

## 29. Chebyshev methods III

## Last time

- Chebyshev interpolation
- Discrete Cosine transform
- Barycentric Lagrange interpolation

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- Discrete Cosine Transformation (DCT):

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# Goals for today

- Choosing the number of interpolation points
- Operations using Chebyshev representation
- Derivatives
- Integrals
- Roots

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- If not, **double**  $N$  and try again
- Can reuse:  $f_{2j}^{(2N)} = f_j^{(N)}$

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$$\mathbf{w} = D_N \mathbf{f}$$

- Where  $D_N$  is  $(N + 1) \times (N + 1)$  **Chebyshev differentiation matrix**
- Chapter 6 of Trefethen, *Spectral Methods in MATLAB* has explicit formulae for  $D_N$

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- Will get spectral accuracy due to spectral accuracy of the polynomial interpolation!

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- Can find explicit formulae for the result



# Summary

- Fundamental mathematical operations become “easy” once we have spectral approximation
- Spectral convergence gives excellent approximation of function
- This is (mostly) maintained by operations like differentiation, integration
- Orthogonal polynomials satisfy 3-term recurrence relations