

# Convolution of Two Gaussian Pulses

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} * \frac{1}{\sigma_2 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_2^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_3 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_3^2}} \quad \sigma_3^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$$

And, again,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt = 1$

$\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}$	$\xrightarrow{(\omega)}$	$e^{-\frac{\omega^2 \sigma^2}{2}}$
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• We know from Time-Invariance

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_1 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t-t_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} * \frac{1}{\sigma_2 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t-t_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma_3 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(t-(t_1+t_2))^2}{2\sigma_3^2}}$$

where:  $\sigma_3^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$  Variances add  
↑ two ;

# Fourier Transform of Gaussian Pulse

## Preliminary Result:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = 1 \quad \text{regardless of value of } m$$

- This is a well known result from probability theory
- Holds if  $m$  is ~~even~~ purely imaginary
- For exam, helpful to use this result:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma$$

- where independent variable  $x$  could be time  $t$  or frequency  $\omega$

$\sigma$  = standard deviation

$\sigma^2$  = variance

Over 99% of the area is within

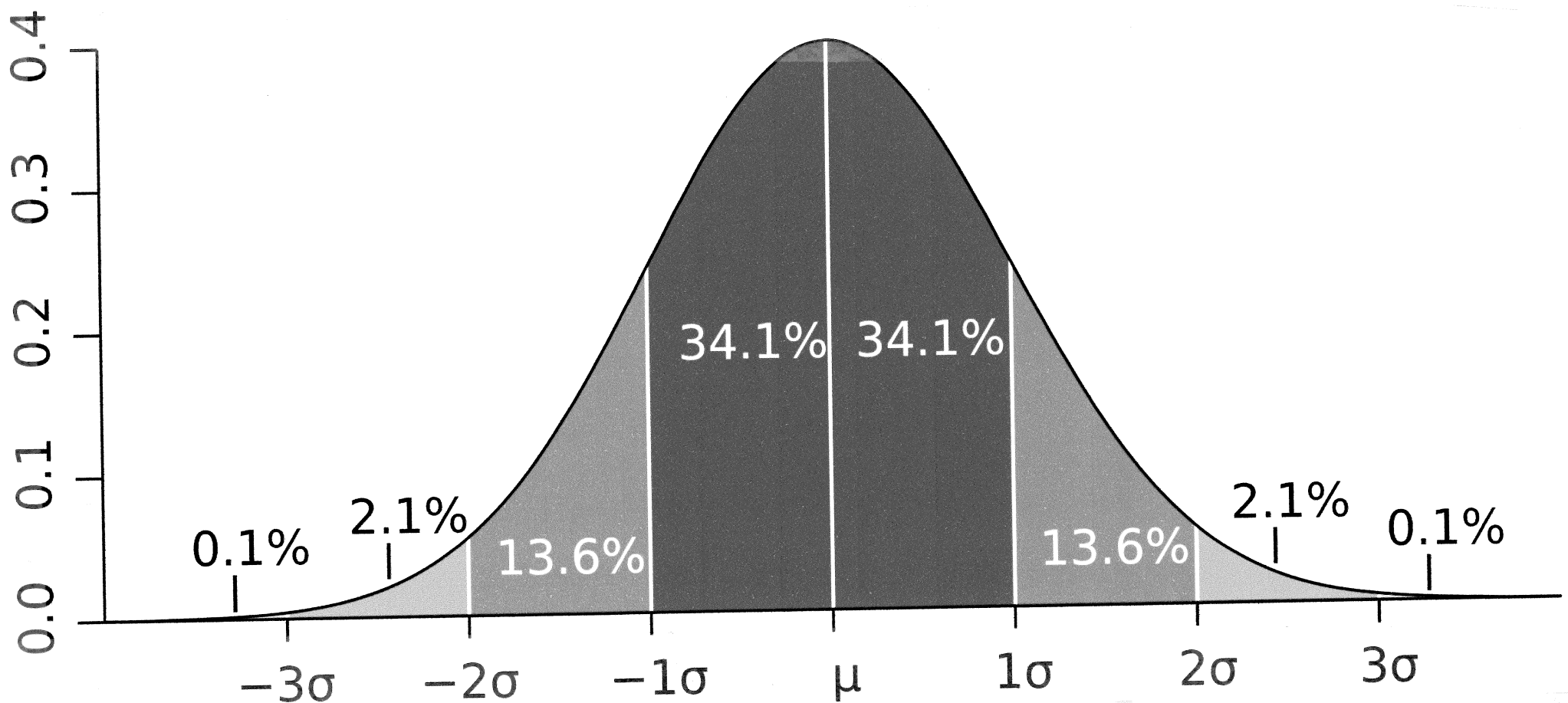
$$-3\sigma < x - m < 3\sigma$$

or: 
$$m - 3\sigma < x < m + 3\sigma$$

$m$  = mean

denoted  $\mu$

in diagram below



• Show:

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} \xleftrightarrow{F} X(\omega) = e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}} \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$-\infty < t < \infty$                        $-\infty < \omega < \infty$

$$X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

"complete the square"

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t^2 + 2j\omega t - \omega^2)} dt e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(t + j\omega)^2} dt e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2\pi} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}}$$

from previous page with  $\sigma=1$  and  $m=j\omega$

- Recall basic Fourier Transform Property

$$x(at) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{|a|} X\left(\frac{\omega}{a}\right)$$

- Thus, we have the basic FT pair:

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \sqrt{2\pi} \sigma e^{-\frac{\omega^2 \sigma^2}{2}}$$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{t}{\sigma}\right)^2} \Rightarrow a = \sigma^{-1}$$

- Rearranging:

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \sqrt{2\pi} \sigma e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2/\sigma^2}}$$

$$-\infty < t < \infty$$

$$-\infty < \omega < \infty$$

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \sqrt{2\pi} \sigma e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2\frac{1}{\sigma^2}}}$$

std dev =  $\sigma$

std dev =  $\frac{1}{\sigma}$

- What if you square a Gaussian or multiply two Gaussians?

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} \right)}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

where:  $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}}$

Harmonic Mean

(like adding 2 resistors in parallel)

Product of  
2 Gaussians  
(both zero mean)  
is another  
Gaussian  
with zero mean

# Convolution of Two Gaussian Pulses

$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} * e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} = ??$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{\hat{f}} \sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_1 \sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_2 e^{-\frac{\omega^2 \sigma_1^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2 \sigma_2^2}{2}}$$

$$= 2\pi \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \frac{\sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2} (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}$$

Going back to time-domain:

$$\frac{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_1 \sigma_2}{\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}}$$

} convolution of two Gaussians is a Gaussian with the sum of the variances



$$e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} * e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}}$$

. And from time-invariance, we can deduce

$$e^{-\frac{(t-t_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} * e^{-\frac{(t-t_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}}} e^{-\frac{(t - (t_1 + t_2))^2}{2(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}}$$

## Energy of a Gaussian Signal:

• If:  $x(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ , then:

$$E_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\sigma\sqrt{\pi}}$$

(A)

• If:  $x(t) = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ , then:

$$E_x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2(t) dt = \sigma\sqrt{\pi} \left( = (\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})^2 \frac{1}{2\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \right)$$

(B)

Proof of (B): Recall:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sqrt{2\pi} \sigma$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t^2}{\sigma^2}} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2(\sigma/\sqrt{2})^2}} dt = \sqrt{2\pi} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \sigma\sqrt{\pi}$$

Another interesting result re: Gaussian Signals

FT Pair

$$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} \xleftrightarrow{+} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2/\sigma^2}}$$

FT Property

$$t x(t) \xleftrightarrow{+} j \frac{dX(\omega)}{d\omega}$$

Thus:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} t e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}} \xleftrightarrow{+} j \frac{d}{d\omega} \left\{ e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2/\sigma^2}} \right\} = j \left( -\frac{\omega}{2/\sigma^2} \right) e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\ = -j\sigma^2 \omega e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2/\sigma^2}}$$

Except for scalars:  
same functional form  
in both domains

Consider  $\sigma=1$ :

$$t e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} \xleftrightarrow{+} \underbrace{j\sqrt{2\pi}}_{\text{scalar}} \omega e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2}}$$