

# Sparse Fourier Transform (lecture 2)

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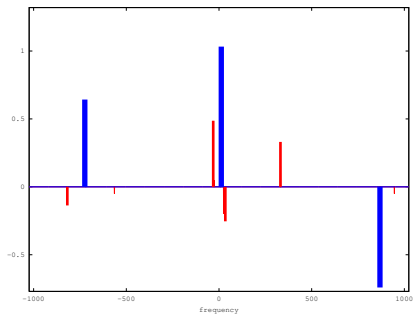
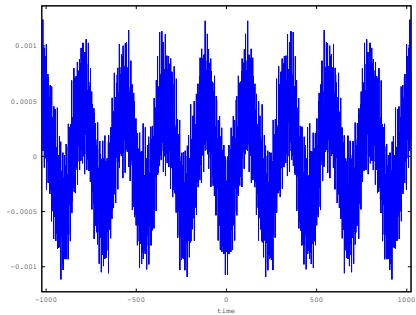
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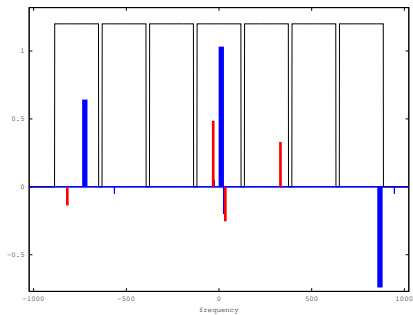
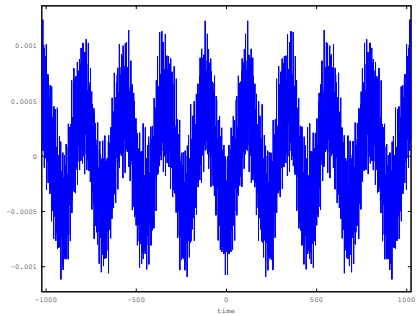
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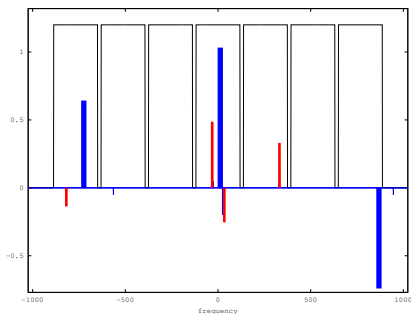
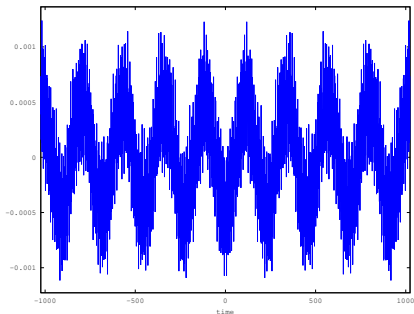
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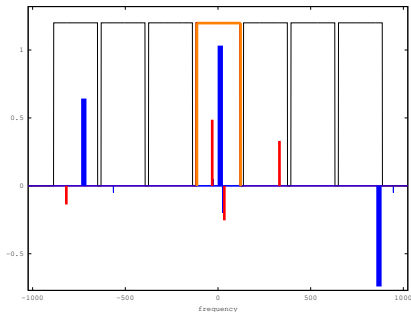
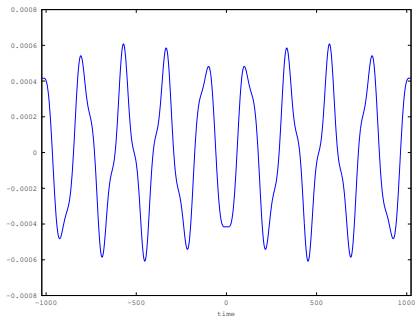
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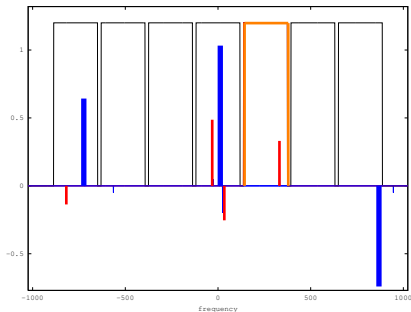
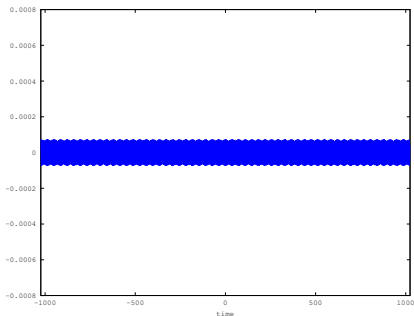


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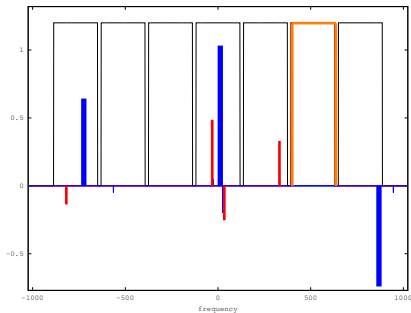
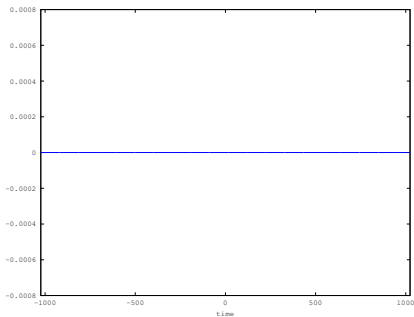


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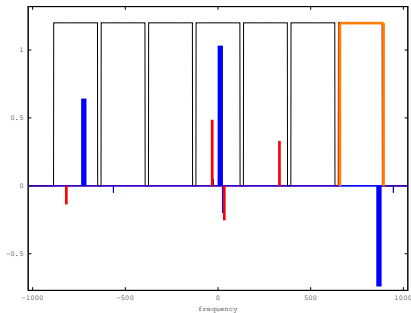
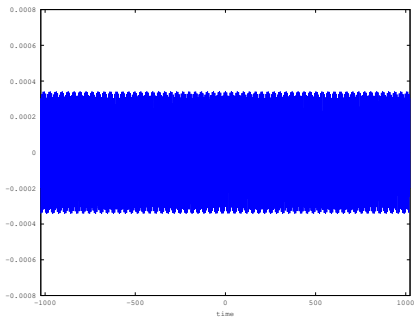


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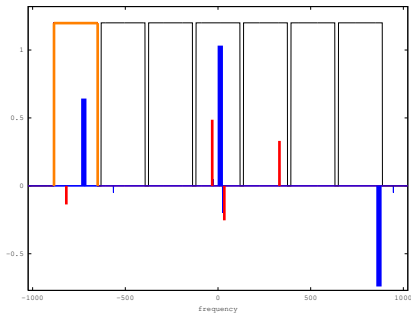
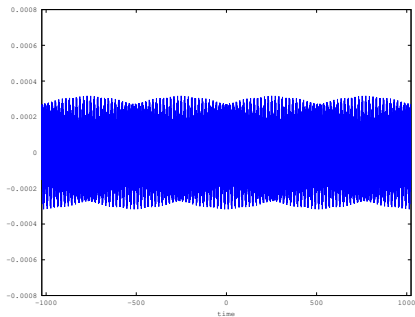


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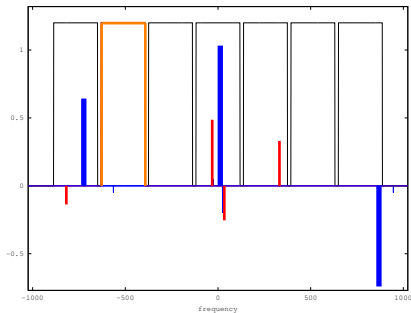
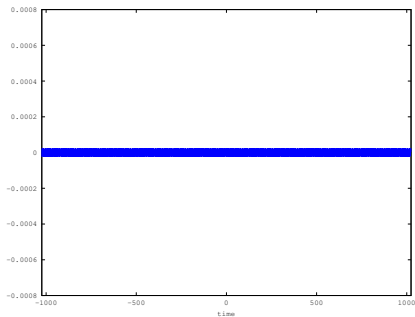


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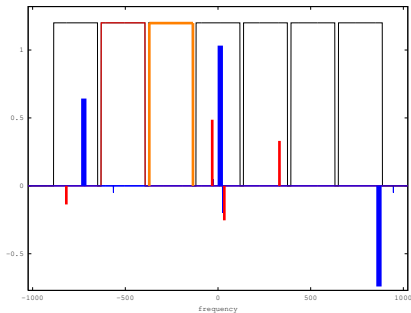
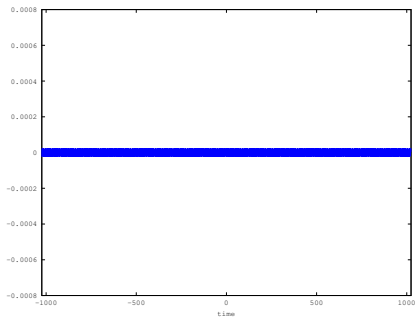


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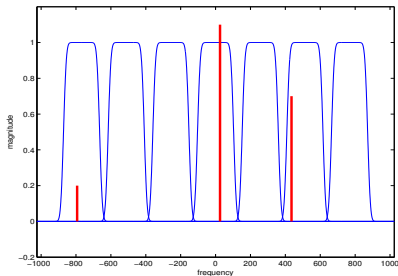
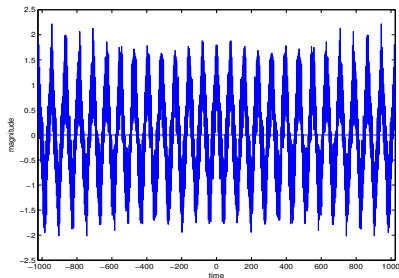
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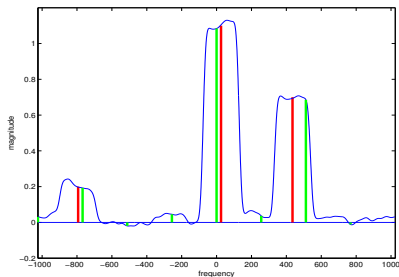
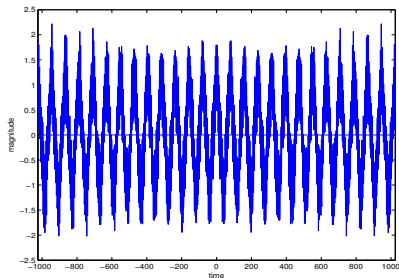
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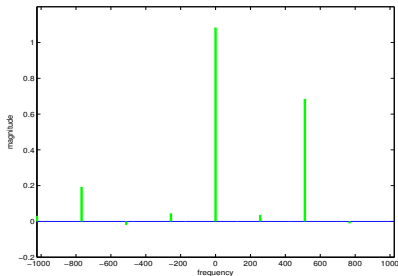
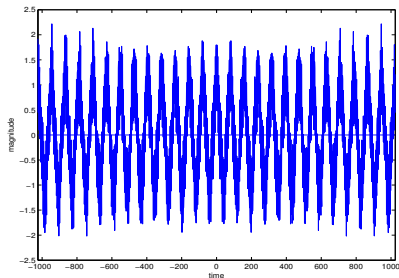
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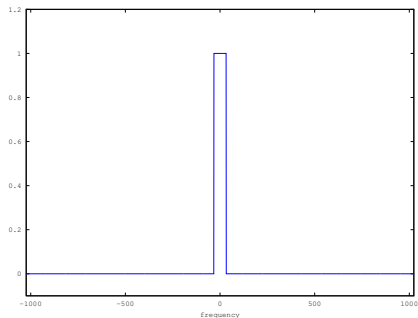
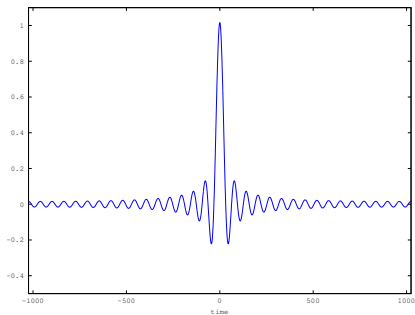
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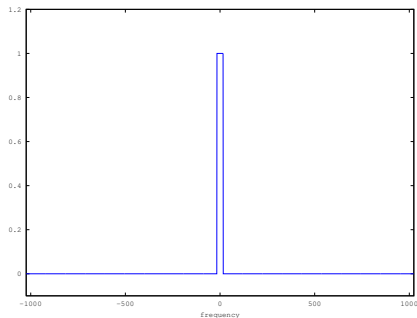
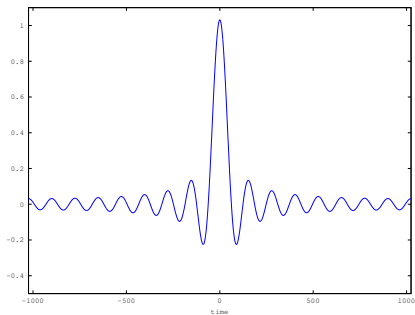
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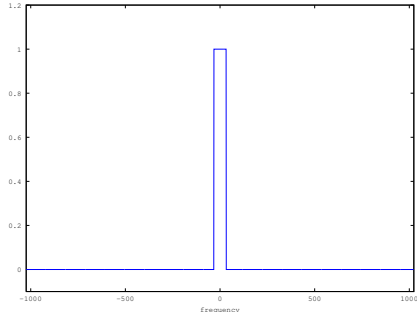
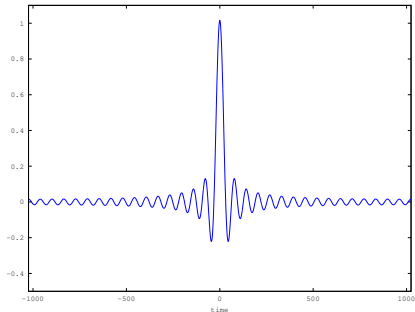
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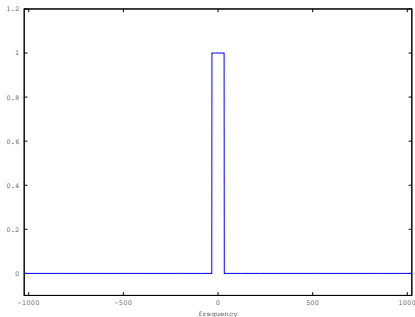
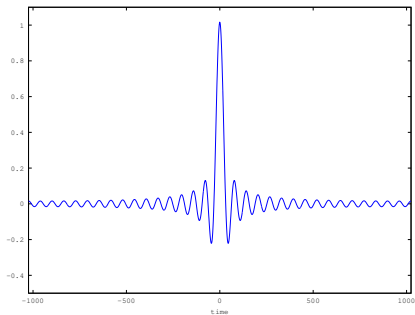
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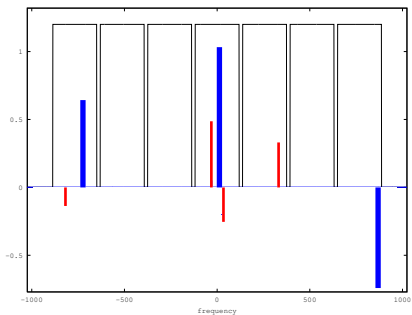




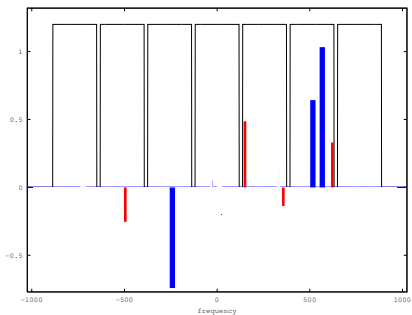
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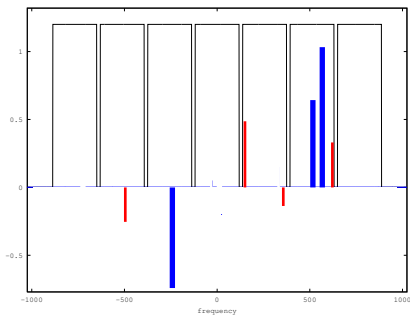
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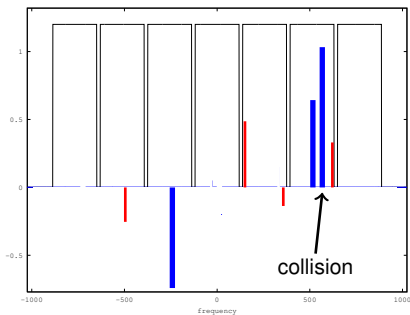


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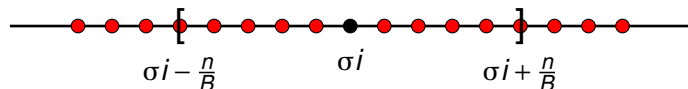
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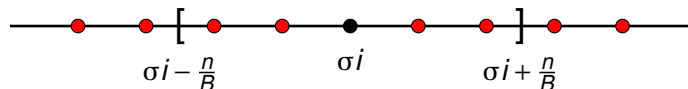
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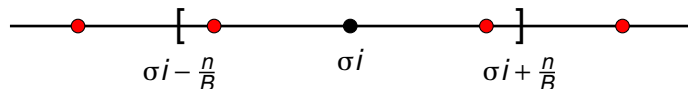
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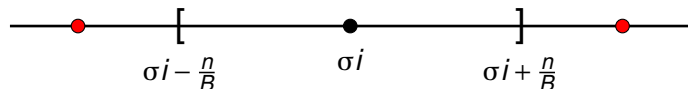
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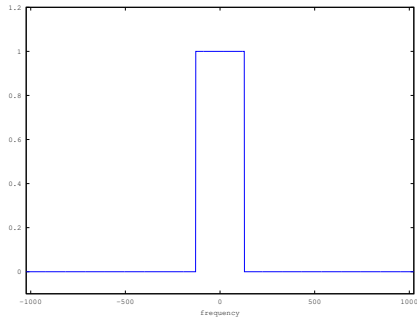
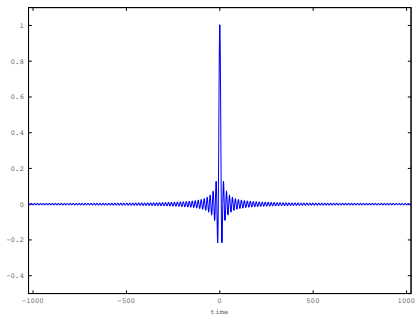
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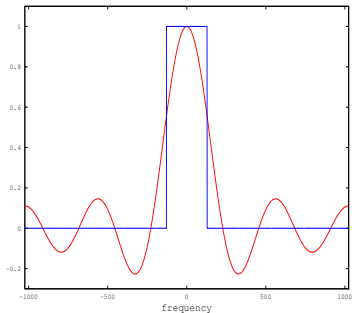
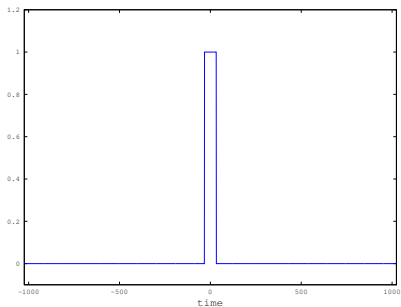


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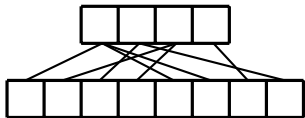
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Have  $\text{supp}(G) = B \approx k$ , but **buckets leak**







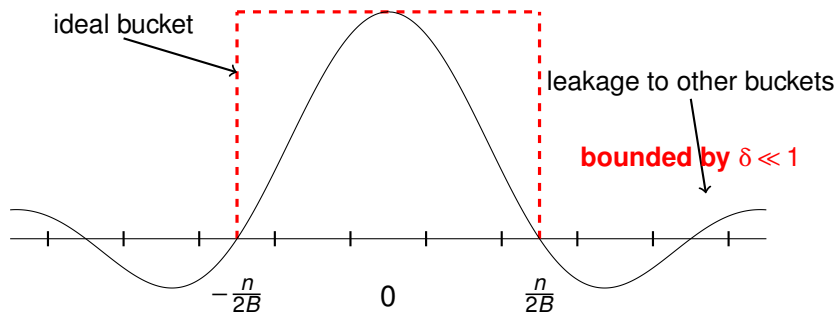
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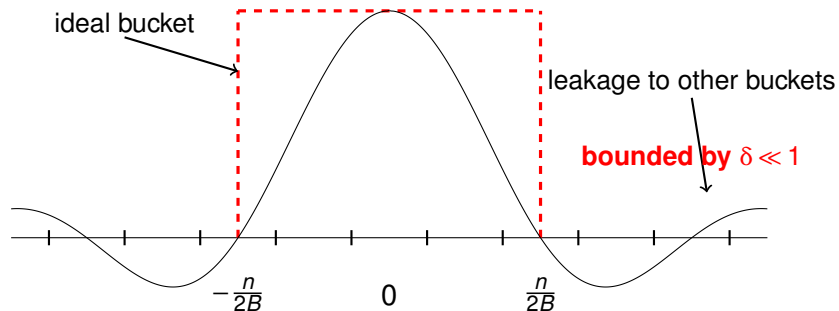
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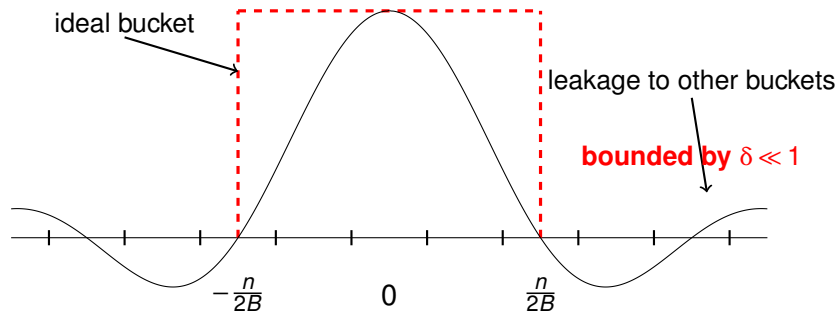
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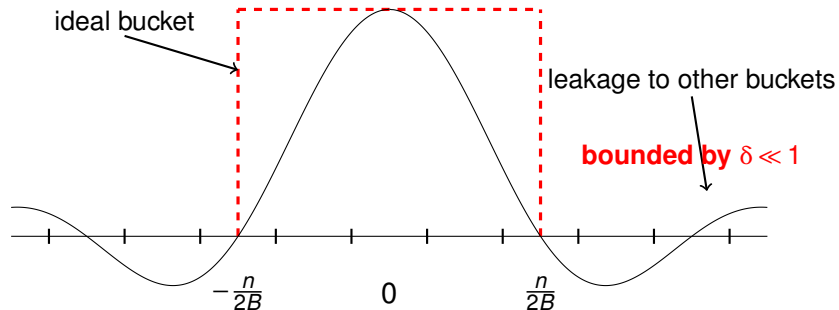
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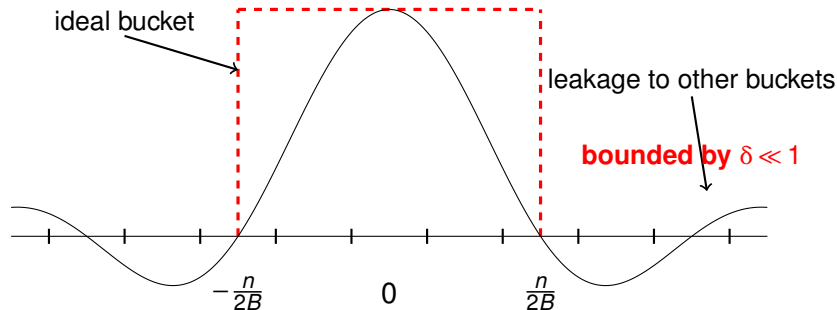
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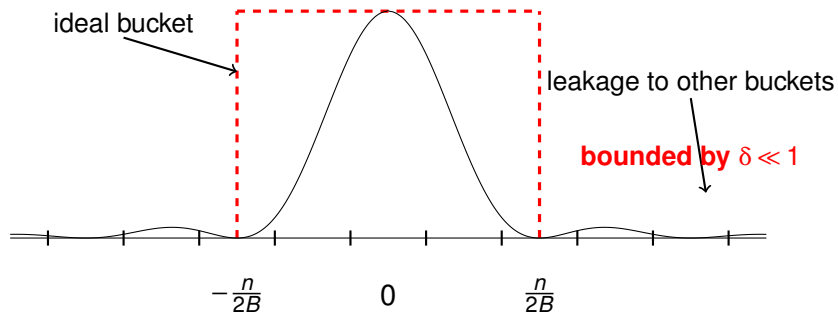
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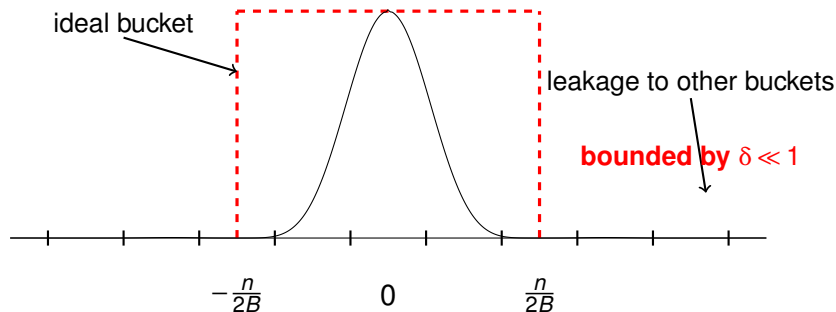
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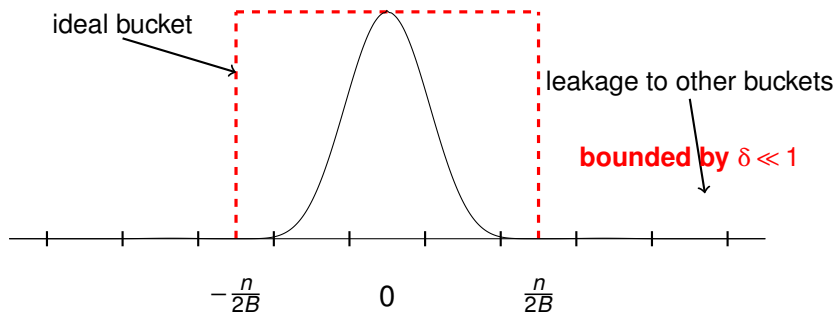


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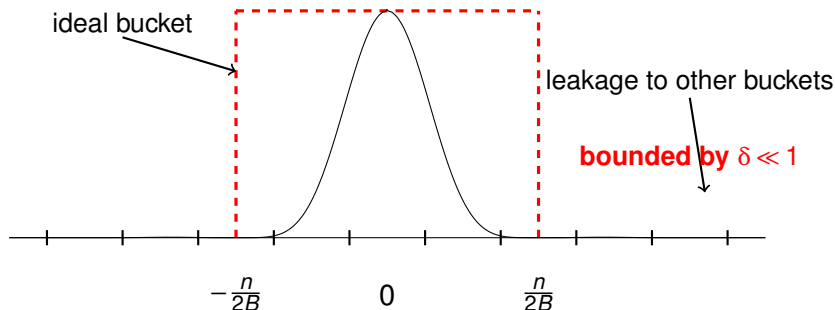


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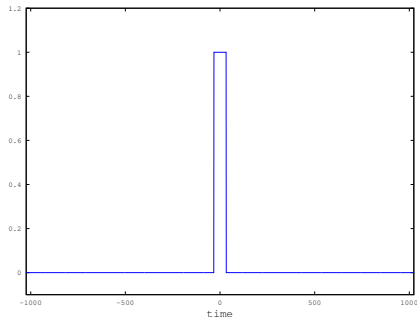
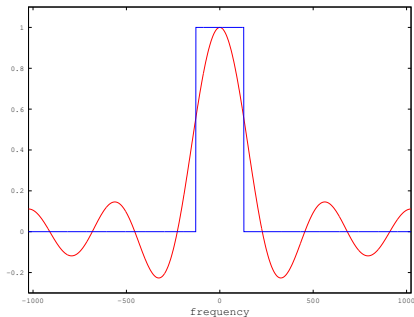
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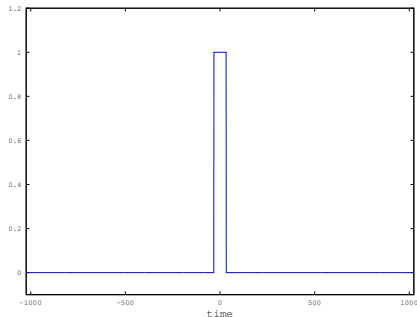
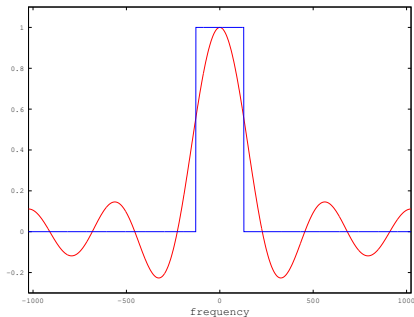
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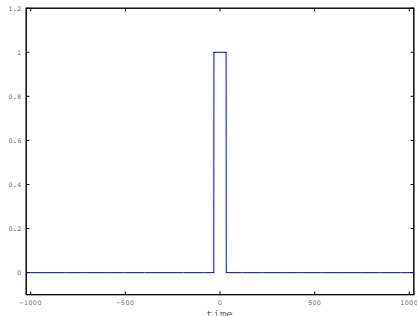
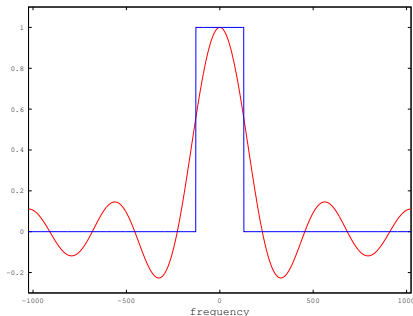


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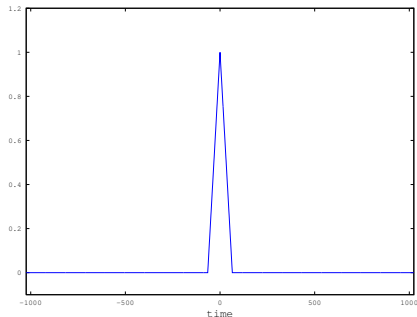
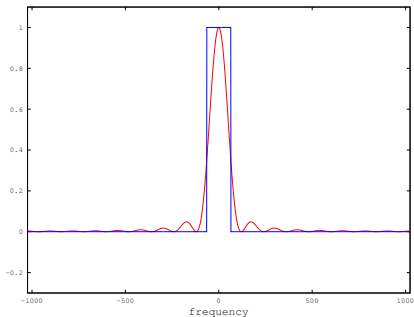
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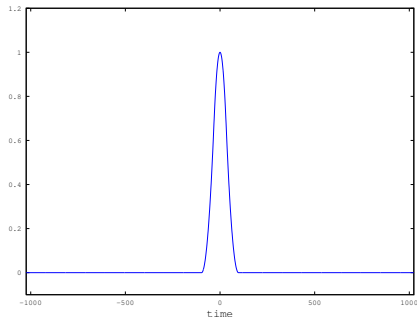
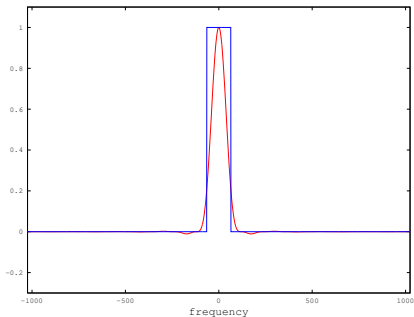
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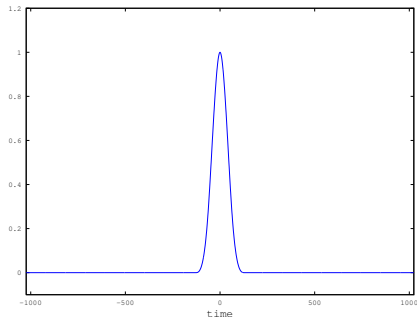
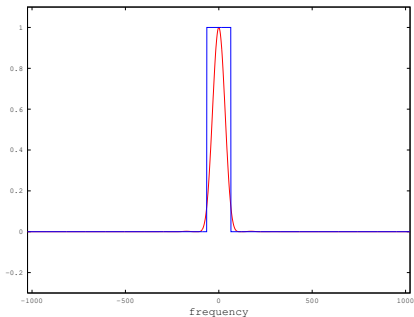
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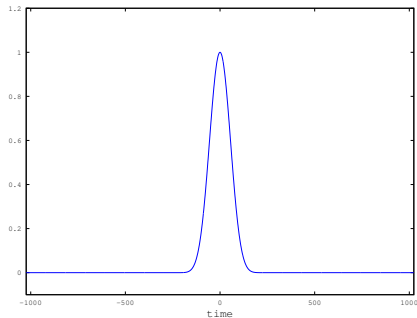
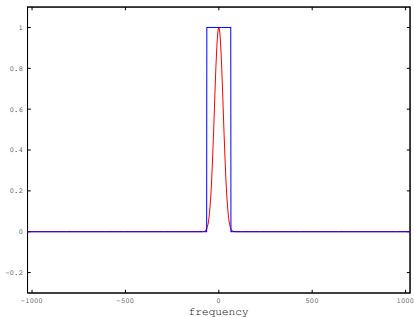
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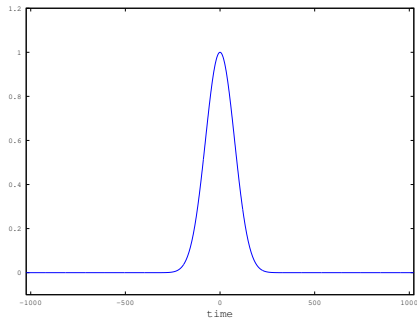
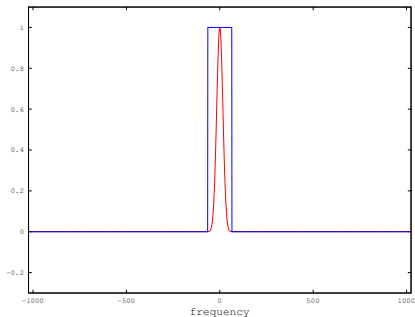
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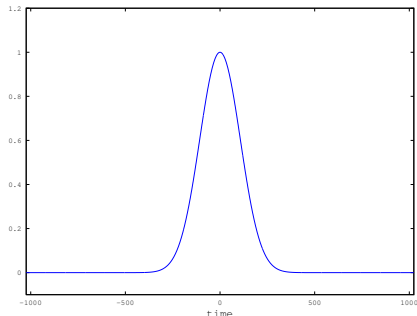
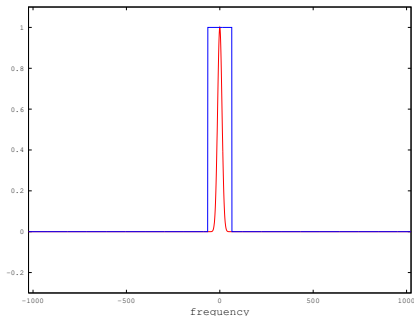
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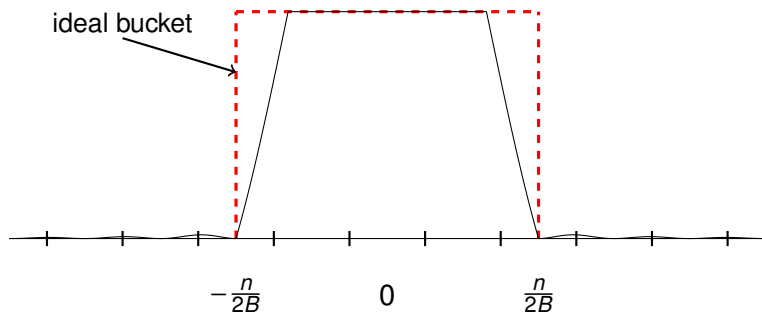
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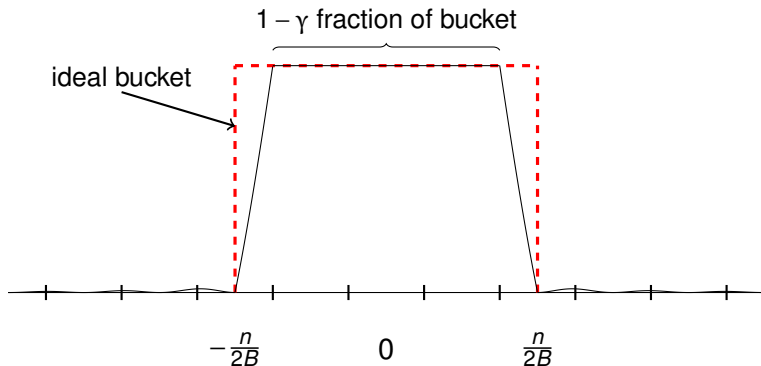


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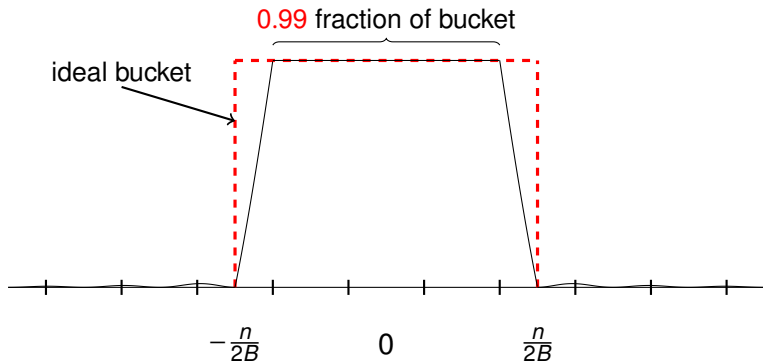


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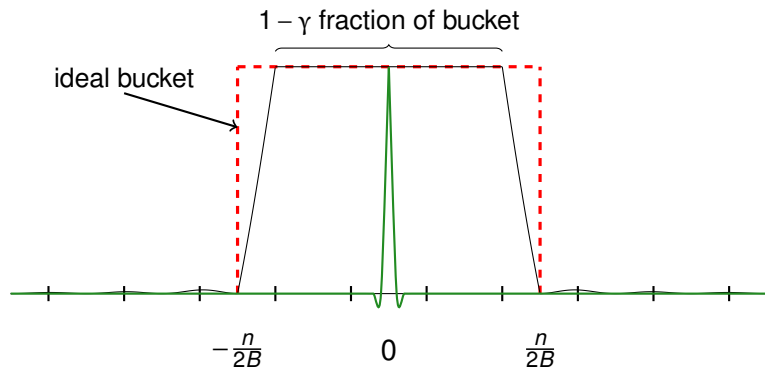
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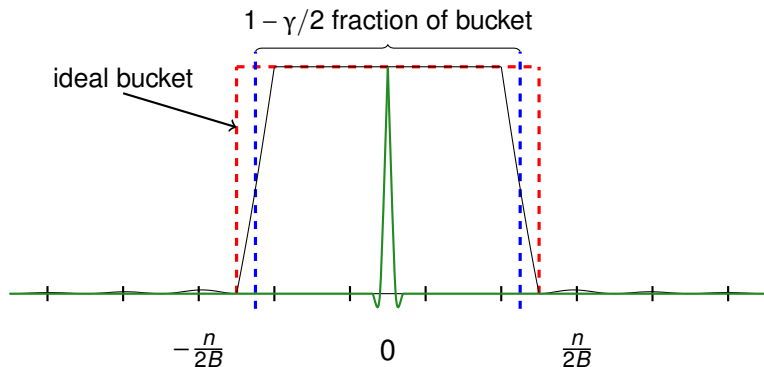
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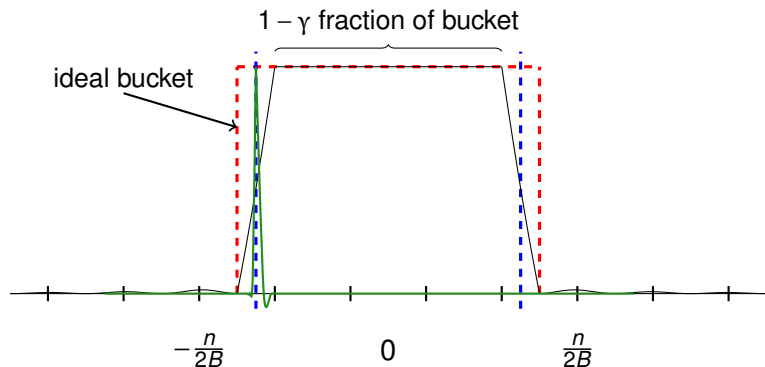
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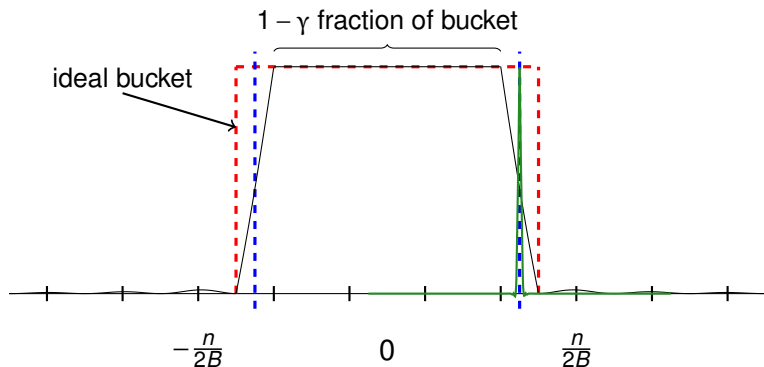
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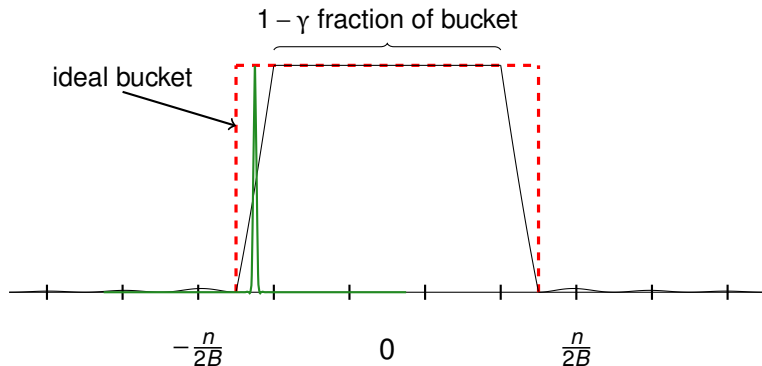
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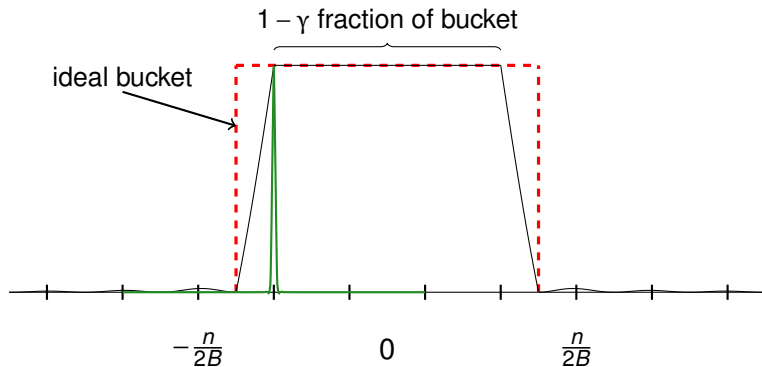
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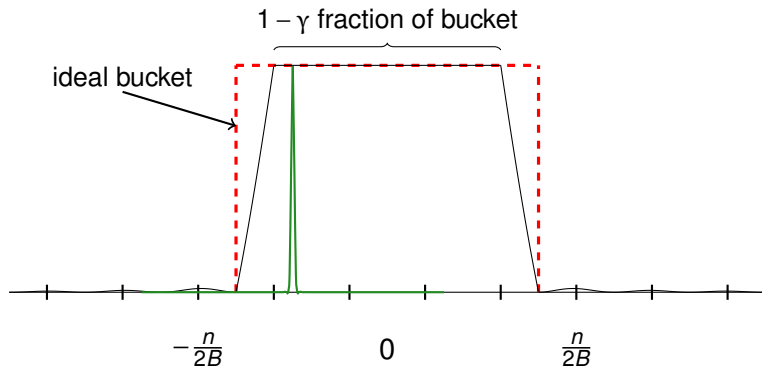
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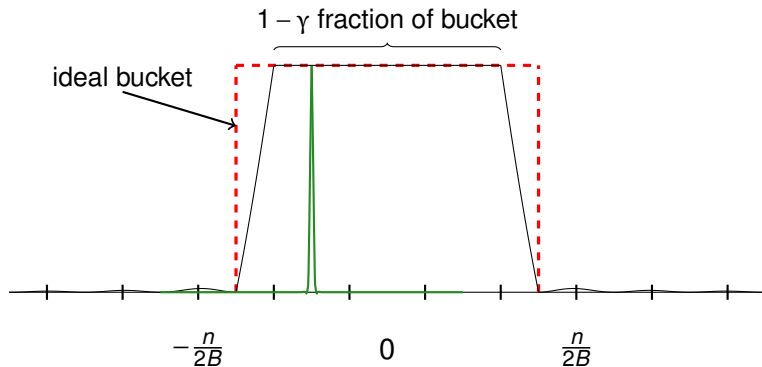
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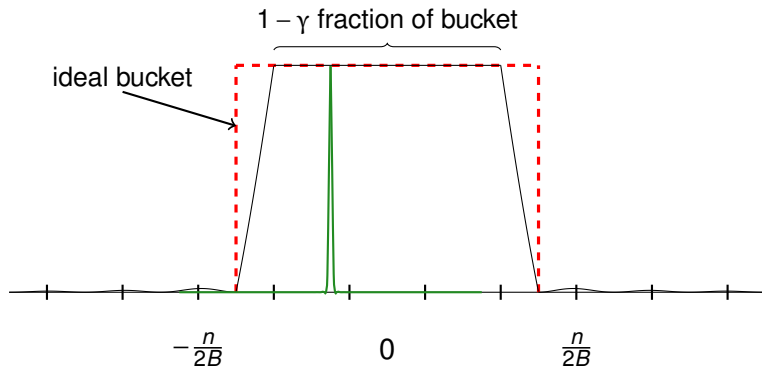
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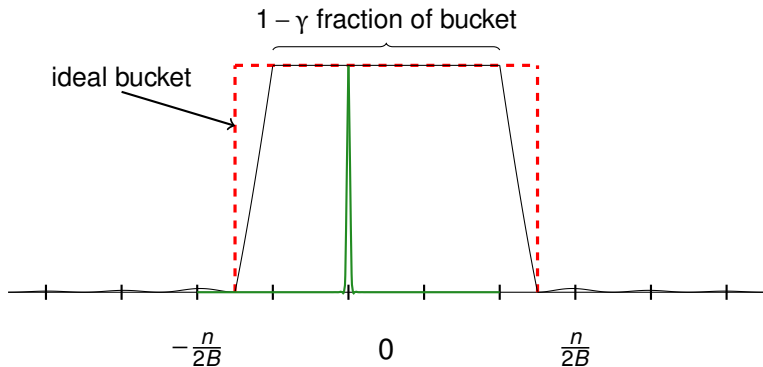
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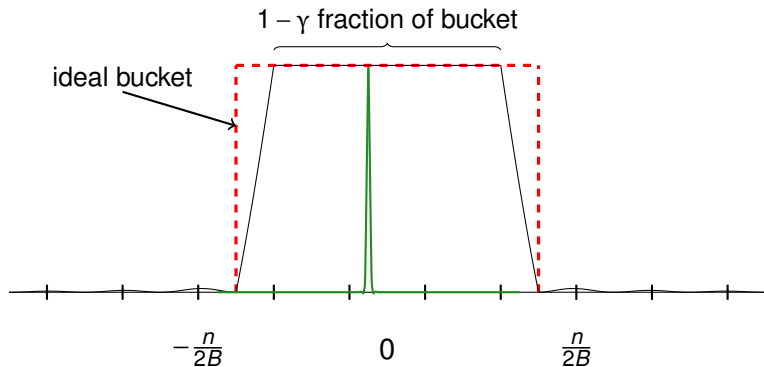
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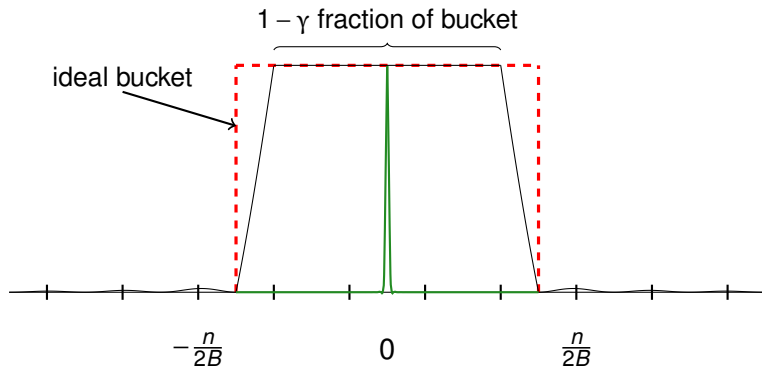
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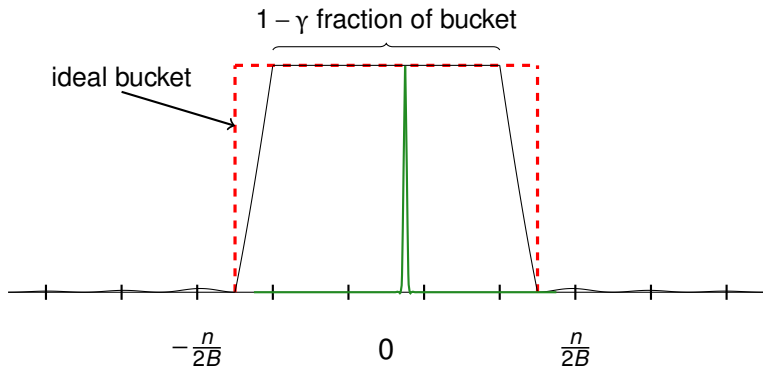
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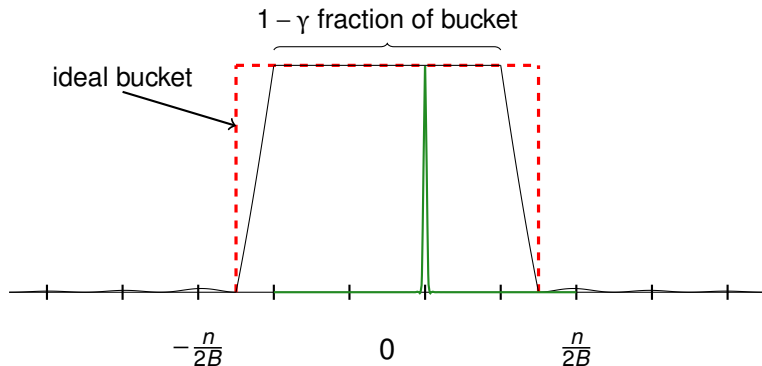
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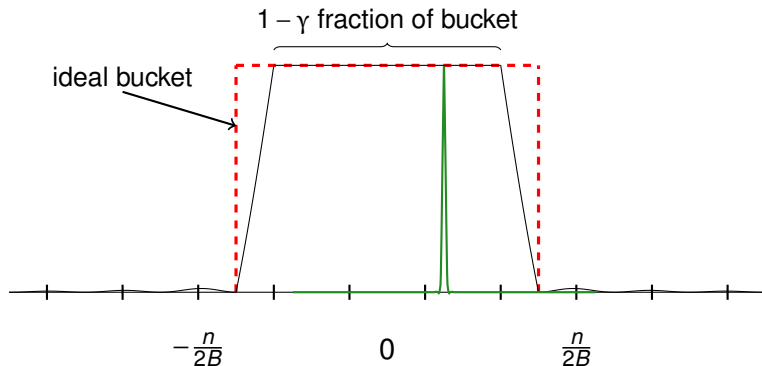
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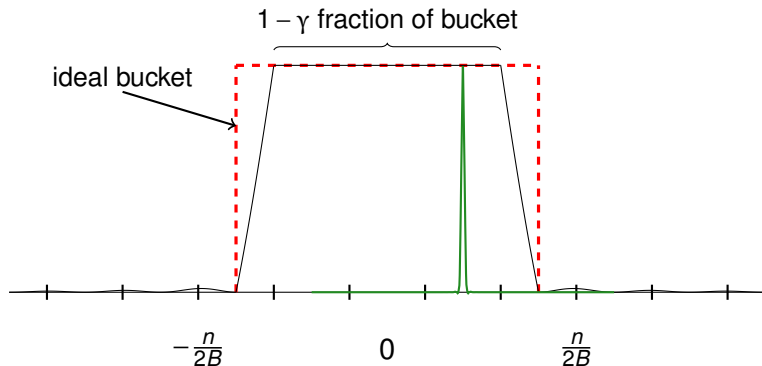
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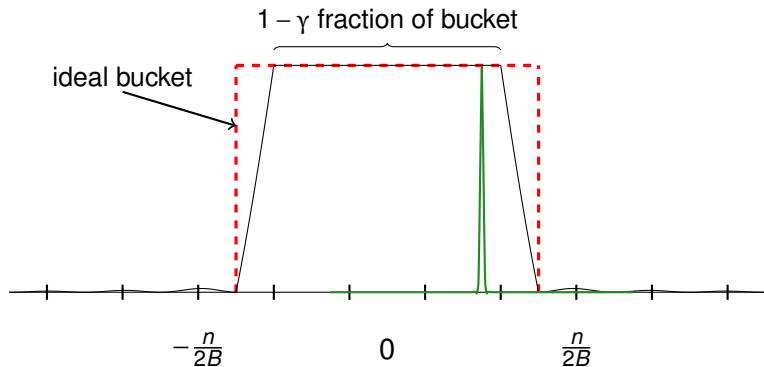
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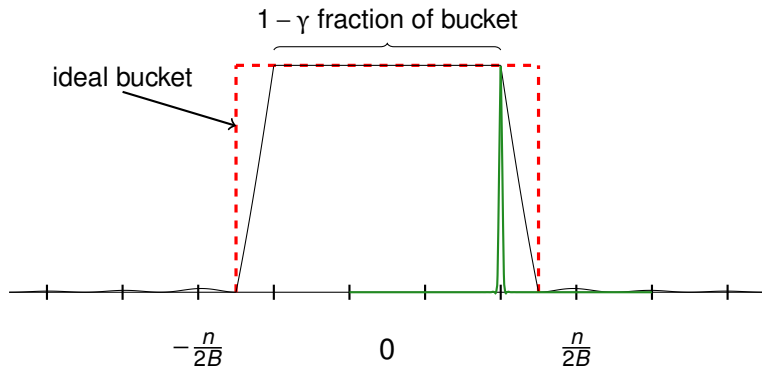
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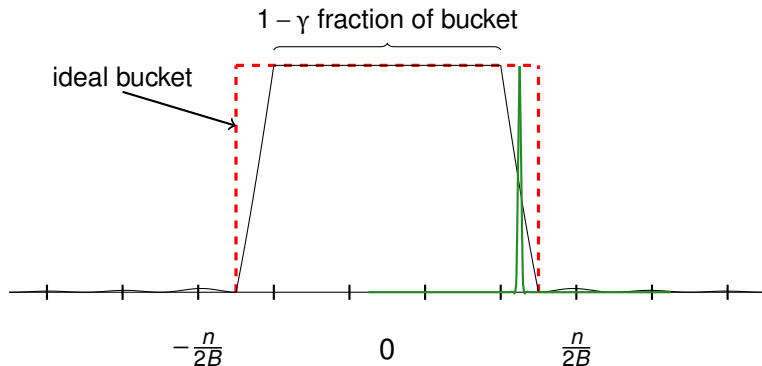
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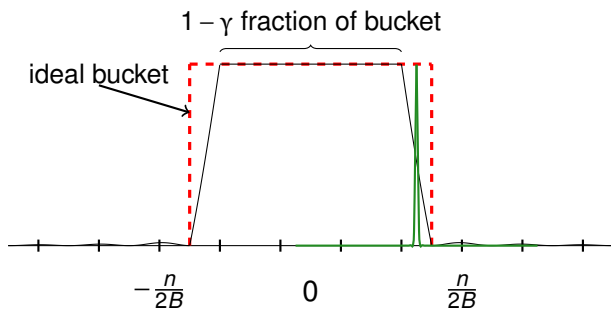
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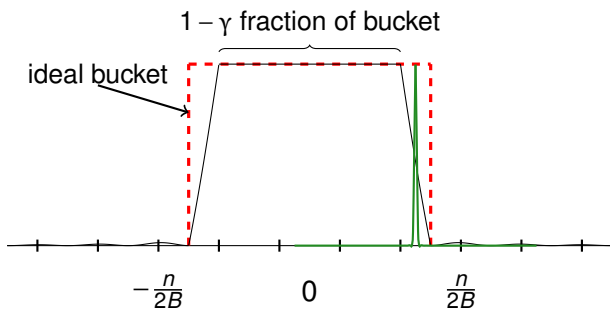
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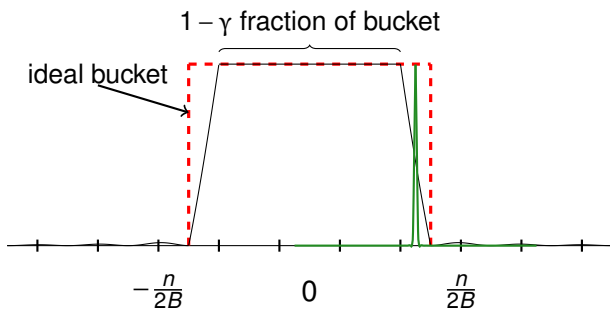
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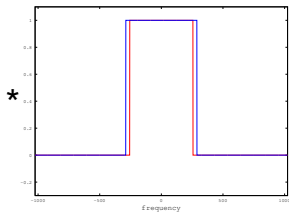
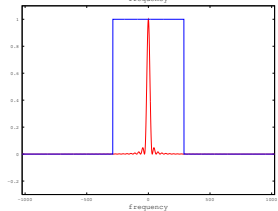
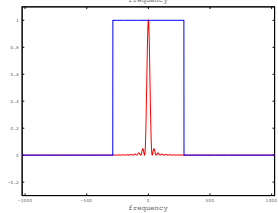
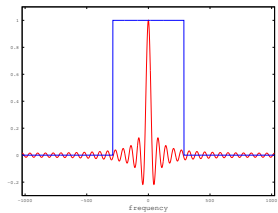
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# Flat window functions – construction



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