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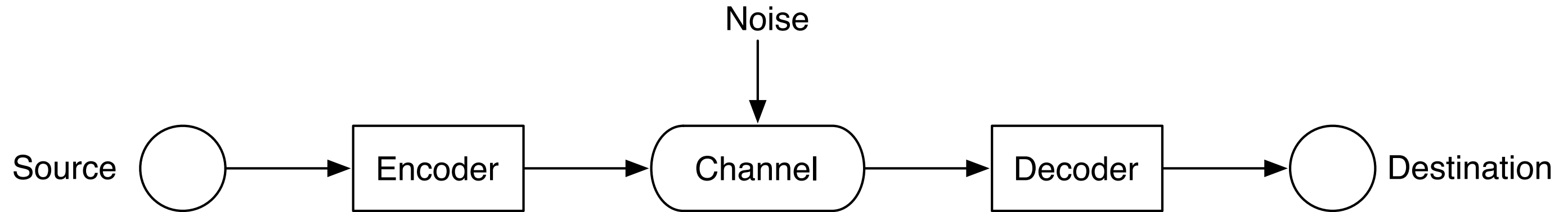
Lecture 01

Digital Modulation

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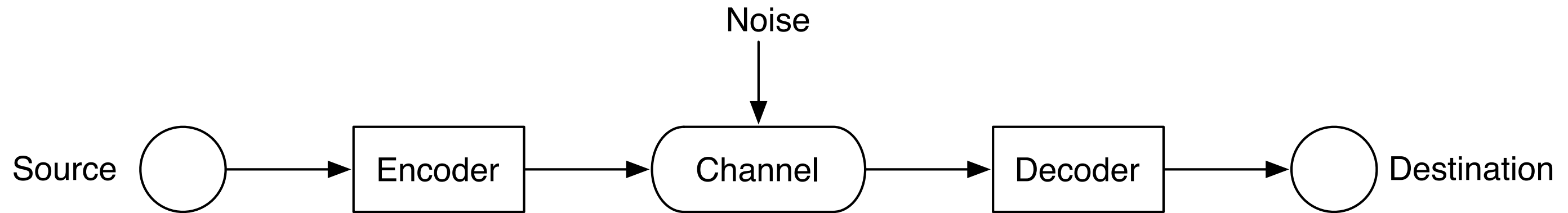
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A communication system



- The simplest point-to-point abstraction
- Given by nature/applications: source, channel, destination
- Engineers' design: encoder, decoder

Source and channel



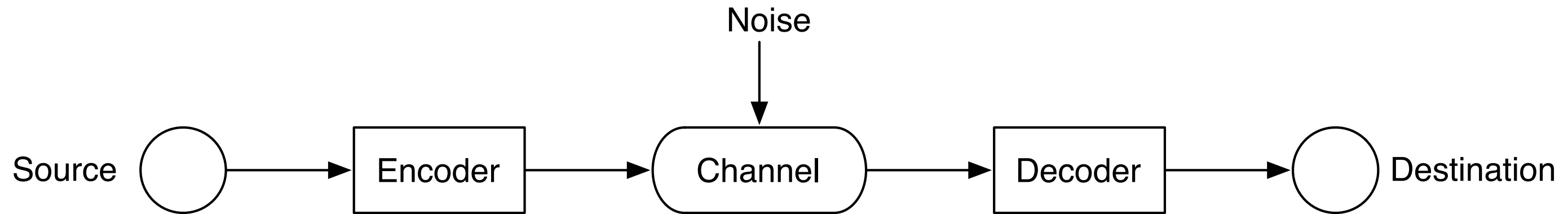
- Source

- ▶ generates the **message** to be delivered
- ▶ message: text, audio, image, video, etc.. → can be abstracted into **signals**
- ▶ in general, signals can be continuous-time and continuous-valued → **waveforms!**

- Channel

- ▶ abstraction of the physical medium: light, sound, wire, optical fiber, EM radiation, etc.
- ▶ distorts the transmitted signal in some way → **noisy** channel, using stochastic models

Encoder and decoder



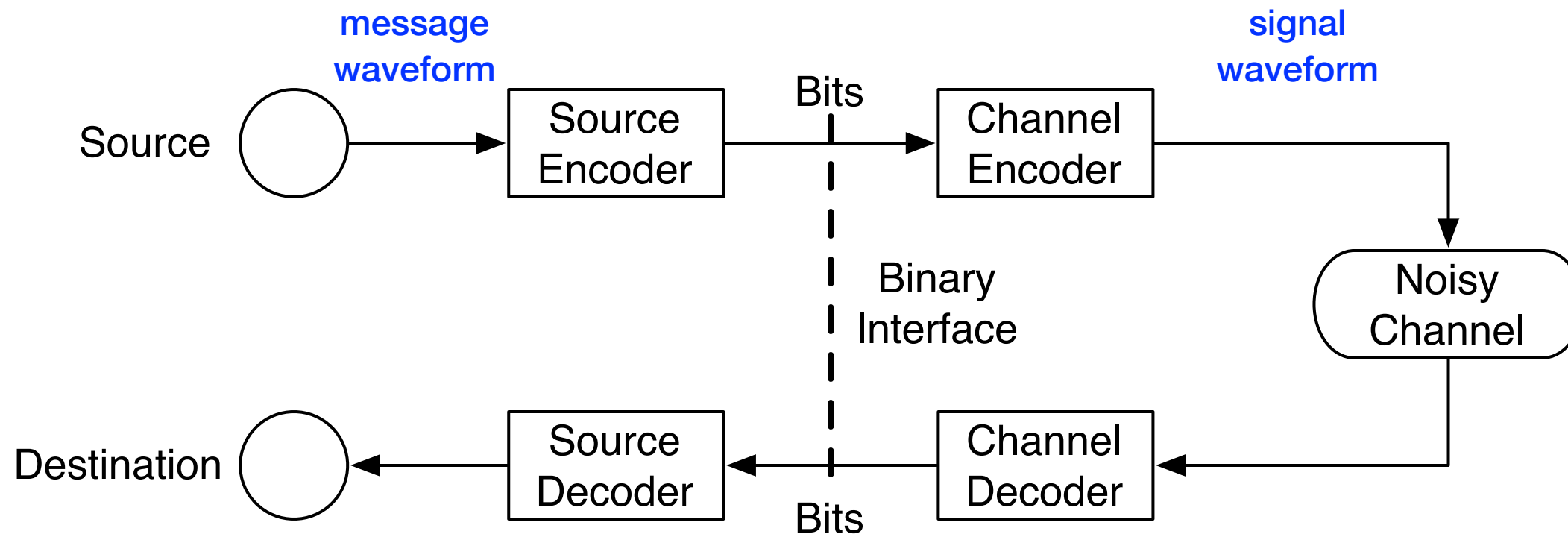
- Encoder

- ▶ converts the message into physical signals that is ready for transmission
- ▶ functions include sampling, quantization, compression, error-correction coding, modulation, etc.

- Decoder

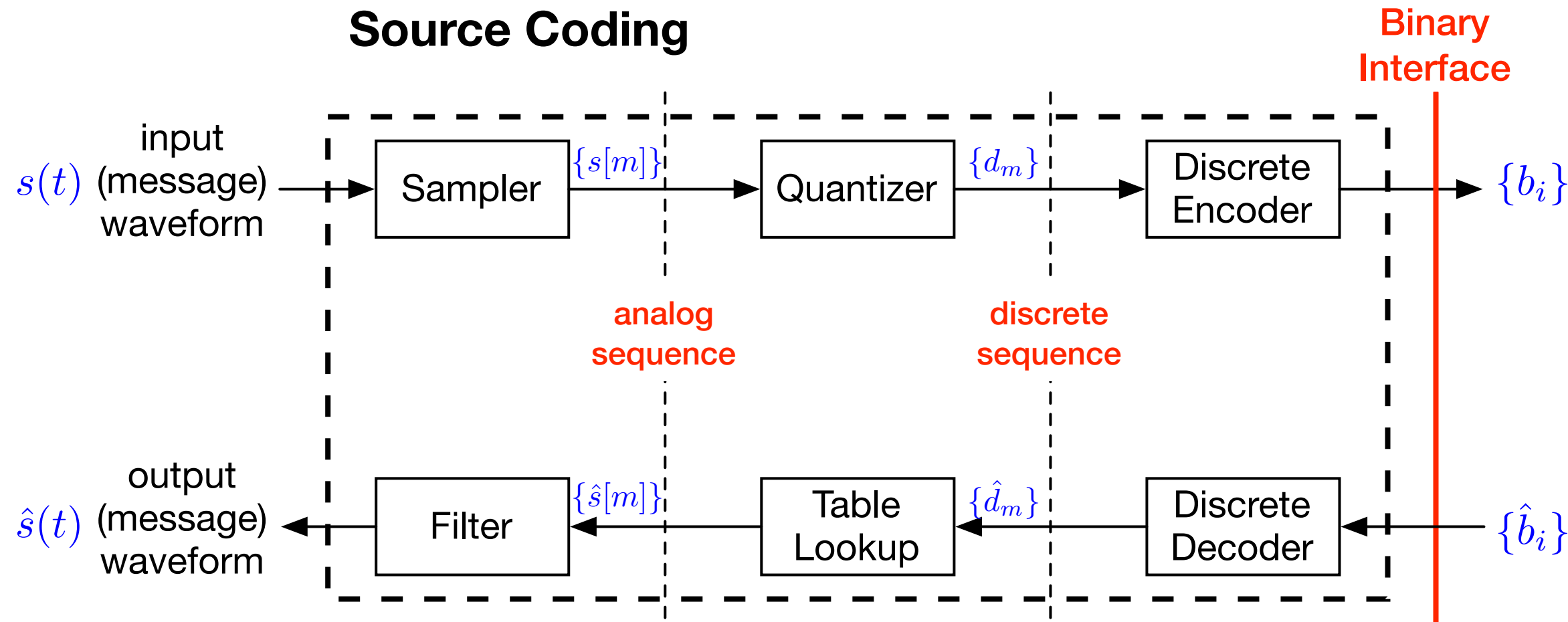
- ▶ reconstructs the message from the received signals
- ▶ depending on the goal of the destination, can also carry out other tasks such as computing a function of the messages.

Digital communication system



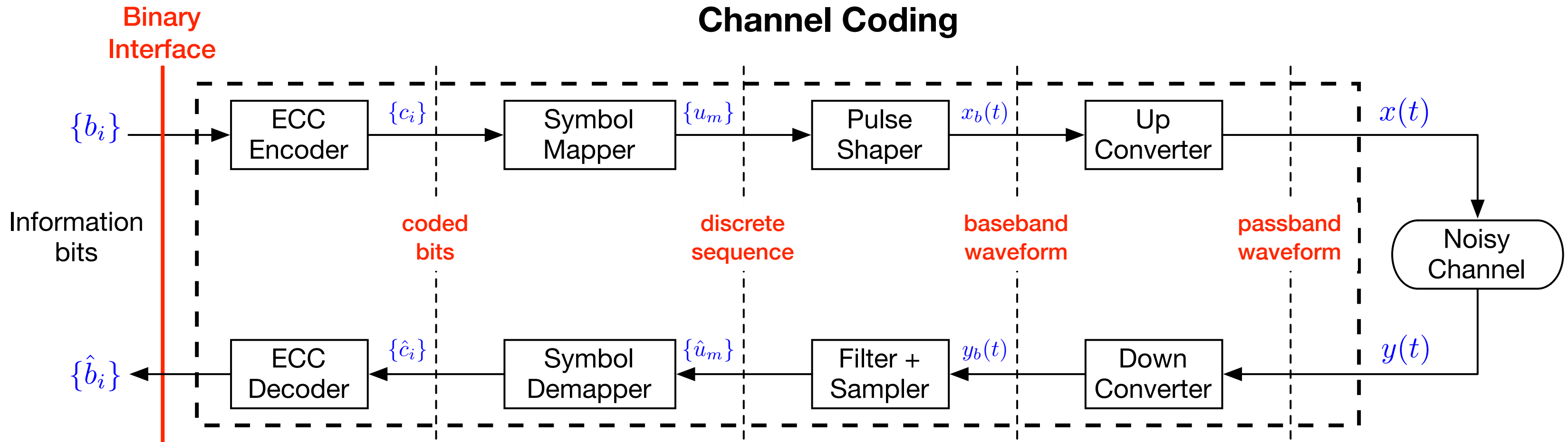
- A digital communication system uses **digital sequence (bits)** as an interface between **source coding** and **channel coding**
- Why separation?
 - ▶ Digital hardware is cheap, reliable, and scalable.
 - ▶ Source coding and channel coding can be independently designed.
 - ▶ Source-channel separation attains optimal transmission efficiency (Shannon).
 - ▶ Bits as universal currency of the digital world → a channel can be extended to a **network**

Source coding: main building blocks

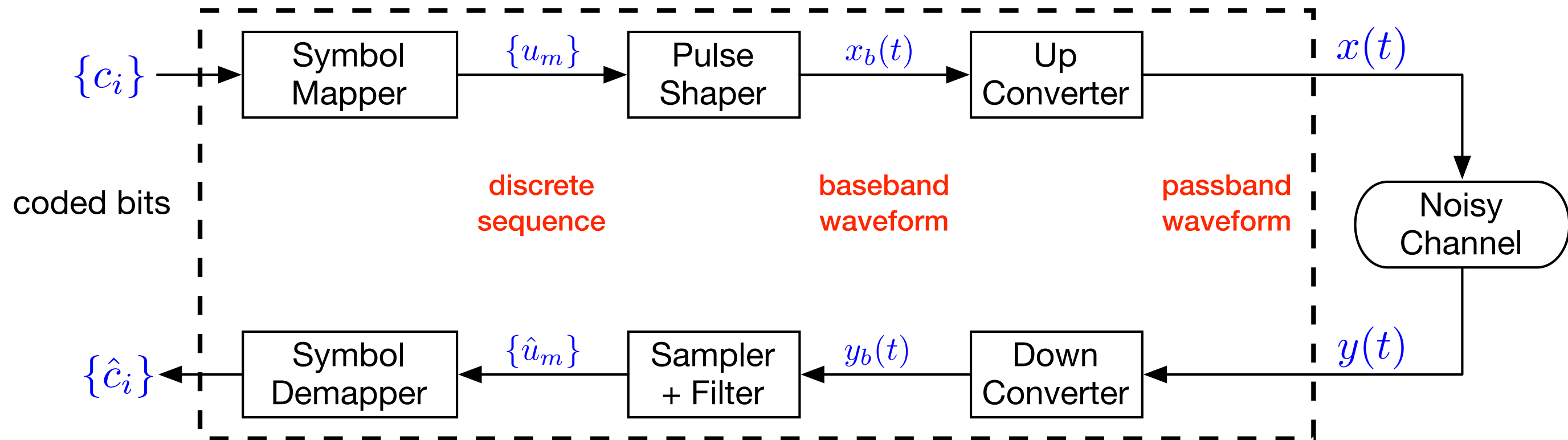


- Sampling: (continuous-time) waveform \rightarrow (discrete-time) sequence
 - ▶ (Review: Sampling Theorem, Nyquist Rate)
- Quantization: continuous-valued sequence \rightarrow discrete-valued sequence
- Compression: discrete-valued sequence \rightarrow bit sequence, remove redundancy

Channel coding: main building blocks

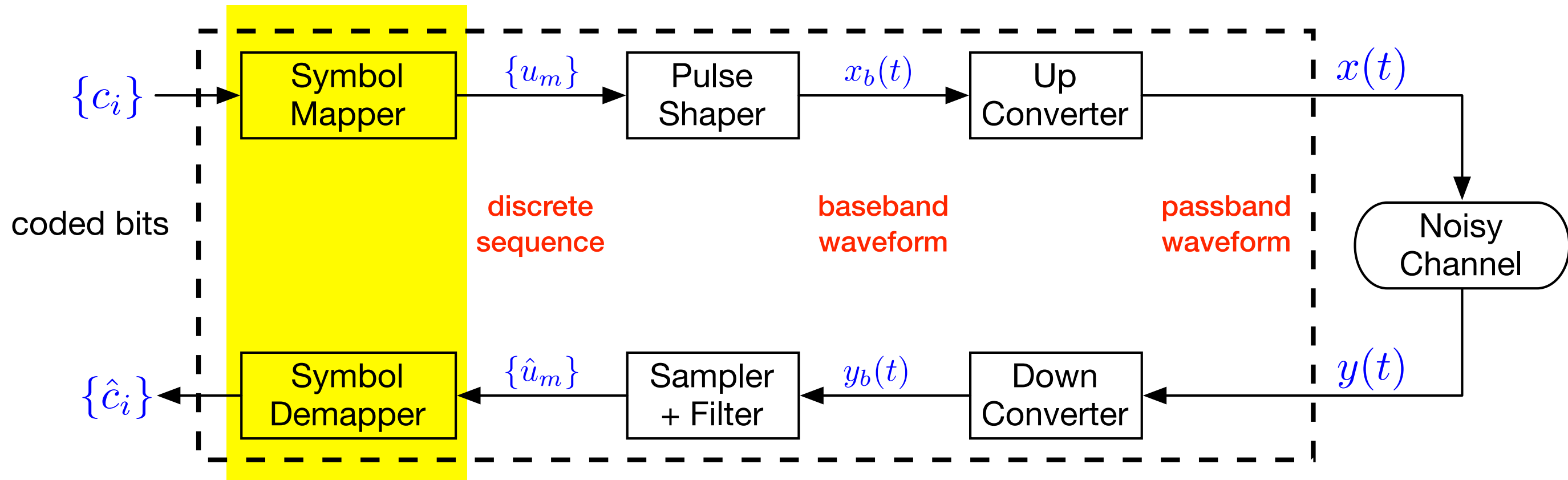


System architecture of digital modulation



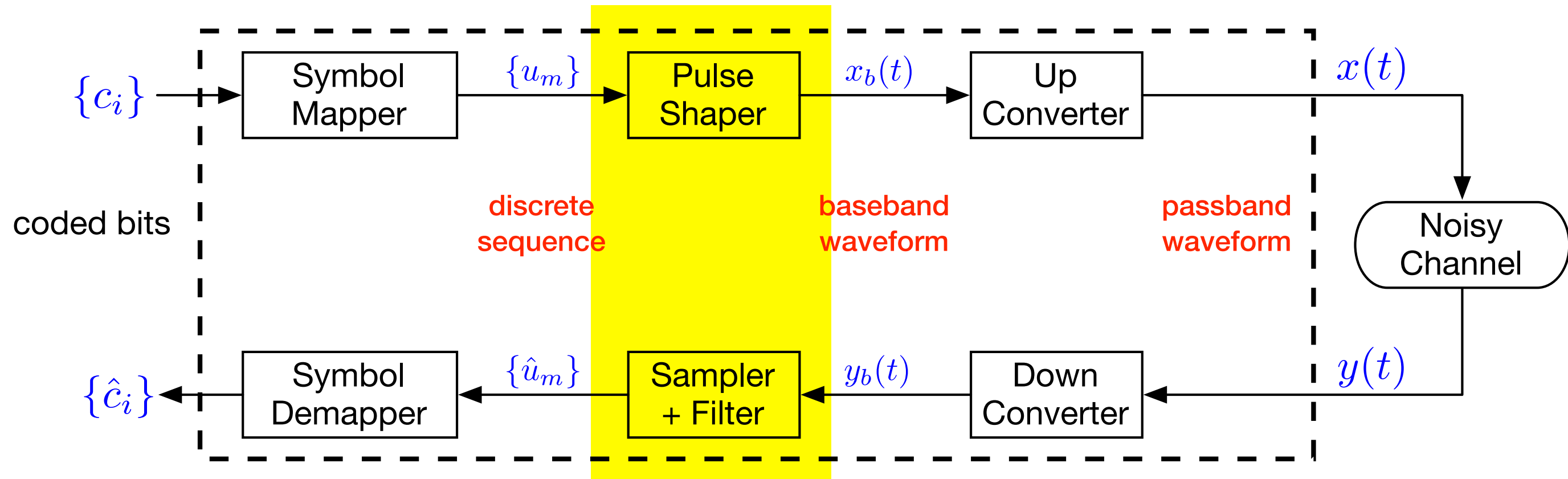
- Three major components (for the Tx):
 - ▶ Symbol mapping: bit sequence \rightarrow symbol sequence
 - ▶ Pulse shaping: symbol sequence \rightarrow (baseband) waveform
 - ▶ Up conversion: baseband waveform \rightarrow passband waveform

Bits \leftrightarrow Symbols



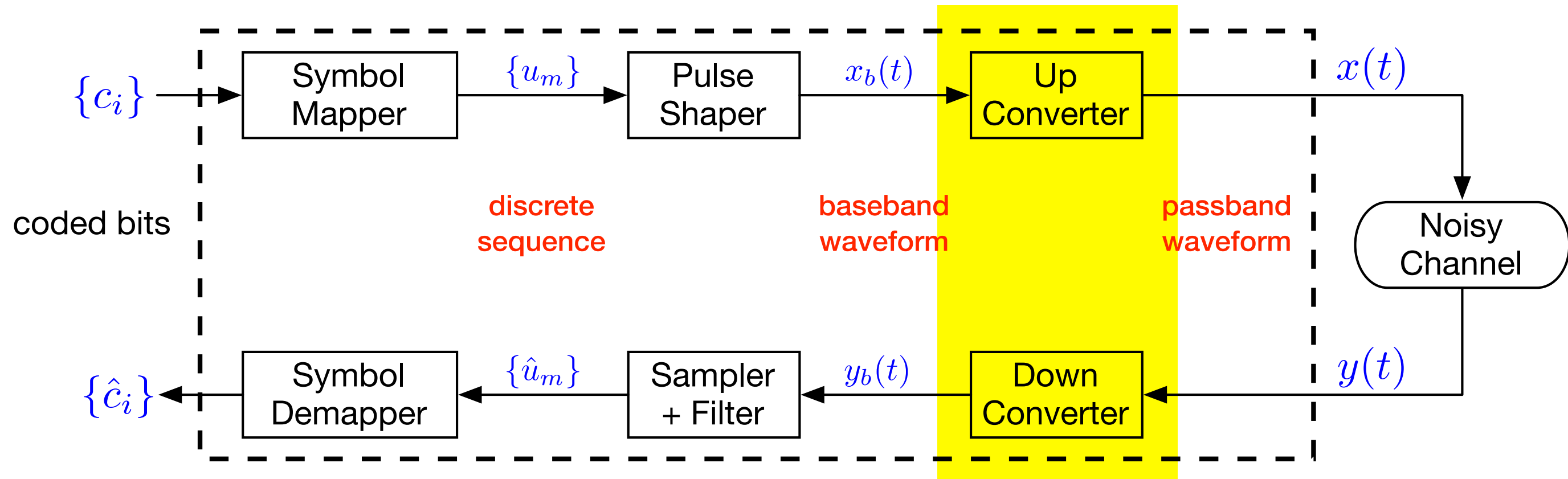
- To be designed: the constellation set and how to map bits to symbols
- Constellation sets to be covered: standard PSK, standard PAM, standard QAM
- Mapping: Gray mapping

Sequence \leftrightarrow Waveform



- A pragmatic approach: **Pulse Amplitude Modulation (PAM)**
- To be designed: the modulating pulse
- System parameter: **bandwidth**
- **Nyquist criterion:** a sufficient condition for the pulse to satisfy in order to avoid aliasing effect

Baseband \leftrightarrow Passband



- A pragmatic approach: **Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM)**
- Essentially speaking, PAM with two branches:
 - ▶ one mixed with cosine, the other with sine
 - ▶ system parameter: **carrier frequency**
- Equivalent complex baseband representation

Part I. Signal Space

A Linear Algebraic Point to View for the
Conversion between Sequences and Waveforms

Fourier series for time-limited signals

Analysis (waveform \rightarrow sequence)

$$x(t) \rightarrow x[m]$$

$$x[m] = \frac{1}{T} \int_{\mathcal{T}} x(t) e^{-j\frac{2\pi m}{T}t} dt$$

$$x[m] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} e^{-j\frac{2\pi m}{T}t}}_{\phi_m^*(t)} dt$$

Synthesis (sequence \rightarrow waveform)

$$x[m] \rightarrow x(t)$$

$$x(t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] e^{j\frac{2\pi m}{T}t}$$

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Fourier Basis: $\phi_m \equiv \phi_m(t) \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{T}mt), \quad m \in \mathbb{Z},$

Sampling theorem for band-limited signals

Analysis (waveform \rightarrow sequence)

$$x(t) \rightarrow x[m]$$

$$x[m] = x(t)|_{t=\frac{m}{2W}} = x\left(\frac{m}{2W}\right)$$

$$x[m] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2W}} x(m/2W)$$

check! \leftarrow $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \overset{\phi_m^*(t)}{\boxed{\sqrt{2W} \operatorname{sinc}(2Wt - m)}} dt$

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Signal space interpretation

waveform \rightarrow sequence

$$x(t) \rightarrow x[m]$$

$$x(t) \rightarrow \boxed{\phi_m(t)} \rightarrow x[m]$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \phi_m^*(t) dt$$

sequence \rightarrow waveform

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Signal space interpretation

waveform \rightarrow sequence

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sequence \rightarrow waveform

$$x[m] \rightarrow x(t)$$

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \boxed{\phi_m} \rightarrow x[m] = \langle \mathbf{x}, \phi_m \rangle$$

$$\{x[m]\} \rightarrow \boxed{\{\phi_m\}} \rightarrow \mathbf{x} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] \phi_m$$

projection onto an orthonormal basis

expansion over an orthonormal basis

$$x(t)$$

waveform \leftrightarrow vectors

$$\mathbf{x}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)v^*(t) dt$$

integration \leftrightarrow inner product

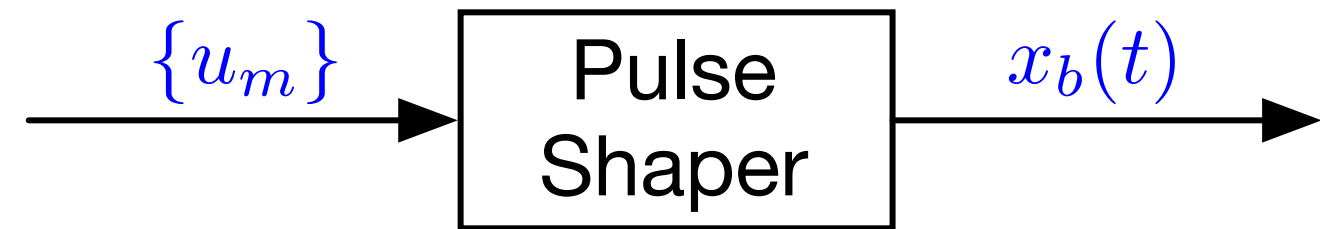
$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$$

Part II. Pulse Amplitude Modulation

A pragmatic approach to convert symbols to
baseband waveforms and back

Modulation basis as time-shifted pulses

$$\{u_m\} \rightarrow \boxed{\{\phi_m(t)\}} \rightarrow x_b(t)$$

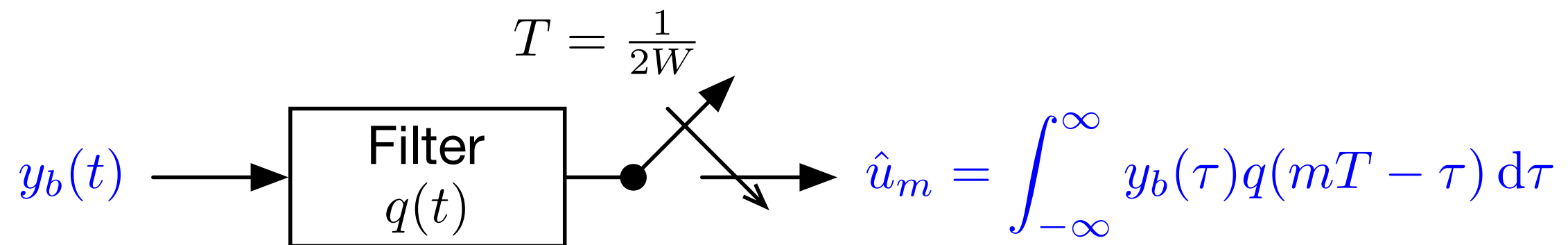
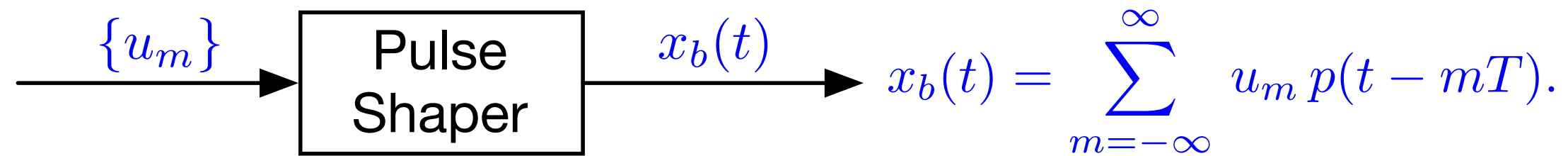


$$\phi_m(t) = p(t - mT), \quad T = \frac{1}{2W}$$

$$x_b(t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} u_m p(t - mT).$$

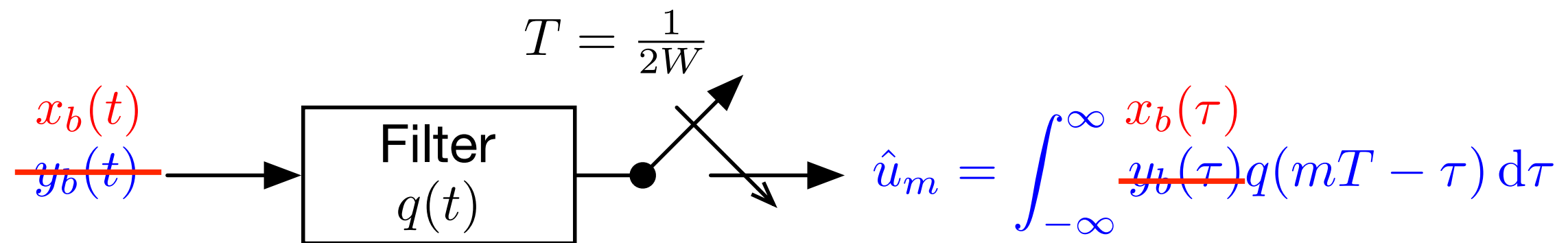
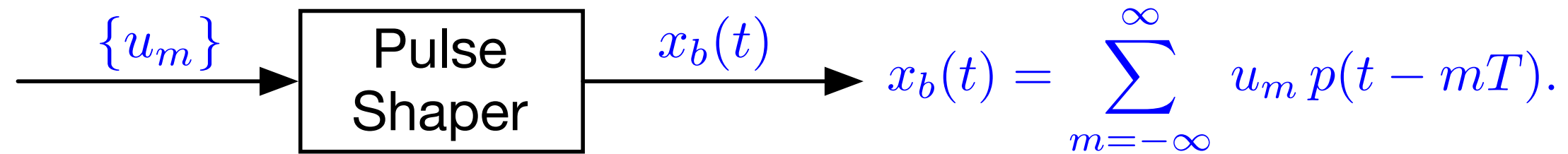
- $T = 1/2 W$: transmission interval
- W : operational bandwidth
- Desired properties of the pulse function $p(t)$:
 - ▶ Time-limited (approximately)
 - ▶ Band-limited

PAM modulation and demodulation



- Key question: how to design the pulse $p(t)$ and the filter $q(t)$?

ISI-free condition when the channel is perfect



Want: $\hat{u}_m = u_m, \forall m.$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_m &= (x_b * q)(mT) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u_k g(mT - kT) \\ & \quad g(t) \triangleq (p * q)(t) \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u_k g((m - k)T) \end{aligned}$$

A sufficient condition:

$$g(\hat{k}T) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \hat{k} \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } \hat{k} = 0 \end{cases}$$

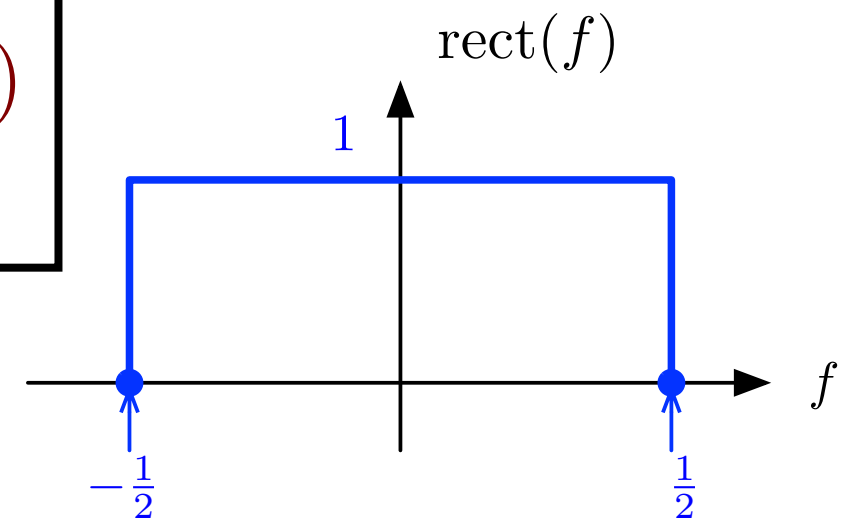
Ideal Nyquist and the Nyquist criterion

A sufficient condition (in time domain)

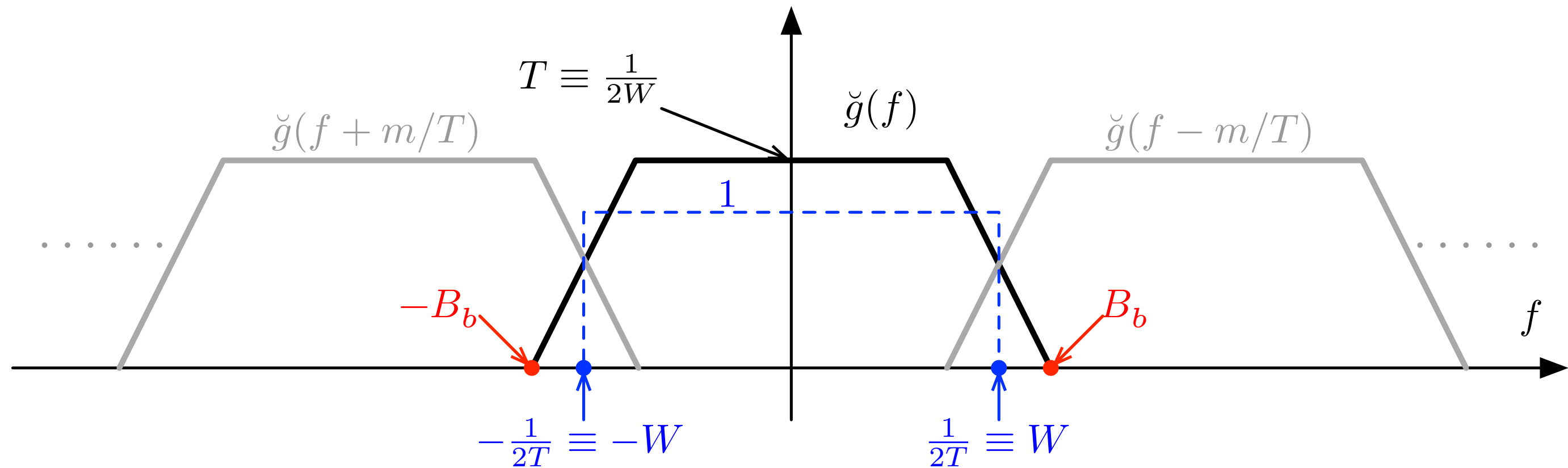
$$g(\hat{k}T) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \hat{k} \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } \hat{k} = 0 \end{cases}$$

An equivalent condition (in frequency domain)

$$T \operatorname{rect}(Tf) = \sum_m \check{g}\left(f - \frac{m}{T}\right) \operatorname{rect}(Tf)$$



Nyquist criterion



$$T \operatorname{rect}(Tf) = \sum_m \check{g}\left(f - \frac{m}{T}\right) \operatorname{rect}(Tf)$$

Excessive bandwidth: $B_b - W$ ← this should not be too large

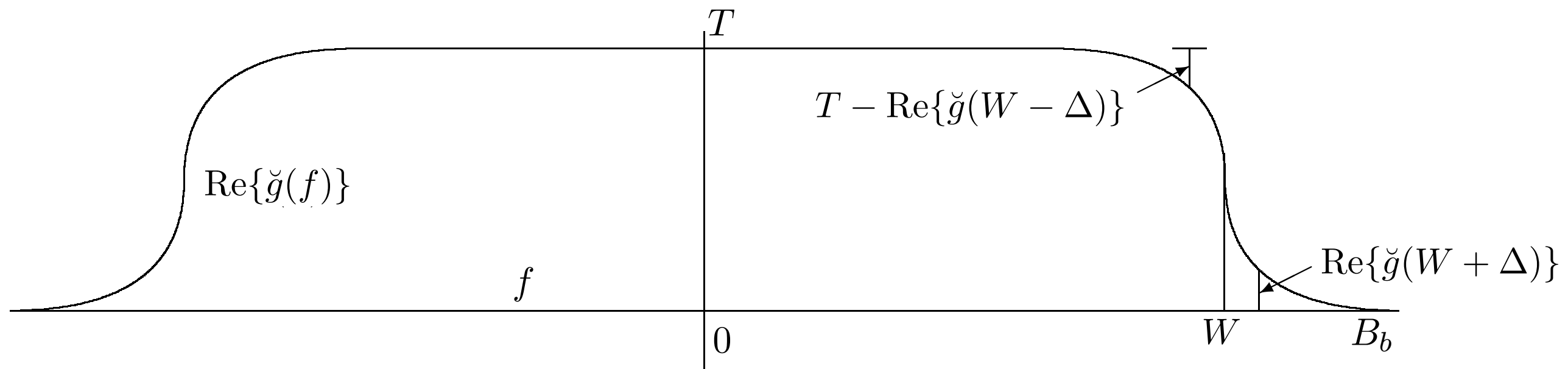
Typical choice: $W \leq B_b \leq 2W$

Band-edge symmetry

When taking the typical choice: $W \leq B_b \leq 2W$

the Nyquist criterion can be simplified to the following **band-edge symmetry**:

$$\check{g}^*(W - \Delta) + \check{g}(W + \Delta) = T, \quad \forall \Delta \in [0, W]$$

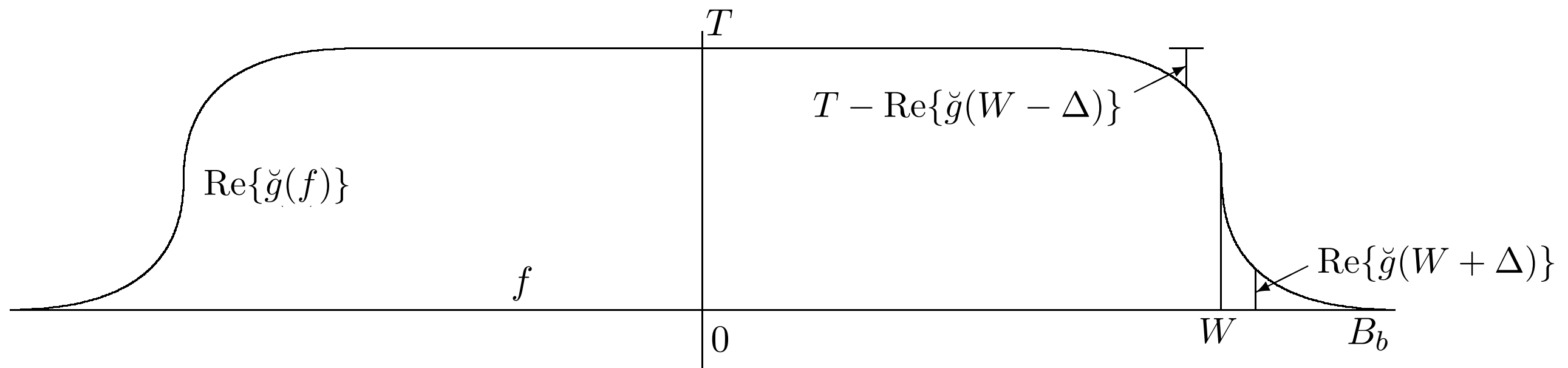


$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Re}\{\check{g}(W - \Delta)\} + \text{Re}\{\check{g}(W + \Delta)\} = T \\ \text{Im}\{\check{g}(W - \Delta)\} = \text{Im}\{\check{g}(W + \Delta)\} \end{cases}, \quad \forall \Delta \in [0, W]$$

Excessive bandwidth and rolloff factor

Excessive bandwidth: $B_b - W$

Rolloff factor: $\frac{B_b}{W} - 1$



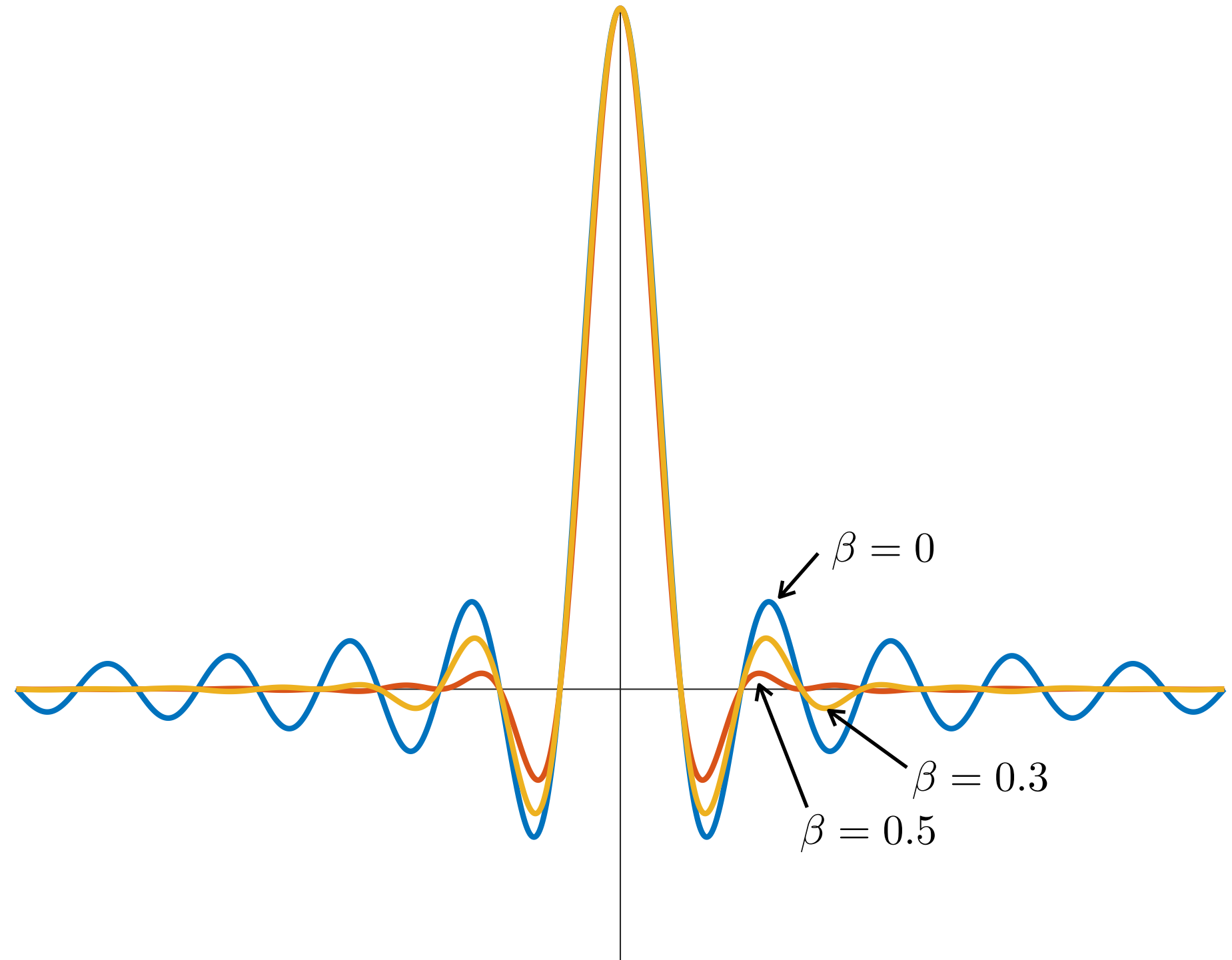
Raised cosine pulse

time domain

$$g_{\beta}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{1}{2\beta}\right), & \text{if } |t| = \frac{T}{2\beta} \\ \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi\beta t}{T}\right)}{1 - 4\frac{\beta^2 t^2}{T^2}}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

rolloff factor = β

Decay to zero with speed $\sim \frac{1}{t^3}$
as $t \rightarrow \infty$ when $\beta > 0$



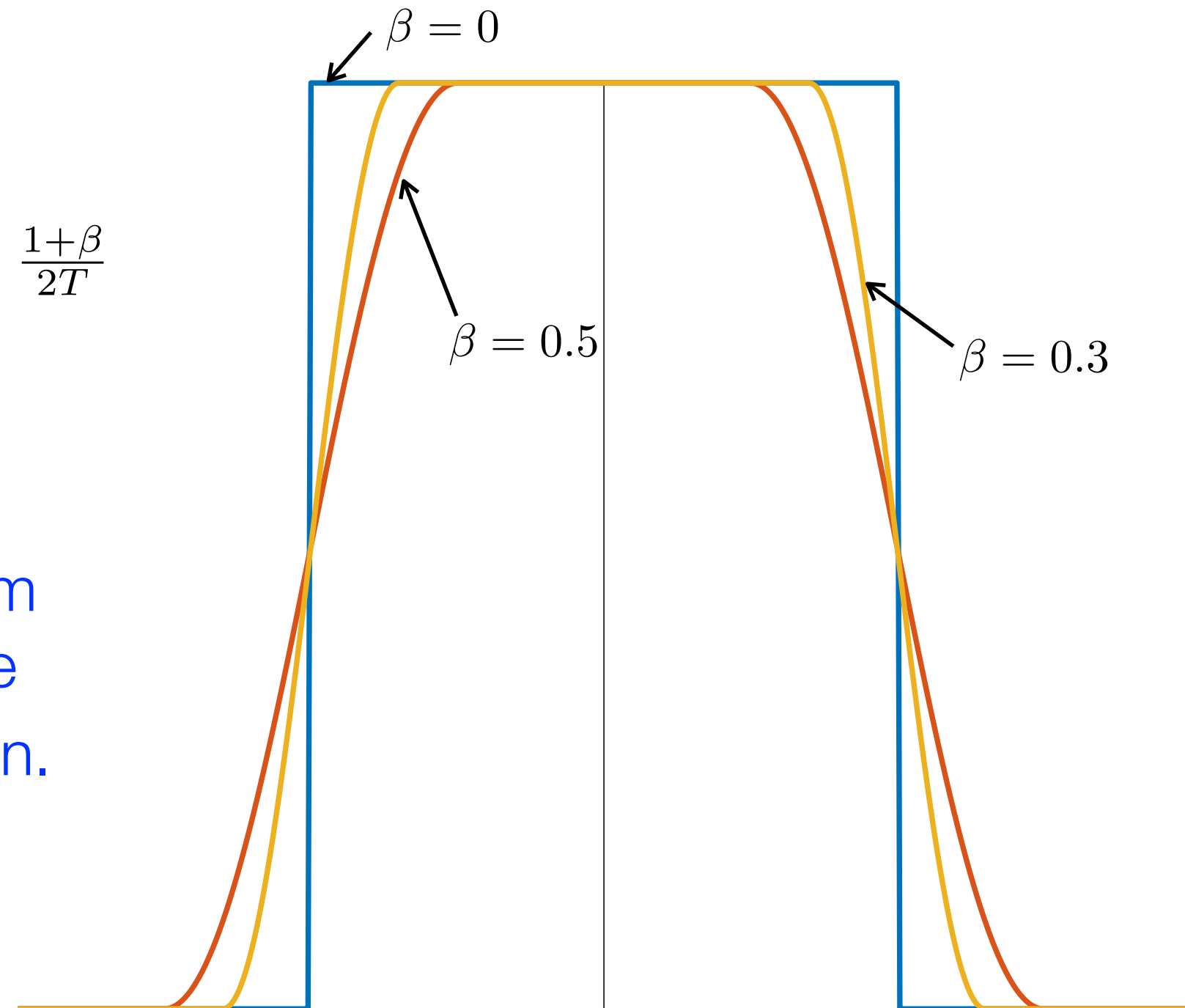
Raised cosine pulse

frequency domain

$$\check{g}_\beta(f) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } |f| \leq \frac{1-\beta}{2T} \\ 0 & \text{if } |f| > \frac{1+\beta}{2T} \\ T \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi T}{2\beta}\left(|f| - \frac{1-\beta}{2T}\right)\right) & \text{if } \frac{1-\beta}{2T} < |f| \leq \frac{1+\beta}{2T} \end{cases}$$

rolloff factor = β

The larger it is, the smoother it transits from T to 0 in the frequency domain, and hence converges to zero faster in the time domain.



Choosing the shifted pulses as an orthonormal set

- A theorem:

$\{p(t - mT) : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ form an orthonormal set $\iff |\check{p}(f)|^2$ satisfies the Nyquist Criterion

- The principle of designing $p(t)$ and $q(t)$

- ▶ Choose $\check{p}(f)$ such that $|\hat{p}(f)|^2$ satisfies the Nyquist Criterion
- ▶ Choose $\check{q}(f) = \check{p}^*(f)$
- ▶ If $p(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ (which is normally the case), then $\check{q}(f) = \check{p}^*(f) = \check{p}(-f)$ and hence $q(t) = p(-t)$.
- ▶ For faster decay in the time-domain (less approximation error) in $t \implies$ need "larger room" for smoother transition from T to 0 in the frequency domain.

Part III. Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

A pragmatic approach to convert baseband to passband waveforms and back

How to shift the frequency response?

- We want to shift baseband signals to passband with center frequency f_c :

- Recall the frequency-shift property of Fourier Transform:

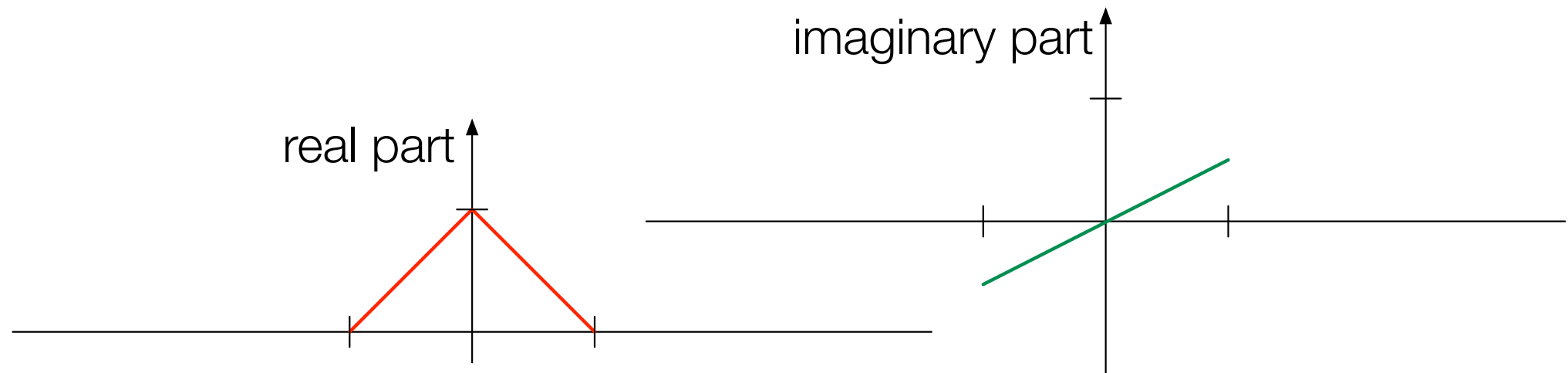
$$\exp(j2\pi f_0 t) s(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \check{s}(f - f_0)$$

- So, a naive way is to multiply the signal by a **complex sinusoid**
- But, at this point we don't know how to implement a **complex** signal in real world
- We can take the real part after multiplying with the complex sinusoid:

$$\text{Re} \{ \exp(j2\pi f_0 t) s(t) \} = s(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t) \quad s(t) \in \mathbb{R}$$

- But this is a waste of spectrum.

$$\begin{cases} \text{Re}\{\check{s}(f)\} = \text{Re}\{\check{s}(-f)\} \\ \text{Im}\{\check{s}(f)\} = -\text{Im}\{\check{s}(-f)\} \\ |\check{s}(f)| = |\check{s}(-f)| \\ \angle\check{s}(f) = -\angle\check{s}(-f) \text{ mod } 2\pi \end{cases}$$

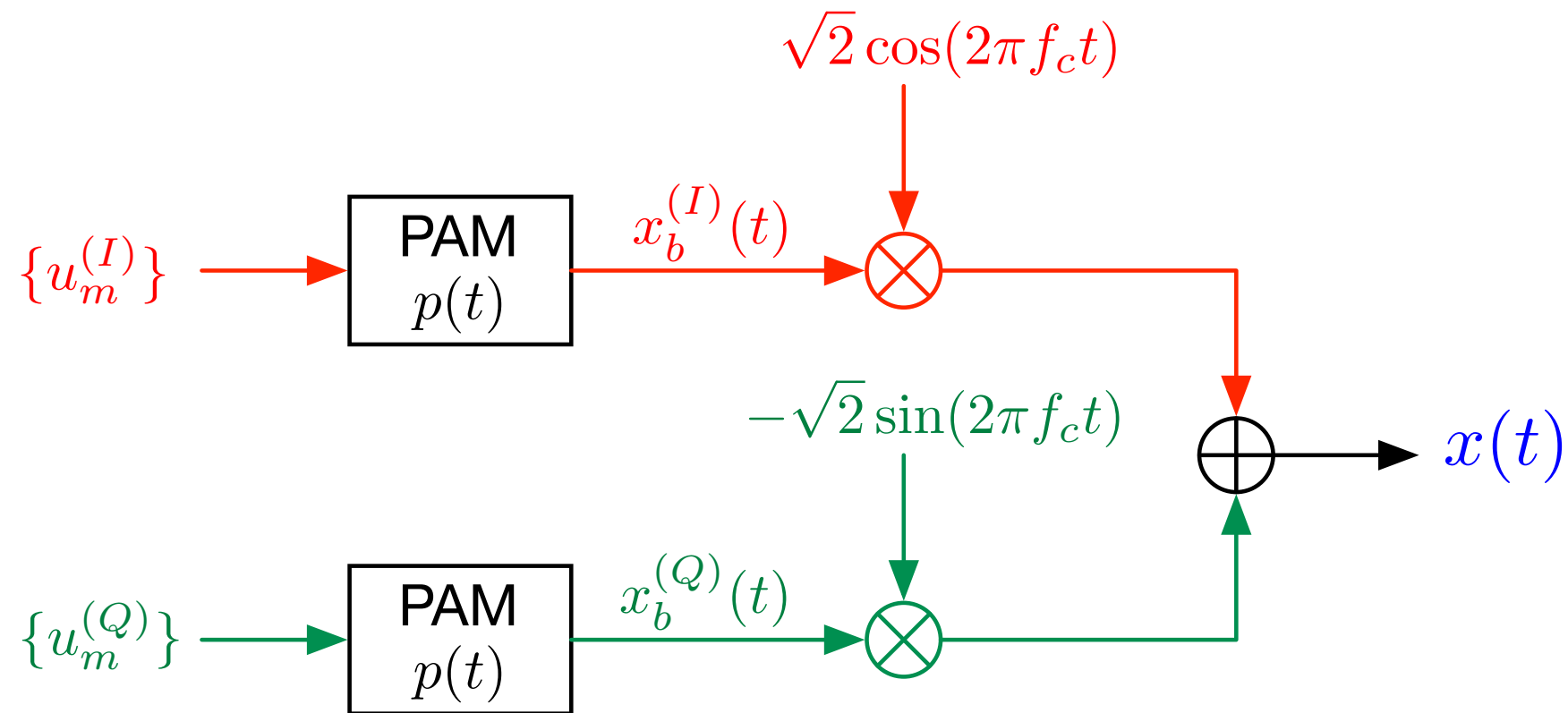


Two degrees of freedom for complex signal

- Why not multiplex two individual baseband waveforms?

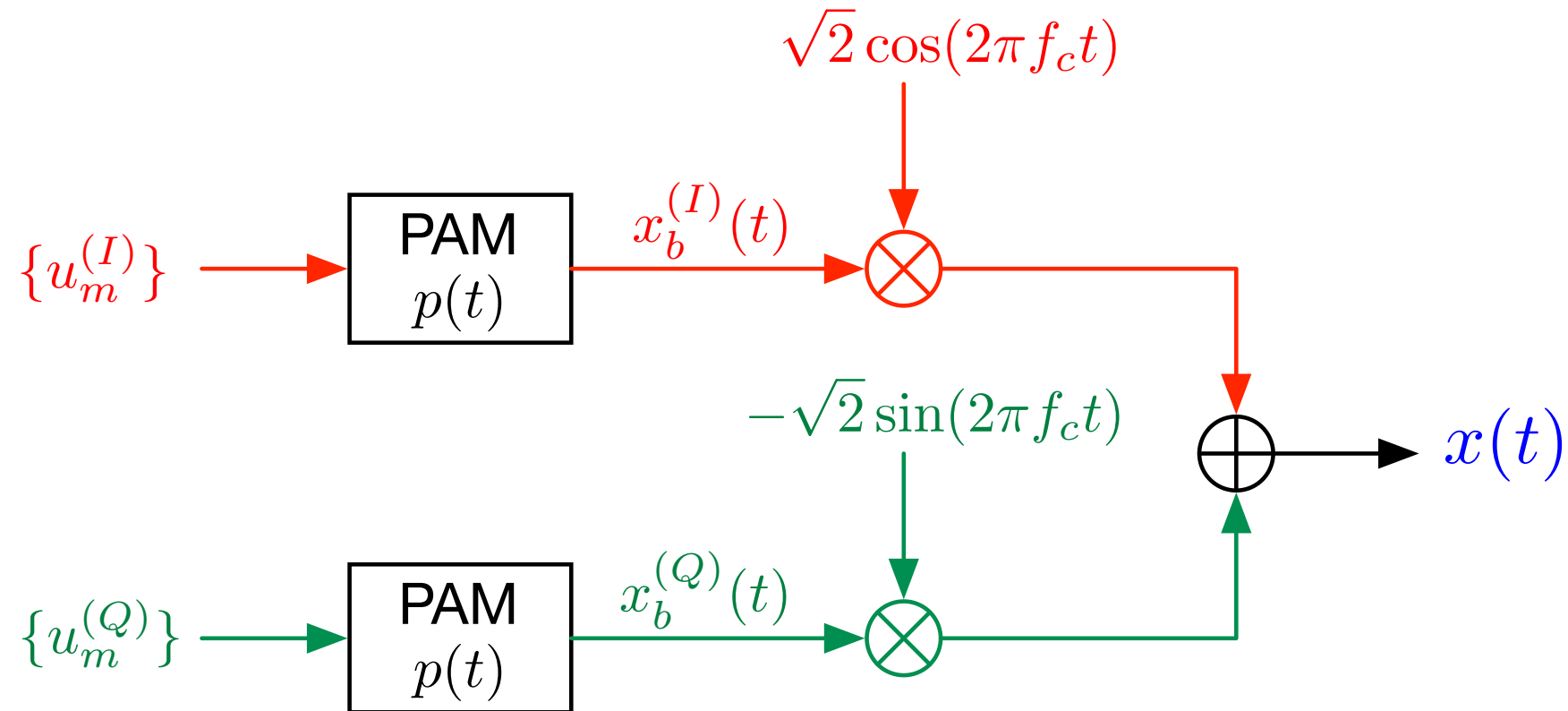
$$x(t) = x_b^{(I)}(t)\sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi f_c t) - x_b^{(Q)}(t)\sqrt{2}\sin(2\pi f_c t)$$

- Quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM):



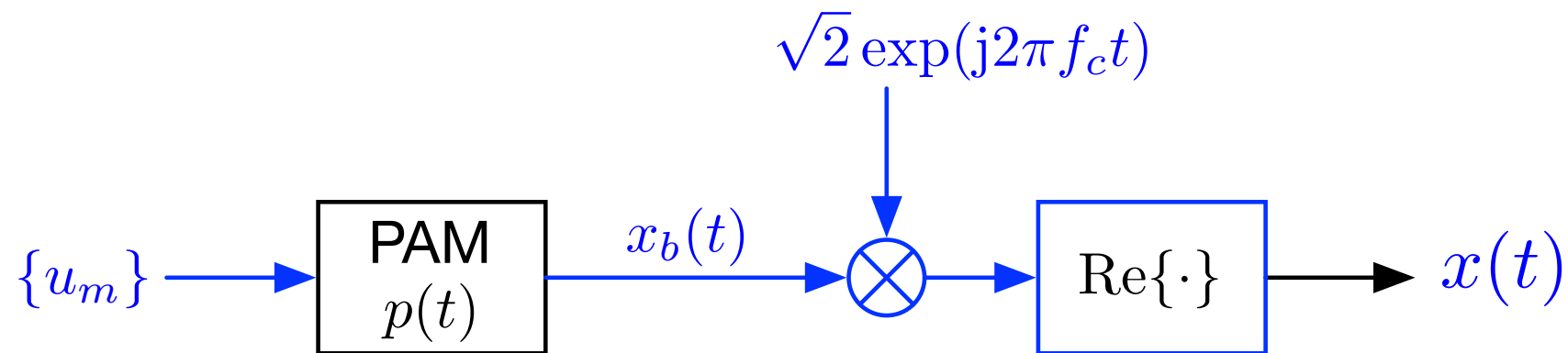
QAM modulation: real-domain implementation

$$x(t) = \underbrace{x_b^{(I)}(t)}_{\text{in-phase component}} \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_c t) - \underbrace{x_b^{(Q)}(t)}_{\text{quadrature component}} \sqrt{2} \sin(2\pi f_c t)$$



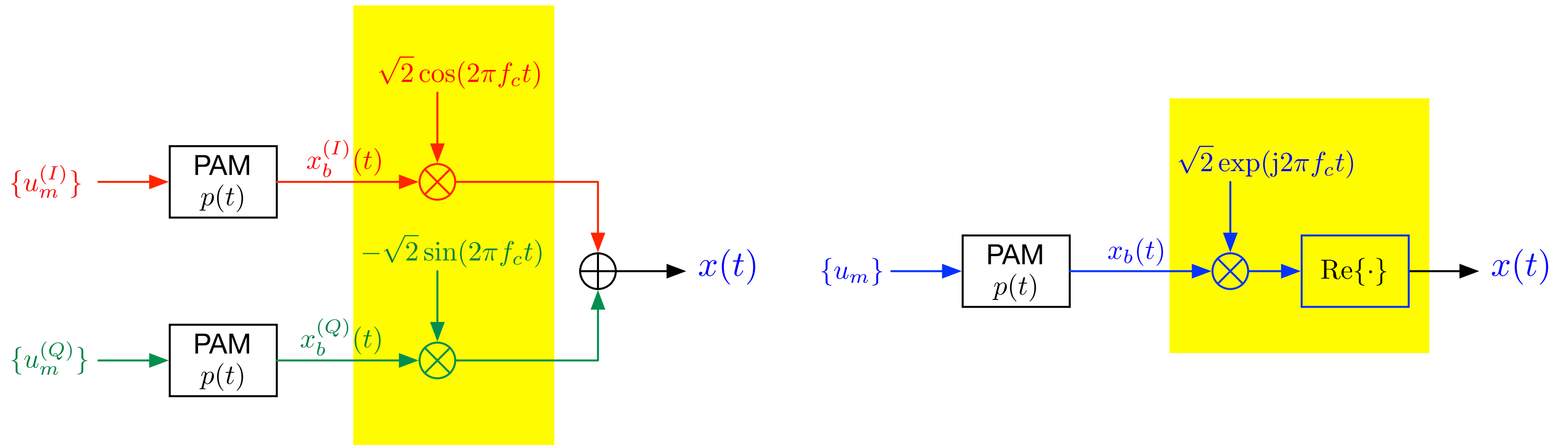
QAM modulation: equivalent complex

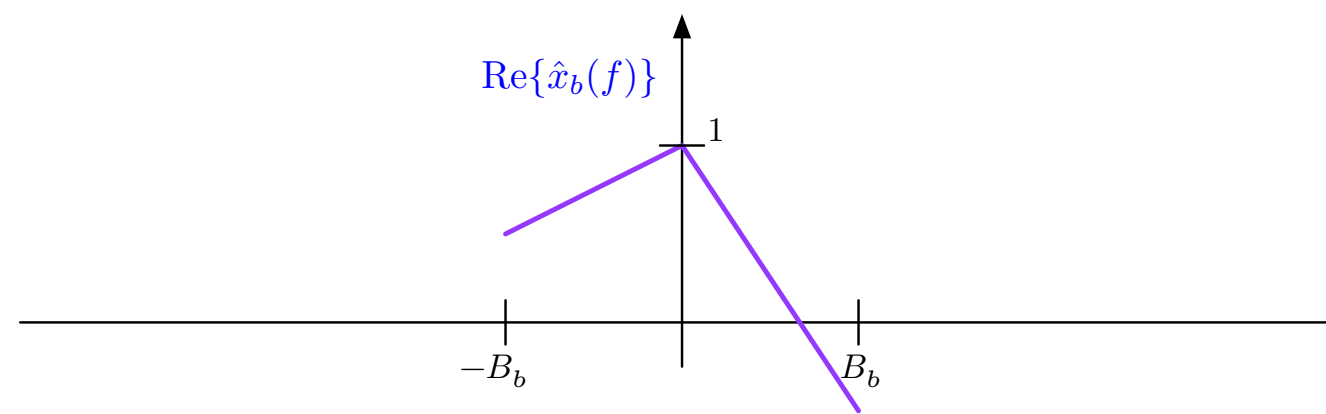
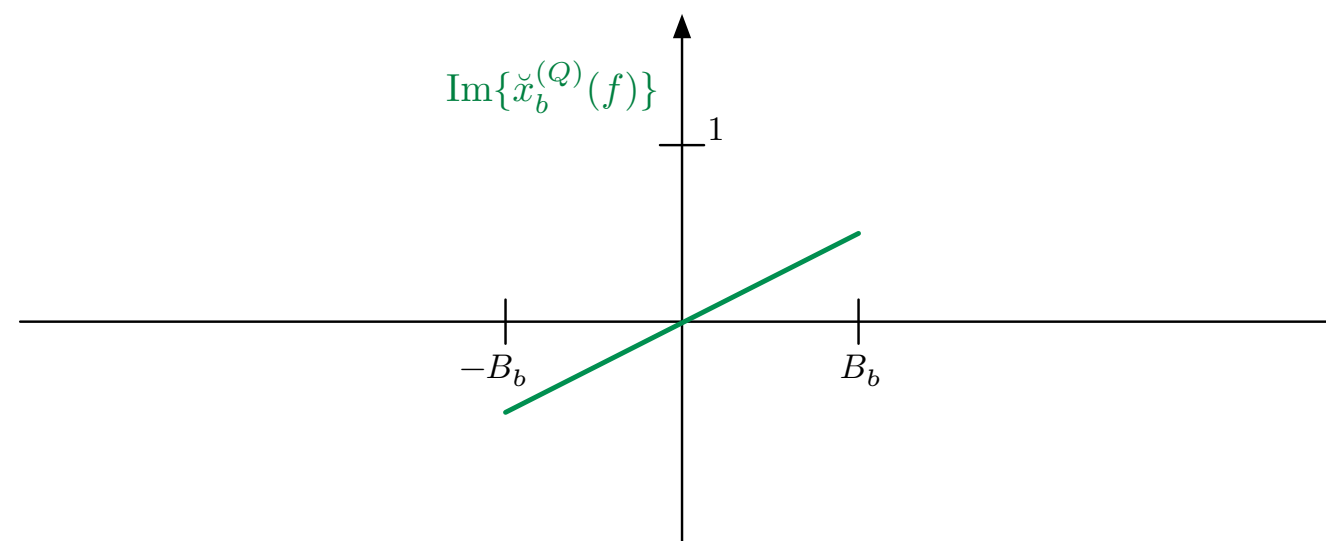
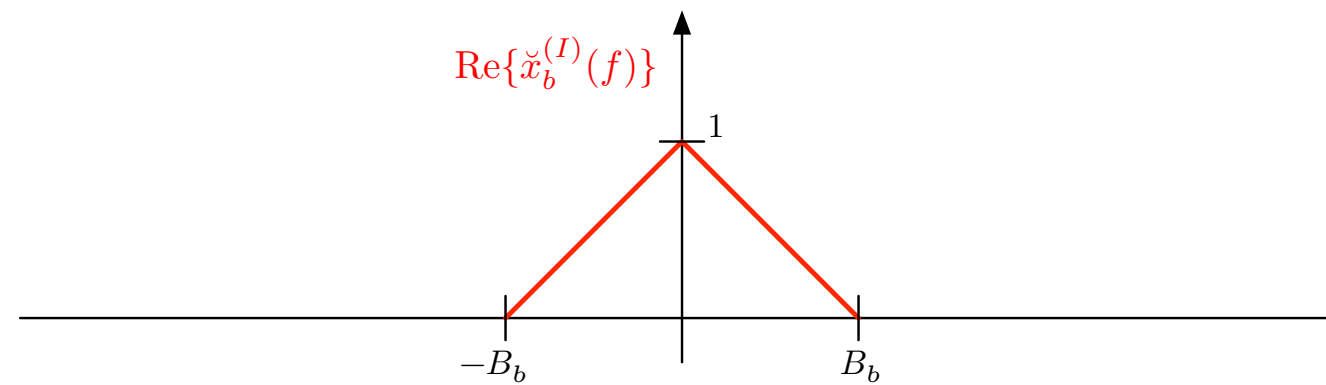
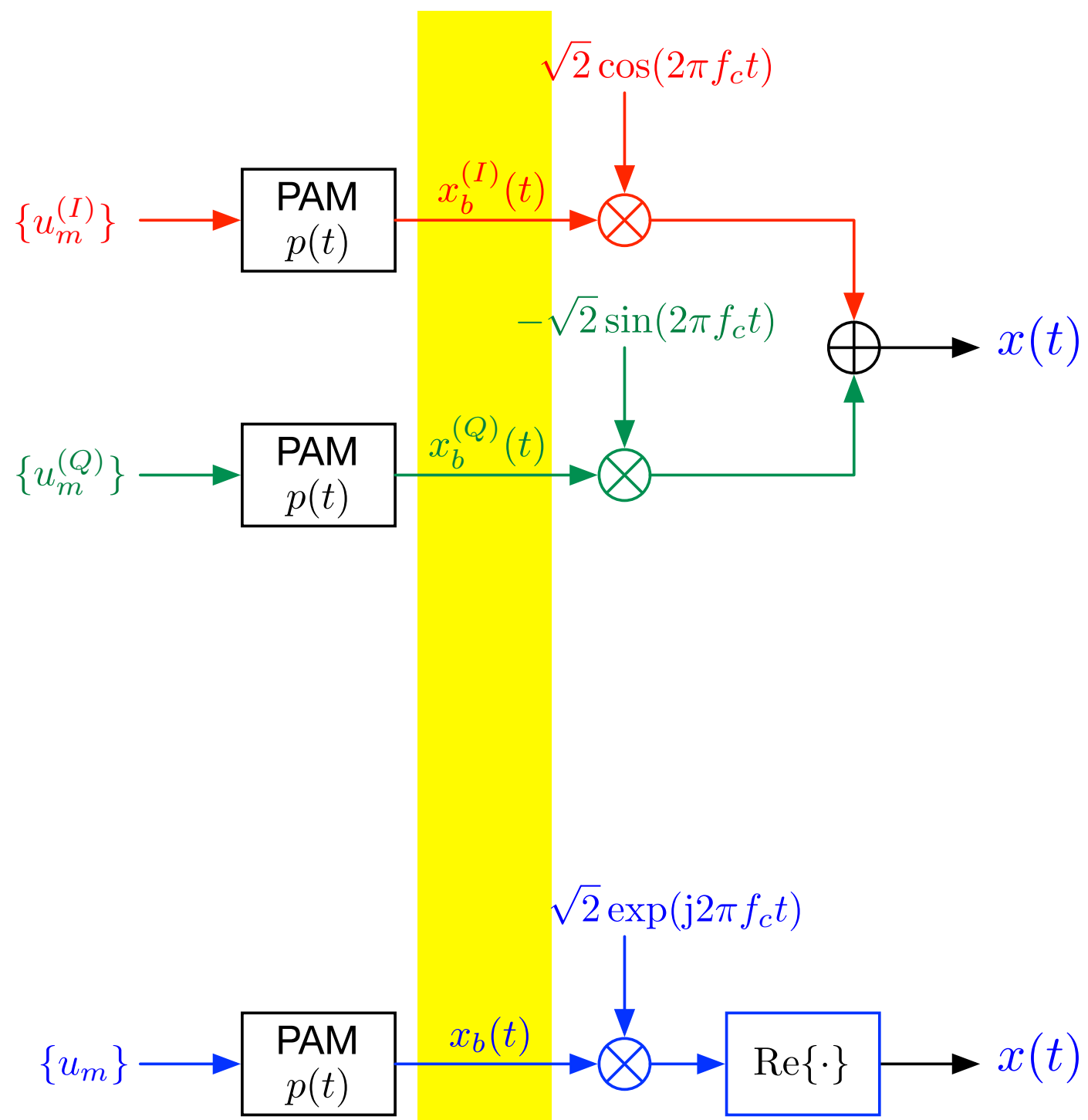
$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= x_b^{(I)}(t)\sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi f_c t) - x_b^{(Q)}(t)\sqrt{2}\sin(2\pi f_c t) \\ &= \sqrt{2}\operatorname{Re}\{x_b(t)\exp(j2\pi f_c t)\} \quad x_b(t) \triangleq x_b^{(I)}(t) + jx_b^{(Q)}(t)\end{aligned}$$

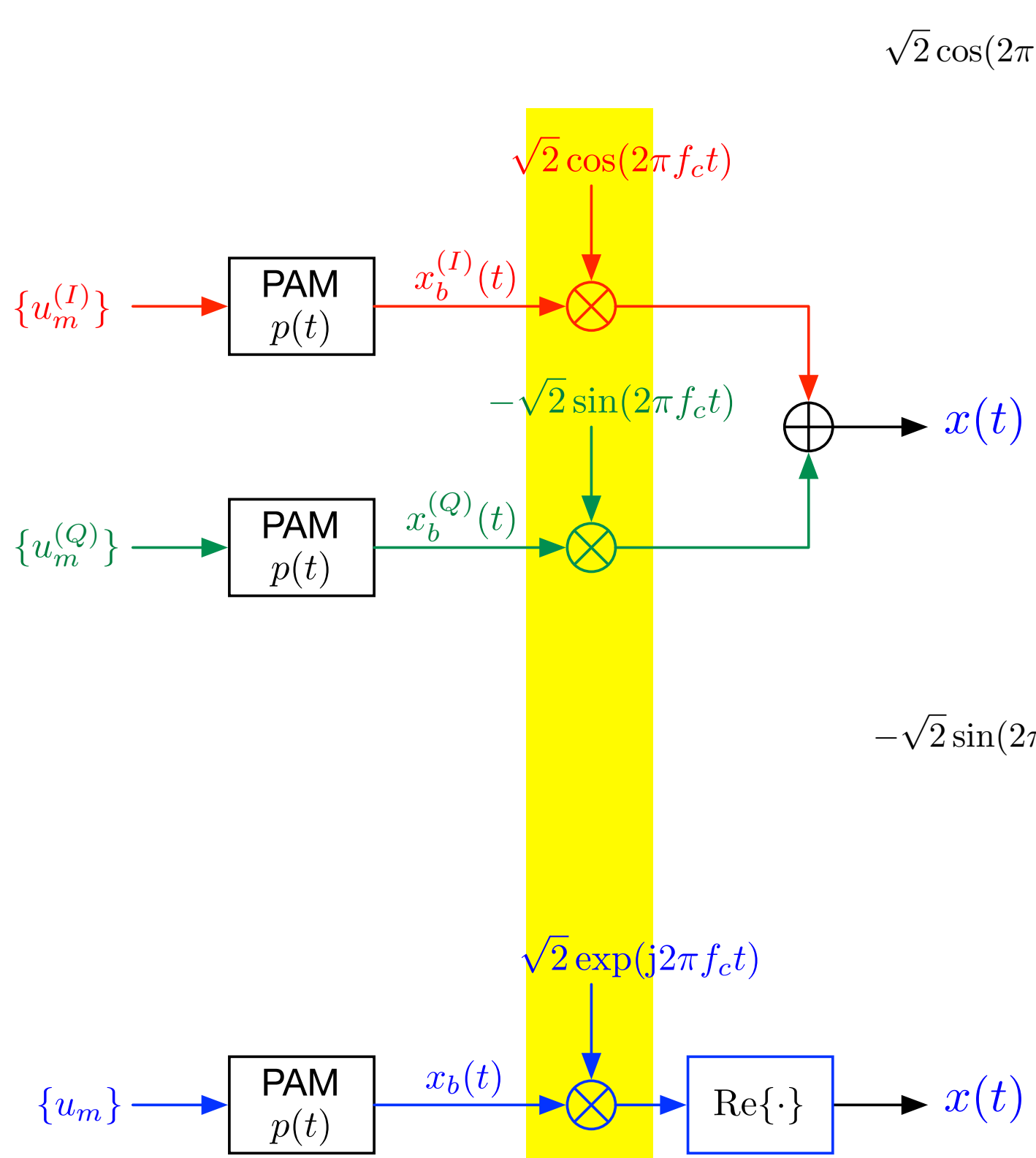


$$u_m \triangleq u_m^{(I)} + ju_m^{(Q)}$$

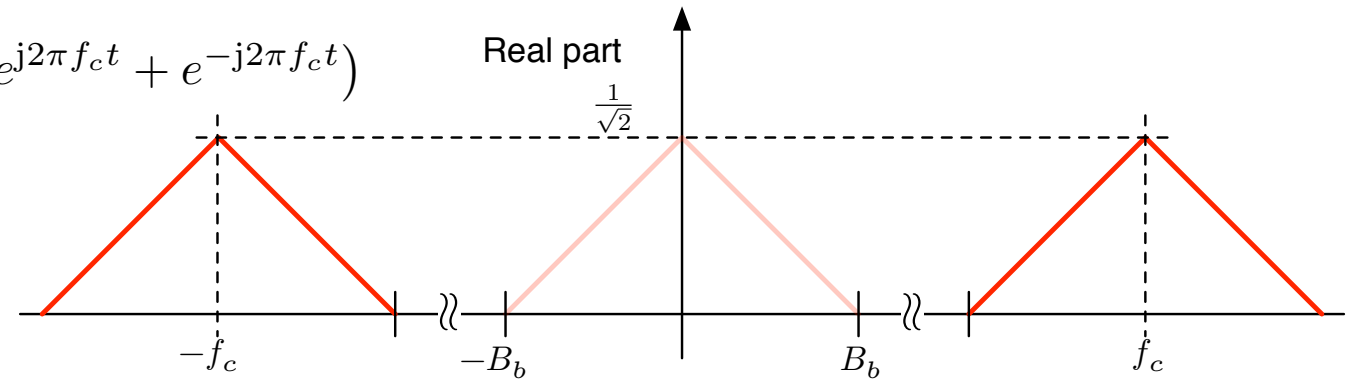
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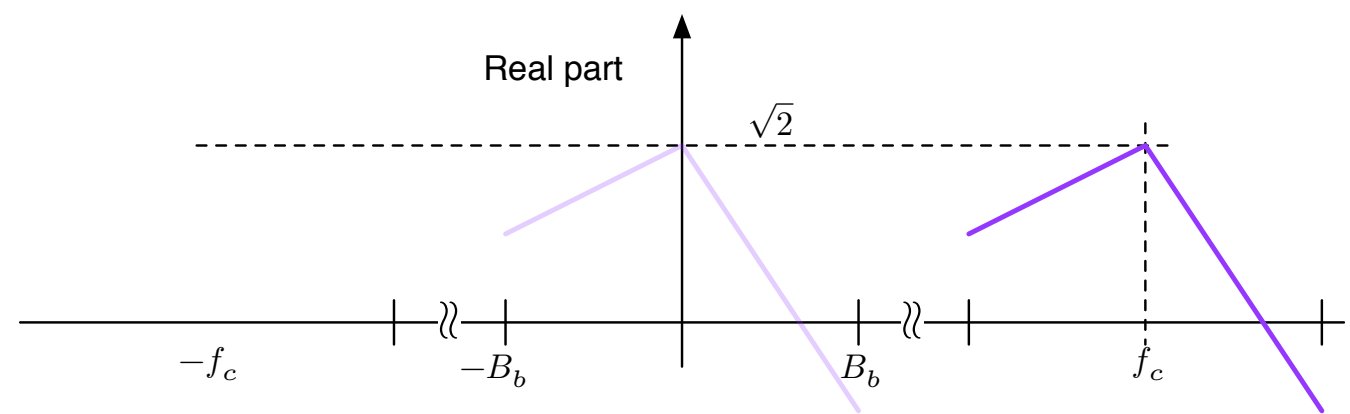
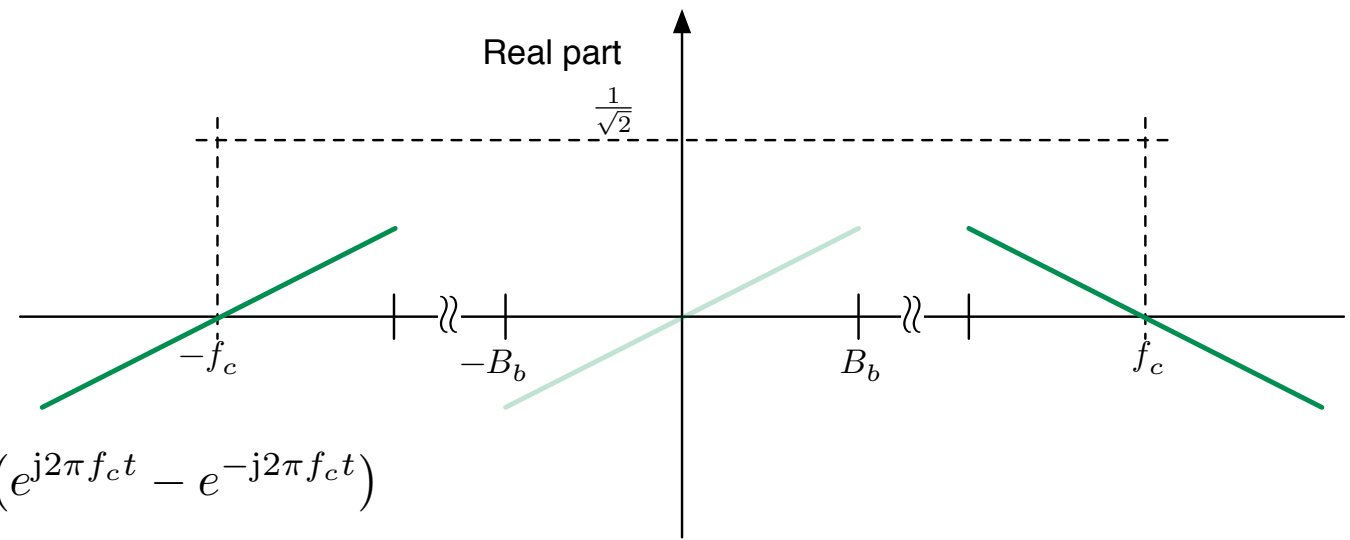


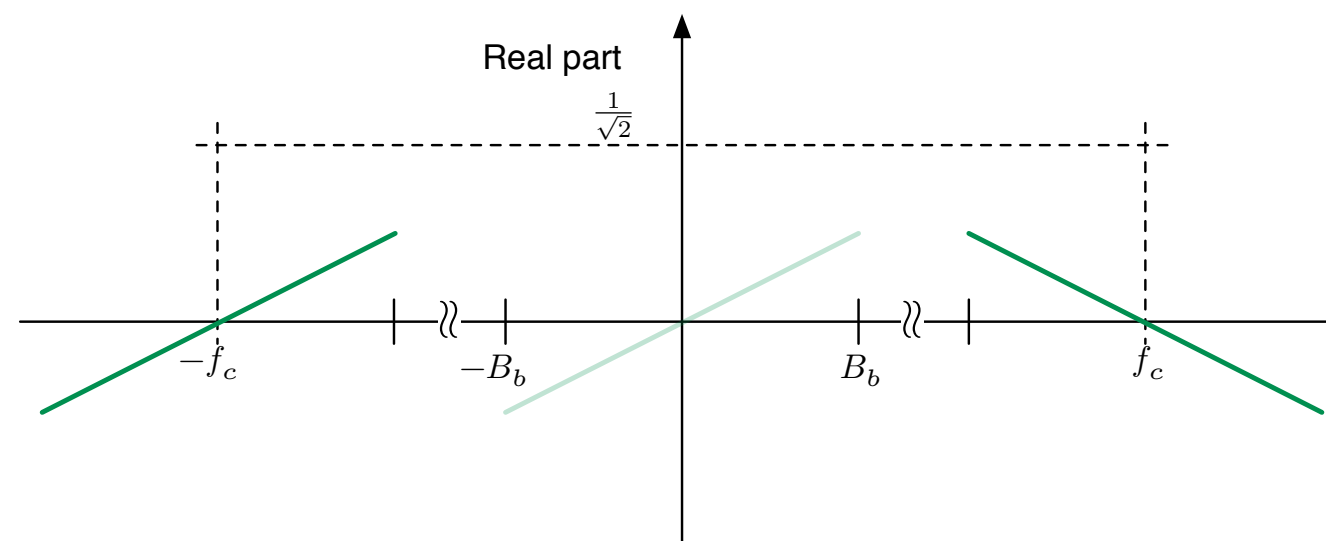
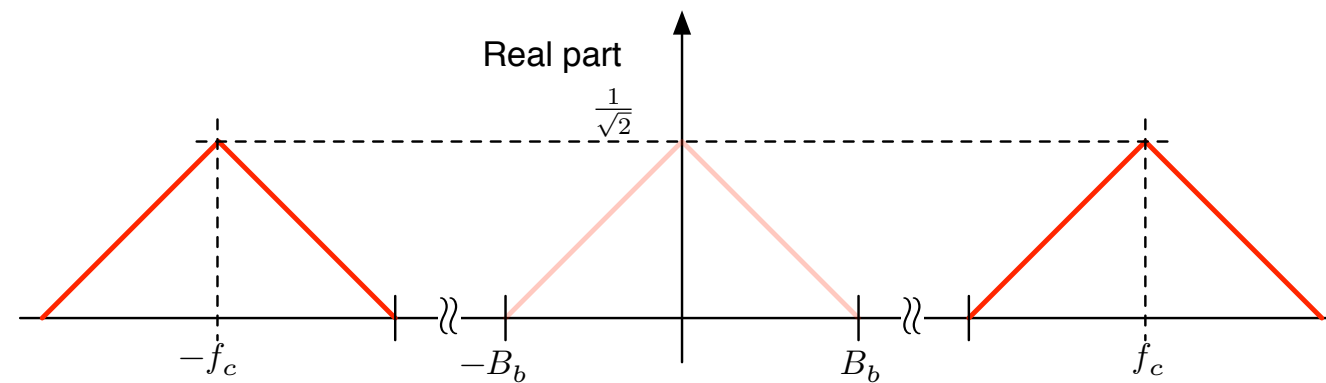
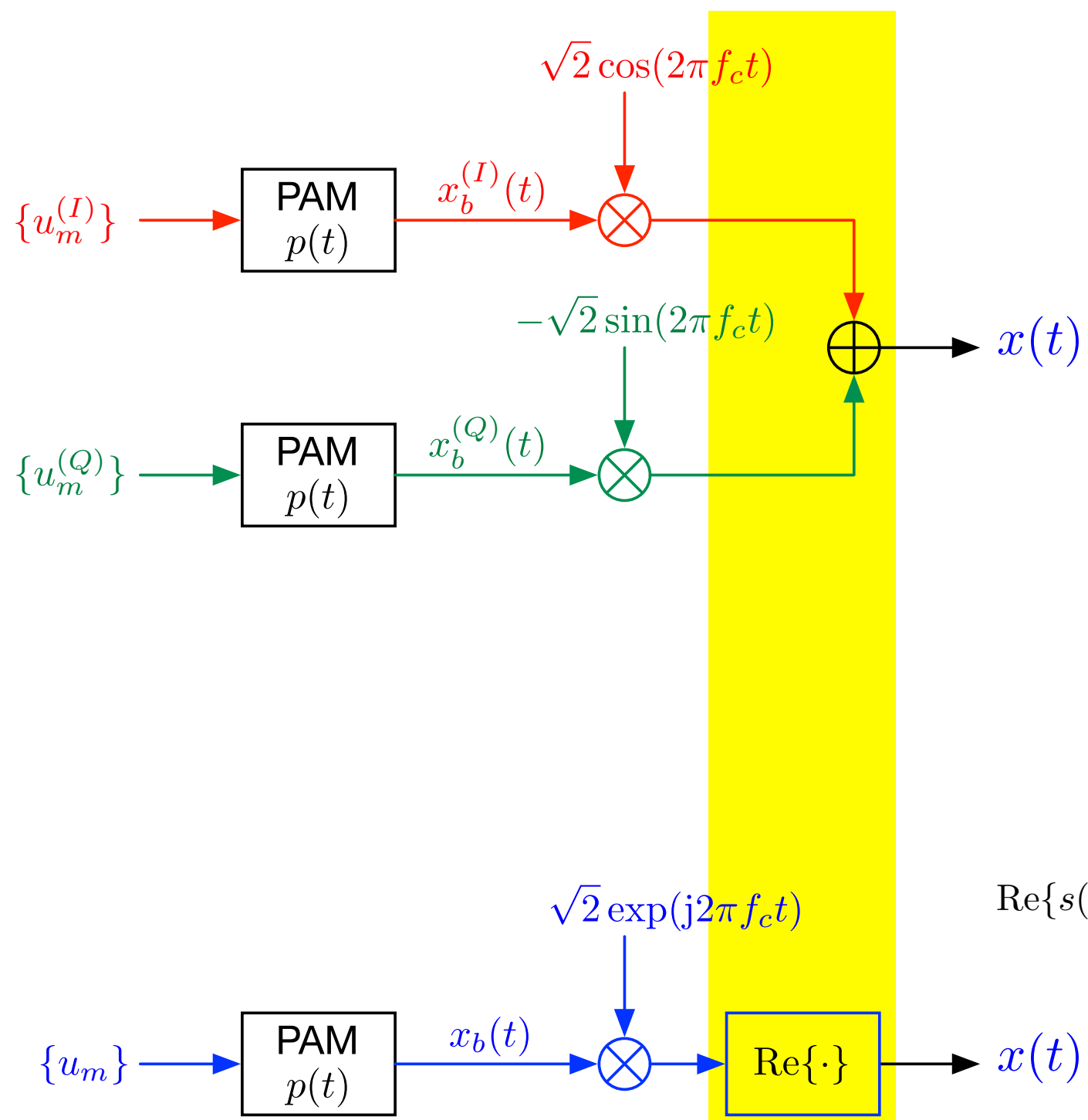


$$\sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_c t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{j2\pi f_c t} + e^{-j2\pi f_c t})$$

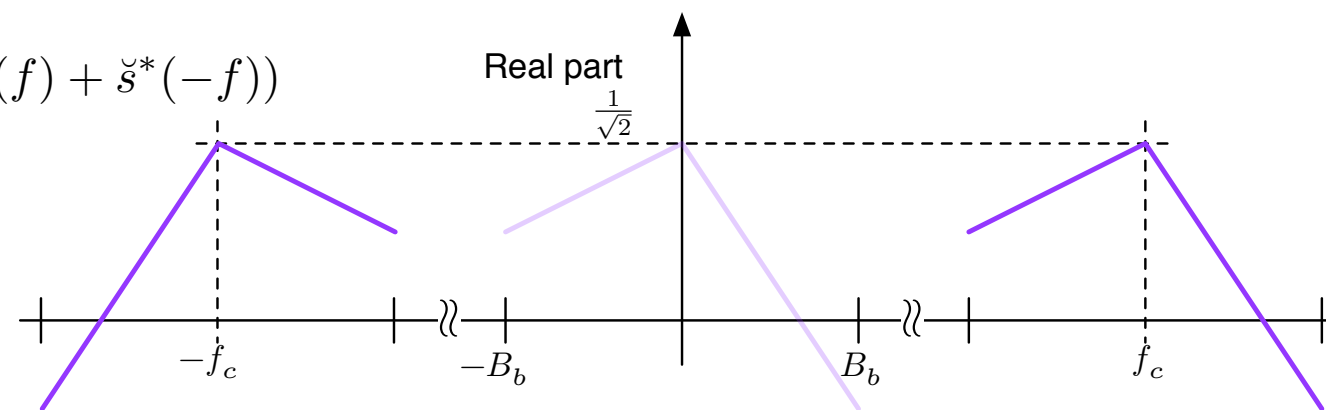


$$-\sqrt{2} \sin(2\pi f_c t) = \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{j2\pi f_c t} - e^{-j2\pi f_c t})$$

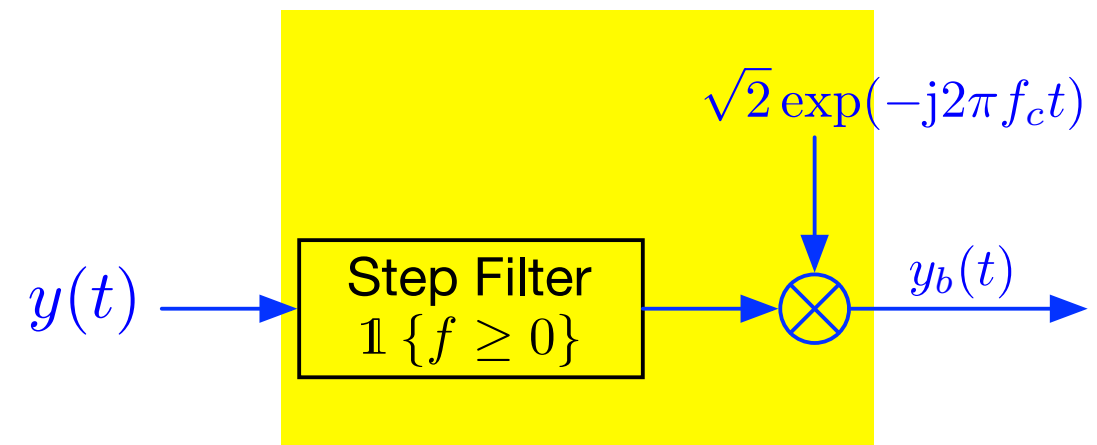
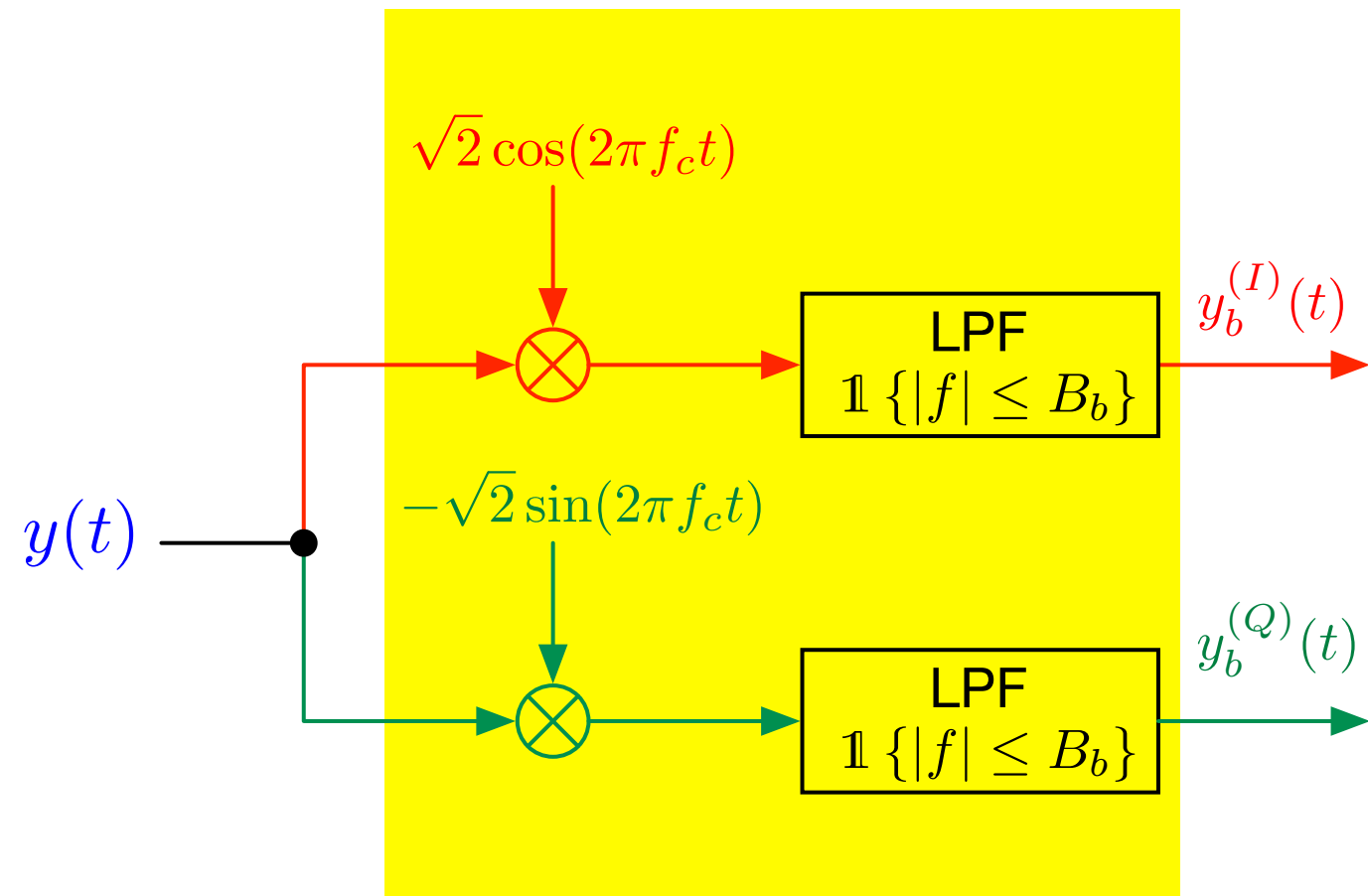


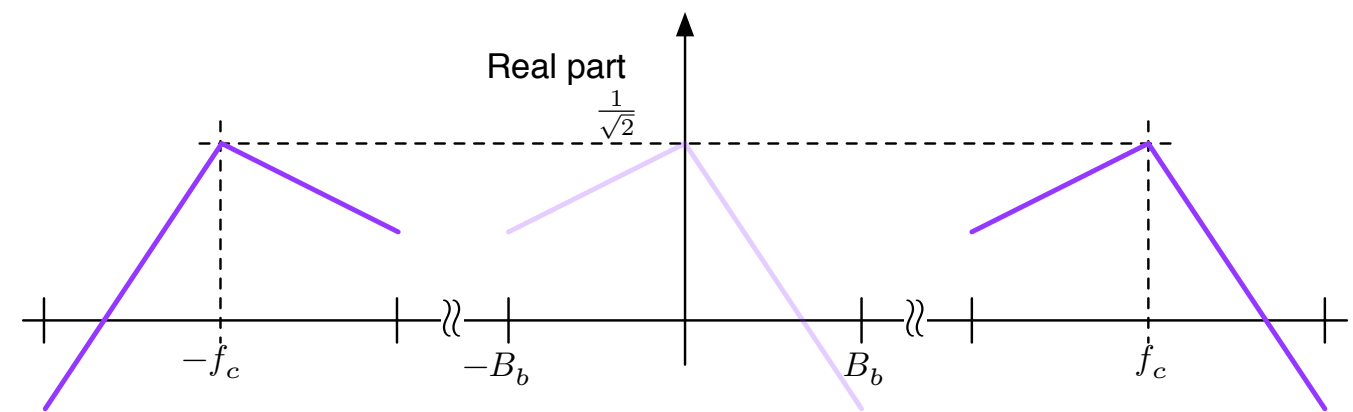
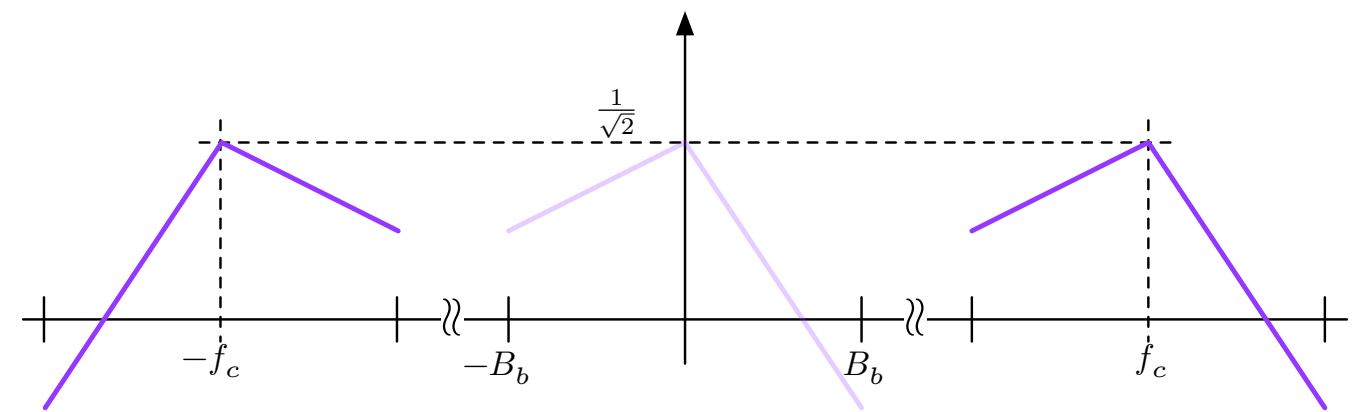
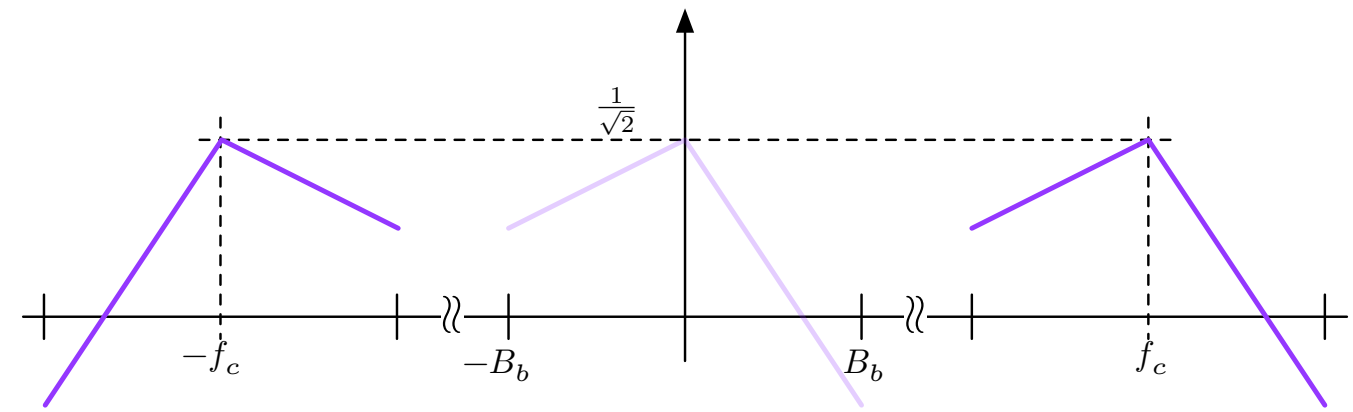
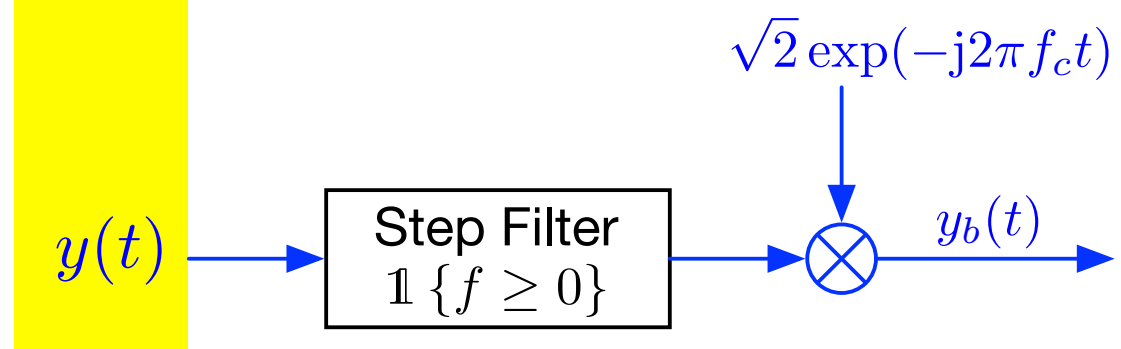
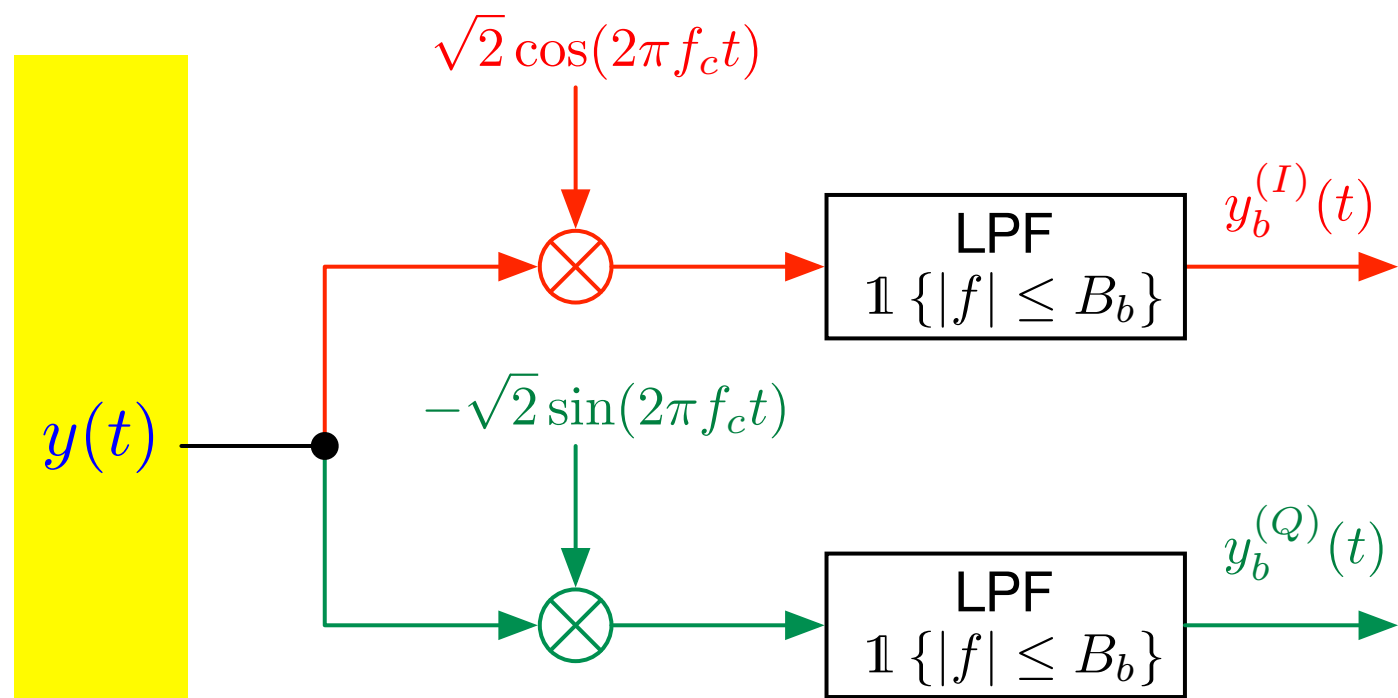


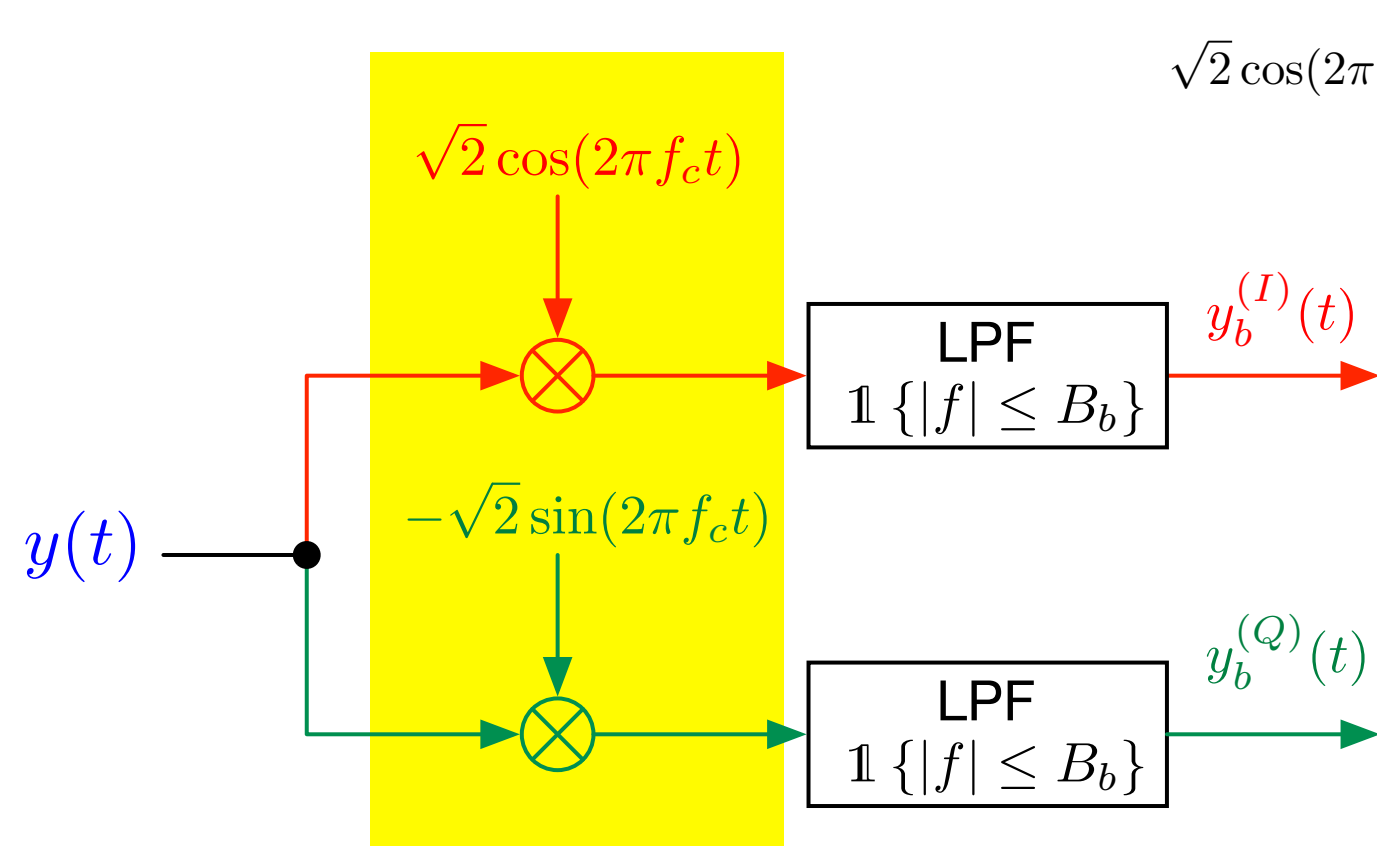
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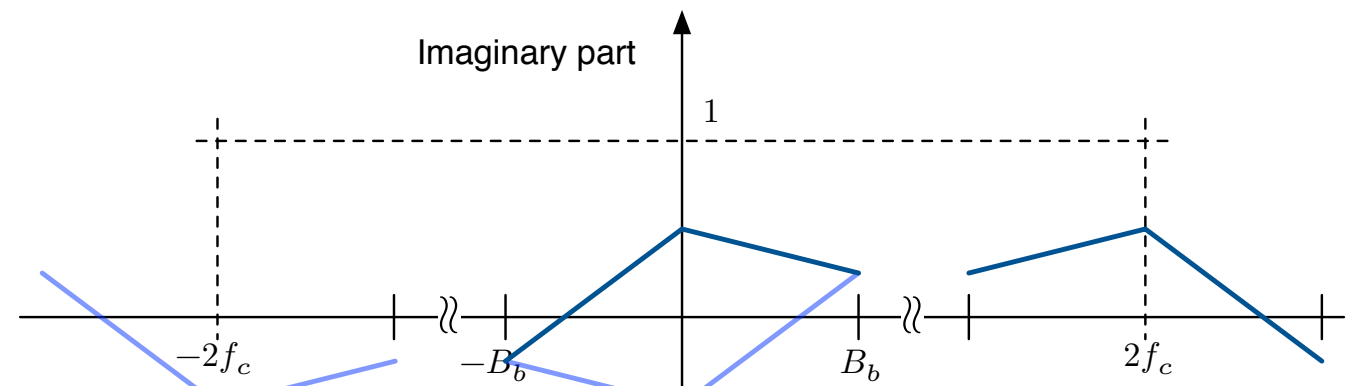
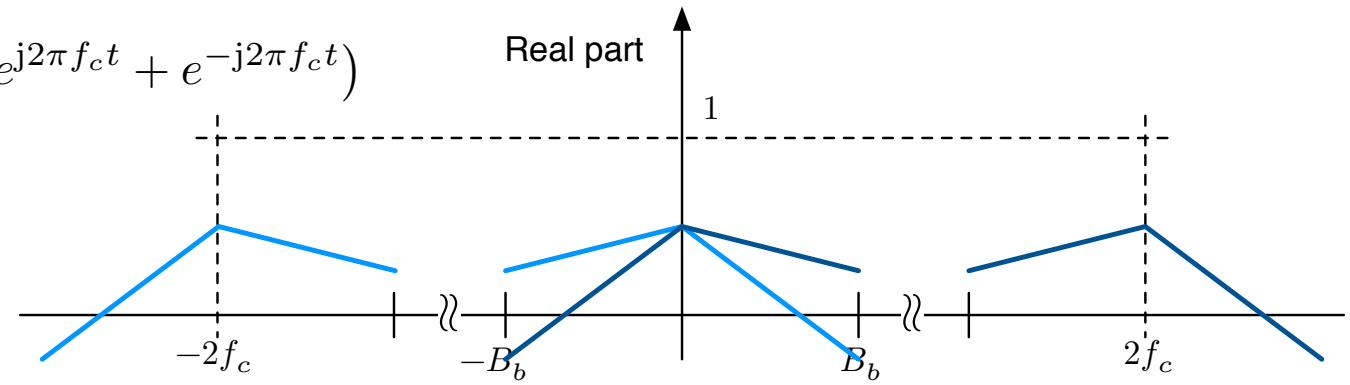
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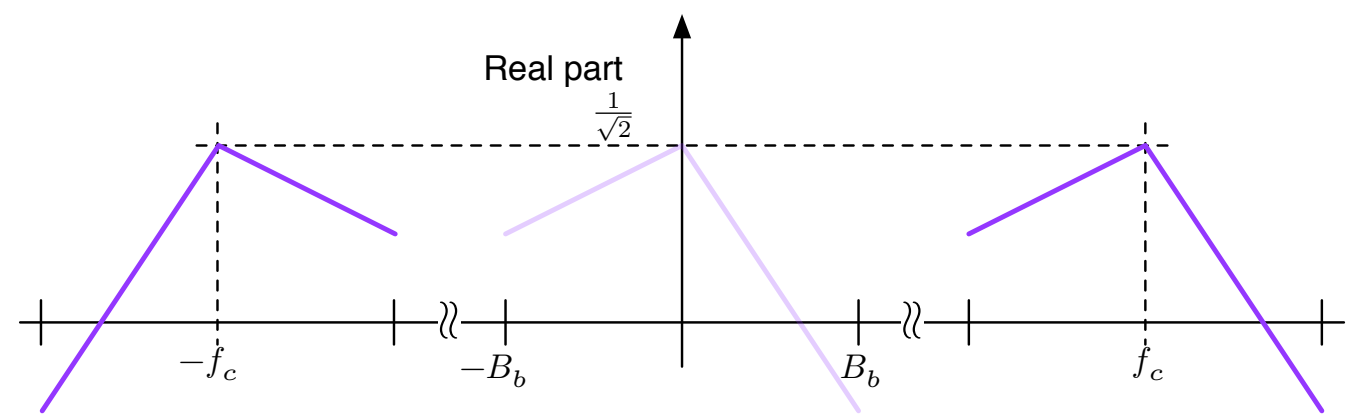
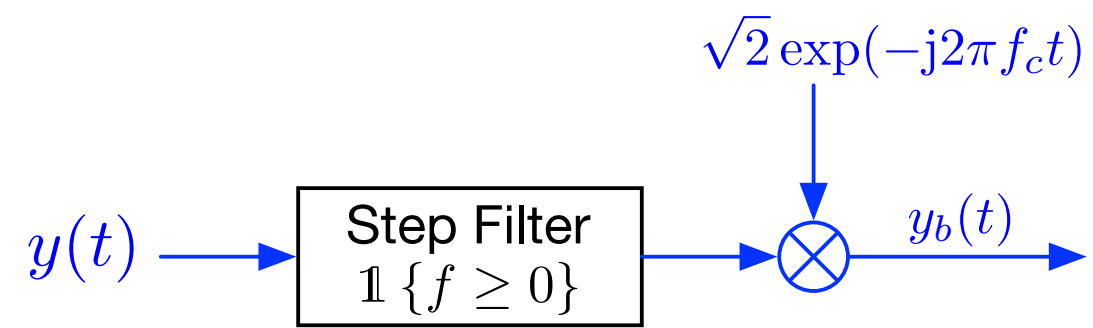


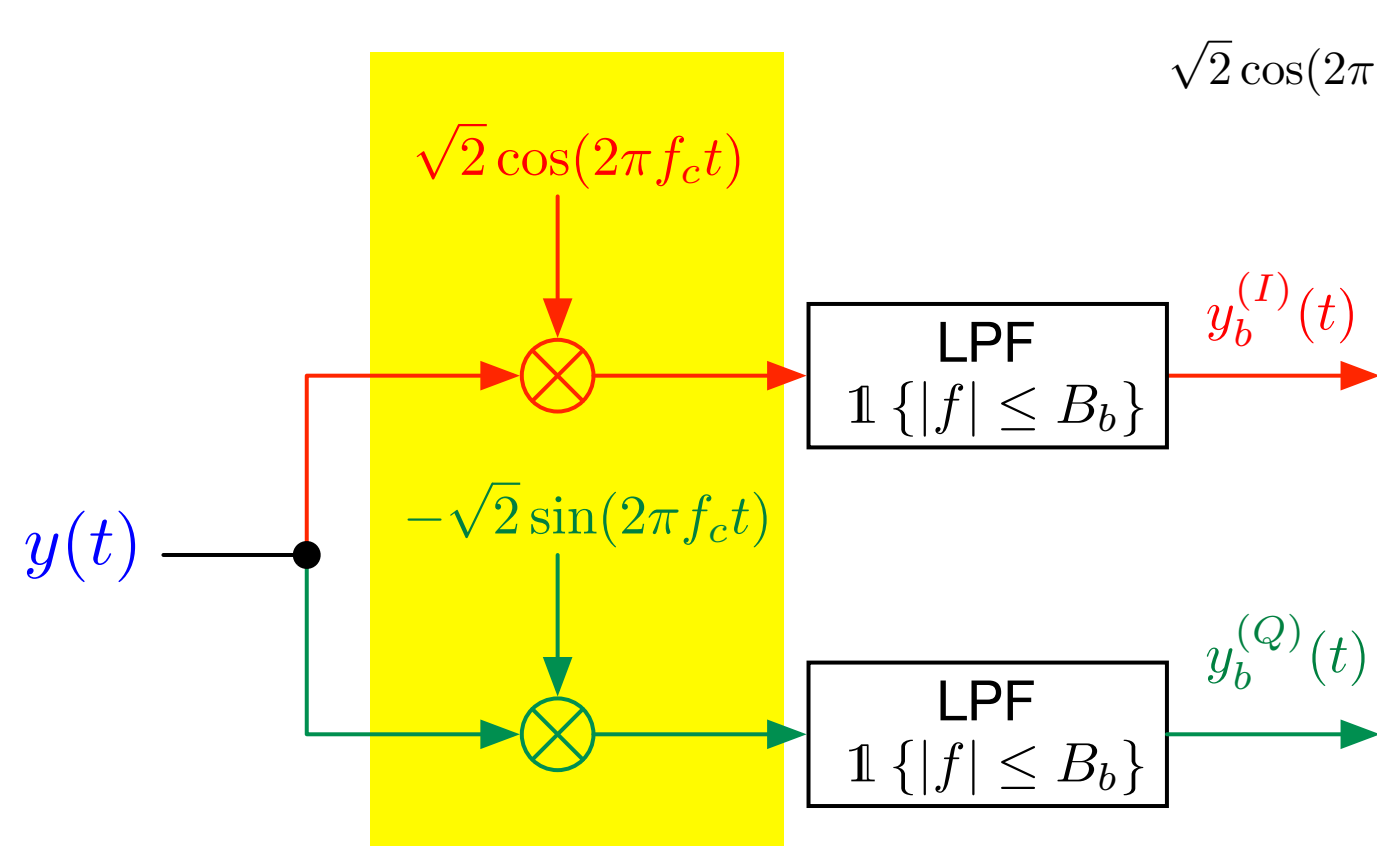


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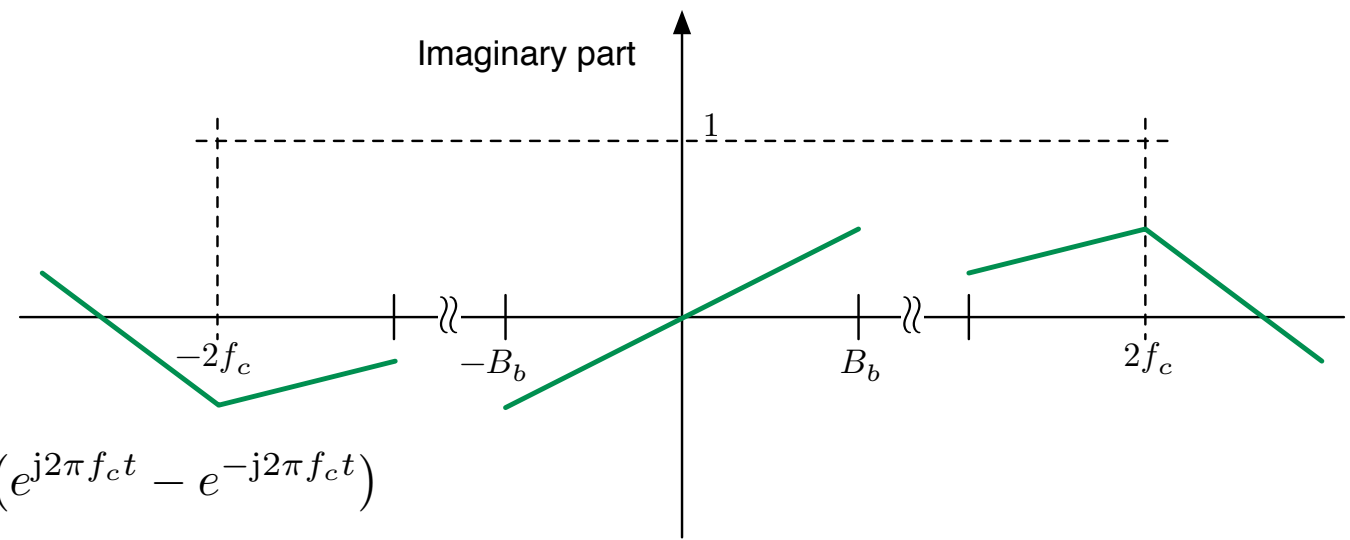
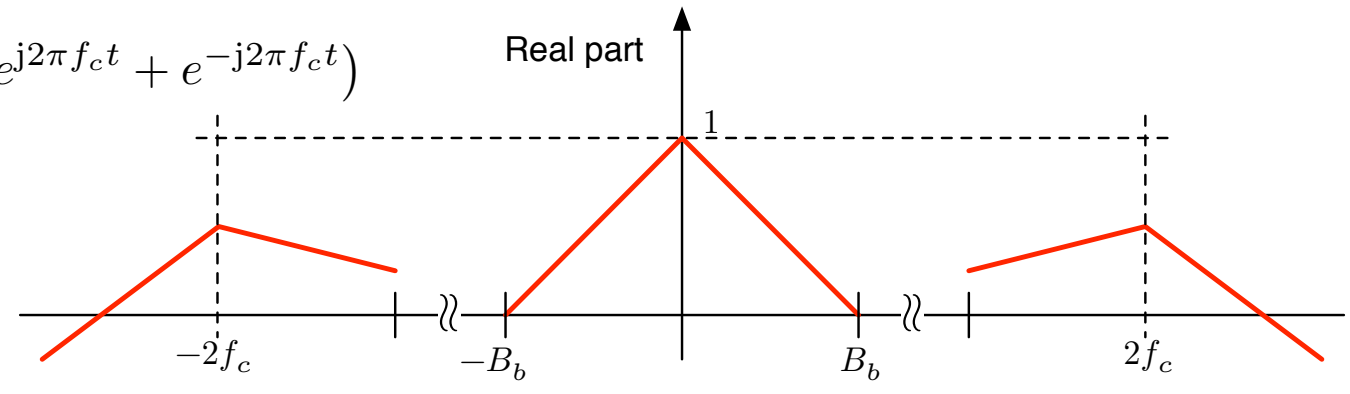


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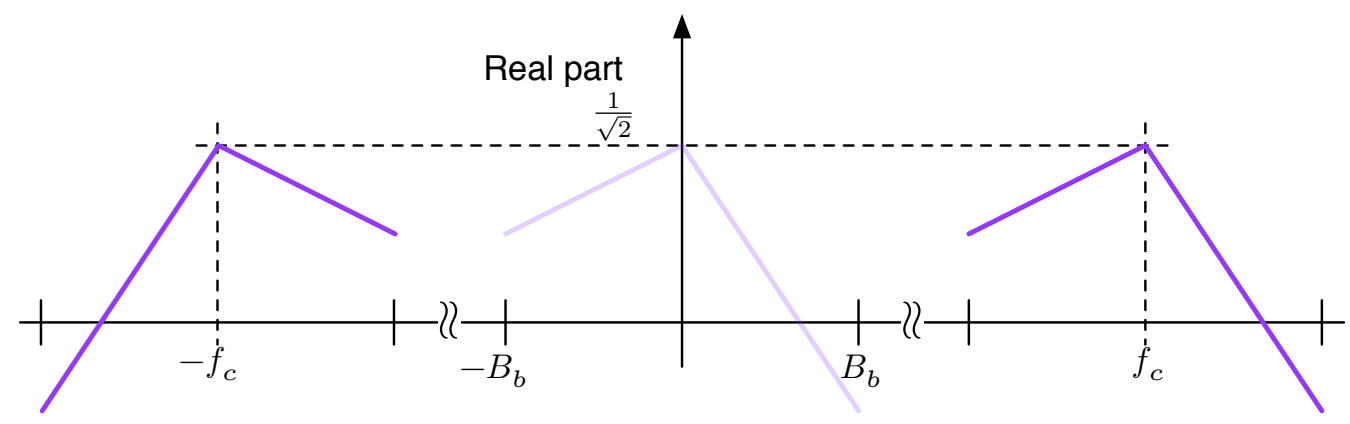
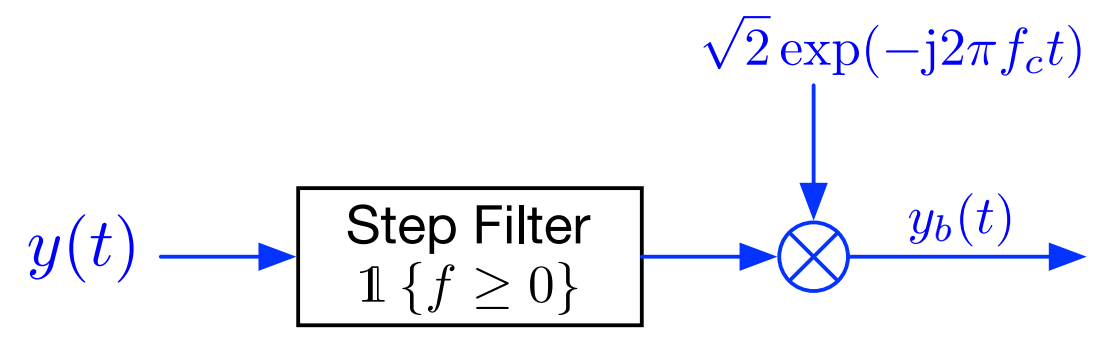


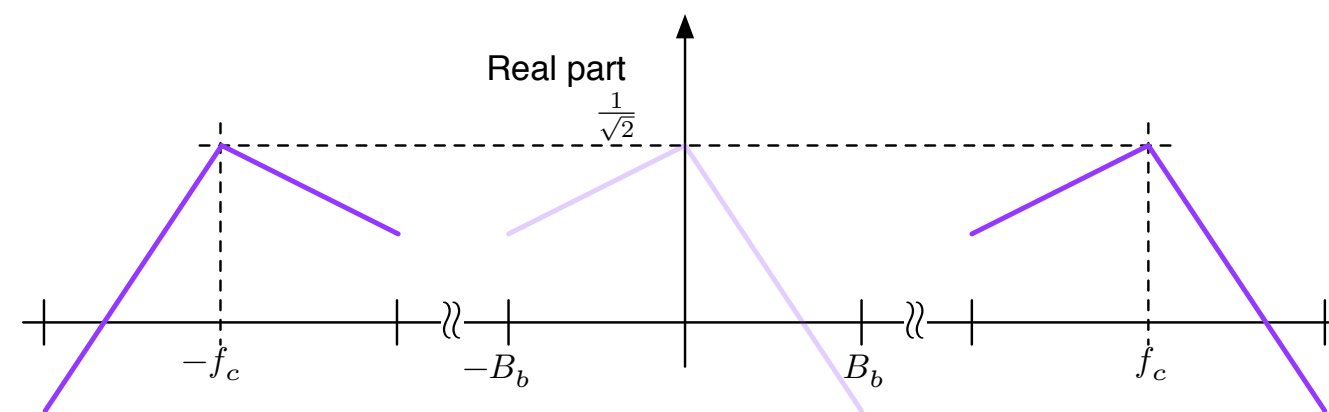
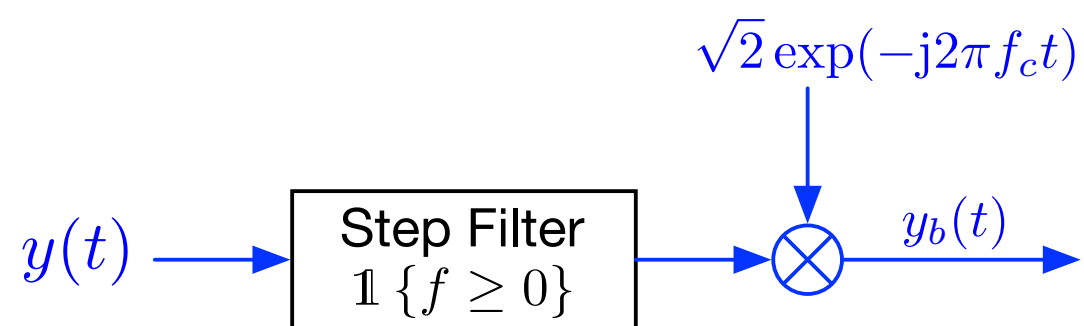
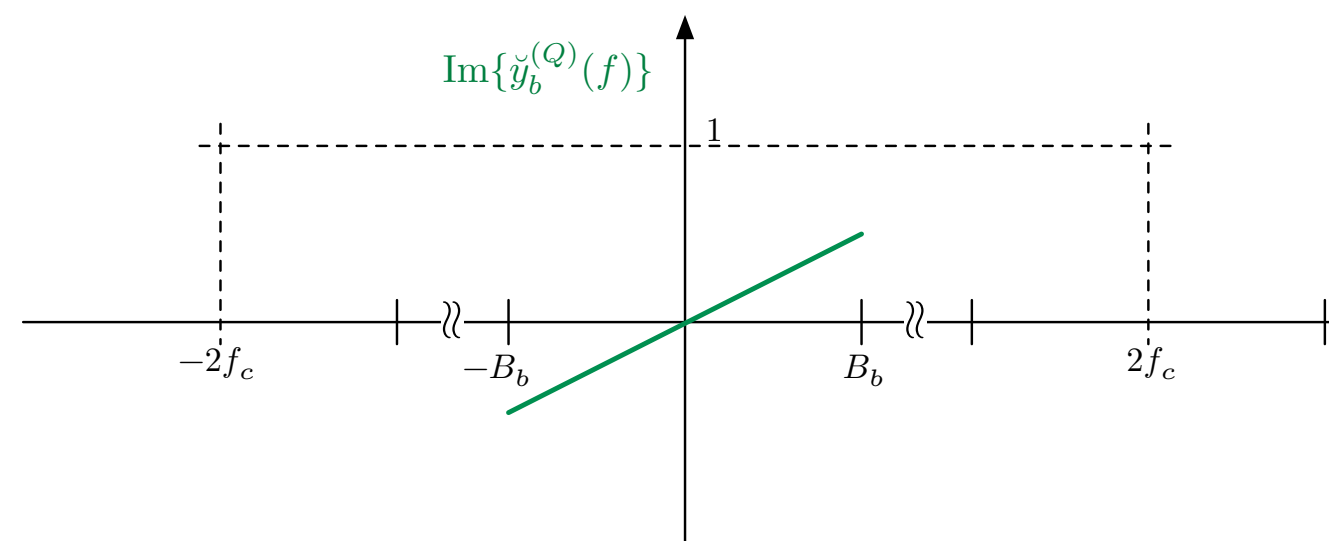
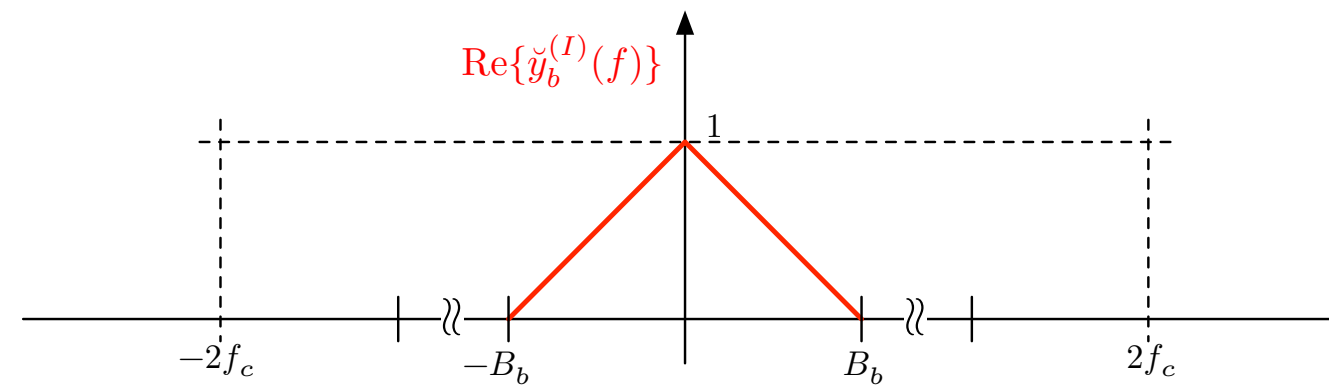
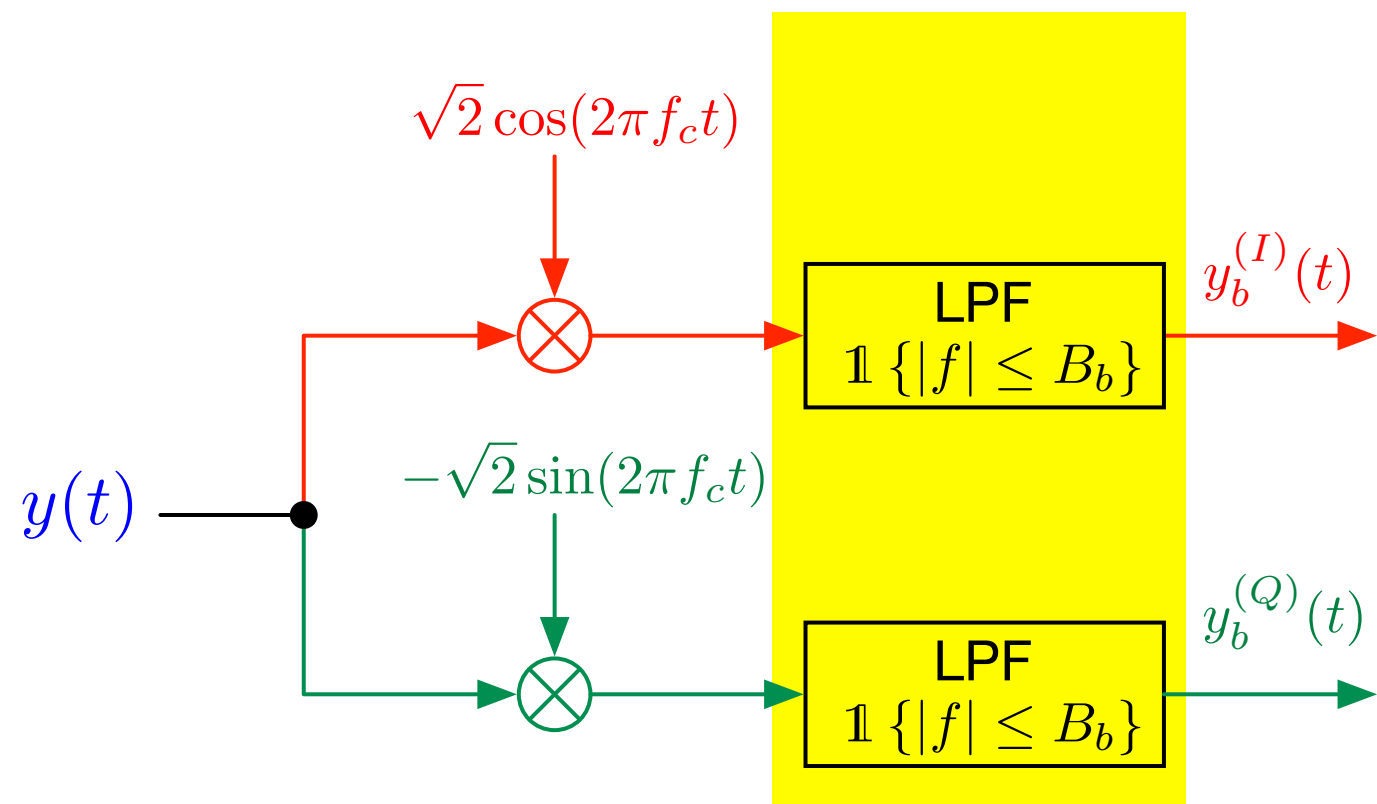


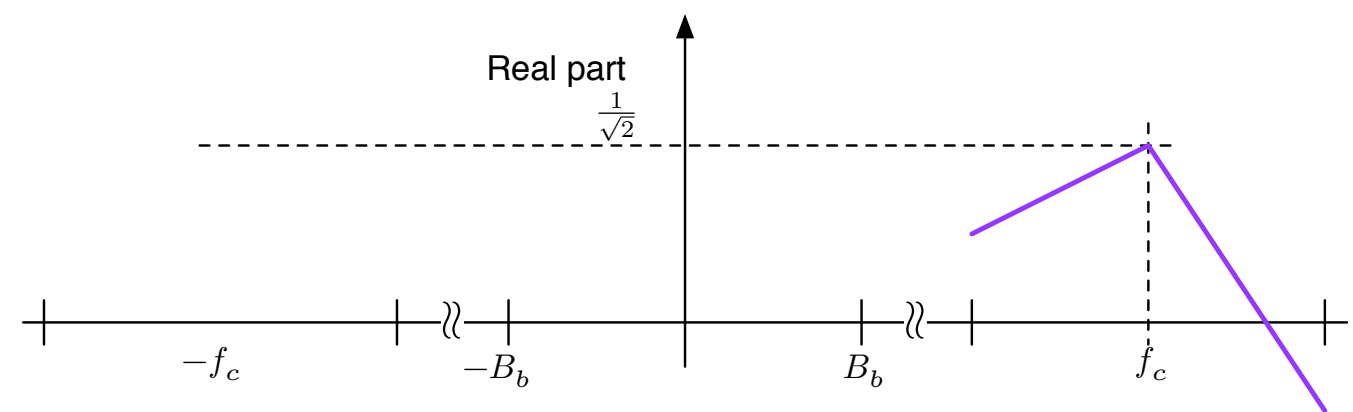
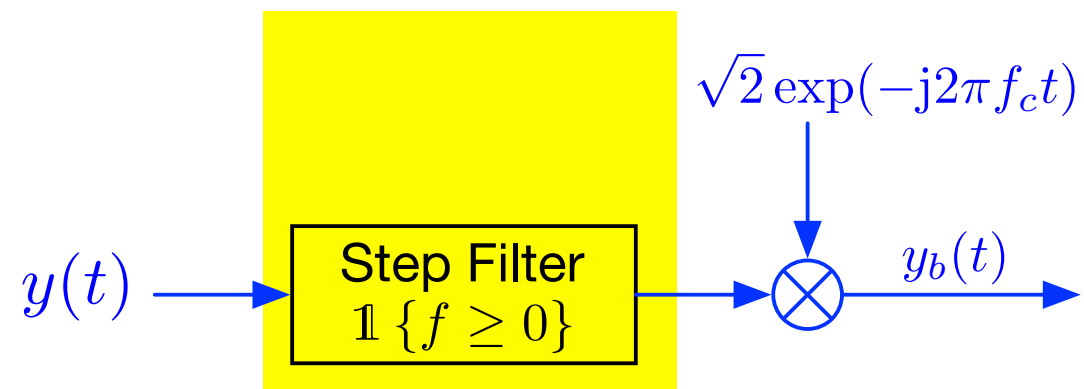
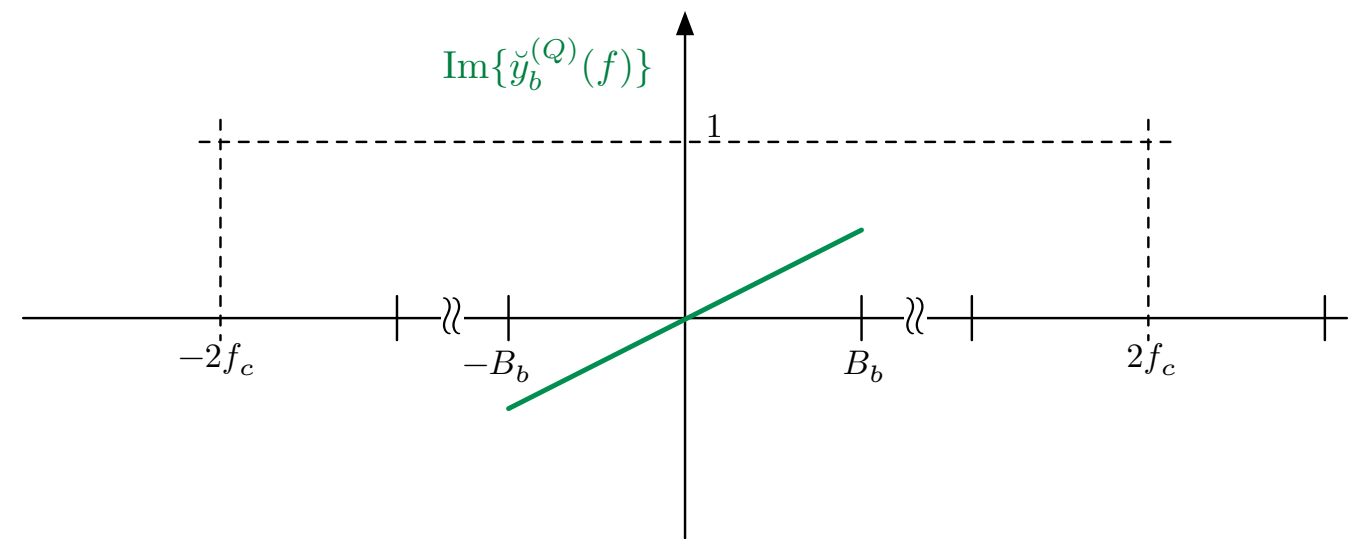
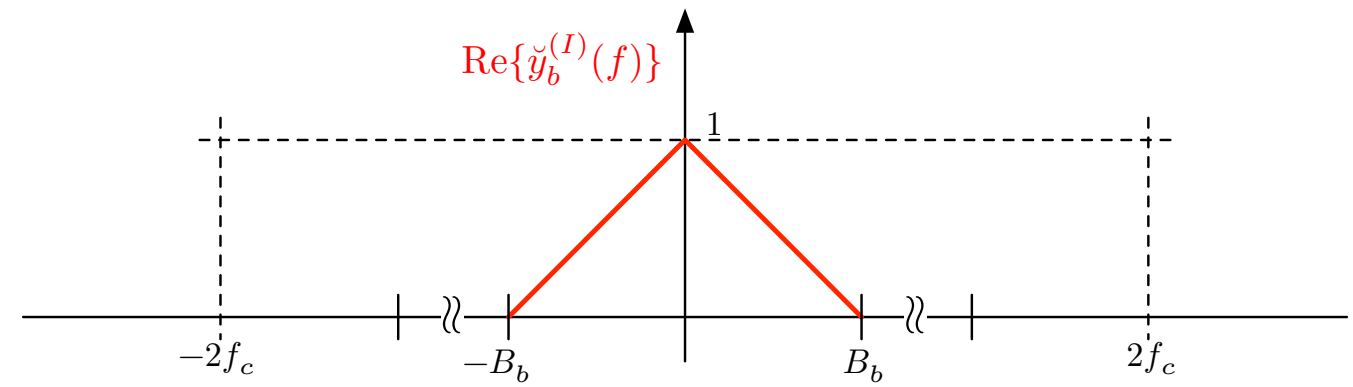
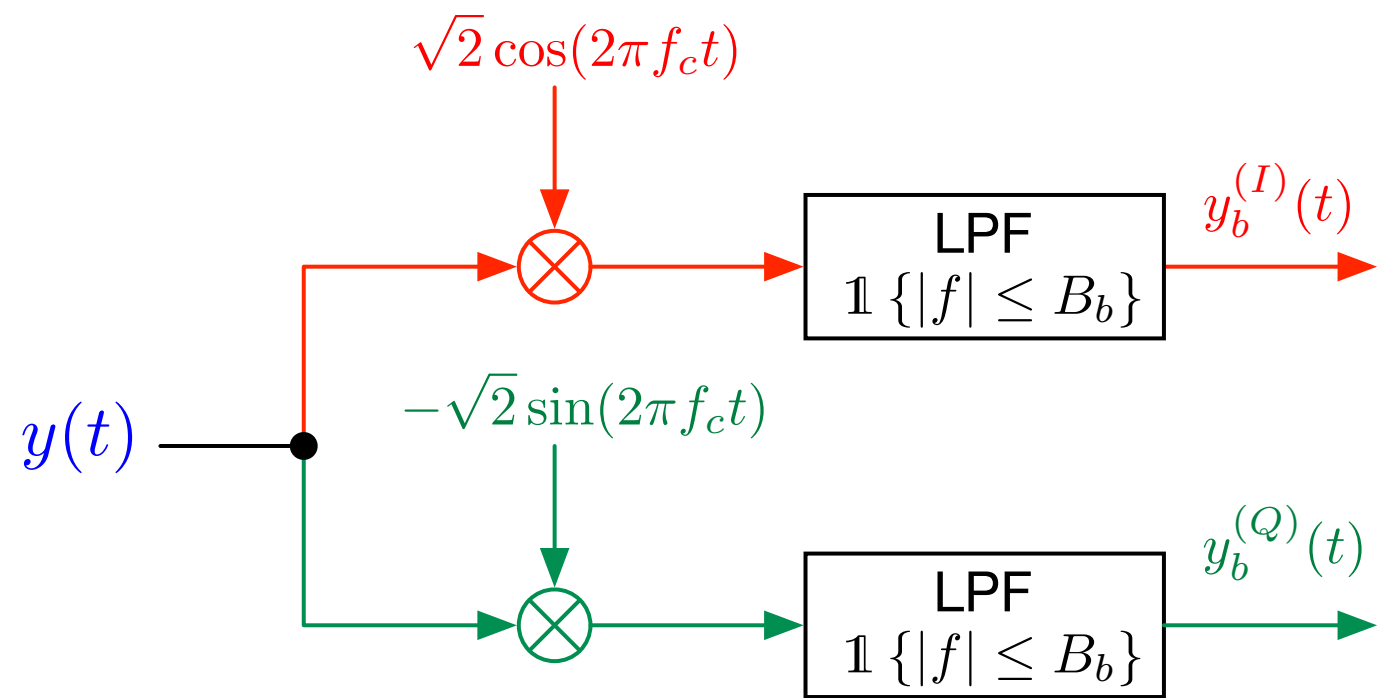
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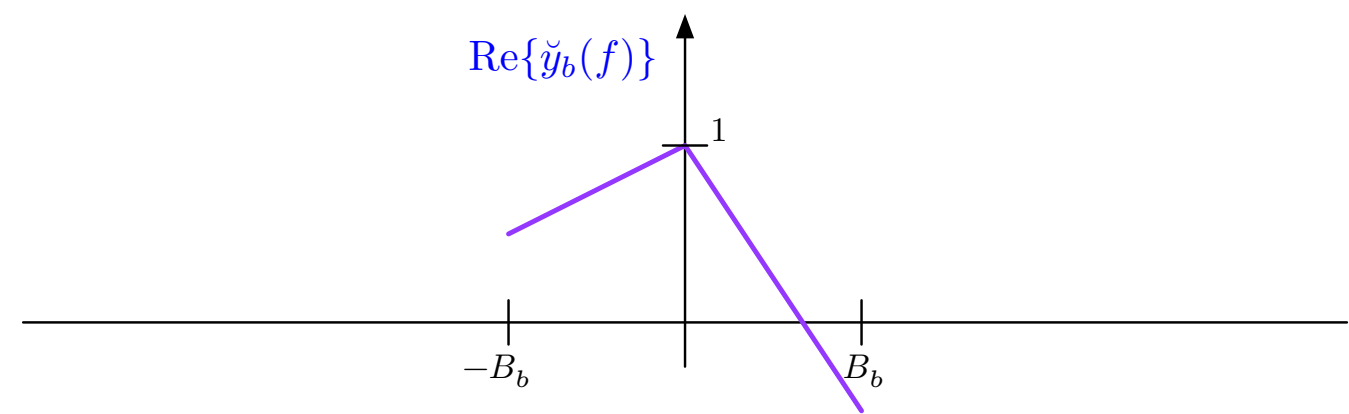
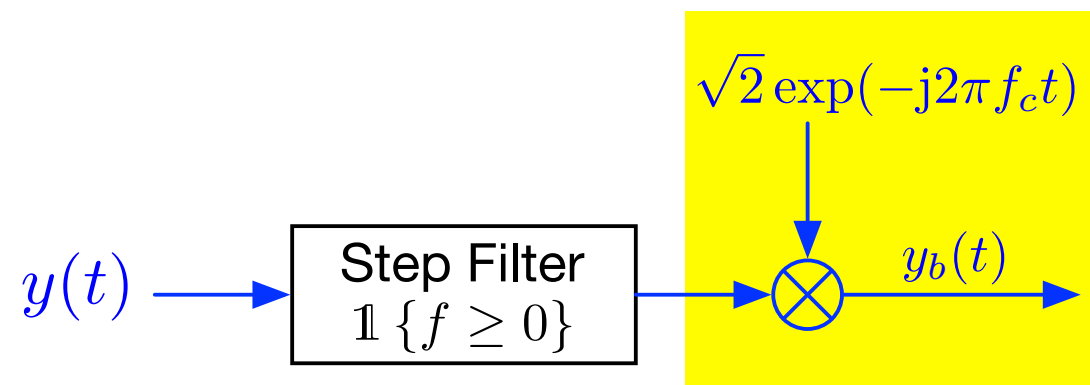
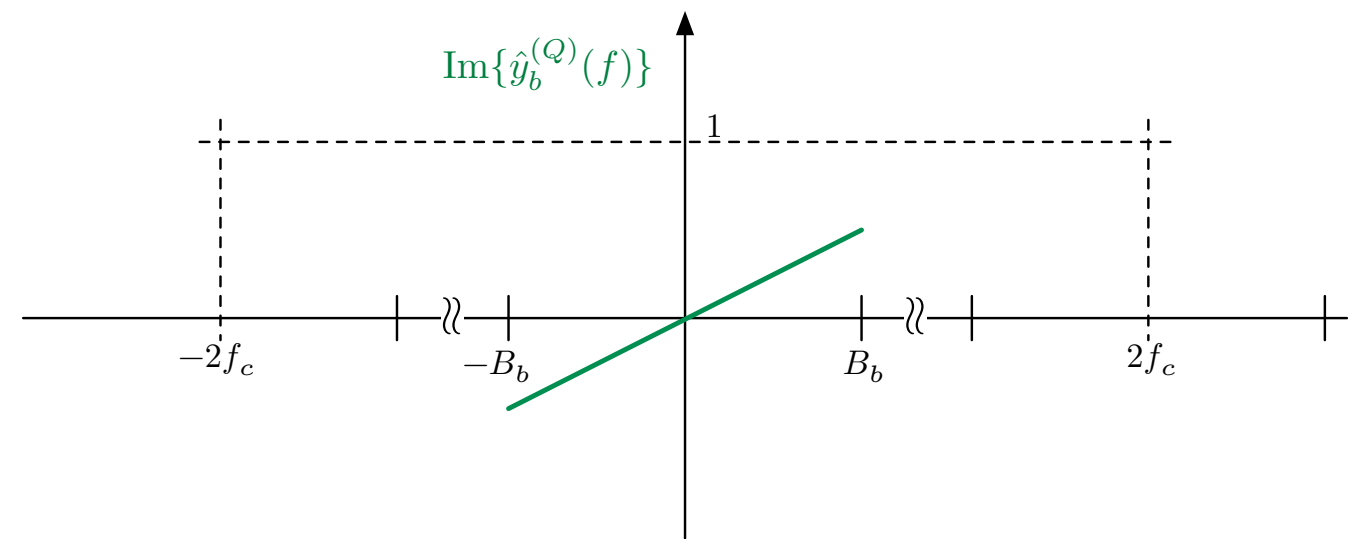
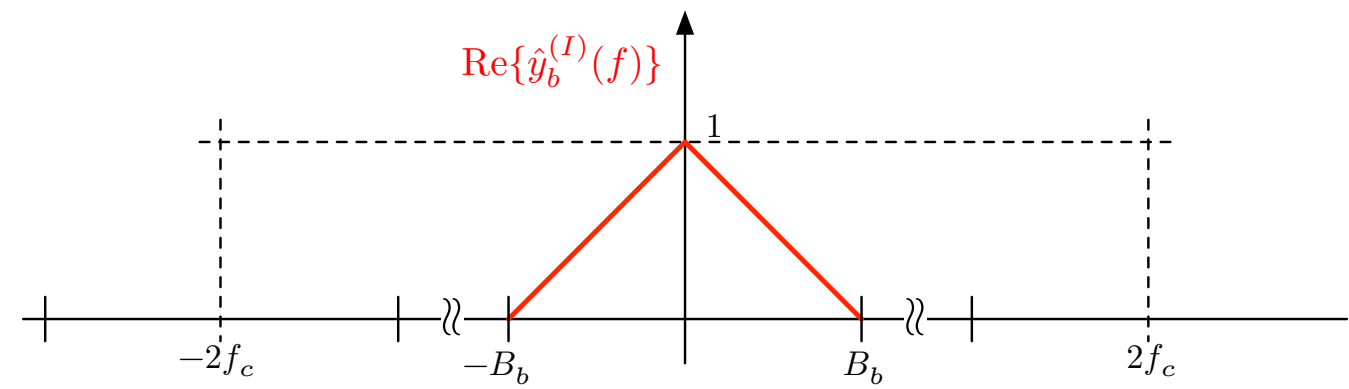
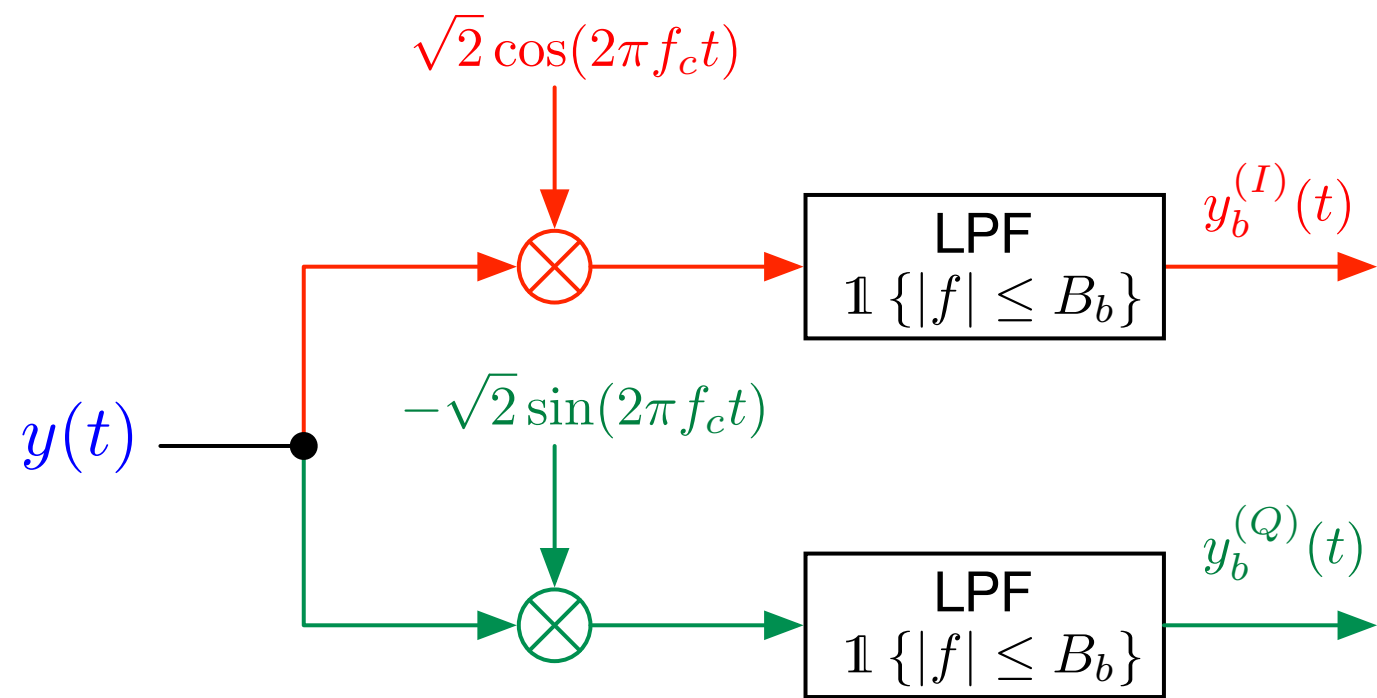


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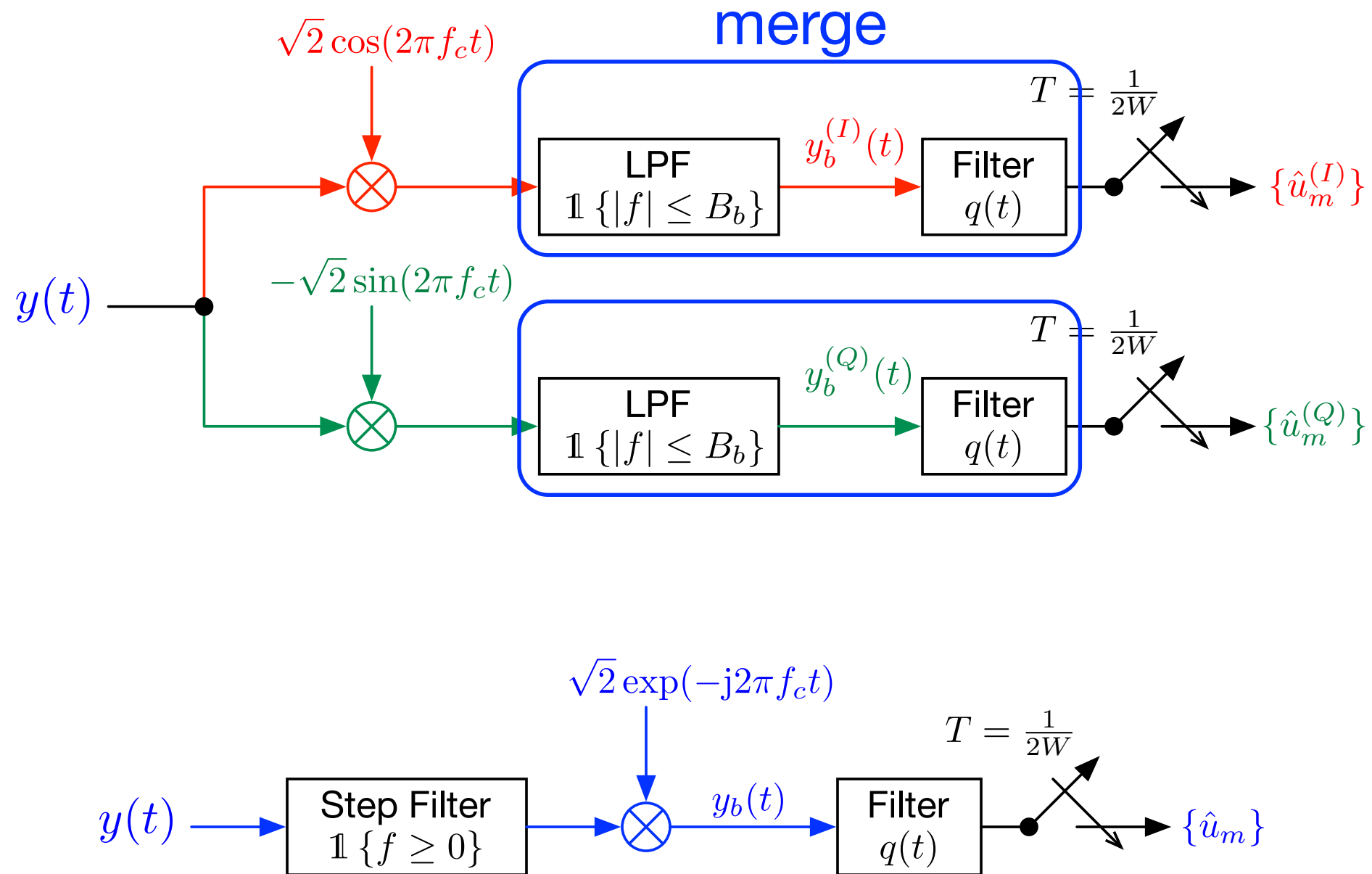




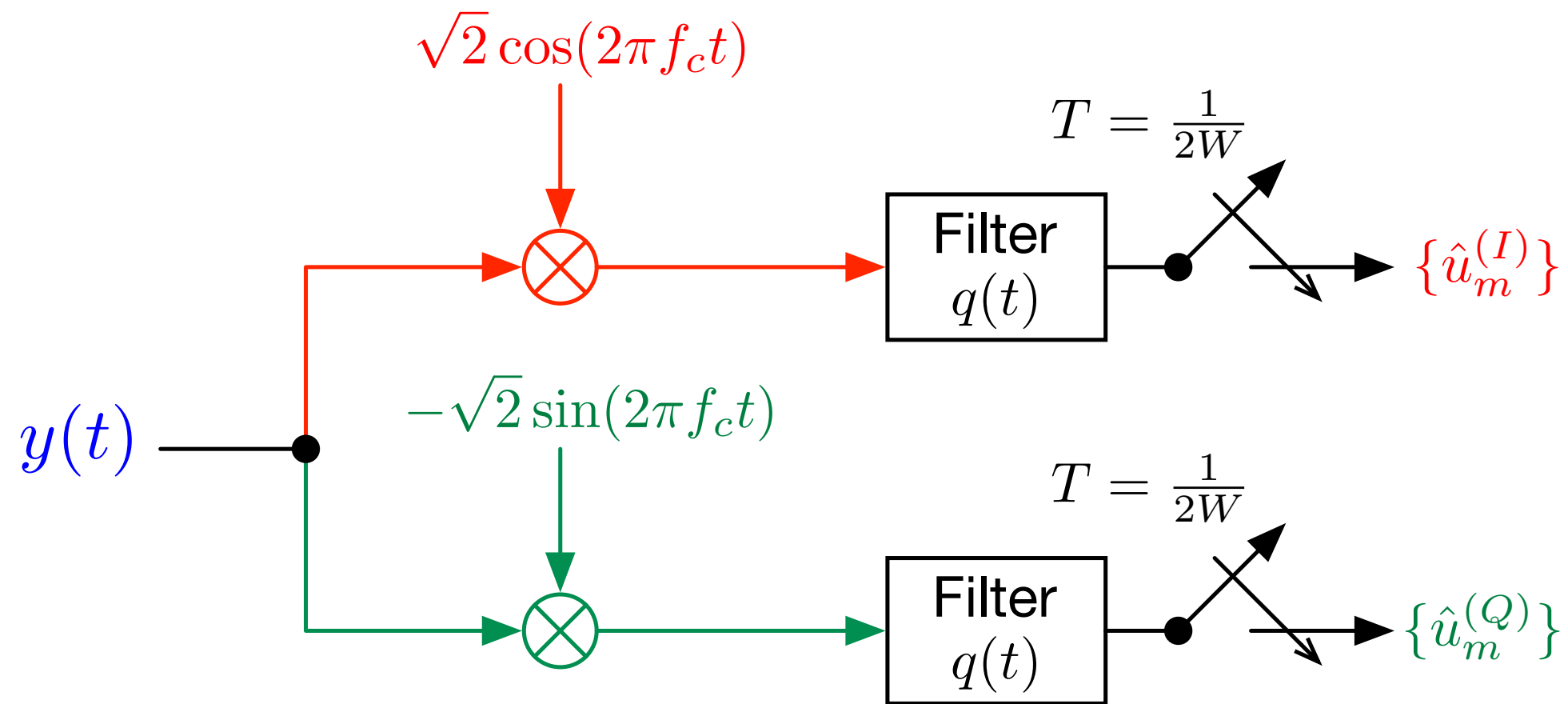




QAM demodulation



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Passband expansion

- In summary, under QAM, the transmitted waveform is

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= x_b^{(I)}(t)\sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi f_c t) - x_b^{(Q)}(t)\sqrt{2}\sin(2\pi f_c t) \\ &= \sum_m u_m^{(I)} \underbrace{p(t - mT)\sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi f_c t)}_{\psi_m^{(I)}(t)} - \sum_k u_k^{(Q)} \underbrace{p(t - kT)\sqrt{2}\sin(2\pi f_c t)}_{\psi_m^{(Q)}(t)}.\end{aligned}$$

- Identify

$$\begin{aligned}p(t - mT) &\longleftrightarrow \phi_m(t) \\ p(t - mT)\sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi f_c t) &\longleftrightarrow \psi_m^{(I)}(t) \\ -p(t - mT)\sqrt{2}\sin(2\pi f_c t) &\longleftrightarrow \psi_m^{(Q)}(t)\end{aligned}$$

- Rewrite

$$x(t) = \sum_m u_m^{(I)} \psi_m^{(I)}(t) + u_m^{(Q)} \psi_m^{(Q)}(t). \quad \leftarrow \text{is this an orthonormal expansion?}$$

Passband expansion

Theorem

Consider an orthonormal set of waveforms $\{\phi_m(t) : m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Assume the Fourier transform exists for each $\phi_m(t)$ and is band-limited, that is,

$$\check{\phi}_m(f) = 0, \quad \forall |f| > B_b.$$

Then for a center frequency $f_c > B_b$, $\{\psi_m^{(I)}(t), \psi_m^{(Q)}(t) \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ also form an orthonormal set, where

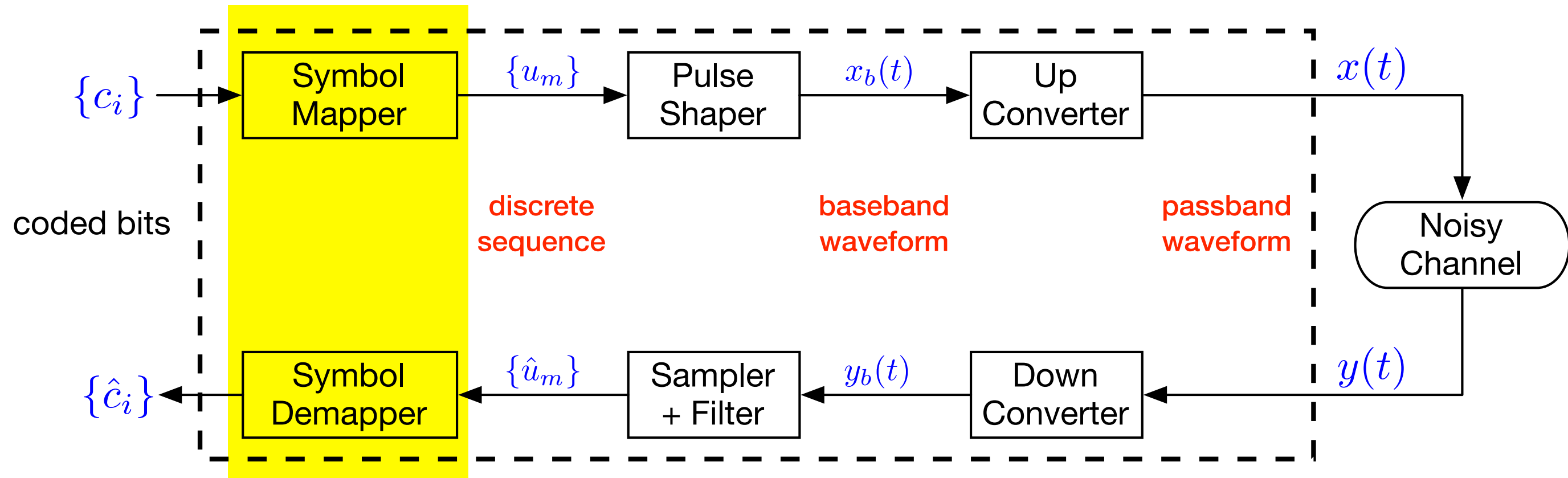
$$\psi_m^{(I)}(t) \triangleq \phi_m(t)\sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi f_c t), \quad \psi_m^{(Q)}(t) \triangleq -\phi_m(t)\sqrt{2} \sin(2\pi f_c t).$$

In words, a baseband orthonormal basis remains orthonormal after up conversion

Part IV. Constellation Set and Symbol Mapping

Standard PAM, QAM, and PSK constellations
Gray mapping

Symbol mapping



- To be designed: the constellation set and how to map bits to symbols
- A standard way:
group ℓ bits and map them to a symbol in a constellation set \mathcal{A}

$$(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_\ell) \mapsto u \in \mathcal{A} \triangleq \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_M\}$$

Coded bit sequence

0010001111001010000100001110

Grouping

0010 0011 1100 1010 0001 0000 1110 $\ell = 4$

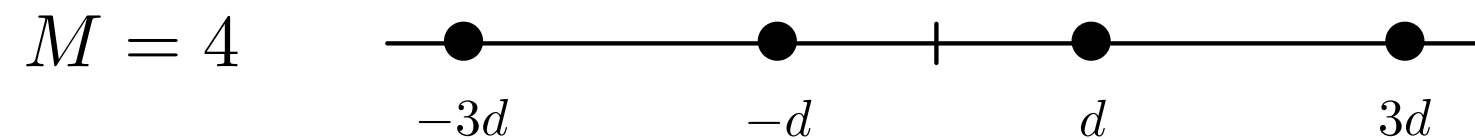
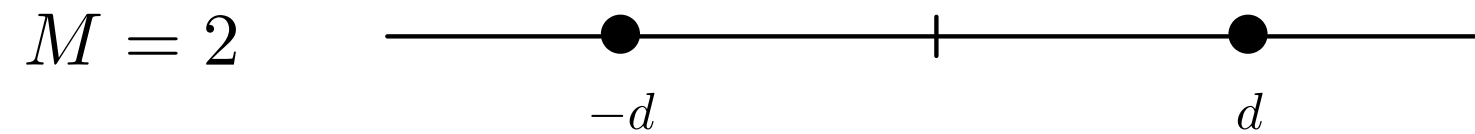
Mapping

← depends on
1) Constellation set
2) Mapping from bits to symbols

Symbol sequence

u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 u_5 u_6 u_7

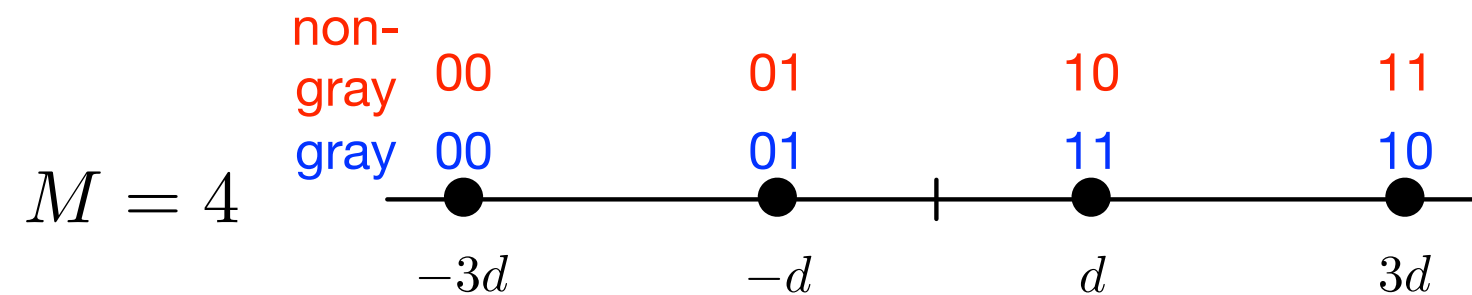
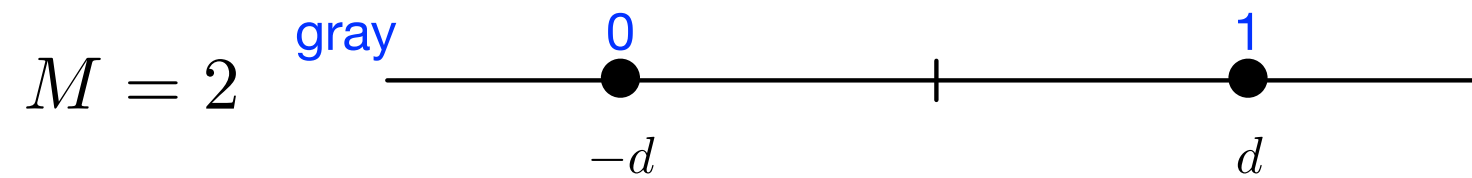
Standard PAM constellation sets



$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{PAM}, 2^\ell} \triangleq \{ \pm d, \pm 3d, \dots, \pm (2^\ell - 1)d \} \quad \text{typically } M = 2^\ell$$

$$d_{\min} = 2d$$

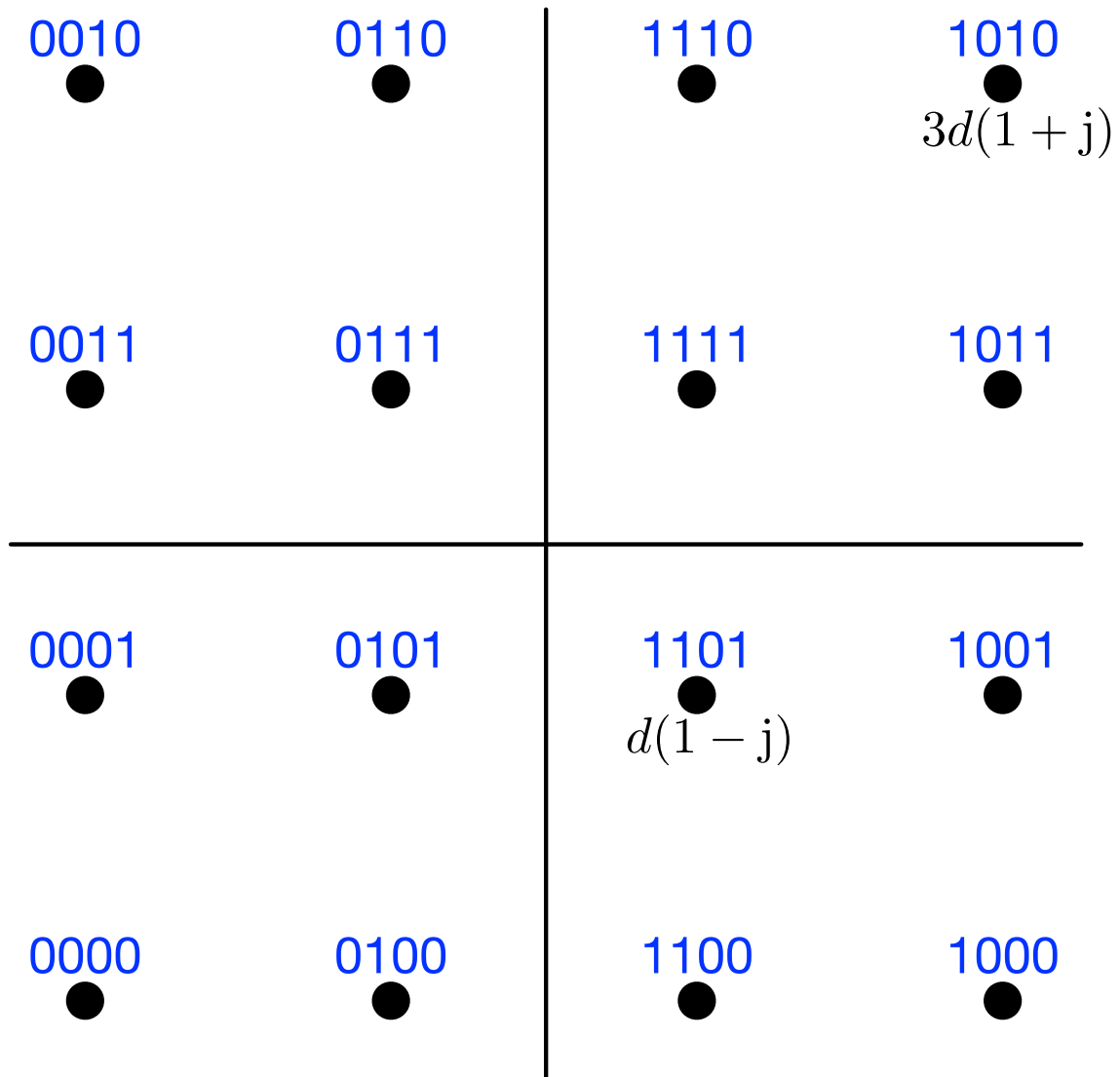
Gray mapping



- Gray mapping assigns all possible combinations of ordered ℓ bits to constellation points in a way such that there is only one-bit difference between nearest neighboring points.

Standard QAM constellation sets

$M = 16$
 typically $M = 2^{2\ell}$
 $d_{\min} = 2d$



direct product of two 2^ℓ -ary standard PAM constellation sets

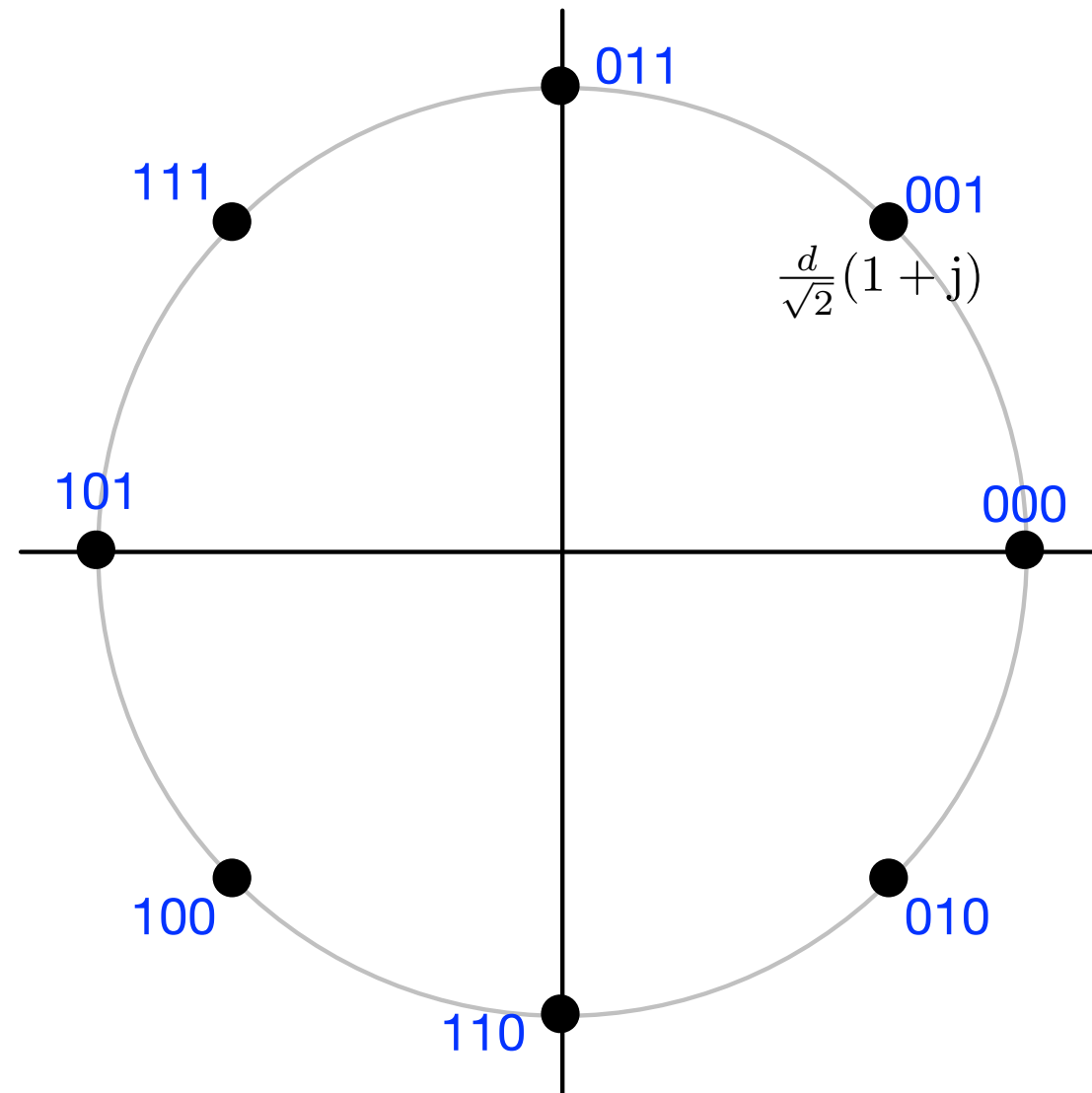
$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{QAM}, 2^{2\ell}} \triangleq \left\{ a^{(I)} + ja^{(Q)} \mid a^{(I)}, a^{(Q)} \in \mathcal{A}_{\text{PAM}, 2^\ell} \right\}.$$

Standard PSK constellation set

$$M = 8$$

typically $M = 2^\ell$

$$d_{\min} = 2d \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{M}\right)$$



encode the information
on the phase

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{PSK},M} \triangleq \left\{ d \exp\left(j \frac{2\pi}{M} k\right) \mid k = 0, 1, \dots, M - 1 \right\}.$$

Design principles of constellation sets

- Energy
 - ▶ Depends on minimum distance d_{\min} and the total number of points M
 - ▶ Increase with M under fixed d_{\min}
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- Reliability
 - ▶ Higher reliability if d_{\min} is larger
- Rate
 - ▶ Higher rate if M is larger