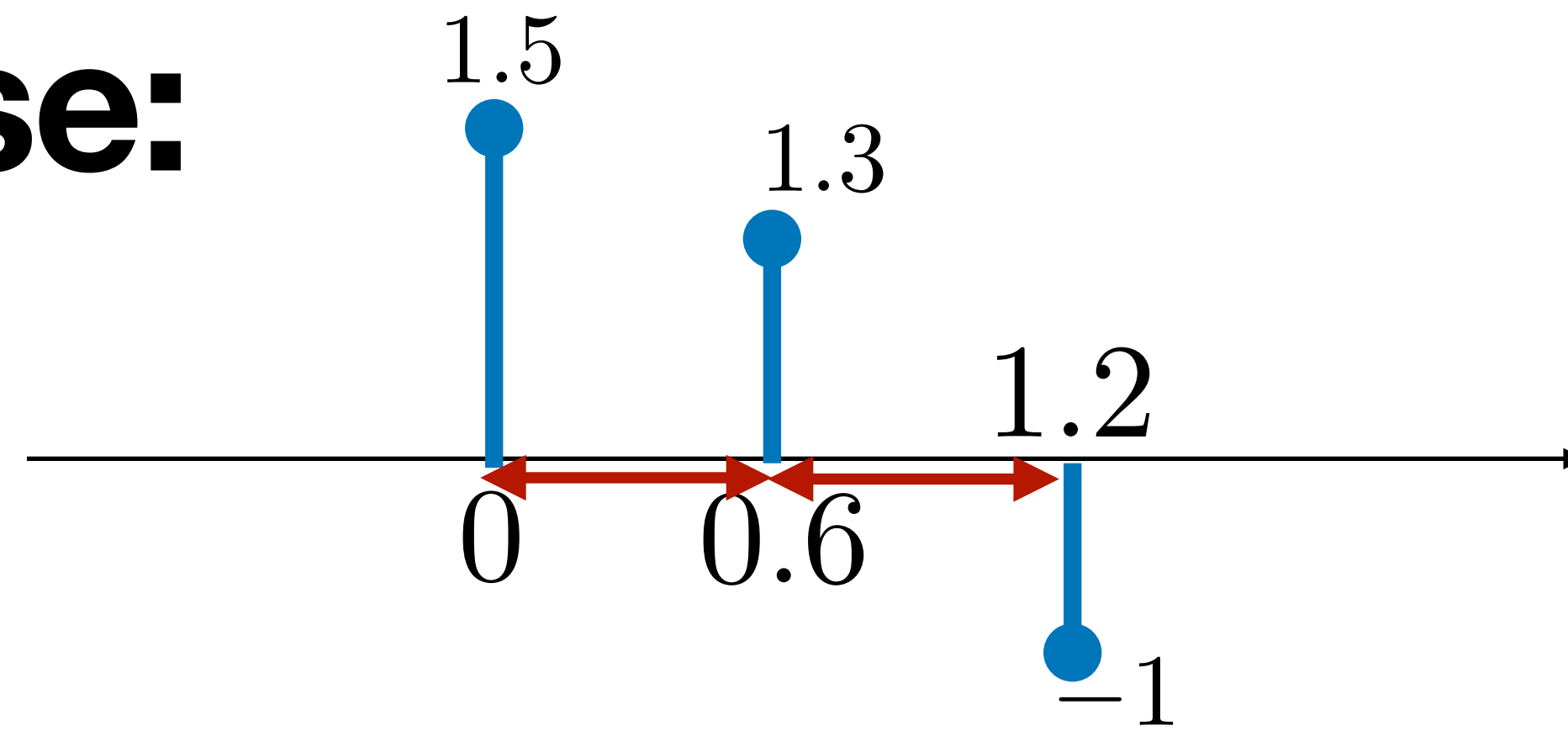
- In a **Discrete Signal**:

- The independent variable (n) takes integer values, i.e., discrete
- The dependent variable ($x, y, z \dots$) takes real values, i.e., continuous

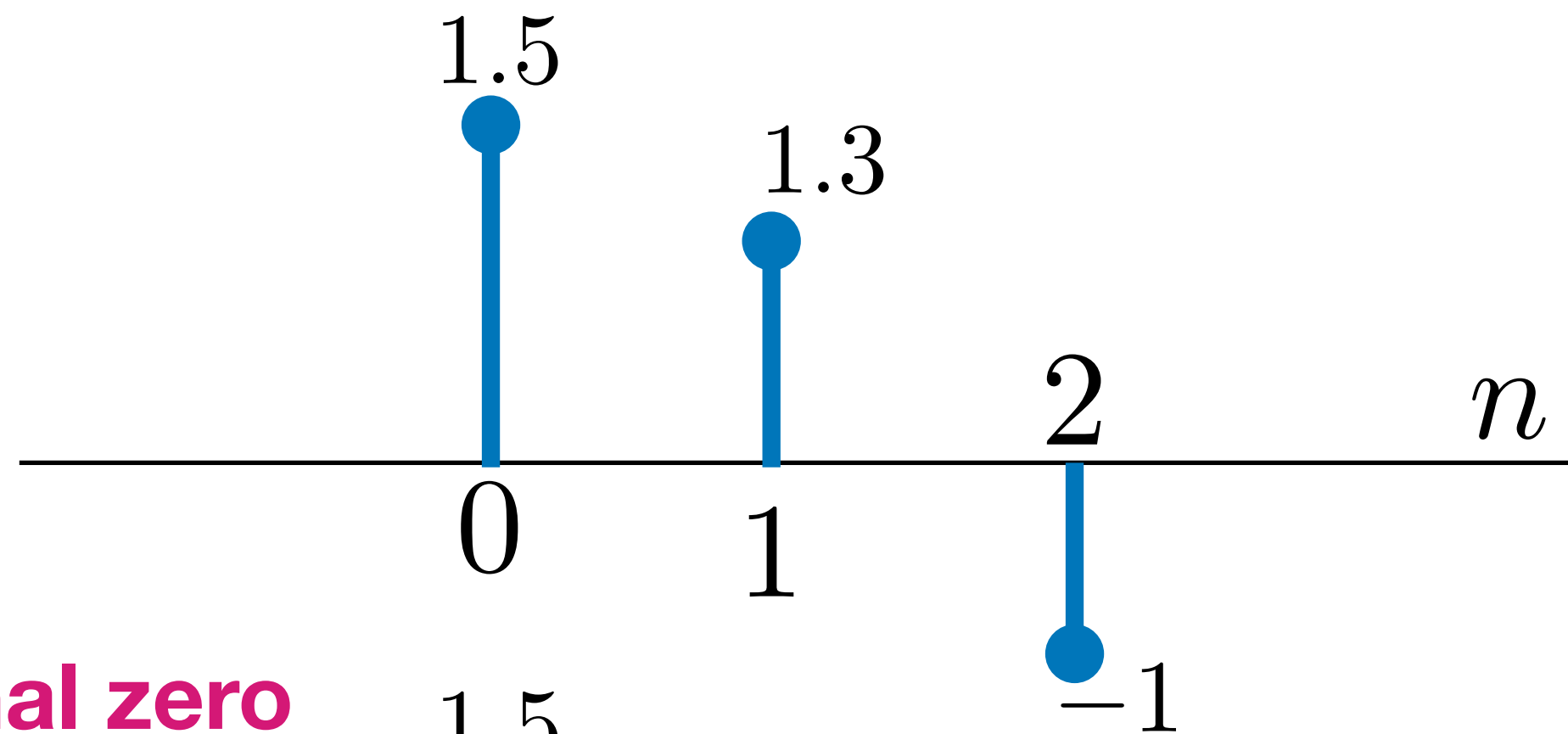
DISCRETE Signals: examples



Special case:

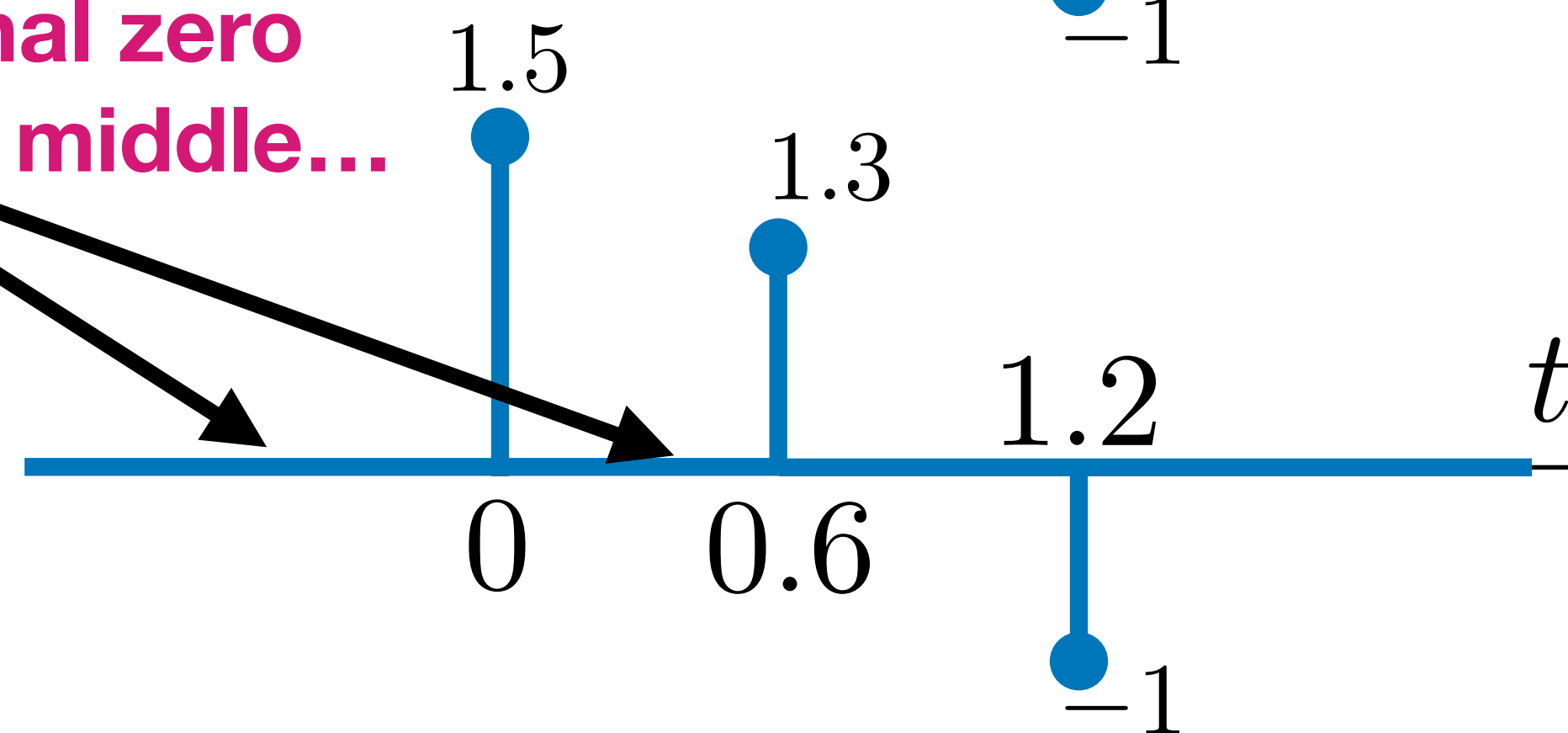


Is a continuous or a discrete signals?

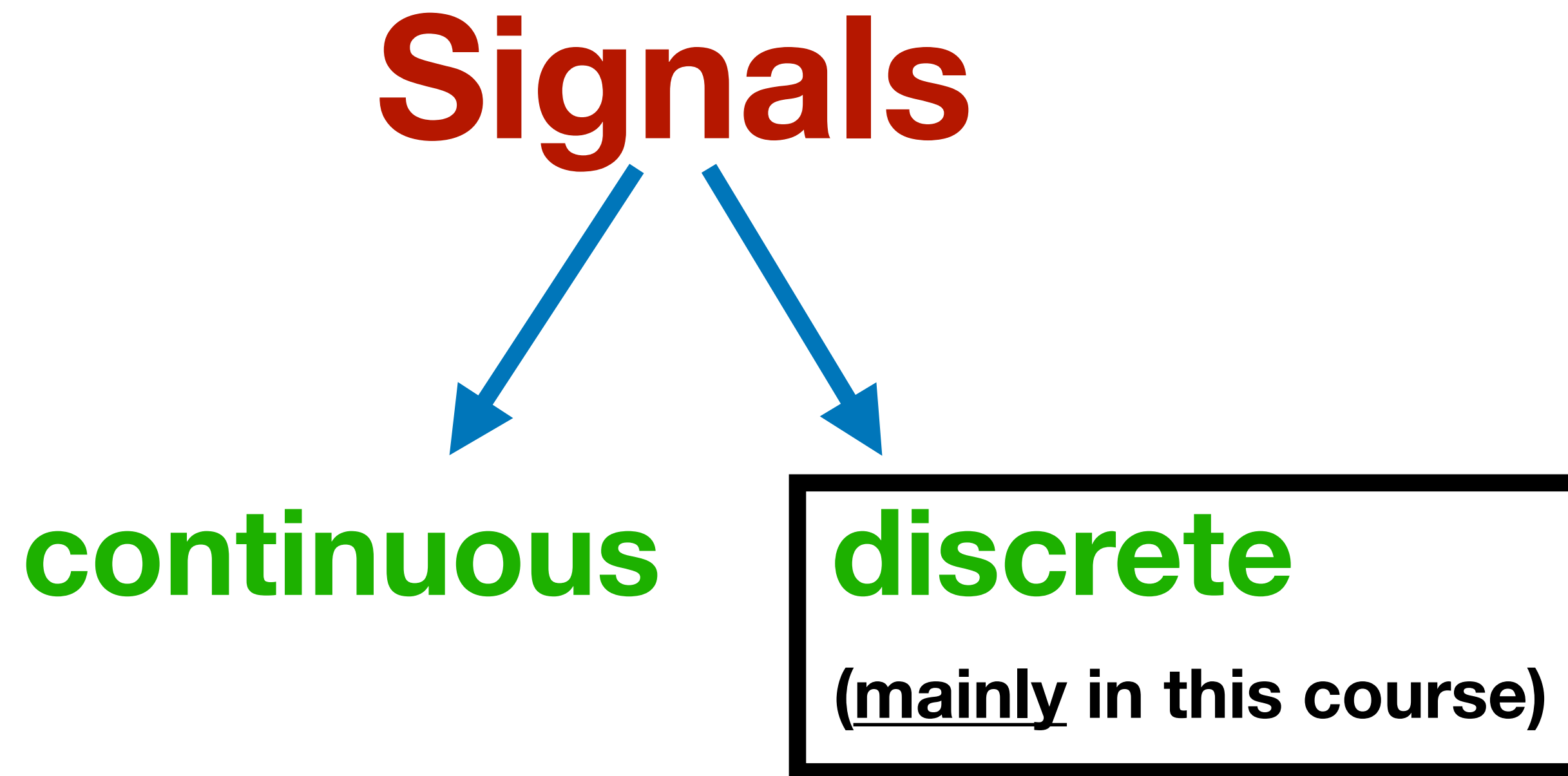


Each step represents a jump of 0.6 in a continuous line...

Considering the signal zero in these regions in the middle...



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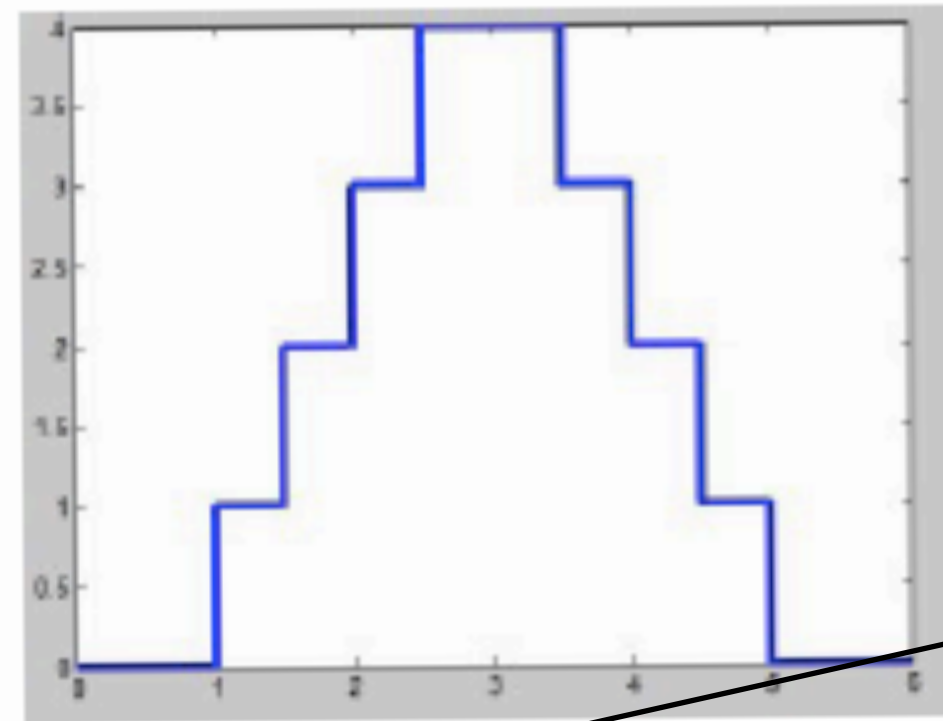


We look the x-axis !!!

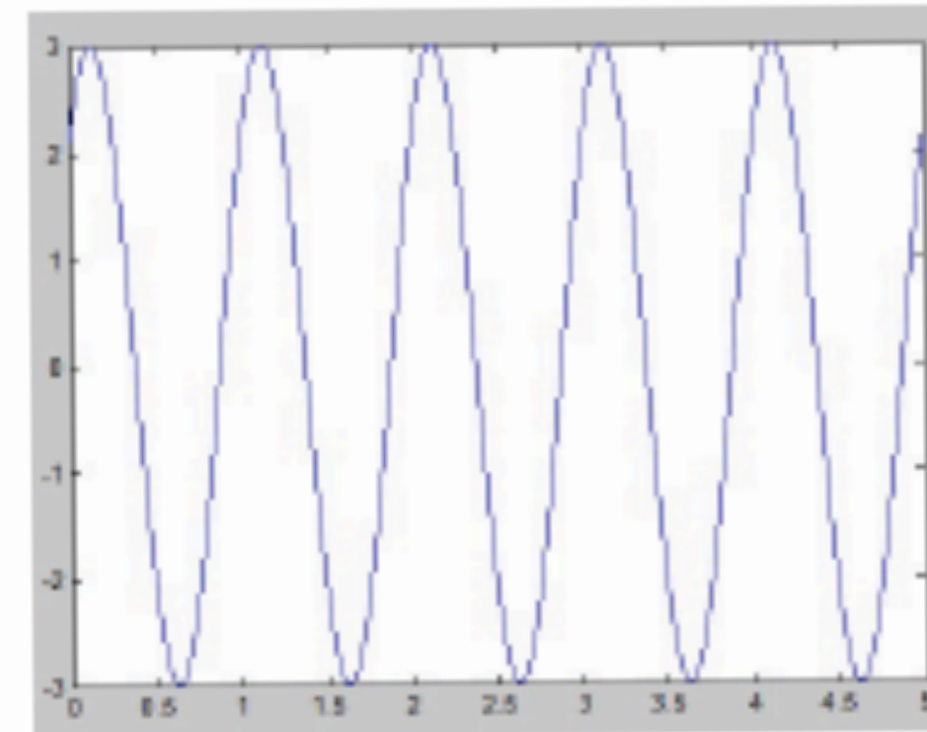
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➤ Digital Signals vs. Analog Signals

- Digital Signals: take only certain values (a finite number of values, in general) within an interval of time.
- Analog Signals: can take a (infinite) number of continuous values in a (bounded or unbounded) interval.



Señal digital

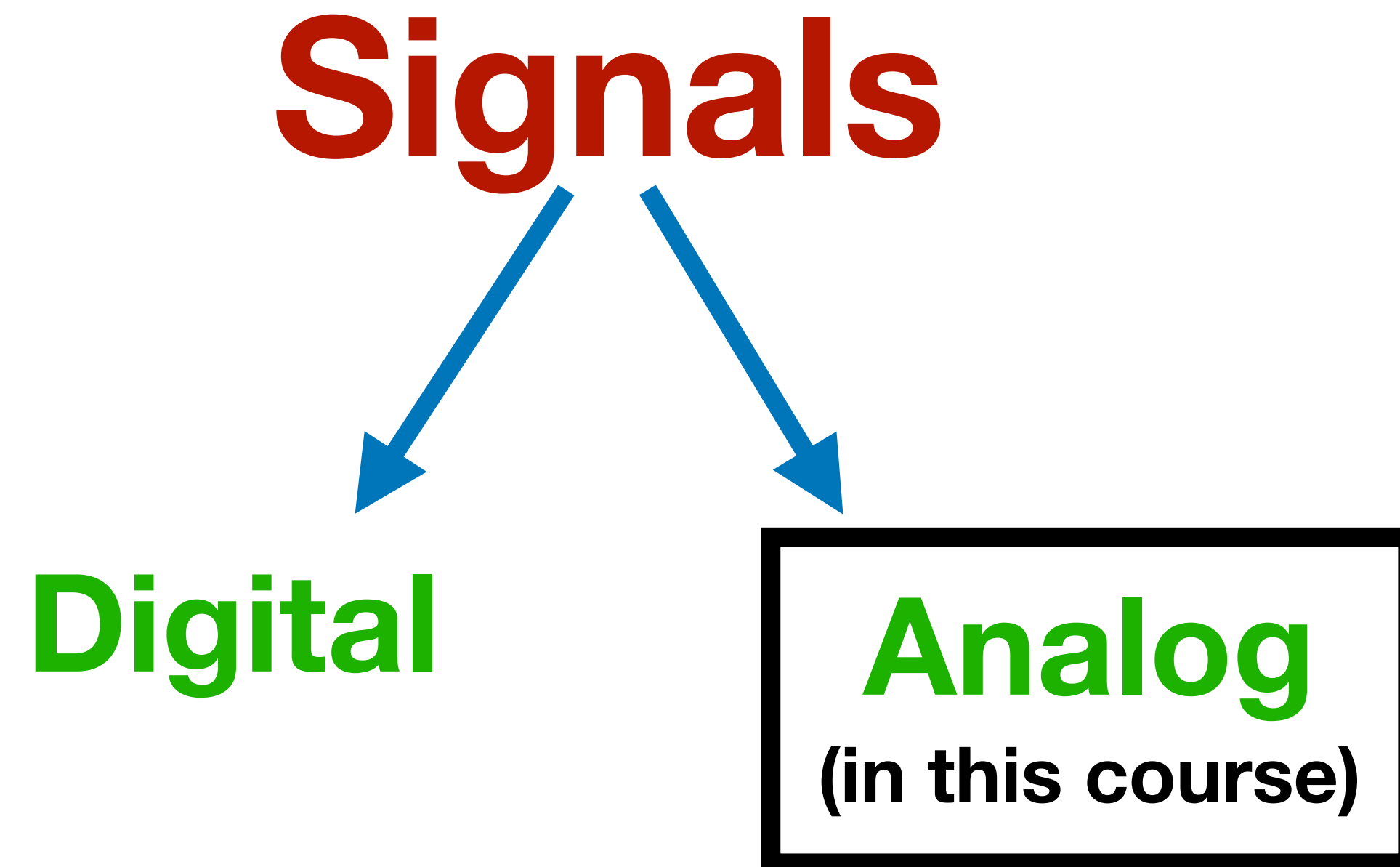


Señal analógica

(Both)
continuous signals

We look the y-axis !!!

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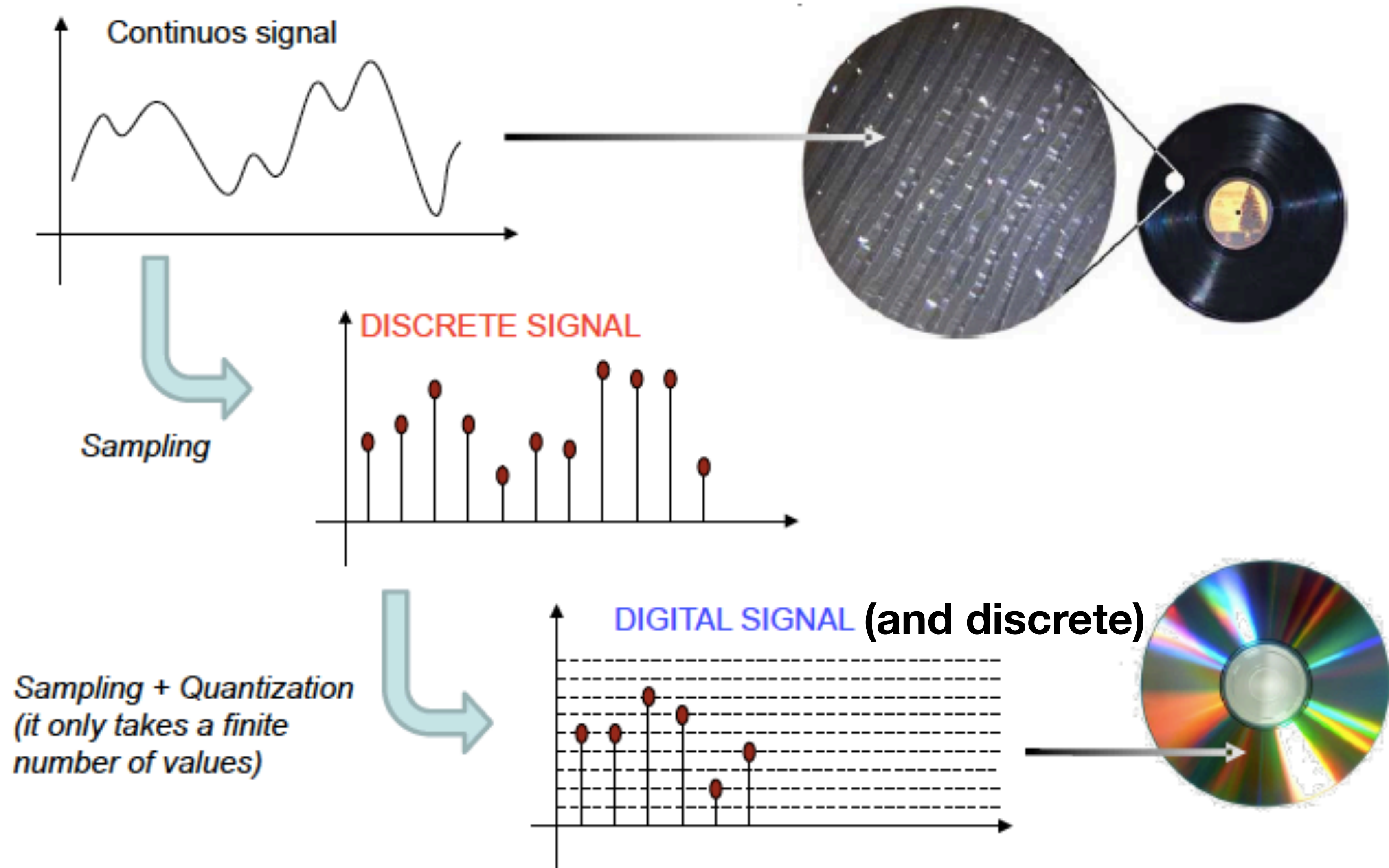
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Can you plot a *discrete* and *digital* signal ?

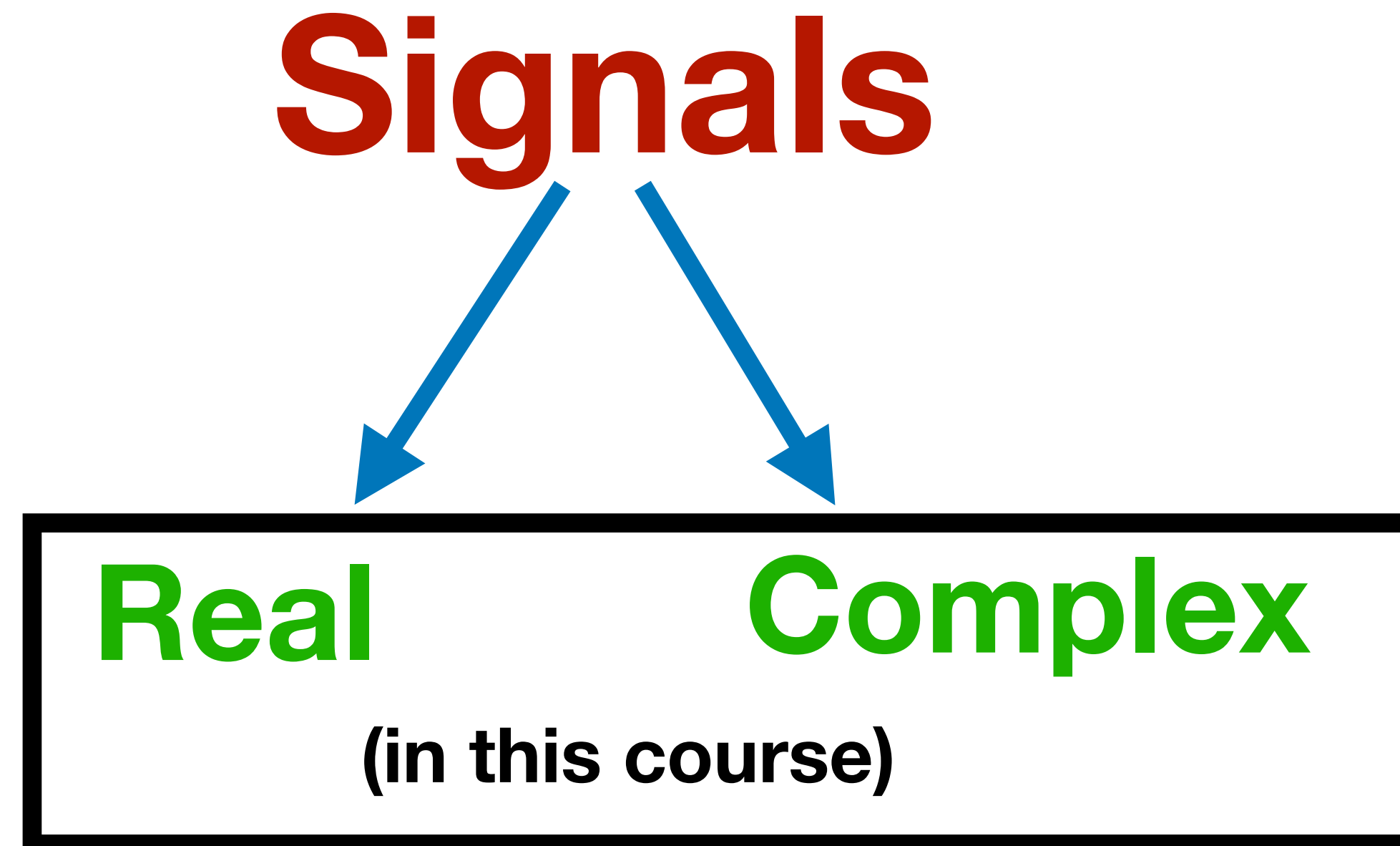
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Analog/continuous versus Digital



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...and we have already saw:



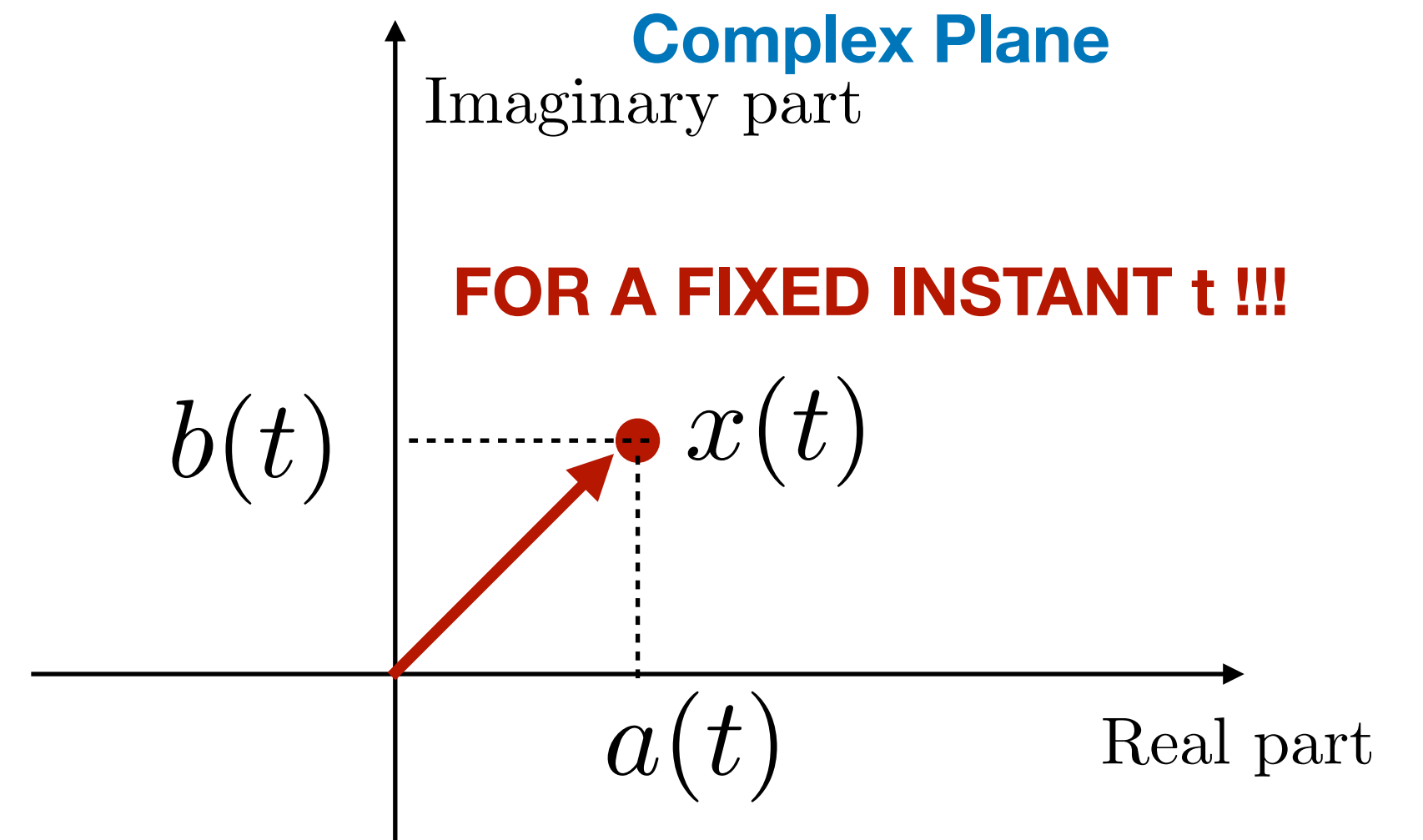
We look the y-axis !!!

Complex signals

$$x(t) = a(t) + jb(t)$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\{x(t)\} = a(t)$$

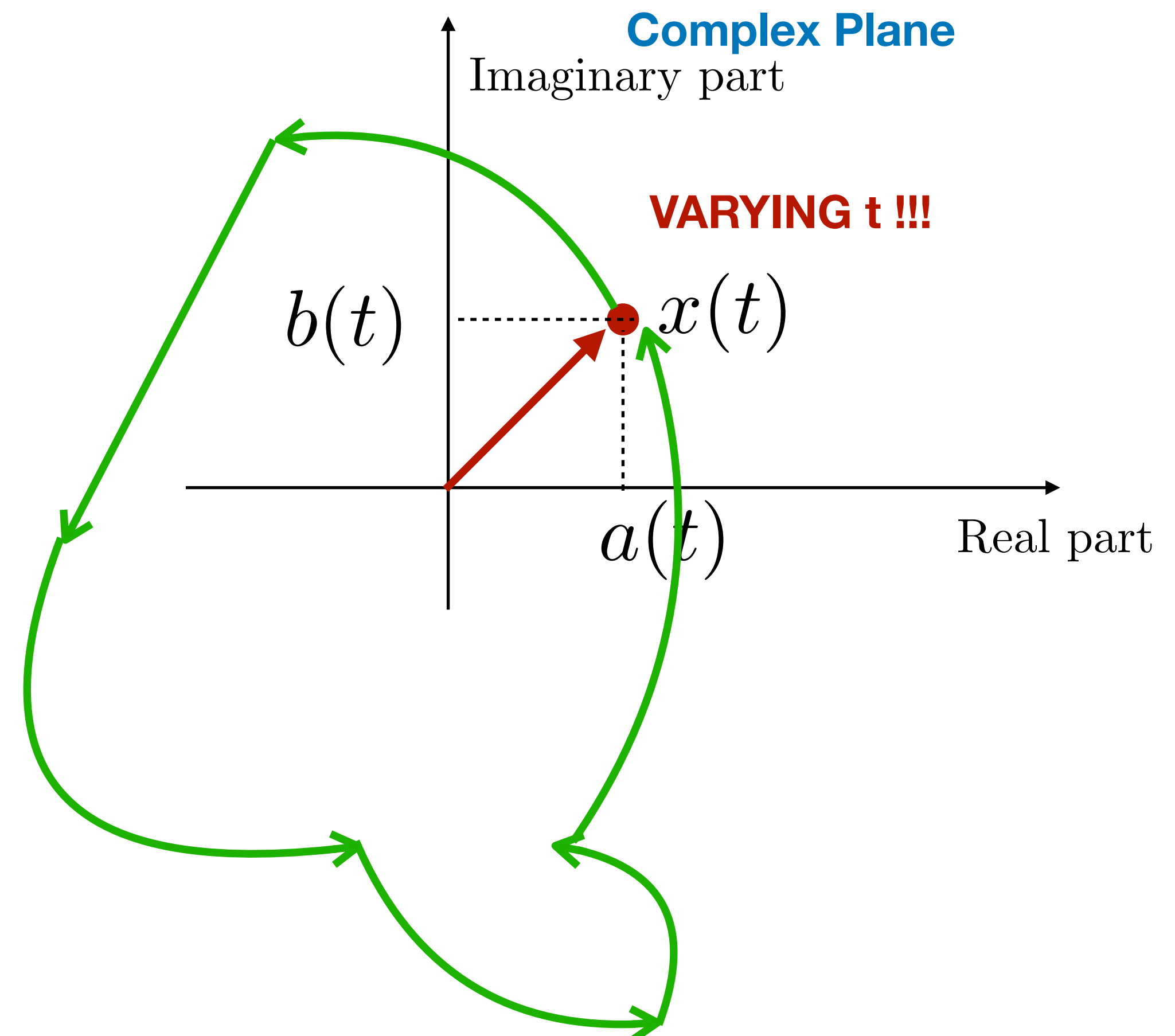
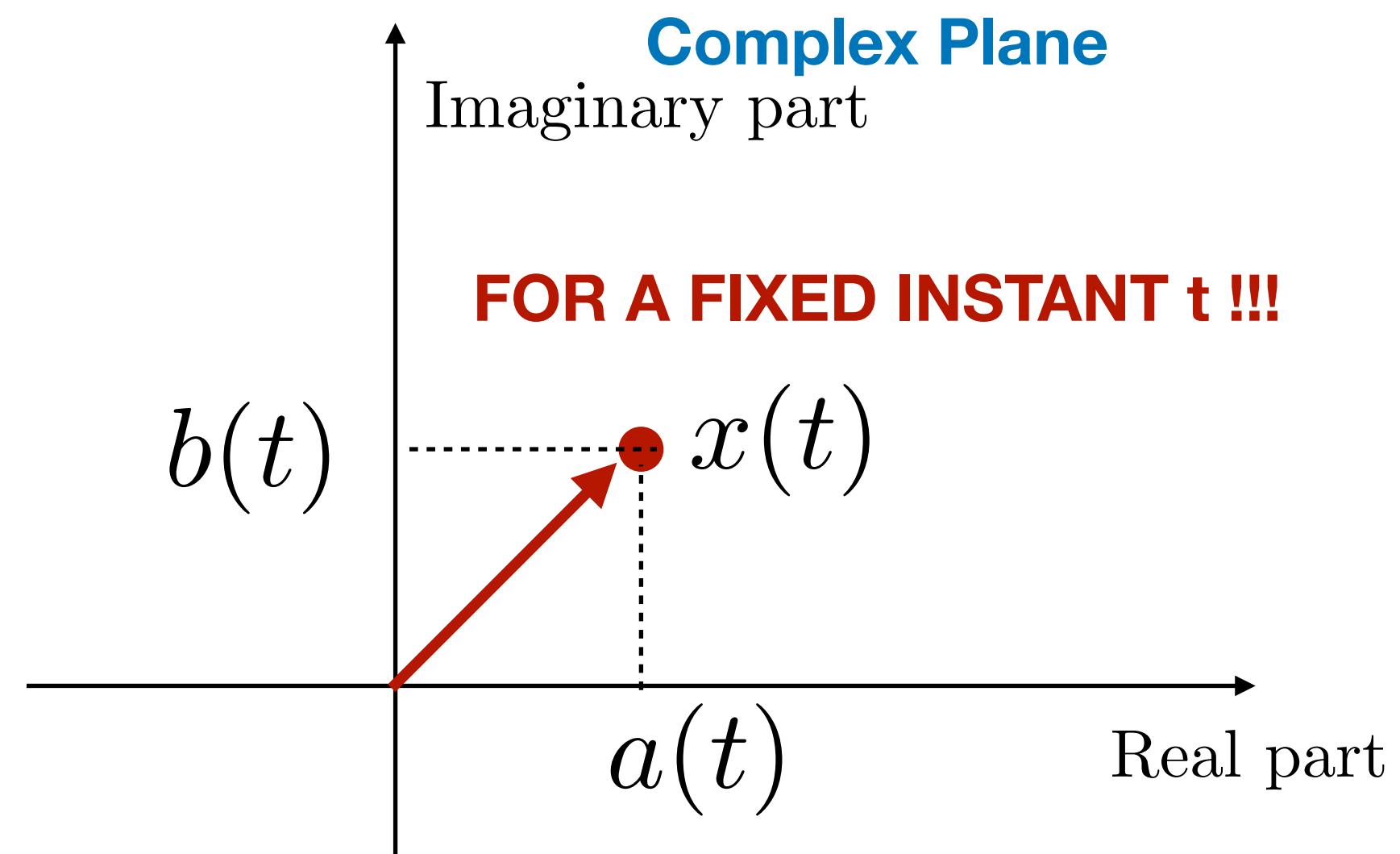
$$\operatorname{Im}\{x(t)\} = b(t)$$



$$\operatorname{Module}\{x(t)\} = |x(t)|^2 = a(t)^2 + b(t)^2$$

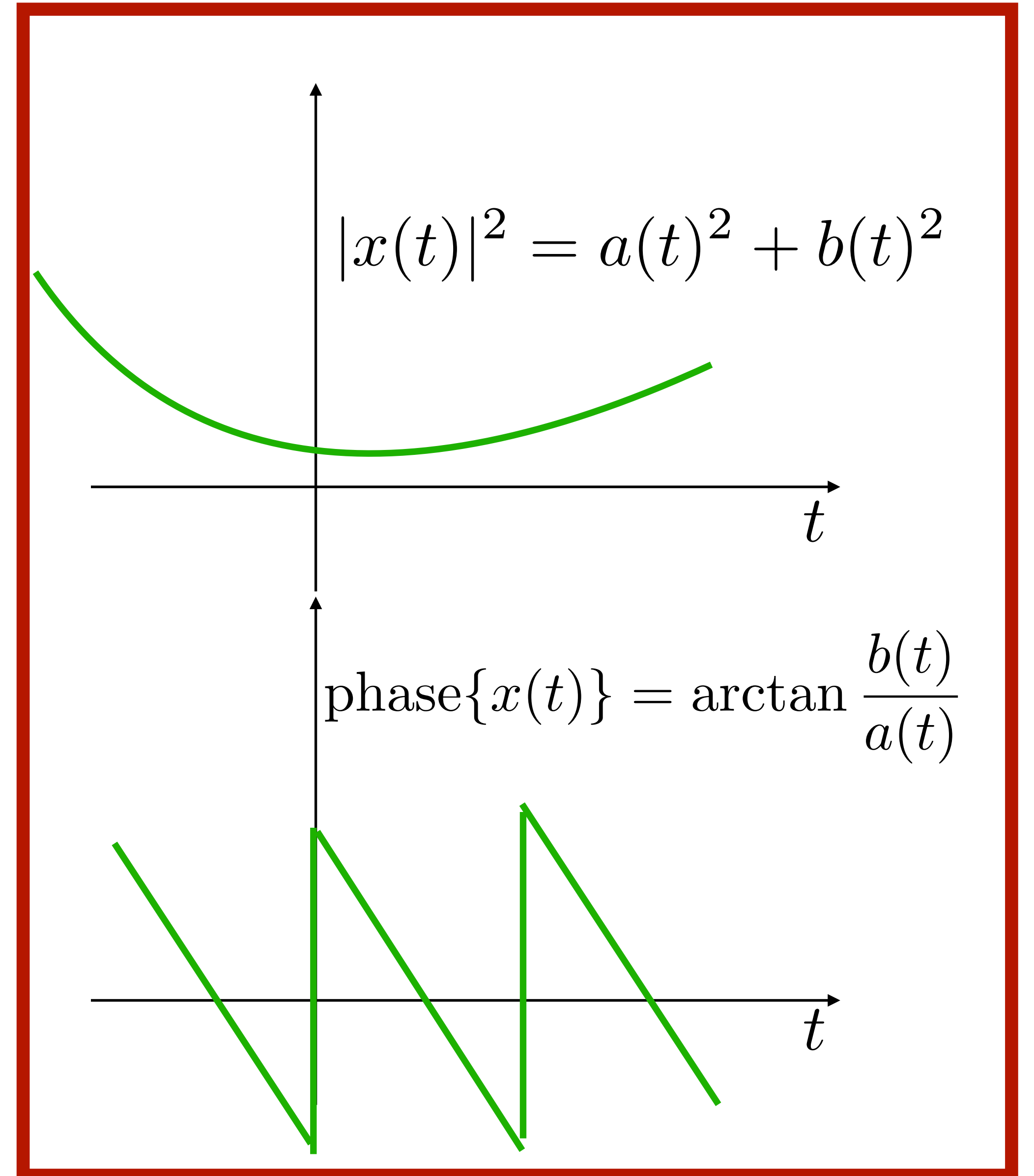
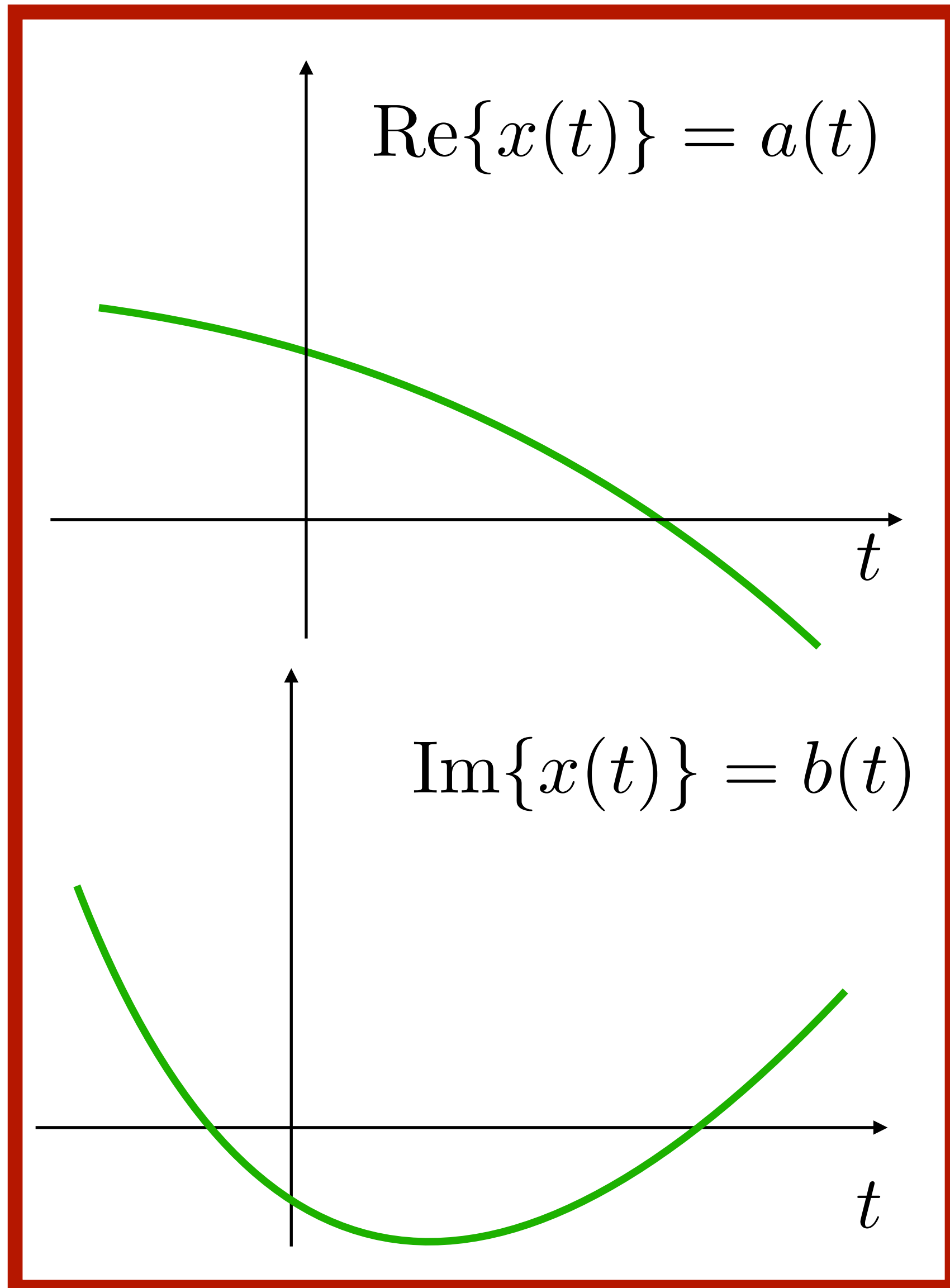
$$\operatorname{phase}\{x(t)\} = \arctan \frac{b(t)}{a(t)}$$

Way to plot a complex signal



IN THIS CASE IS A PERIODIC SIGNAL: why ?

Way to plot a complex signal



Complex signals: conjugate, real and im. parts

- Complex conjugate of a signal:

$$x^*(t) = \Re\{x(t)\} - j\Im\{x(t)\} = a(t) - jb(t)$$

- Real and imaginary parts can be obtained as:

$$\Re\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{2}[x(t) + x^*(t)]; \quad \Im\{x(t)\} = \frac{1}{2j}[x(t) - x^*(t)]$$

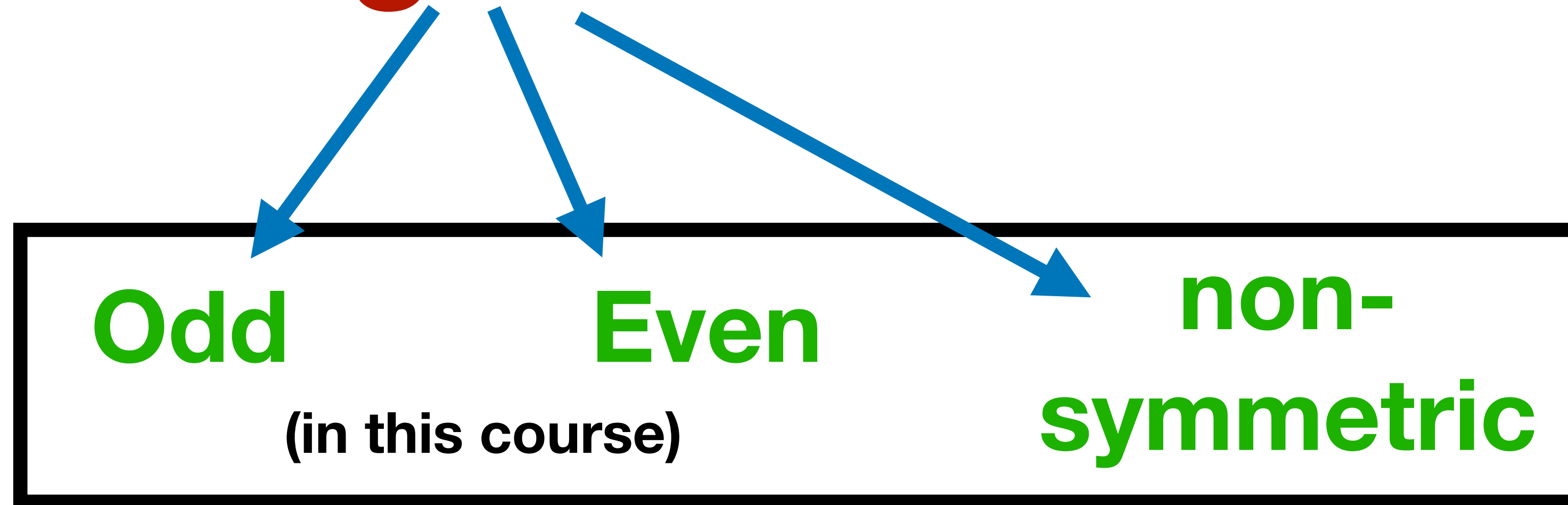
- The magnitude and argument can be obtained as:

MODULE $|x(t)|^2 = x(t) \cdot x^*(t) = (\Re\{x(t)\})^2 + (\Im\{x(t)\})^2$

$$\angle\{x(t)\} = \arctg \frac{\Im\{x(t)\}}{\Re\{x(t)\}}$$

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Signals



Examples (in continuous time)

➤ Real and Complex signals

- Complex signal

$$x(t) = x_r(t) + jx_i(t)$$

Example of a complex signal: $y(t) = e^{j0.3t} = \cos(0.3t) + j\sin(0.3t)$

Example of a real signal: $x(t) = \cos(0.25t)$

➤ Odd and even signals: both real signal such that

$$x_e(t) = x_e(-t)$$

$$x_o(t) = -x_o(-t)$$

➤ Generally, we can write

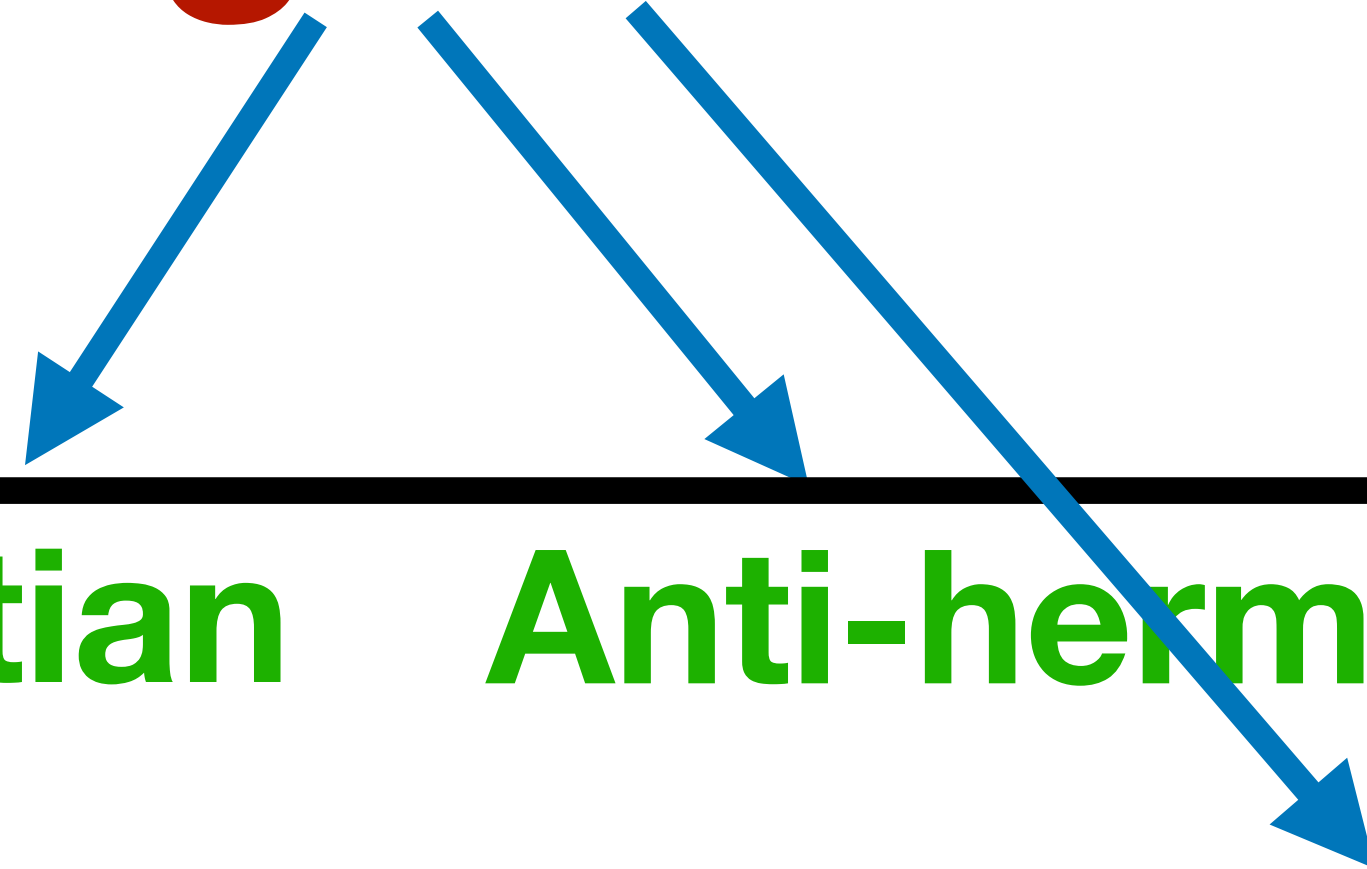
$$x(t) = x_e(t) + x_o(t)$$

$$x_e(t) = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) + x(-t)]$$

$$x_o(t) = \frac{1}{2} [x(t) - x(-t)]$$

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Signals



Hermitian

Anti-hermitian

**non-symmetry in
complex plane**

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Hermitian/anti-hermitian signals (cont. time)

➤ Hermitian and anti-hermitian signals:

- Hermitian signals (if real, then is an even signal):

$$x(t) = x^*(-t) \quad \forall t$$

- anti-hermitian signals (if real, then is an odd signal):

$$x(t) = -x^*(-t) \quad \forall t$$

Hermitian/anti-hermitian signals (cont. time)

- Every complex signal has two components: a **hermitian part** and an **antihermitian part**, that is,

$$x(t) = x_h(t) + x_a(t)$$

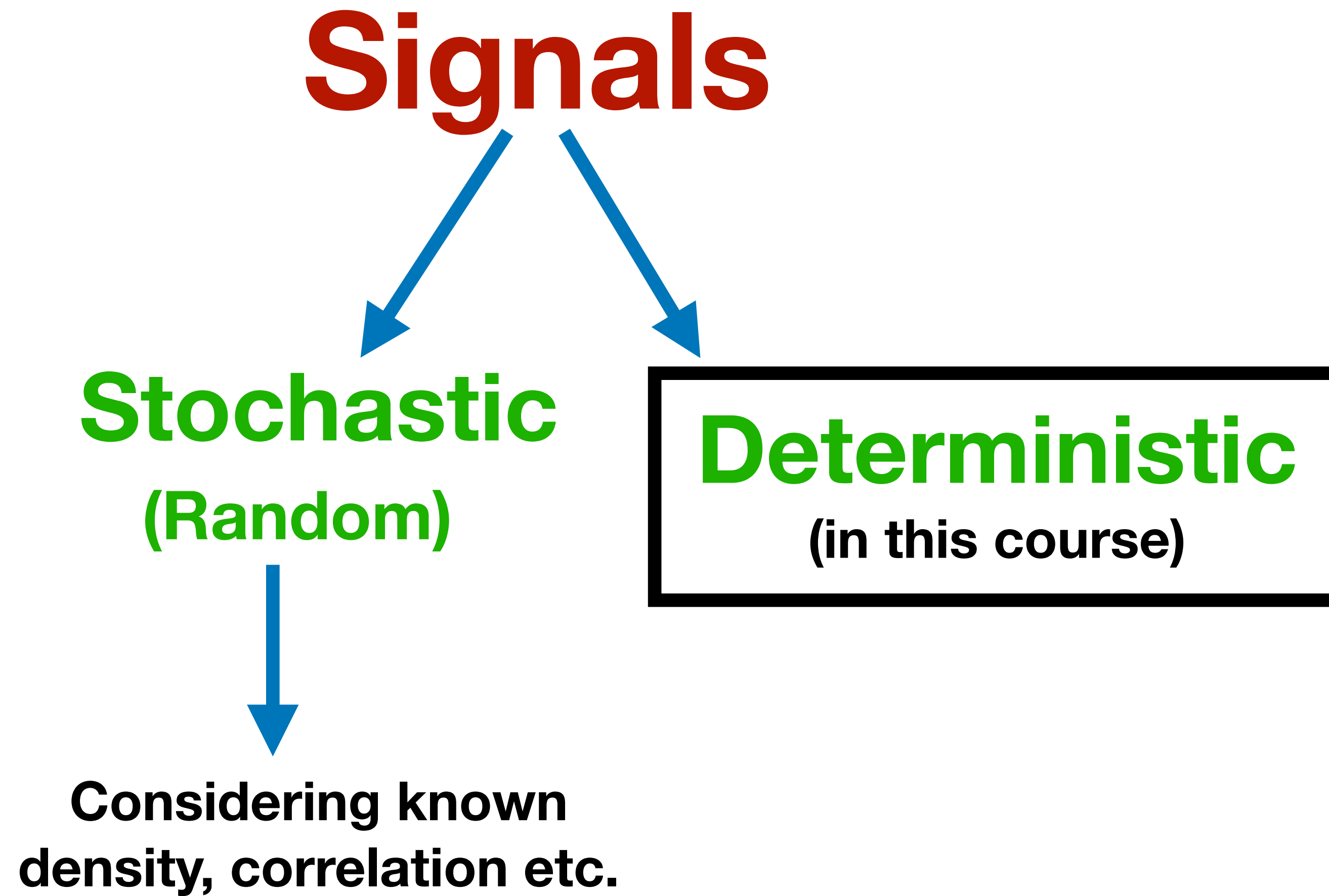
- Hermitian and antihermitian components can be computed as:

$$x_h(t) = \frac{1}{2}[x(t) + x^*(-t)]; \quad x_a(t) = \frac{1}{2}[x(t) - x^*(-t)]$$

Signals

- Deterministic Signals vs. Stochastic Signals
 - Stochastic Signals: contain randomness
 - the definitions, formulas and the treatment change

Signals



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Chaotic

quasi-periodic

non-periodic

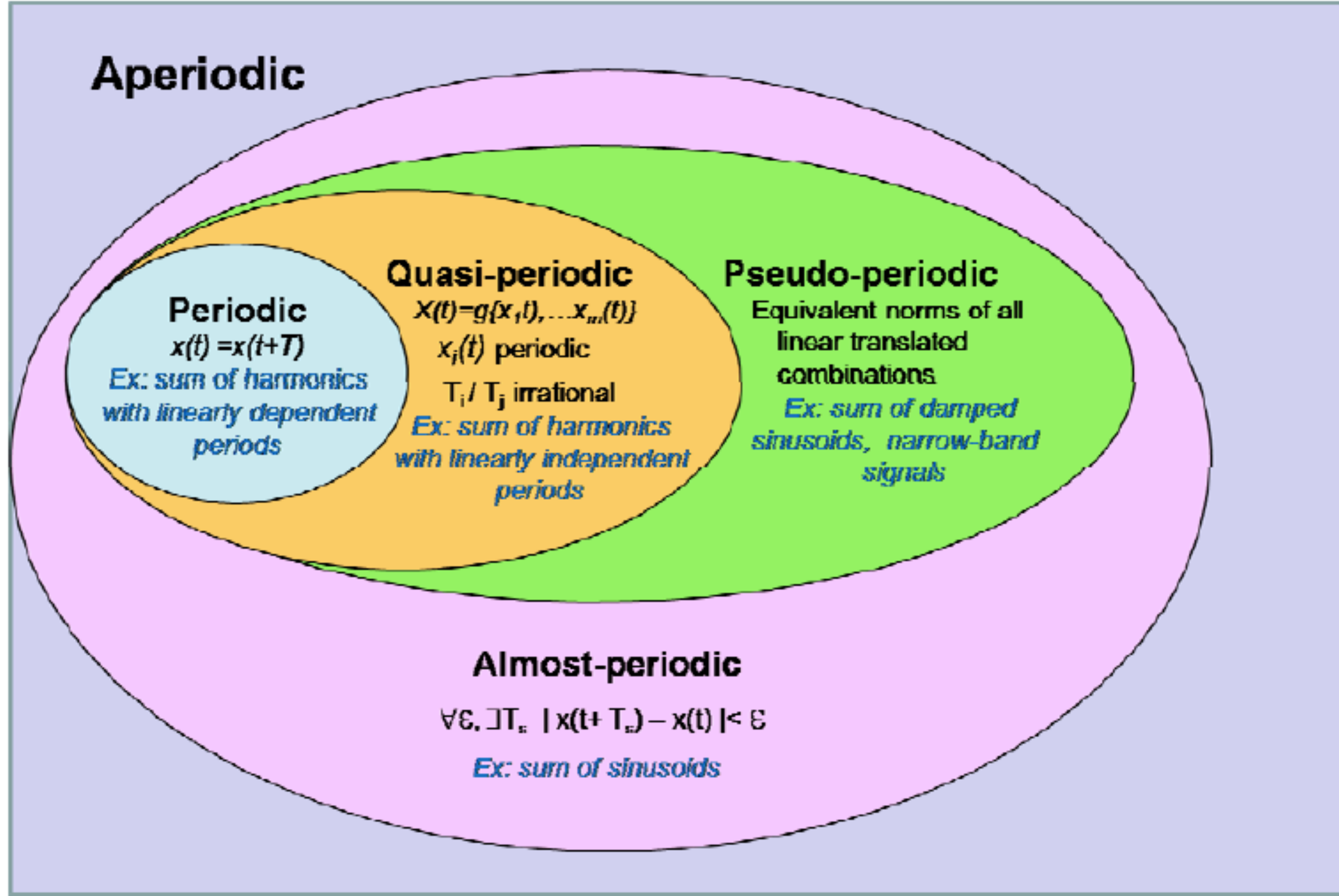
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(aperiodic)

periodic

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Summary - periodicity

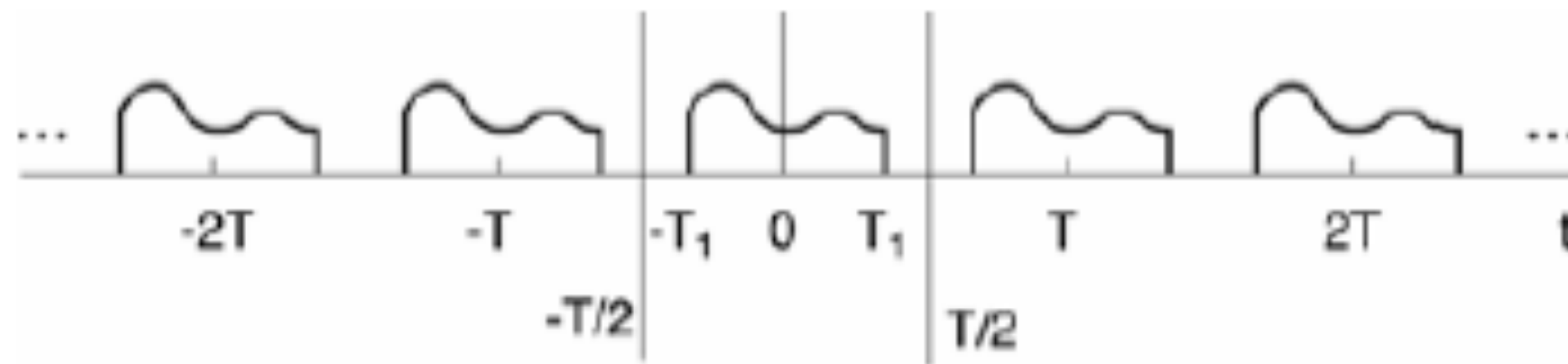


Periodic, quasi-periodic, almost and pseudo-periodic signals.

Periodic signals (continuous time)

➤ Periodic signals:

$$CT : \exists T > 0 \mid x(t) = x(t + T), \forall t$$



T is a real positive number

T is the *fundamental period*;
note that the signal is repeating
each 2T, 3T, ...

*Question: if we sum different
periodic signals (with different
period), the obtained signal is
periodic? And if we multiply
different periodic signals?*

**We will come back to this point... in
another class**

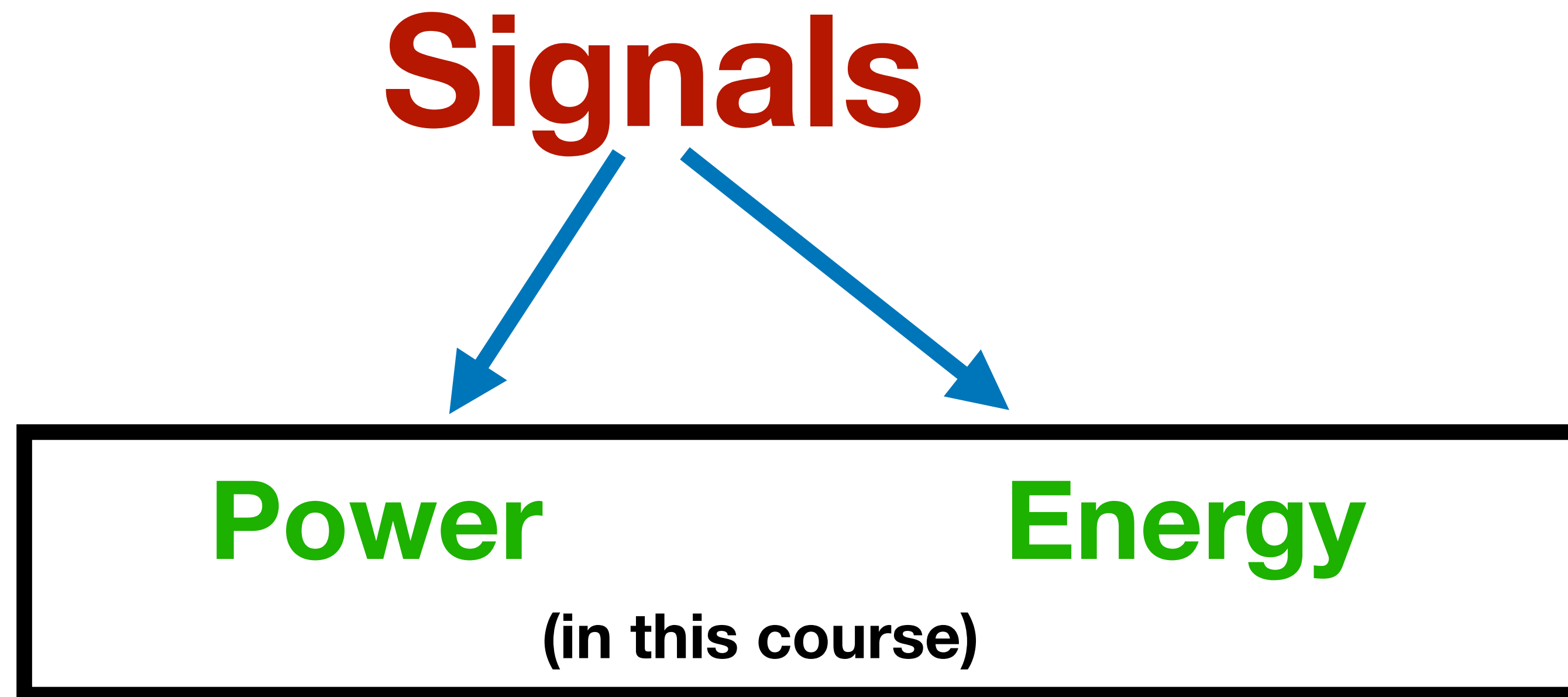
**We will come back to periodicity in another class, since the
discrete case is quite more complicated.**

Periodic signals (continuous time)

Fundamental period

- If $x(t)$ is periodic with period T , it is also periodic with periods $2T, 3T, \dots$
- We call *fundamental period*, T_0 , to the smallest value of T for which the equation $x(t) = x(t + T)$ holds.

Signals



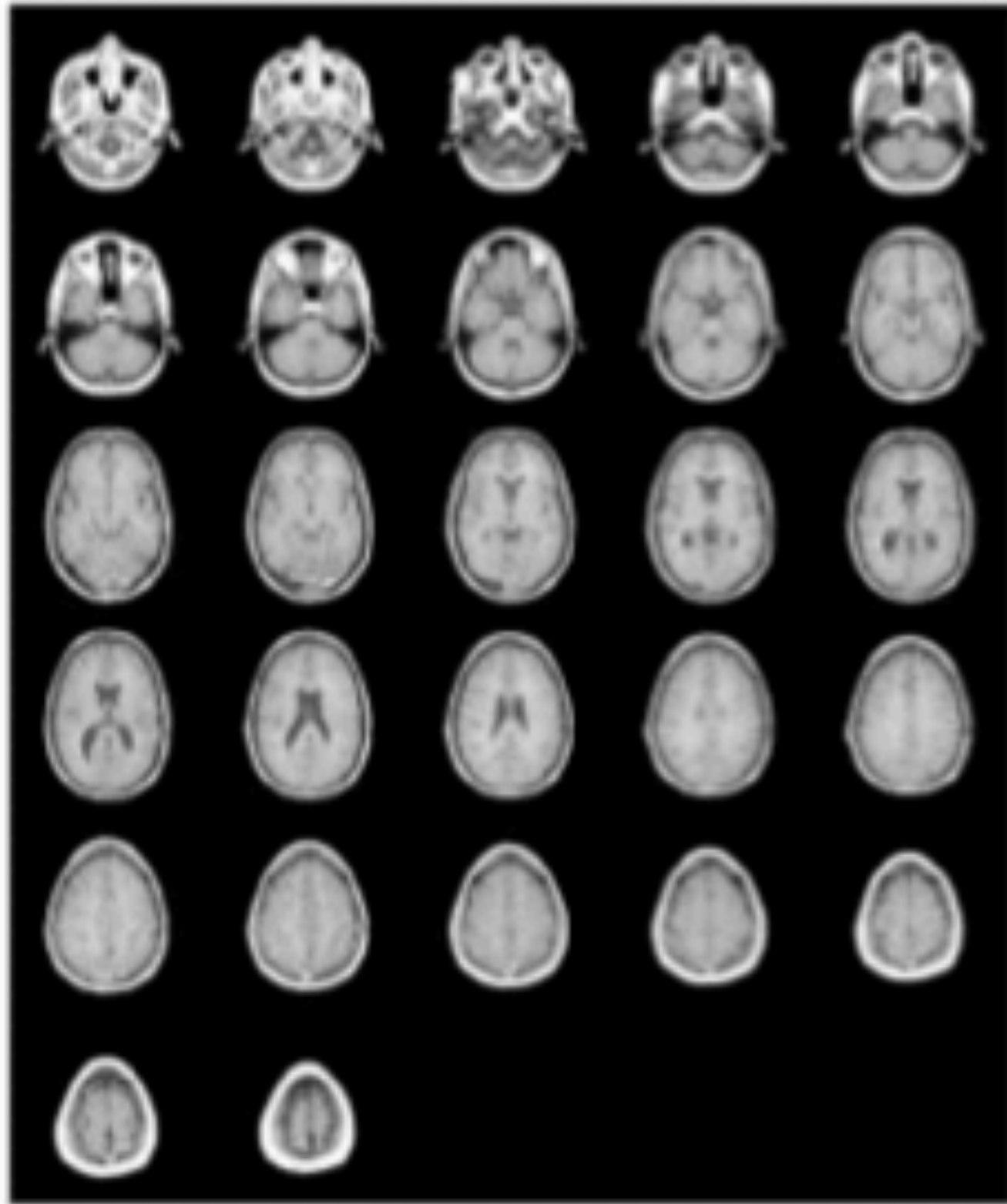
➤ Recall:

- There are *power signals* and *energy signals*:
 - Finite Energy \rightarrow then the power is zero \rightarrow energy signal
 - Finite Power \rightarrow then the energy is infinite \rightarrow power signal
 - Some signals are neither energy nor power signals.
 - For a periodic signal: if the energy in one period is finite, then it is a power signal

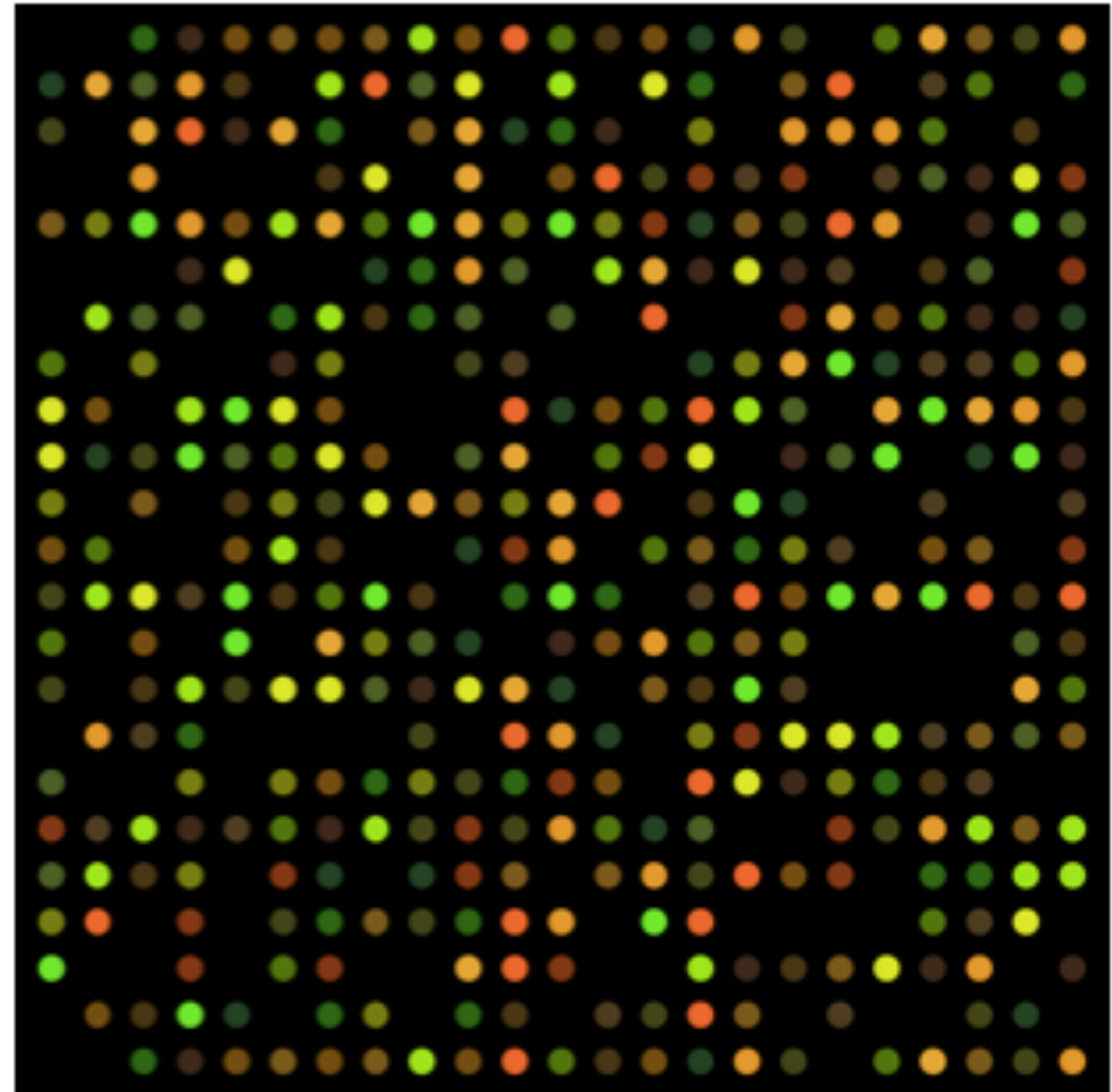
1.1.2 (Motivational) Examples of signals

“Motivational” examples

Medical Image: CAT

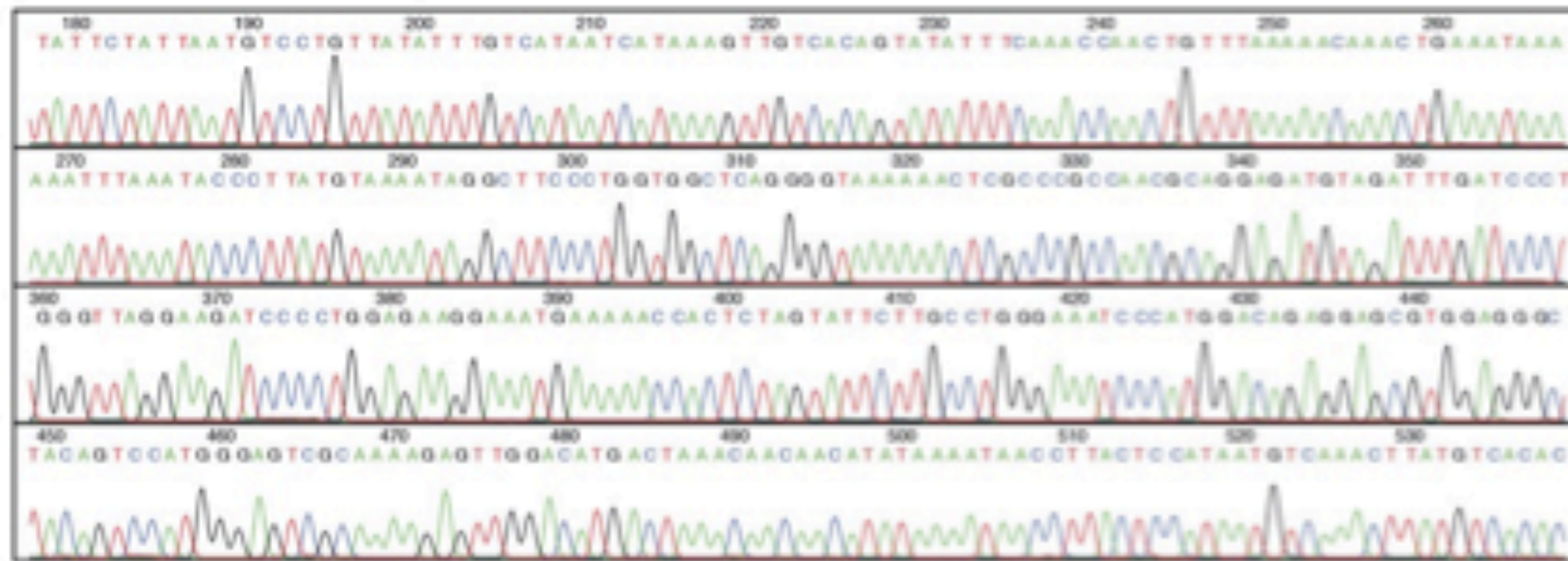


ADN: Microarray



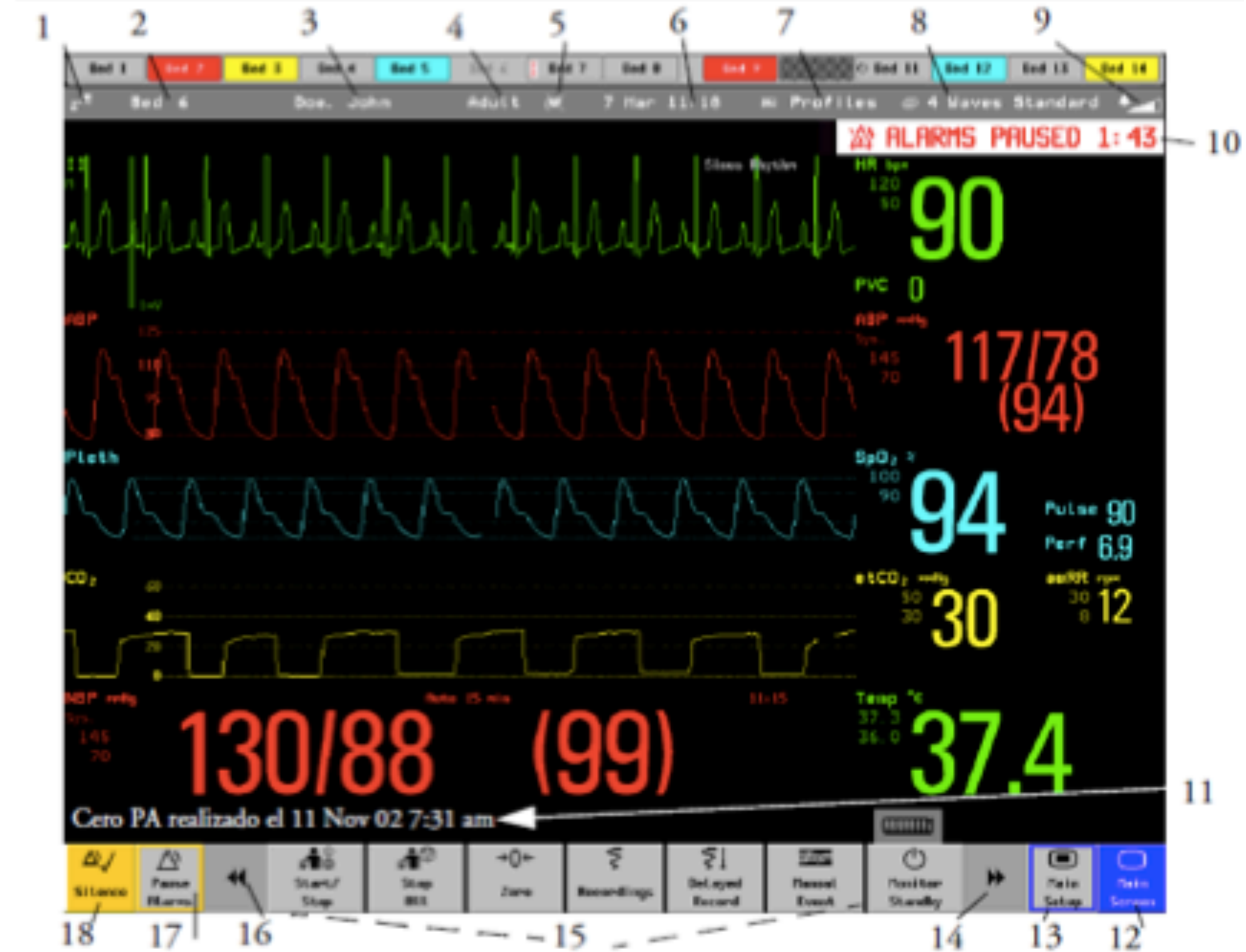
“Motivational” examples

DNA
sequence

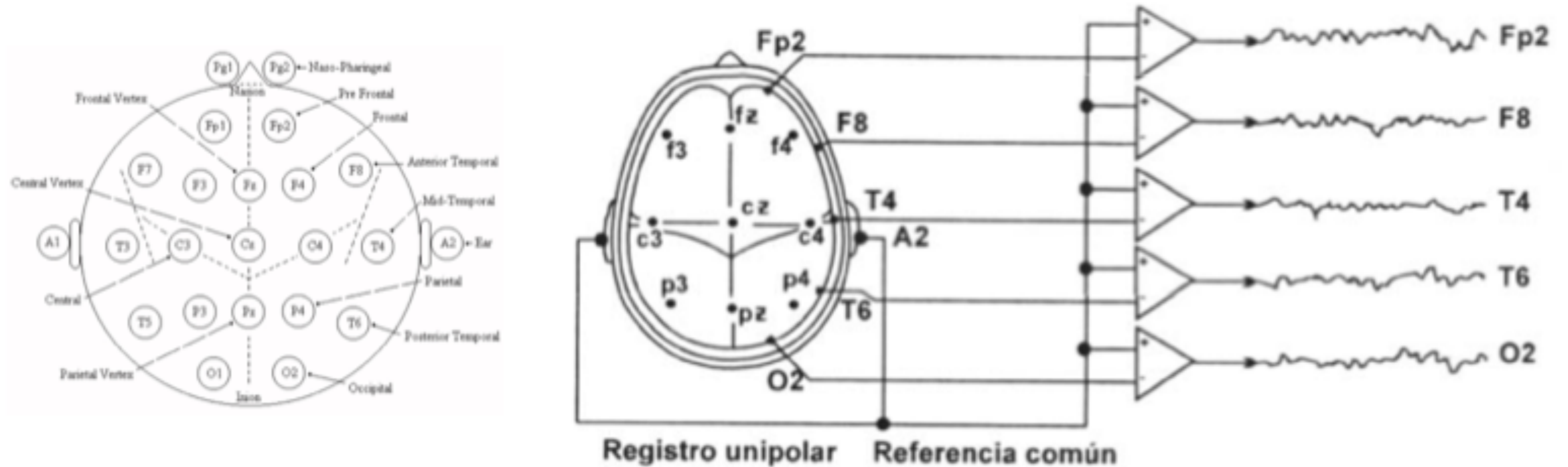


Secuencias de ADN obtenidas de una máquina de secuenciación automática

Intensive care
monitor

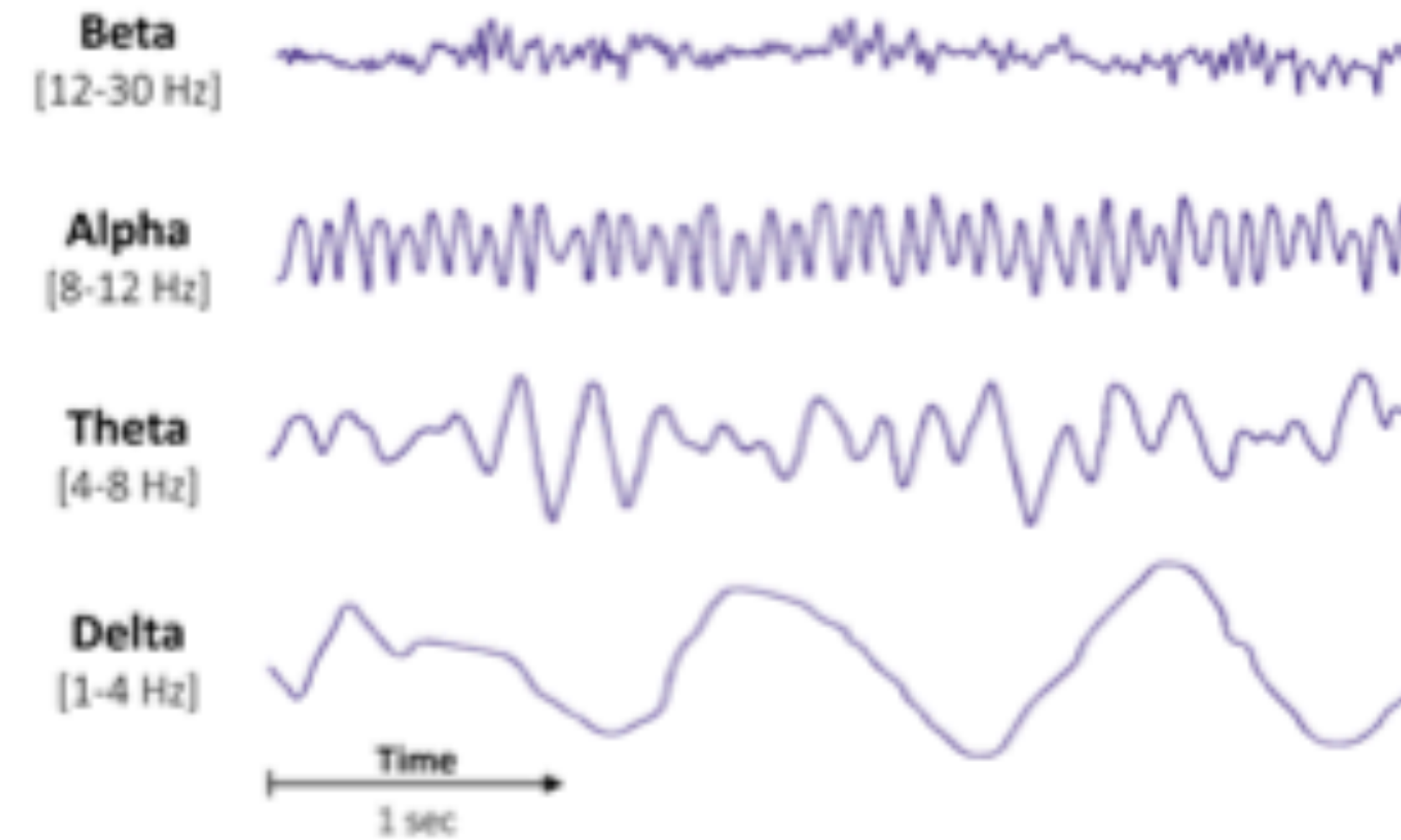
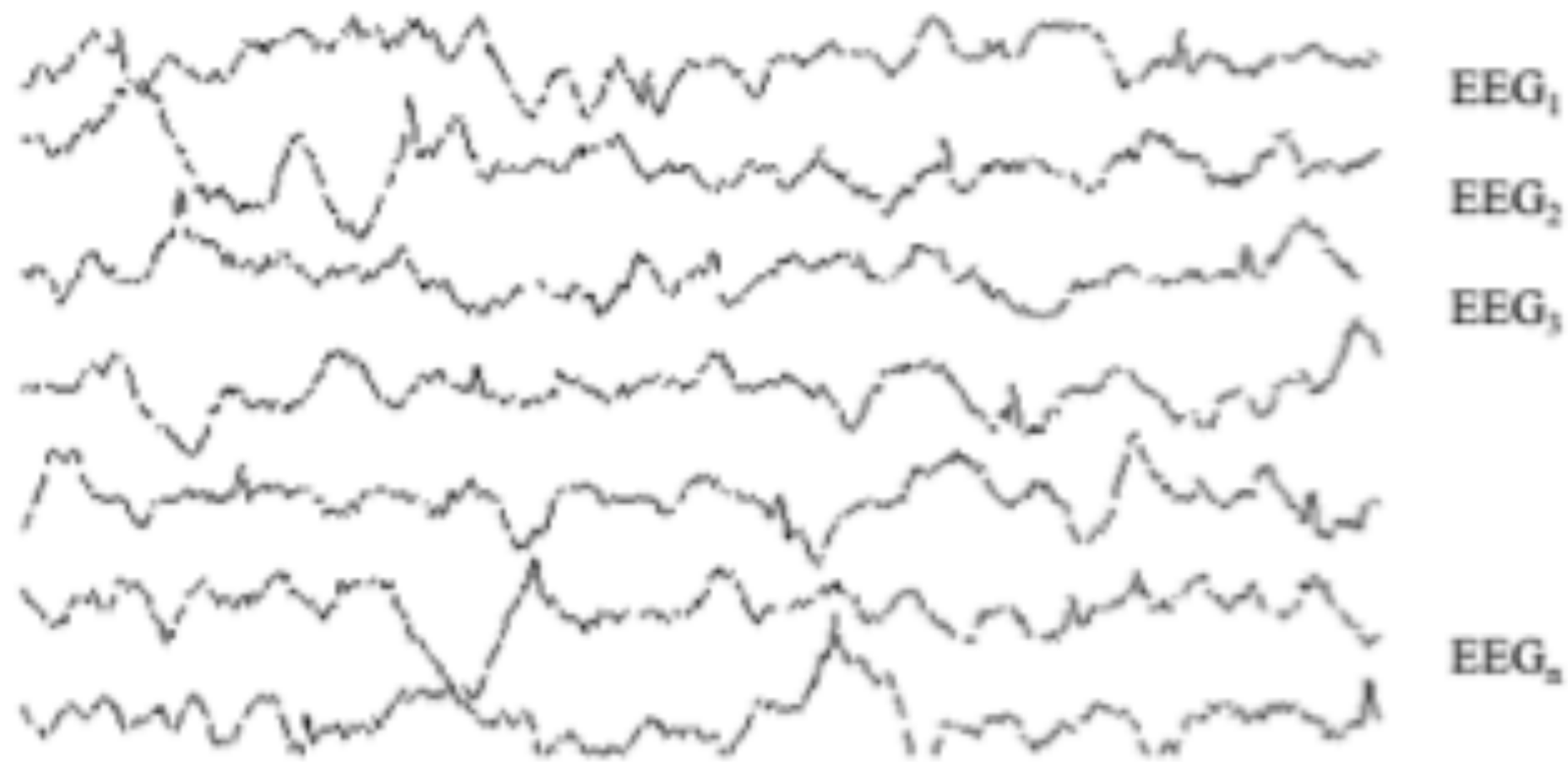


“Motivational” examples



“Motivational” examples

EEG: children 8-12 years, healthy in REM



- Range span: active calm -> intense -> stressed -> mild obsessive
- Active thinking, focus, hi alert, anxious

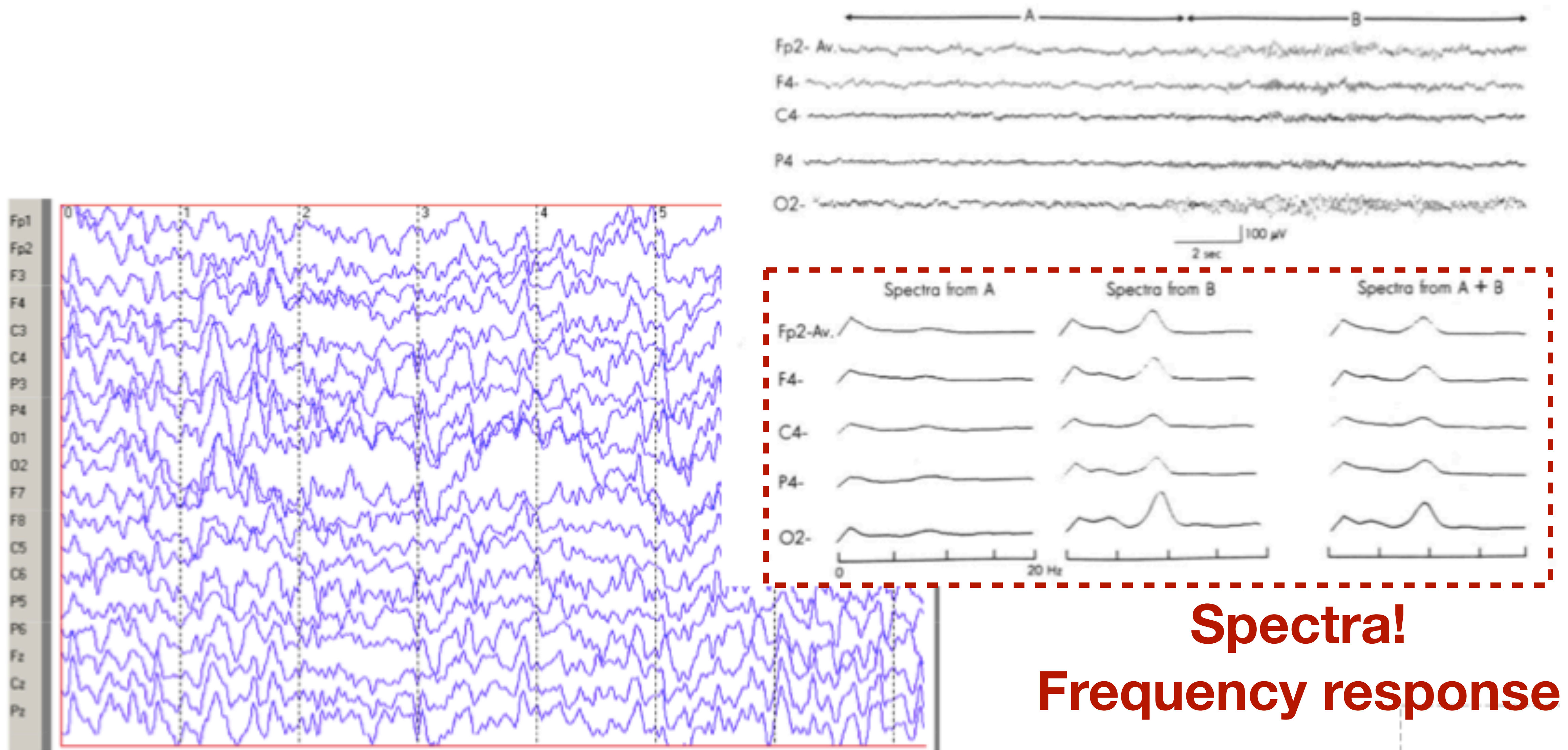
- Relaxed/reflecting
- Closing eyes
- Inhibition control

- Higher in young children
- Drowsiness in adults and teens
- Idling
- When trying to inhibit a response or action

- Adult low-wave sleep
- In babies
- During some continuous-attention tasks

Amplitude between 20-100 μ V
Frequency between 0-30 Hz.

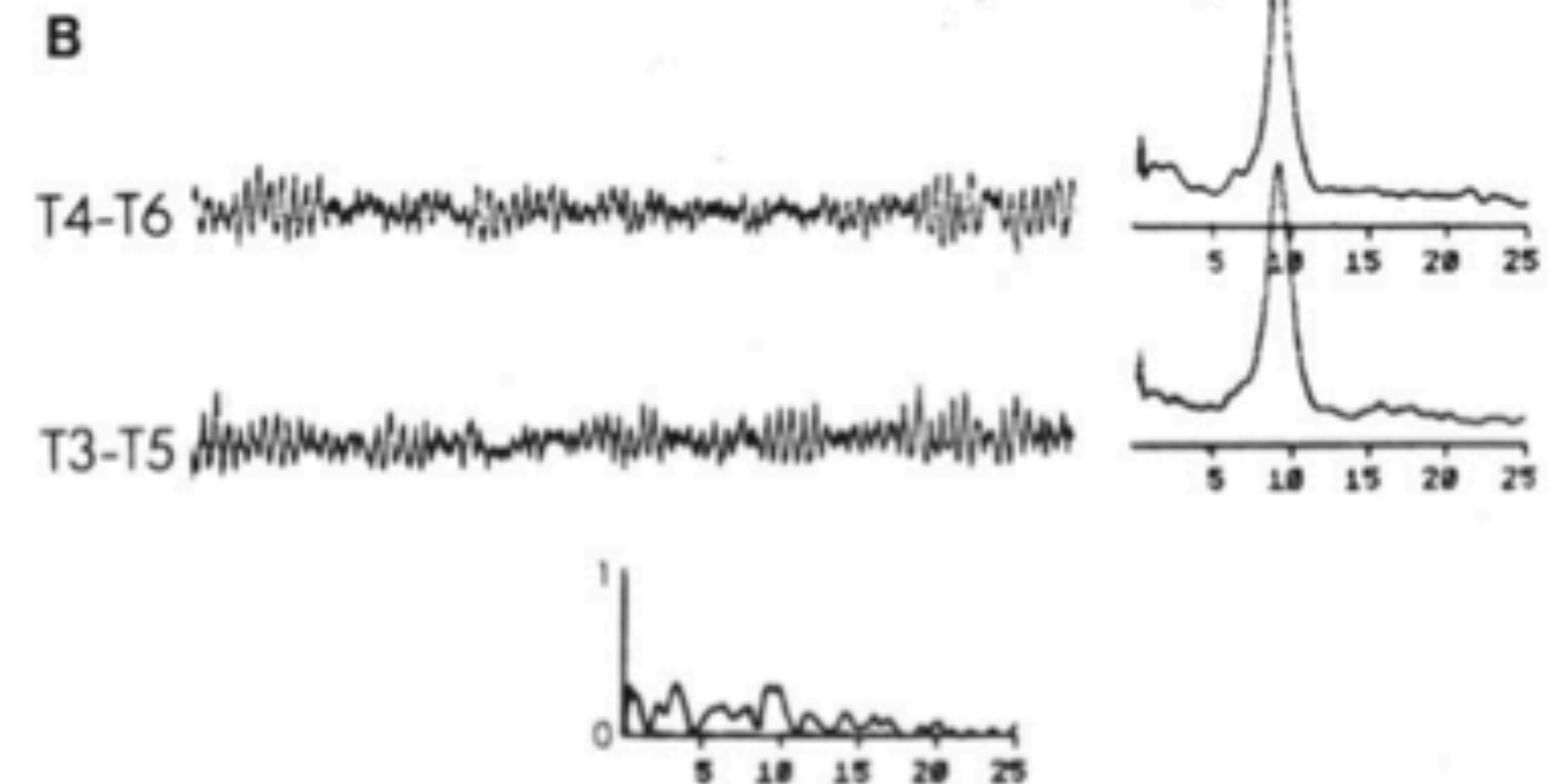
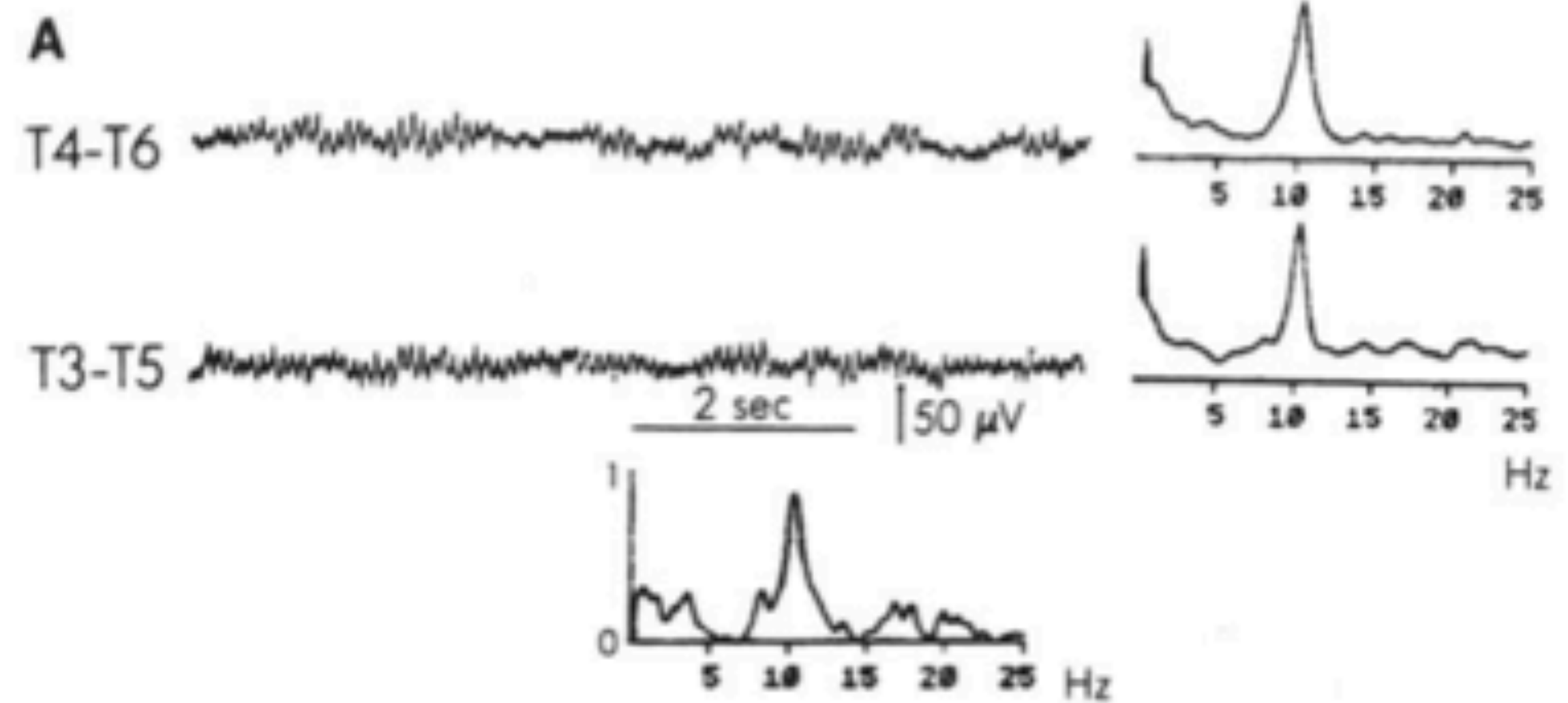
“Motivational” examples



“Motivational” examples

$$C_{xy} = \frac{|P_{xy}(f)|}{(P_{xx}(f)P_{yy}(f))}$$

Measures the synchronization between different brain cortex regions



“Motivational” examples

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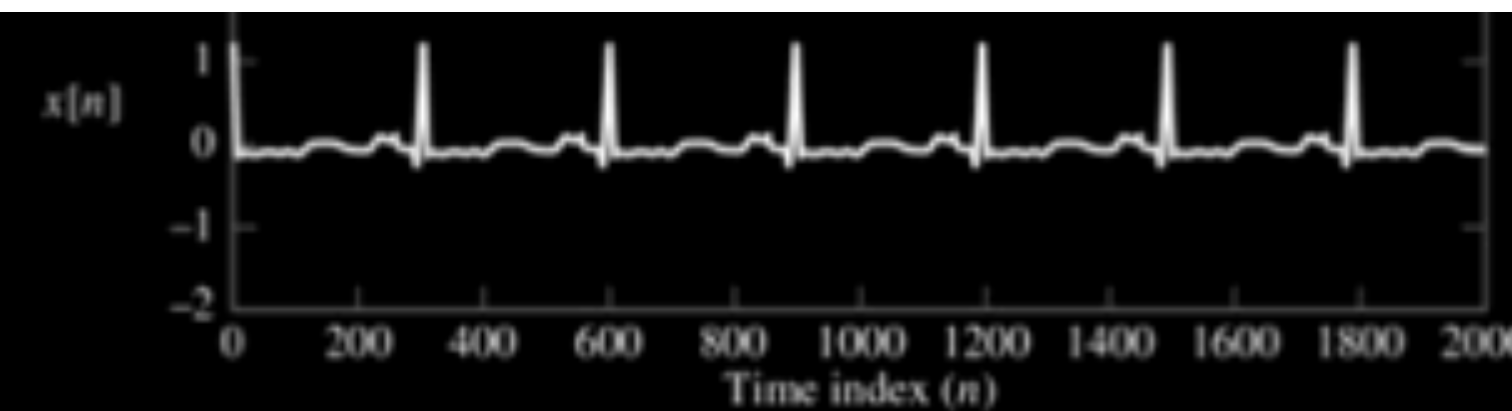
Electrocardiograms for two different heartbeats and the first 60 coefficients of their magnitude spectra.

(a) Normal heartbeat.

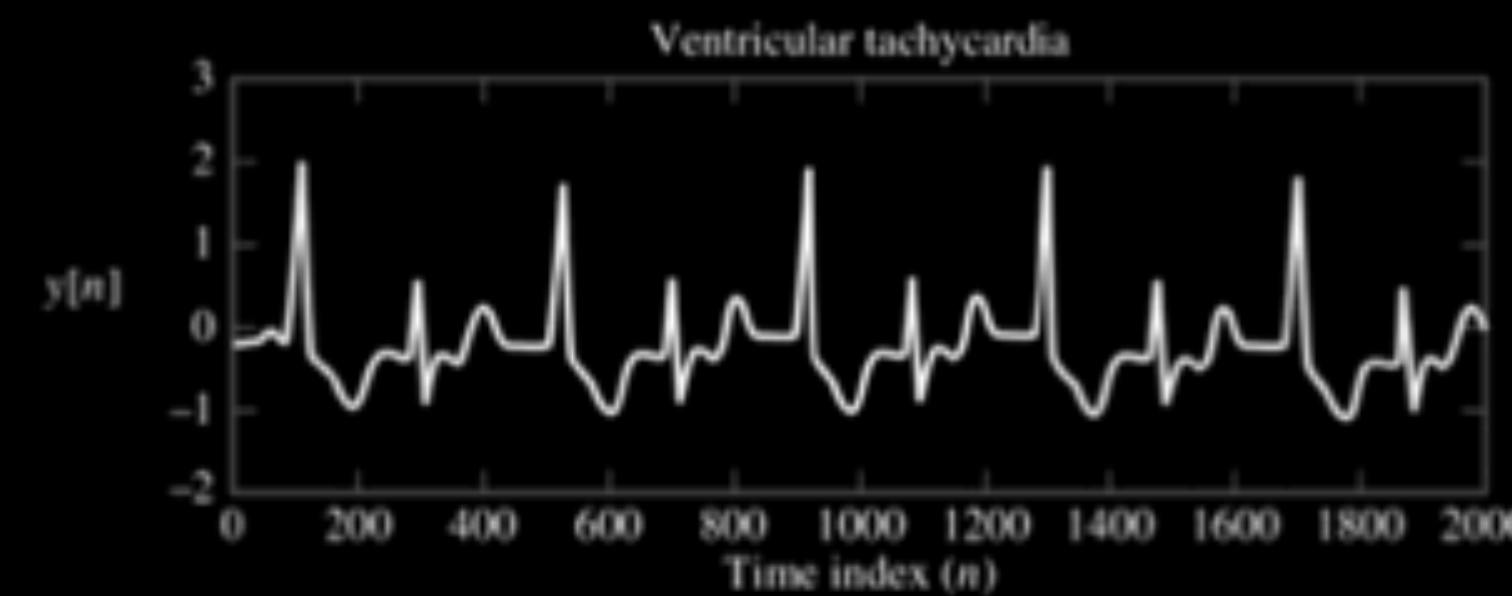
(b) Ventricular tachycardia.

(c) Magnitude spectrum for the normal heartbeat.

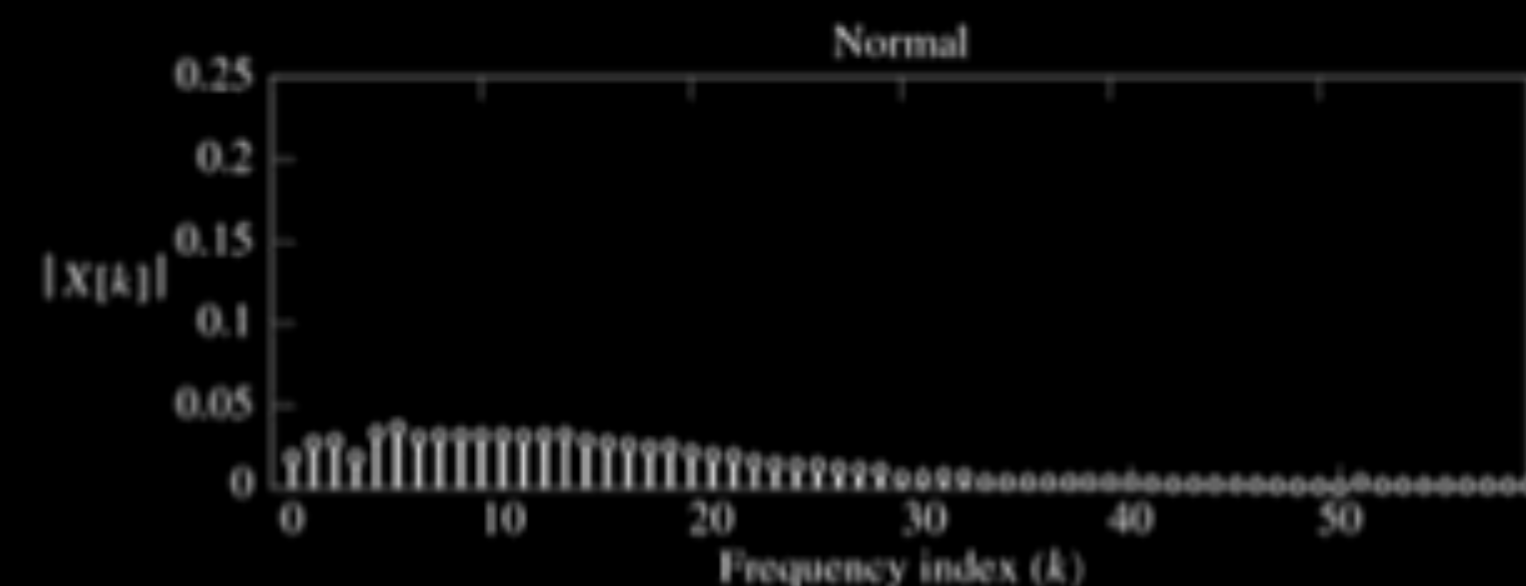
(d) Magnitude spectrum for ventricular tachycardia.



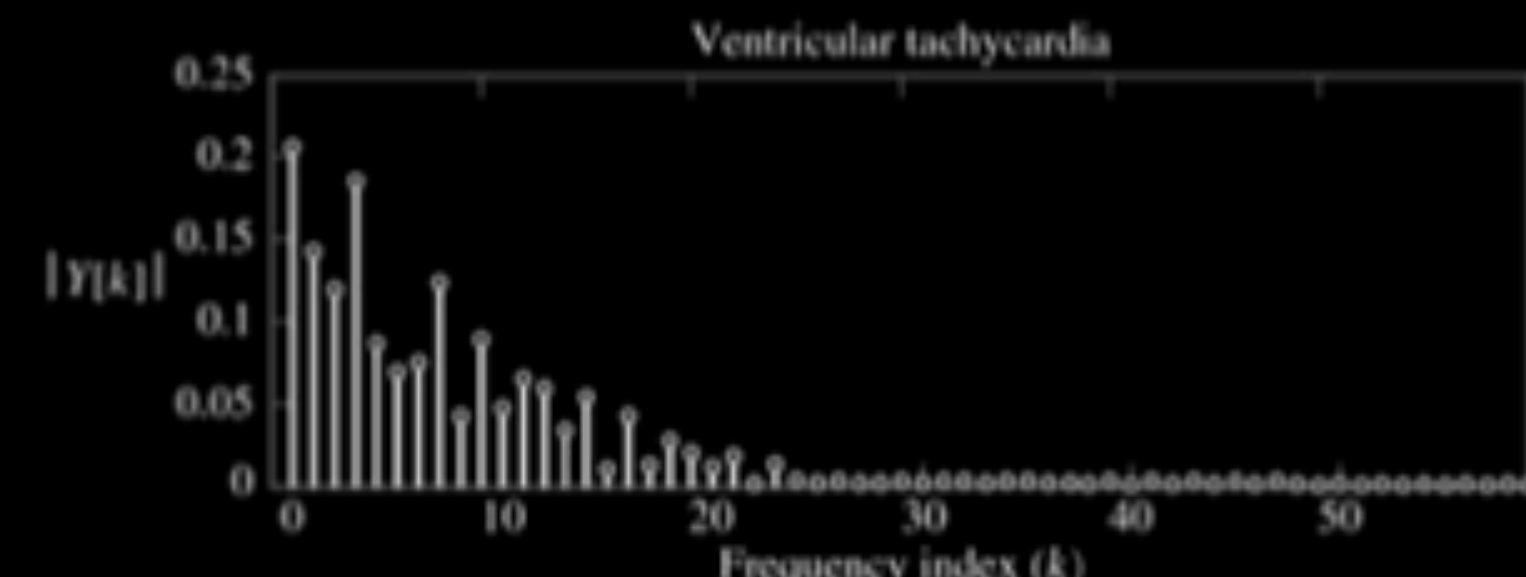
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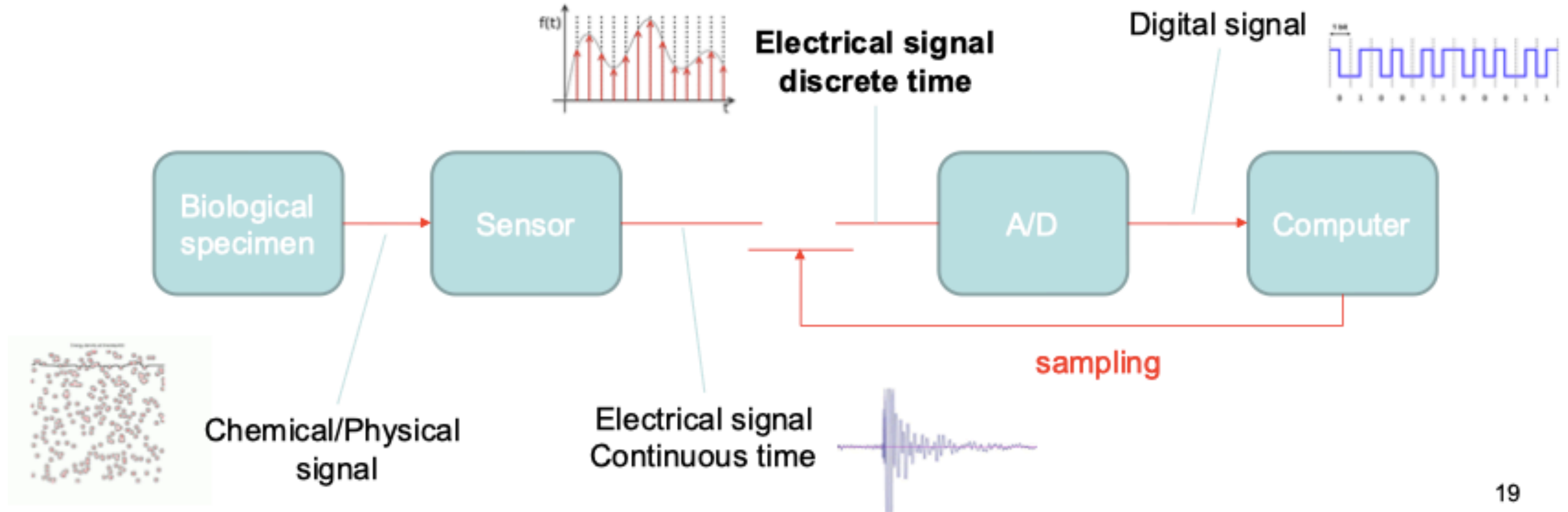
(b)



(c)



“Motivational” examples: in this course...



1.2 Basic operations with signals in cont. time, and important signals in cont. time and main properties

1.2.1 Basic operations with signals in CT

Operations with signals

➤ What can we do?

- Any mathematical operation.

➤ Examples:

- Level/amplitude change: $\implies Ax(t)$
- Translation: $\implies x(t - t_0)$
- Time inversion: $\implies x(-t)$
- Change of scale: $\implies x(at)$
- Derivation $\implies \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$
- integration $\implies \int_0^t x(\tau) d\tau$

**Recall on the blackboard
and in your mind...**

Operations with signals

Suggested strategies: build a table !!

t	$Ax(t), x(t - t_0), x(at), \text{etc.}$
0	→ correspondent value
-1	→ correspondent value
1.5	→ correspondent value
2	→ correspondent value
....

...and then make a plot !!!

1.2.2 Important signals in CT

Specific relevant signals in cont. time

Complex exponential (just imaginary part) in continuous time:

Euler Formula: $e^{j\omega_0 t} = \cos(\omega_0 t) + j\sin(\omega_0 t)$

Specific relevant signals in cont. time

➤ Complex Exponential (CE)

$$x(t) = ce^{st} = re^{j\theta} e^{\sigma t} e^{j\omega_0 t} = r \underbrace{e^{\sigma t}}_{\text{Amplitude}} \underbrace{e^{j(\omega_0 t + \theta)}}_{\text{complex}}$$

real

$$c = re^{j\theta}$$
$$s = \sigma + j\omega_0$$

$\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0$

Specific relevant signals in cont. time

Complex exponential in continuous time:
in general, we will consider the simpler formula

$$x(t) = e^{st} = e^{\sigma t} e^{j\omega_0 t}$$

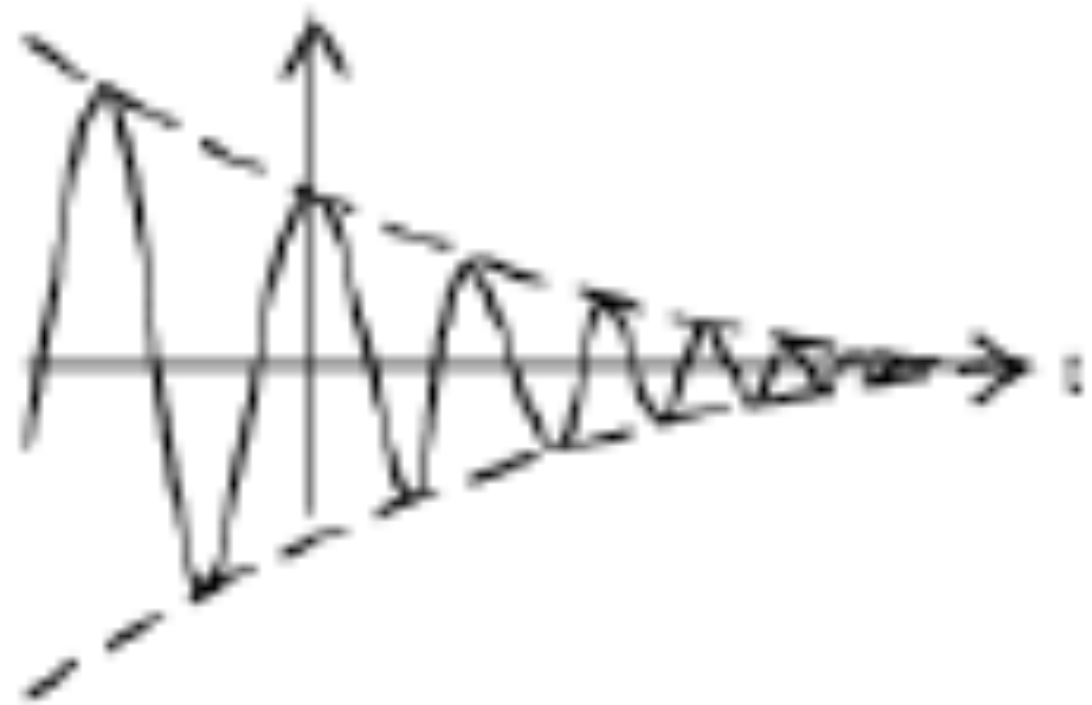
where:

$$s = \sigma + j\omega_0$$

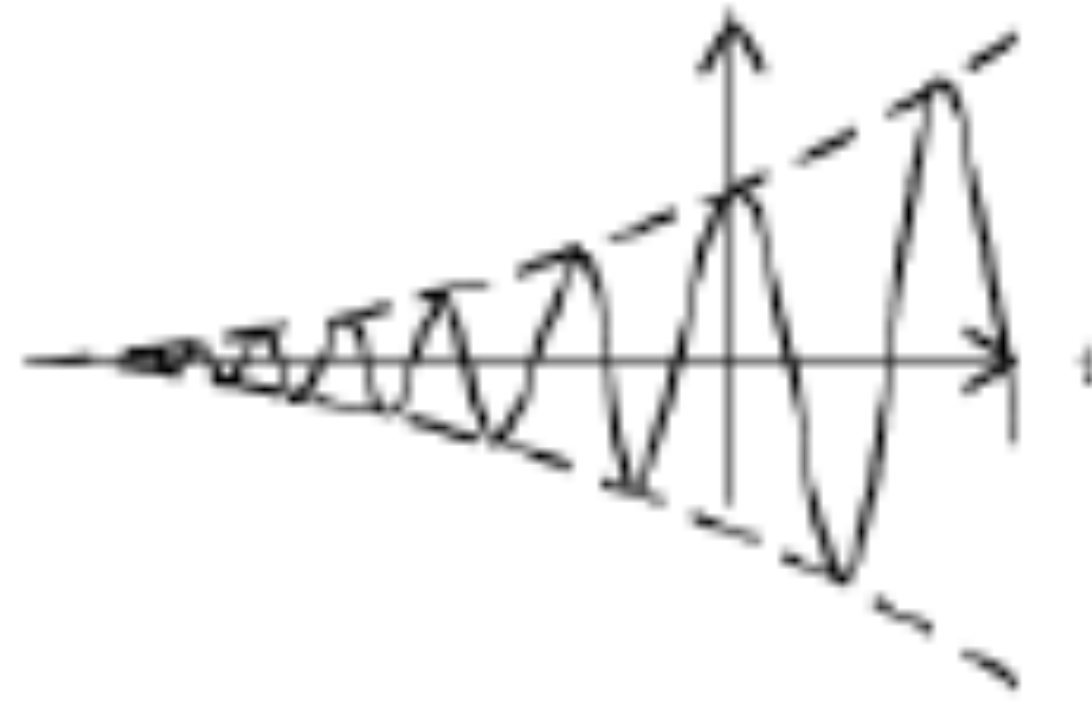
Specific relevant signals in cont. time

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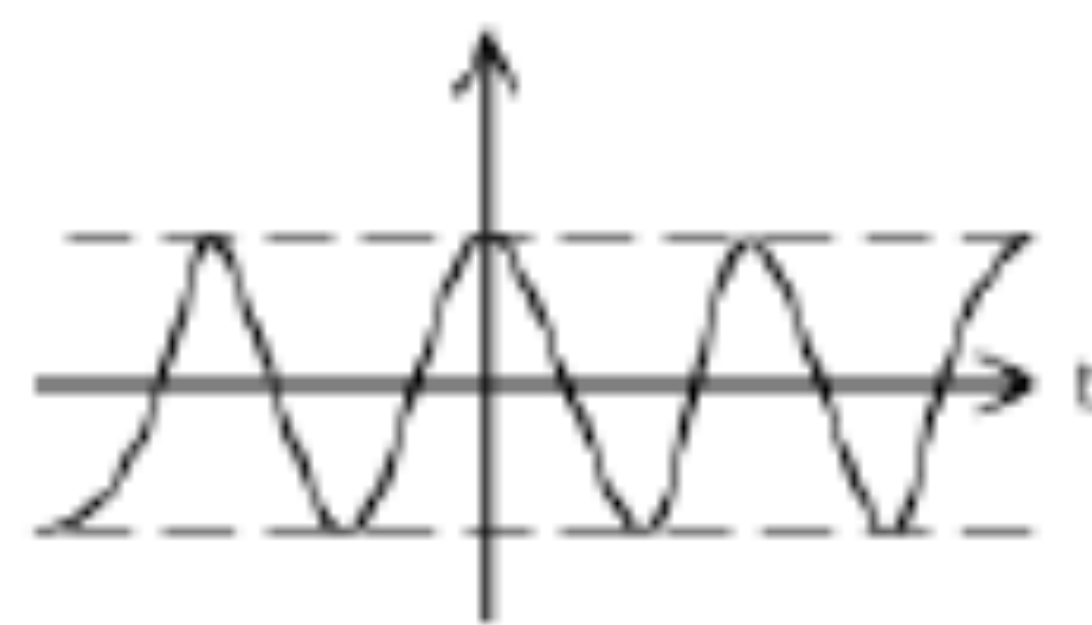
$$x(t) = e^{\sigma t} \cos(\omega_0 t)$$



$\sigma < 0$



$\sigma > 0$



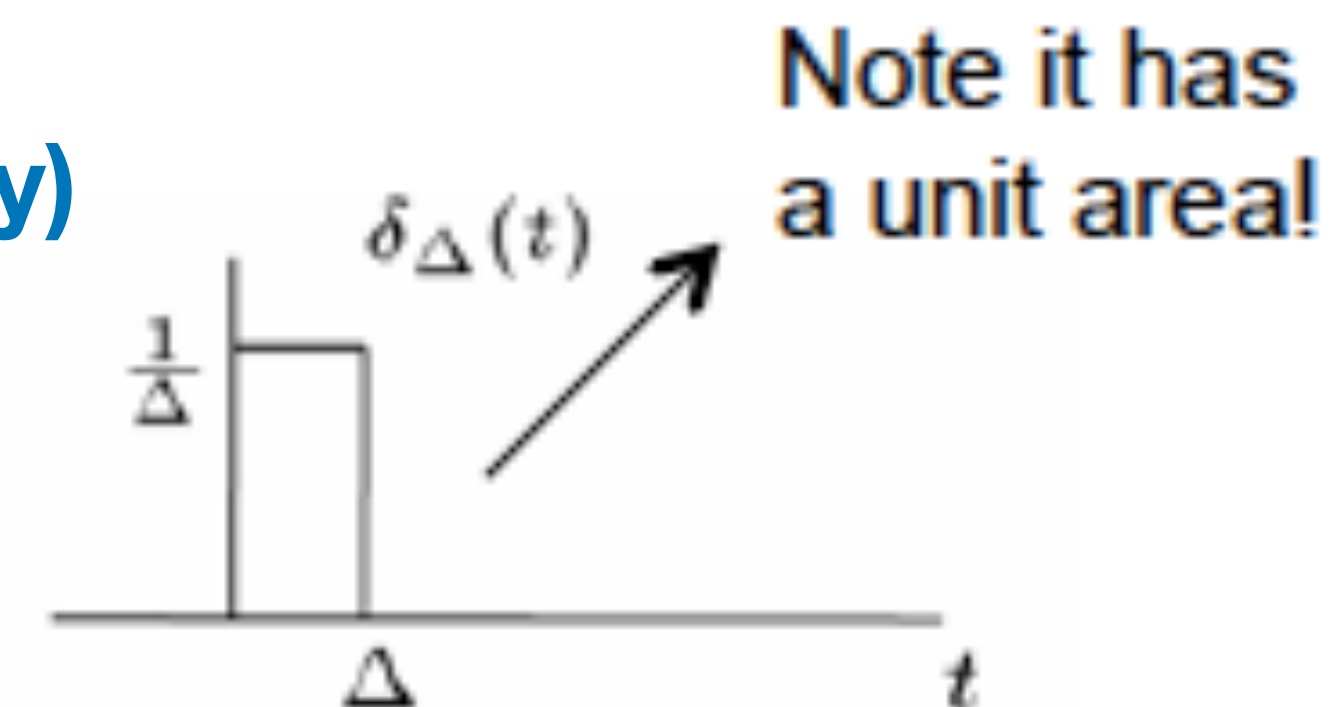
$\sigma = 0$

Dirac delta or impulse function

➤ Dirac delta or impulse: $\delta(t)$

Possible definition
(no so “good” mathematically)

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \delta_{\Delta}(t)$$



▪ Properties:

$$x(t)\delta(t - t_0) = x(t_0)\delta(t - t_0)$$

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)\delta(t - \tau)d\tau$$

- Note that the Dirac delta in $t=0$ diverges (takes the values “infinite”); it is not a strictly function, it is a generalized function (or a distribution)

Properties of the Dirac delta

Properties of the unit impulse

- 1 The area under the function is 1:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(\tau) d\tau = 1$$

- 2 Scaling property:

$$\delta(at) = \frac{1}{|a|} \delta(t)$$

- 3 Even property

$$\delta(-t) = \delta(t)$$

- 4 Sampling property

$$x(t)\delta(t) = x(0)\delta(t)$$

- 5 Sampling property (ii)

$$x(t)\delta(t - t_0) = x(t_0)\delta(t - t_0)$$

- 6 Sampling property (iii)

$$x(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau)\delta(t_0 - \tau) d\tau$$

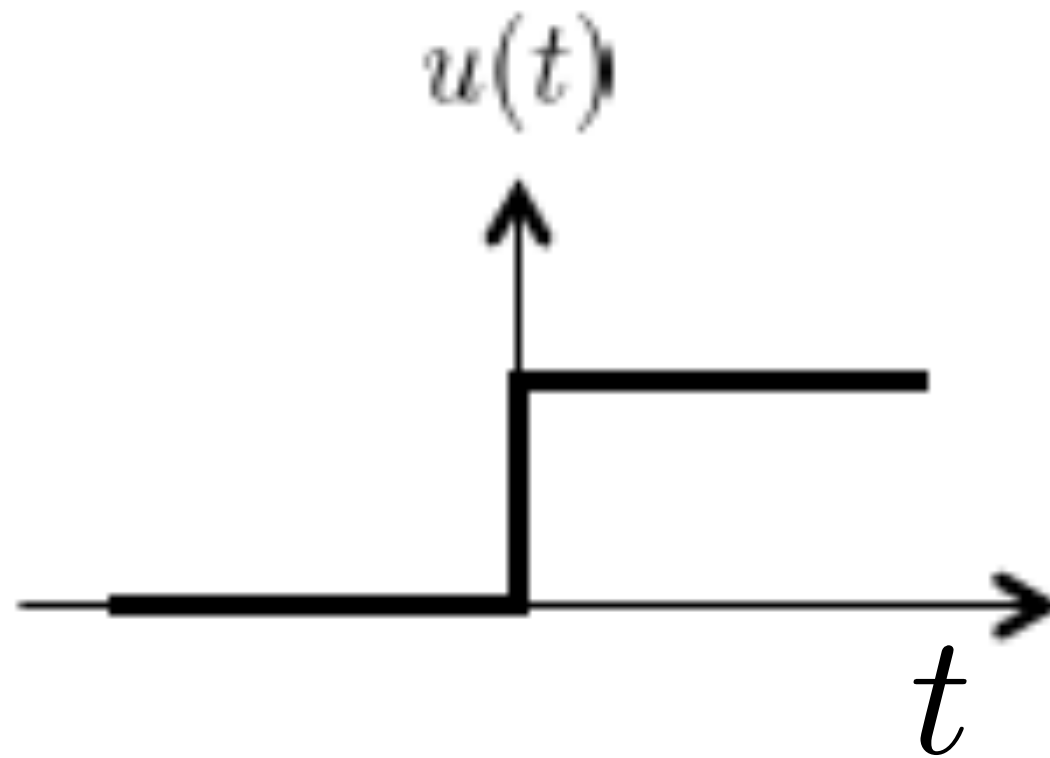
- 7 Therefore, any continuous-time signal can be decompose as a (infinte) linear combination of shifted and scaled unit impulses

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(\tau)\delta(t - \tau) d\tau$$

Heaviside function - step function

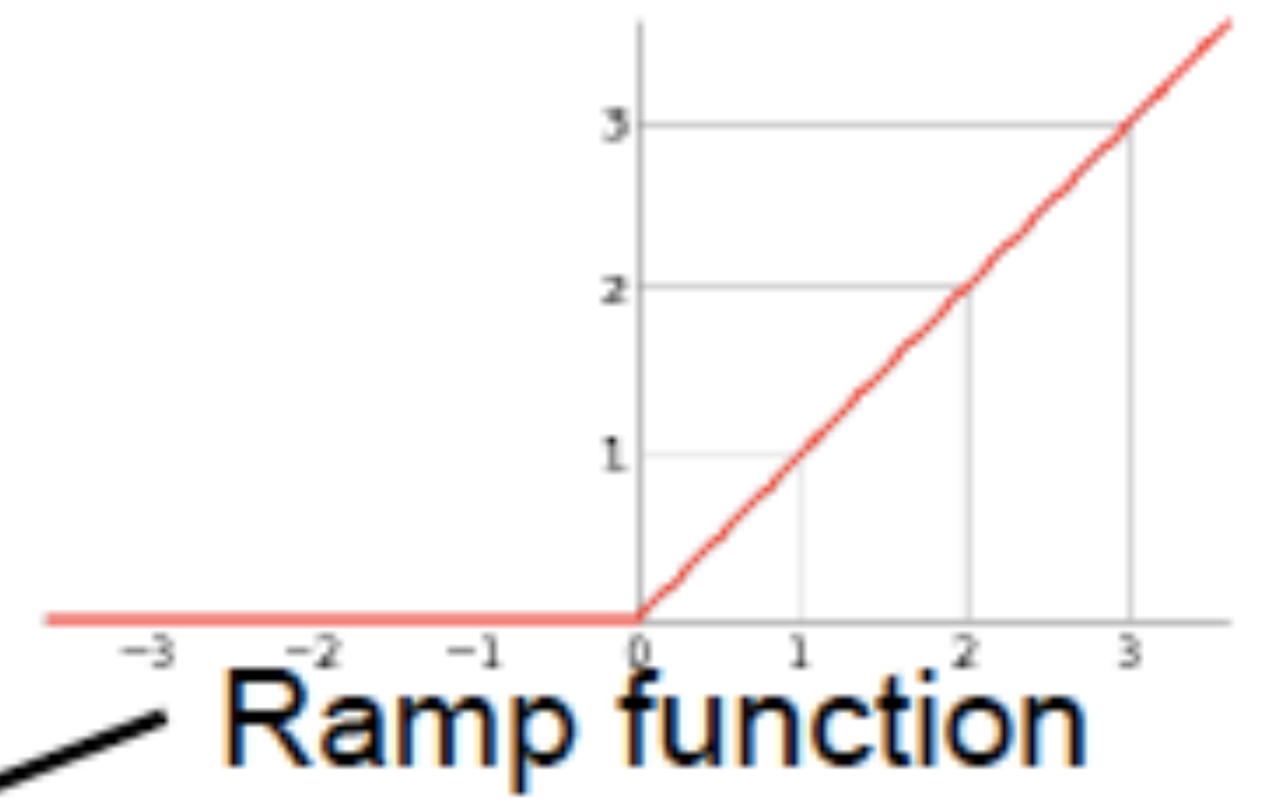
Heaviside step function $u(t)$:

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(x) dx$$

$$u(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \max\{t, 0\}$$



It can be seen as the derivative of the ramp function

Heaviside function - step function

The Dirac delta can be seen as the derivative of the step function:

$$\delta(t) = \frac{du(t)}{dt}$$

Mathematically, we need the distribution theory....

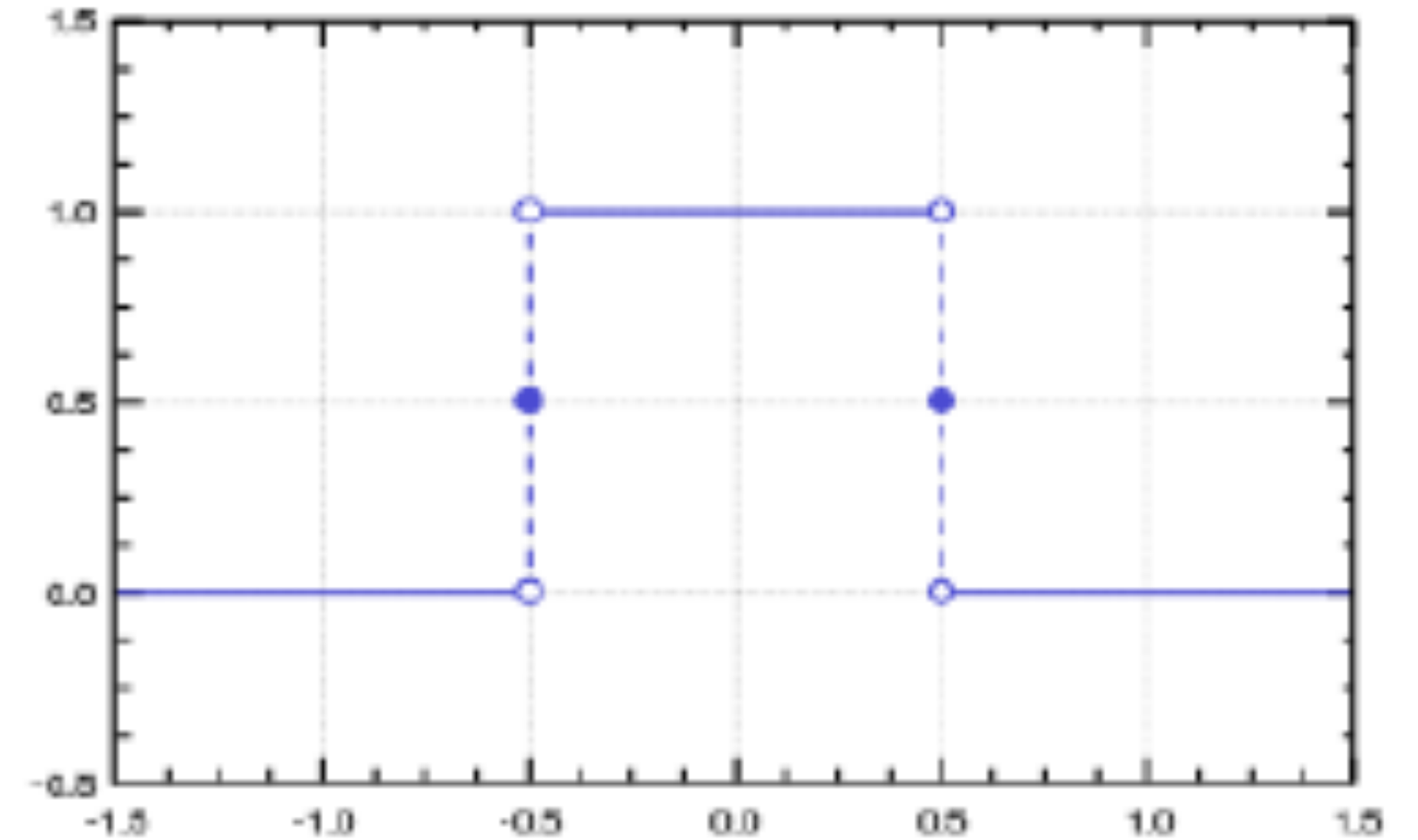
Rectangular function

➤ Unit Rectangle: $p(t)$

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{si } |t| < 1/2 \\ 0, & \text{si } |t| > 1/2 \end{cases}$$

▪ Without unit area: $p_T(t) = p(t/T)$

$$p_T(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{si } |t| < T/2 \\ 0, & \text{si } |t| > T/2 \end{cases}$$



Sinc function

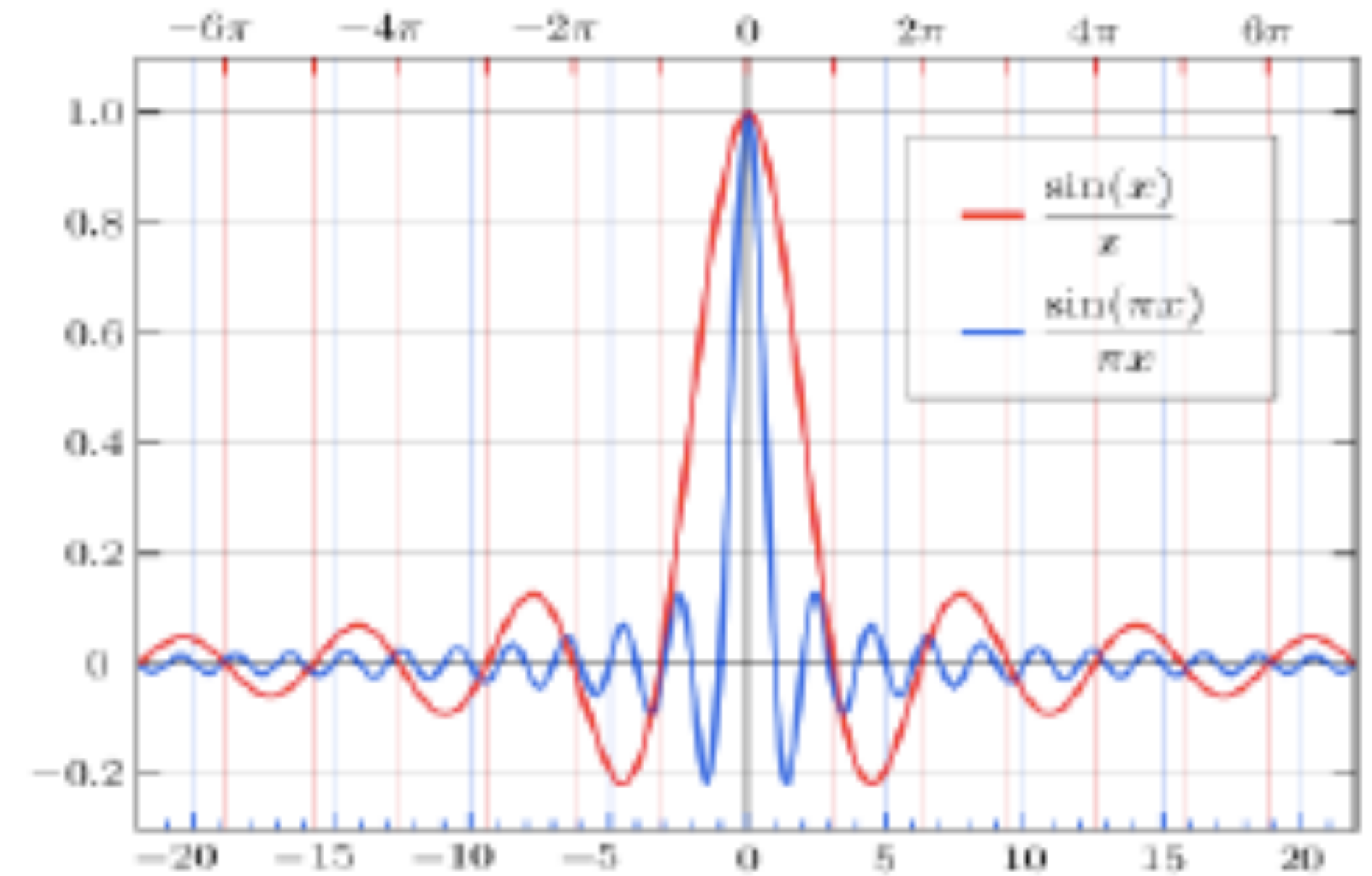
➤ Sinc function: $\text{sinc}(t)$

$$\text{sinc}(t) = \frac{\sin(\pi t)}{\pi t}$$

- Without unit area:

$$\text{sinc}_T(t) = \text{sinc}(t/T) = \frac{\sin(\pi t/T)}{\pi t/T}$$

*** IMPORTANT REMARK:** The zeros are at multiples of T !!!



Zeros at the multiples of 1 (or T) !!!!

1.2.3 Some properties in CT

Main properties (signals in cont. time)

➤ Energy:

$$E = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

For non-periodic signals

➤ Mean Power:

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

➔ Energy in a unit of time

Main properties (signals in cont. time)

For a periodic signal:

POWER = mean energy in an period T_0

$$P = \frac{1}{T_0} \int_{\langle T_0 \rangle} |x(t)|^2 dt$$

Main properties (signals in cont. time)

➤ Recall:

- There are power signals and energy signals:
 - Finite Energy \rightarrow then the power is zero \rightarrow energy signal
 - Finite Power \rightarrow then the energy is infinite \rightarrow power signal
 - Some signals are neither energy nor power signals.
 - For a periodic signal: if the energy in one period is finite, then it is a power signal

1.3 Basic operations with signals in discrete time, and important signals in discrete time and main properties

1.3.1 Basic operations with signals in DT

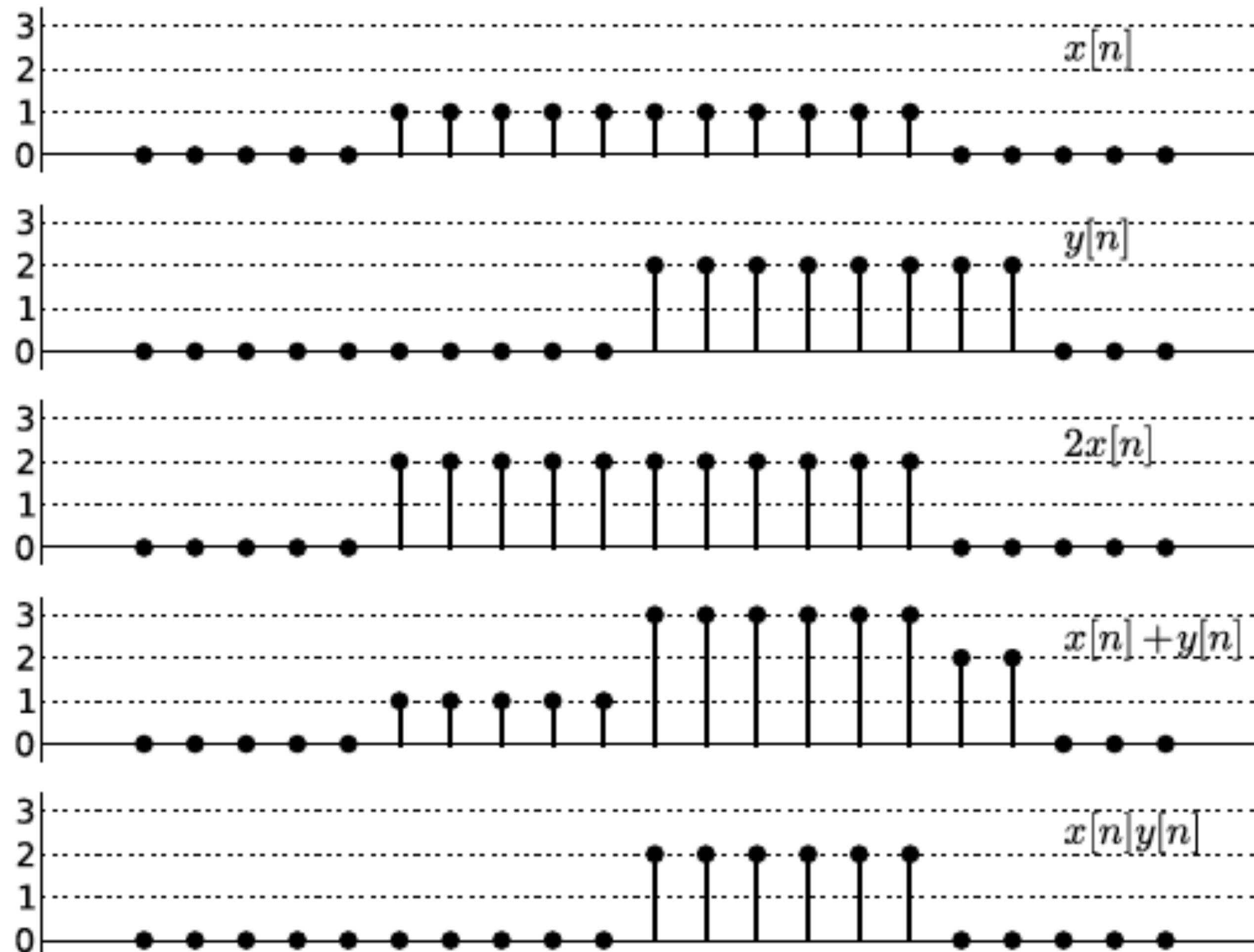
Operations with signals in DT

Basic operations about the dependent variable

- Change of scale of $y[n]$: $y[n] = K \cdot x[n]$
- Sum: $y[n] = x_1[n] + x_2[n]$
- Product: $y[n] = x_1[n] \cdot x_2[n]$

Operations with signals in DT

Basic operations about the dependent variable



Operations with signals in DT

Basic operations about the independent variable

➤ Translation/movement:

$$y[n] = x[n + n_0] \rightarrow \begin{cases} n_0 < 0 \rightarrow \text{To the right} \\ n_0 > 0 \rightarrow \text{To the left} \end{cases}$$

- The value n_0 must be an integer

➤ Symmetric signal with respect to the y-axis:

$$y[n] = x[-n]$$

➤ Change of scale: (rational values in DT)

$$y[n] = x[an] \begin{cases} \text{expansion} & 0 \leq a < 1 \\ \text{contraction} & a > 1 \end{cases}$$

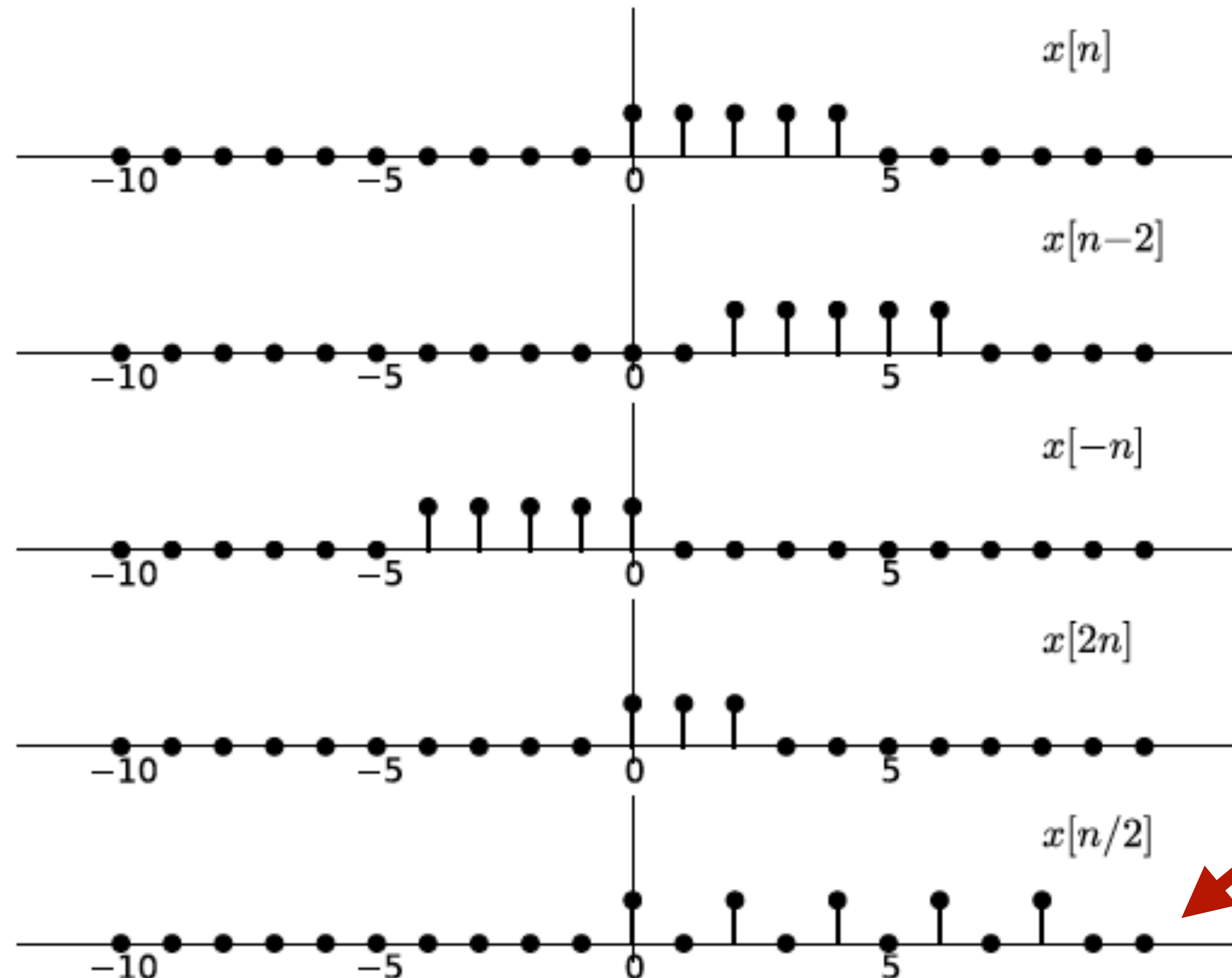
WARNING:

be careful, in my opinion, the change of scale is NOT well-defined in DT !!!

See other slides....

Operations with signals in DT

Basic operations about the independent variable



WARNING:
we are “inventing” samples !!

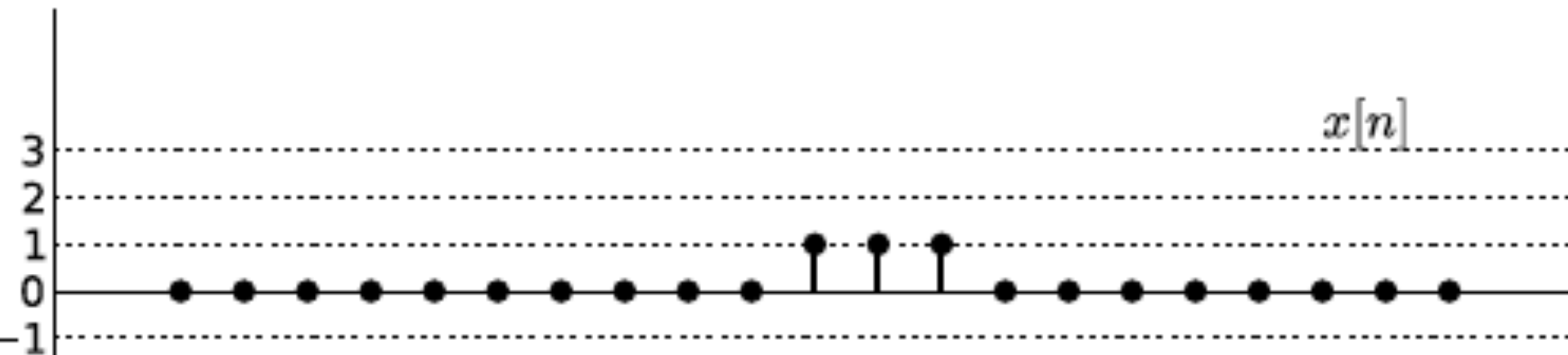
Operations with signals in DT

- IMPORTANT: en DT, the scale change produces the following consequences:
 - During **compression**, we lose samples
 - During **expansion**, we have to **add new samples** (typically zeros)
 - REMARK: in the topic “SAMPLING”, we will see how to do it without having any problems/issues

Operations with signals in DT

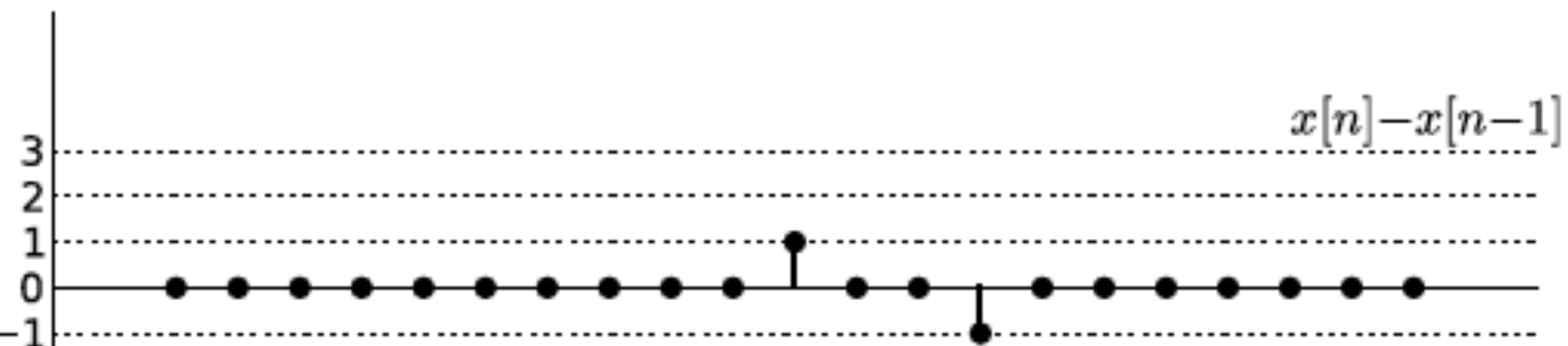
Difference and sum

Original Signal:



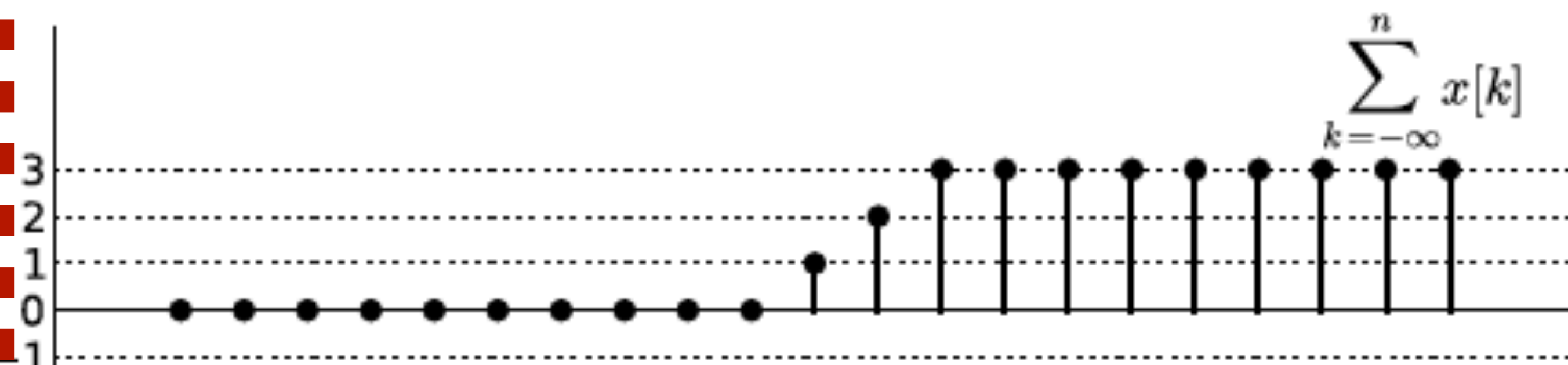
Difference
(related to
derivative in CT):

$$y[n] = x[n] - x[n-1]$$



Sum (also called
“accumulator”, related
to the integral in CT):

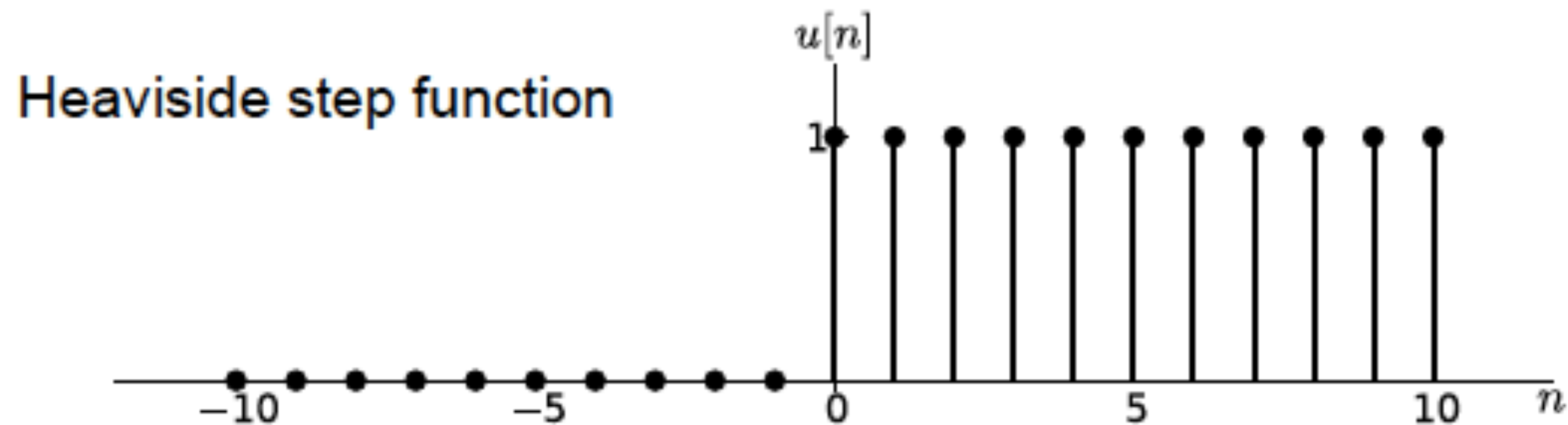
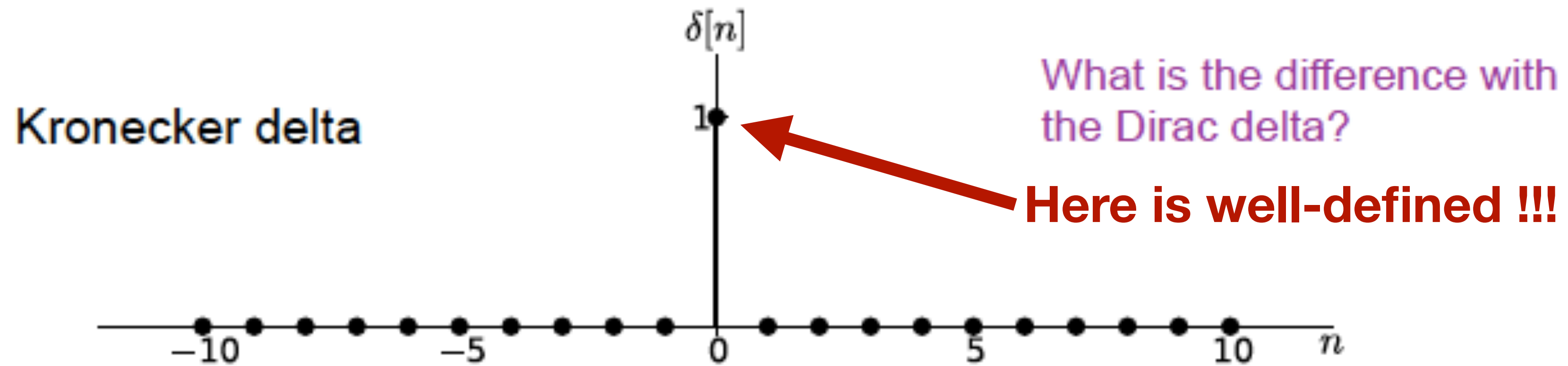
$$y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^n x[k]$$



1.3.2 Important signals in DT

Important signals

Basic signals: delta and step functions

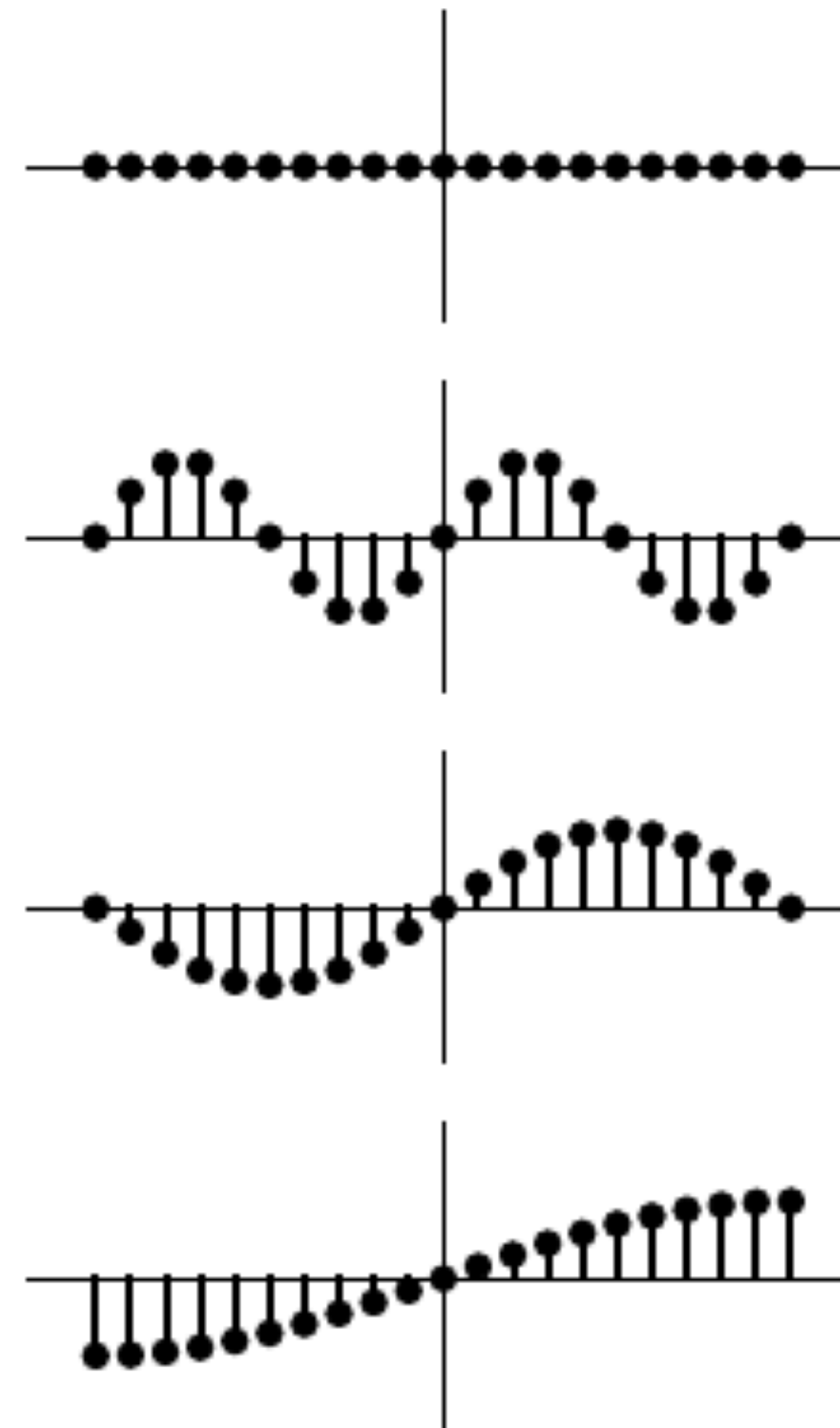
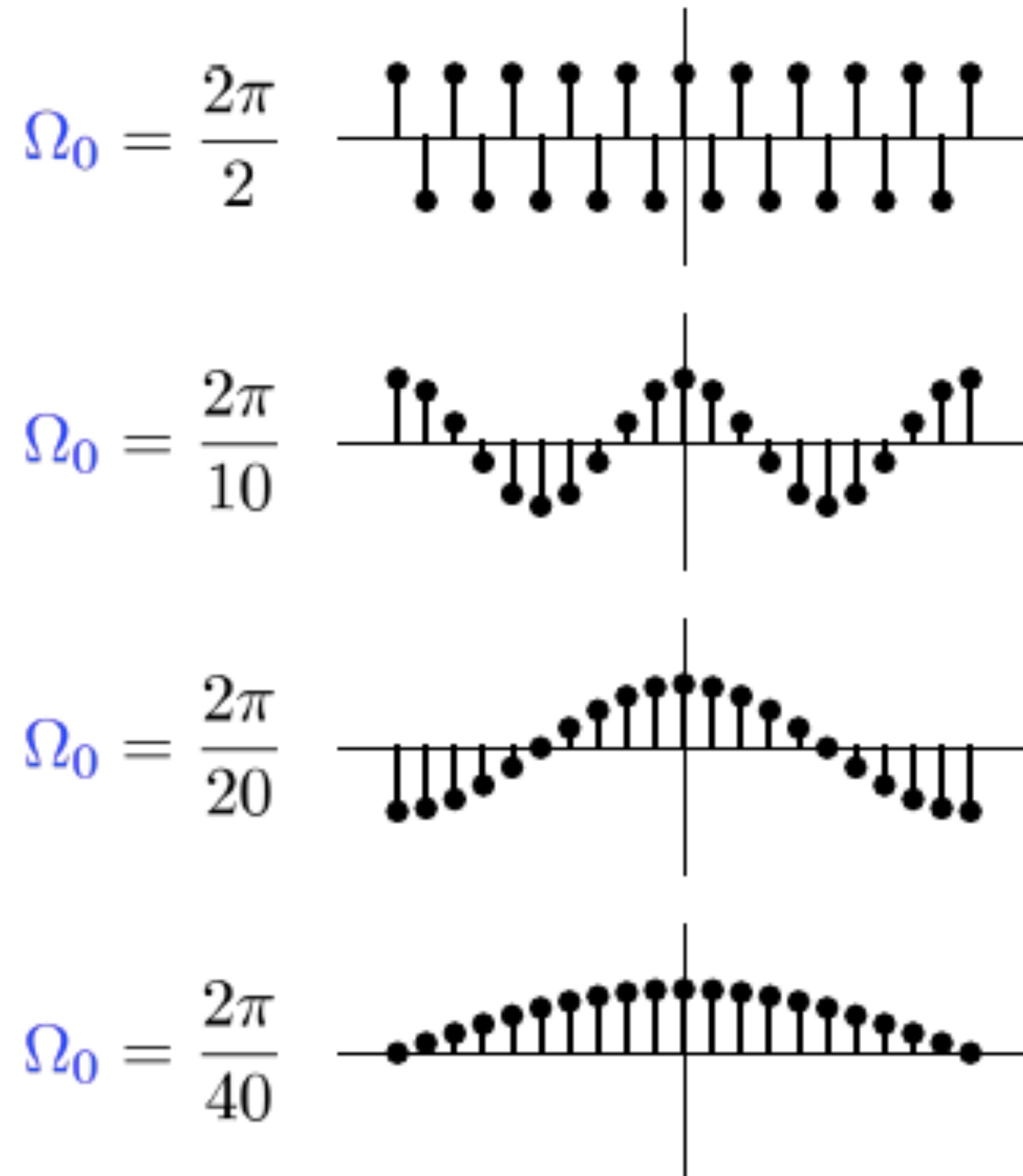


Important signals

Basic Signals: sin and cos

$$x[n] = \cos(\Omega_0 n)$$

$$x[n] = \sin(\Omega_0 n)$$



WARNING:
IN DISCRETE TIME
cosine AND sine
ARE VERY "STRANGE"
AND COMPLICATED FUNCTIONS.

Cosine and sine: some properties in DT

Basic Signals: sin and cos

➤ Properties of the sinusoidal signals in DT:

- Two sinusoidal signals with angular frequency of **just true in discrete time**

$$\Omega_0, \Omega_1 = \Omega_0 + 2\pi$$

are identical.

- They are periodic if and only if the **angular frequency** can be expressed as:

$$\Omega_0 = 2\pi \frac{m}{N}$$

$$\cos(3n) \Rightarrow \text{NON-PERIODIC !!!!!}$$

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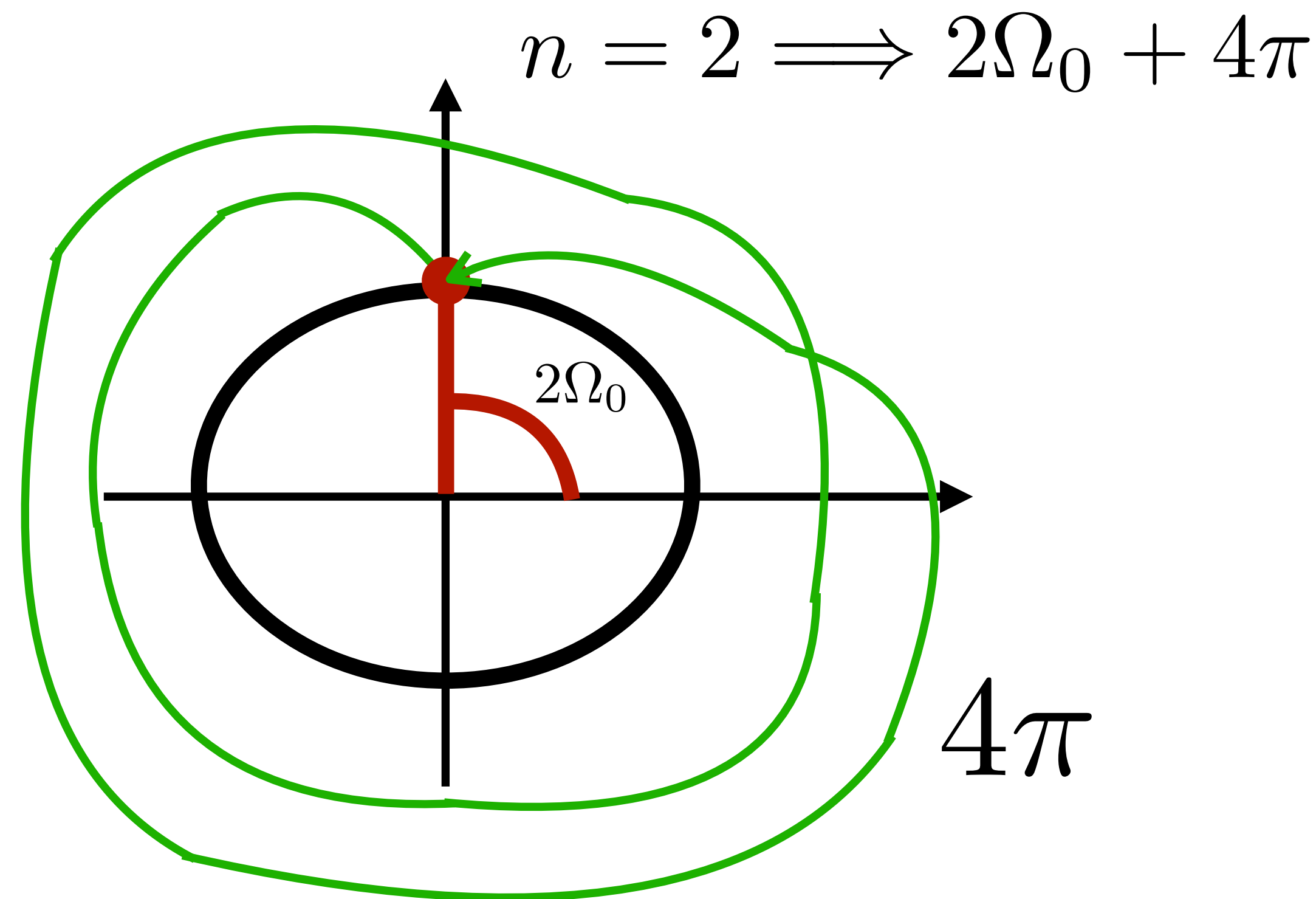
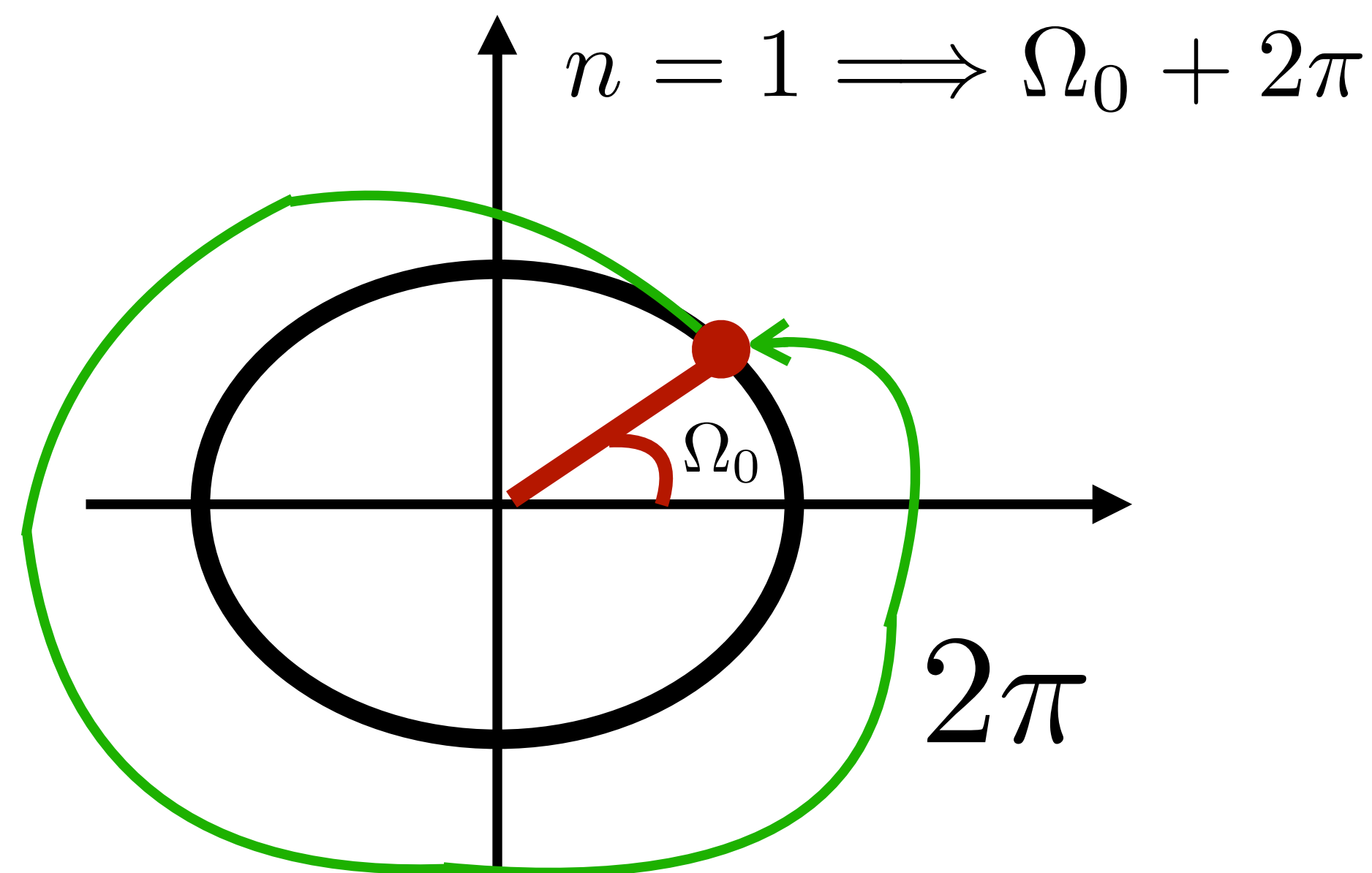
**We will come back
on this point in
another class**

Where N and m are integers without common factors. In this case the period is N.

On property of sine and cosine (discrete time)

$$\Omega_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow 45^\circ$$

$$(\Omega_0 + 2\pi)n$$



Since n is an integer, it defines only a unique point !!!!

On property of sine and cosine (discrete time)

**In continuous time this is NOT true !!
due t can take any real value !!!**

$$(\Omega_0 + 2\pi)t$$

**Try to do the plot yourself (making some
example choosing some possible value of “t”)
(POSSIBLE QUESTION OF EXAM)**

In the plot, we generate different points....

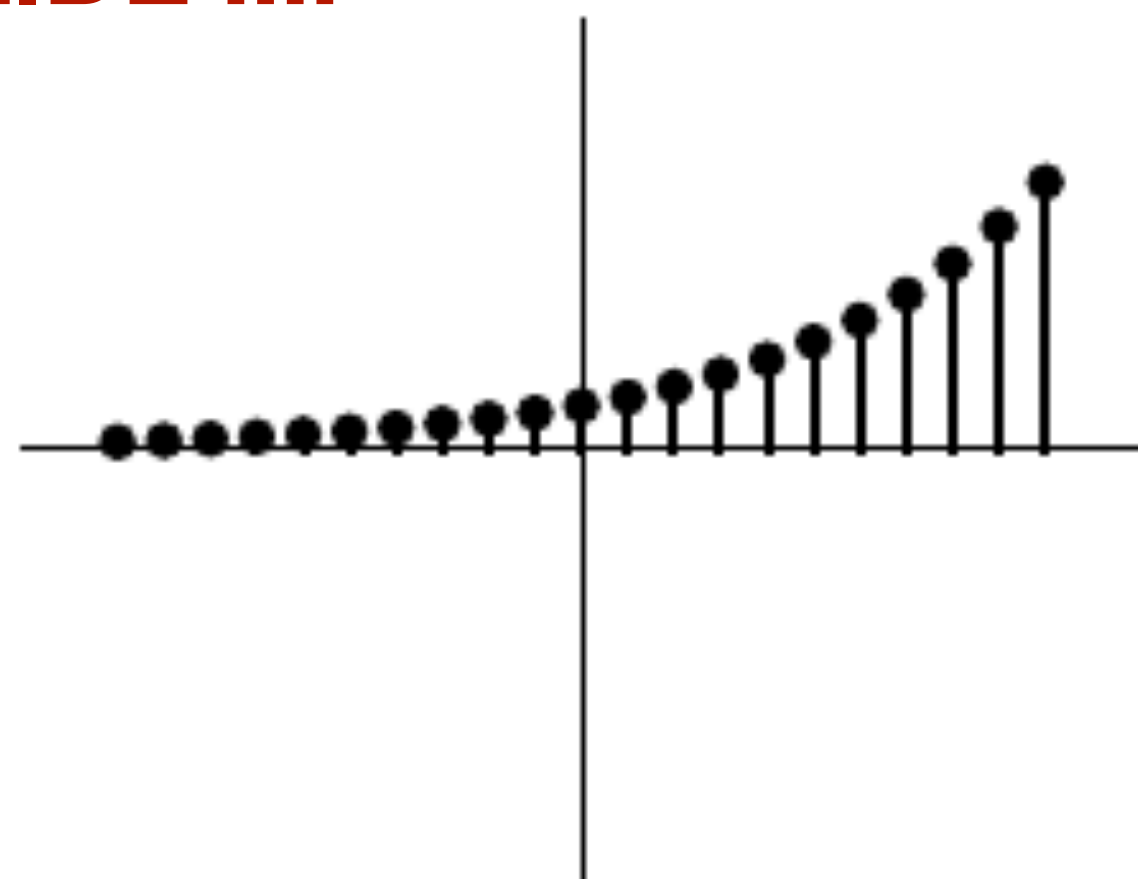
Important signals

Basic signals: Real exponential/power function

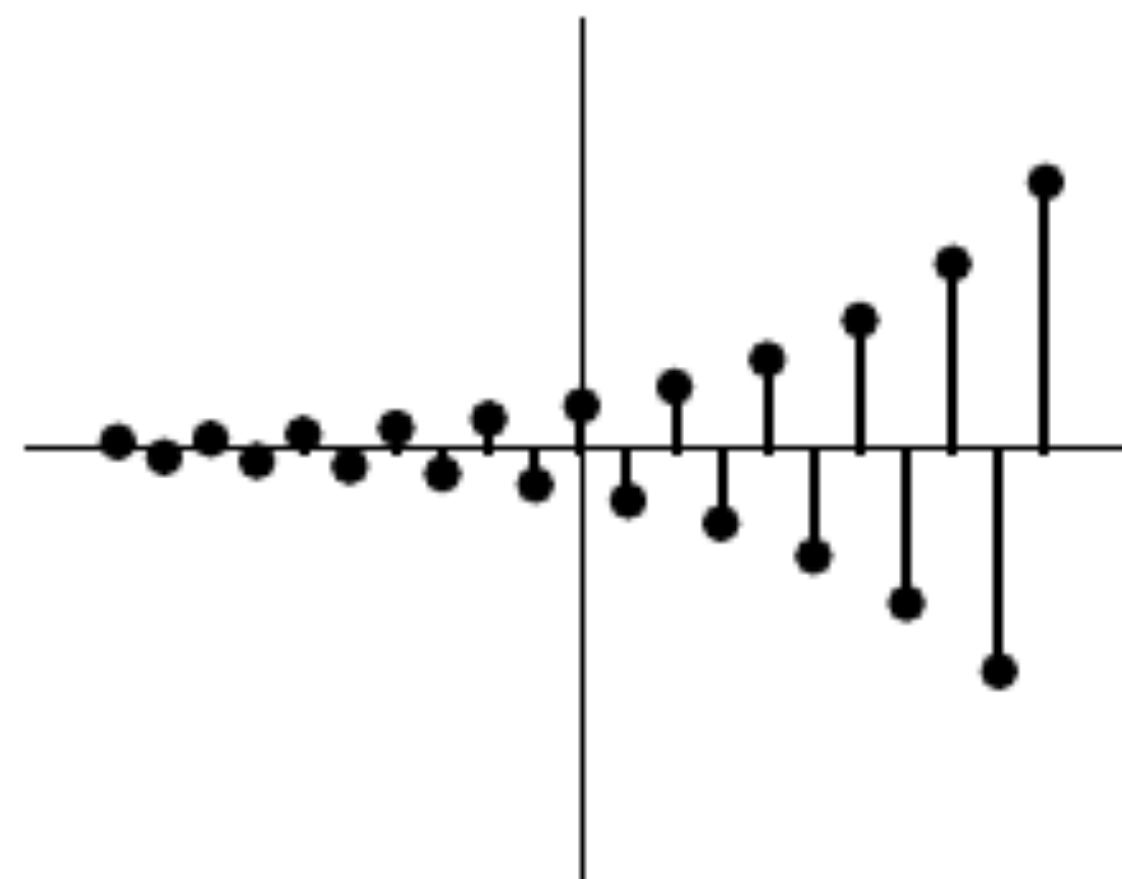
VERY IMPORTANT SLIDE !!!!

$$x[n] = Ca^n$$

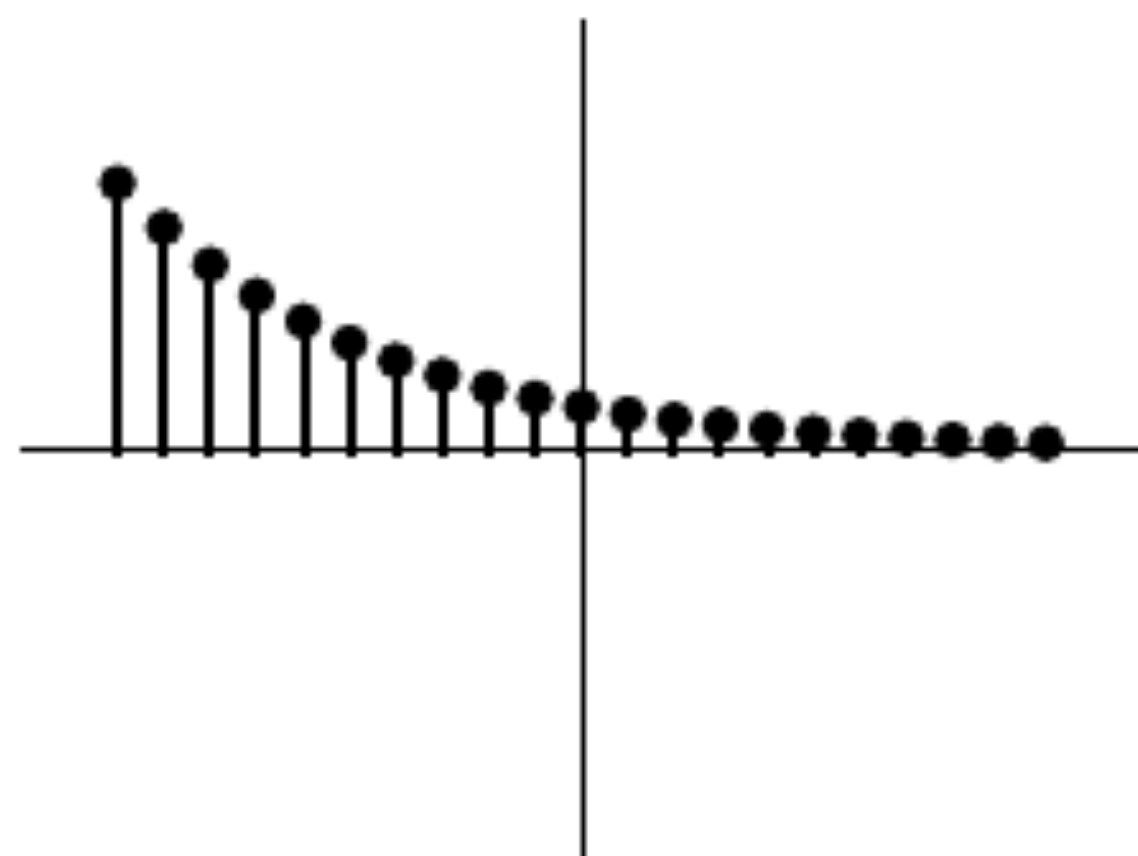
$a > 1$



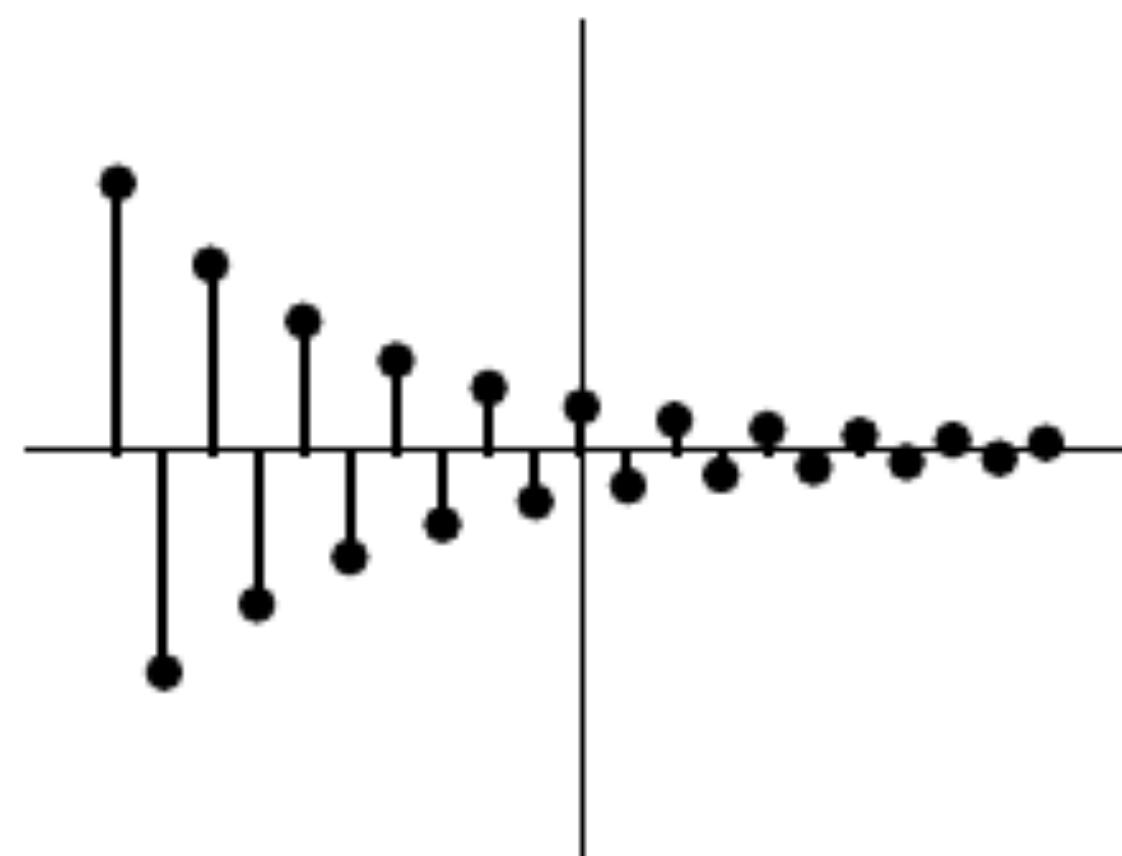
$a < -1$



$0 < a < 1$



$-1 < a < 0$

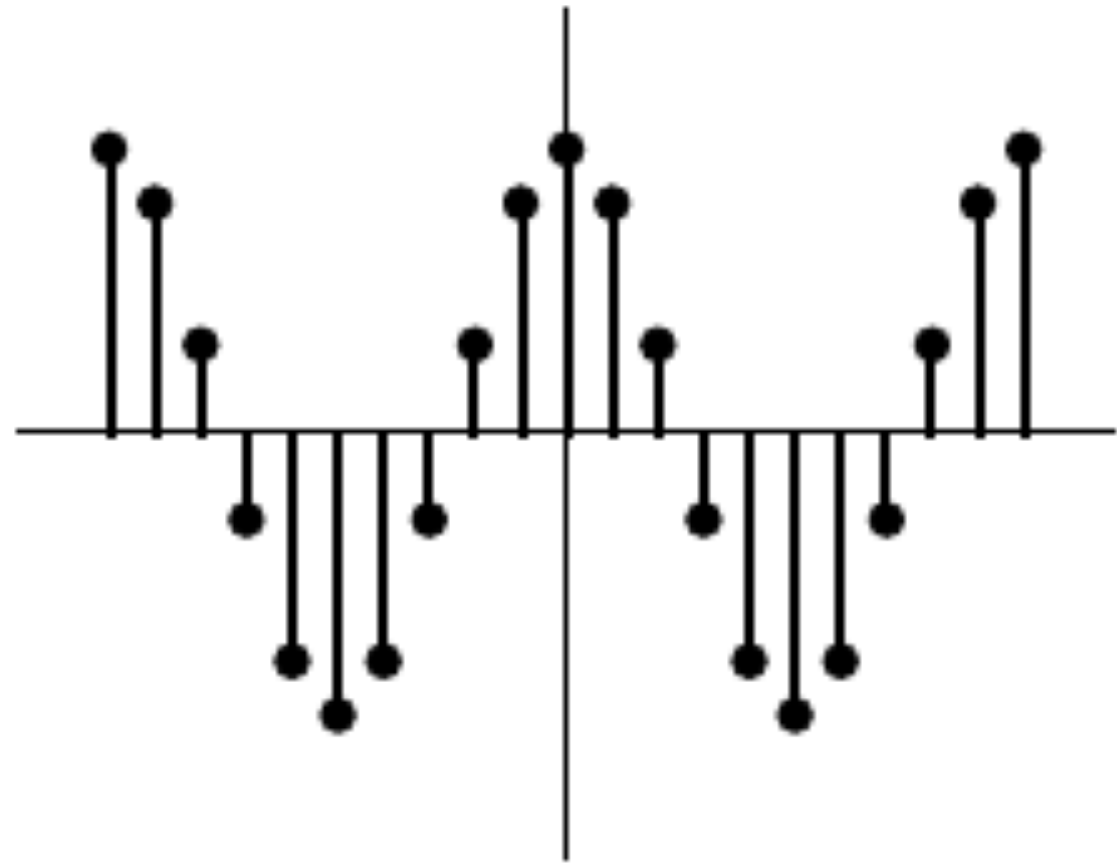


Important signals

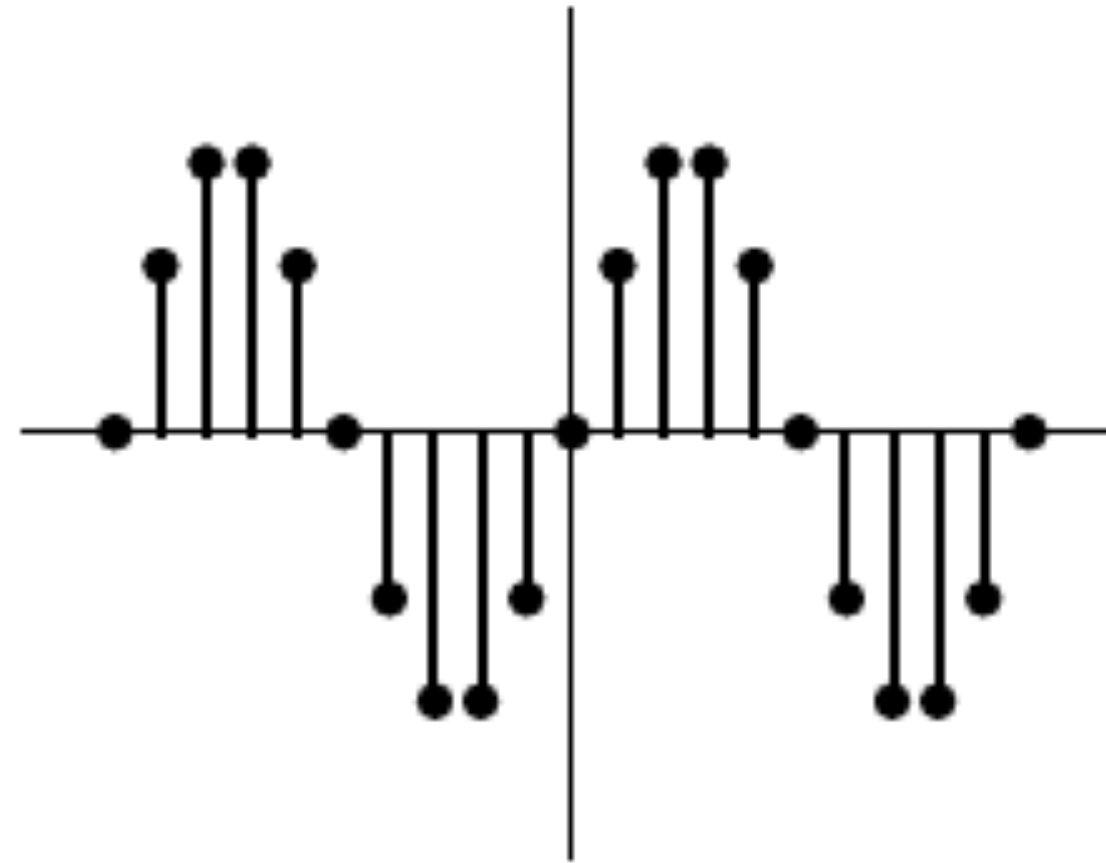
Basic signals: Complex exponential

$$x[n] = e^{j\Omega_0 n}$$

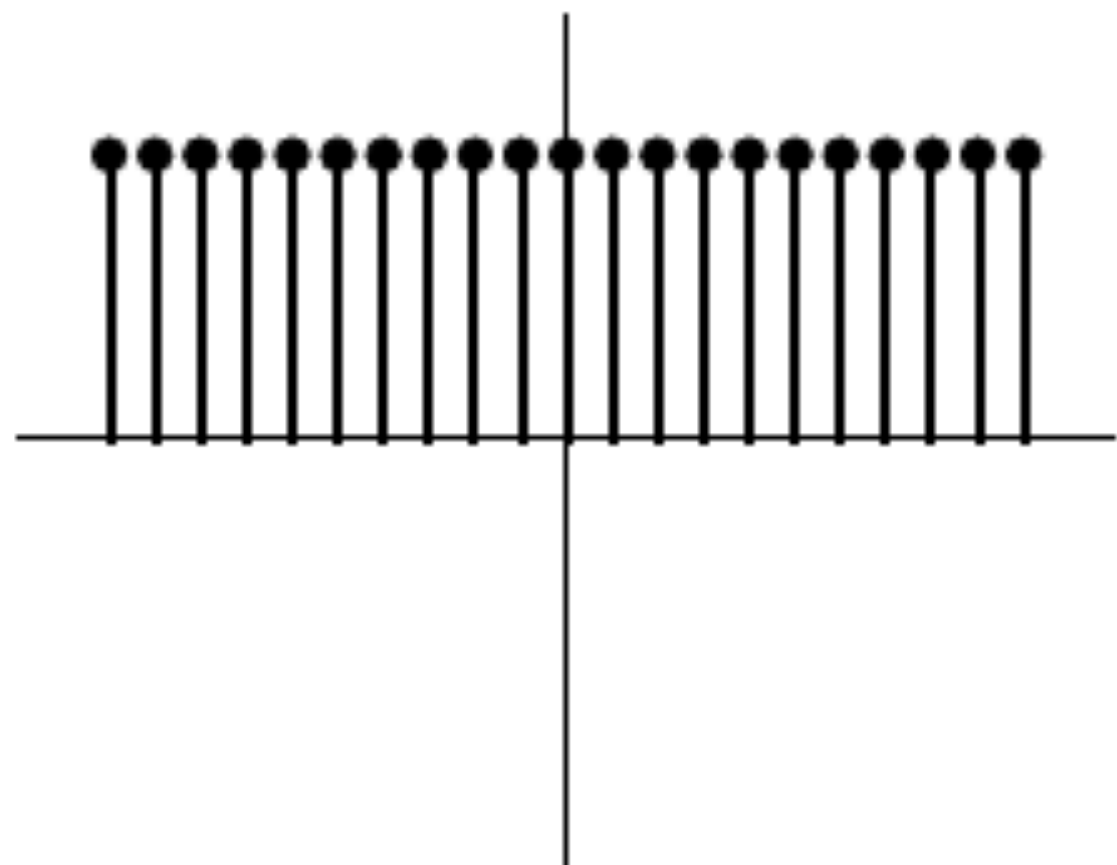
$\Re\{x[n]\}$



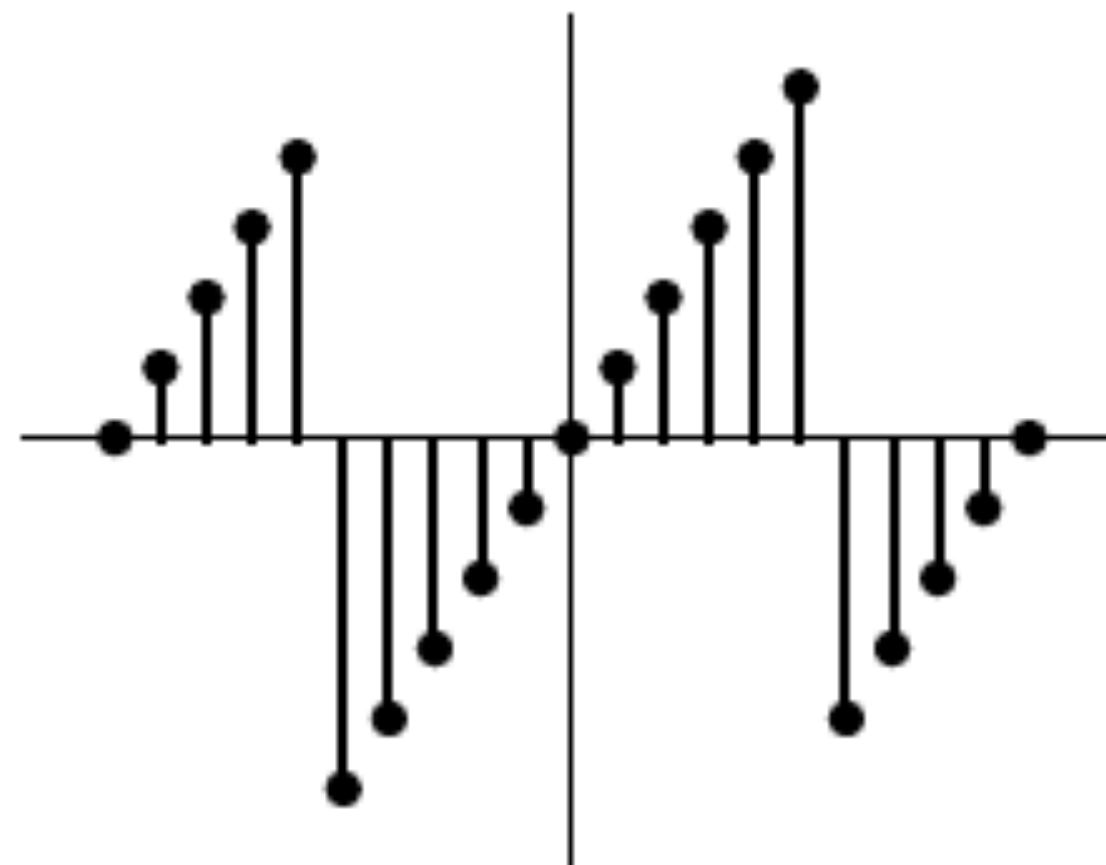
$\Im\{x[n]\}$



$|x[n]|$



$\angle x[n]$



WARNING:
IN DISCRETE TIME
IT CAN BE
ALSO NON-periodic !

We will come back
on this point in
another class

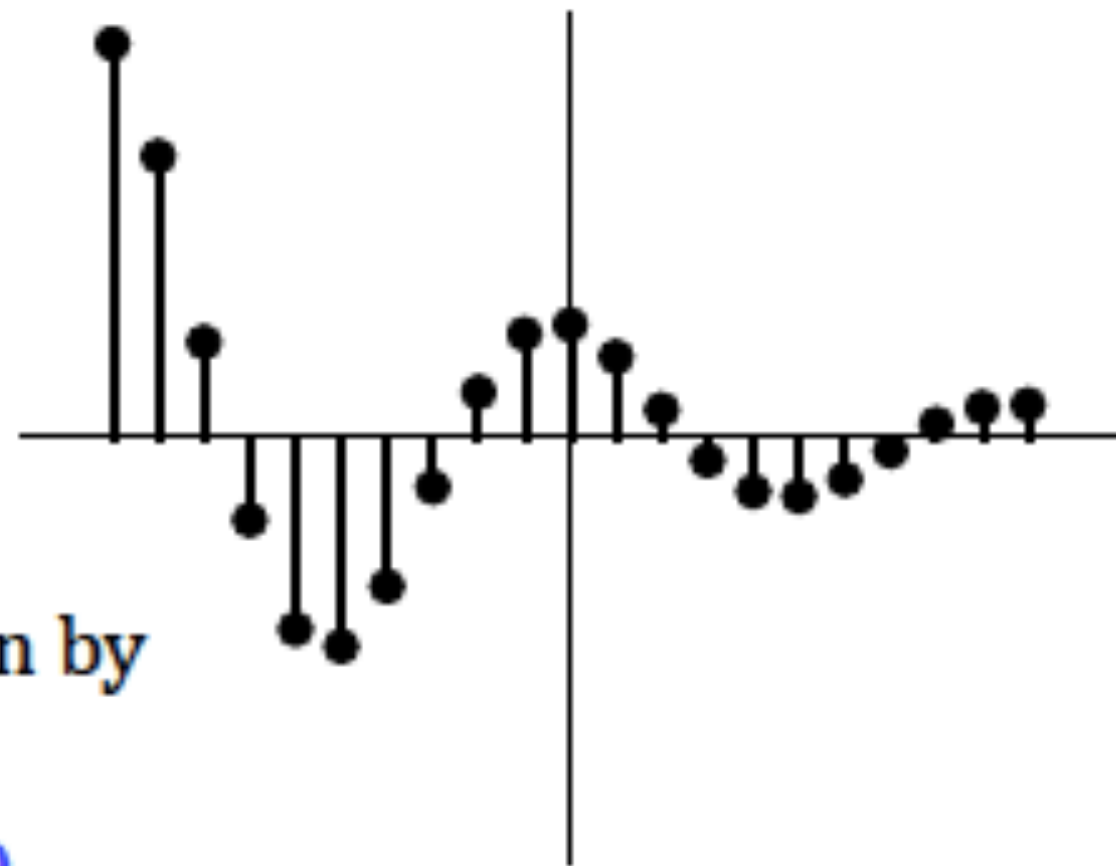
Important signals

Basic signals: Complex exponential with “damping”/envelope

VERY IMPORTANT SLIDE !!!!

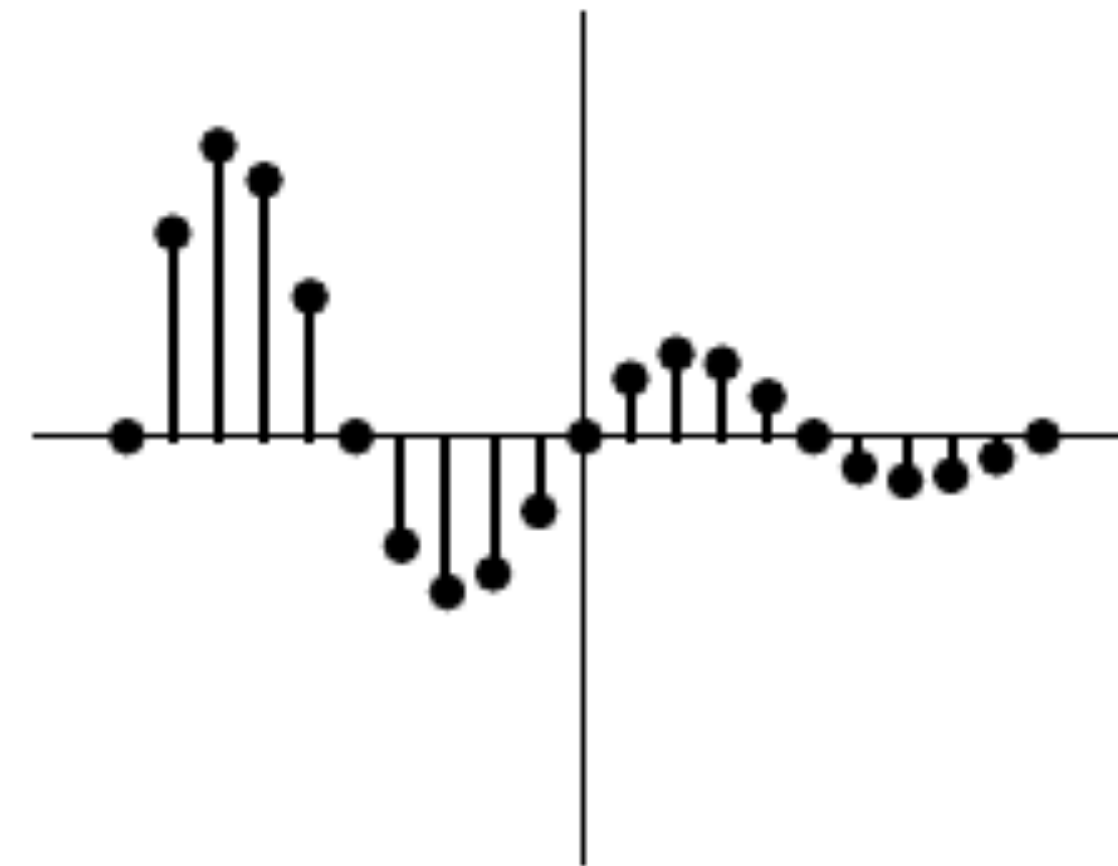
$$x[n] = e^{(a+j\Omega)n} = e^{an} e^{j\Omega n}$$

$\Re\{x[n]\}$

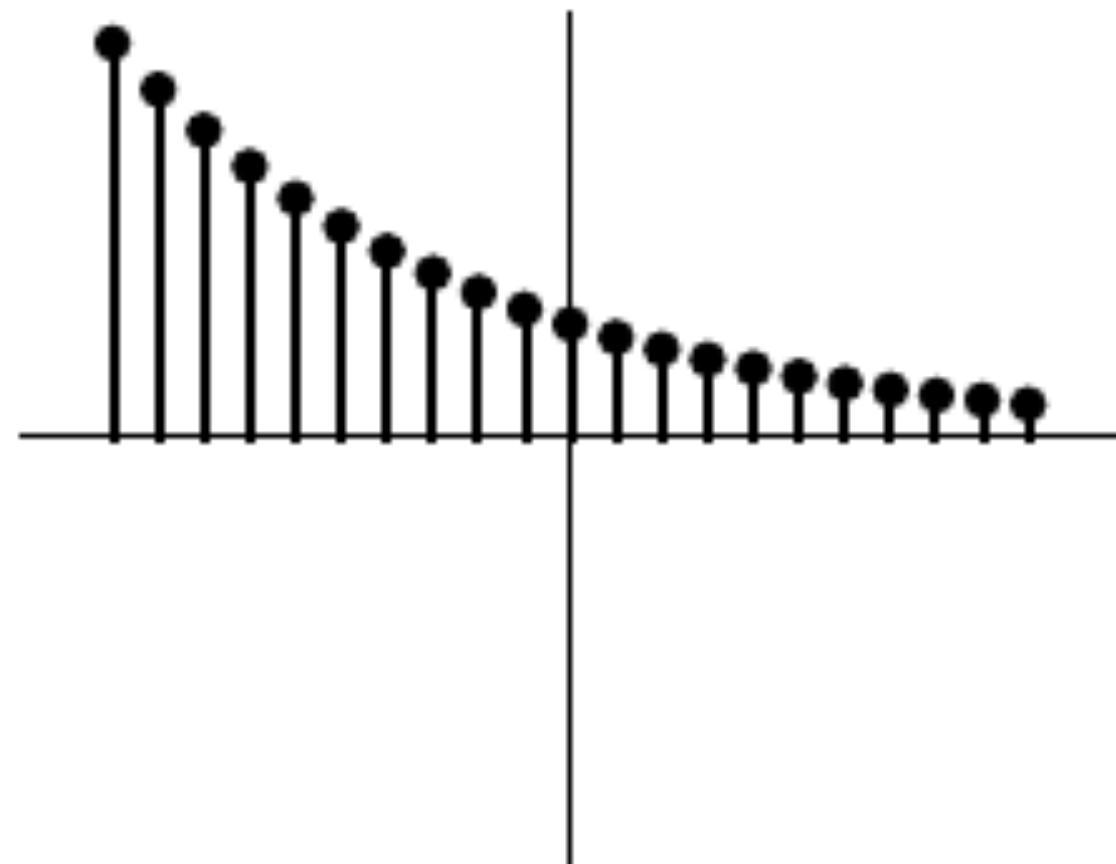


The drop is given by a , whereas the oscillations by Ω

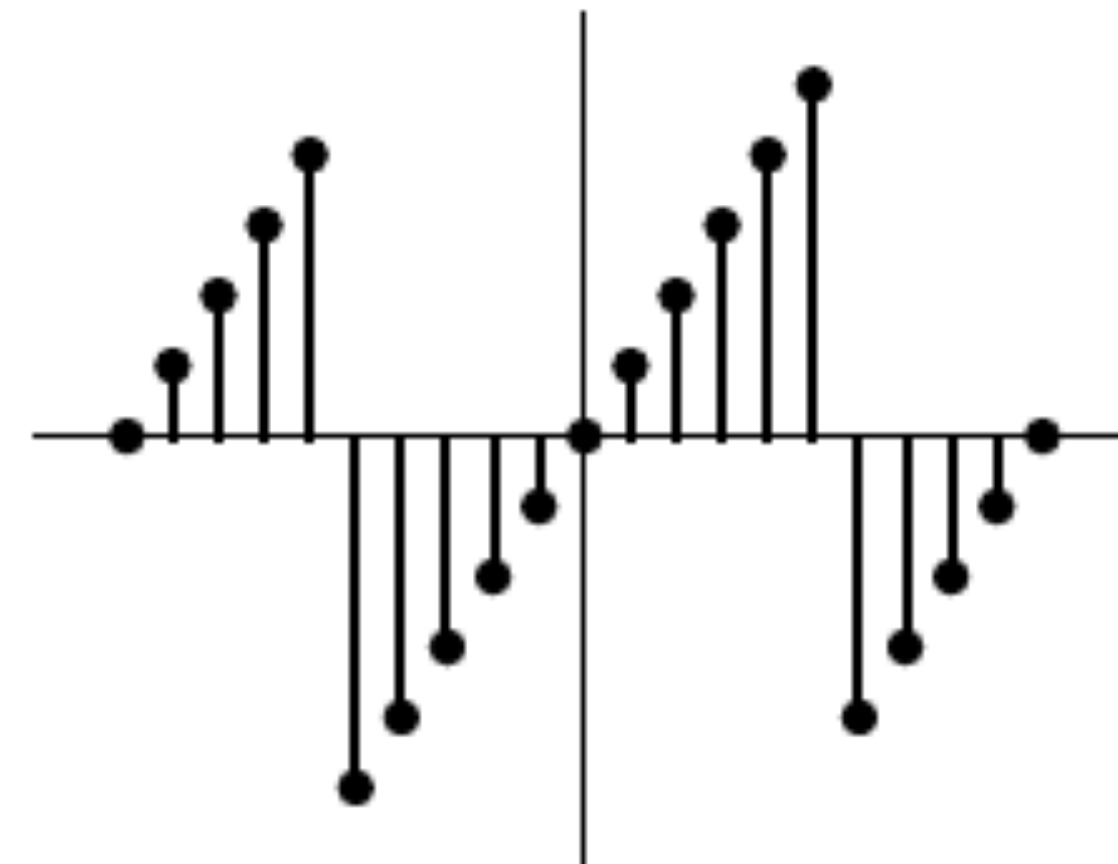
$\Im\{x[n]\}$



$|x[n]|$



$\angle x[n]$



1.3.3 Some properties in DT

Some properties of signals in DT

➤ Odd and even signals:

- Even signal $x[n]$:

$$x[n] = x[-n]$$

- Odd signal $x[n]$:

$$x[n] = -x[-n]$$

➤ Periodicity

- Signal $x[n]$ is periodic with period N if:

$$x[n] = x[n - N]$$

N must be an integer !!!!

➤ Decomposition by Deltas

- Any discrete signal can be expressed as a train of deltas:

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k \delta[n - k] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \delta[n - k]$$

Parameters: energy, power etc.

➤ Area, mean value, energy, power:

$$\begin{aligned} A_x &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] && \text{AREA} \\ &= \dots + x[-1] + x[0] + x[1] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_x &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2 && \text{ENERGY} \\ &= \dots + |x[-1]|^2 + |x[0]|^2 + |x[1]|^2 \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{x} = \langle x[n] \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^N x[n]$$

$$P_x = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^N |x[n]|^2$$

*Remark: with the notation $|\cdot|$ we have denoted the module of a vector (or a complex number), then the definition is valid also for complex signal.

Parameters: energy, power etc.

- We can also define the energy in a finite interval $-N \leq n \leq N$ as

$$E_N = \sum_{n=-N}^N |x[n]|^2$$

- Then the energy of the signal, E , is:

$$E = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E_N$$

- Also the power can be expressed as function of E_N ,

$$P = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2N + 1} E_N$$

Parameters: energy, power etc.

➤ A discrete signal can be:

- **Energy signal:** (finite energy and zero power)
- **Power signal:**
- Signal with **infinite power:**

$$E_x > 0, P_x = 0$$

$$E_x = \infty, P_x < \infty$$

$$E_x = \infty, P_x = \infty$$

➤ We focus on energy and power signals.

Questions?