



# Lecture 2 D/Continuous Conversion as Sinc Interpolation

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Recap: C/D Conversion

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Recall that

$$X_s(j\Omega) = \mathcal{F}(x_c(t)s(t)) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_k X_c(j(\Omega - k\Omega_s)). \quad (1)$$

Thus, conceptually, we can use a *low-pass filter* to reconstruct  $x_c(t)$  from  $x[n] = x_c(nT)$  as long as the sampling rate  $f_s$  is higher than 2 times the bandwidth  $B$ .

In this lecture, we will calculate the *impulse response* of the reconstruction filter first, and then point out that what low-pass filtering does is essentially *interpolation*.





Let's consider an analog filter with a frequency response  $H(j\Omega)$  as follows,

$$H(j\Omega) = \begin{cases} T, & |\Omega| < \pi f_s, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Remarks:**

- ① From Eq. (1), it should be clear that  $H(j\Omega)X_s(j\Omega) = X_c(j\Omega)$ .
- ② This is the action of filtering, which is a multiplication in the frequency domain.
- ③ By *convolution theorem*, we can achieve filtering by convolving  $x_s(t)$  with an *impulse response*  $h(t)$ , which is the inverse Fourier transform of  $H(j\Omega)$  in the time domain.

**In-class exercise:** show that

$$h(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(H(j\Omega)) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(j\Omega) e^{j\Omega t} d\Omega = \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi t}{T})}{\frac{\pi t}{T}},$$

and draw a sketch of  $h(t)$ .

### D/C conversion as Sinc Interpolation

The function  $\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$  is often called and denoted as the sinc function; that is, we write  $\text{sinc}(\theta) = \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$ . Be careful also to define that  $\text{sinc}(0) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(t)}{t} = 1$ .

In the previous slide, we showed that  $h(t) = \text{sinc}(\pi t/T)$ . Can you draw a sketch of convolving  $x_s(t) = x_c(t) \sum_n \delta(t - nT)$  with  $h(t)$ ?

Highlight: Write  $x_s(t) = \sum_n x[n] \delta(t - nT)$ , and thus we have  $y(t) = x_s(t) * h(t) = \sum_n x[n] \text{sinc}(t - nT)$ , where  $*$  denotes convolution in time.

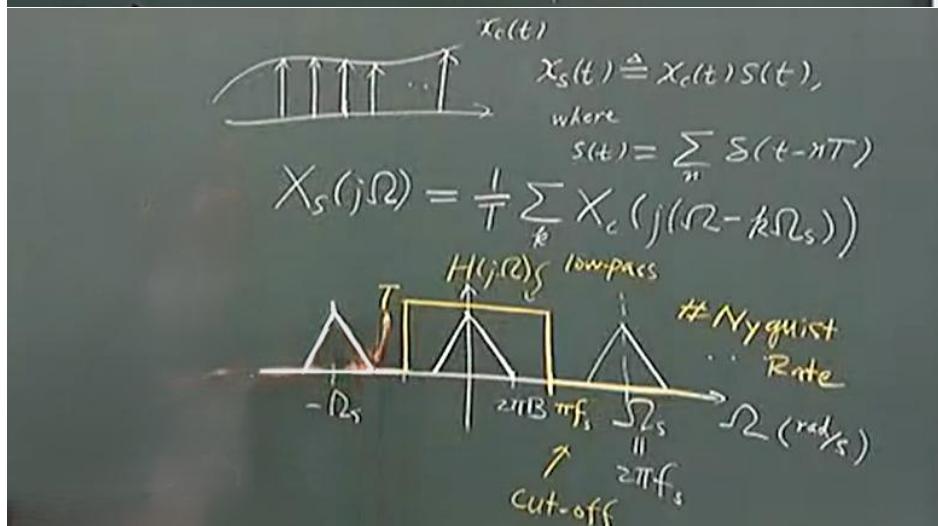




$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{if } x_c(t) \in \mathbb{R}, \forall t \\ X(-j\Omega) = X^*(j\Omega) \end{array}}$$

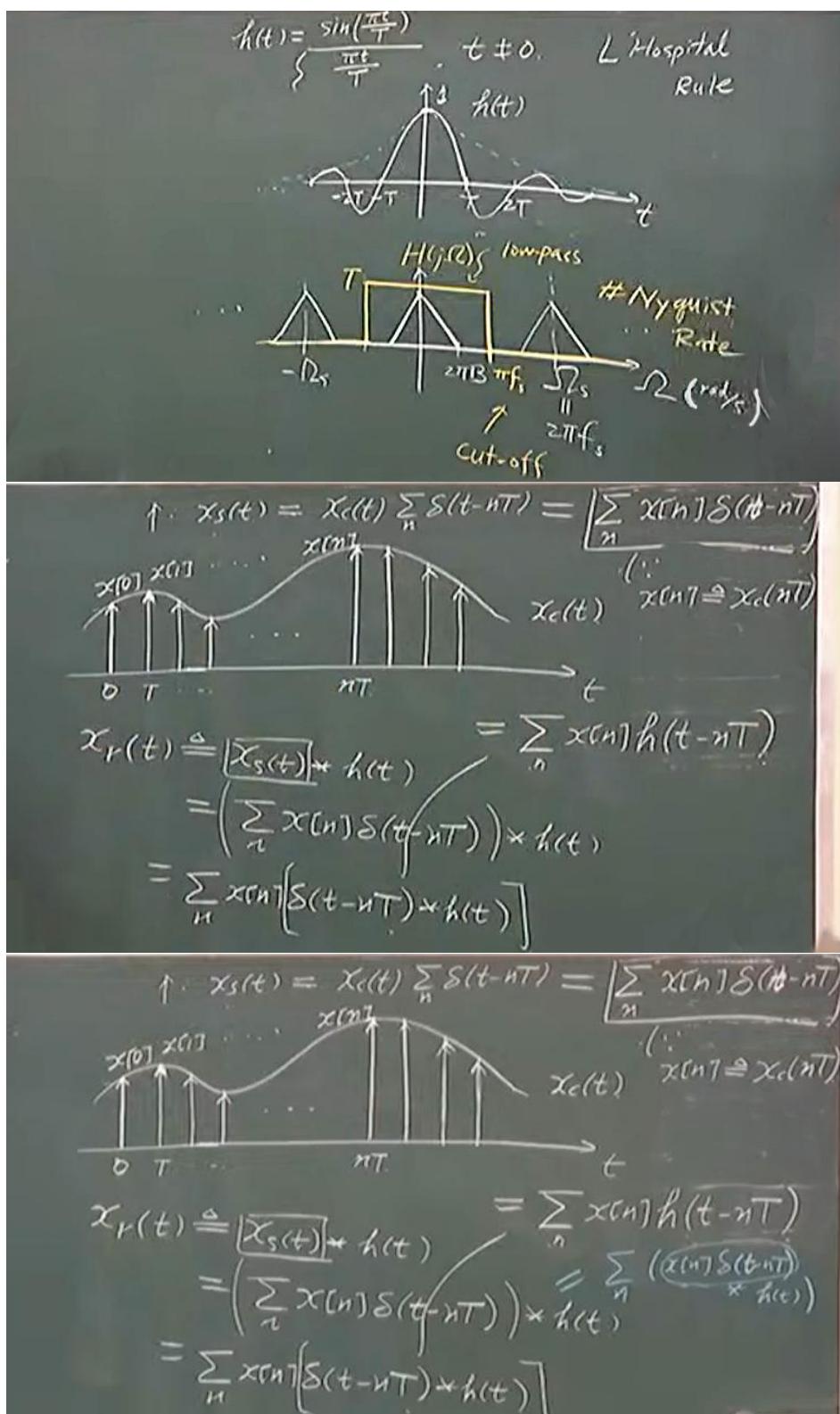
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |X(j\Omega)| = |X(j\Omega)| \\ \angle X(j\Omega) = -\angle X(j\Omega) \end{cases}$$

Interpolation,



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(H(j\Omega)) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(j\Omega) (e^{j\Omega t}) d\Omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi f_s}^{\pi f_s} (e^{j\Omega t}) d\Omega \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{jt} e^{j\Omega t} \Big|_{-\pi f_s}^{\pi f_s} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{jt} \left( e^{j\pi f_s t} - e^{-j\pi f_s t} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{2}{jt} \sin(\pi f_s t) \\ &= \frac{\sin(\pi/\tau)t}{\pi/\tau} \end{aligned}$$





$$\uparrow x_s(t) = x_c(t) \sum_n \delta(t-nT) = \left[ \sum_n x[n] \delta(t-nT) \right]$$

$$x_r(t) \triangleq \boxed{x_s(t)} * h(t) = \sum_n x[n] h(t-nT)$$

$$= \left( \sum_n x[n] \delta(t-nT) \right) * h(t) = \sum_n (x[n] \delta(t-nT) * h(t))$$

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$$= \sum_n x[n] [\delta(t-nT) * h(t)] = x_c(t)$$

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi t}{T})}{\frac{\pi t}{T}}, & t \neq 0 \\ 1, & t = 0 \end{cases} \quad L'Hospital \quad Rule$$



