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- Thus, functions $\varphi_k(t) = e^{i k t}$ for $0 \leq k < n$ are orthonormal both under:
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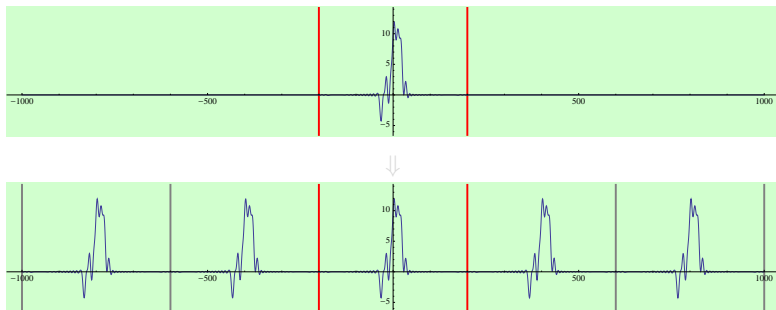
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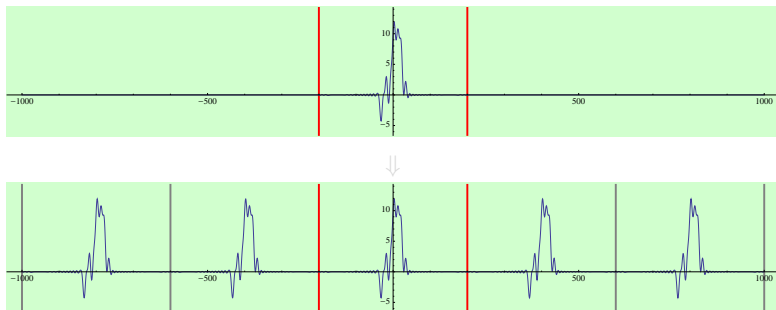
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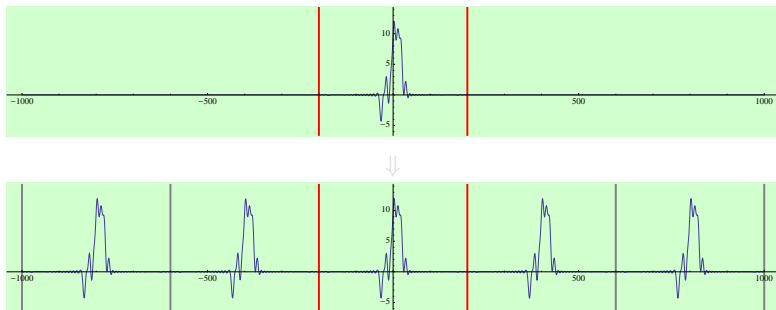
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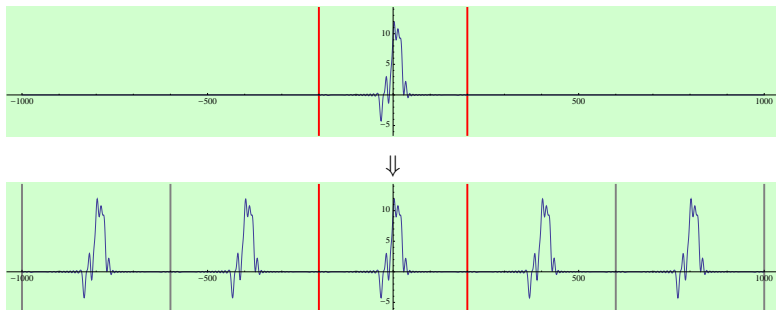
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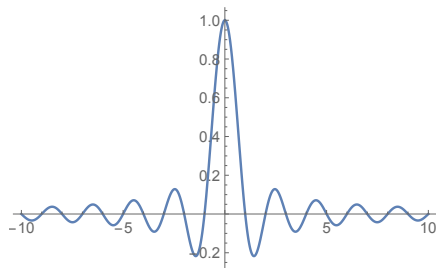
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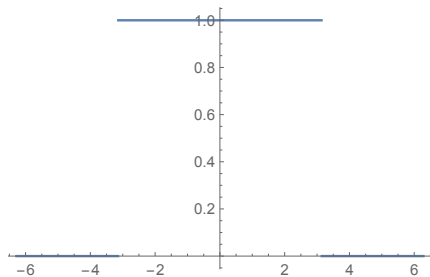
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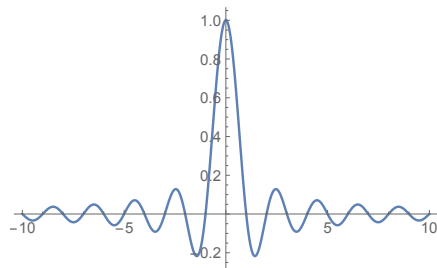
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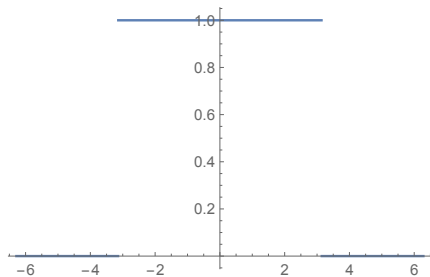
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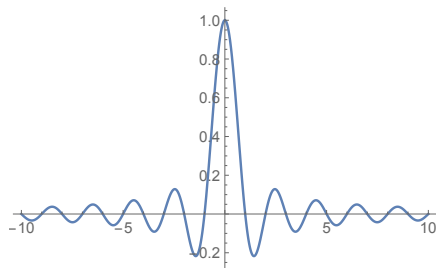
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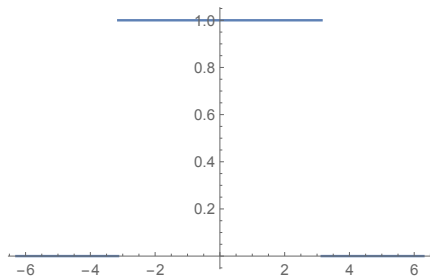
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Discretisation of band limited signals

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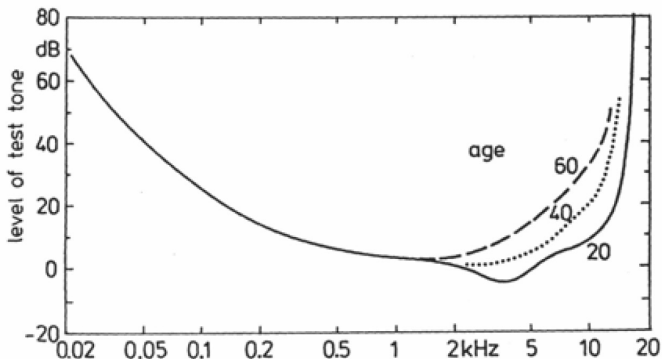
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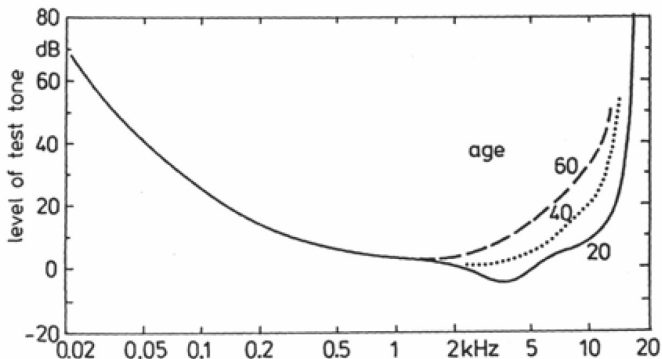
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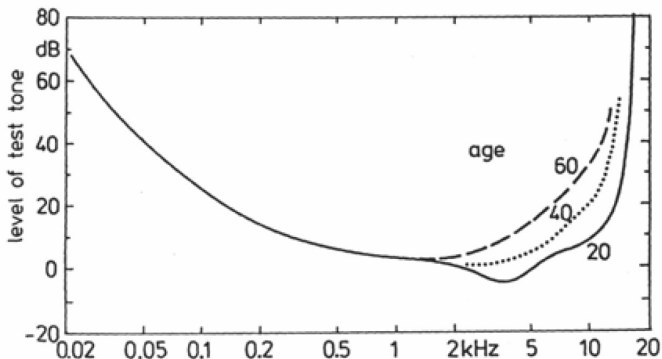
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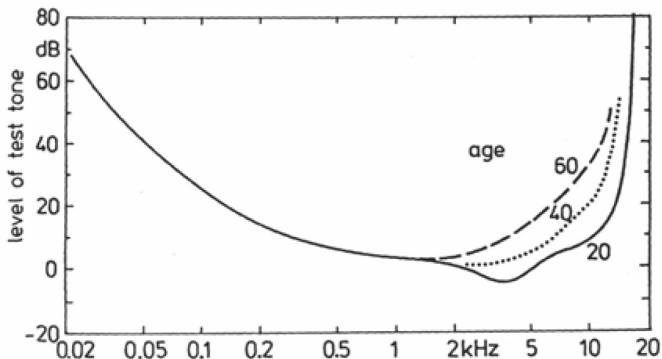
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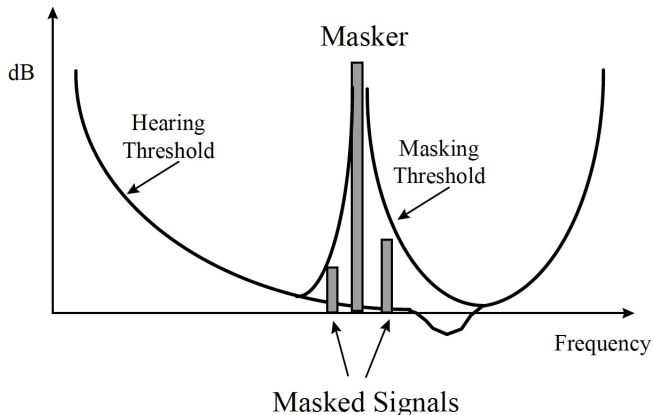
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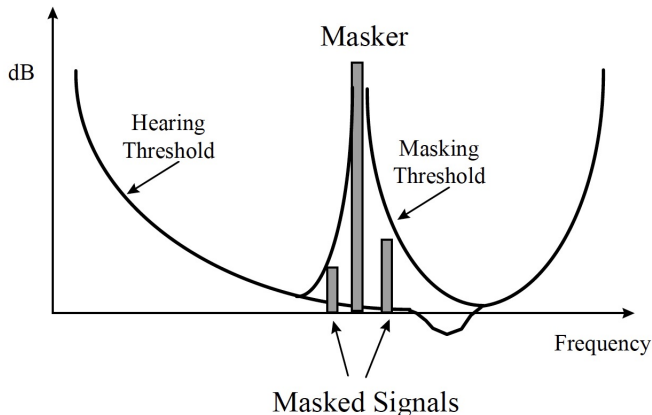
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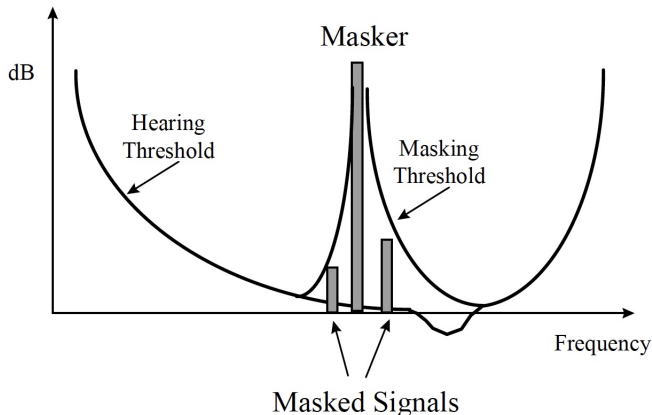
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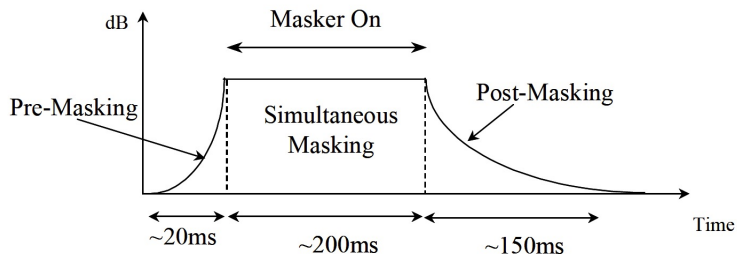


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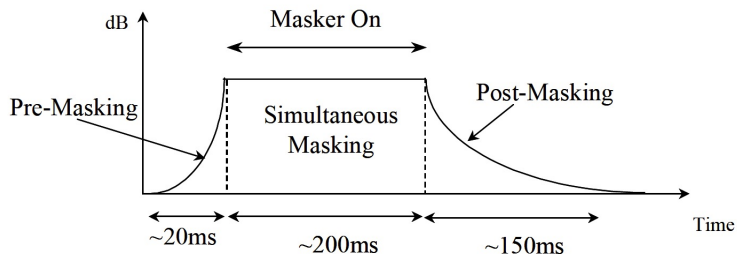
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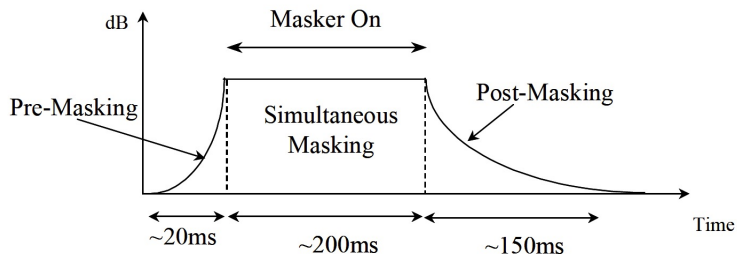
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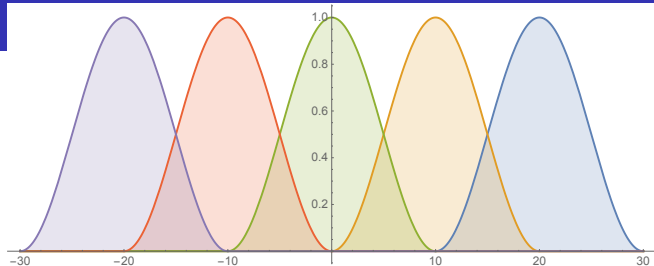


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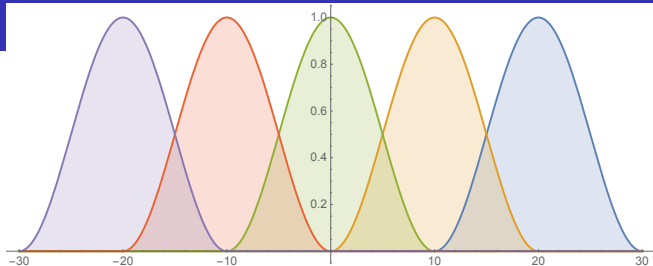
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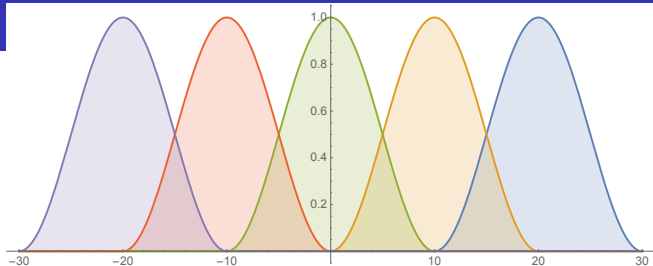
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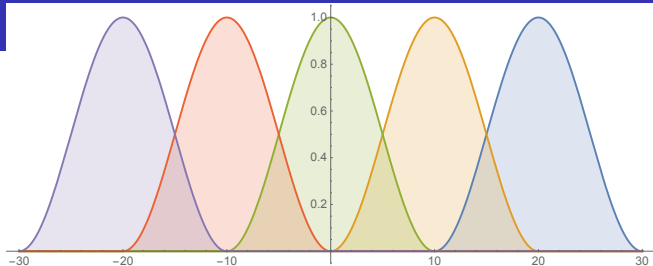
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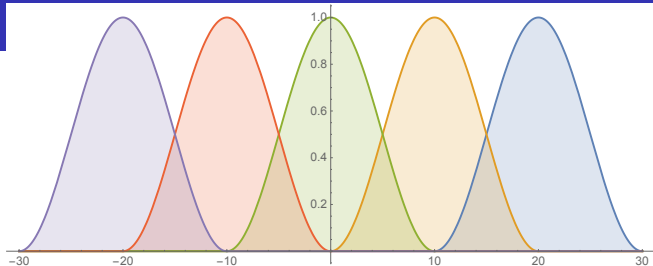
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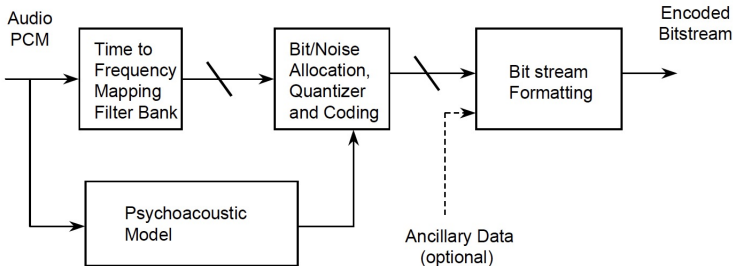
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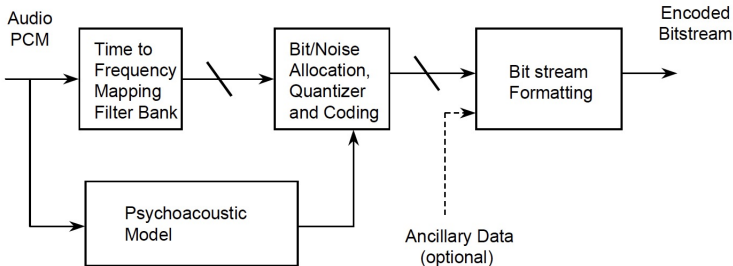
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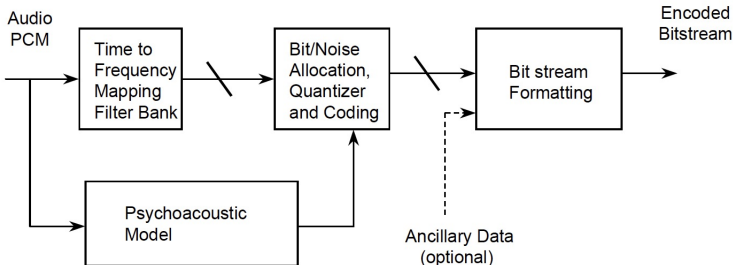
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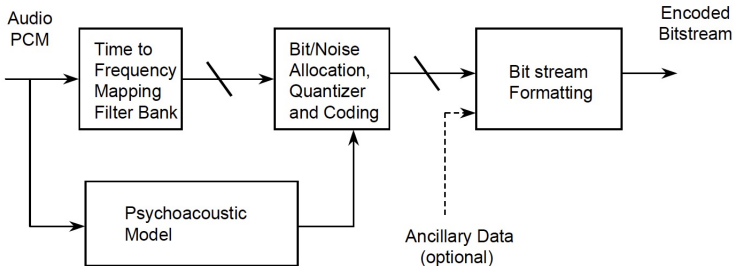
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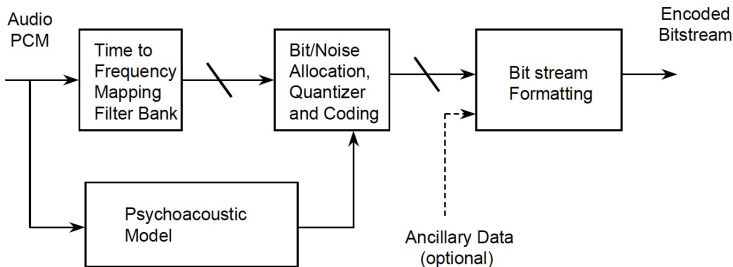
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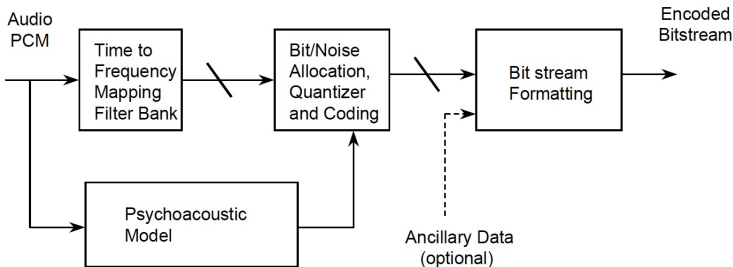
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