

**Thurs, 3-21-19**

## **8. Filtering (cont.)**

- 1. Types of lowpass filters**
- 2. Lowpass filter design by windowed method**
- 3. Demo08a: interactive filter design by windowed method**
- 4. Sample runs of geosa8**

**Assignment a8: due Tues, Apr 2 (after Earth Week)**

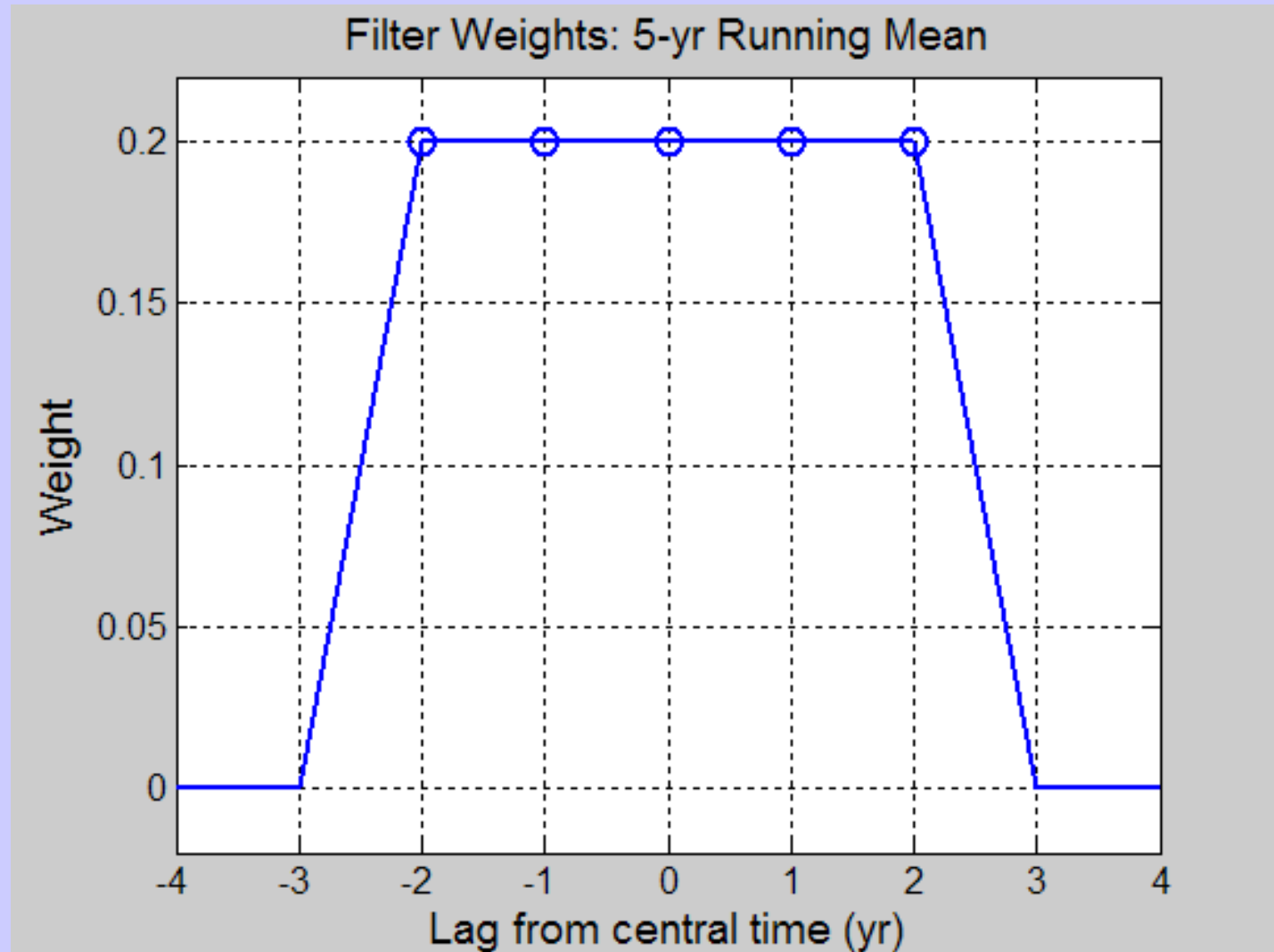
## Some types of lowpass filters

1. (Cubic smoothing spline)
2. Running mean
3. Binomial
4. Gaussian
5. Windowed ideal

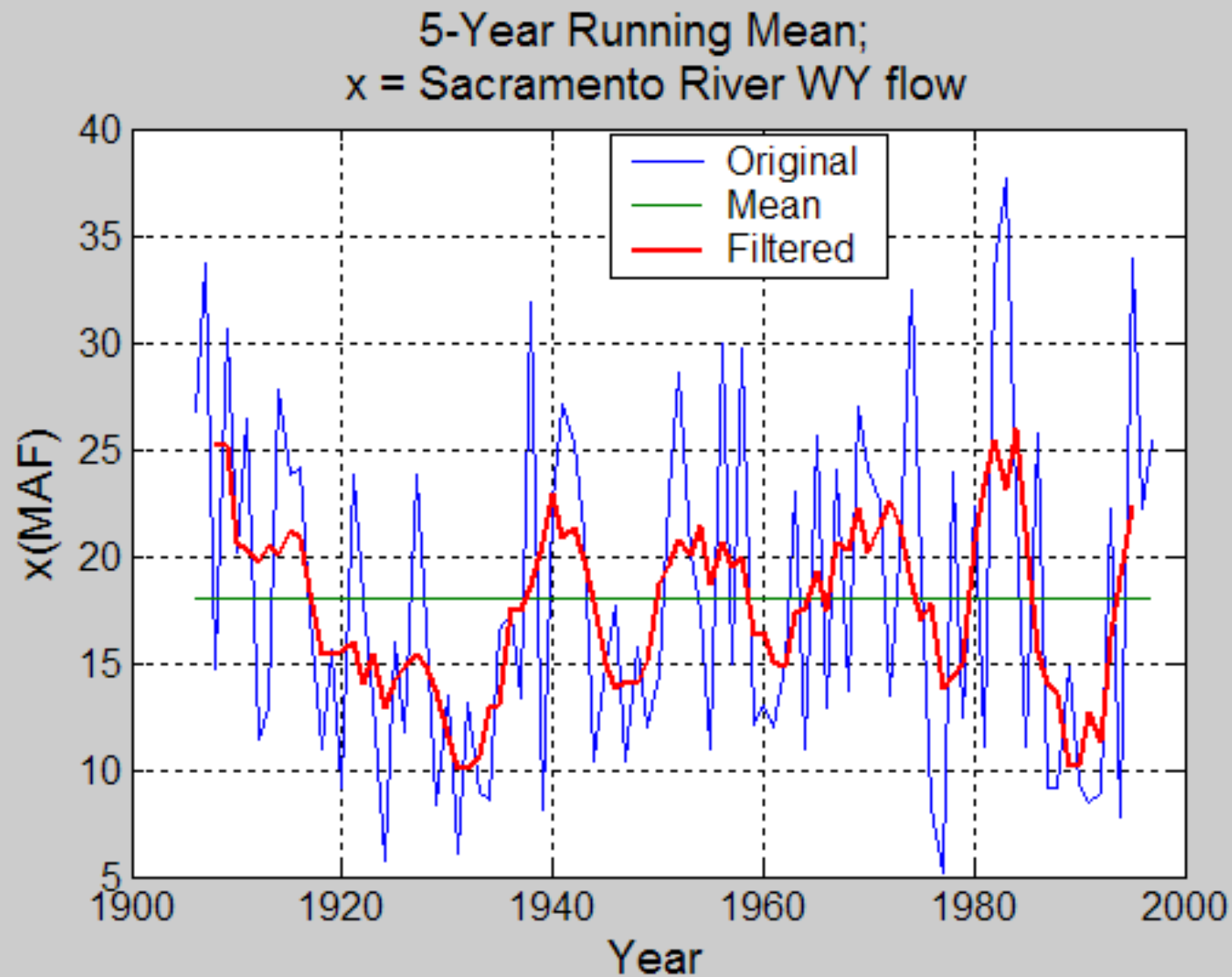


See notes

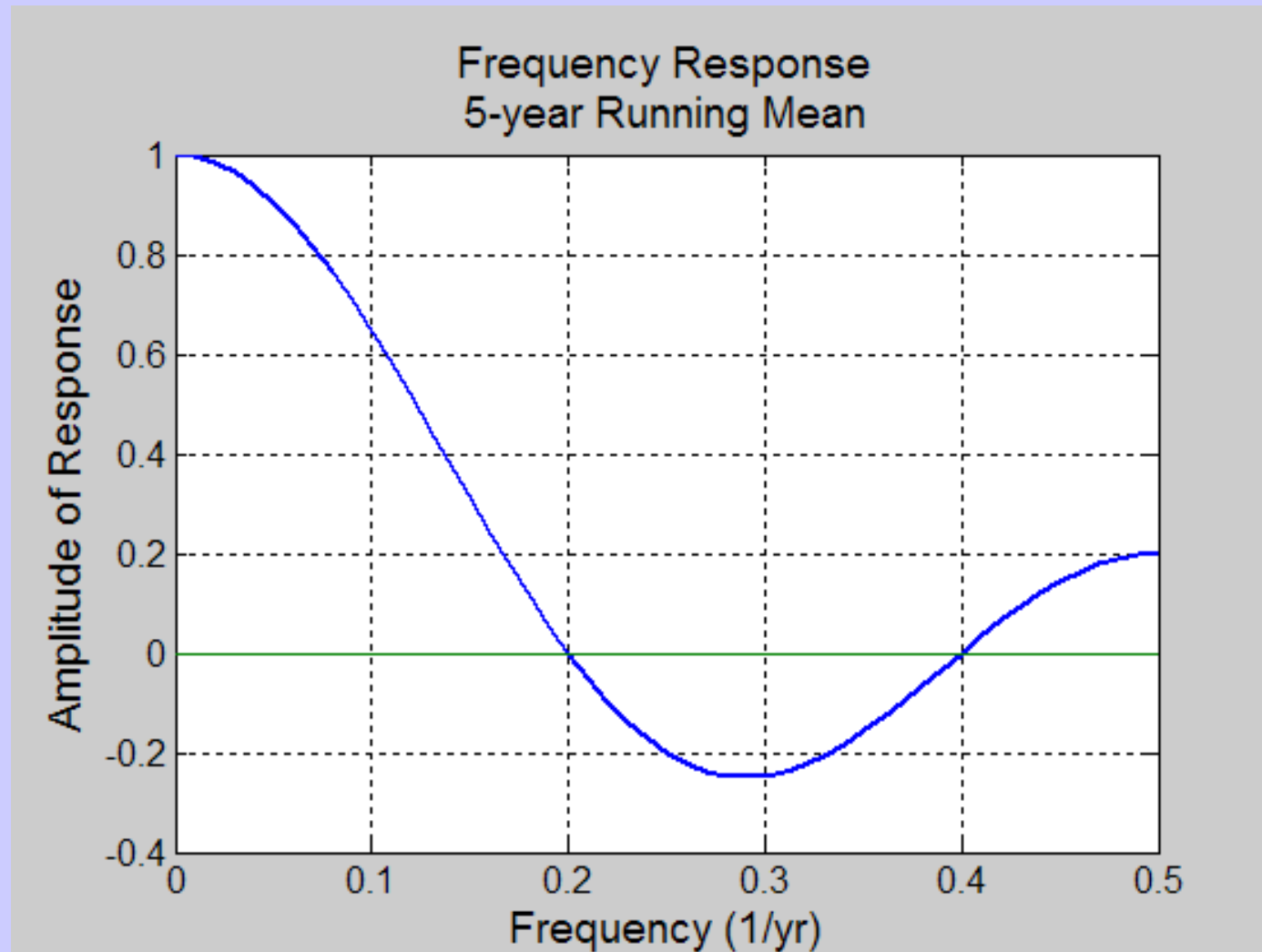
# Filter Weights, Running Mean



# Running Mean (Moving Average)

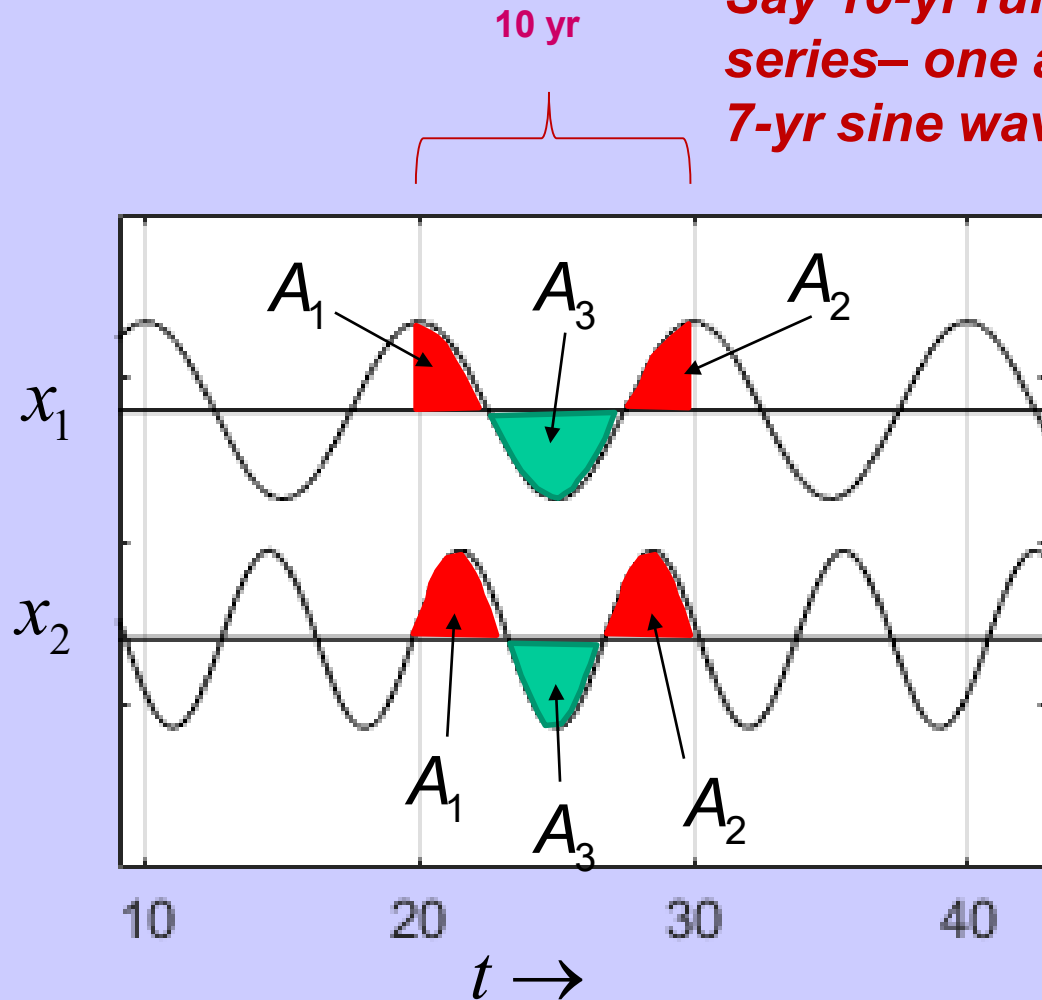


# Frequency Response, Running Mean



## A drawback of running mean: distortion of peaks and troughs

**Say 10-yr running mean of two time series— one a 10-yr sine wave and one a 7-yr sine wave**



$$A_1 + A_2 = A_3$$

## Pos. and neg. cancel

Frequency response 0 at  $\lambda = 10yr$

$$(A_1 + A_2) > A_3$$

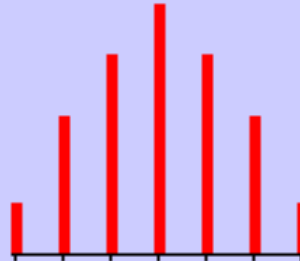
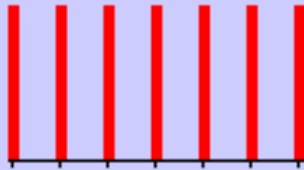
Original series has trough at  $t=25$

Smoothed series has a peak at  $t=25$

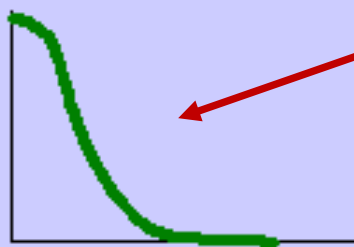
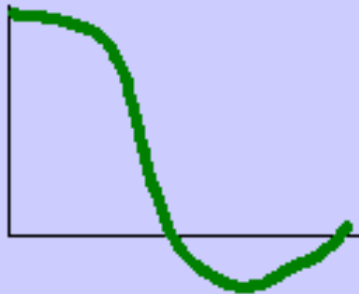
Frequency response 0 at  $\lambda = 10yr$

$m$ -yr running mean can **reverse** phase of fluctuations with  $\lambda < m$

# Running mean vs bell-shaped filter



Filter weights



Preferred form for lowpass filter

Frequency response

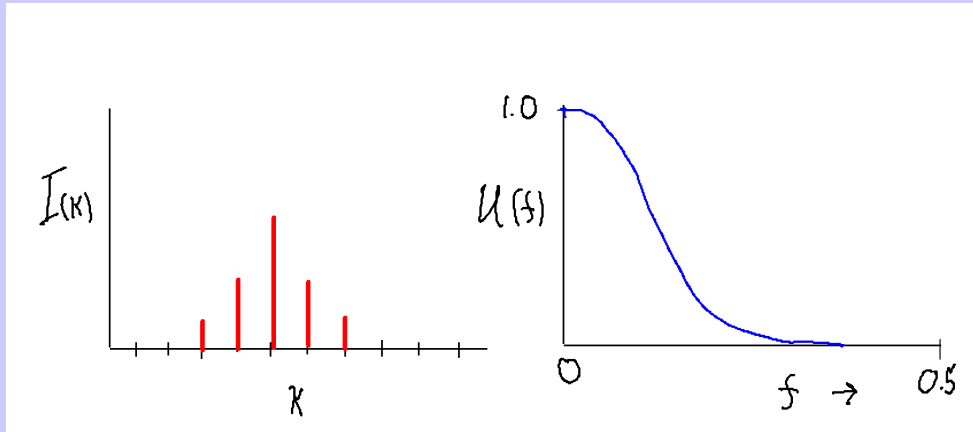
**Gaussian**  
**Binomial**  
**Windowed**  
**Other**  
**(Matlab)**

Available bell-shaped filters

# Windowed method of filter design

**Basis: duality of IRF and frequency response function**

$$I(k) \leftrightarrow u(f)$$



$S_x(f)$  and  $S_y(f)$  are spectra of original and smoothed series

$I(k)$  is equivalent to the filter weights

$u(f)$  is Fourier transform of  $I(k)$

$I(k)$  is inverse Fourier transform of  $u(f)$

$$S_y(f) = u^2(f) S_x(f)$$



# Windowed method of filter design

## convolution vs multiplication

$x_t, t = 1, N$  original time series

$y_t$  filtered time series

$I(k)$  filter weights

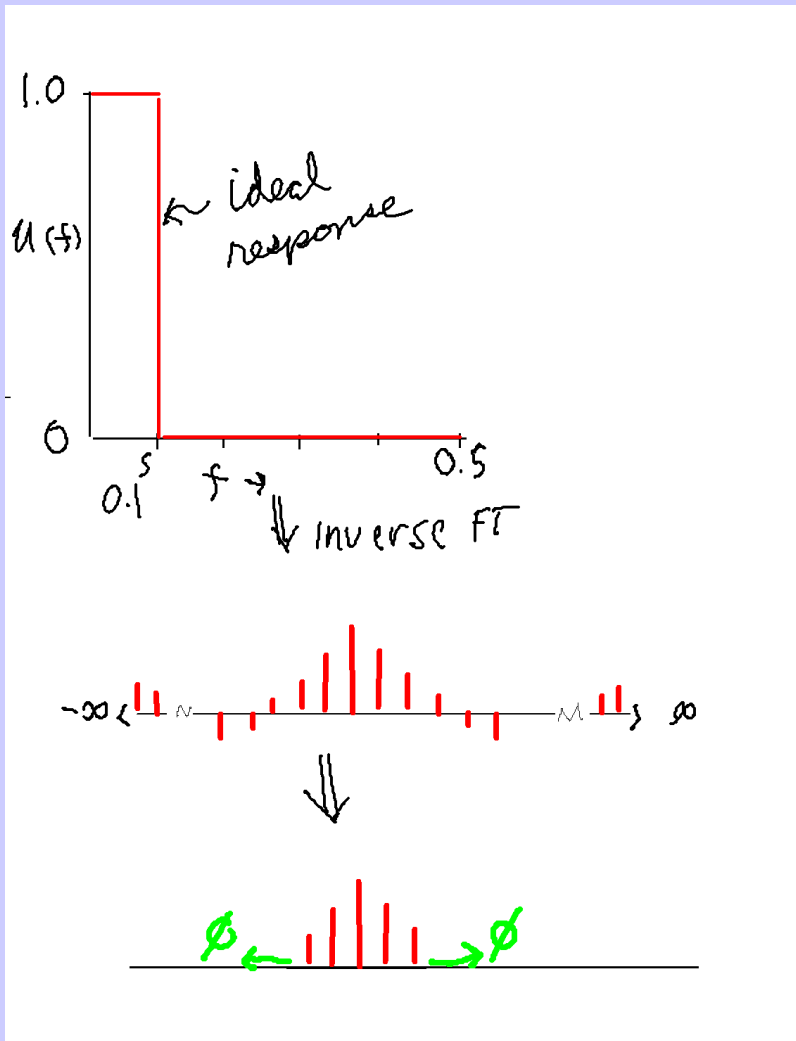
$u(f)$  frequency response of filter

$y_t$  is the **convolution** of  $x_t$  with  $I(k)$

The spectrum of  $y_t$  is the **product** of the spectrum of  $x_t$  and  $u^2(f)$

**Convolution in the time domain is equivalent to multiplication in the frequency domain**

# Windowed method of filter design steps



1. Specify desired cutoff frequency of ideal filter
2. Specify desired filter length
3. Take inverse Fourier transform of the ideal, or brick-wall filter, and use the duality relationship:
  - Frequency response is Fourier transform of Impulse response
  - Impulse response is inverse Fourier transform of frequency response
4. Truncate the filter to the desired number span
5. Frequency response of resulting filter will not be "ideal", but will approximate the ideal given the constraint of the filter span

# Windowed method of filter design

## Matlab function fir1

$$\mathbf{b} = \text{fir1}(m, f_{cutoff}^*, 'low')$$

Filter  
Weights

Filter-length -1  
(7 weight filter: m=6)

“normalized” frequency at which  
desired response is 0.5

$f$  :  $0 \rightarrow 0.5$  cycles/time step

$f^*$  :  $0 \rightarrow 1.0$

$\omega$  :  $0 \rightarrow \pi$

Specifies  
“lowpass”, and by  
default this uses a  
“Hamming”  
window

# Windowed method of filter design

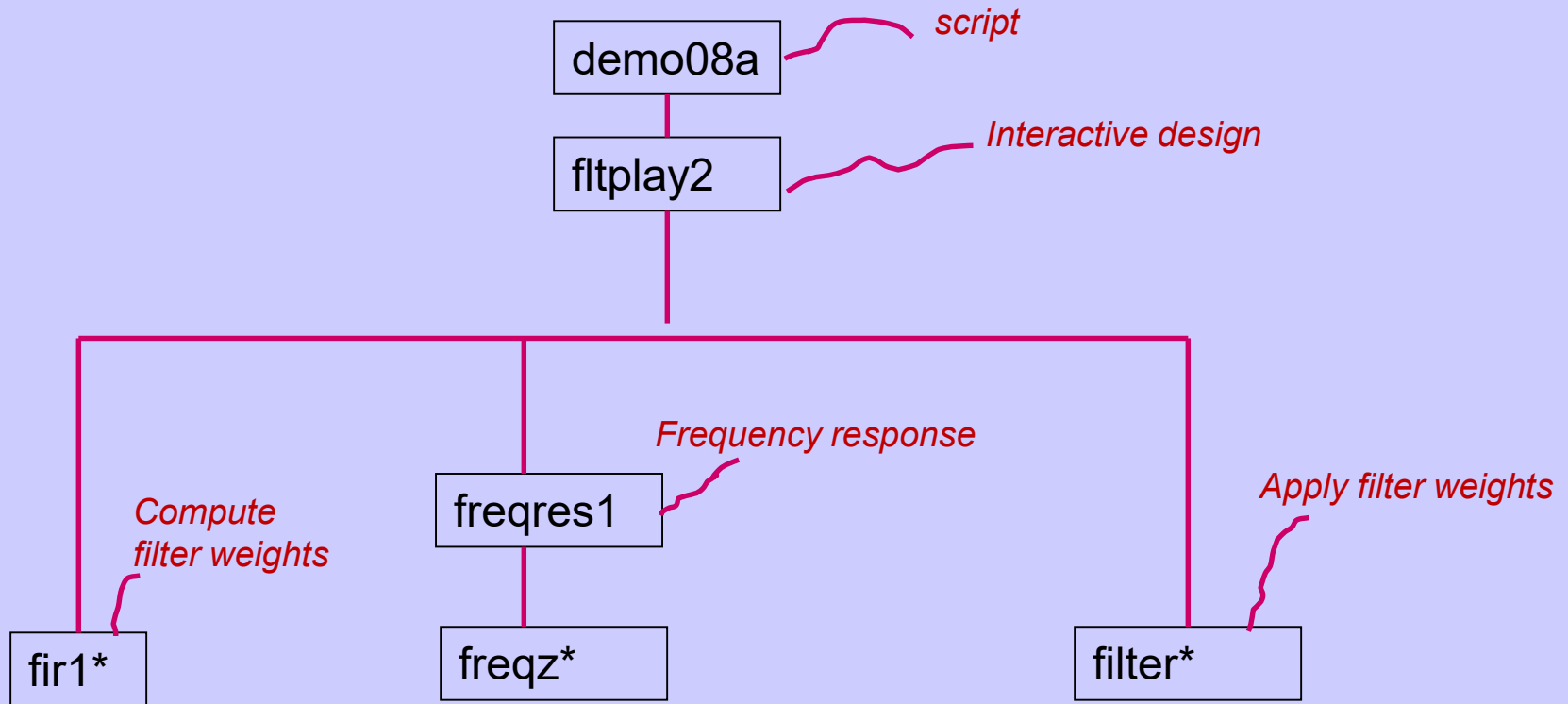
## Example: function fir1 – calling from command window

- Assume
  - Time step = 1 yr
  - Desired cutoff frequency:  $f=0.10$  cycles/year, or wavelength 10 yr
  - Desired filter length: 9-weight filter

`b = fir1(8, 0.20, 'low')`

$f^* = 0.20$  corresponds to  
 $f = 0.10$

# Demo8a – filter design by windowed method



\*Matlab built-in function

# **Trial runs of geosa8...**

