## Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

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#### Classic Fourier Transform

#### 1. The Fourier Transform

- Basic observation (continuous time):
   A periodic signal can be decomposed into sinusoids at integer multiples of the fundamental frequency
- i.e. if  $\tilde{x}(t) = \tilde{x}(t+T)$ we can approach  $\tilde{x}$  with

$$\tilde{x}(t) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{M} a_k \cos \left(\frac{2\pi k}{T}t + \phi_k\right)^{\text{Harmonics}}_{\text{fundamental}}$$



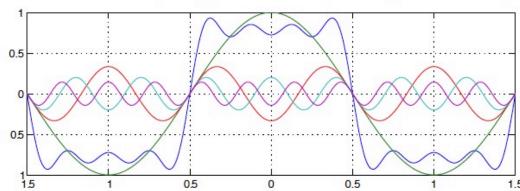


Fourier Series 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{M} a_k \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{T}t + \phi_k\right)$$

For a square wave,

$$\phi_k = 0; \quad a_k = \begin{cases} (-1)^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \frac{1}{k} & k = 1, 3, 5, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i.e. 
$$x(t) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}t\right) - \frac{1}{3}\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}3t\right) + \frac{1}{5}\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}5t\right) - \dots$$







# Fourier Analysis

■ Thus, 
$$c_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{T}t} dt$$

because real & imag sinusoids in  $e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{T}t}$  pick out the corresponding sinusoidal components linearly combined

in 
$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-M}^{M} c_k e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{T}t}$$





#### **Fourier Transform**

 Fourier series for periodic signals extends naturally to Fourier Transform for any (CT) signal (not just periodic):

$$X(j\Omega) = \int_{\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j\Omega t} dt \qquad \begin{array}{c} \textit{Fourier} \\ \textit{Transform (FT)} \end{array}$$

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(j\Omega) e^{j\Omega t} d\Omega \qquad \begin{array}{l} \textit{Inverse Fourier} \\ \textit{Transform (IFT)} \end{array}$$

Discrete index k → continuous freq. Ω





# 2. Discrete Time FT (DTFT)

FT defined for discrete sequences:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \quad DTFT$$

- Summation (not integral)
- Discrete (normalized)
   frequency variable ω
- Argument is  $e^{j\omega}$ , not  $j\omega$

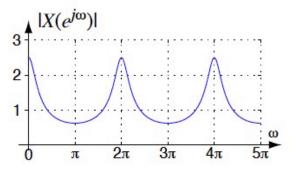


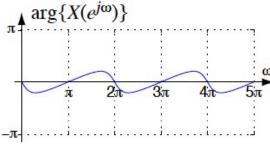


# Periodicity of $X(e^{j\omega})$

•  $X(e^{j\omega})$  has periodicity  $2\pi$  in  $\omega$ :

$$X(e^{j(\omega+2\pi)}) = \sum x[n]e^{-j(\omega+2\pi)n}$$
$$= \sum x[n]e^{-j\omega n}e^{-j2\pi n} = X(e^{j\omega})$$









## Inverse DTFT (IDTFT)

Same basic form as other IFTs:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega \quad IDTFT$$

- Note: continuous, periodic  $X(e^{j\omega})$  discrete, infinite x[n] ...
- IDTFT is actually forward Fourier Series (except for sign of ω)





## DTFT properties

Linear:

$$\alpha g[n] + \beta h[n] \leftrightarrow \alpha G(e^{j\omega}) + \beta H(e^{j\omega})$$

Time shift:

$$g[n-n_0] \leftrightarrow e^{-j\omega n_0}G(e^{j\omega})$$

Frequency shift:

$$e^{j\omega_0 n}g[n] \leftrightarrow G(e^{j(\omega-\omega_0)})$$
 in frequency





#### DTFT and convolution

• Convolution:  $x[n] = g[n] \circledast h[n]$ 

$$\Rightarrow X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (g[n] \circledast h[n]) e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$= \sum_{n} (\sum_{k} g[k] h[n-k]) e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$= \sum_{k} (g[k] e^{-j\omega k} \sum_{n} h[n-k] e^{-j\omega(n-k)})$$

$$= G(e^{j\omega}) \cdot H(e^{j\omega})$$

 $g[n] * h[n] \leftrightarrow G(e^{j\omega})H(e^{j\omega})$ Convolution

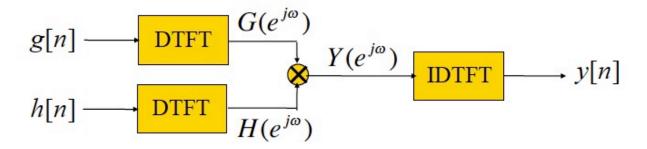
becomes





#### Convolution with DTFT

- Since  $g[n] \circledast h[n] \leftrightarrow G(e^{j\omega})H(e^{j\omega})$ we can calculate a convolution by:
  - finding DTFTs of  $g, h \rightarrow G, H$
  - multiply them: G·H
  - IDTFT of product is result, g[n] \*\* h[n]







# 3. Discrete FT (DFT)

Discrete FT<br/>(DFT)Discrete<br/>finite/pdc x[n]Discrete<br/>finite/pdc X[k]

- A finite or periodic sequence has only N unique values, x[n] for  $0 \le n < N$
- Spectrum is completely defined by N distinct frequency samples
- Divide  $0..2\pi$  into N equal steps,

$$\{\omega_k\} = 2\pi k/N$$



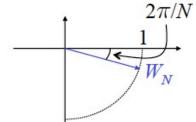


#### DFT and IDFT

Uniform sampling of DTFT spectrum:

$$X[k] = X(e^{j\omega})\Big|_{\omega = \frac{2\pi k}{N}} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{N}n}$$

**DFT:** 
$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{kn}$$



where 
$$W_N = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$$
 i.e.  $1/N^{\text{th}}$  of a revolution





#### **IDFT**

- Inverse DFT IDFT  $x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] W_N^{-nk}$
- Check:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k} \left( \sum_{l} x[l] W_{N}^{kl} \right) W_{N}^{-nk}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} x[l] \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} W_{N}^{k(l-n)}$$

$$= x[n] \bigvee_{0 \le n \le N} W_{N}^{k(l-n)}$$
Sum of complete set of rotated vectors
$$= 0 \text{ if } l \ne n; = N \text{ if } l = n$$

$$= x[n] \bigvee_{0 \le n \le N} W_{N}^{k(l-n)}$$





#### **DFT: Matrix form**

•  $X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \cdot W_N^{kn}$  as a matrix multiply:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X[0] \\ X[1] \\ X[2] \\ \vdots \\ X[N-1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & W_N^1 & W_N^2 & \cdots & W_N^{(N-1)} \\ 1 & W_N^2 & W_N^4 & \cdots & W_N^{2(N-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & W_N^{(N-1)} & W_N^{2(N-1)} & \cdots & W_N^{(N-1)^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x[0] \\ x[1] \\ x[2] \\ \vdots \\ x[N-1] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \text{ i.e. } \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{D}_N \cdot \mathbf{x}$$





#### Matrix IDFT

- If  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{D}_N \cdot \mathbf{X}$ then  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{D}_N^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{X}$
- i.e. inverse DFT is also just a matrix,

$$\mathbf{D}_{N}^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & W_{N}^{-1} & W_{N}^{-2} & \cdots & W_{N}^{-(N-1)} \\ 1 & W_{N}^{-2} & W_{N}^{-4} & \cdots & W_{N}^{-2(N-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & W_{N}^{-(N-1)} & W_{N}^{-2(N-1)} & \cdots & W_{N}^{-(N-1)^{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$=1/{}_{N}D_{N}^{*}$$





#### DFT and MATLAB

- MATLAB is concerned with sequences not continuous functions like  $X(e^{j\omega})$
- Instead, we use the DFT to sample X ( $e^{j\omega}$ ) on an (arbitrarily-fine) grid:
  - X = freqz(x,1,w); samples the DTFT of sequence x at angular frequencies in w
  - X = fft(x); calculates the N-point DFT of an N-point sequence x





#### DFT and DTFT

**DTFT** 
$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$ullet$$
 continuous freq  $\omega$ 

• infinite x[n],  $-\infty < n < \infty$ 

**DFT** 
$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{kn}$$

- discrete freq  $k=N\omega/2\pi$
- finite x[n],  $0 \le n < N$

#### DFT 'samples' DTFT at discrete freqs:

$$X[k] = X(e^{j\omega})\Big|_{\omega = \frac{2\pi k}{N}}$$







- Discrete time Fourier transform (DTFT)
  - Taking the expression of the Fourier transform  $X(j\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t}dt$ , the DTFT can be derived by numerical integration

$$X(e^{j\widehat{\omega}}) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\widehat{\omega}n}$$

- where  $x[n] = x(nT_S)$  and  $\widehat{\omega} = 2\pi F/F_S$
- Discrete Fourier transform (DFT)
  - The DFT is obtained by "sampling" the DTFT at N discrete frequencies  $\omega_k=2\pi F_{\rm S}/N$ , which yields the transform

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn}$$





# Properties: Circular time shift

- DFT properties mirror DTFT, with twists:
- Time shift must stay within N-pt 'window'

$$g[\langle n - n_0 \rangle_N] \quad \leftrightarrow \quad W_N^{kn_0} G[k]$$

Modulo-N indexing keeps index between 0 and N-1:

$$g[\langle n - n_0 \rangle_N] = \begin{cases} g[n - n_0] & n \ge n_0 \\ g[N + n - n_0] & n < n_0 \end{cases}$$

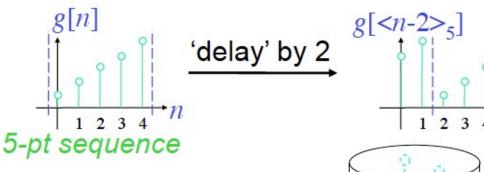
$$0 \le n_0 < N$$





#### Circular time shift

 Points shifted out to the right don't disappear – they come in from the left



Like a 'barrel shifter':



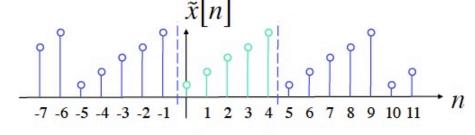




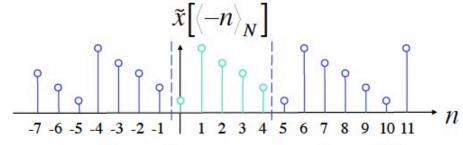
#### Circular time reversal

Time reversal is tricky in 'modulo-N' indexing - not reversing the sequence:

5-pt sequence made periodic



Time-reversed periodic sequence



Zero point stays fixed; remainder flips





## Duality

- DFT and IDFT are very similar
  - both map an N-pt vector to an N-pt vector
- Duality:

if 
$$g[n] \leftrightarrow G[k]$$
 Circular time reversal then  $G[n] \leftrightarrow N \cdot g[\langle -k \rangle_N]$ 

 i.e. if you treat DFT sequence as a time sequence, result is almost symmetric





#### 4. Convolution with the DFT

- IDTFT of product of DTFTs of two N-pt sequences is their 2N-1 pt convolution
- IDFT of the product of two N-pt DFTs can only give N points!
- Equivalent of 2N-1 pt result time aliased:

• i.e. 
$$y_c[n] = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} y_l[n+rN]$$
  $(0 \le n < N)$ 

- must be, because G[k]H[k] are exact samples of  $G(e^{j\omega})H(e^{j\omega})$
- This is known as circular convolution





### Circular convolution

- Can also do entire convolution with modulo-N indexing
- Hence, Circular Convolution:

$$\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} g[m]h[\langle n-m\rangle_N] \leftrightarrow G[k]H[k]$$

• Written as  $g[n] \otimes h[n]$ 

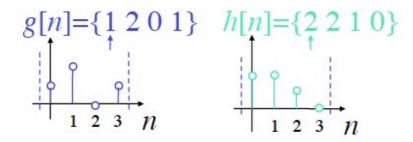


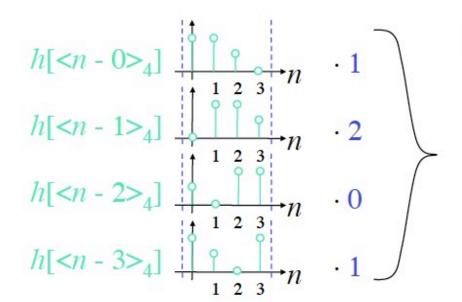


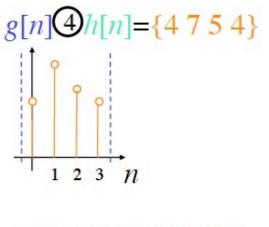
# Circular convolution example

4 pt sequences:

$$\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} g[m] h[\langle n-m \rangle_N]$$







check:  $g[n] \otimes h[n]$ ={2 6 5 4 2 1 0}





## DFT properties summary

Circular convolution

$$\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} g[m] h[\langle n-m \rangle_N] \iff G[k] H[k]$$

Modulation

$$g[n] \cdot h[n] \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} G[m] H[\langle k-m \rangle_N]$$

Duality

$$G[n] \leftrightarrow N \cdot g[\langle -k \rangle_N]$$

Parseval

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x[n]|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |X[k]|^2$$





#### Linear convolution w/ the DFT

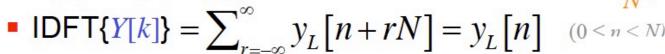
- DFT → fast circular convolution
- .. but we need linear convolution
- Circular conv. is time-aliased linear conv.; can aliasing be avoided?
- e.g. convolving L-pt g[n] with M-pt h[n]:  $y[n] = g[n] \circledast h[n]$  has L+M-1 nonzero pts
- Set DFT size  $N \ge L + M 1 \rightarrow$  no aliasing

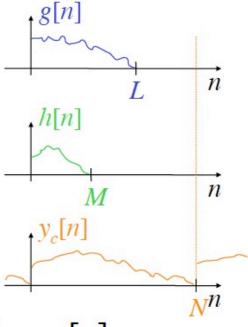




#### Linear convolution w/ the DFT

- Procedure (N = L + M 1):
  - pad L-pt g[n] with (at least)
    M-1 zeros
    - $\rightarrow$  N-pt DFT G[k], k = 0..N-1
  - pad M-pt h[n] with (at least) L-1 zeros
    - $\rightarrow$  N-pt DFT H[k], k = 0..N-1
  - $Y[k] = G[k] \cdot H[k], k = 0..N-1$







# Overlap-Add convolution

- Very long g[n] → break up into segments, convolve piecewise, overlap
  - → bound size of DFT, processing delay

■ Make 
$$g_i[n] = \begin{cases} g[n] & i \cdot N \leq n < (i+1) \cdot N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow g[n] = \sum_{i} g_{i}[n]$$

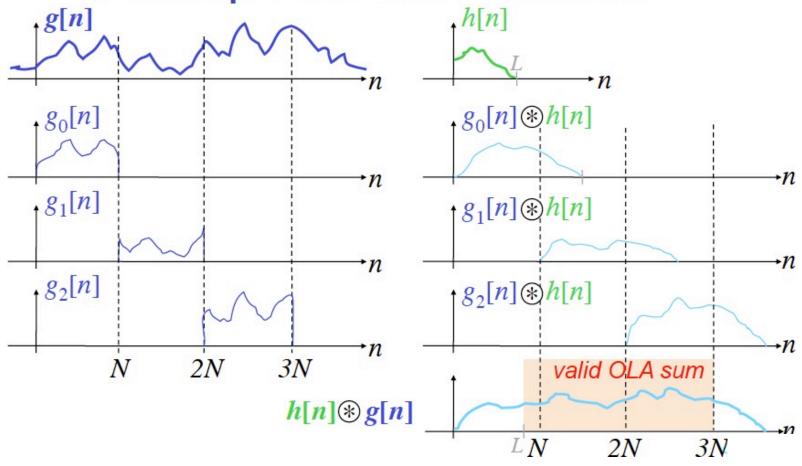
$$\Rightarrow h[n] \circledast g[n] = \sum_{i} h[n] \circledast g_{i}[n]$$

Called Overlap-Add (OLA) convolution



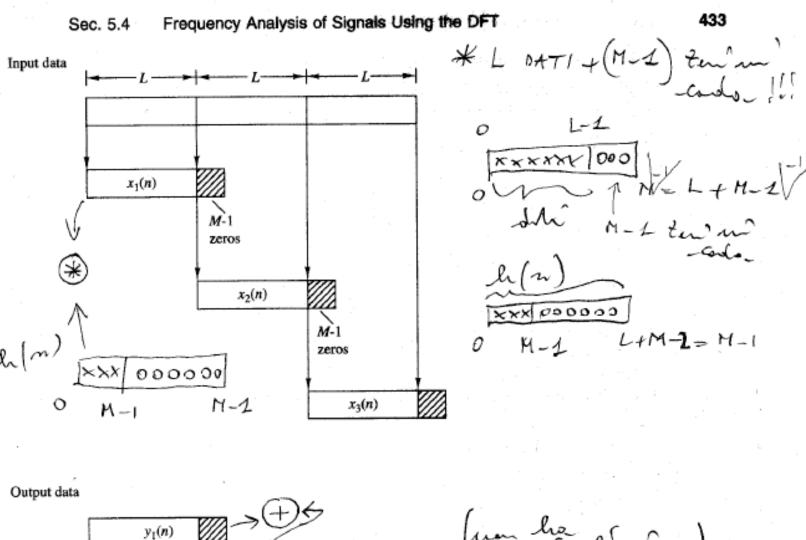


## Overlap-Add convolution









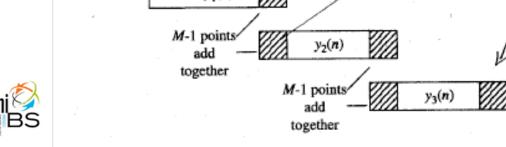


Figure 5.11 Linear FIR filtering by the overlap-add method.



1. 
$$x(n)$$

3. 
$$ax(n) + by(n)$$

4. 
$$x((n+m))_N \mathcal{R}_N(n)$$

5. 
$$W_N^{ln}x(n)$$

6. 
$$\left[\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x((m))_N y((n-m))_N\right] \mathcal{R}_N(n)$$

7. 
$$x(n)y(n)$$

8. 
$$x^*(n)$$

9. 
$$x*((-n))_N \Re_N(n)$$

10. Re 
$$[x(n)]$$

11. 
$$j \text{ Im } [x(n)]$$

12. 
$$x_{ep}(n)$$

13. 
$$x_{op}(n)$$

$$aX(k) + bY(k)$$

$$W_N^{-km}X(k)$$

$$X((k+l))_N \Re_N(k)$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \left[ \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} X((l))_N Y((k-l))_N \right] \Re_N(k)$$

$$X^*((-k))_N \mathcal{R}_N(k)$$

$$X^*(k)$$

$$X_{ep}(k) = \frac{1}{2} [X((k))_N + X^*((-k))_N] \Re_N(k)$$

$$X_{op}(k) = \frac{1}{2} [X((k))_N - X^*((-k))_N] \mathcal{R}_N(k)$$

Re [X(k)]

$$j \text{ Im } [X(k)]$$

Le proprietà seguenti valgono solo quando x(n) é reale:

14. 
$$x(n)$$
 reale qualsiasi

15. 
$$x_{en}(n)$$

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