

# Scipy and MATLAB versions of FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM(FFT)

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## Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

FFT is a fast way of computing the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of a sequence, or its inverse (IDFT).

As discussed in class, Fourier analysis is a method used to express a function as a sum of periodic components, and recovering back the signal from those components.

It becomes interesting when both the function and their corresponding Fourier transform are replaced with discrete counterparts, which gives as DFT.

**History:** The FFT was known to Gauss (1805) and was embraced by Cooley and Tukey.

## In depth

The FFT  $y[k]$  of length  $N$  of the length- $N$  sequence  $x[n]$  (its inverse transform iff) is defined as

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

where the inverse transform  $x[n]$  is given by

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

## Libraries Used

- `fft`: computes the 1D DFT. It inputs an array and returns complex numpy array
- `ifft`: computes the 1D inverse DFT. It inputs an array and returns complex numpy array
- `fftshift`: Allows swapping the lower and upper halves of a vector.
- `fftfreq`: returns fft sample frequency points.
- `next_fast_len`: Size to pad input to for most efficient transforms

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In [1]: #importing libraries
%matplotlib notebook
%pylab
from scipy.fft import fft, ifft, fftshift, fftfreq
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Using matplotlib backend: nbAgg  
Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

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In [2]: # Example: Take the fft of f(x) = sin(x) evaluated at 16 points.
#domain
a = 0; b = 2*pi
#points
N = 16

#function f(x)
def f(x):
    return sin(x)

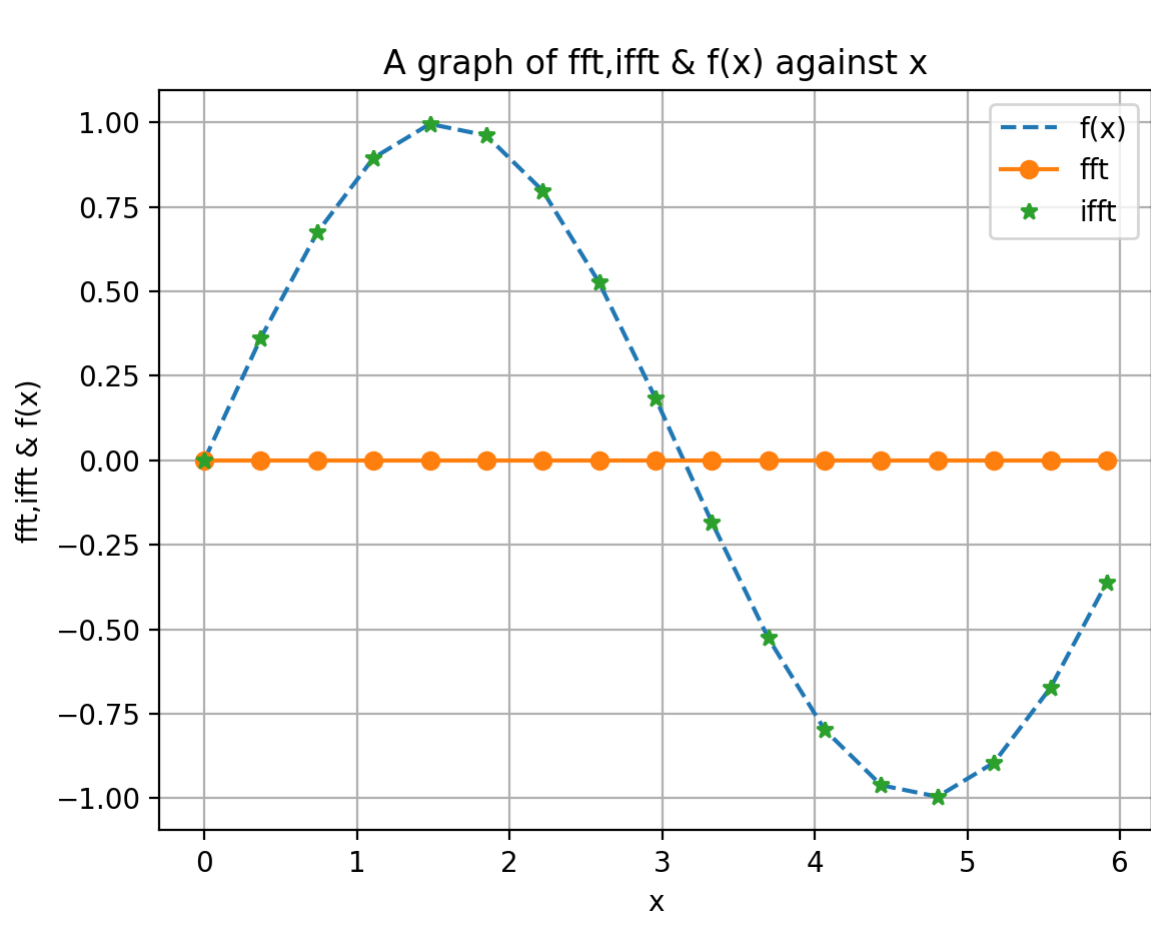
def fdct(f,a,b,N):
    #input array x
    x = linspace(a,b,N+1,endpoint=False,)

    #compute the fft
    yfft = fft(f(x))

    #compute the ifft
    yifft = ifft(yfft)

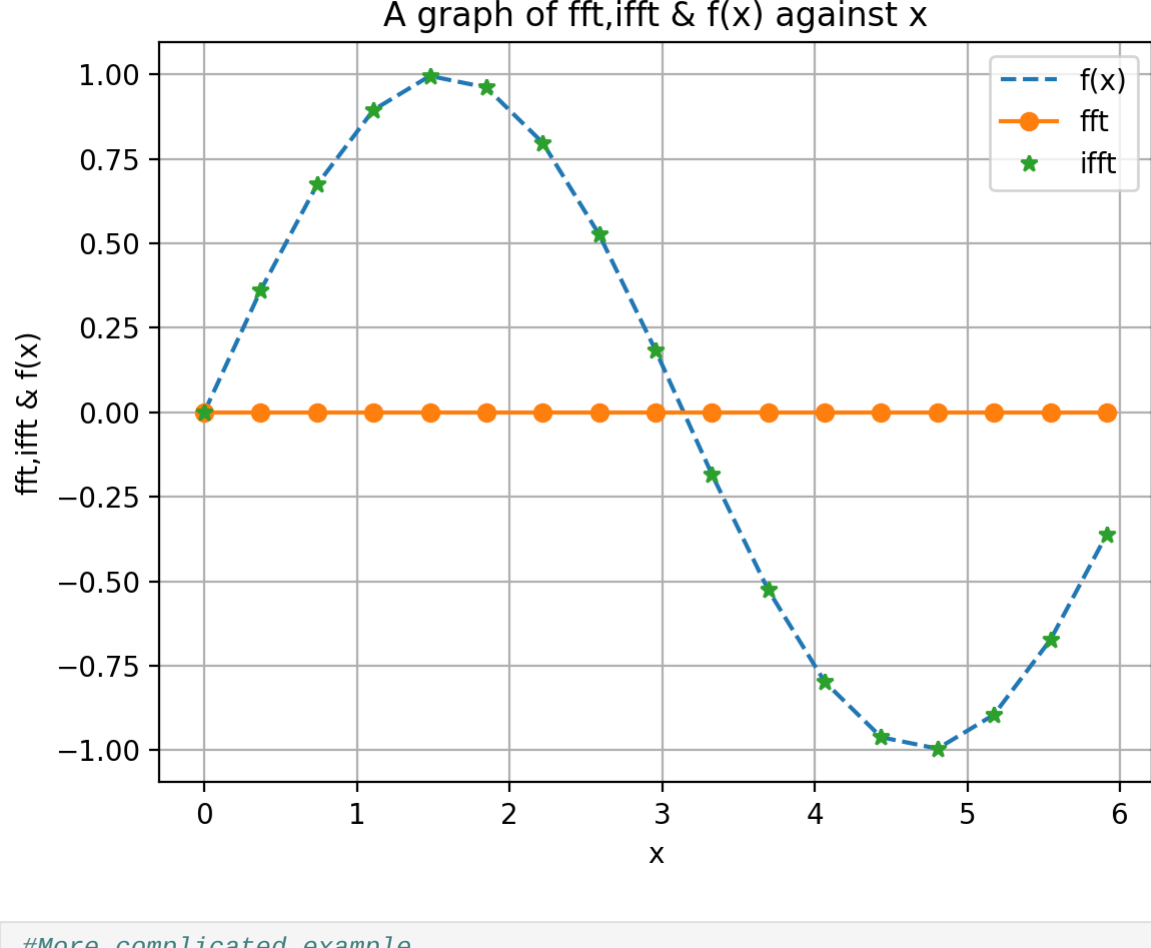
    return x,f(x),yfft,yifft
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In [3]: x,f,yfft,yifft = fdct(f,a,b,N)
#Plotting
figure(1)
plot(x,f,'--',label='f(x)')
plot(x,yfft,'-o',label='fft')
plot(x,yifft,'-',label='ifft')
xlabel('x'); ylabel('fft,ifft & f(x)')
title('A graph of fft,ifft & f(x) against x')
legend()
grid()
show()
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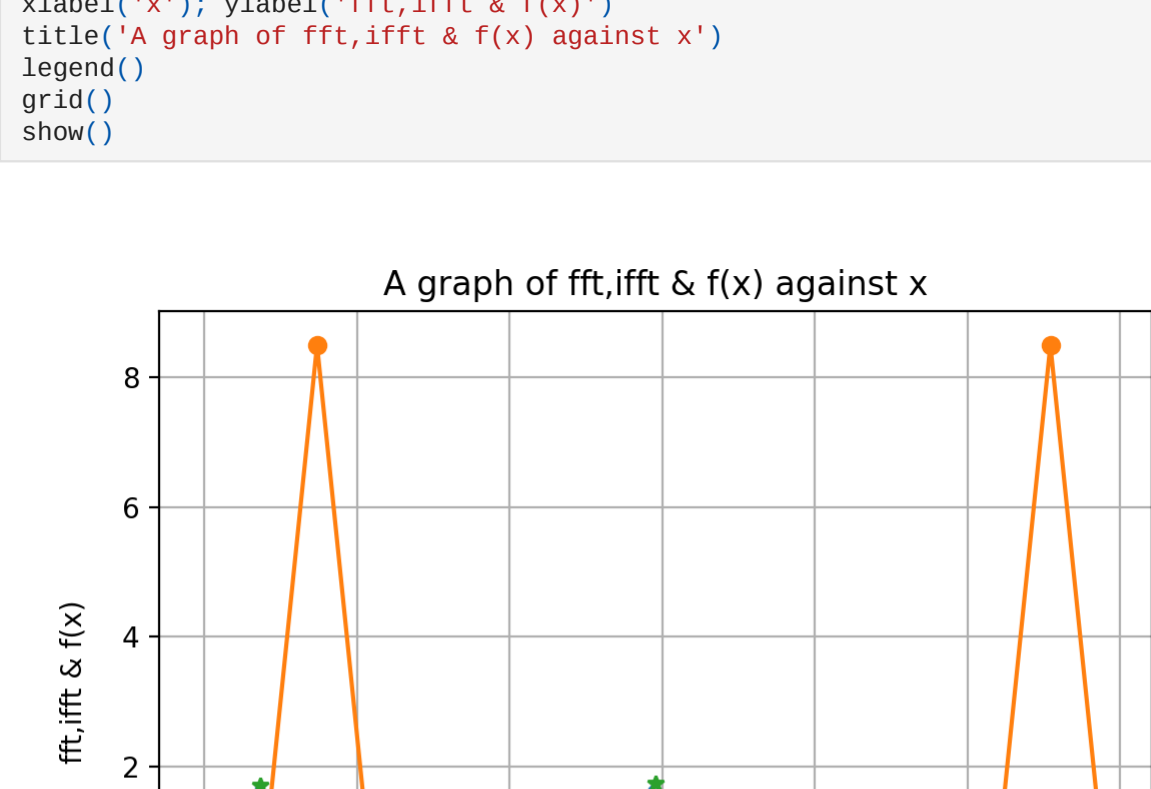


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In [4]: figure(1)
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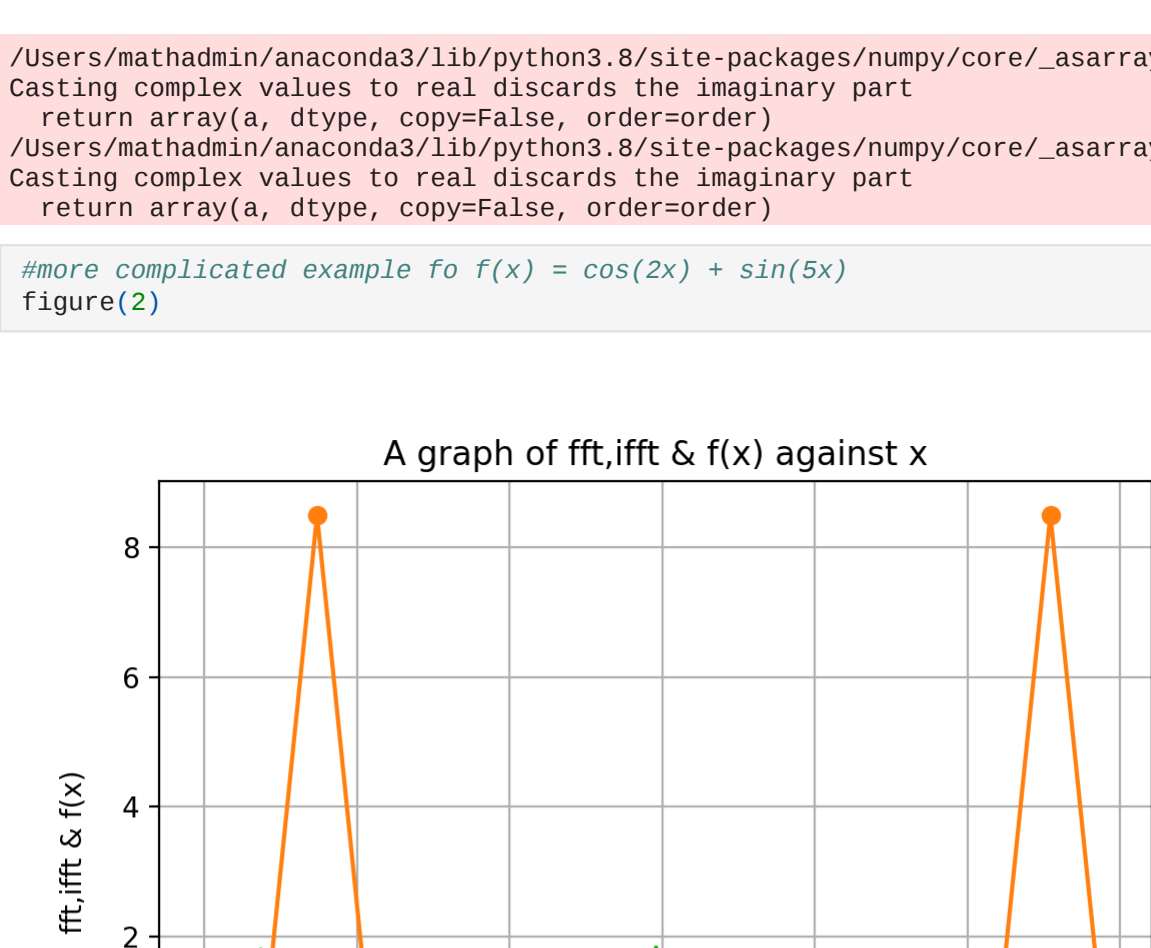


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In [5]: #More complicated example
#function f(x)
def f(x):
    return cos(2*x) + sin(5*x)
x,f,yfft,yifft = fdct(f,a,b,N)
#Plotting
figure(2)
plot(x,f,'--',label='f(x)')
plot(x,yfft,'-o',label='fft')
plot(x,yifft,'-',label='ifft')
xlabel('x'); ylabel('fft,ifft & f(x)')
title('A graph of fft,ifft & f(x) against x')
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return array(a, dtype, copy=False, order=order)

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In [6]: #more complicated example fo f(x) = cos(2x) + sin(5x)
figure(2)
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In [7]: #use fftshift
x = arange(N)
print('x = ',x,'\n')

xshift=fftshift(x)
print('xshift = ',xshift)
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x = [ 0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15]

xshift = [ 8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7]
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In [8]: #use of fftfreq
freqpoints = fftfreq(N)
print('freqpoints = ',freqpoints)
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freqpoints = [ 0.          0.0625  0.125   0.1875  0.25   0.3125  0.375   0.4375 -0.5
-0.4375 -0.375  -0.3125 -0.25   -0.1875 -0.125  -0.0625]
```

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In [9]: #Usage of fftfreq and fftshift
#domain
a = -2; b = 2
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def fdct_shift_req(a,b,f,N):
    #input array x
    x = linspace(a,b,N)

    #fft of f
    yf = fft(f(x))

    #sampled frequency points
    xf = fftfreq(N)

    #swap lower and upper halves of xf and yf
    yf = fftshift(yf)
    yplot = fftshift(yf)
    return xf,yplot
```

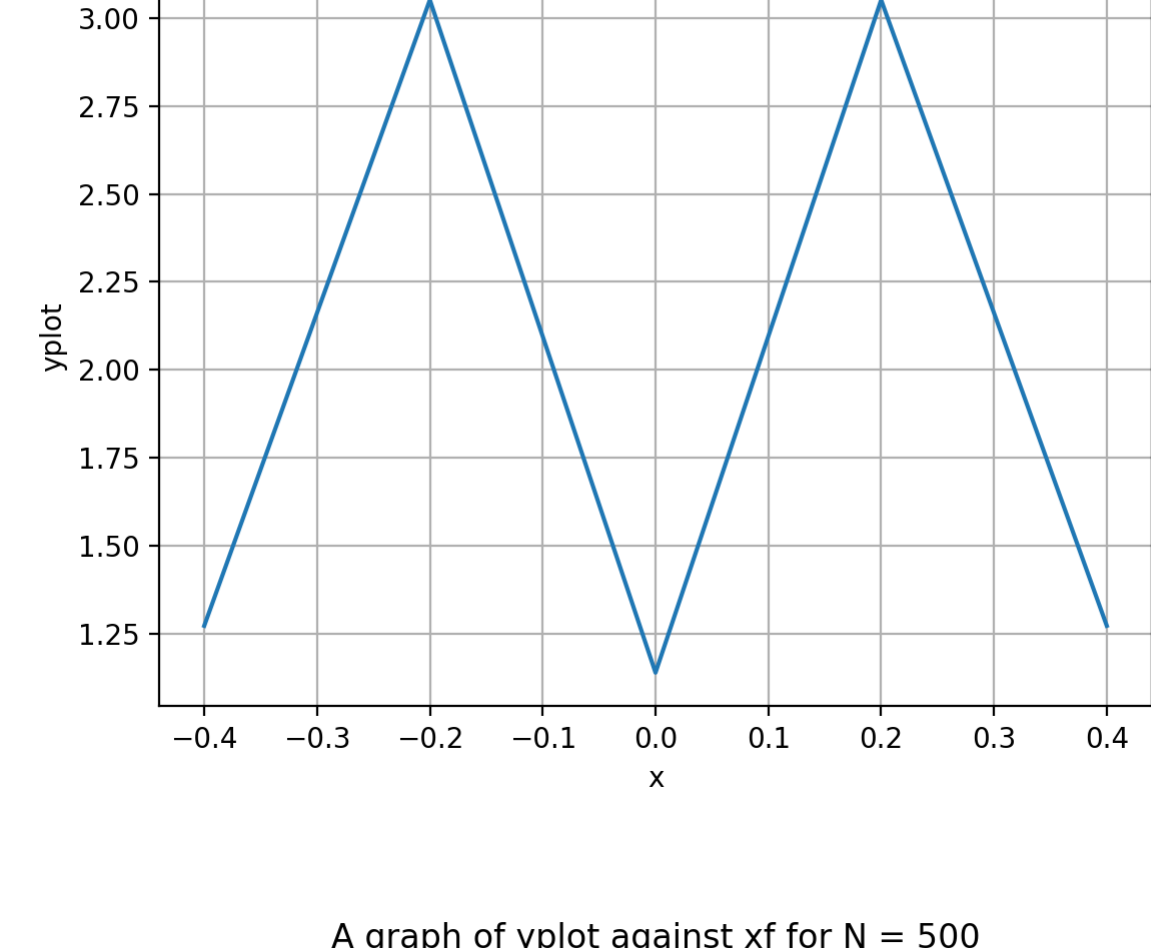
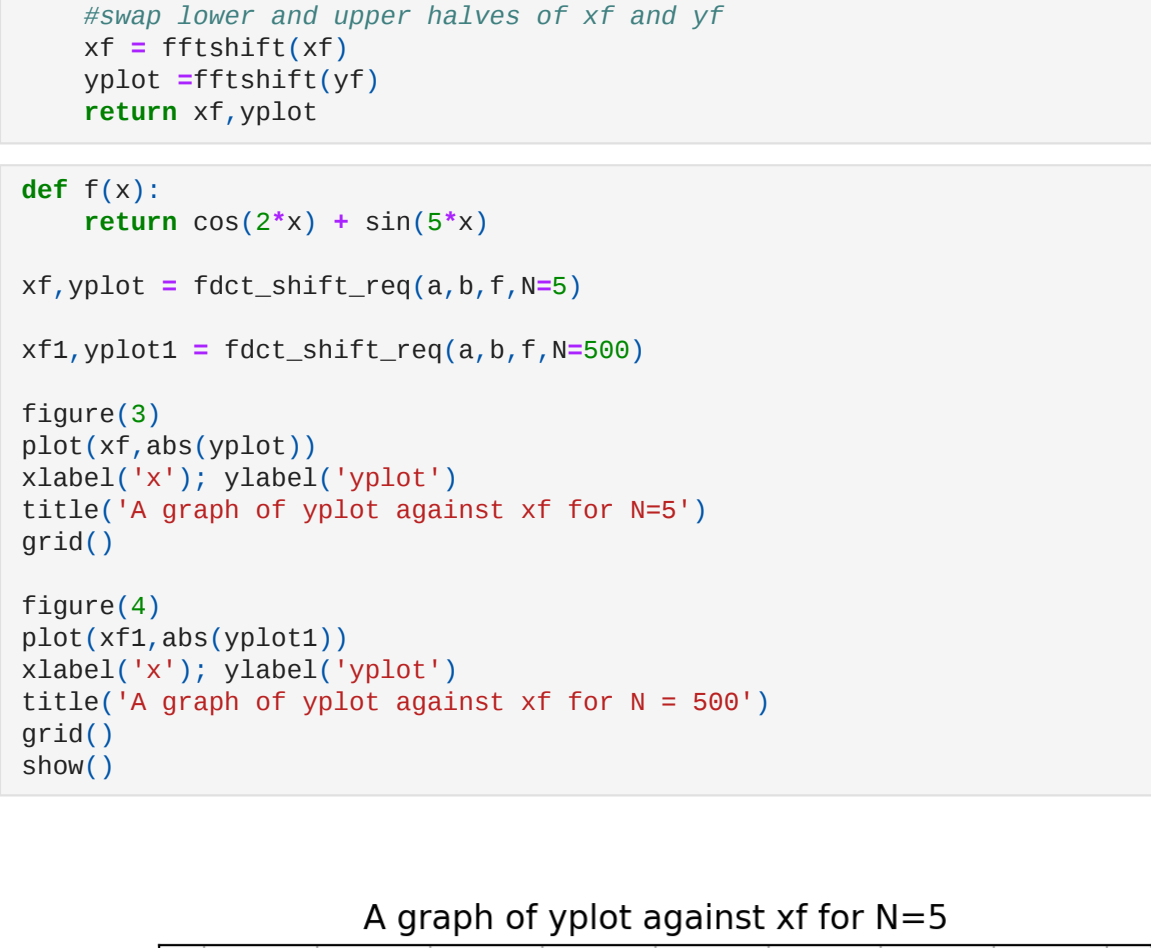
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In [10]: def f(x):
    return cos(2*x) + sin(5*x)

xf,yplot = fdct_shift_req(a,b,f,N=5)

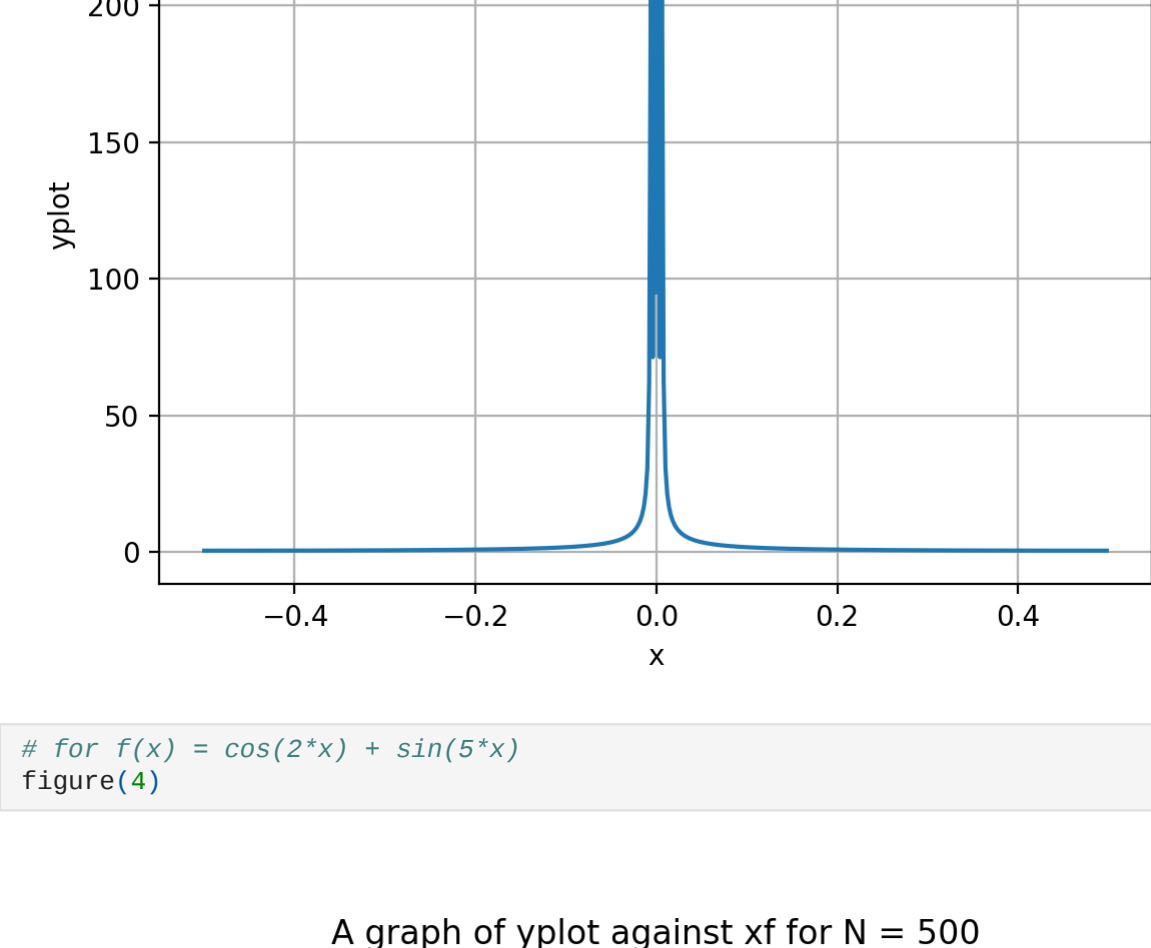
xf1,yplot1 = fdct_shift_req(a,b,f,N=500)
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figure(3)
plot(xf,abs(yplot))
xlabel('x'); ylabel('yplot')
title('A graph of yplot against xf for N=5')
grid()
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figure(4)
plot(xf1,abs(yplot1))
xlabel('x'); ylabel('yplot')
title('A graph of yplot against xf for N = 500')
grid()
show()
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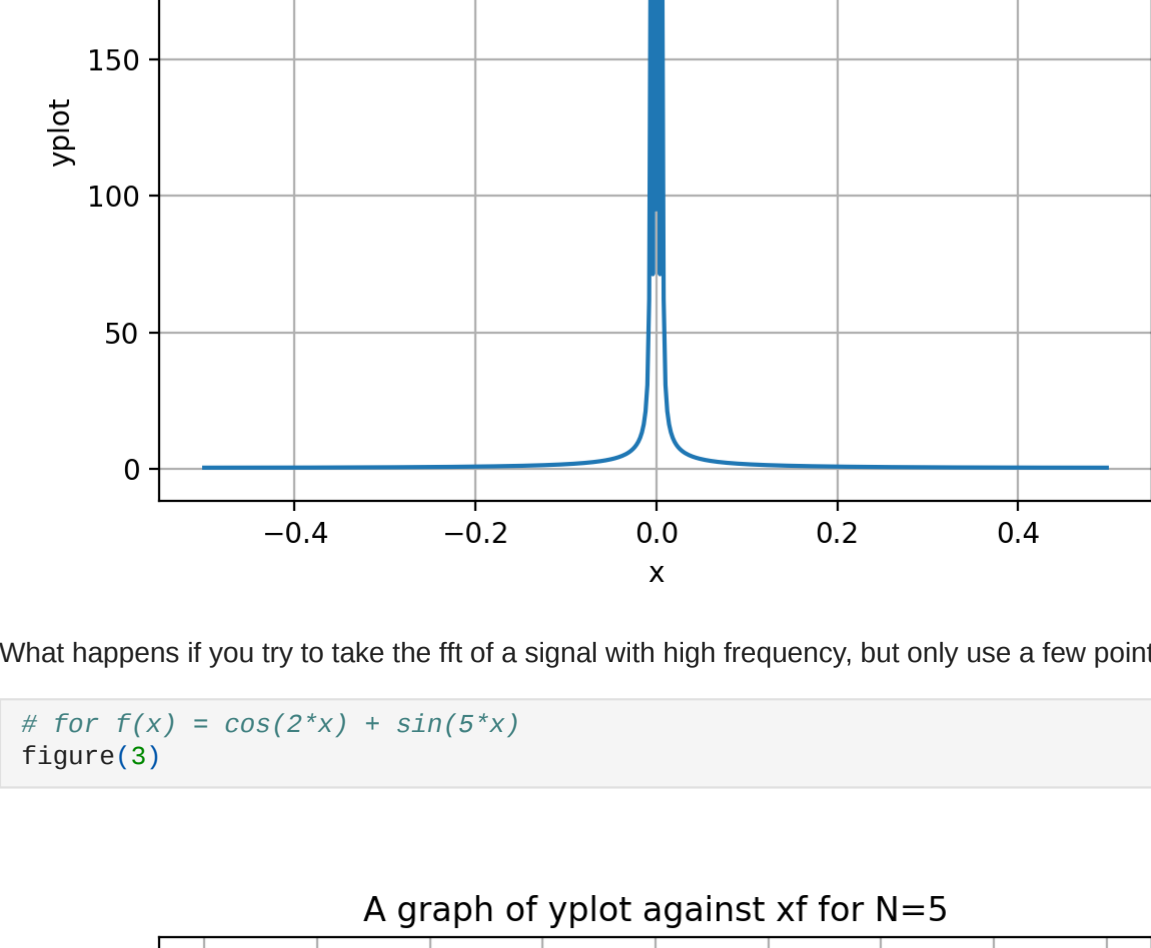


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In [11]: # for f(x) = cos(2*x) + sin(5*x)
figure(4)
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What happens if you try to take the fft of a signal with high frequency, but only use a few points?

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In [12]: # for f(x) = cos(2*x) + sin(5*x)
figure(3)
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The fft of  $f(x)$ ,  $y$ , evaluated at  $N$  points is an array of  $N$  points.

## for N even

- The elements  $y[1] \dots y[N/2-1]$  contain the positive frequency terms.
- The elements  $y[N/2] \dots y[N-1]$  contain the negative frequency terms in descending order.

## for N odd

- The elements  $y[1] \dots y[(N-1)/2]$  contain the positive frequency terms.
- The elements  $y[(N+1)/2] \dots y[N-1]$  contain the negative frequency terms in descending order.

For the case when the sequence  $x$  is real-valued, the value of  $y[n]$  for positive frequencies is the conjugate of the values  $y[n]$  for negative frequencies. This is because the spectrum is symmetric.