

# EE4C5 Digital Signal Processing

## Lecture 12 – Introducing the DFT

# This lecture

- Based on Chapter 8 of O&S
- Some material on CTFT and DTFT should have been in prior modules in e.g. mathematics, signals and systems
- All images from O&S book unless otherwise stated
- Some material based on Ian Bruce Lectures from McMaster University
  - Have reused some of his excellent images
- Some material from lectures based on <https://dspfirst.gatech.edu/>

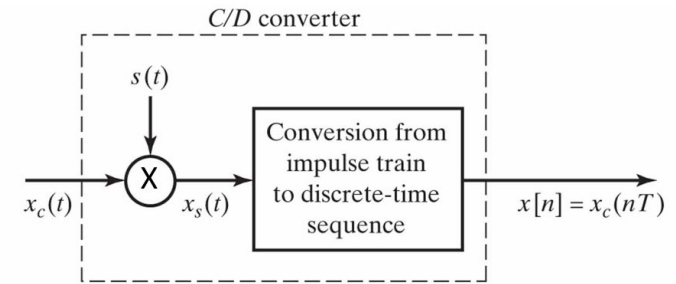
# Family of Fourier Transforms

- Continuous-Time Fourier Transform (CTFT)
  - Continuous in time, frequency and amplitude
- Discrete-Time Fourier Transform (DTFT)
  - Discrete in time, continuous in frequency and amplitude
- Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)
  - Discrete in time and frequency, continuous in amplitude
- Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)
  - Efficient algorithm to implement the DFT

# DTFT – a recap

# DTFT

- Back in Lecture 4, we considered a sampled continuous time signal  $x_c(t)$  as being represented by a continuous-time modulated impulse-train signal  $x_s(t)$  as:
- $x_s(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x_c(nT)\delta(t - nT)$
- $= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\delta(t - nT)$
- With  $x[n] = x_c(nT)$  is the point-sampled discrete-time signal



# Take CTFT

- Take the continuous-time Fourier transform of  $x_s(t)$ :
- $X_s(j\Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_s(t) e^{-j\Omega t} dt$
- $= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \delta(t - nT) e^{-j\Omega t} dt$
- $= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - nT) e^{-j\Omega t} dt$
- $= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\Omega nT} dt$
- Where  $\Omega$  is continuous-time frequency with units radians/sec

# Yields the DTFT...

- Reformulate in terms of discrete-time frequency  $\omega = \Omega T$  (with units of radians)
- $X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n}$
- Above equation is the Discrete-Time Fourier Transform (DTFT) of the discrete-time sequence  $x[n]$
- The frequency is represented by a continuous-time variable in  $\omega$
- The DTFT has infinite frequency resolution

# Periodicity of DTFT

- The DTFT is periodic, with period  $2\pi$
- $X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} \underbrace{e^{-j2\pi n}}_{=1}$
- $= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j(\omega+2\pi)n} = X(e^{j(\omega+2\pi)})$



# Inverse DTFT

- Periodicity of DTFT means that only need consider one period of DTFT in taking inverse DTFT

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

- Can show this is true by:

- $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega n} d\omega$

- $= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] e^{-j\omega m} e^{j\omega n} d\omega$

- $= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] e^{j\omega(n-m)} d\omega$

- $= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x[m] \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{j\omega(n-m)} d\omega}_{\delta[n-m]} = x[n]$

# Compare

- Continuous Time Fourier Series

- $x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} X_n e^{j\frac{2\pi n}{T}t}$

- $X_n = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t) e^{-j\frac{2\pi n}{T}t} dt$

- Discrete-Time FT

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

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

Observe: if you take the Fourier Series and replace:

$$x(t) \rightarrow X(e^{j\omega}); \quad X_n \rightarrow x[n]; \quad t \rightarrow -\omega; \quad T \rightarrow 2\pi;$$

You obtain the DTFT.

# Significance?

- An important conclusion follows:
  - The DTFT is equivalent to Fourier series but applied to the “opposite” domain.
- In Fourier series, a periodic continuous signal is represented as a sum of exponentials weighted by discrete Fourier (spectral) coefficients.
- In the DTFT, a periodic continuous spectrum is represented as a sum of exponentials weighted by discrete signal values.
- Important because:
  - DTFT can be derived directly from Fourier series.
  - All developments for Fourier series can be applied to DTFT.
  - Relationship between Fourier series and DTFT illustrates the duality between time and frequency domains.

# Properties of DTFT

- Linearity
- Shift property
- Modulation property
- Convolution property
- Multiplication property
- All covered in 3C1 Signals and Systems
- (Can be revised in Chapter 2 of O&S if needed)

**TABLE 2** FOURIER TRANSFORM THEOREMS

Sequence	Fourier Transform
$x[n]$	$X(e^{j\omega})$
$y[n]$	$Y(e^{j\omega})$
1. $ax[n] + by[n]$	$aX(e^{j\omega}) + bY(e^{j\omega})$
2. $x[n - n_d]$ ( $n_d$ an integer)	$e^{-j\omega n_d} X(e^{j\omega})$
3. $e^{j\omega_0 n} x[n]$	$X(e^{j(\omega - \omega_0)})$
4. $x[-n]$	$X(e^{-j\omega})$ $X^*(e^{j\omega})$ if $x[n]$ real.
5. $nx[n]$	$j \frac{dX(e^{j\omega})}{d\omega}$
6. $x[n] * y[n]$	$X(e^{j\omega})Y(e^{j\omega})$
7. $x[n]y[n]$	$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\theta})Y(e^{j(\omega - \theta)})d\theta$
Parseval's theorem:	
8. $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}  x[n] ^2$	$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi}  X(e^{j\omega}) ^2 d\omega$
9. $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]y^*[n]$	$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\omega})Y^*(e^{j\omega})d\omega$

# Shortcomings of DTFT

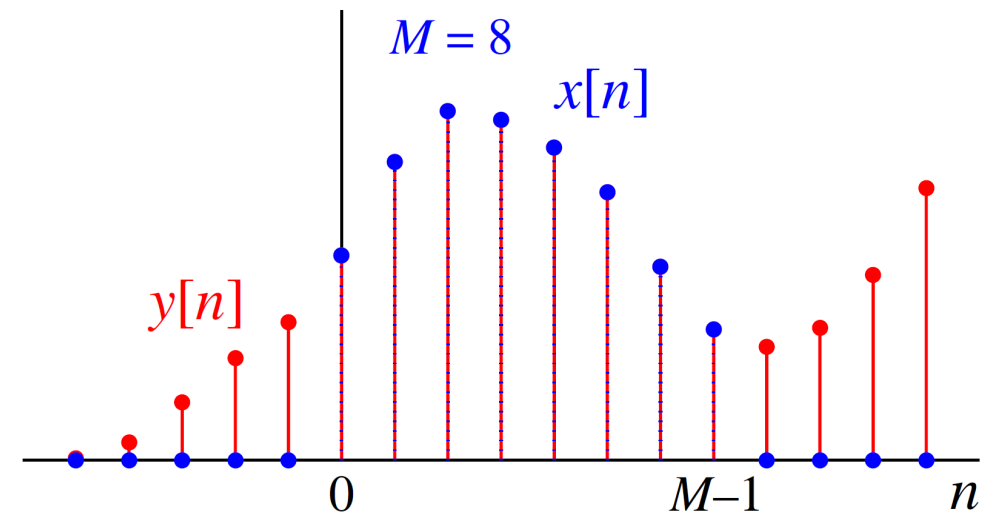
- The DTFT is not suitable for a real-time real-world DSP applications
  - Can only store only a finite number of samples
  - Can only compute the spectrum only at specific discrete values of  $\omega$ .
- Many signals we encounter are finite in time
- Computationally complex
- Can be sensitive to sampling rate changes

# The Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

# Consider a finite sequence

- Consider  $x[n]$ , a finite sequence of length  $M$  that can be obtained from a longer sequence  $y[n]$  by applying a rectangular window of length  $M$

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 0, & n < 0, \\ y[n], & 0 \leq n \leq (M - 1), \\ 0, & n \geq M. \end{cases}$$



# Move to frequency domain

- Now sample the DTFT spectrum  $X(e^{j\omega})$  at  $N$  points to yield  $X[k]$  as:

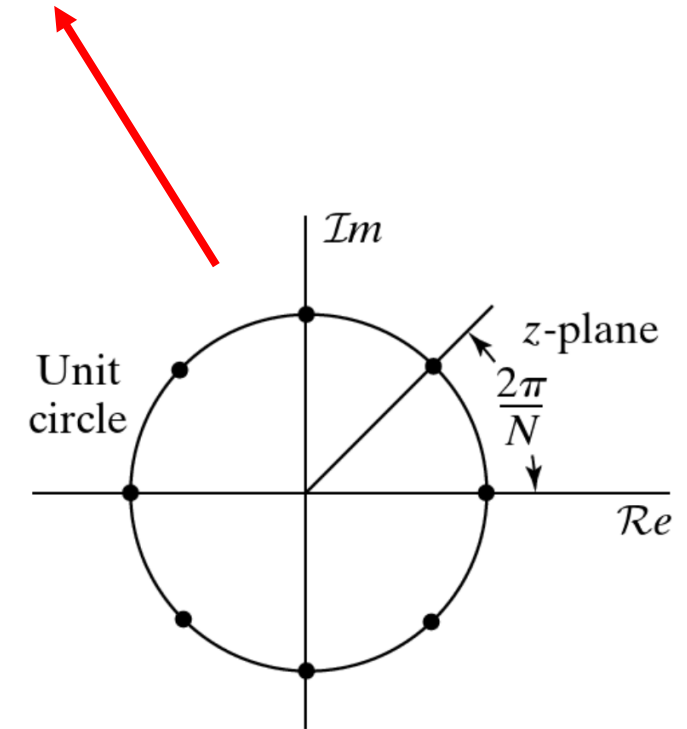
- $X[k] = X(e^{jk\Delta\omega}), \quad \Delta\omega = \frac{2\pi}{N}$

- If  $N=M$ , then:

- $X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$  ← **DFT**

- The inverse:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}.$$



Sampling of the DTFT spectrum



# DFT Analysis and Synthesis Equations

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$$

**Analysis**

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$$

**Synthesis**

# DFT – alternative formulation

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$$

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$$

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

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

**Analysis**

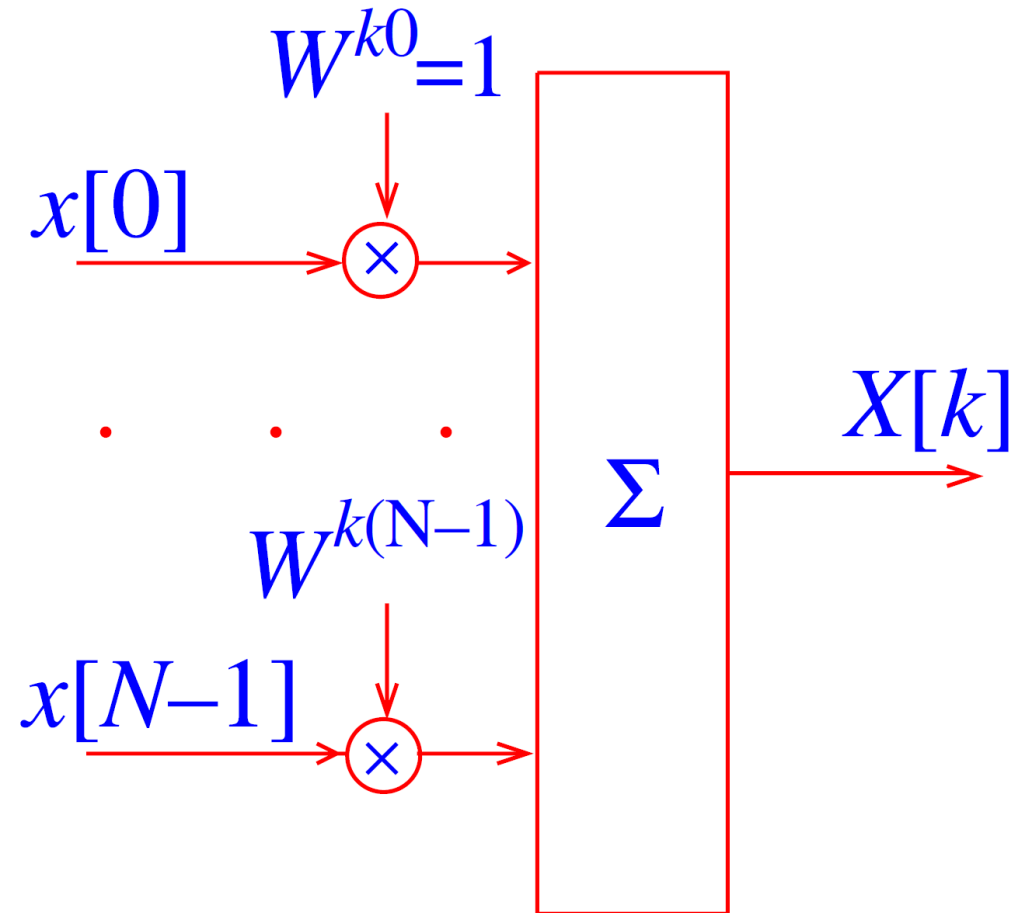
**Synthesis**

**With  $W = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$**

Rewrite

# Schematic

- With  $W = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$



# Properties of the DFT

# Periodicity

- DFT spectrum  $X[k]$  is periodic, with period  $N$
- Recall DTFT periodic with period  $2\pi$
- Can show that:
  - $X[k + N] = X[k]e^{-j2\pi n} = X[k]$

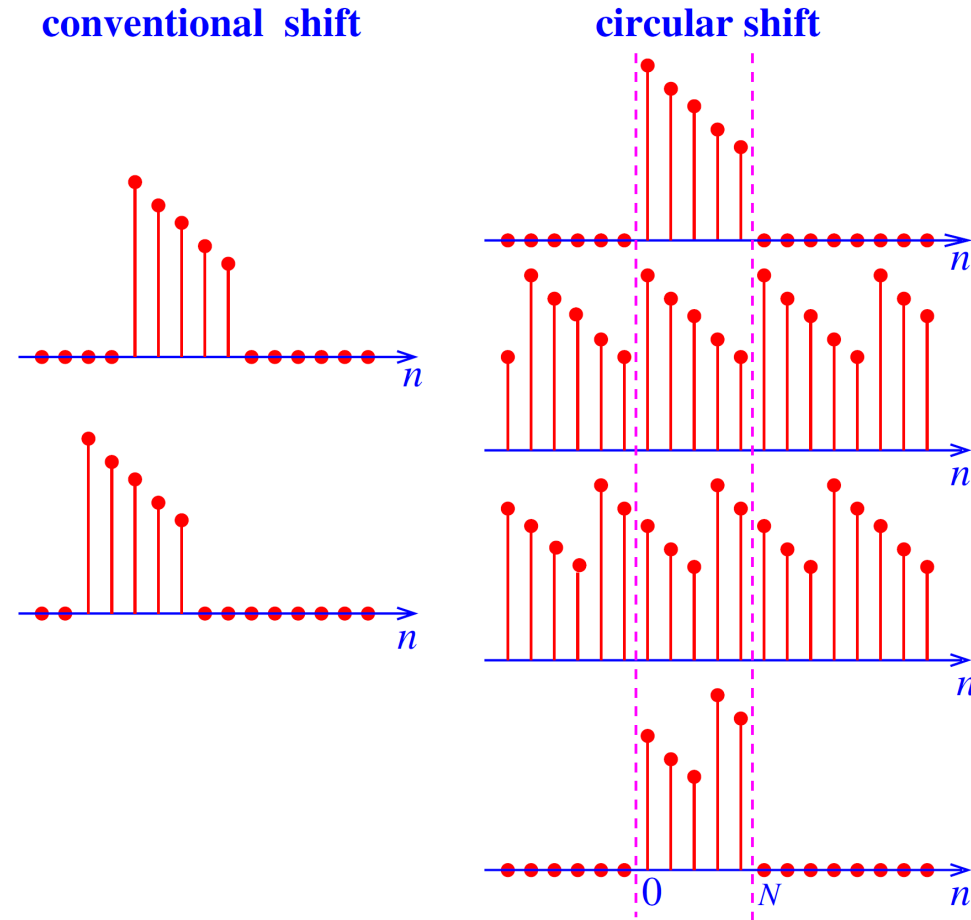
# Linearity

- If
  - $x_1[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} X_1[k]$
- and
  - $x_2[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} X_2[k]$
- Then
  - $ax_1[n] + bx_2[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} aX_1[k] + bX_2[k]$
- Need to consider sequence length,  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ 
  - the lengths of the sequences and their DFTs are all equal to at least the maximum of the lengths of  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$
- DFTs of greater length can be computed by augmenting both sequences with zero-valued samples
  - More on zero-padding later (really important)

# Circular Shift

- For the DTFT  $X(e^{j\omega})$  of  $x[n]$ , recall that  $e^{j\omega m} X(e^{j\omega})$  is the DTFT of the sequence time-shifted, i.e.  $x[n - m]$
- Is there some similar property for the DFT?
- For  $x[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} X[k]$
- What about  $X[k]e^{-j(2\pi k/N)m}$  ?
- It's the DFT of  $x[(n - m) \bmod N]$ , i.e.
- $x[(n - m) \bmod N] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} e^{-j(2\pi k/N)m} X[k]$
- This is a circular shift...

# Demonstration of circular shift concept



This is the effect in the time domain of multiplying the DFT of the sequence by a linear-phase factor.



# Frequency shift (modulation)

- For  $x[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} X[k]$
- $X[(k - m) \bmod N] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} e^{j(2\pi n/N)m} x[n]$

# Parseval's Theorem

- Idea that Fourier Transforms preserve “energy”
- $\sum_0^{N-1} |x[n]|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_0^{N-1} |X[k]|^2$
- Important in function approximation

# Conjugation

- For  $x[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} X[k]$
- Then:
- $X^*[(N - k) \bmod N] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} x^*[n]$

# Circular Convolution

- With
  - $x[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} X[k]$
- and
  - $y[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} Y[k]$
- Then
  - $X[k]Y[k] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} x[n] \circledast y[n]$
- $\circledast$  denotes circular convolution
- (we'll do some examples in class)

# Multiplication

- With

- $x[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} X[k]$

- and

- $y[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} Y[k]$

- Then

- $x[n]y[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} \frac{1}{N} X[k] \odot Y[k]$

# Matrix formulation of DFT

# Basic notation required

- Where  $x[n] \xleftrightarrow{DFT} X[k]$ , introduce two  $N \times 1$  vectors

- $\mathbf{x} = [x[0], x[1], \dots, x[N-1]]^T$

- $\mathbf{X} = [X[0], X[1], \dots, X[N-1]]^T$

- And an  $N \times N$  matrix  $\mathbf{W}$

- With  $W = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} W^0 & W^0 & W^0 & \dots & W^0 \\ W^0 & W^1 & W^2 & \dots & W^{N-1} \\ W^0 & W^2 & W^4 & \dots & W^{2(N-1)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ W^0 & W^{N-1} & W^{2(N-1)} & \dots & W^{(N-1)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Reformulate DFT using matrix notation

- DFT becomes:

- $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$

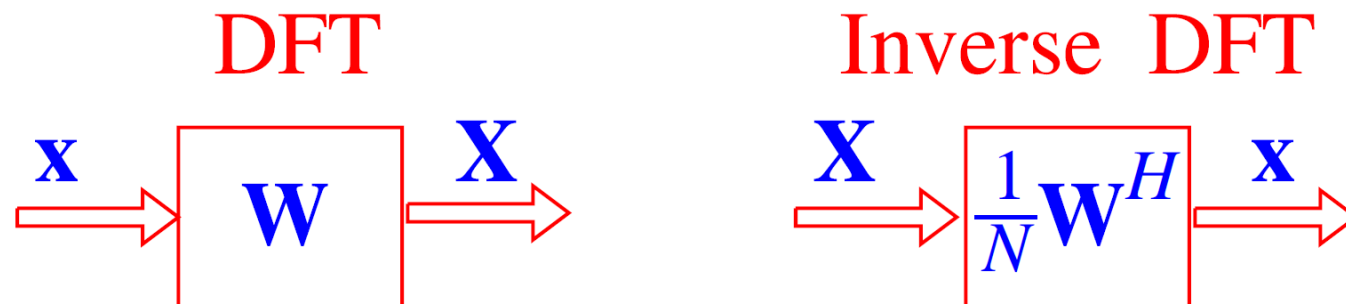
- Inverse DFT becomes:

- $\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{N}\mathbf{W}^H\mathbf{X}$

- where the operator  $\{\quad\}^H$  indicates the Hermitian(or complex conjugate) transpose

$$\begin{bmatrix} X[0] \\ X[1] \\ X[2] \\ \vdots \\ X[N-1] \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & e^{-j2\pi/N} & e^{-j4\pi/N} & \dots & e^{-j2(N-1)\pi/N} \\ 1 & e^{-j4\pi/N} & e^{-j8\pi/N} & \dots & e^{-j4(N-1)\pi/N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & e^{-j2(N-1)\pi/N} & e^{-j4(N-1)\pi/N} & \dots & e^{-j2(N-1)(N-1)\pi/N} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{DFT matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} x[0] \\ x[1] \\ x[2] \\ \vdots \\ x[N-1] \end{bmatrix}$$

Signal vector





# Number of operations

- Look at matrix
- Direct computation of all  $N$  samples in  $\{X[k]\}$  requires  $N^2$  complex multiplications and  $N(N - 1)$  complex additions
- Soon we'll look at efficient implementations of DFT

# Suggested Reading & other material

- Oppenheim & Schafer, Chapter 9
  - Though they go into more detail on DFS
- Video (~20mins) about general concepts behind Fourier Transform:
  - But what is the Fourier Transform? A visual introduction.
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spUNpyF58BY>
- How are the Fourier Series, Fourier Transform, DTFT, DFT, FFT, LT and ZT Related? (~20mins)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kMSLqAbLj4>