

Exercises Ch.8 Sampling

Exercise 1 – exercises taken from Chaparro (first edition)

Sampling actual signals

Consider the sampling of real signals.

- (a) Typically, a speech signal that can be understood over a telephone shows frequencies from about 100 Hz to about 5 KHz. What would be the sampling frequency f_s (samples/sec) that would be used to sample speech without aliasing? How many samples would you need to save when storing an hour of speech? If each sample is represented by 8 bits, how many bits would you have to save for the hour of speech?
- (b) A music signal typically displays frequencies from 0 up to 22 KHz. What would be the sampling frequency f_s that would be used in a CD player?
- (c) If you have a signal that combines voice and musical instruments, what sampling frequency would you use to sample this signal? How would the signal sound if played at a frequency lower than the Nyquist sampling frequency?

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answer

Pr 7.1 (a) The maximum frequency in a speech signal is $f_{max} = 5$ KHz, so that its sampling frequency should be

$$f_s \geq 2f_{max} = 10\text{KHz or } 10,000 \text{ samples/sec}$$

The number of samples in an hour of sampling speech is

$$\text{Samples/hour} \geq 3,600 \text{ sec/hour} \times 10,000 \text{ samples/sec} = 3.6 \times 10^7 \text{ samples/hour}$$

and the number of bits is

$$\text{Bits/hour} \geq 3.6 \times 10^7 \text{ samples/hour} \times 8 \text{ bits/sample} = 288 \times 10^6 \text{ bits/hour}$$

(b) Since $f_{max} = 22$ KHz can be considered the maximum frequency in a music signal, then the sampling frequency should be

$$f_s \geq 2f_{max} = 44 \text{ KHz}$$

(c) We need to use the higher of the above sampling frequencies to accommodate both signals, so $f_s \geq 44$ KHz

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Exercise 2

Sampling of band-limited signals

Consider the sampling of a sinc signal and related signals.

- (a) For the signal $x(t) = \sin(t)/t$, find its magnitude spectrum $|X(\Omega)|$ and determine if this signal is band limited or not.
- (b) Suppose you want to sample $x(t)$. What would be the sampling period T_s you would use for the sampling without aliasing?
- (c) For a signal $y(t) = x^2(t)$, what sampling frequency f_s would you use to sample it without aliasing? How does this frequency relate to the sampling frequency used to sample $x(t)$?
- (d) Find the sampling period T_s to sample $x(t)$ so that the sampled signal $x_s(0) = 1$, otherwise $x_s(nT_s) = 0$ for $n \neq 0$.

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answer

Pr 7.2 (a) To find $X(\Omega)$, we use duality or find the inverse Fourier transform of a pulse of amplitude A and bandwidth Ω_0 , that is

$$X(\Omega) = A[u(\Omega + \Omega_0) - u(\Omega - \Omega_0)]$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\Omega_0}^{\Omega_0} A e^{j\Omega t} d\Omega = \frac{A}{2\pi j t} e^{j\Omega t} \Big|_{-\Omega_0}^{\Omega_0} \\ &= \frac{A}{\pi t} \sin(\Omega_0 t) \end{aligned}$$

which when compared with the given $x(t) = \sin(t)/t$ gives that $A = \pi$ and $\Omega_0 = 1$ or

$$X(\Omega) = \pi[u(\Omega + 1) - u(\Omega - 1)]$$

indicating that $x(t)$ is band-limited with a maximum frequency $\Omega_{max} = 1$ (rad/sec).

(b) To sample without aliasing the sampling frequency should be chosen to be

$$f_s = \frac{1}{T_s} \geq 2 \frac{\Omega_{max}}{2\pi}$$

which gives a sampling period

$$T_s \leq \frac{\pi}{\Omega_{max}} = \pi \text{ sec/sample}$$

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(c) The spectrum of $y(t) = x^2(t)$ is the convolution in the frequency

$$Y(\Omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} X(\Omega) * X(\Omega)$$

which would have a maximum frequency $\Omega_{max} = 2$, giving a sampling frequency which is double the one for $x(t)$. The sampling period for $y(t)$ should be

$$T_s \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

(d) The signal $x(t) = \sin(t)/t$ is zero whenever $t = \pm k\pi$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots$ so that choosing $T_s = \pi$ (the Nyquist sampling period) we obtain the desired signal $x_s(0) = 1$ and $x(nT_s) = 0$.

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Exercise 3

Sampling of time-limited signals—MATLAB

Consider the signals $x(t) = u(t) - u(t - 1)$ and $y(t) = r(t) - 2r(t - 1) + r(t - 2)$.

- (a) Are either of these signals band limited? Explain.
- (b) Use Parseval's theorem to determine a reasonable value for a maximum frequency for these signals (choose a frequency that would give 90% of the energy of the signals). Use MATLAB.
- (c) If we use the sampling period corresponding to $y(t)$ to sample $x(t)$, would aliasing occur? Explain.
- (d) Determine a sampling period that can be used to sample both $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ without causing aliasing in either signal.

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answer

Pr 7.3 (a) Because both of these signals have finite time support they are not band-limited, their support in frequency is infinite. For $x(t)$, its Fourier transform is

$$\begin{aligned} X(\Omega) &= \frac{1}{s}(1 - e^{-s})|_{s=j\Omega} = \frac{1}{j\Omega}e^{-j\Omega/2}2j \sin(\Omega/2) \\ &= \frac{\sin(\Omega/2)}{\Omega/2}e^{-j\Omega/2} \end{aligned}$$

For $y(t)$ we have that

$$\frac{dy(t)}{dt} = x(t) - x(t-1) = u(t) - 2u(t-1) + u(t-2)$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} j\Omega Y(\Omega) &= \frac{1}{s}e^{-s}(e^s - 2 + e^{-s})|_{s=j\Omega} = \frac{2}{j\Omega}e^{-j\Omega}(\cos(\Omega) - 1) \\ &= \frac{4}{j\Omega}e^{-j\Omega} \sin^2(\Omega/2) \end{aligned}$$

using $-\sin^2(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(2\theta) - 1)$. So that

$$Y(\Omega) = e^{-j\Omega} \left(\frac{\sin(\Omega/2)}{\Omega/2} \right)^2$$

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(b) The energy of $x(t)$ is unity (the area under $|x(t)|^2$), i.e., $E_x = 1$. According to Parseval, 90% of the energy of $x(t)$ is within the frequency band $[-\Omega_0, \Omega_0]$ or

$$\begin{aligned} 0.9 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\Omega_0}^{\Omega_0} |X(\Omega)|^2 d\Omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\Omega_0}^{\Omega_0} \left| \frac{\sin(\Omega/2)}{\Omega/2} \right|^2 d\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Using MATLAB symbolic computation we find the integral gives that $\Omega_0 = 5.6$ (rad/sec).

For $y(t)$, the energy is

$$E_y = 2 \int_0^1 t^2 dt = 2 \frac{t^3}{3} \Big|_{t=0}^1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

Ninety percent of the energy for this signal is in the frequency band $[-\Omega_1, \Omega_1]$ or

$$\begin{aligned} 0.9 \frac{2}{3} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\Omega_1}^{\Omega_1} |X(\Omega)|^4 d\Omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\Omega_1}^{\Omega_1} \left| \frac{\sin(\Omega/2)}{\Omega/2} \right|^4 d\Omega \end{aligned}$$

because $|Y(\Omega)| = |X(\Omega)|^2$.

Again, we use MATLAB symbolic computation to find the value of Ω_1 .

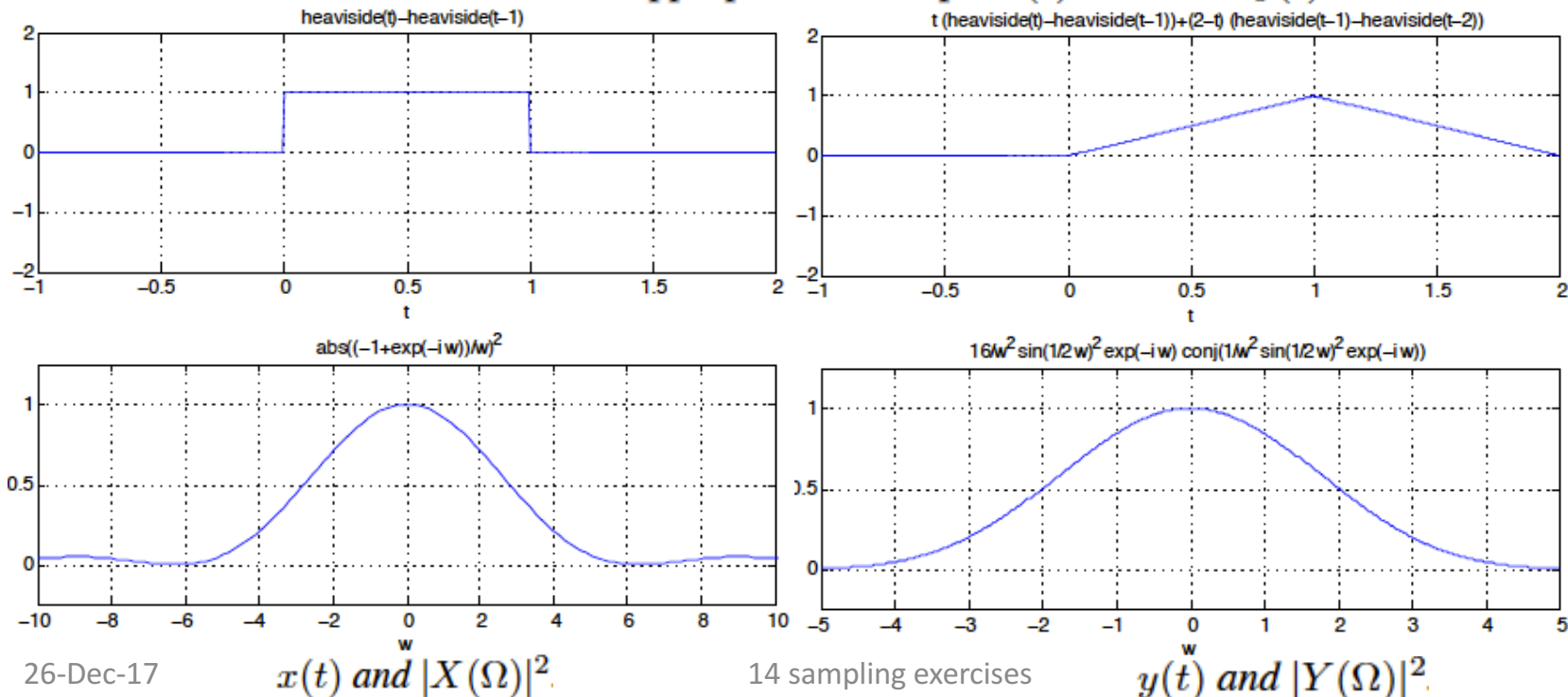
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This script gives that $\Omega_1 = 2.6$ (rad/sec) $< \Omega_0$. (c) The signal $y(t)$ is smoother than $x(t)$ (this signal displays higher frequencies than $y(t)$) so that we expect that $\Omega_{max\ y} < \Omega_{max\ x}$. Accordingly the sampling period T_{sy} to sample without aliasing $y(t)$ is larger than the one required to sample $x(t)$. If we choose as maximum frequencies the values Ω_0 and Ω_1 for the signals $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ we calculated above, we should have that $\Omega_0 > \Omega_1$ and choosing the Nyquist sampling periods (the values that give an equality in the Nyquist sampling rate condition)

$$T_{sy} = \frac{\pi}{\Omega_1} > \frac{\pi}{\Omega_0} = T_{sx}$$

Thus aliasing would be caused by using T_{sy} to sample $x(t)$.

(d) On the other hand, T_{sx} would be appropriate to sample $x(t)$ as well as $y(t)$.



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Exercise 4

Nyquist sampling rate condition and aliasing

Consider the signal

$$x(t) = \frac{\sin(0.5t)}{0.5t}$$

- (a) Find the Fourier transform $X(\Omega)$ of $x(t)$.
- (b) Is $x(t)$ band limited? If so, find its maximum frequency Ω_{\max} .
- (c) Suppose that $T_s = 2\pi$. How does Ω_s relate to the Nyquist frequency $2\Omega_{\max}$? Explain.
- (d) What is the sampled signal $x(nT_s)$ equal to? Carefully plot it and explain if $x(t)$ can be reconstructed.

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answer

Pr. 7.5 (a) The Fourier transform is

$$X(\Omega) = 2\pi[u(\Omega + 0.5) - u(\Omega - 0.5)]$$

(b) $x(t)$ is clearly band-limited with $\Omega_{max} = 0.5$ (rad/sec).

(c) According to the Nyquist sampling rate condition, we should have that

$$\Omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T_s} \geq 2\Omega_{max}$$

or the sampling period

$$T_s \leq \frac{\pi}{\Omega_{max}} = 2\pi$$

The given value satisfies the Nyquist sampling rate condition so we can sample the signal with no aliasing.

The given sampling period is the Nyquist sampling period.

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(d) Plotting the sinc function it can be seen that it is zero at values of $0.5t = \pm\pi k$ or $t = \pm 2\pi k$ for an integer k . The sampled signal using $T_s = 2\pi$ is

$$x(nT_s) = \frac{\sin(0.5 \cdot 2\pi n)}{0.5n \cdot 2\pi} = \frac{\sin(\pi n)}{\pi n}$$

which is 1 for $n = 0$, and 0 for any other value of n . It seems the signal cannot be reconstructed from the samples, that frequency aliasing has occurred. Ideally, that is not the case. The spectrum of the sampled signal $x_s(t)$ for $T_s = 2\pi$ ($\Omega_s = 1$) is

$$X_s(\Omega) = \frac{1}{T_s} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(\Omega - k\Omega_s) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(\Omega - k) = 1$$

ignoring the discontinuities at frequencies $\pm 0.5k$ caused by the overlap of the spectra. Passing this signal through an ideal low-pass filter with amplitude 2π and cut-off frequency $\Omega_s/2 = 1/2$ the reconstructed signal, the output of this filter, is the inverse Fourier transform of a pulse in frequency, i.e., a sinc function, that coincides with the original signal.

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Exercise 5

Anti-aliasing

Suppose you want to find a reasonable sampling period T_s for the noncausal exponential

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

- (a) Find the Fourier transform of $x(t)$, and plot $|X(\Omega)|$. Is $x(t)$ band limited?
- (b) Find a frequency Ω_0 so that 99% of the energy of the signal is in $-\Omega_0 \leq \Omega \leq \Omega_0$.
- (c) If we let $\Omega_s = 2\pi/T_s = 5\Omega_0$, what would be T_s ?
- (d) Determine the magnitude and bandwidth of an anti-aliasing filter that would change the original signal into the band-limited signal with 99% of the signal energy.

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answer

Pr 7.6 (a) The Fourier transform is

$$X(\Omega) = \frac{2}{1-s^2} \Big|_{s=j\Omega} = \frac{2}{1+\Omega^2}$$

$x(t)$ is not band-limited, the frequency support of $X(\Omega)$ is infinite.

(b) The energy of the signal is

$$E_x = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2t} dt = 2 \frac{e^{-2t}}{-2} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 1$$

thus 99% of the energy in the frequency domain is

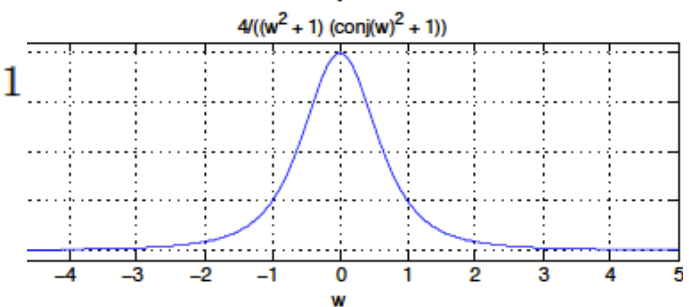
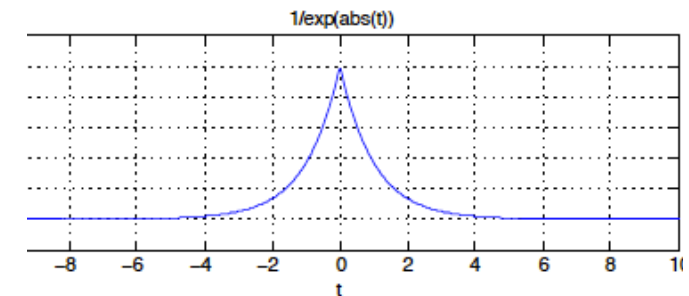
$$0.99 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\Omega_0}^{\Omega_0} \left| \frac{2}{1+\Omega^2} \right| d\Omega$$

for some value of Ω_0 which can be obtained using the following script:

The maximum frequency is found to be 3.3 (rad/sec).

(d) For a sampling frequency $\Omega_s = 5\Omega_0 = 16.5$ the sampling period would be $T_s = 2\pi/\Omega_s = 2\pi/16.5 = 0.3808$ sec/sample.

(e) Looking at the spectrum $|X(\Omega)|$, an anti-aliasing filter would be an ideal low-pass filter with a magnitude of 1 and a cut-off frequency $\Omega_c = \Omega_0 = 3.3$ (rad/sec).



Signal $x(t)$ and $|X(\Omega)|^2$

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Exercise 6

Sampling of modulated signals

Assume you wish to sample an amplitude modulated signal

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

where $m(t)$ is the message signal and $\Omega_c = 2\pi 10^4$ rad/sec is the carrier frequency.

- (a) If the message is an acoustic signal with frequencies in a band of $[0, 22]$ KHz, what would be the maximum frequency present in $x(t)$?
- (b) Determine the range of possible values of the sampling period T_s that would allow us to sample $x(t)$ satisfying the Nyquist sampling rate condition.
- (c) Given that $x(t)$ is a band-pass signal, compare the above sampling period with the one that can be used to sample band-pass signals.

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answer

Pr 7.7 (a) The Fourier transform of $x(t)$ is

$$X(\Omega) = 0.5M(\Omega - \Omega_c) + 0.5M(\Omega + \Omega_c)$$

where $M(\Omega)$ is the Fourier transform of $m(t)$. The maximum frequency present in $x(t)$ is

$$\Omega_{max} = \Omega_c + 2\pi \times 22 \times 10^3 = 2\pi(10 + 22)10^3 = 64\pi 10^3$$

(b) The sampling frequency is

$$\Omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T_s} \geq 2 \times 64\pi \times 10^3 = 128 \times 10^3$$

so that

$$T_s \leq \frac{1}{64} 10^{-3} \text{ sec/sample}$$

(c) The bandwidth of the message is $B = 2\pi \times 22 \times 10^3 = 44\pi \times 10^3$ rad/sec, using this frequency $x(t)$ can be sampled at $2B = 88\pi \times 10^3$ rad/sec which is much smaller than the one found above.

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Exercise 7

Sampling output of nonlinear system

The input–output relation of a nonlinear system is

$$y(t) = x^2(t)$$

where $x(t)$ is the input and $y(t)$ is the output.

- (a) The signal $x(t)$ is band limited with a maximum frequency $\Omega_M = 2000\pi$ rad/sec. Determine if $y(t)$ is also band limited, and if so, what is its maximum frequency Ω_{\max} ?
- (b) Suppose that the signal $y(t)$ is low-pass filtered. The magnitude of the low-pass filter is unity and the cut-off frequency is $\Omega_c = 5000\pi$ rad/sec. Determine the value of the sampling period T_s according to the given information.
- (c) Is there a different value for T_s that would satisfy the Nyquist sampling rate condition for both $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ and that is larger than the one obtained above? Explain.

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answer

Pr 7.8 (a) If the signal $x(t)$ is band-limited $y(t) = x^2(t)$ has a Fourier transform $Y(\Omega) = (1/2\pi)(X(\Omega) * X(\Omega))$ having a bandwidth double that of $x(t)$, or

$$\Omega_{max\ y} = 2\Omega_M = 4000\pi$$

(b) Filtering with a low-pass filter of cut-off frequency 5000π would not change the maximum frequency of $Y(\Omega)$ so that

$$T_s \leq \frac{\pi}{4000\pi} = \frac{1}{4000} = 0.25 \times 10^{-3}$$

(c) No. For $x(t)$,

$$T_{s1} \leq \frac{\pi}{2000\pi} = 0.5 \times 10^{-3}$$

and if $T_s = 0.25 \times 10^{-3}$ then $T_{s1} \leq 2T_s$, so that we need to use T_s to sample both $x(t)$ and $y(t)$.

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Exercise 8

Signal reconstruction

You wish to recover the original analog signal $x(t)$ from its sampled form $x(nT_s)$.

- (a) If the sampling period is chosen to be $T_s = 1$ so that the Nyquist sampling rate condition is satisfied, determine the magnitude and cut-off frequency of an ideal low-pass filter $H(j\Omega)$ to recover the original signal and plot them.
- (b) What would be a possible maximum frequency of the signal? Consider an ideal and a nonideal low-pass filter to reconstruct $x(t)$. Explain.

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answer

Pr 7.9 (a) If $T_s = 1$ then

$$\Omega_s = \frac{2\pi}{T_s} \geq 2\Omega_{max}$$

or $\Omega_{max} \leq \pi$. To reconstruct the original signal we choose the cutoff frequency of the ideal low-pass filter to be

$$\Omega_{max} < \Omega_c < 2\pi - \Omega_{max}$$

and the magnitude $T_s = 1$.

(b) Since $T_s \leq \pi/\Omega_{max}$, and $T_s = 1$ then $\Omega_{max} \leq \pi$. If $\Omega_{max} = \pi$ for an ideal low-pass filter, then $\Omega_c = \pi$ to recover the original signal. Thus the maximum frequency has to be smaller than π to make it possible to use an ideal or a non-ideal low-pass filter to recover the original signal.