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Classical Mechanics

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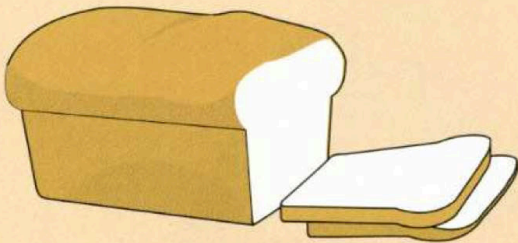
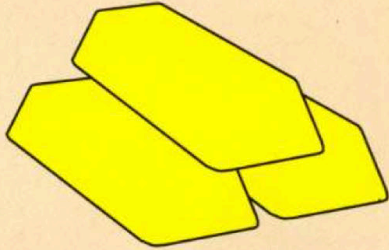
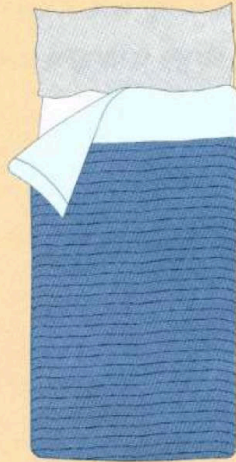
Knudsen & Hjorth: X

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Ref.s:

Knudsen & Hjorth (2000), Fowles & Cassidy (2005)

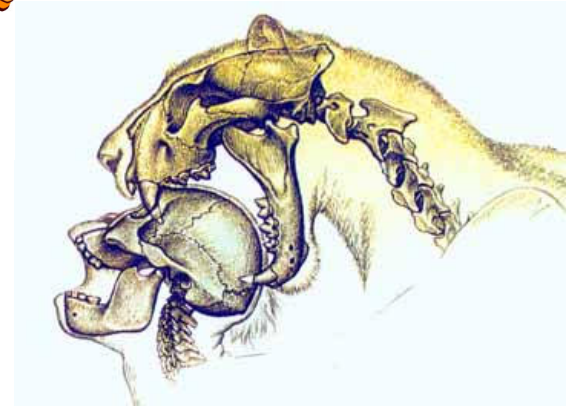
Simply match up the pictures to the words. There's a particular sort of person that would find this puzzle very easy.



LIT
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OR

DENT
PAIN



Bed

Tooth

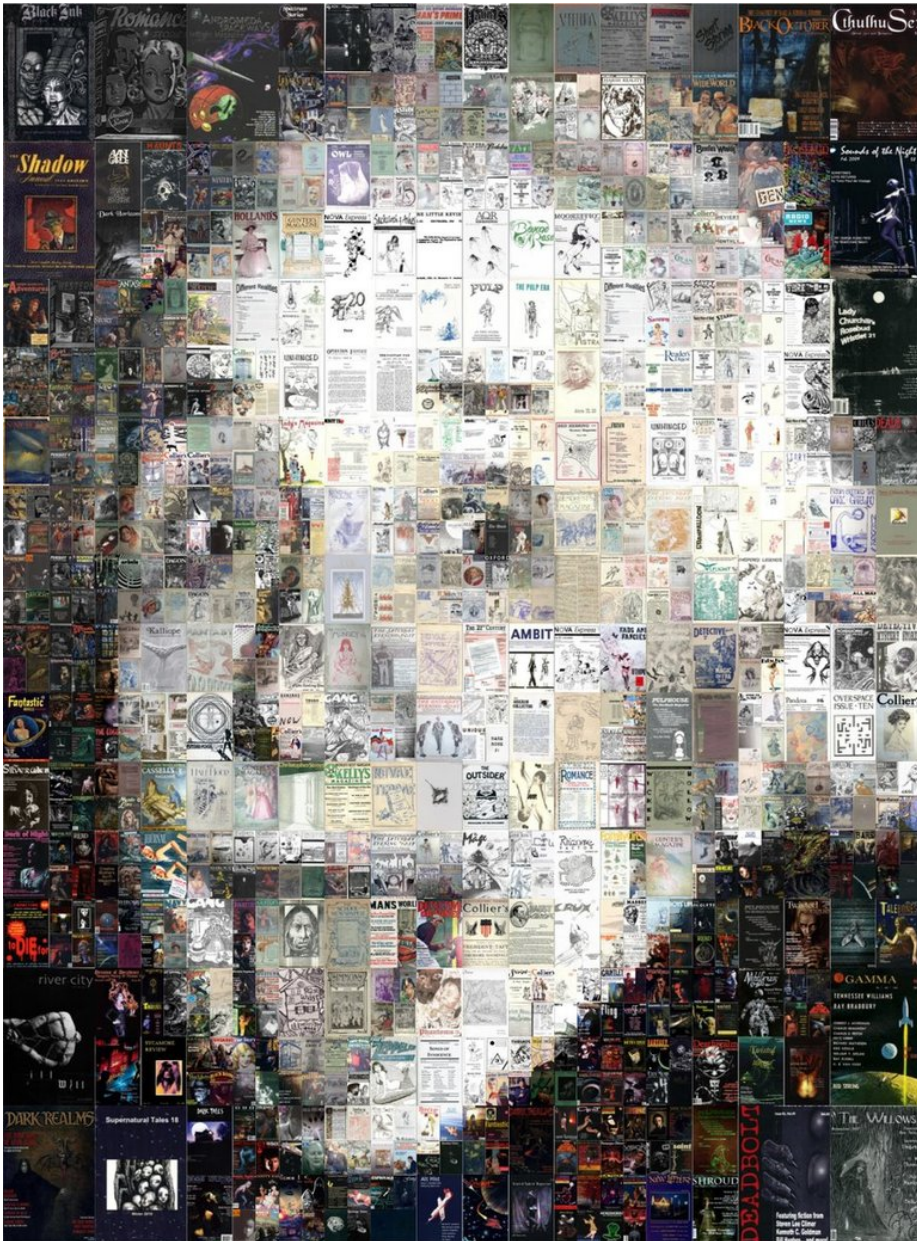
Gold

Arm

Bread







- 'Photo mosaics' use images as an underlying set of 'basis functions'
- Note that we could just as easily choose a different set of basis images....

... and it's not too hard to imagine that some choices might be better than others!

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos nt + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin nt.$$

→ Similar idea underlies the notion of Fourier analysis, the choice of basis functions being sinusoids

Fourier analysis

- Deep history throughout mathematics, physics, engineering, biology,
- Backbone of modern signal processing and linear systems theory
- Lays at foundation of many modern methodologies in medical imaging (e.g., MRI, CT scans)
- Builds off the basic idea of a *Taylor series* (which posits we can describe a function as an infinite series of polynomials)

Basic idea: Represent ‘signal’ as a sum of sinusoids

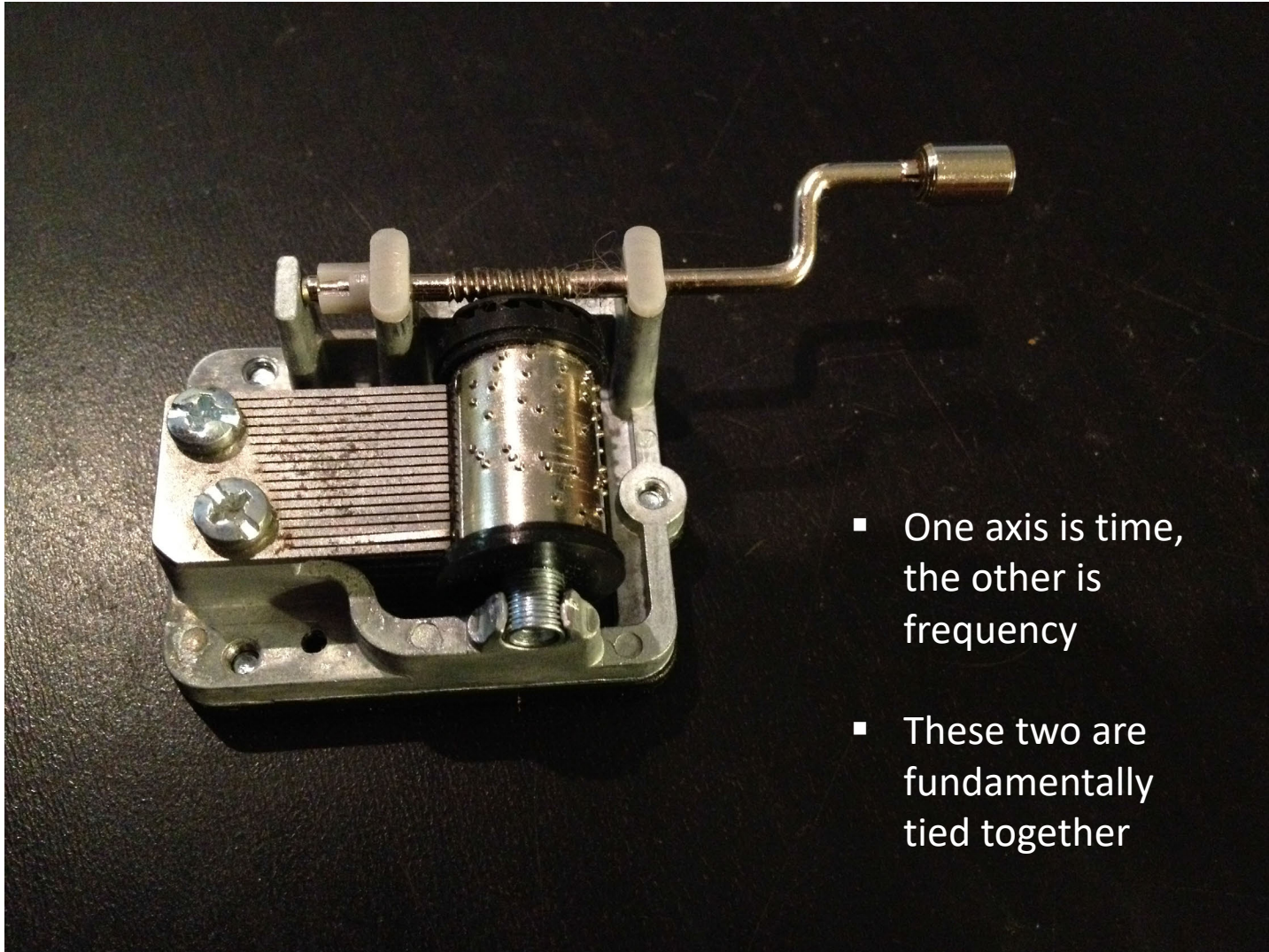


Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)

Note: We focus on 1-D here for clarity, but these ideas generalize to higher dimensions (e.g., 2-D for images)

Key idea: Fourier transform

- Allows one to go from a time domain description (e.g., recorded signal) to a spectral description (i.e., what frequency components make up that signal)



- One axis is time, the other is frequency
- These two are fundamentally tied together

Fourier series

Intuitive connection back to Taylor series:

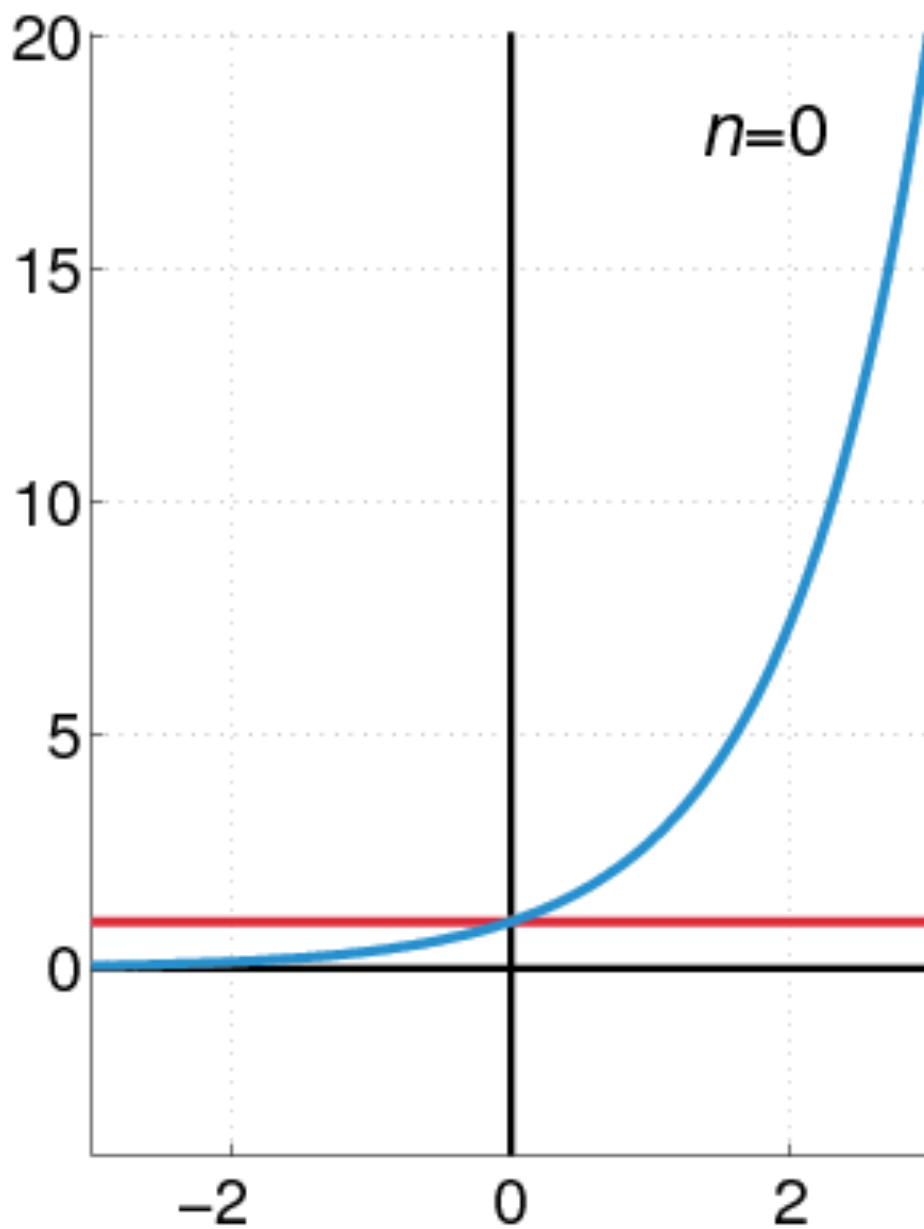
$$y(x_1 + \Delta x) \approx y(x_1) + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} \right|_{x_1} (\Delta x)^n. \quad (\text{D.2})$$

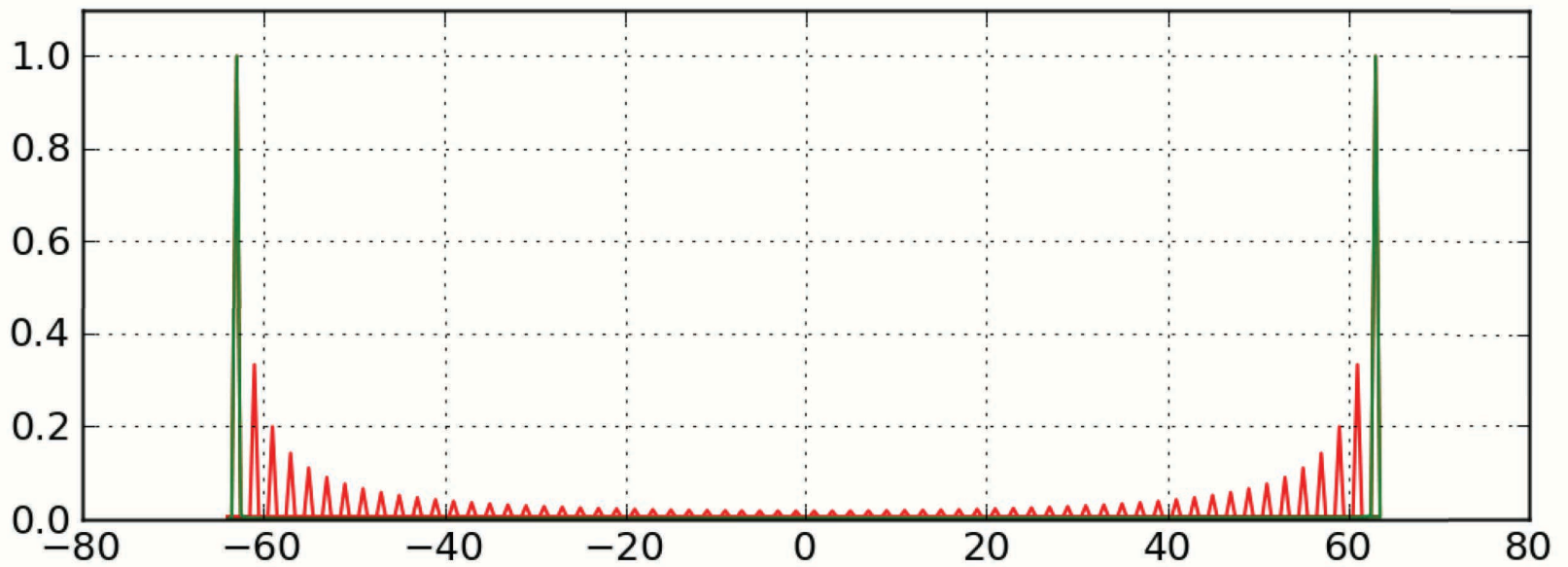
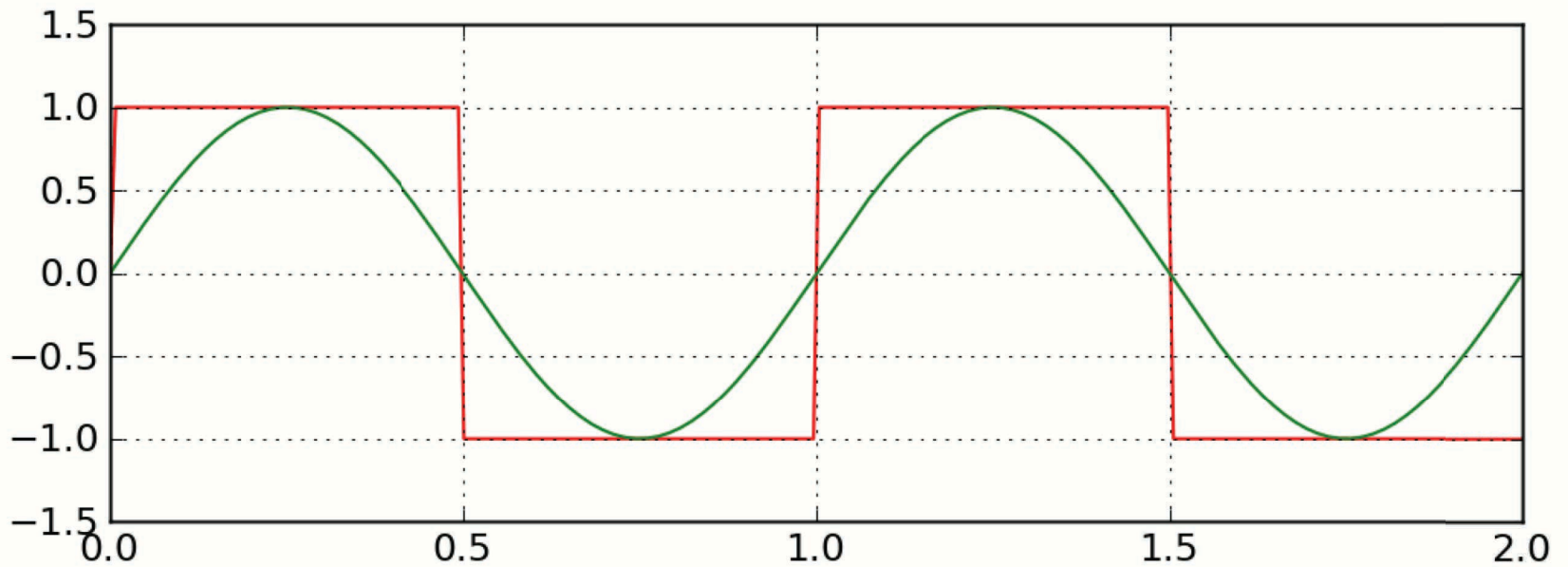
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x_o) + f'(x_o)(x - x_o) + \frac{f''(x_o)}{2!}(x - x_o)^2 + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_o)}{n!}(x - x_o)^n + \cdots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_o)}{n!} (x - x_o)^n \end{aligned}$$

Taylor series → Expand as a (infinite) sum of polynomials

Different Idea: Fourier series → Expand as a (infinite) sum of sinusoids

“The exponential function e^x (in blue), and the sum of the first $n+1$ terms of its Taylor series at 0 (in red).”





Fourier series

$$f(t) = a_0 + a_1 \sin(\omega t) + b_1 \cos(\omega t) + \\ + a_2 \sin(2\omega t) + b_2 \cos(2\omega t) + \\ + a_3 \sin(3\omega t) + b_3 \cos(3\omega t) + \dots$$

$$= A_0 + A_1 \sin(\omega t + \phi_1) \\ + A_2 \sin(2\omega t + \phi_2) \\ + A_3 \sin(3\omega t + \phi_3) + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \sin(n\omega t + \phi_n)$$

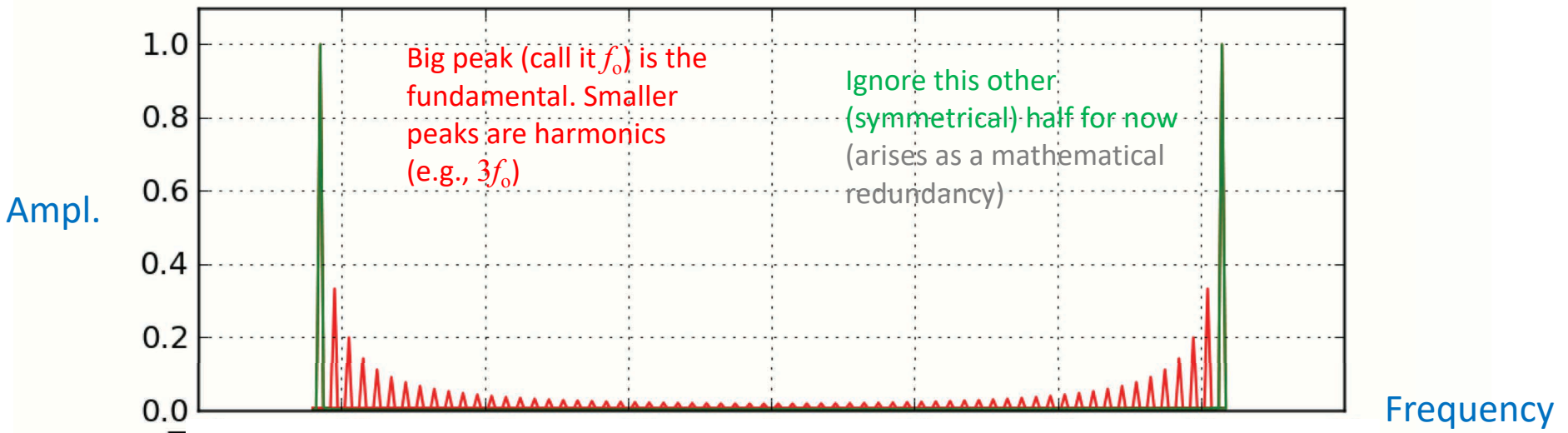
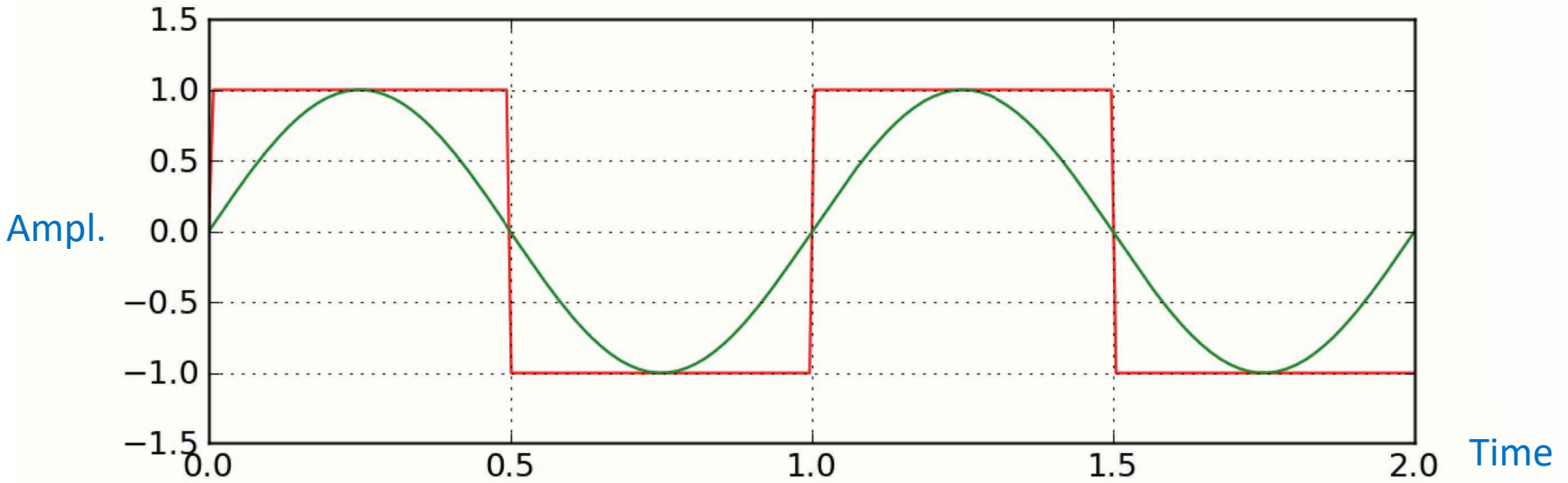
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n e^{in\omega t} \quad \text{where } B_n \in \mathbb{C}, \quad i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \cos(n\omega t) dt \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) \sin(n\omega t) dt \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

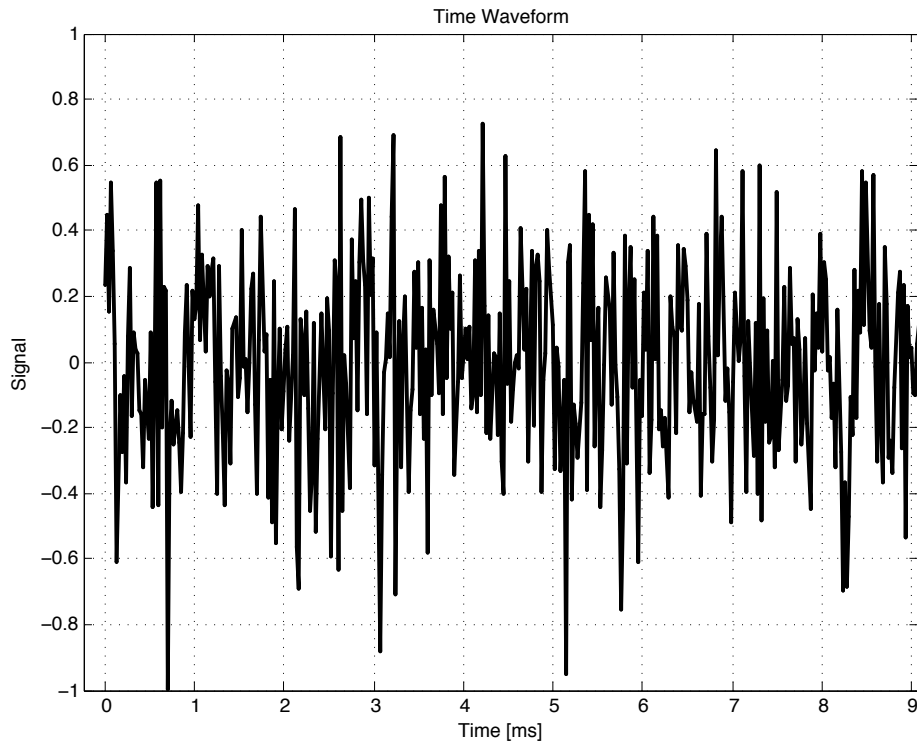
Complex #s are much more compact and easier to deal with

e.g., Square "Waves"

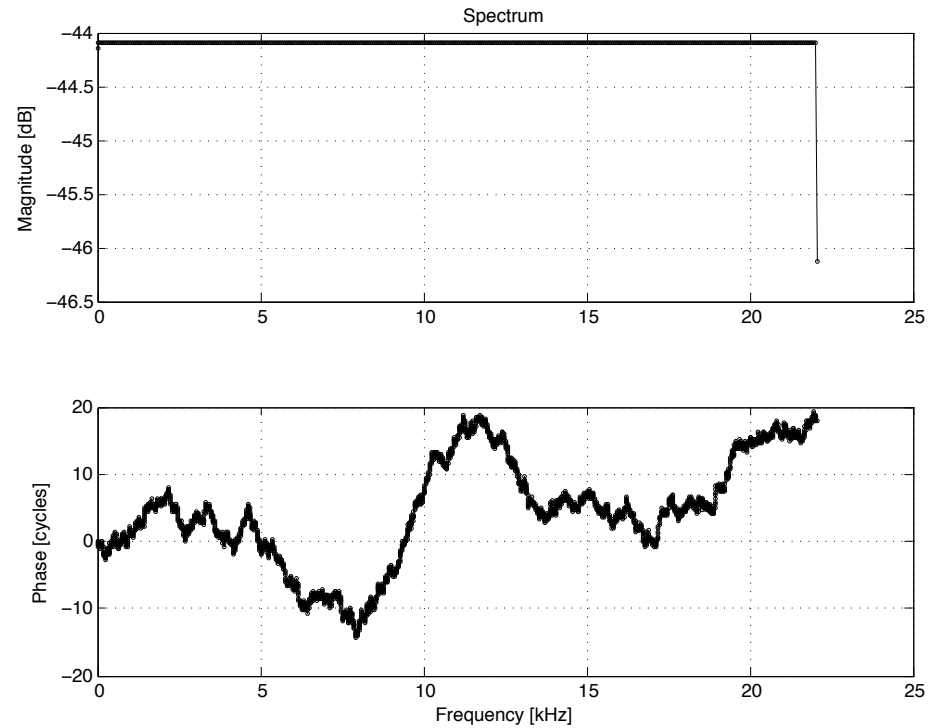


stimT= 7 - noise (Gaussian distribution)

Time domain



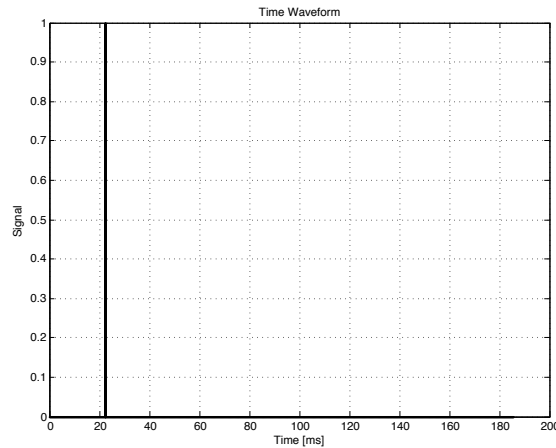
Spectral domain



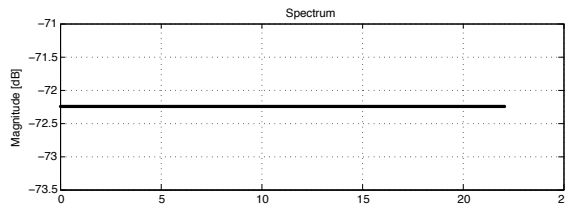
- Magnitude is flat just like an impulse (i.e., flat), but the phase is random

Fourier transforms of basic (1-D) waveforms

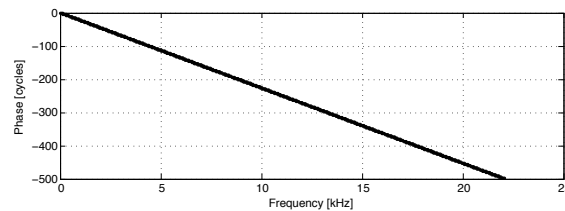
Impulse



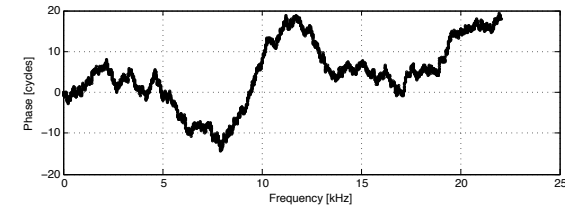
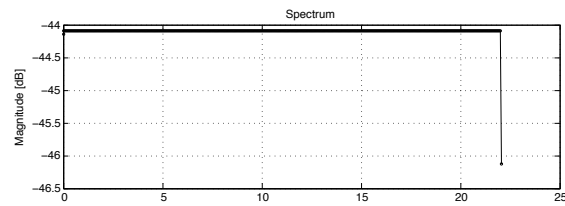
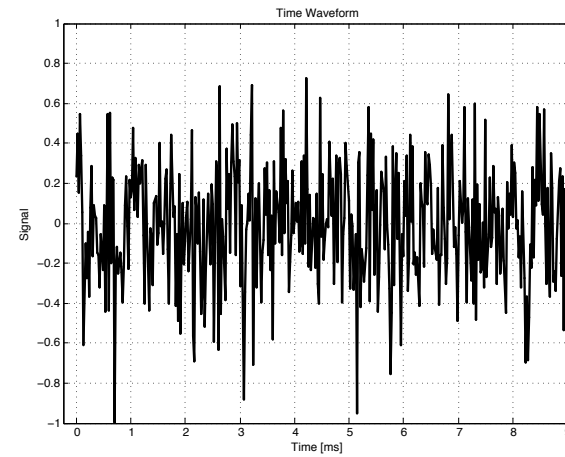
Time domain



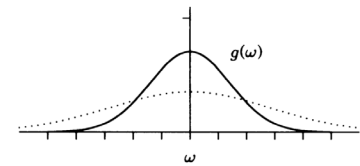
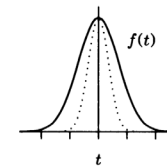
Spectral domain



Noise

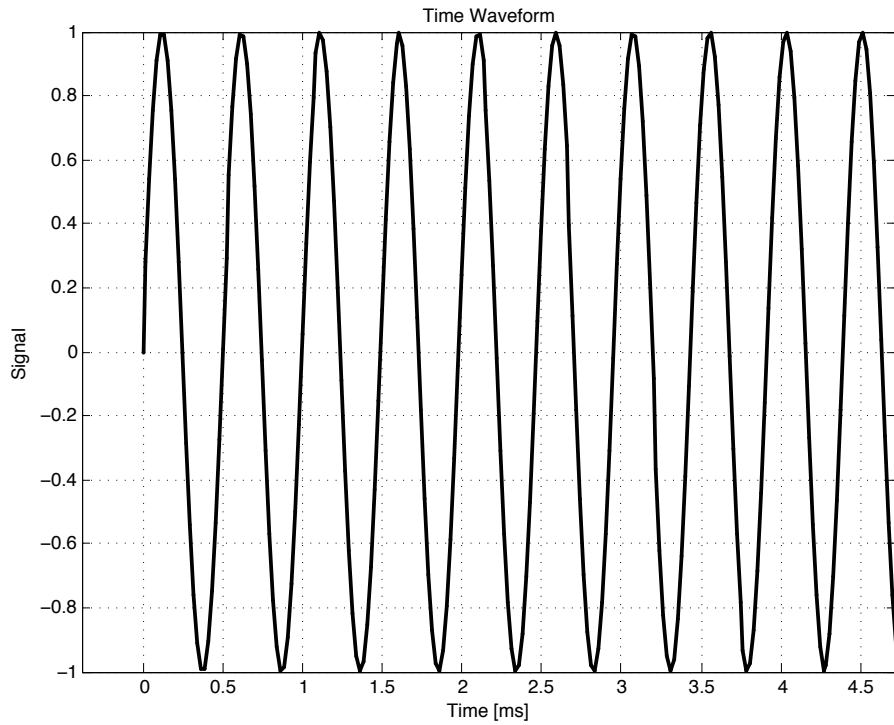


→ Remarkable that the magnitudes are identical (more or less) between two signals with such different properties. The key difference here is the phase: Timing is a critical piece of the puzzle!

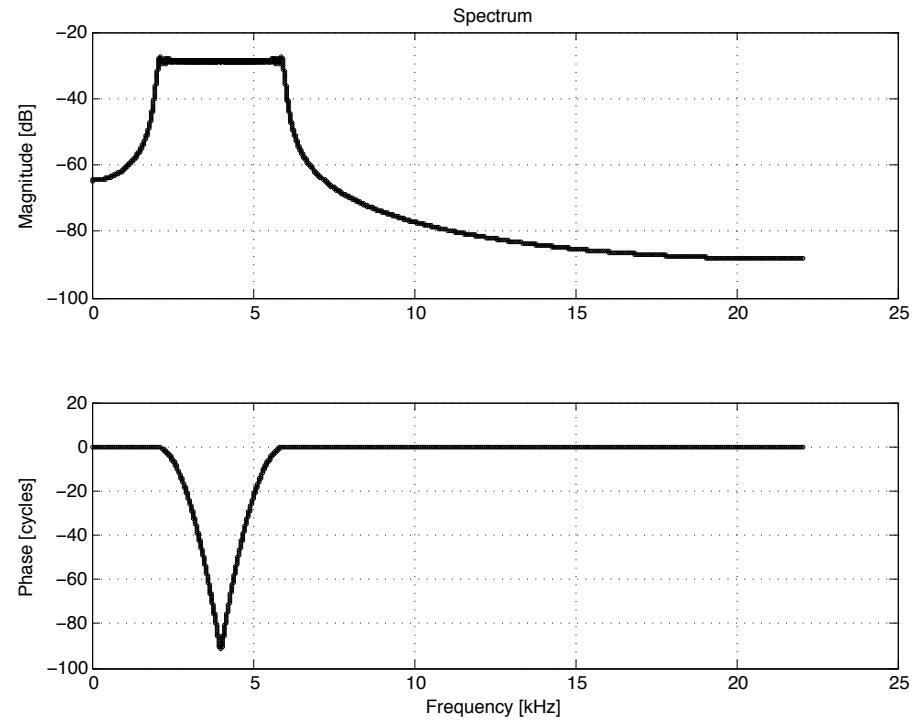


stimT= 6 - chirp (flat mag.)

Time domain



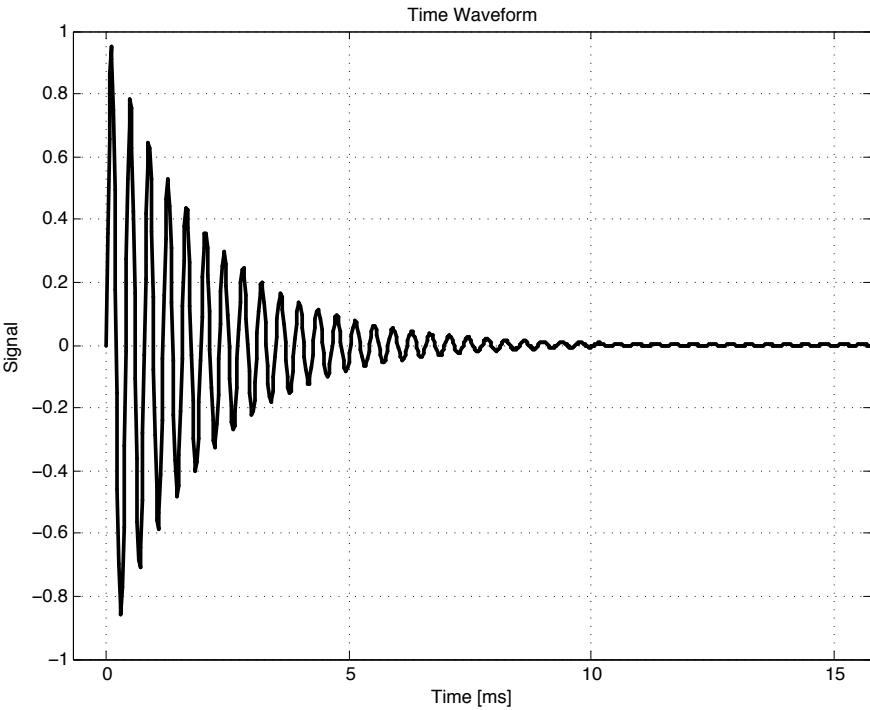
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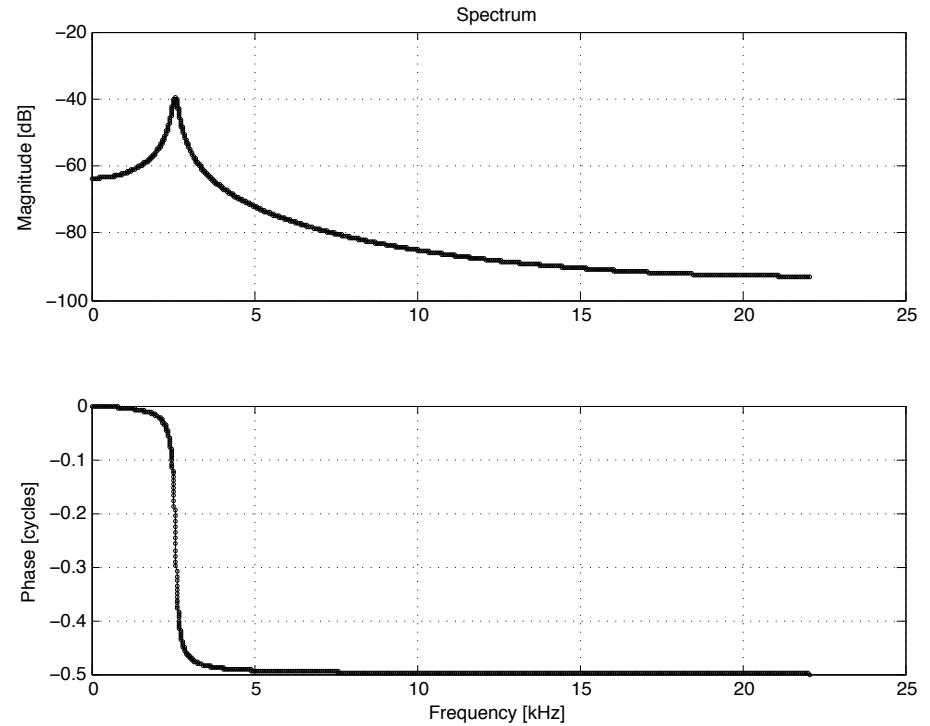
Hard to see on this timescale, but frequency is changing (increasing) with time

stimT= 8 - exponentially decaying sinusoid

Time domain



Spectral domain



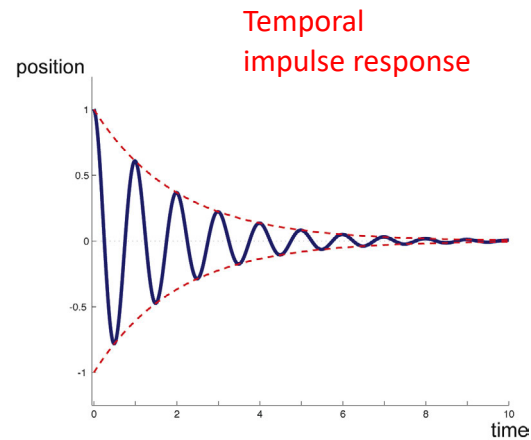
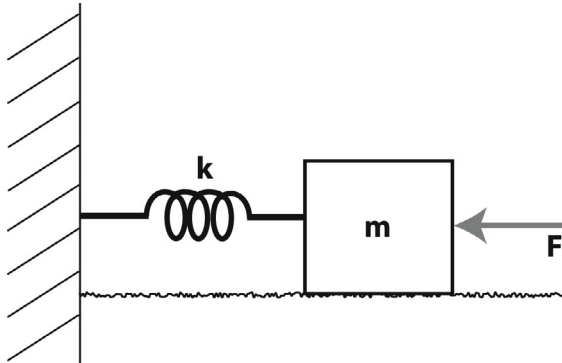
➤ This seems to look familiar...

Impulse response

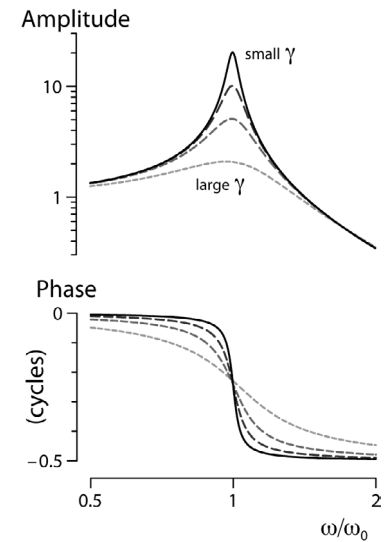
➤ Intuitively defined in two different (but equivalent) ways:

1. Time response of 'system' when subjected to an impulse
(e.g., striking a bell w/ a hammer)
2. Fourier transform of resulting response
(e.g., spectrum of bell ringing)

ex. Harmonic oscillator

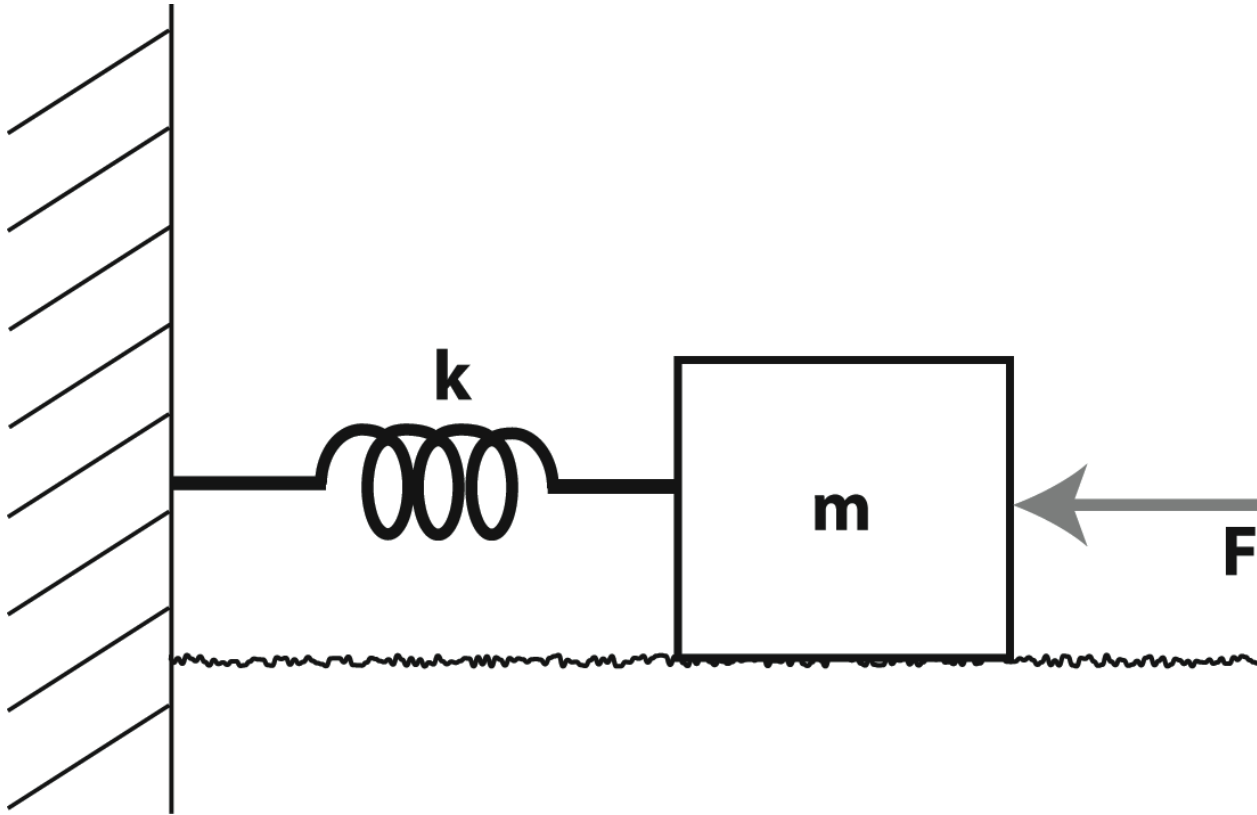


Spectral
impulse response



(Important) Note: The Fourier transform of the impulse response is called the *transfer function*

Superposition & Linearity



→ When dealing with linear oscillators (or linear systems in general), superposition takes a domineering position in how we approach analysis and modeling

Tangent: Superposition & Linearity (beyond the HO)

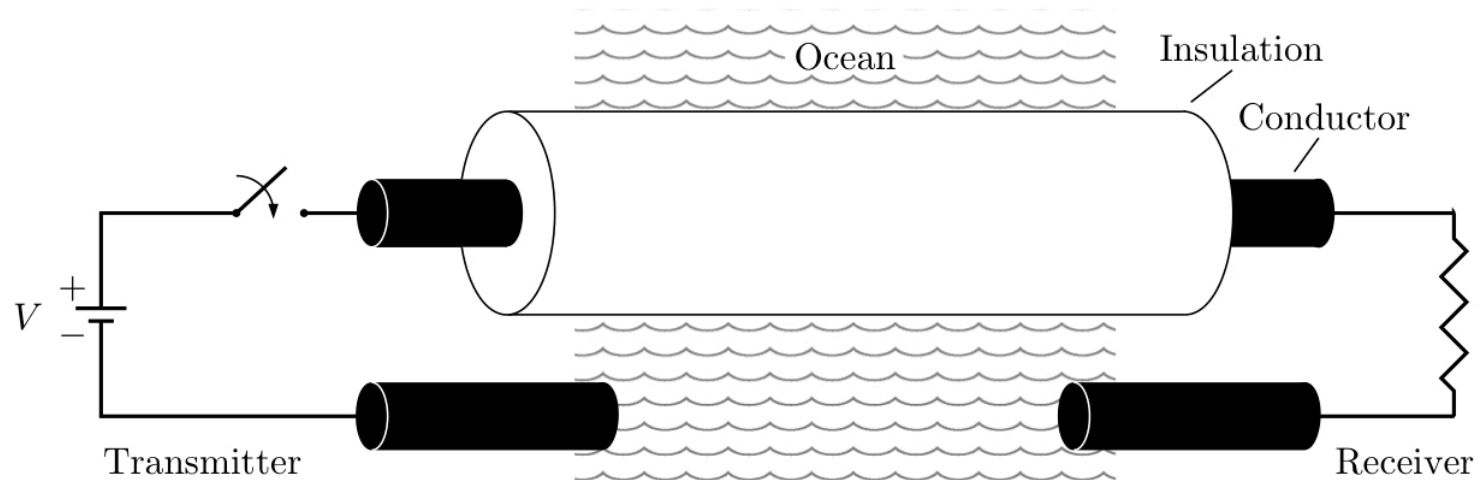


Figure 3.8

"cable model"

- First solved by William Thomson (aka Lord Kelvin) in ~1855
- Motivated by Atlantic submarine cable for intercontinental telegraphy
- Directly applicable to transmission lines and BNC cables

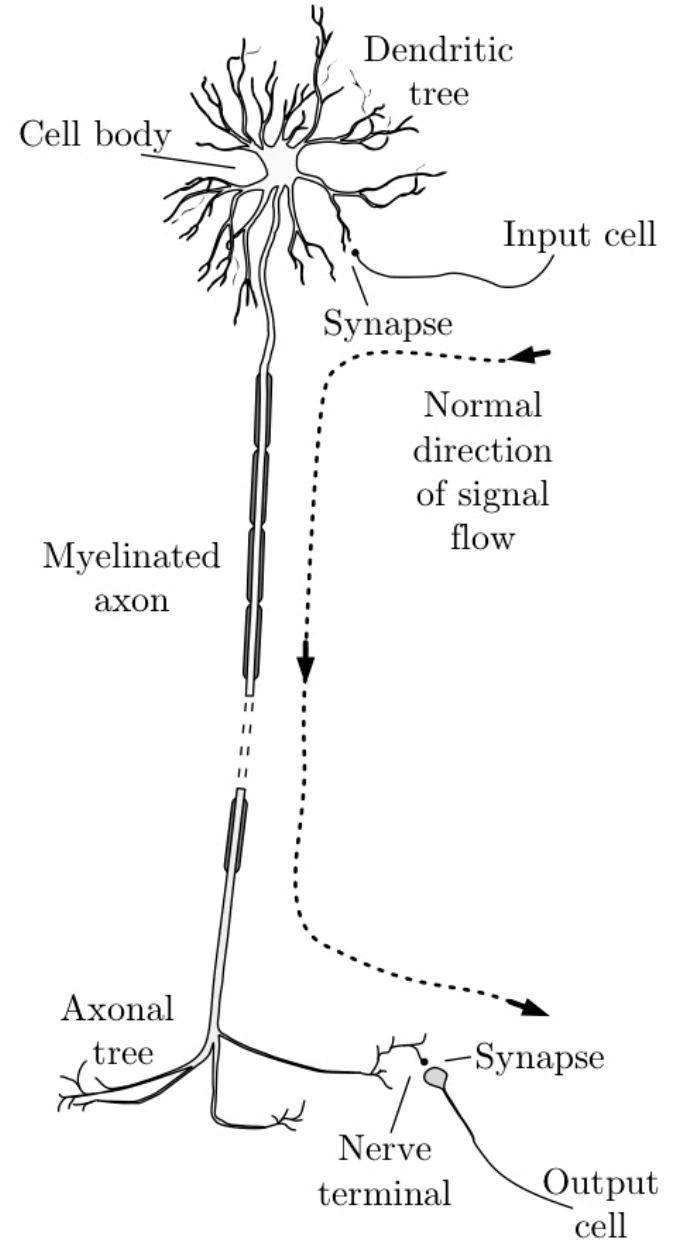


Figure 1.22



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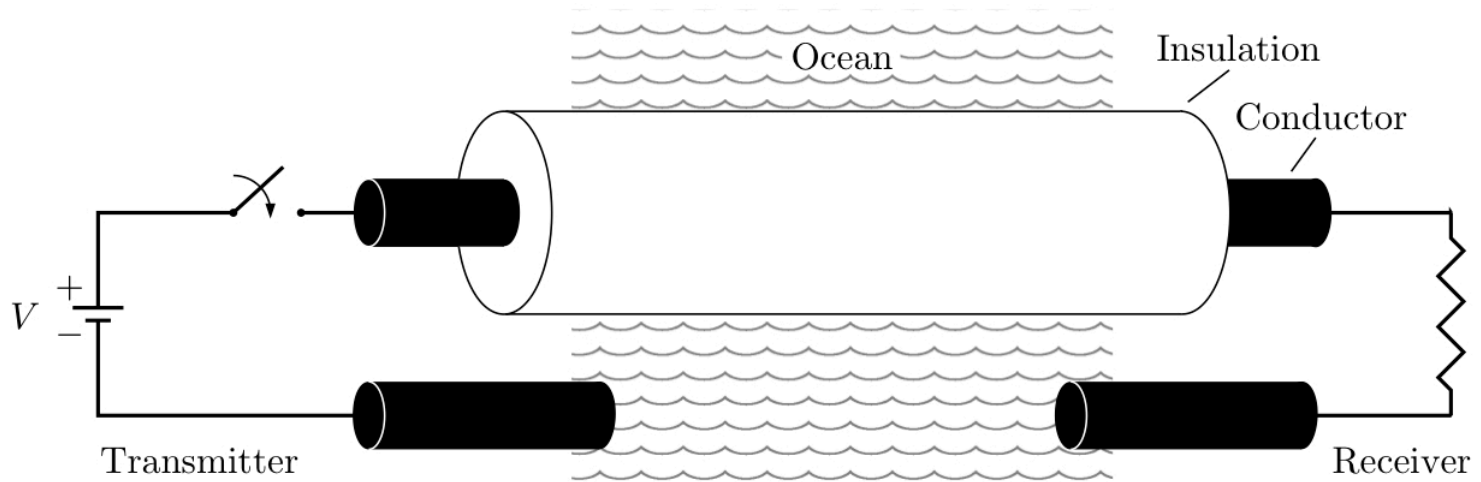


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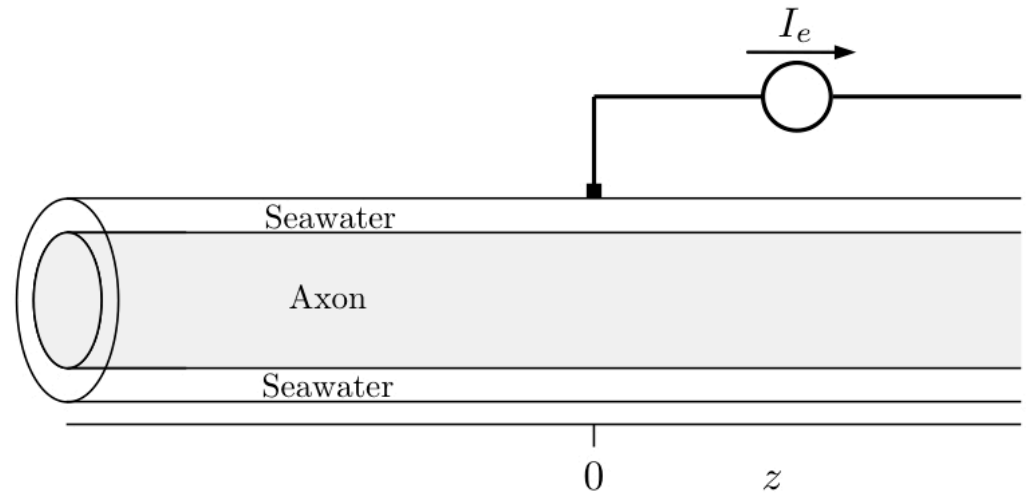


Figure 3.9

→ Axon behaves in fashion similar to a leaky submarine cable

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Cable Equation

Linear PDE

Let $v_m(z, t) = V_m(z, t) - V_m^o$ and $|v_m(z, t)| \ll |V_m^o|$:

$$v_m(z, t) + \tau_M \frac{\partial v_m(z, t)}{\partial t} - \lambda_C^2 \frac{\partial^2 v_m(z, t)}{\partial z^2} = r_o \lambda_C^2 K_e(z, t)$$

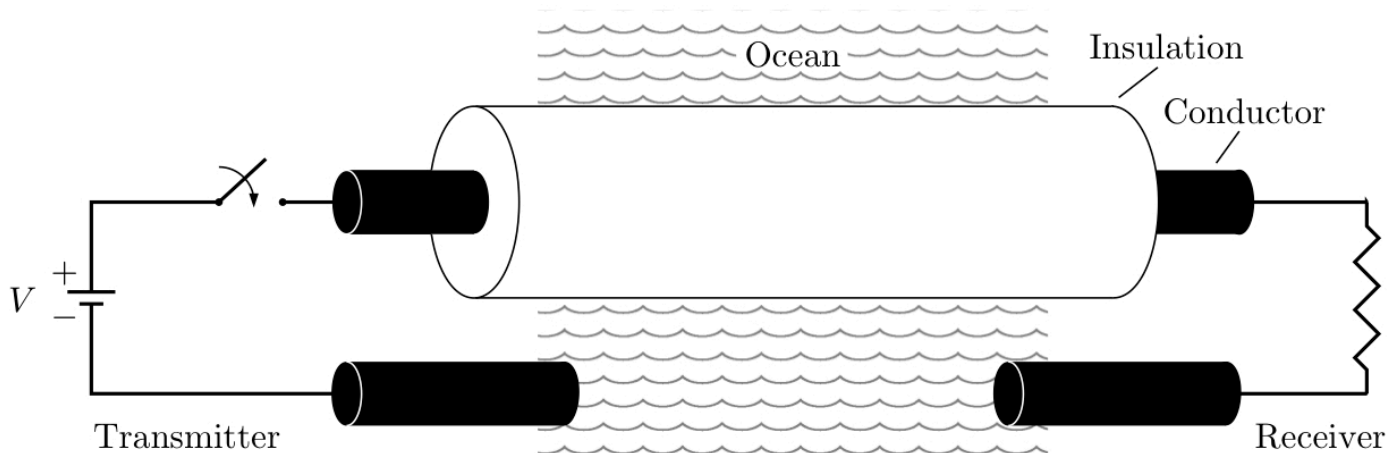
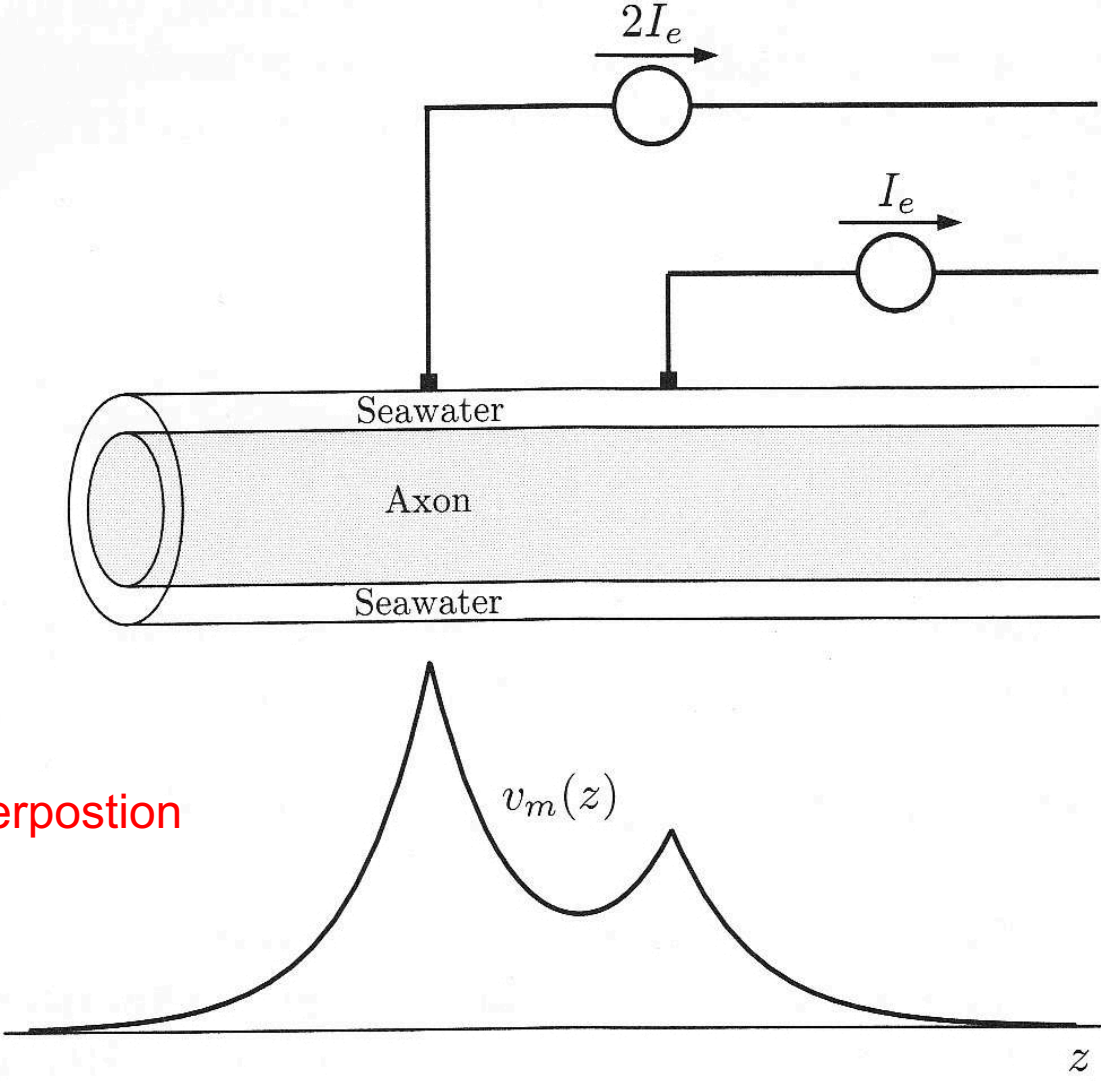


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Tangent: Superposition & Linearity (beyond the HO)



Linearity → Superposition

Figure 3.19

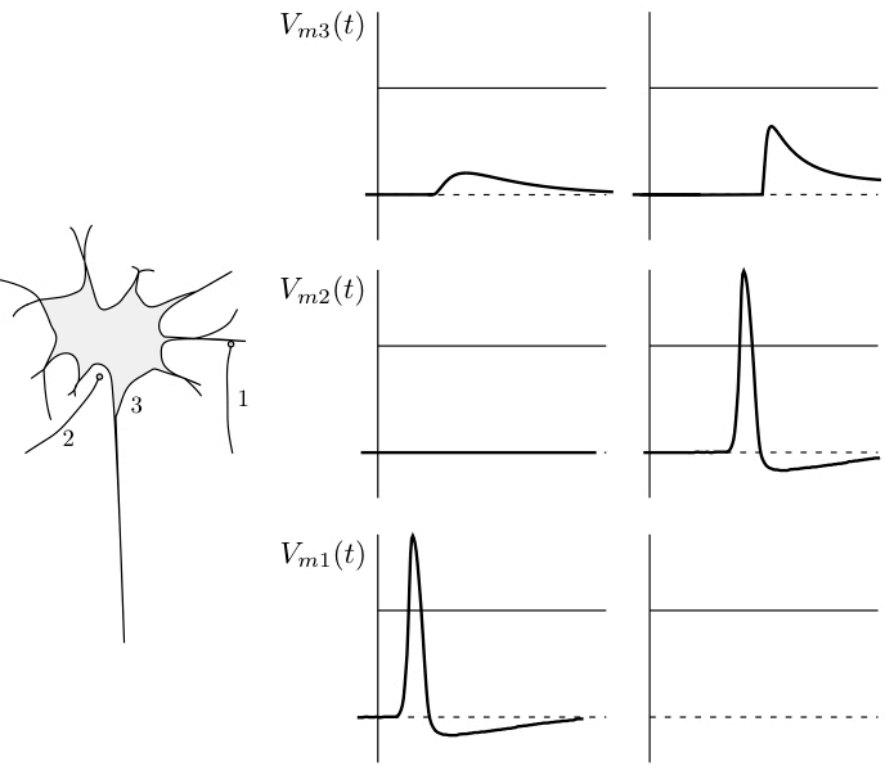


Figure 3.34

“Electronic distance”

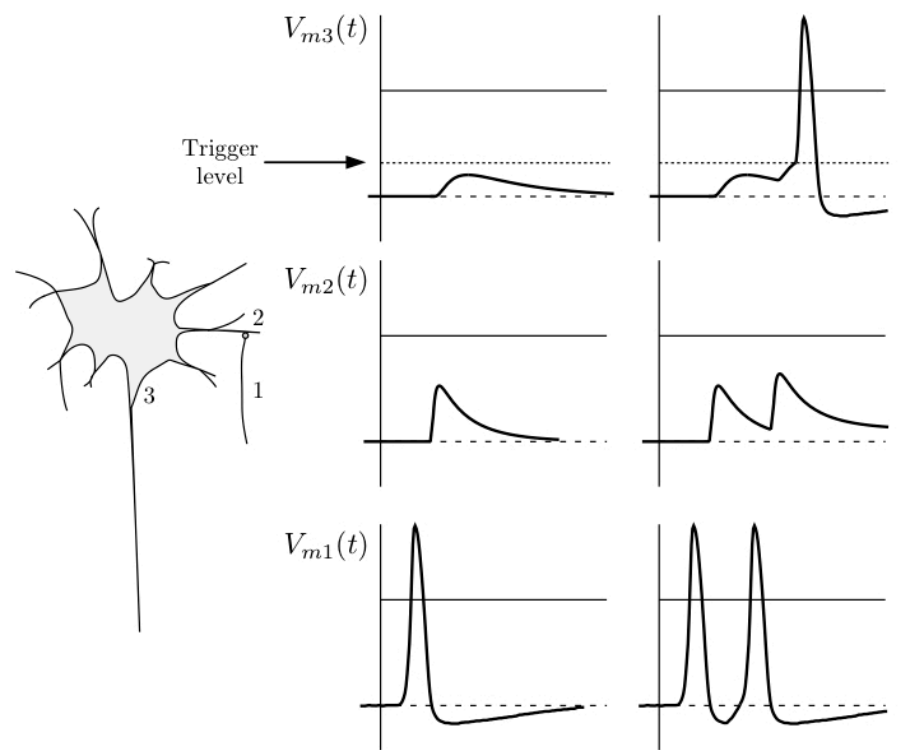


Figure 3.35

“Temporal integration”

→ Key considerations with regard to synapses (i.e., inter-neuron communication)

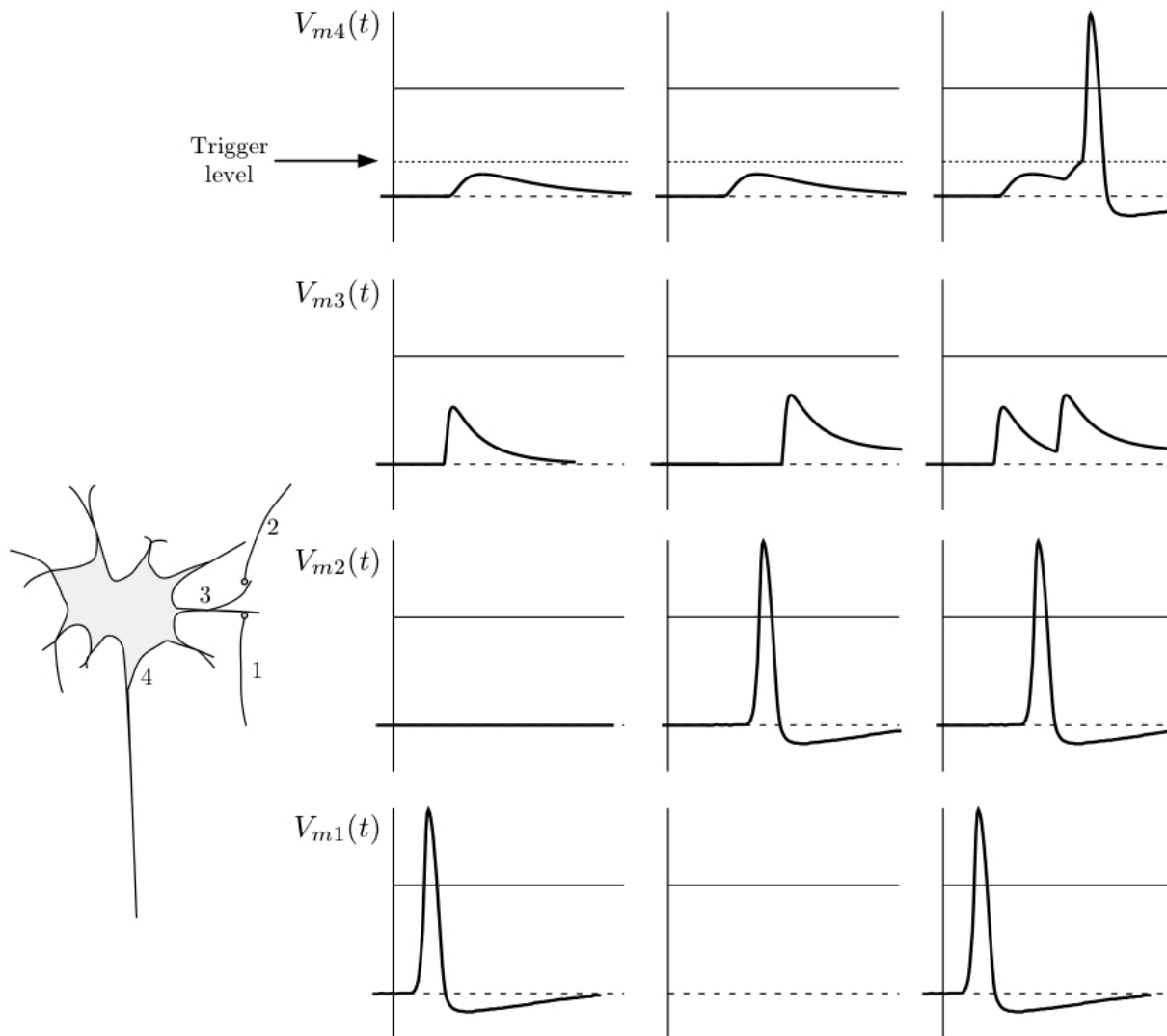
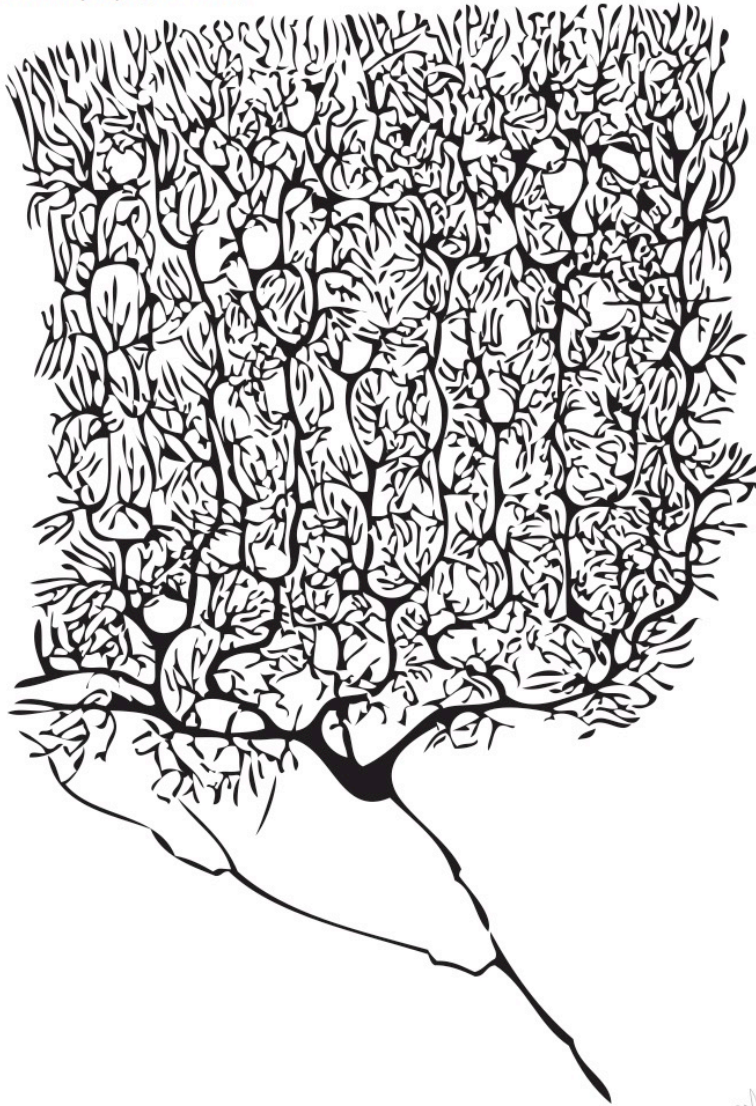


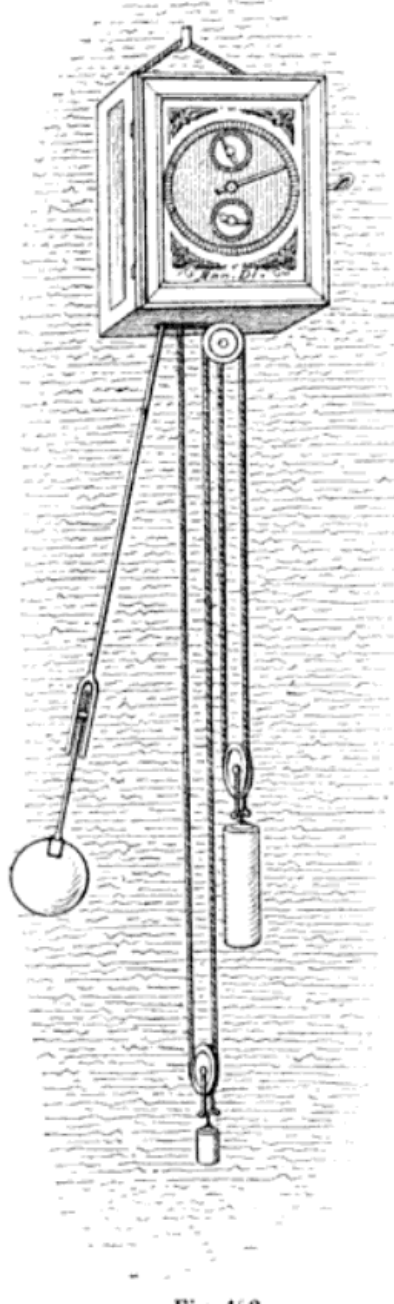
Figure 3.36

Spatial integration

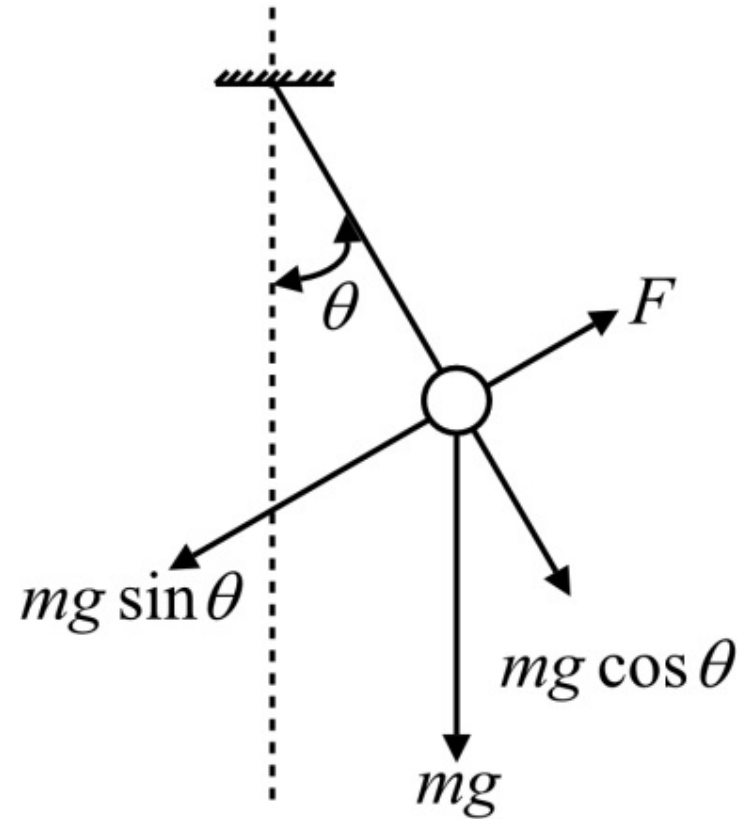
Santiago Ramón y Cajal (1852-1934)



In Short: Superposition plays a key role in how your brain works as a "network" to process information



“first pendulum clock” re
Christiaan Huygens



$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{\ell} \sin(\theta)$$

Additional slides beyond are for general reference....

General properties of Fourier transforms

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega$$

$$F(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ikx} f(x) dx$$

$$g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikx} F(k) dk.$$

Devries (1994)

Kutz (2012)

- Don't be confused by different notations (there are a lot out there!)
- Keep in mind that the Fourier transform is defined over the interval $[-\infty, \infty]$, though most 'signals' we deal with computationally are finite (e.g., $[-L, L]$)
(the resolution here is an implicit assumption of a 'periodic boundary condition'; we'll come back to this)
- Connection back to previous topics covered:

Further, the kernel of the transform, $\exp(\pm ikx)$, describes oscillatory behavior. Thus the Fourier transform is essentially an eigenfunction expansion over all continuous wavenumbers k . And once we are on a finite domain $x \in [-L, L]$, the continuous eigenfunction expansion becomes a discrete sum of eigenfunctions and associated wavenumbers (eigenvalues).

General properties of Fourier transforms

- The Fourier transform is a *linear process*

That is, if $f_1(t)$ and $f_2(t)$ are two functions having Fourier transforms $g_1(\omega)$ and $g_2(\omega)$, then the Fourier transform of $f_1(t) + f_2(t)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}g(\omega) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [f_1(t) + f_2(t)] e^{-i\omega t} dt \\&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_2(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \\&= g_1(\omega) + g_2(\omega).\end{aligned}$$

→ **Linearity is a seemingly innocuous property that has vast implications...** (we'll see some in later lectures)

- Another key property is that of scaling:

$$\mathcal{F}[f(\alpha t)] = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} g\left(\frac{\omega}{\alpha}\right)$$

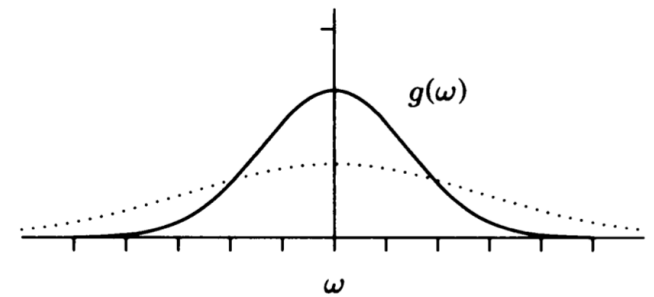
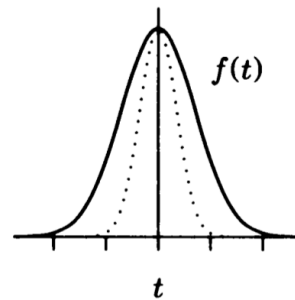
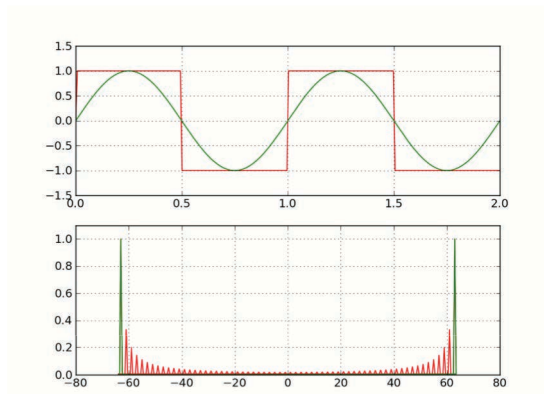
$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}[g(\beta\omega)] = \frac{1}{|\beta|} f\left(\frac{t}{\beta}\right)$$

General properties of Fourier transforms

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega \quad \mathcal{F}[f(\alpha t)] = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} g\left(\frac{\omega}{\alpha}\right)$$

- Due to this scaling, as $f(t)$ gets narrower (i.e., more localized in time), $g(\omega)$ gets broader (i.e., more spread out across frequency)

$$g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \quad \mathcal{F}^{-1}[g(\beta\omega)] = \frac{1}{|\beta|} f\left(\frac{t}{\beta}\right)$$



in large part, the role of the additional functions is to cancel the oscillations. Thus, the more localized a function is in time, the more delocalized it is in frequency.

This is more than a casual observation — it's a fundamental property of Fourier transforms, and has direct physical consequences. Usually stated in terms of position and momentum rather than time and frequency, the statement is that the product of the width of the function, Δx , and the width of the transform of the function, Δp , is always greater than or equal to a specific *nonzero* value, \hbar — Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.

General properties of Fourier transforms

- A handful of other properties arise (e.g., shifting, time reversal), which give rise to numerous symmetries that can be summarized as follows:

If $f(t)$ is real,	then $\Re g(\omega)$ is even and $\Im g(\omega)$ is odd;
if $f(t)$ is imaginary,	then $\Re g(\omega)$ is odd and $\Im g(\omega)$ is even;
if $f(t)$ is even,	then $g(\omega)$ is even;
if $f(t)$ is odd,	then $g(\omega)$ is odd;
if $f(t)$ is real and even,	then $g(\omega)$ is real and even;
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if $f(t)$ is imaginary and odd,	then $g(\omega)$ is real and odd.

- Another key feature is that of *derivatives*:
$$\mathcal{F}[f'(t)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f'(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt.$$

Integrating by parts has:

$$\mathcal{F}[f'(t)] = \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} f(t) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + \frac{i\omega}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$\mathcal{F}[f'(t)] = i\omega g(\omega)$$

→ The first term on the right-side must be zero

Aside: Using Fourier transforms to solve linear differential equations

Note: This topic is a bit beyond the scope of 2030, but is worth pointing out here for future reference

$$\widehat{f^{(n)}} = (ik)^n \widehat{f}.$$

[Kutz notation]
Basic idea is generalizable to higher order derivatives

$$\mathcal{F}[f'(t)] = i\omega g(\omega)$$

Consider the linear non-autonomous ODE: $y'' - \omega^2 y = -f(x) \quad x \in [-\infty, \infty]$

Take Fourier transform of both sides and work through:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{y}'' - \omega^2 \widehat{y} &= -\widehat{f} \\ -k^2 \widehat{y} - \omega^2 \widehat{y} &= -\widehat{f} \\ (k^2 + \omega^2) \widehat{y} &= \widehat{f} \end{aligned} \qquad \widehat{y} = \frac{\widehat{f}}{k^2 + \omega^2}$$

We end up with an integral solution that can then either be evaluated analytically or numerically

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikx} \frac{\widehat{f}}{k^2 + \omega^2} dk.$$

→ Other avenues deal with PDEs and integrals, with many practical implications in physics (e.g., delta functions in quantum mechanics, Parseval's identity), though such is beyond our scope here

