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Let \underline{f} and \underline{g} be discrete, real signals, each periodic of period N. Define their correlation by the formula

$$(\underline{\mathbf{f}} \star \underline{\mathbf{g}})[m] = \sum_{n = -\frac{N}{2} + 1}^{\frac{N}{2}} \underline{\mathbf{f}}[n]\underline{\mathbf{g}}[n + m]$$

(a) Show that

$$\underline{\mathcal{F}}\left(\underline{f}\star\underline{g}\right)=\overline{\underline{\mathcal{F}}\,\underline{f}}\,\underline{\mathcal{F}}\,\underline{g}\,,$$

where $\underline{\mathcal{F}}$ is the discrete Fourier transform.

(b) Give an upper bound for $(\underline{f} \star \underline{g})[0]$.