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# *Circuits and Systems I*

LECTURE #6

Sampling and Aliasing

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# Lecture Objectives

- SAMPLING can cause ALIASING
  - Sampling Theorem
  - Sampling Rate > 2(Highest Frequency)
- Spectrum for digital signals,  $x[n]$ 
  - Normalized Frequency



$$\hat{\omega} = \omega T_s = \frac{2\pi f}{f_s} + 2\pi l$$



# SYSTEMS Process Signals

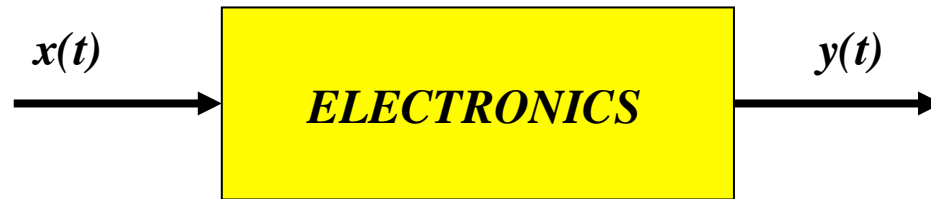


- PROCESSING GOALS:
  - Change  $x(t)$  into  $y(t)$ 
    - For example, more BASS
  - Improve  $x(t)$ , e.g., image deblurring
  - Extract Information from  $x(t)$

# System Implementation

- **ANALOG/ELECTRONIC:**

- Circuits: resistors, capacitors, op-amps



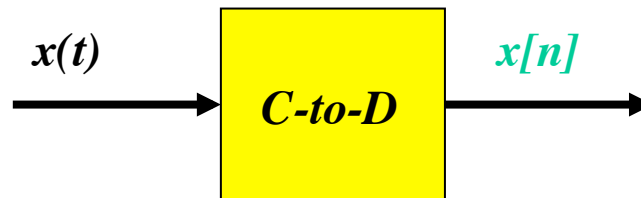
- **DIGITAL/MICROPROCESSOR**

- Convert  $x(t)$  to **numbers** stored in memory



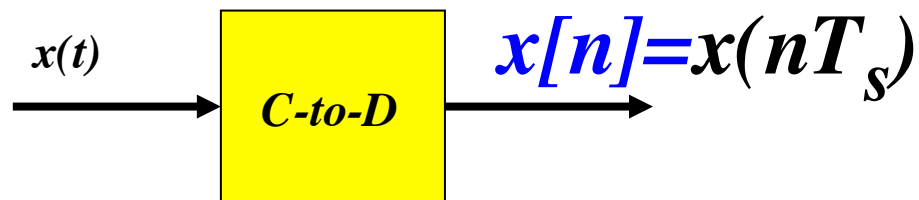
# Sampling $x(t)$

- SAMPLING PROCESS
  - Convert  $x(t)$  to **numbers**  $x[n]$
  - “ $n$ ” is an integer;  $x[n]$  is a sequence of values
  - Think of “ $n$ ” as the storage address in memory
- UNIFORM SAMPLING at  $t = nT_s$ 
  - IDEAL:  $x[n] = x(nT_s)$



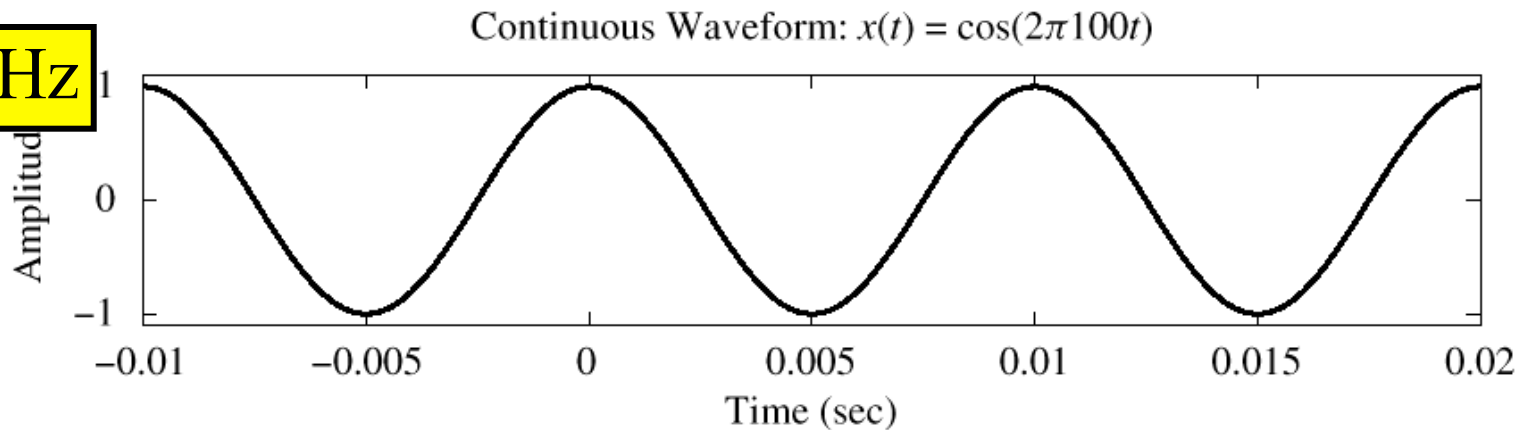
# Sampling Rate, $f_s$

- SAMPLING RATE ( $f_s$ )
  - $f_s = 1/T_s$ 
    - NUMBER of SAMPLES PER SECOND
  - $T_s = 125$  microsec  $\rightarrow f_s = 8000$  samples/sec
    - UNITS ARE HERTZ: 8000 Hz
- UNIFORM SAMPLING at  $t = nT_s = n/f_s$ 
  - IDEAL:  $x[n] = x(nT_s) = x(n/f_s)$

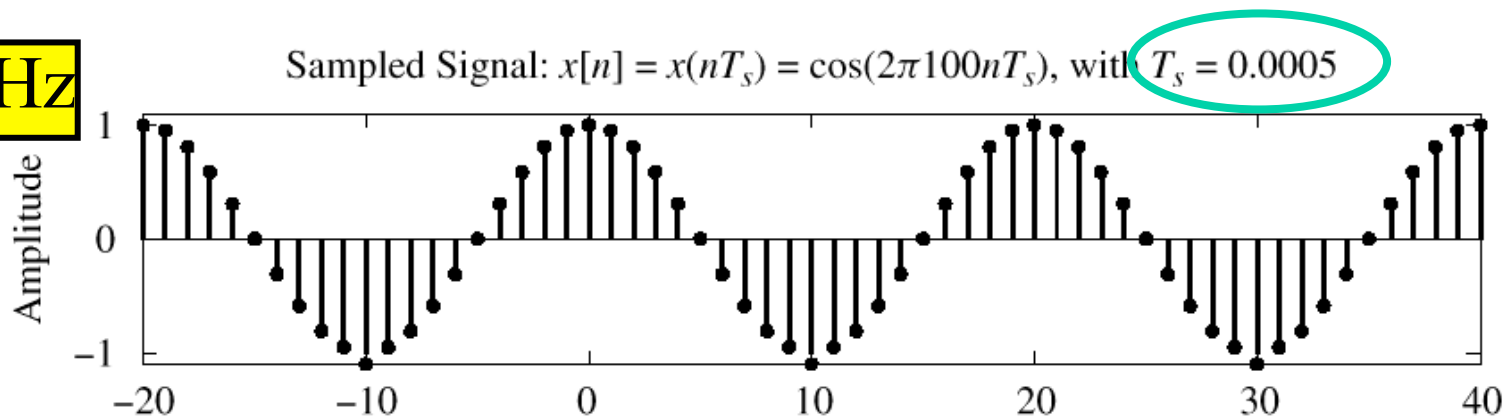




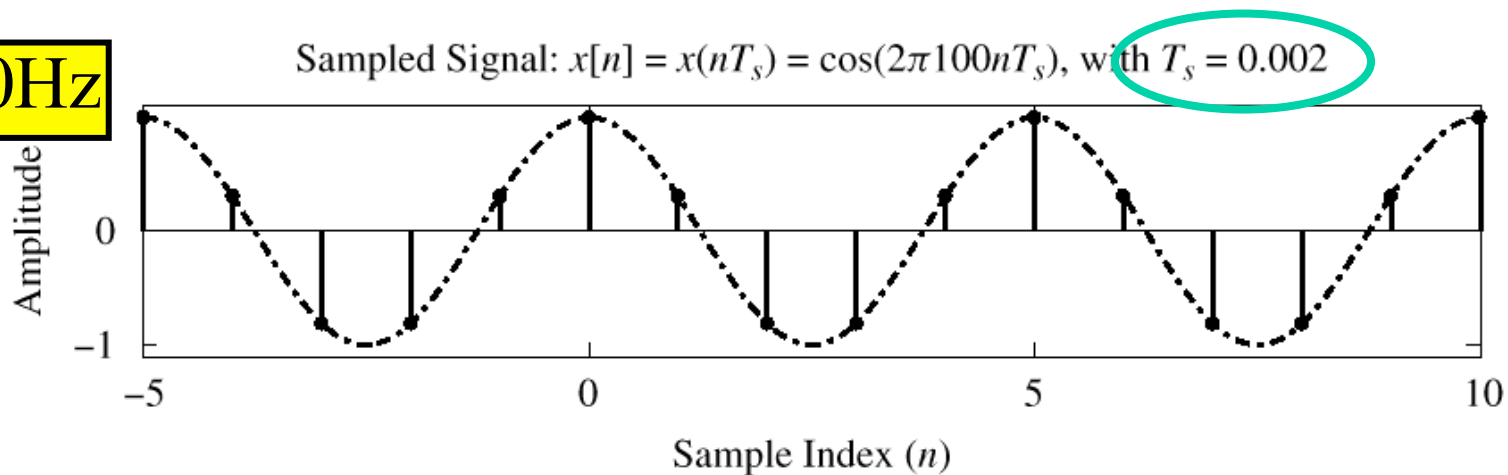
$f = 100\text{Hz}$



$f_s = 2\text{kHz}$



$f_s = 500\text{Hz}$



# Sampling Theorem

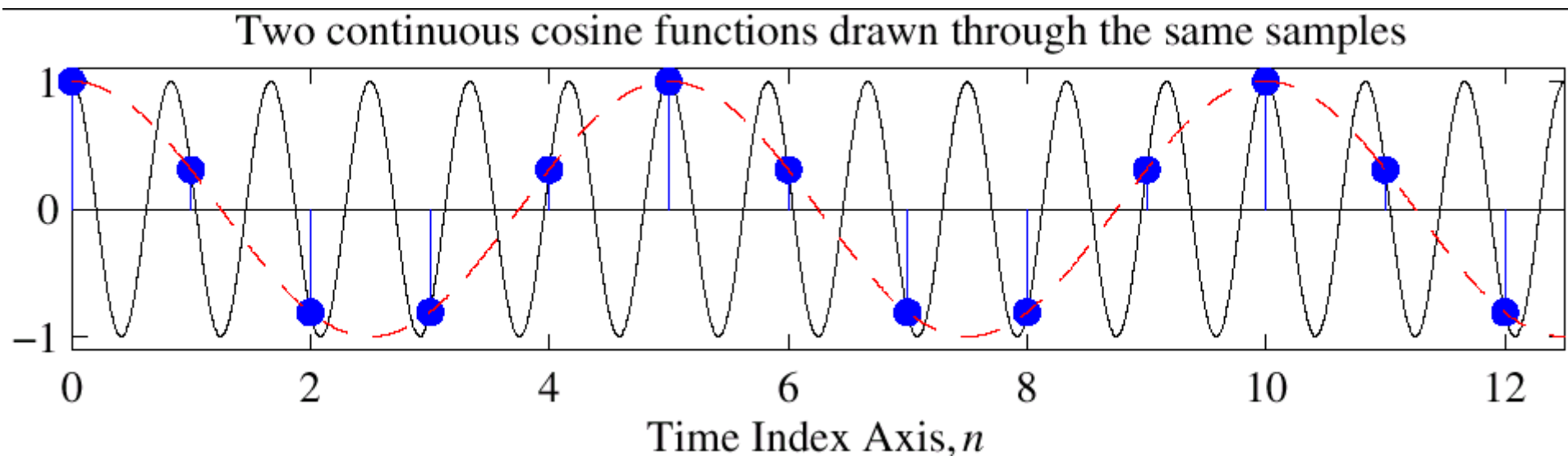
- HOW OFTEN ?
  - DEPENDS on FREQUENCY of SINUSOID
  - ANSWERED by SHANNON/NYQUIST Theorem
  - ALSO DEPENDS on "**RECONSTRUCTION**"

## *Shannon Sampling Theorem*

A continuous-time signal  $x(t)$  with frequencies no higher than  $f_{\max}$  can be reconstructed exactly from its samples  $x[n] = x(nT_s)$ , if the samples are taken at a rate  $f_s = 1/T_s$  that is greater than  $2f_{\max}$ .

# Reconstruction? Which One?

Given the samples, draw a sinusoid through the values



$$x[n] = \cos(0.4\pi n)$$

When  $n$  is an integer  
 $\cos(0.4\pi n) = \cos(2.4\pi n)$

# Storing Digital Sound

- $x[n]$  is a SAMPLED SINUSOID
  - A list of numbers stored in memory
- EXAMPLE: audio CD
- CD rate is 44,100 samples per second
  - 16-bit samples
  - Stereo uses 2 channels
- Number of bytes for 1 minute is
  - $2 \times (16/8) \times 60 \times 44100 = 10.584$  Mbytes

# Discrete-Time Sinusoid

- Change  $x(t)$  into  $x[n]$       **DERIVATION**

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$x[n] = x(nT_s) = A \cos(\omega n T_s + \varphi)$$

$$x[n] = A \cos((\omega T_s)n + \varphi)$$

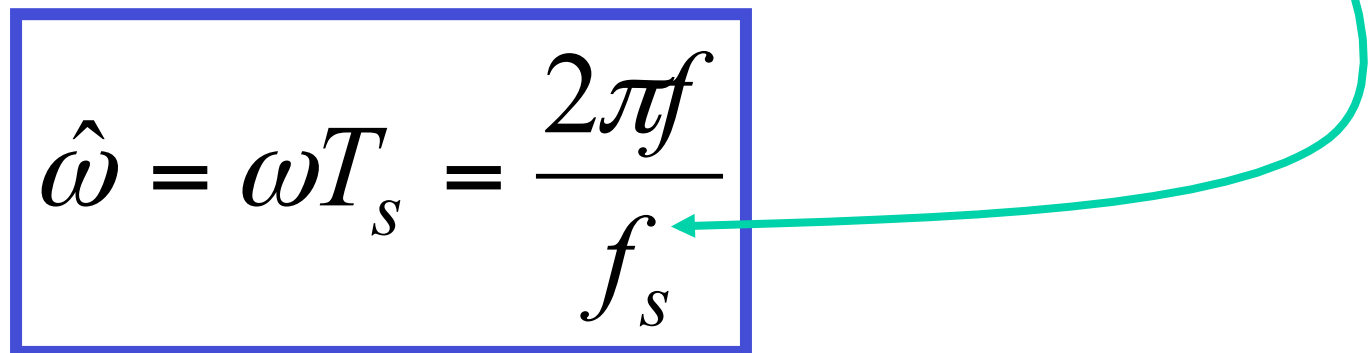
$$x[n] = A \cos(\hat{\omega}n + \varphi)$$

$$\hat{\omega} = \omega T_s = \frac{\omega}{f_s}$$

DEFINE DIGITAL FREQUENCY

# Digital Frequency $\hat{\omega}$

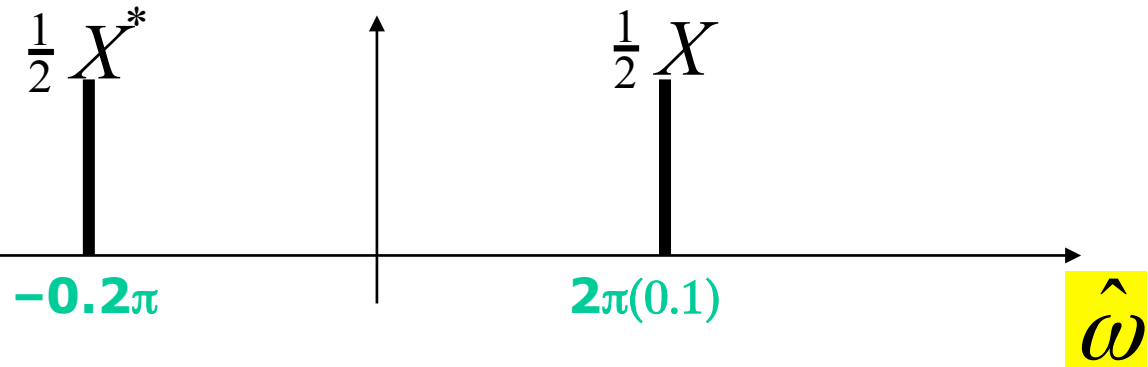
- $\hat{\omega}$  VARIES from **0** to  **$2\pi$** , as  $f$  varies from 0 to the sampling frequency
- UNITS are radians, **not** rad/sec
  - DIGITAL FREQUENCY is NORMALIZED

$$\hat{\omega} = \omega T_s = \frac{2\pi f}{f_s}$$


# Spectrum (Digital)

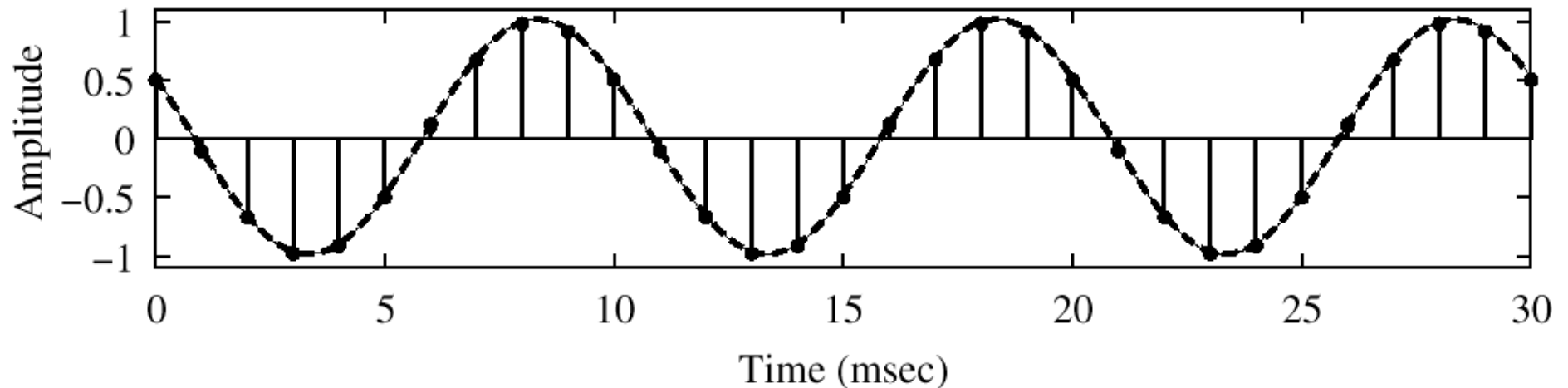
$$\hat{\omega} = 2\pi \frac{f}{f_s}$$

$$f_s = 1 \text{ kHz}$$



$$x[n] = A \cos(2\pi(100)(n/1000) + \varphi)$$

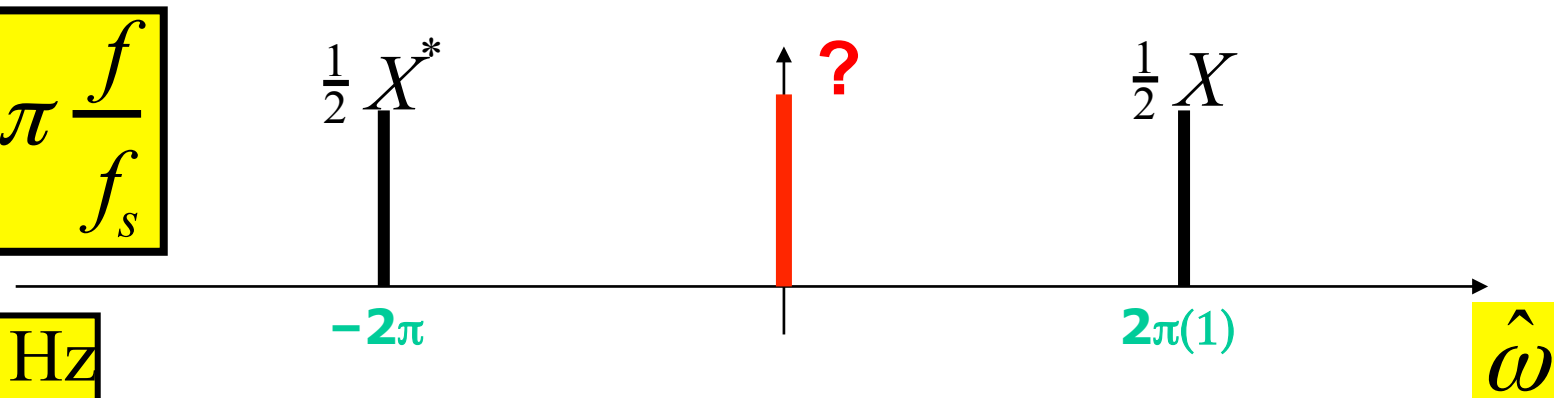
100-Hz Cosine Wave: Sampled with  $T_s = 1$  msec (1000 Hz)



# Spectrum (Digital) ???

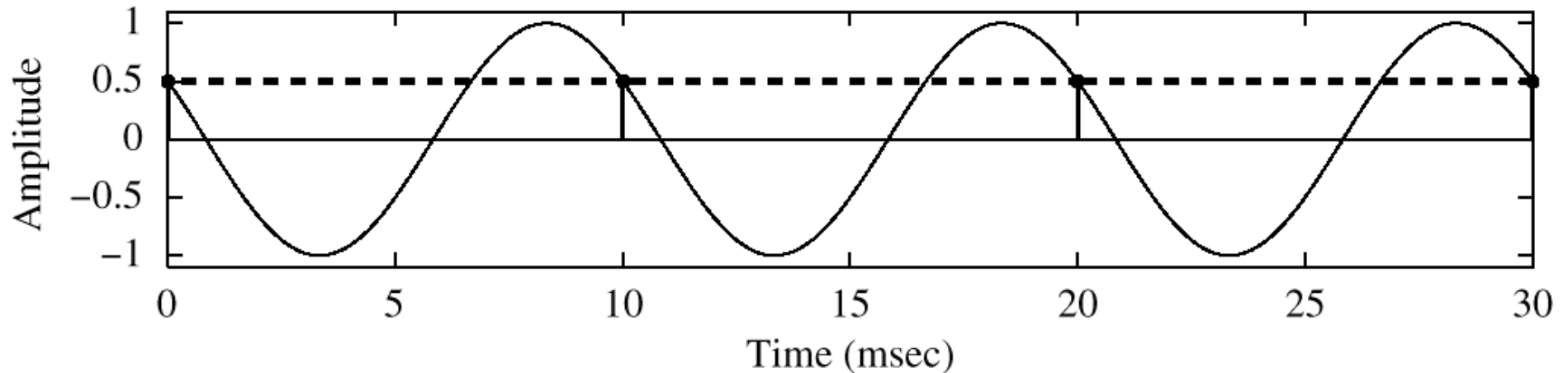
$$\hat{\omega} = 2\pi \frac{f}{f_s}$$

$$f_s = 100 \text{ Hz}$$



$$x[n] = A \cos(2\pi(100)(n/100) + \varphi)$$

100-Hz Cosine Wave: Sampled with  $T_s = 10$  msec (100 Hz)





# The Rest of the Story

- Spectrum of  $x[n]$  has more than one line for each complex exponential
  - Called **ALIASING**
  - **MANY SPECTRAL LINES**
- SPECTRUM is PERIODIC with period =  $2\pi$ 
  - Because

$$A \cos(\hat{\omega}n + \varphi) = A \cos((\hat{\omega} + 2\pi)n + \varphi)$$

# Aliasing Derivation



- Other Frequencies give the same

$\hat{\omega}$

$$x_1(t) = \cos(400\pi t) \quad \text{sampled at } f_s = 1000 \text{ Hz}$$

$$x_1[n] = \cos\left(400\pi \frac{n}{1000}\right) = \cos(0.4\pi n)$$

$$x_2(t) = \cos(2400\pi t) \quad \text{sampled at } f_s = 1000 \text{ Hz}$$

$$x_2[n] = \cos\left(2400\pi \frac{n}{1000}\right) = \cos(2.4\pi n)$$

$$x_2[n] = \cos(2.4\pi n) = \cos(0.4\pi n + 2\pi n) = \cos(0.4\pi n)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2[n] = x_1[n]$$

$$2400\pi - 400\pi = 2\pi(1000)$$

# Aliasing Derivation-2



- Other Frequencies give the same

$$\hat{\omega}$$

$$\text{If } x(t) = A \cos(2\pi(f + lf_s)t + \varphi)$$

$$t \leftarrow \frac{n}{f_s}$$

$$\text{and we want: } x[n] = A \cos(\hat{\omega}n + \varphi)$$

$$\text{then : } \hat{\omega} = \frac{2\pi(f + lf_s)}{f_s} = \frac{2\pi f}{f_s} + \frac{2\pi lf_s}{f_s}$$

$$\hat{\omega} = \omega T_s = \frac{2\pi f}{f_s} + 2\pi l$$

# ALIASing SEASON FINALE



- ADDING  $f_s$  or  $2f_s$  or  $-f_s$  to the FREQ of  $x(t)$  gives exactly the same  $x[n]$ 
  - The samples,  $x[n] = x(n/ f_s)$  are EXACTLY THE SAME VALUES
- GIVEN  $x[n]$ , WE CAN'T DISTINGUISH  $f_0$  FROM  $(f_0 + f_s)$  or  $(f_0 + 2f_s)$



# Normalized Frequency

- DIGITAL FREQUENCY

*Normalized Radian Frequency*

$$\hat{\omega} = \omega T_s = \frac{2\pi f}{f_s} + 2\pi\ell$$

*Normalized Cyclic Frequency*

$$\hat{f} = \hat{\omega}/(2\pi) = f T_s = f/f_s$$

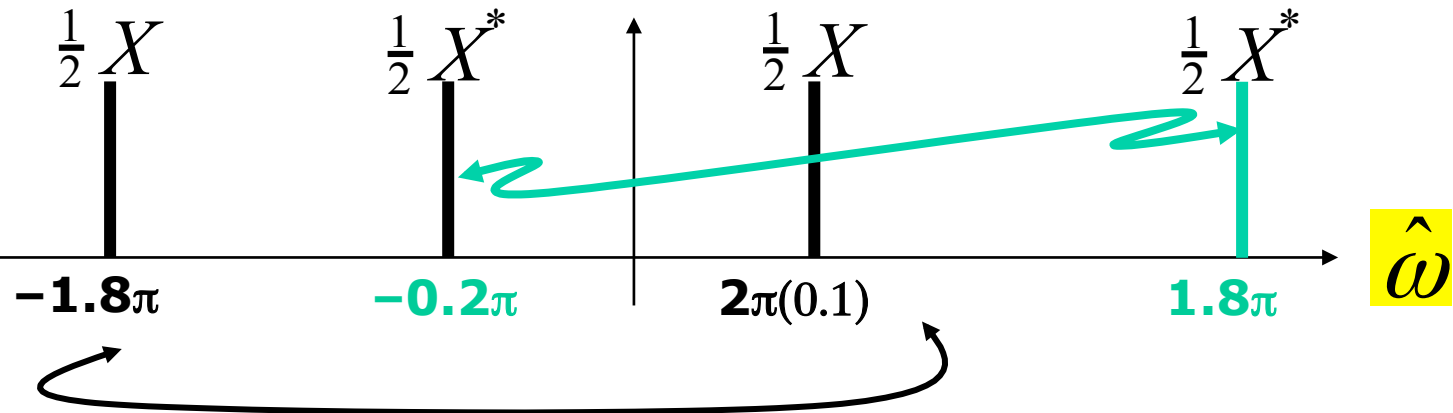
# Spectrum for $x[n]$

- PLOT versus NORMALIZED FREQUENCY
- INCLUDE ALL SPECTRUM LINES
  - ALIASES
    - ADD MULTIPLES of  $2\pi$
    - SUBTRACT MULTIPLES of  $2\pi$
  - FOLDED ALIASES
    - (to be discussed later)
    - ALIASES of NEGATIVE FREQS

# Spectrum (more lines)

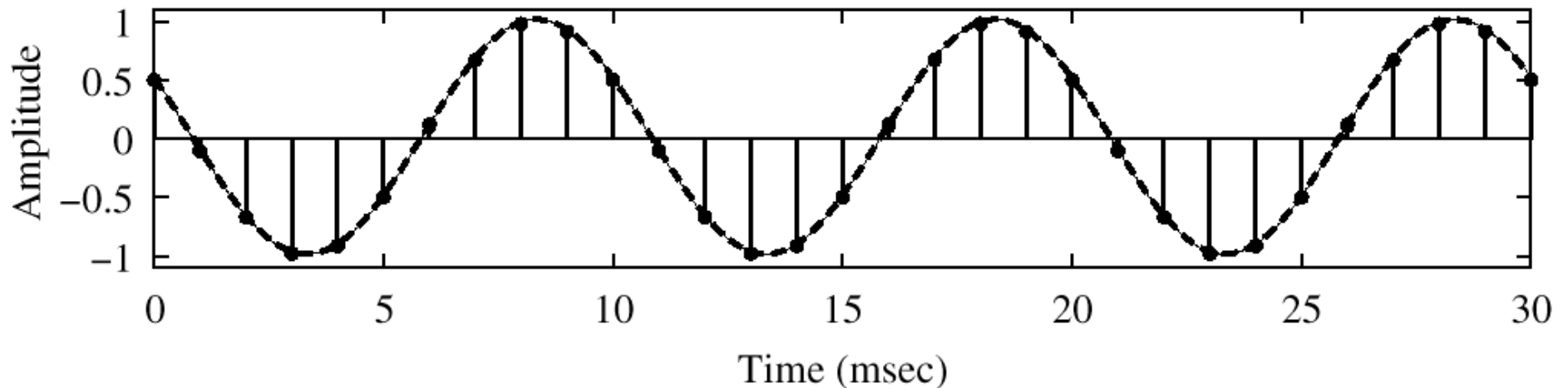
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$$f_s = 1 \text{ kHz}$$

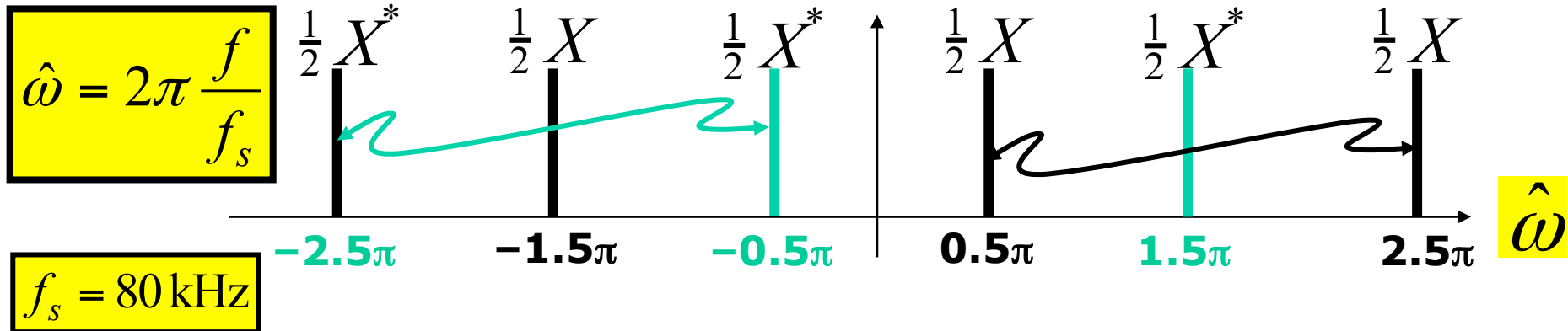


$$x[n] = A \cos(2\pi(100)(n/1000) + \varphi)$$

100-Hz Cosine Wave: Sampled with  $T_s = 1$  msec (1000 Hz)

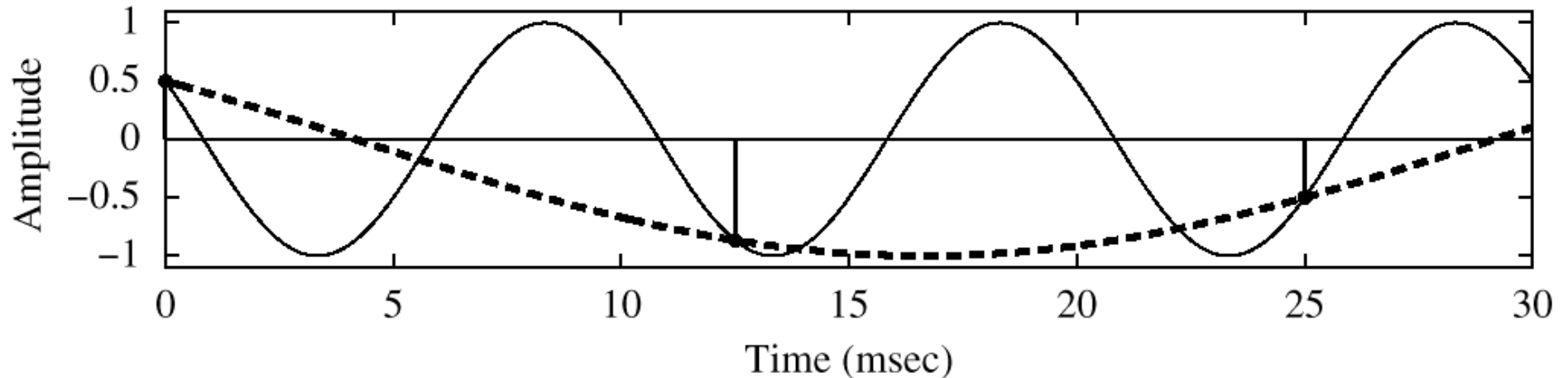


# Spectrum (Aliasing Case)



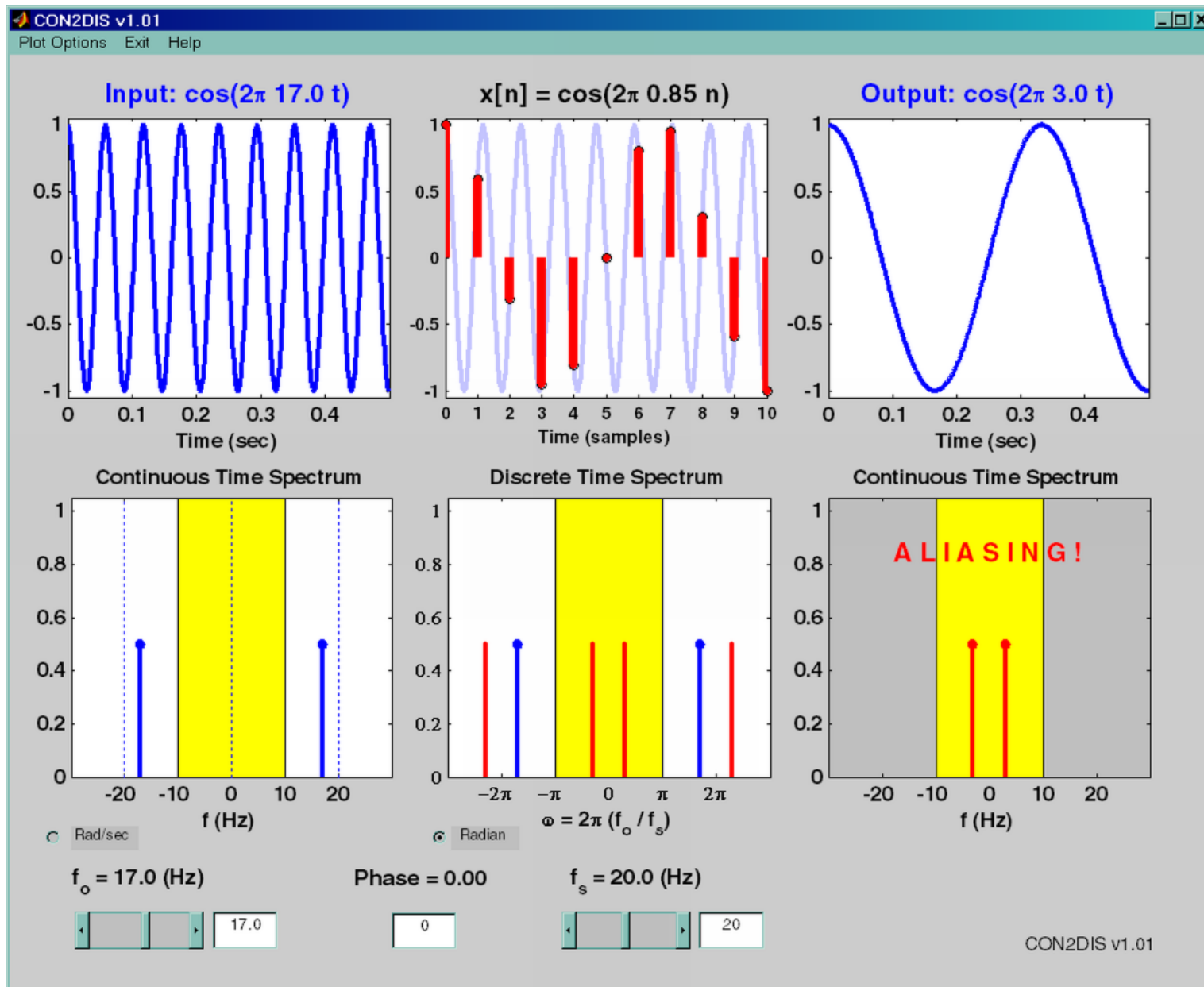
$$x[n] = A \cos(2\pi(100)(n/80) + \varphi)$$

100-Hz Cosine Wave: Sampled with  $T_s = 12.5$  msec (80 Hz)





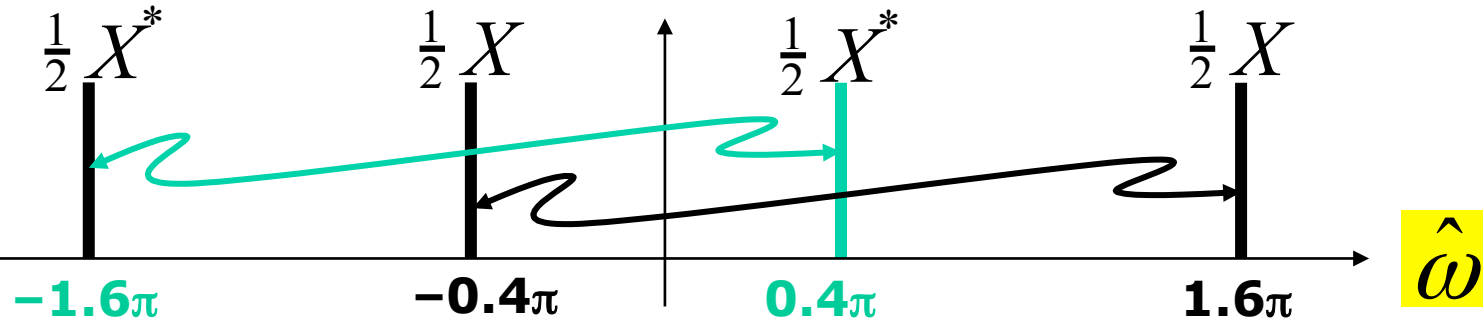
# SAMPLING GUI (con2dis)



# Spectrum (Folding Case)

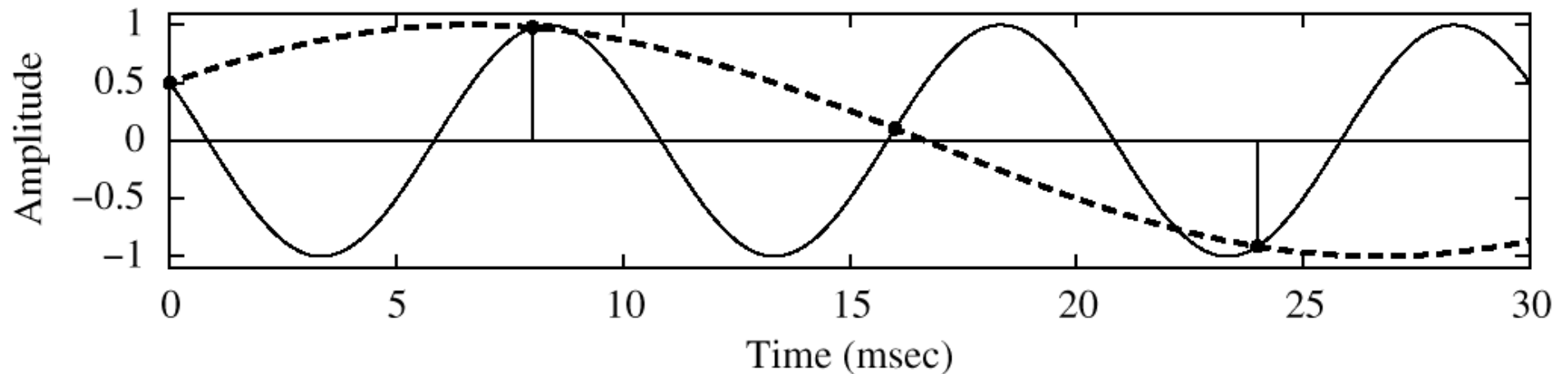
$$\hat{\omega} = 2\pi \frac{f}{f_s}$$

$$f_s = 125\text{Hz}$$



$$x[n] = A \cos(2\pi(100)(n/125) + \varphi)$$

100-Hz Cosine Wave: Sampled with  $T_s = 8$  msec (125 Hz)





*That's all Folks!*

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Lab 4