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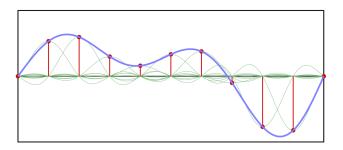


Figure 1: Visualization of the sampling theorem

1 Introduction

Signals Describe the evolution of a real life phenomenon.

Sampling Instead of considering *continuous* time signals (temperature,...), it might be easier to sample them and consider it as *discrete*

Sampling Theorem See Figure 1 and equation 1

$$x(t) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} x[n] sinc\left(\frac{t - nT_s}{T_s}\right)$$
 (1)

<u>Discrete signal</u> Sequence of **complex** numbers. Notation: x[n]. n is "a-dimensional". Analysis \sim periodic measurements and Synthesis \sim stream of generated samples.

<u>Delta signal</u> $x[n] = \delta[n]$. 1 when n = 0, 0 elsewhere.

Unit step x[n] = u[n]. 1 when $n \ge 0$, 0 elsewhere.

Exponential decay $x[n] = |a|^n u[n]$ with |a| < 1

Signal classes Finite-length, infinite-length, periodic, finite-support

<u>Finite-length</u> Notation: x[n], n = 0, 1, ..., N - 1. Vector: $\mathbf{x} = [x_0, x_1, ..., x_{N-1}]^T$. Good for practice.

Infinite-length Notation: $x[n], n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Abstraction \to good for theory.

Periodic N-periodic sequence $\tilde{x}[n] = \tilde{x}[n+kN], \quad k, n, N \in \mathbb{Z}$

Finite-support
$$\overline{x}[n] = \begin{cases} x[n] & \text{if } 0 \le n < N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Finite-length shift We must chose either to use finite-support (0's outside of the interval, shifting "creates" 0's) or periodic extension (leaving on a sides makes entering on the other).

Energy

$$E_x = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2 \tag{2}$$

Infinite for periodic signals

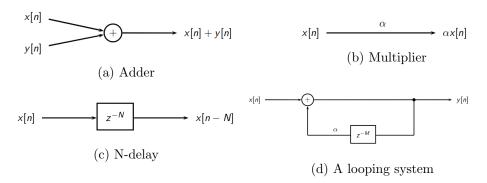


Figure 2: Fundamental building blocks

Power For periodic signals:
$$P_{\tilde{x}} \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |\tilde{x}[n]|^2$$

$$P_x = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{2N+1} \sum_{n=-N}^{N} |x[n]|^2$$
(3)

Legos DPS is composed of fundamental building blocks. See figure 2.

Averages Simple average: $m = \frac{a+b}{2}$. Moving average: take a "local" average

$$y[n] = \frac{x[n] + x[n-1]}{2} \tag{4}$$

Loops When feeding the output of a system to the input, we obtain a loop, of the type $y[n] = \alpha y[n-M] + x[n]$. This is a powerful concept! Figure 2d shows an example. The parameters we can tweak: M (size of delay), α (decay factor), $\overline{x}[n]$ (input signal)

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2 Vector spaces

<u>Signal model</u> We work in \mathbb{C}^N : vector space of ordered tuples of N complex values. N can be ∞ . We need more than a vector space, we need a *Hilbert space*.

Some spaces $\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})$: space of square-summable infinite sequences. $L_2([a,b])$: space of square-integrable functions over an interval

<u>Vector spaces</u> Ingredients: the set of vectors V, and a set of scalars (say \mathbb{C}). We need at least to be able to: resize vectors (multiply vector by scalar) and combine vectors together (sum them).

Formal Properties For $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$:

$$-\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x} \qquad -\alpha(\beta \mathbf{x}) = (\alpha \beta) \mathbf{x}$$

$$-(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \qquad -\exists 0 \in V | \mathbf{x} + 0 = 0 + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$$

$$-\alpha(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = \alpha \mathbf{x} + \alpha \mathbf{y} \qquad -\forall \mathbf{x} \in V \exists (-\mathbf{x}) | x + (-\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$-(\alpha + \beta) \mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{x} + \beta \mathbf{x}$$

<u>Dot Product</u> We also need something to measure and compare: **inner product** (or **dot product**). Notation:

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \to \mathbb{C}$$

Measures similarity between vectors. If 0, then vectors are completely orthogonal

Formal Properties The dot product has several interesting properties. For $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$:

Examples In \mathbb{R}^2 , the norm is simply $x_0y_0 + x_1y_1 = ||\mathbf{x}|| \ ||\mathbf{y}|| \cos \alpha$. Another more interesting example, is $L_2[a,b]$ In this case, the inner product is defined as $\int_a^b x(t)y(t) dt$

<u>Distance</u> Inner product defines a norm: $||\mathbf{x}|| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$ while norm defines a distance: $d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = ||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}||$. In L_2 , the distance corresponds to the Mean Square Error

For signals the inner product is defined as following:

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x^*[n] y[n]$$
 (5)

It is well defined for all finite-length vectors in \mathbb{C}^N . Careful: if $N = \infty$, then the sum may explode! We require the sequences to be *square-summable*, i.e. $\sum |x[n]| < \infty$. That is the space $\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

2.1 Basis

Basis Vectors can be linearly combined in vector space: $\mathbf{g} = \alpha \mathbf{x} + \beta \mathbf{y}$. A basis is a set of vectors $\{\mathbf{w}^{(k)}\}$ that lets us write any vector as a linear combination of those vectors. Alternatively, it is a set $\{\mathbf{w}^{(k)}\}$ such as there exists (unique) α_1, α_2 such as for any \mathbf{x} , we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{w}^{(1)} + \alpha_2 \mathbf{w}^{(2)} + \dots + \alpha_k \mathbf{w}^{(k)} = \sum_{k=0}^N \alpha_k \mathbf{w}^{(k)}, \quad \alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}$$
 (6)

Example The canonical \mathbb{R}^2 basis is as follows: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. But this is not the *only* base of \mathbb{R}^2 ! For example $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is another valid base. Oppositely, $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is not a valid base as we can't express any vector \mathbf{x} with them (e.g. no vector with $x_2 \neq 0$ can be expressed)

Ortho* basis Orthogonal basis: All vectors are orthogonal with one another:

$$\langle \mathbf{w}^{(k)}, \mathbf{w}^{(n)} \rangle = 0$$
, for $k \neq n$

Orthonormal basis same as orthogonal, but vectors are normalized; thus all are orthogonal and vectors have unit length:

$$\langle \mathbf{w}^{(k)}, \mathbf{w}^{(n)} \rangle = \delta[n-k]$$

Basis expansion Given a basis and a vector, finding the α_k might be hard. With orthonormal basis, it is easy:

$$\alpha_k = \langle \mathbf{w}^{(k)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \tag{7}$$

Basis change We want to easily change between our basis and a given other basis:

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \alpha_k \mathbf{w}^{(k)} = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \beta_k \mathbf{v}^{(k)}$$

We look for the β_k using $\alpha_k, \mathbf{v}^{(k)}, \mathbf{w}^{(k)}$. Simply:

$$\beta_h = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \alpha_k \langle \mathbf{v}^{(h)}, \mathbf{w}^{(k)} \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \alpha_k c_{hk} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{00} & \cdots & c_{0(K-1)} \\ & & \vdots \\ c_{(K-1)0} & \cdots & c_{(K-1)(K-1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{K-1} \end{bmatrix}$$
(8)

Energy
$$||\mathbf{x}|| = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} |x_k|^2$$

Parseval "Energy is conserved across a change of basis"

$$||\mathbf{x}||^2 = \sum |\alpha_k|^2 \tag{9}$$

2.2 Subspaces and approximation

<u>Subspace</u> A vector subspace is a subset of vectors *closed* under addition and scalar multiplication.

Approximation For a vector $\mathbf{x} \in V$ and a subspace $S \subseteq V$ then we can approximate \mathbf{x} with $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in S$.

<u>LS</u> Least-square approximation. Given an orthonormal basis for the subspace S: $\{\mathbf{s}^{(k)}\}_{k=0,1,\dots,K-1}$ Then the orthogonal projection is the "best" approximation over S. Best because it has the minimum-norm error:

$$\arg\min_{\mathbf{y}\in S}||\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|| = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

Beside, the error is orthogonal to approximation: $\langle \mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = 0$

<u>Gram-Schmidt</u> Used to build an orthonormal $\{\mathbf{u}^{(k)}\}$ set from any set $\{\mathbf{s}^{(k)}\}$. The algorithmic procedure:

1.
$$\mathbf{p}^{(k)} = \mathbf{s}^{(k)} - \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} \langle \mathbf{u}^{(n)}, \mathbf{s}^{(k)} \rangle \mathbf{u}^{(n)}$$

2.
$$\mathbf{u}^{(k)} = \frac{\mathbf{p}^{(k)}}{||\mathbf{p}^{(k)}||}$$

<u>Legendre</u> Legendre polynomials are a better (orthonormal) base than classical polynomials base. When approximating sinusoid with polynomials, Legendre polynomials yield a smaller error than regular polynomials base.

2.3 Hilbert space

<u>Ingredients</u> For a Hilbert space, we need a vector space $H(V, \mathbb{C})$, an inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$: $V \times V \to \mathbb{C}$ and completeness

Completeness Limiting operations must yield elements in the vector space.

3 Fourier

3.1 Introduction

Time domain Discrete signals are expressed as linear combinations of "atomic" time units

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x[k]\delta[n-k] \iff \mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k \boldsymbol{\delta}^k$$

Where $\{\boldsymbol{\delta}\}$ is a canonical basis for \mathbb{C}^N , e.g. $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(2)} = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0]$

Frequency domain Fourier analysis: express a signal as combination of periodic oscillations:

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k \mathbf{w}^{(k)} \tag{10}$$

with $\mathbf{w}^{(k)}$ the Fourier basis. The <u>Fourier transform</u> is a change of basis in the space of discrete time signals.

<u>Analysis/Synthesis</u> Fourier analysis: time domain \rightarrow frequency domain, to find contribution of different frequencies.

Fourier synthesis: frequency domain \rightarrow time domain, to create signals with known frequency content.

Math reminders $e^{j\alpha} = \cos \alpha + j \sin \alpha \simeq \text{point on the unit circle, at angle } \alpha$. See Figure 3. Rotations of an angle β (centre at origin) are made by multiplying by $e^{j\beta}$. To represent discrete-time oscillatory, we need a frequency ω , an initial phase ϕ and an amplitude A:

$$x[n] = Ae^{j(\omega n + \phi)} = A[\cos(\omega n + \phi) + j\sin(\omega n + \phi)]$$

Periodicity Consider the signal $x[n]=e^{j\omega n}$, then $x[n+1]=e^{j\omega n}x[n]$. In some cases, this is periodic. The condition for $e^{j\omega n}$ to be periodic in n, is to have $\omega=\frac{M}{N}2\pi$ with $M,N\in\mathbb{Z}$. So if the frequency is a (rational) multiple of 2π , the signal is periodic.

Max Frequency The higher we chose ω, the 'less points" we will have between each loop. But once we reached ω = π, we only have 2 points (±1). Going at speed π + α is similar as going at speed -(π - α)

3.2 Fourier Basis 3 FOURIER

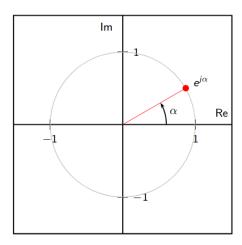


Figure 3: The trigonometric circle

<u>Digit./Physic.</u> freq In discrete time, n is a-dimensional, just a counter. Periodicity is the number of samples before pattern repeats. But in real world, periodicity is the number of seconds before pattern repeats; it's measured in Hz (s^{-1}). Now, set T_s seconds between samples, and a periodicity of M samples (that is a periodicity of MT_s seconds). Then the real-world frequency is $\frac{1}{MT_s}$

3.2 Fourier Basis

Basis The set of N signals in \mathbb{C}^N represented in eq. 11 is an orthogonal basis in C^N . The proof won't be presented here. Note that the vectors are <u>not</u> orthonormal. The normalization factor would be $1/\sqrt{N}$

$$w_k[n] = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}, \ n, k = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1 \sim \{\mathbf{w}^{(k)}\}_{k=0,1,\dots,N-1} \text{ with } w_n^{(k)} = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}$$
 (11)

3.3 Discrete Fourier Transform

<u>Basis expansion</u> Following Equation 7, the *analysis* formula (respectively the *synthesis* formula) is

$$X_k = \langle \mathbf{w}^{(k)}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \qquad \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k \mathbf{w}^{(k)}$$
 (12)

Change of basis We try to define the matrix of basis change (as in Equation 8). First we define $W_N = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{n}}$ (or W when N is evident). Then the change of basis matrix \mathbf{W} with $\mathbf{W}[n,m] = W_N^{nm}$:

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1\\ 1 & W^{1} & W^{2} & W^{3} & \cdots & W^{N-1}\\ 1 & W^{2} & W^{4} & W^{6} & \cdots & W^{2(N-1)}\\ & \vdots & & \vdots\\ 1 & W^{N-1} & W^{2(N-1)} & W^{3(N-1)} & \cdots & W^{(N-1)^{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$
(13)

This lets us redefine the analysis and synthesis formula:

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} \qquad \mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{W}^H\mathbf{X} \tag{14}$$

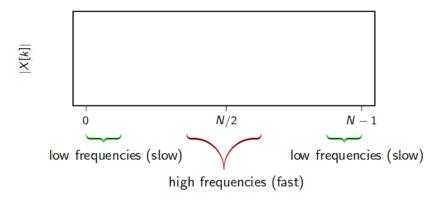


Figure 4: Relation between frequencies and the plot

DFT Matrix We can simplify many elements in this matrix, because $W_N^m = W_N^{(m \mod N)}$. Thus, for example, $W_8^{11} = W_8^3$. Furthermore, with \mathbf{W}_6 , we should have elements up to W^{25} , but with this theorem we will only need to compute elements up to W^5

Linearity Obviously, DFT is linear:

$$DFT\{\alpha x[n] + \beta y[n]\} = \alpha DFT\{x[n]\} + \beta DFT\{y[n]\}$$

Examples

Example 1. Let's find the DFT of $x[n] = 3\cos(2\pi/16)$ in \mathbb{C}^{64} . We easily transform $x[n] = \frac{3}{2} \left[e^{j\frac{2\pi}{64}4n} + e^{j\frac{2\pi}{64}60n} \right] = \frac{3}{2}(w_4[n] + w_{60}[n])$. Then we just apply the dot product to change the basis, use linearity to obtain the result

Example 2. The above transformation was made easier because we could transform $2\pi/16$ into the form of $2\pi/N \cdot C$. So it was easy because 16 divides 64. But if it is not the case (that is, if the constant multiplying 2π) does not divide N, we don't have a "fast" result and must use the formal definition (the sum) to obtain each element.

<u>Phase wrapping</u> As the phase is an angle, we can make the result more appealing by adding multiples of 2π without changing the result.

<u>DFT plot</u> Once we plotted the DFT, it's important to know what to do with it. Mostly, interpret it. On figure 4 we see an explanation of how to interpret the plot. Note that between 0 and N/2, we are dealing with frequencies $< \pi$ (counterclockwise), while between N/2 and N-1 are frequencies $> \pi$ (clockwise).

Energy distribution Recall Parseval's theorem (equation 9). Then obviously:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x[n]|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |X[k]|^2$$
 (15)

The square magnitude of kth DFT coefficient are proportional to the signal's energy at frequency $\omega = (2\pi/N)k$

Symmetry For real signals, the DFT is symmetric in magnitude: |X[k]| = |X[N-k]| for $k = 1, 2, ..., \lfloor N/2 \rfloor$. Thus, we magnitude plots need only $\lfloor N/2 \rfloor + 1$ points

3.4 DFT as an analysis tool

We will here use some examples to explain how to use DFT to analyse signals.

3.4.1 Solar spots

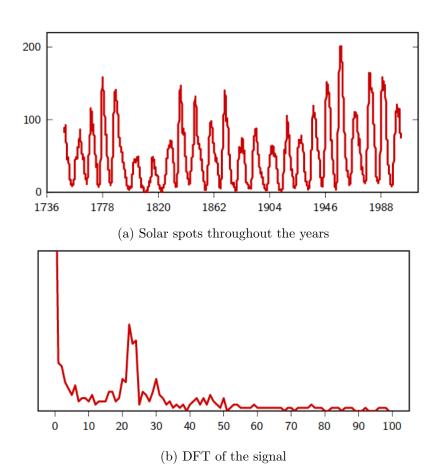


Figure 5: First example: solar spots

On the first example, presented in Figure 5, we see the sunspots throughout the years, and its DFT. The DFT shows a clear peak at k=22. This means that the frequency is of 22 cycles. Our data is spread across 2904 months, and thus we have a period of $\frac{2904}{22} \simeq 11$ years.

3.4.2 Temperature

Here we need to observe 2 points: at k=0, we have the **average** temperature (12.3 °C). At k=8 there is a new peak. Same computation as before: we have 2920 days, and thus 8 cycles represent a period of $\frac{2920}{8}=365$. The peak goes to 6.4 °C, and thus the temperature ranges at 12.3 ± 12.8 °C

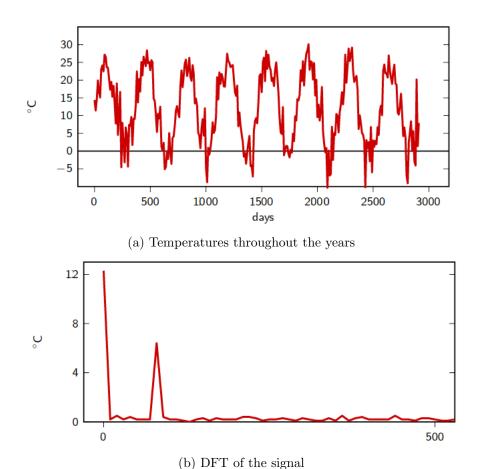


Figure 6: First example: solar spots

About the 12.8° :

$$DFT\left\{A\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}Mn\right)\right\}[k] = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{2}N & k = M, N - M\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (16)

3.4.3 Labeling the frequency axis

We need to know the "clock" of the system T_s , or its frequency $F_s = 1/T_s$. Then, let's reason this way: the fastest frequency is $\omega = \pi$; it then takes 2 samples to do a full revolution. Then the real-world period for the fastest sinusoid is $2T_s$, or frequency $F_s/2Hz$.

This means that on our plot, the highest frequency (that is the middle of the plot, remember figure 4) corresponds to $F_s/2$. From here, we only apply a linear mapping to find the frequency corresponding to the sample numbers.

3.5 DFT as a synthesis tool

Sinusoidal generator Let's consider the signal $w_k[n] = A_k e^{j(\frac{2\pi}{N}kn + \phi_k)}$ By choosing appropriate A_k and ϕ_k , we can generate any sinusoid by summing these elements. By initializing the machine with $A_k = |X[k]|/N$ and $\phi_k = \angle X[k]$ we can find back our original signal.

<u>Time?</u> If we run our algorithm for too long, we obtain the interesting result: x[n + N] = x[n], that is the output is N-periodic!

<u>DFS</u> Therefore, if we remind our synthesis (respectively analysis) formula produces a N-point signal in the time (frequency) domain:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$
 (17)

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$
 (18)

Then we can extend this to the concept of **DFS**¹ that produce a N-periodic signal in the time (frequency) domain:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}, \quad \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}$$
 (19)

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}, \quad \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}$$
 (20)

Basically, DFS is just DFT with periodicity explicit.

<u>Properties</u> The DFS maps N-periodic signal onto an N-periodic sequence of Fourier coefficients. The inverse DFS does exactly the opposite. And obviously the DFS is equivalent to the DFT of one period.

The DFS then lets us better understand shifts in finite-length time. Shifts for finite-length signals are "naturally" *circular*².

3.6 Fourier Transform for periodic signals

Periodic sequences can be seen as a kind to infinite-length signals, as these signals are infinite but the necessary information is found in a finite sequence. For N-periodic sequence, we have N degrees of freedom. Thanks to DFS, only N Fourier coefficients capture all the information.

If we take an arbitrary signal finite signal, and compute its DFT, we obtain a certain result. But if we append the original signal with a copy of itself (so it will be similar of 2 period of a periodic signal), we will obtain the same result but with 0s interleaved. Similarly, for 3 periods, 2 0s will be interleaved for each actual point. This is a general rule. A DFT of L periods gives:

$$X_L[k] = \begin{cases} LX[k/L] & \text{if } k \text{ multiple of } L\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (21)

¹ Discrete Fourier Series

² See the slides for proof

DFT	DFS	DTFT	STFT
	$\sum_{1}^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}n}$	$\sum^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n}$	
$0 \le n < N$	$n=0$ $n \in \mathbb{Z}$	$\lim_{N\to\infty} \frac{2\pi}{N} = \omega \in \mathbb{R}$	
N-point	N-periodic	1, 7,00	
Change of	basis in \mathbb{C}^N	Change of basis in $\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})$	
numeri	cal algo	mathematical tool	

3.7 Fourier transform for infinite-length signal

When considering infinite signals, we look at what happens when $N \to \infty$. There, $\frac{2\pi}{N}k$ becomes denser in $[0, 2\pi]$. In the limit, it tends to ω :

$$\sum_{n} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \quad \omega \in \mathbb{R}$$

<u>DTFT</u> Let $x[n] \in \ell_2(\mathbb{Z})$. We define

$$F(\omega) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n}$$
 (22)

Which can be inverted (when $F(\omega)$ exists)

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(\omega)e^{j\omega n} d\omega \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$
 (23)

Periodicity $F(\omega)$ is 2π -periodic: $e^{j\omega n} = e^{j(\omega + 2k\pi)n} \ \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$. To stress that, we write

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n}$$
 (24)

Furthermore, by convention it is represented over $[-\pi, \pi]$.

Existence The DTFT exists only for absolutely summable sequences: $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]| < \infty$

A Fourier summary

- (I)DFT (Inverse) Discrete Fourier Transform
- (I)DFS (Inverse) Discrete Fourier Series: DFT with explicit periodicity

DTFT DDiscrete-Time Fourier Transform

very big hole

B Image Processing