

# Maths for AI

## Lecture 2: Bases, Transformation and the DFT

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# Discrete Fourier Transformation

Continuous Fourier transform  $F(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-i2\pi st} dt$

But note that for a finite length, discrete-time signal, it can be written as

$$x(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(nt_s)\delta(t - nt_s)$$

The Fourier transform can then be written

$$X(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(nt_s)e^{-i2\pi snt_s}$$

The result is simpler to compute, but its still redundant.

# Discrete Fourier Transformation

If we have  $N$  data points, we would like a (frequency domain) representation that only needs  $N$  data points as well. Hence no redundancy.

Use  $s = \frac{k}{Nt_s}$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$  and we get

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-i2\pi kn/N},$$

where  $x(n)$  are the  $N$  discrete samples from the continuous time process.

This is the Discrete Fourier Transform **(DFT)**

# Inverse DFT

DFT

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-i2\pi kn/N},$$

Inverse DFT (IDFT)

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{i2\pi kn/N},$$

## Examples (i)

Take  $x(n) = (1, 0, 0, 0)$

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)e^{-i2\pi kn/N}$$

$$X(0) = e^{-i2\pi 0/4} = 1$$

$$X(1) = e^{-i2\pi 0/4} = 1$$

$$X(2) = e^{-i2\pi 0/4} = 1$$

$$X(3) = e^{-i2\pi 0/4} = 1$$

So  $X(k) = (1, 1, 1, 1)$

## Examples (i) IDFT

Take  $X(k) = (1, 1, 1, 1)$

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{i2\pi kn/N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) &= \frac{1}{4} (e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 0/4}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1 + 1 + 1 + 1) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(1) &= \frac{1}{4} (e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 1/4} + e^{-i2\pi 2/4} + e^{-i2\pi 3/4}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1 + i - 1 - i) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(2) &= \frac{1}{4} (e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 2/4} + e^{-i2\pi 4/4} + e^{-i2\pi 6/4}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1 - 1 + 1 - 1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(3) &= \frac{1}{4} (e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 3/4} + e^{-i2\pi 6/4} + e^{-i2\pi 9/4}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1 - i - 1 + i) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So  $x(n) = (1, 0, 0, 0)$

## Examples (ii)

Take  $x(n) = (0, 1, 0, 0)$

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)e^{-i2\pi kn/N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X(0) &= e^{-i2\pi 0/4} &= 1 \\ X(1) &= e^{-i2\pi 1/4} &= e^{-i\pi/2} = -i \\ X(2) &= e^{-i2\pi 2/4} &= e^{-i\pi} = -1 \\ X(3) &= e^{-i2\pi 3/4} &= e^{-i3\pi/2} = i \end{aligned}$$

So  $X(k) = (1, -i, -1, i)$

## Examples (iii)

Take  $x(n) = (1, 1, 0, 0)$

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)e^{-i2\pi kn/N}$$

$$\begin{aligned}X(0) &= e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 0/4} = 1 + 1 = 2 \\X(1) &= e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 1/4} = e^0 + e^{-i\pi/2} = 1 - i \\X(2) &= e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 2/4} = e^0 + e^{-i\pi} = 0 \\X(3) &= e^{-i2\pi 0/4} + e^{-i2\pi 3/4} = e^0 + e^{-i3\pi/2} = 1 + i\end{aligned}$$

So  $X(k) = (2, 1 - i, 0, 1 + i)$



# DFT basis

We are simply changing basis

The basis vectors are a discrete set of sin and cosine functions.

Note, now we are operating in a finite dimensional space  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , so we can write the transform as

$$X = Ax \quad \text{analysis}$$

The inverse transform is just

$$x = A^{-1}X \quad \text{synthesis}$$

Where both  $x$  and  $X$  are just vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

# DFT transform matrix

$$X = AX$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & e^{-i2\pi 1/N} & e^{-i2\pi 2/N} & \dots & e^{-i2\pi(N-1)/N} \\ 1 & e^{-i2\pi 2/N} & e^{-i2\pi 4/N} & \dots & e^{-i2\pi 2(N-1)/N} \\ 1 & e^{-i2\pi 3/N} & e^{-i2\pi 6/N} & \dots & e^{-i2\pi 3(N-1)/N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & e^{-i2\pi(N-1)/N} & e^{-i2\pi 2(N-1)/N} & \dots & e^{-i2\pi(N-1)(N-1)/N} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Examples (i)

Take  $x(n) = (1, 0, 0, 0)$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{-i2\pi 1/4} & e^{-i2\pi 2/4} & e^{-i2\pi 3/4} \\ 1 & e^{-i2\pi 2/4} & e^{-i2\pi 4/4} & e^{-i2\pi 6/4} \\ 1 & e^{-i2\pi 3/4} & e^{-i2\pi 6/4} & e^{-i2\pi 9/4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Frequency resolution

Frequencies of basis functions are  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (N - 1)$  cycles over the data set. If the data set has  $N$  samples at sampling frequency  $f_s$ , then its duration is  $T = N/f_s$ . To convert from data units to absolute units, we take  $k/T = \frac{kf_s}{N}$

Frequency resolution is  $\frac{f_s}{N}$

- higher sampling frequencies reduce frequency resolution
- longer data, improves frequency resolution

## Getting units right

Note that absolute frequency depends on sample frequency  $f_s$ , so we need to convert.

The component  $X(m)$  will correspond to frequency

$$X(m) \equiv F\left(\frac{mf_s}{N}\right)$$

Output magnitude of DFT will be amplitude of sin wave signal  $A$  times  $N/2$ . Alternative definitions of DFT exist

$$X(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-i2\pi kn/N}, \quad x(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{i2\pi kn/N}$$

$$X(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-i2\pi kn/N}, \quad x(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{i2\pi kn/N}$$

# FFT

- We don't actually perform the DFT this way
- We use the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)
- One of the cleverest algorithms out there

# Matlab

Note, indexes in Matlab run from 1 to  $N$  (not 0 to  $N - 1$ ).

$$\text{fft}(x(n)) = X(k) = \sum_{n=1}^N x(n) e^{-i2\pi(k-1)(n-1)/N}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

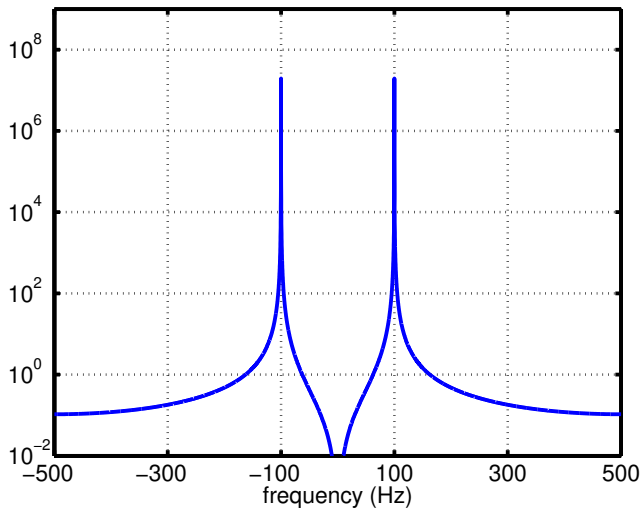
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$X(1)$  is the DC term,  $X(n)$  is the  $f_s$  term. To plot symmetric power spectrum use, e.g.

```
f_s = 1000;  
f_0 = 100;  
x = 1:1/f_s:10;  
y = sin(2*pi*f_0*x);  
semilogy(-f_s/2+f_s/N:f_s/N:f_s/2, abs(fftshift(fft(y))).^2);  
set(gca, 'ylim', 10.^[-2 9]);  
xlabel('frequency (Hz)');
```

# Matlab example

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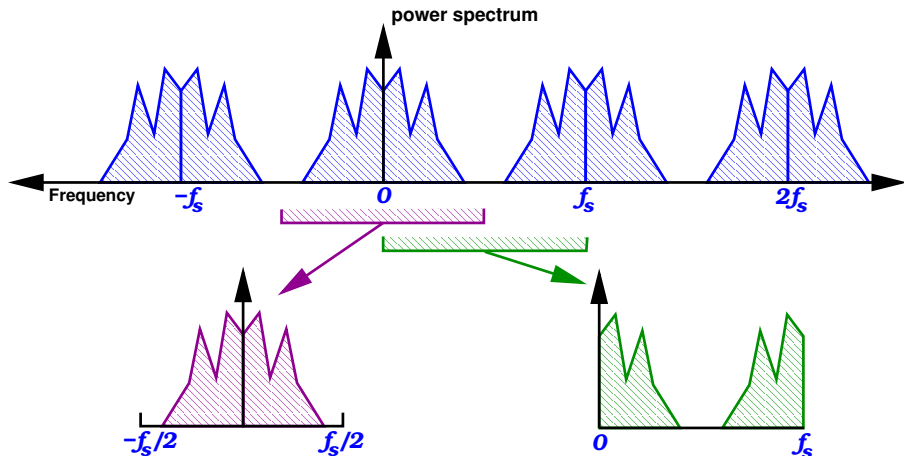


# Do It

- Use Colab and `torch.fft` to replicate the above Matlab example
  - ▶ `fftshift` is your friend
  - ▶ `fftfreq` can help you get the x-axis units correct
- Use Colab to analyse an audio signal  
See `audio_example.ipynb` for the various bits and pieces needed.

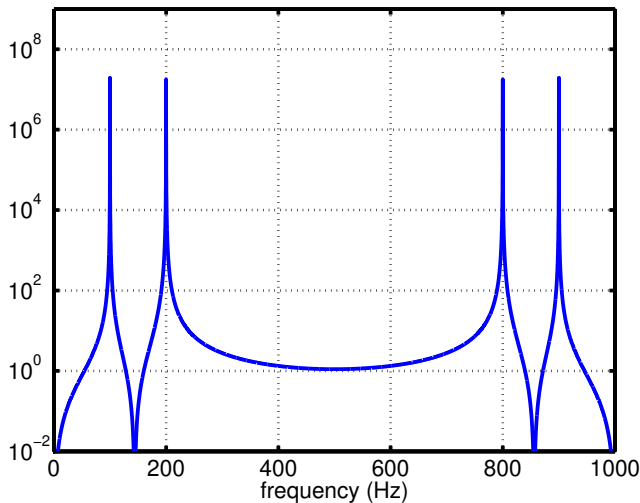
# Symmetry

Discrete power spectrum is **even** and **periodic** so we can display in a number of ways.



# Matlab example 2

matlab\_ex\_2.m



# Properties of the DFT

Mostly the same as Continuous FT

- invertible
- no redundancy so it is efficient
- Linearity:  $ax_1(n) + bx_2(n) \rightarrow aX_1(k) + bX_2(k)$
- *Time shift*:  $x(n - n_0) \rightarrow X(k)e^{-i2\pi kn_0}$
- Time scaling: a bit more complicated!
- Duality: a bit more complicated!
- Frequency shift:  $x(n)e^{-i2\pi k_0 n} \rightarrow X(k - k_0)$
- Convolution:  $x_1(n) * x_2(n) \rightarrow X_1(k)X_2(k)$

Now  $n$  and  $k$  are integers, with the result that we are missing properties related to derivatives.

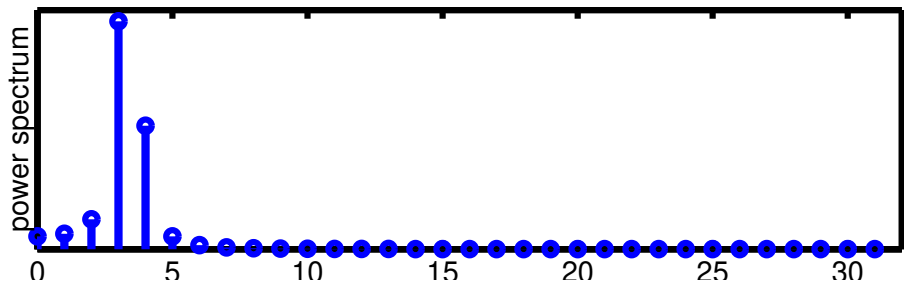
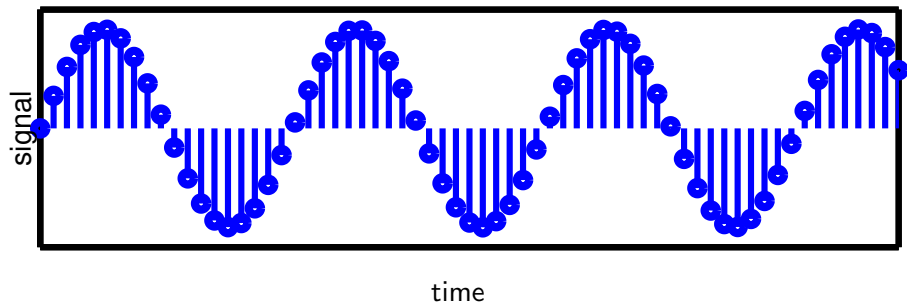
# Properties of the DFT

There are some new properties unique to DFTs

- Leakage that fits exactly our discrete frequencies
- Padding (packing)
- Similarity (discrete version of time scaling)

See below for details.

## Leakage example



# Properties of the DFT: Leakage

DFT is different from the continuous time FT is that the DFT suffers from **Leakage**.

- Unlike Continuous transform, DFT uses a finite number of frequencies.
- Not all signals fit this mold exactly: what happens to sinusoids with non-integral frequencies?
- Their power is spread over a few frequencies.
- Note we are representing the signal by a series of numbers  $X(k)$  which represent the correlation of the signal to a particular sinusoid with freq.  $k/N$ ,
- Note that, as the data gets longer, the frequency resolution improves

## DFT properties: padding

We can pad (or pack) a sequence with zeros to extend its length

$$y(n) = \begin{cases} x(n), & \text{if } 0 \leq n \leq N - 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } N \leq n < KN \end{cases}$$

The resulting DFT is

$$\mathcal{F}\{y\} = Y(k) = X\left(\frac{k}{K}\right)$$



## Padding (packing) example (ii)

Data  $x(n) = (0, 1, 0, 0)$  with transform  $X(k) = (1, -i, -1, i)$

Pad to get  $y(n) = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$  then the DFT

$$Y(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} y(n)e^{-i2\pi kn/N}$$

$Y(0)$	$= e^{-i2\pi 0/8}$	$= 1$	
$Y(1)$	$= e^{-i2\pi 1/8}$	$= e^{-i\pi/4}$	$= (1 - i)/\sqrt{2}$
$Y(2)$	$= e^{-i2\pi 2/8}$	$= e^{-i\pi/2}$	$= -i$
$Y(3)$	$= e^{-i2\pi 3/8}$	$= e^{-i3\pi/4}$	$= (-1 - i)/\sqrt{2}$
$Y(4)$	$= e^{-i2\pi 4/8}$	$= e^{-i\pi}$	$= -1$
$Y(5)$	$= e^{-i2\pi 5/8}$	$= e^{-i5\pi/4}$	$= (-1 + i)/\sqrt{2}$
$Y(6)$	$= e^{-i2\pi 6/8}$	$= e^{-i3\pi/2}$	$= i$
$Y(7)$	$= e^{-i2\pi 7/8}$	$= e^{-i7\pi/4}$	$= (1 + i)/\sqrt{2}$

## Padding (packing) example (ii)

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Pad to get  $y(n) = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$  then the DFT

$$Y(0) = X(0)$$

$$Y(2) = X(1)$$

$$Y(4) = X(2)$$

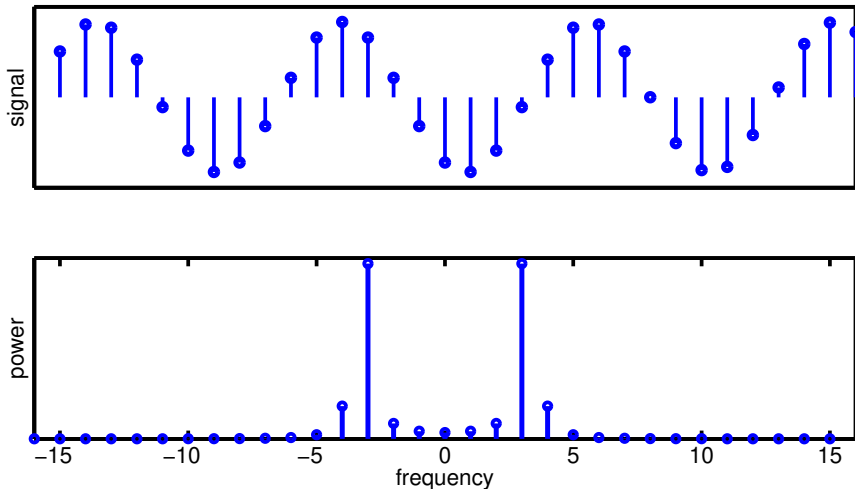
$$Y(6) = X(3)$$

So the relationship  $Y(k) = X(k/2)$  holds, with  $K = 2$ , for even values of  $k$ .

Note we cannot derive  $Y(k)$  for odd values of  $k$ , or if  $K$  is not an integer, but the relationship still tells us how to scale the frequency units, when we pad.

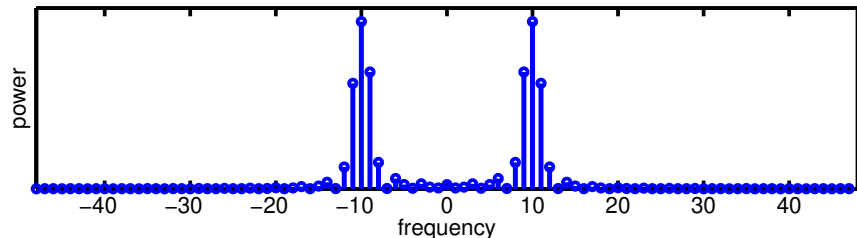
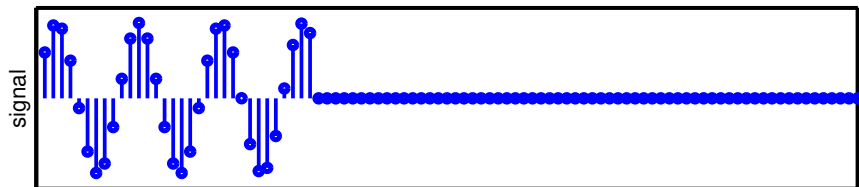
# Padding (packing) example

Original data length  $N = 32$  (frequency = 3.333)



# Padding (packing) example

$K = 3$ , new sequence length  $KN = 96$ . (frequency =  $10/K$ )



# DFT properties: similarity

We can interleave a sequence with zeros, e.g.

$$y(n) = \begin{cases} x(n/K), & \text{if } n = 0, K, 2K, \dots, (N-1)K \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The resulting DFT is

$$\mathcal{F}\{y\} = Y(k) = \begin{cases} X(k) & k = 0, \dots, N-1 \\ X(k-N) & k = N, \dots, 2N-1 \\ \vdots & \\ X(k-(K-1)N) & k = (K-1)N, \dots, KN-1 \end{cases}$$

## Similarity example (ii)

Data  $x(n) = (0, 1, 0, 0)$  with transform  $X(k) = (1, -i, -1, i)$

Interleave zeros to get  $y(n) = (0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} Y(k) &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} y(n) e^{-i2\pi kn/N} \\ Y(0) &= e^{-i2\pi 0/8} = 1 \\ Y(1) &= e^{-i2\pi 2/8} = e^{-i\pi/2} = -i \\ Y(2) &= e^{-i2\pi 4/8} = e^{-i\pi} = -1 \\ Y(3) &= e^{-i2\pi 6/8} = e^{-i3\pi/2} = i \\ Y(4) &= e^{-i2\pi 8/8} = e^{-i2\pi} = 1 \\ Y(5) &= e^{-i2\pi 10/8} = e^{-i5\pi/2} = -i \\ Y(6) &= e^{-i2\pi 12/8} = e^{-i3\pi} = -1 \\ Y(7) &= e^{-i2\pi 14/8} = e^{-i7\pi/2} = i \end{aligned}$$

So  $Y(k) = (1, -i, -1, i, 1, -i, -1, i)$  (or  $X(k)$  repeated twice)

# Similarity application

Practical use: upsampling (interpolation)

*We have a sequence sampled every  $t_s$  seconds, e.g. at a rate  $f_s = 1/t_s$ , but we need a sequence sampled at rate  $Kf_s$ .*

Approach: produce a new sequence with  $K - 1$  zeros interleaved between each original data point.

## Similarity application: upsampling

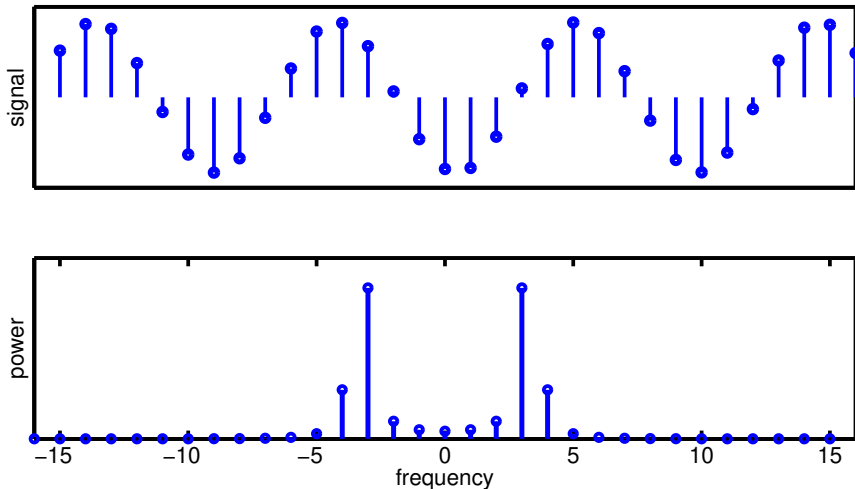
Given  $K - 1$  zeros interleaved between each original sample.

- max frequency in original data is  $f_s/2$ , with frequency resolution  $f_s/N$ , and  $N/2$  points in frequency domain.
- upsampled data has max frequency  $Kf_s/2$ , with frequency resolution  $f_s/N$ , and  $KN/2$  points in frequency domain.
- the frequency resolution doesn't change, but now we have  $K$  repeats of the original spectrum at intervals  $f_s/N$ .
- to get a signal with the same original band-limited power-spectrum, we apply a low-pass filter, smoothing the data.



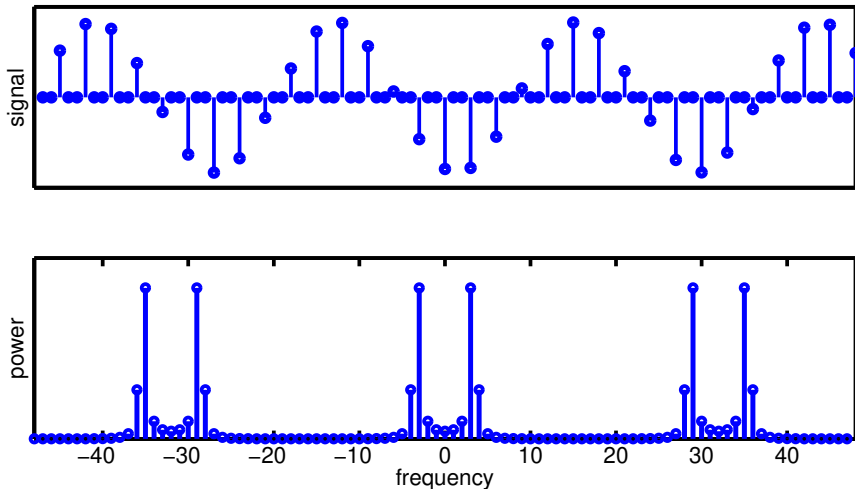
# Upsampling example

32 samples (frequency 3.4 cycles)



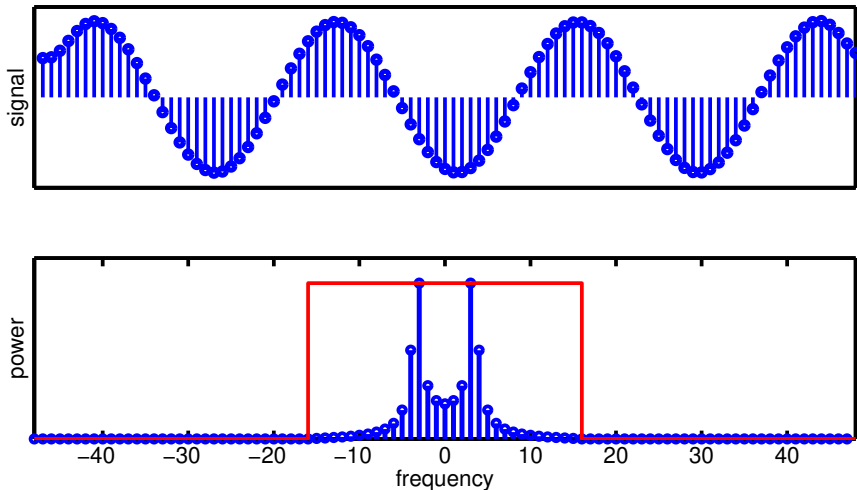
# Upsampling example

3  $\times$ 's upsampled (96 samples)



# Upsampling example

low pass filter, then IDFT



# Upsampling tricks

Trick of the day: low-pass before upsampling.

- notionally, the filtering occurs after upsampling
- If filtering in the time domain however,  $K - 1/K$  proportion of multiplies in the filter are by zero.
- can ignore these, but this is the same as low-pass before upsampling.

Let's revisit this later (after discussing filtering in more detail).

# Upsampling applications: audio

## Oversampling CD or DVD players

- digital components are cheap
- analogue components are more expensive
- Digital to Analogue Conversion (DAC) is required in CD player
- want to make this as cheap as possible (for a given quality)

## The trick

- upsample in the digital domain (where it is cheap)
- when we convert to analogue, we can use a simpler, cheaper analogue filter, to get the same results

# The DFT in 2D

## DFT

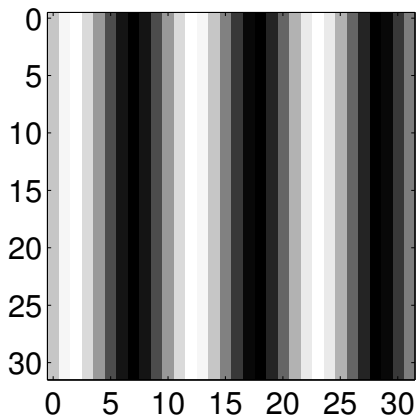
$$X(k_1, k_2) = \sum_{n_1=0}^{N_1-1} \sum_{n_2=0}^{N_2-1} x(n_1, n_2) e^{-i2\pi k_1 n_1 / N_1} e^{-i2\pi k_2 n_2 / N_2},$$

- To compute it efficiently:
  - 1 compute 1D FFT along the rows
  - 2 then do a 1D FFT along the columns
- Called **row-column** algorithm
  - ▶ note that the order could change.
- naturally generalizes to higher dimensions

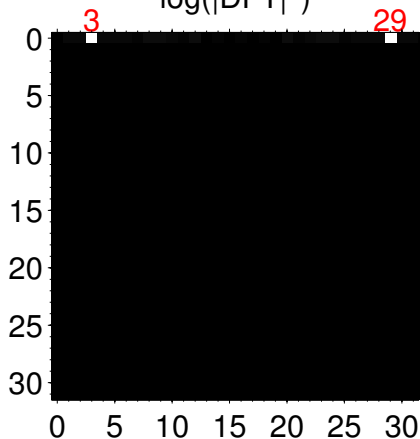
## Examples (i)

$$x(n, k) = \sin(2\pi 3k/N)$$

signal



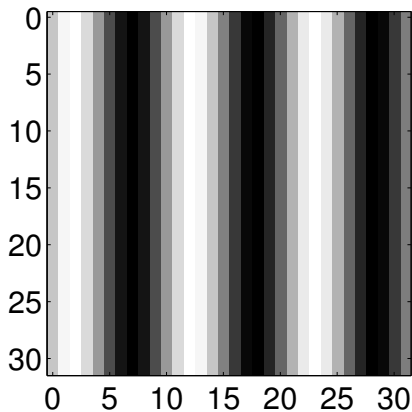
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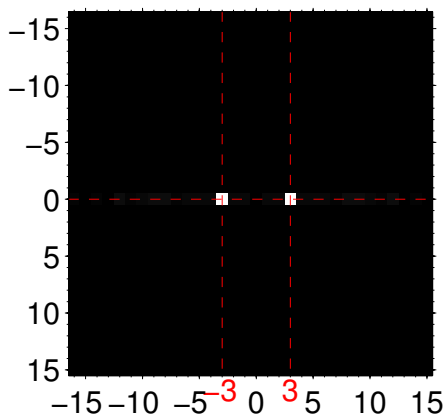
## Examples (i): fftshift

$$x(n, k) = \sin(2\pi 3k/N)$$

signal



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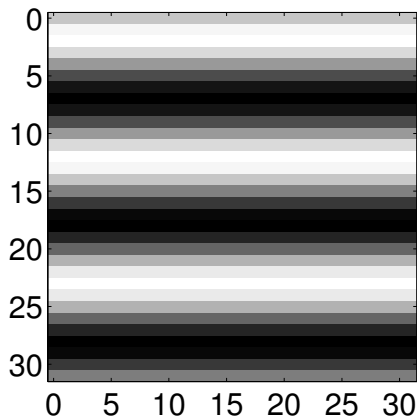




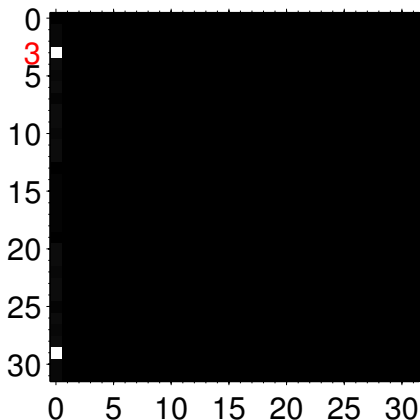
## Examples (ii)

$$x(n, k) = \sin(2\pi \textcolor{red}{3}n/N)$$

signal



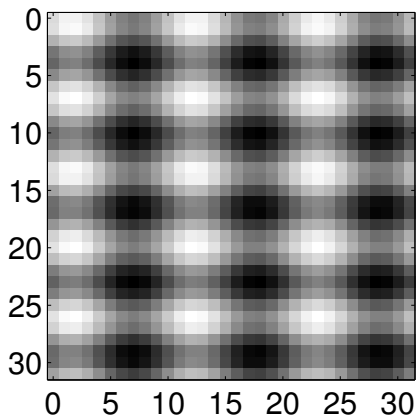
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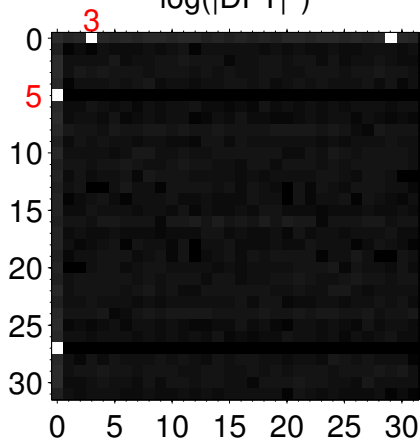
## Examples (iii): superposition

$$x(n, k) = \sin(2\pi \mathbf{5}n/N) + \sin(2\pi \mathbf{3}k/N)$$

signal



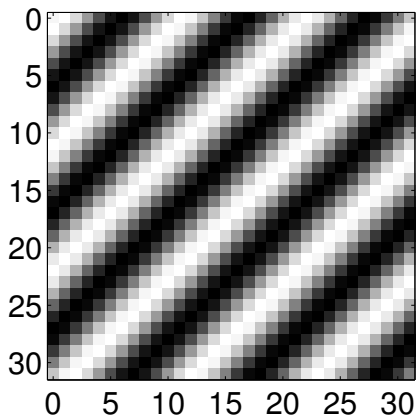
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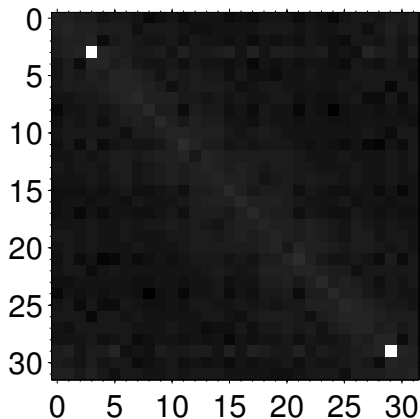
## Examples (iv)

$$x(n, k) = \sin(2\pi 3(n + k)/N)$$

signal



$\log(|\text{DFT}|^2)$



# DFT and symmetry

The symmetry of the 2D FT depends on the symmetry of the function.

$$\begin{aligned} F(-s, -v) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) e^{i2\pi(sx+ty)} dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(-x, -y) e^{-i2\pi(sx+ty)} dx dy \\ &= \mathcal{F}\{f(-x, -y)\} \end{aligned}$$

As before (in 1D), but now we reflect through the origin.

- similar result to before relating complex conjugates etc.

# DFT and symmetry

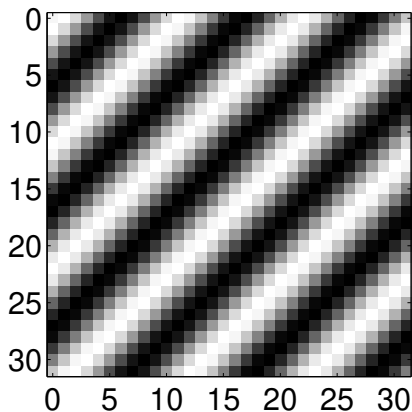
Power-spectrum of 2D DFT will be symmetric about the center (zero frequency).

- Equivalent to real time series produces even power-spectrum.
- In matlab, use `fftshift` to see the plots this way.

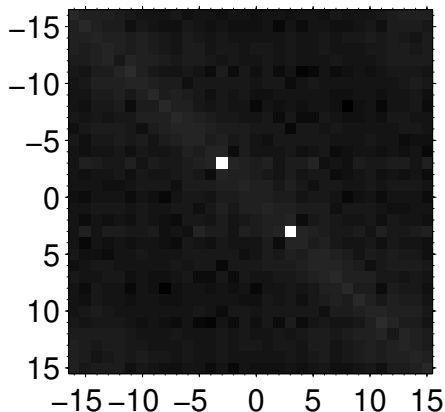
## Examples (iv-b)

as before using `fftshift`.

signal



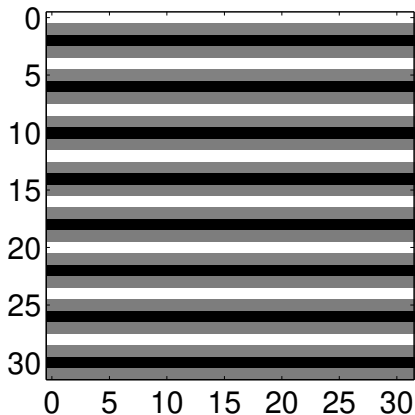
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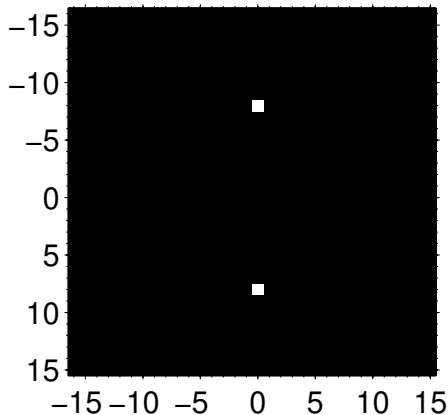
## Examples (v)

$x(n, k) = \sin(2\pi 8n/N)$  with `fftshift`

signal



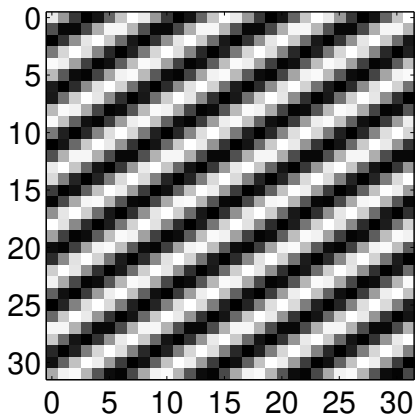
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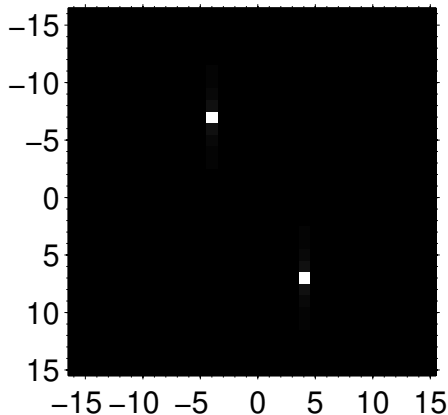
## Examples (v-b)

$x(n, k) = \sin(2\pi 8(\cos(\theta)n + \sin(\theta)k)/N)$  with `fftshift`

signal



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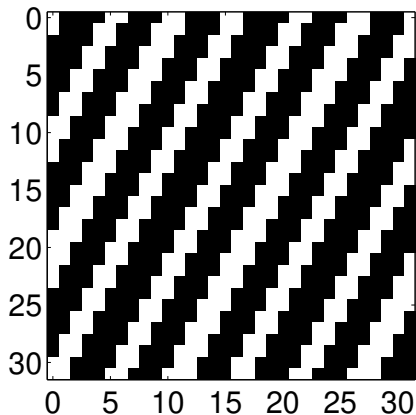




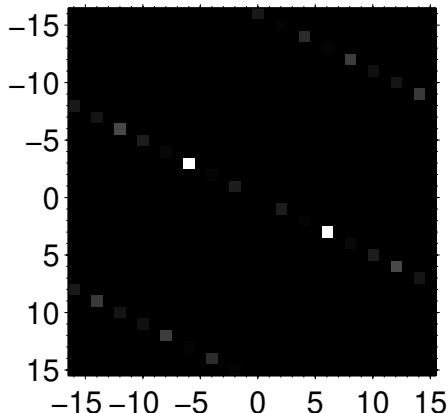
## Examples (vi)

$x(n, k) = I \{ \sin(2\pi(n + 2k)/N) > 0.2 \}$  with `fftshift`

signal



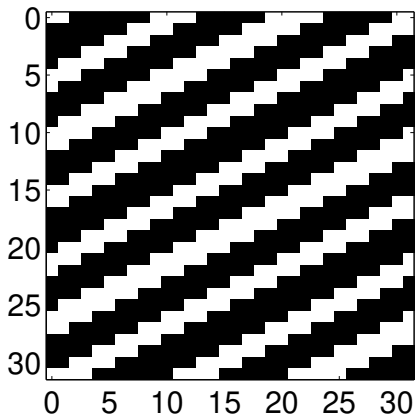
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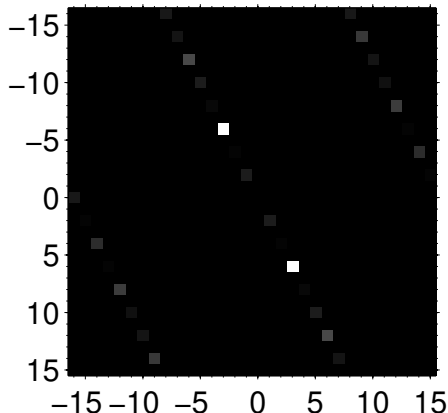
## Examples (vii)

$x(n, k) = I \{ \sin(2\pi(2n + k)/N) > 0.2 \}$  with `fftshift`

signal



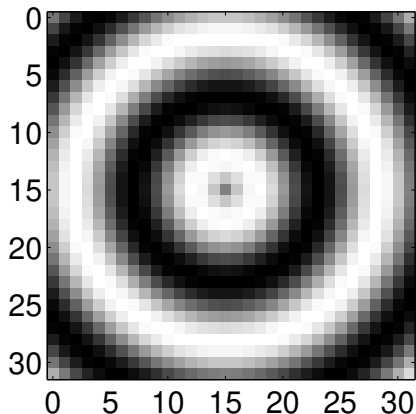
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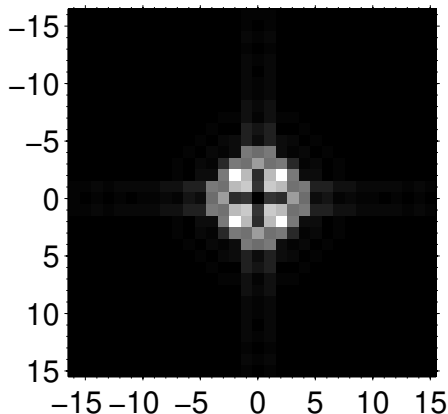
## Examples (viii)

$$x(n, k) = \sin \left( 2\pi \sqrt{(n/N - 1/2)^2 + (k/N - 1/2)^2} \right) \text{ with fftshift}$$

signal



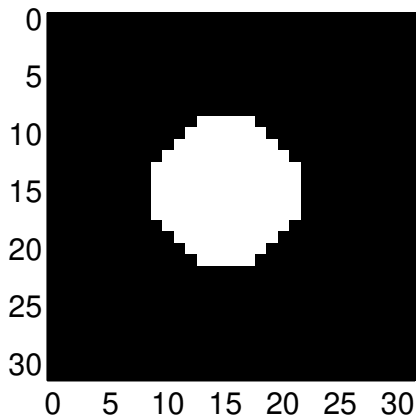
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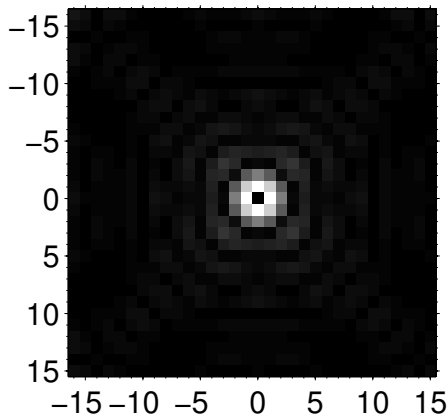
## Examples (viii b)

$$x(n, k) = I \left\{ \sqrt{(n/N - 1/2)^2 + (k/N - 1/2)^2} < 0.2 \right\} \text{ with fftshift}$$

signal



|DFT|



# Radial symmetry

Radially symmetric signal produces radially symmetric DFT

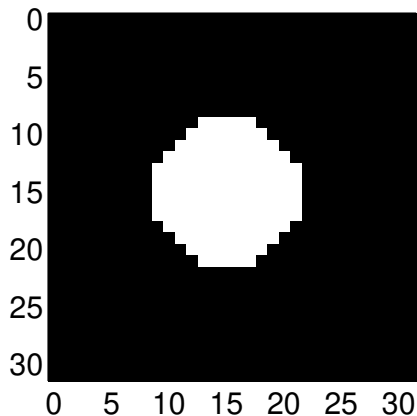
- we know that a rotation in space domain, causes equivalent rotation in frequency domain.
- rotation doesn't change  $f(x, y)$ , so  $F(s, t)$  must also be invariant.
- Remember discretization effects limit radial symmetry.

Given radial symmetry can get Hankel transform:

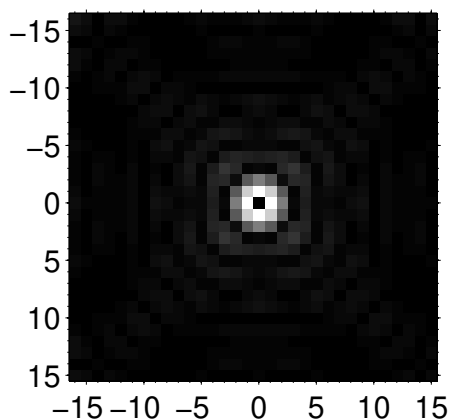
- useful where the system has radial symmetry
- e.g. optical systems, such as lenses.

# Jaggies

signal

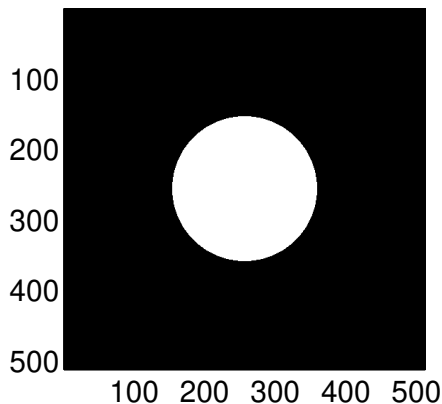


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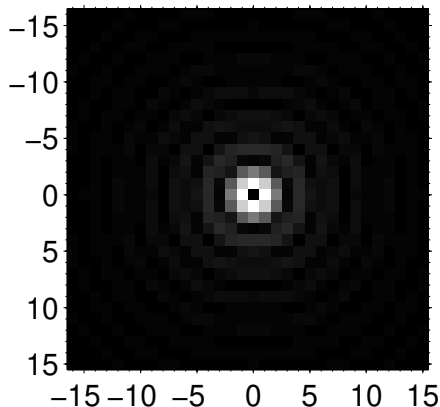


## Jaggies (reduced by enhanced resolution)

signal

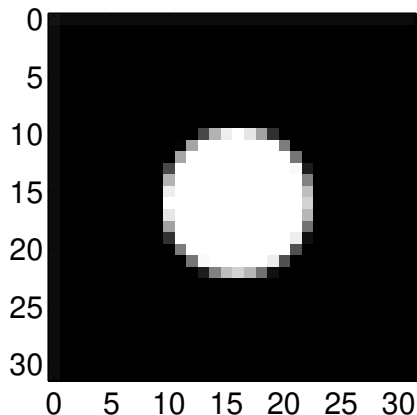


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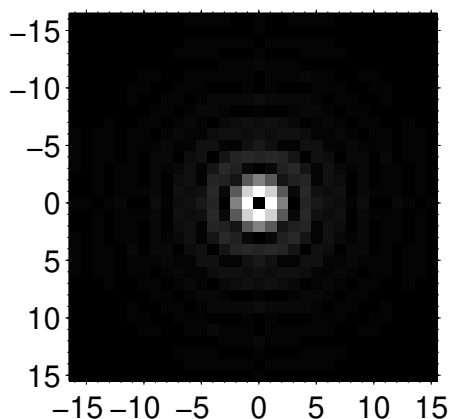


## Jaggies (reduced by pre-filtering)

signal



$|DFT|$

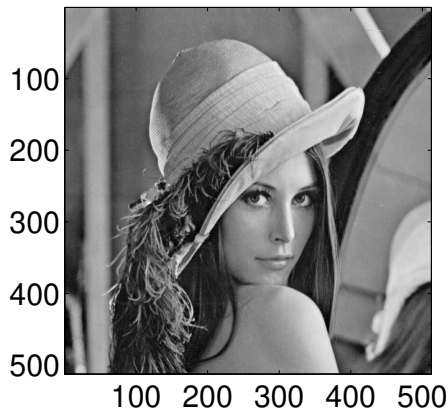




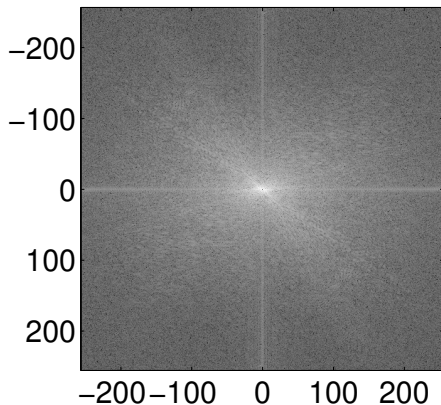
## Examples (Lena)

Lena image and power-spectra plotted using `fftshift`

signal



$\log(|\text{DFT}|^2)$



<http://ndevilla.free.fr/lena/>.