

EECE 301  
Signals & Systems  
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**Note Set #14**

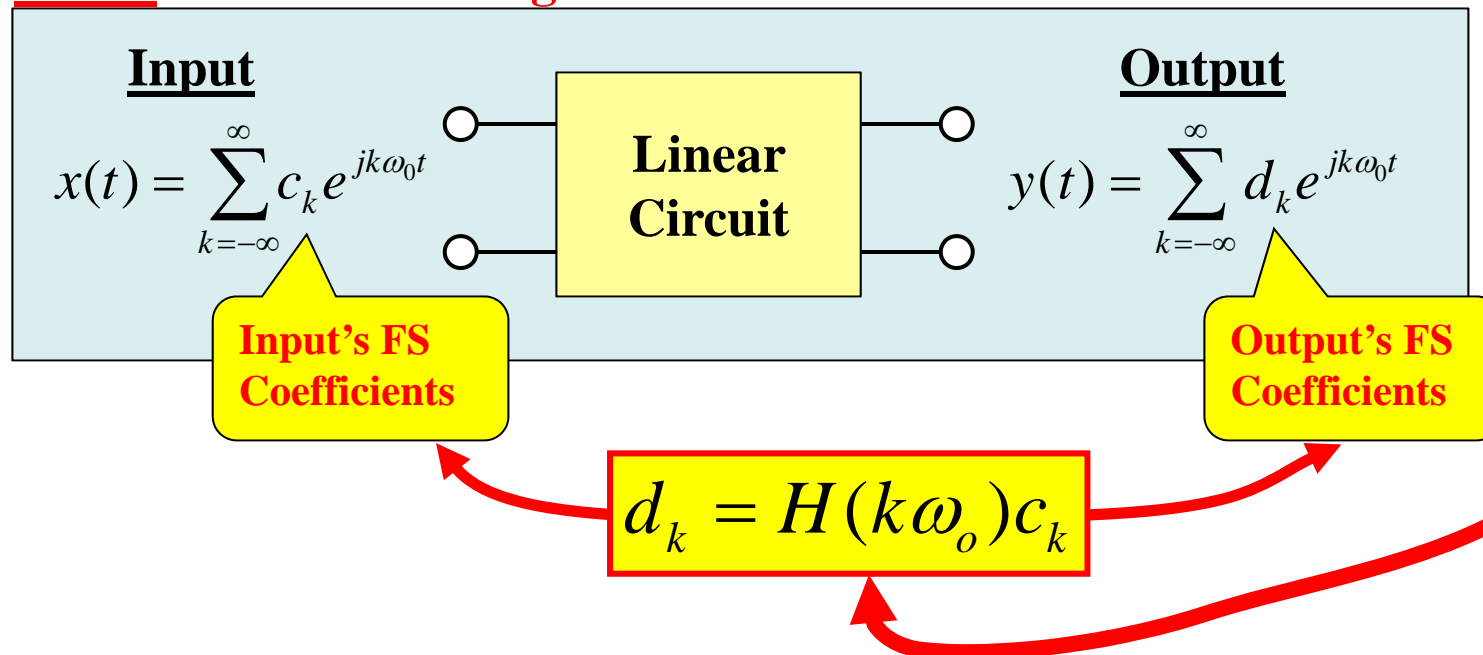
- C-T Signals: Circuits with Non-Periodic Sources

**Recall: Convolution Property (The Most Important FT Property!!!)**

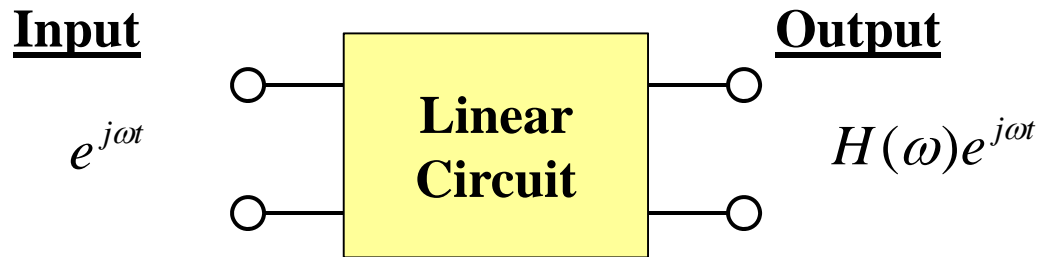
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau)h(t - \tau)d\tau \quad \leftrightarrow \quad Y(\omega) = X(\omega)H(\omega)$$

Here... we will explore the real-world use of the right side of this result!

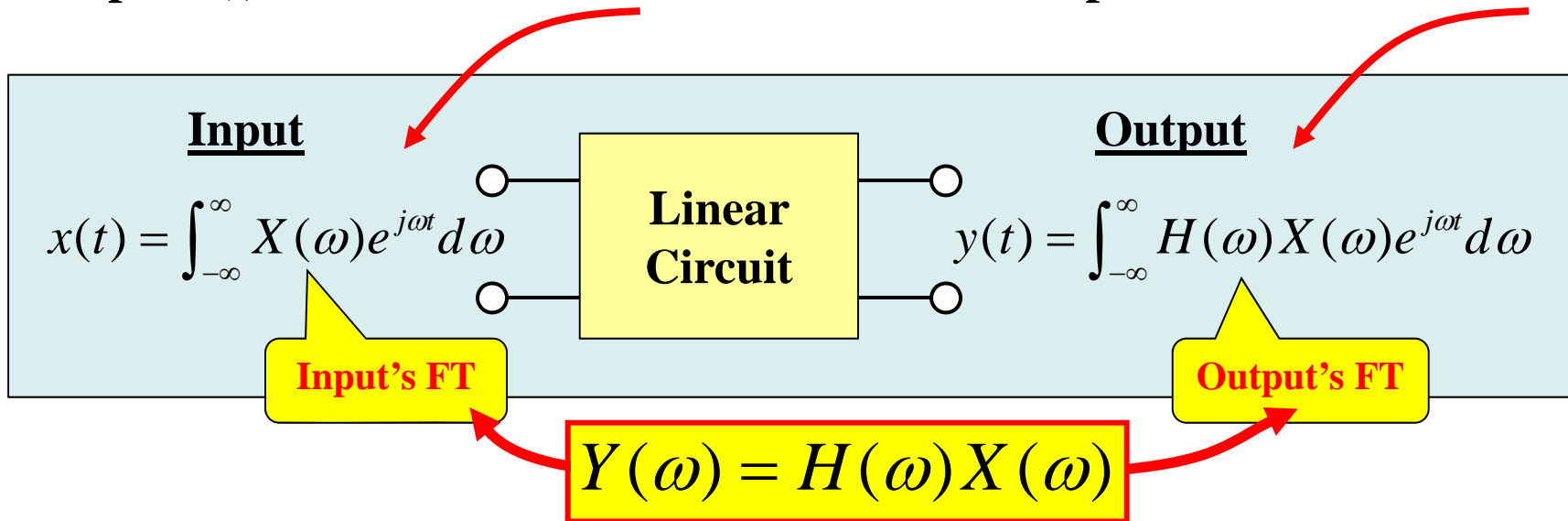
**Recall: For Periodic Signal...**



Recall the definition of the frequency response:

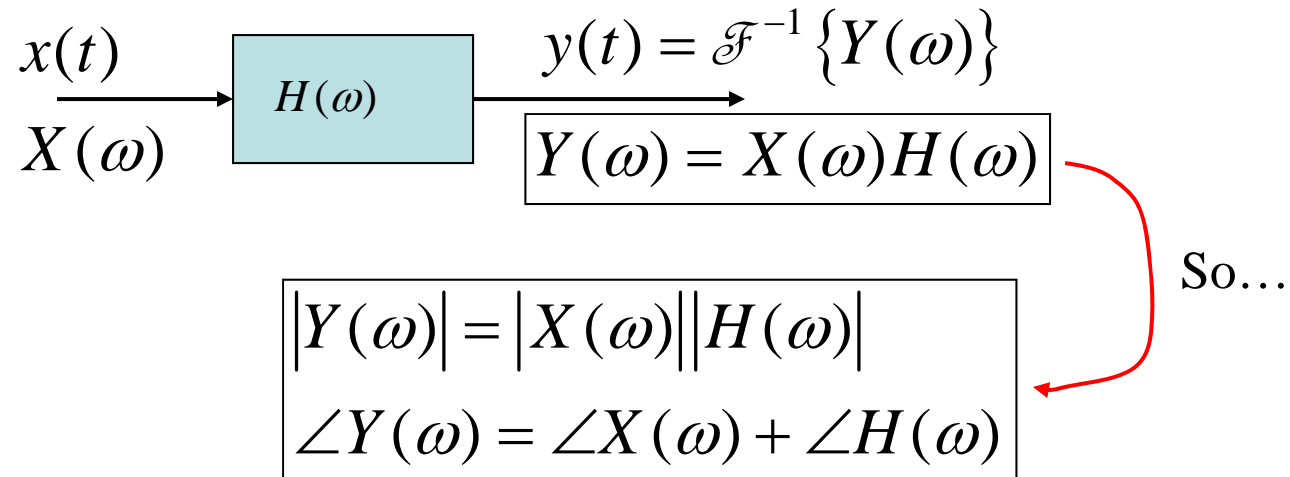


Input  $x(t)$  is a linear combo of sinusoids... the output is a linear combo:



Unlike for the FS case it is not easy to use these ideas numerically to find the actual  $y(t)$ ... Rather, we usually use these ideas to help us “visualize” what we need in a circuit design.

So we have as a big picture view:



So...in general we see that the system frequency response re-shapes the input FT's magnitude and phase.

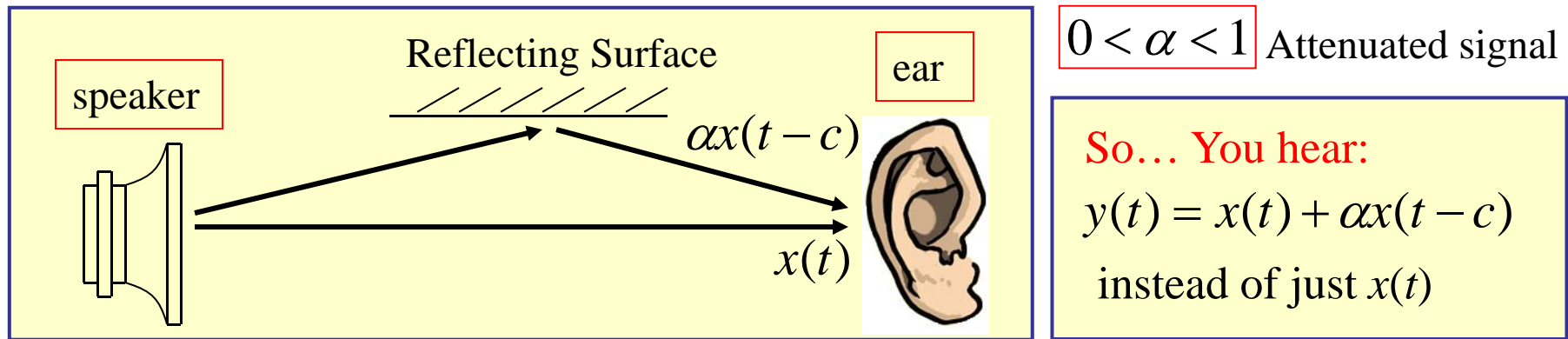
⇒ System can:

- emphasize some frequencies
- de-emphasize other frequencies

## Example Application of Time Shift Property: Room acoustics.

Practical Questions: Why do some rooms sound bad? Why can you fix this by using a “graphic equalizer” to “boost” some frequencies and “cut” others?

Very simple case of a single reflection:



Use linearity and time shift to get the FT at your ear:

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\omega) &= \mathcal{F}\{x(t) + \alpha x(t - c)\} = \mathcal{F}\{x(t)\} + \alpha \mathcal{F}\{x(t - c)\} \\ &= X(\omega) + \alpha X(\omega) e^{-j\omega c} \end{aligned}$$

$$Y(\omega) = X(\omega) \left[ 1 + \alpha e^{-j\omega c} \right]$$

**$H(\omega)$  of the room!**

This is the FT of what you hear...

It gives an equation that shows how the reflection affects what you hear!!!!

**The big picture!**

$$|Y(\omega)| = |X(\omega)| \underbrace{|1 + \alpha e^{-j\omega c}|}_{\equiv |H(\omega)|}$$

$|H(\omega)|$  changes shape of  $|X(\omega)|$

The room changes how much of each frequency you hear...

Let's look closer at  $|H(\omega)|$  to see what it does...

Using Euler's formula gives Rectangular Form

$$|H(\omega)| = |1 + \alpha e^{-j\omega c}| = |1 + \alpha \cos(c\omega) - j\alpha \sin(c\omega)|$$

$$= \sqrt{(1 + \alpha \cos(\omega c))^2 + \alpha^2 \sin^2(\omega c)} = \sqrt{1 + 2\alpha \cos(\omega c) + \alpha^2 \cos^2(\omega c) + \alpha^2 \sin^2(\omega c)}$$

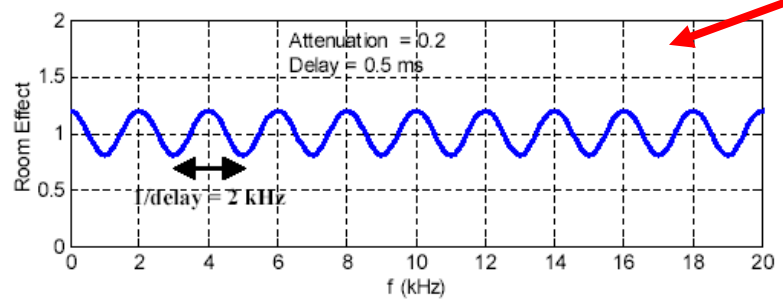
$mag = \sqrt{(\text{Re})^2 + (\text{Im})^2}$

Expand 1<sup>st</sup> squared term

$= \alpha^2$   
Use Trig ID

➔  $|H(\omega)| = \sqrt{(1 + \alpha^2) + 2\alpha \cos(\omega c)}$

$$|Y(\omega)| = |X(\omega)| \sqrt{(1 + \alpha^2) + 2\alpha \cos(\omega c)}$$



Effect of the room... what does it look like as a function of frequency?? The cosine term makes it wiggle up and down... and the value of  $c$  controls how fast it wiggles up and down

$$\text{Spacing} = 1/c \text{ Hz}$$

“Dip-to-Dip”

“Peak-to-Peak”

$c$  controls spacing between dips/peaks  
 $\alpha$  controls depth/height of dips/peaks

The next 3 slides explore these effects

What is a typical value for delay  $c$ ???

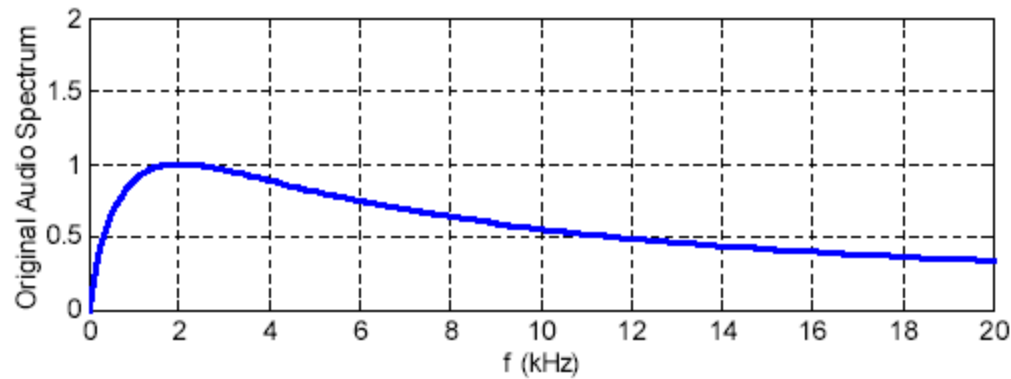
Speed of sound in air  $\approx 340 \text{ m/s}$

Typical difference in distance  $\approx 0.167 \text{ m}$

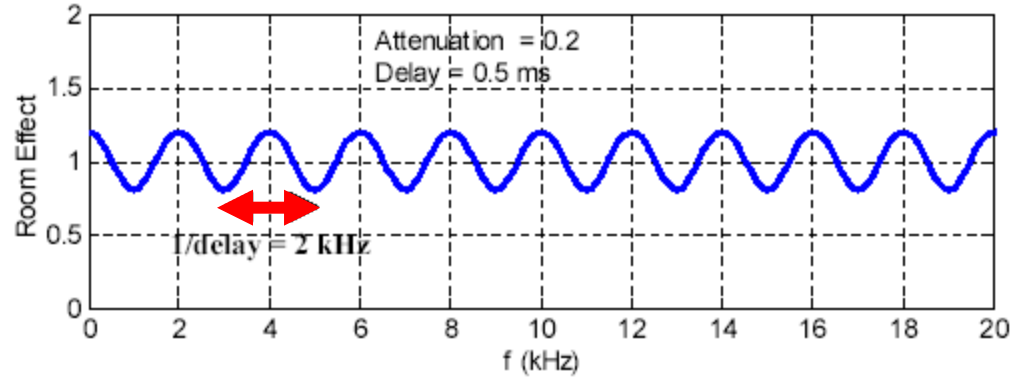
$$c = \frac{0.167 \text{ m}}{340 \text{ m/s}} = 0.5 \text{ msec}$$

→ Spacing = 2 kHz

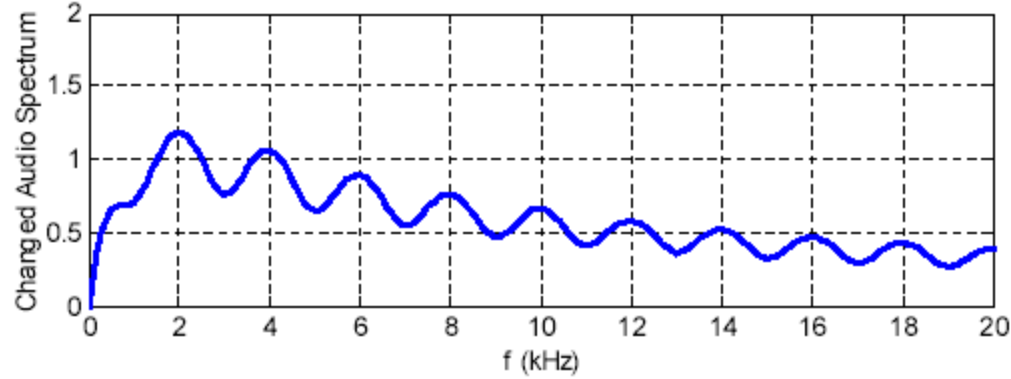
**Attenuation:  $\alpha = 0.2$     Delay:  $c = 0.5$  ms (Spacing =  $1/0.5e-3 = 2$  kHz)**



**FT magnitude at the speaker (a made-up spectrum... but kind of like audio)**



**$|H(\omega)|$ ... the effect of the room**

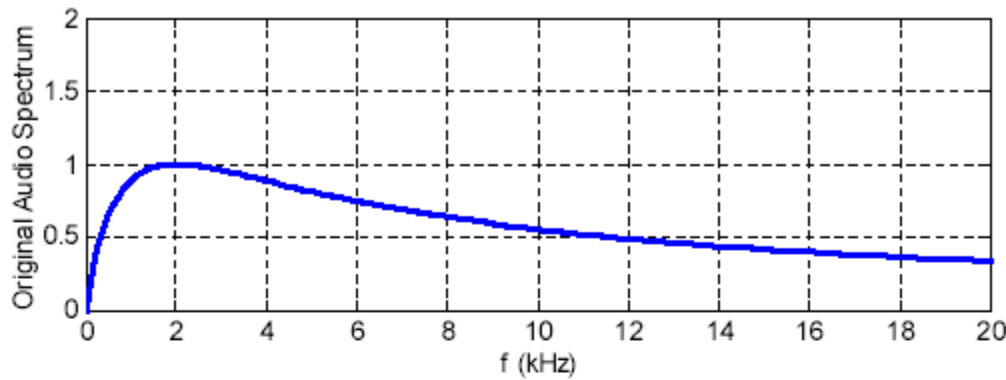


**FT magnitude at your ear... room gives slight boosts and cuts at closely spaced locations**

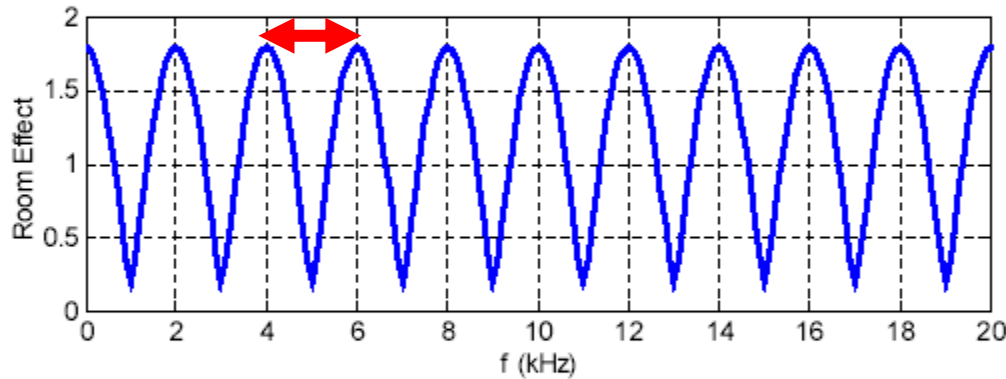
**Longer delay causes closer spacing... so more dips/peaks over audio range!**



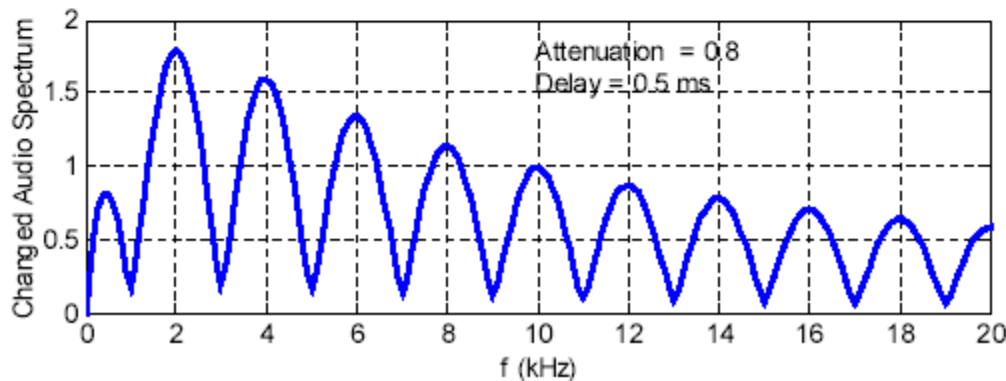
**Attenuation:  $\alpha = 0.8$     Delay:  $c = 0.5$  ms (Spacing =  $1/0.5e-3 = 2$  kHz)**



**FT magnitude at the speaker**



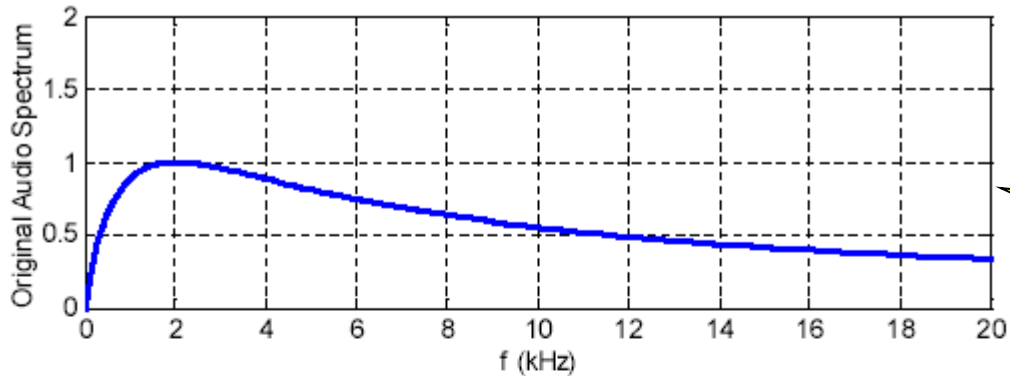
**$|H(\omega)|$ ... the effect of the room**



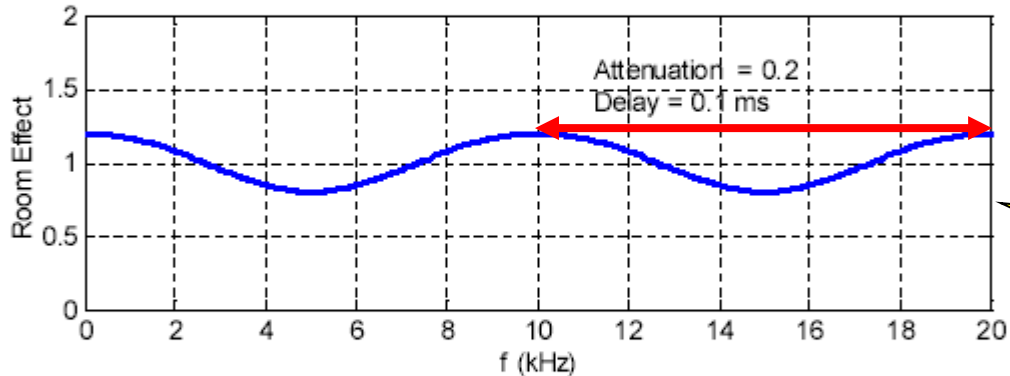
**FT magnitude at your ear... room gives large boosts and cuts at closely spaced locations**

**Stronger reflection causes bigger boosts/cuts!!**

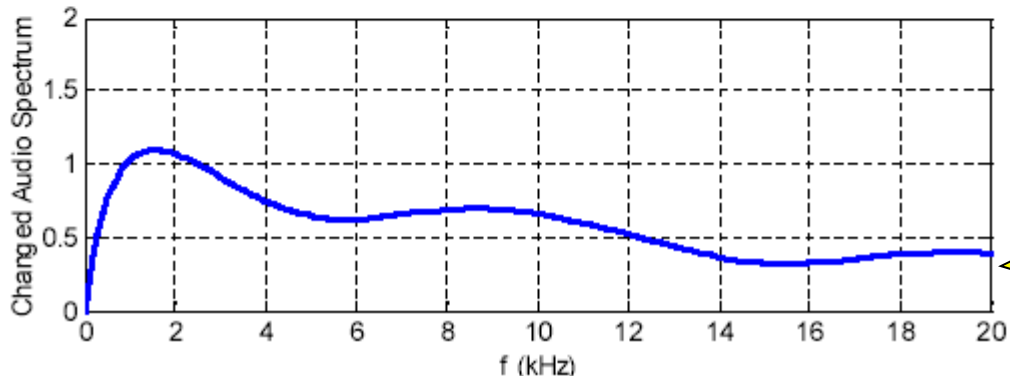
**Attenuation:  $\alpha = 0.2$     Delay:  $c = 0.1$  ms (Spacing =  $1/0.1e-3 = 10$  kHz)**



**FT magnitude at the speaker**



**$|H(\omega)|$ ... the effect of the room**



**FT magnitude at your ear... room gives small boosts and cuts at widely spaced locations**

**Shorter delay causes wider spacing... so fewer dips/peaks over audio range!**

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function room_delay(atten,delay)

f=0:100:20000; % Freq range: 0 Hz to 20 kHz
w=2*pi*f; % convert to rad/sec

H=abs(1 + atten*exp(-j*w*delay)); % Compute Room Effect

% Make up a fictitious audio spectrum
X=50000*w./((2*pi*2000+w).^2);

% Now do plots
subplot(3,1,1) % splits figure into 3 subplots, pick 1st one
plot(f/1000,X) % note f converted into k Hz
xlabel('f (kHz)')
ylabel('Original Audio Spectrum')
axis([0 20 0 2]) % set axis ranges as desired
grid % put grid lines on

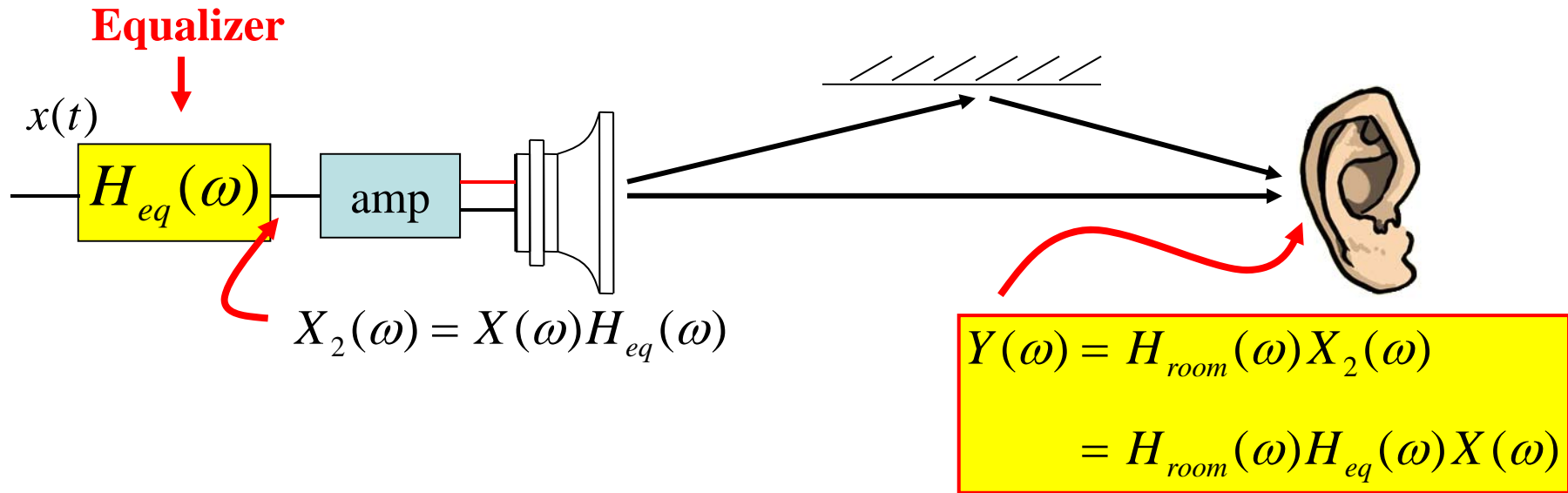
subplot(3,1,2) % splits figure into 3 subplots, pick 2nd one
plot(f/1000,H)
xlabel('f (kHz)')
ylabel('Room Effect')
axis([0 20 0 2])
grid

subplot(3,1,3) % splits figure into 3 subplots, pick 3rd one
plot(f/1000,H.*X)
xlabel('f (kHz)')
ylabel('Changed Audio Spectrum')
axis([0 20 0 2])
grid

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**Matlab Code to create  
the previous plots**

Room boosts and cuts various frequencies... So, fix it using an “equalizer”



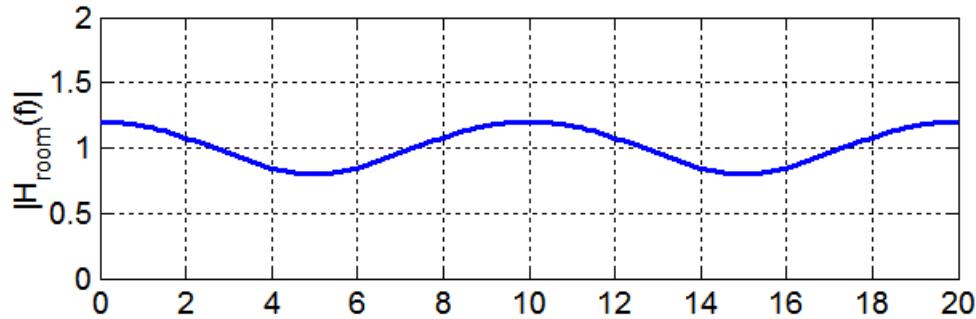
Then:  $|Y(\omega)| = |X(\omega)| \underbrace{|H_{eq}(\omega)| |1 + \alpha e^{-j\omega c}|}$

Recall: Peaks and dips

Want this whole thing to be = 1 so  $|Y(\omega)| = |X(\omega)|$

Equalizer's  $|H_{eq}(\omega)|$  should peak at frequencies where the room's  $|H_{room}(\omega)|$  dips and vice versa

Room



Equalizer

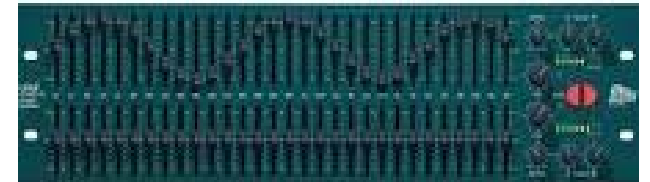
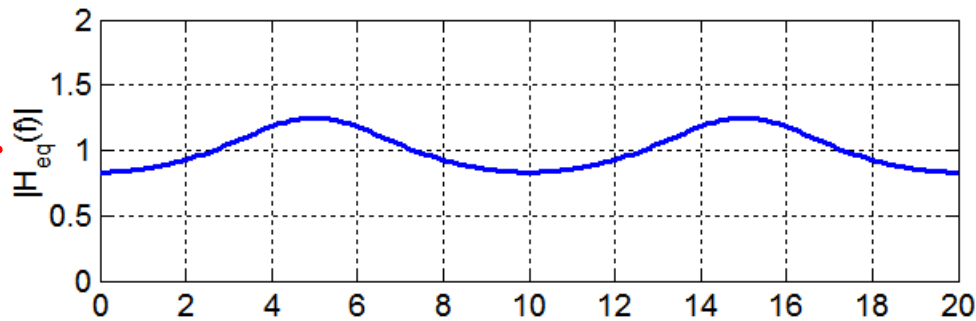


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Room  
&  
Equalizer

