

# Fast Fourier Transform (fft)

- `y = fft(x)` computes the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of `x` using a fast Fourier transform (FFT) algorithm.
- `ifft(y)` denotes the inverse fast Fourier transform of `y`, and retrieves `x`.
- Both `fft` and `ifft` use the same syntax, we shall discuss only the syntax of `fft`. As shown below.

## Usage, `y = fft(x)`

- If `x` is a vector, then `fft(x)` returns the Fourier transform of the vector
- If `x` is a matrix, then `fft(x)` treats the column of `x` as vectors and returns the Fourier transform of each column.
- If `x` is a multidimensional array, then `fft(x)` treats the values along the first array dimension whose size does not equal 1 as vectors and returns the Fourier transform of each vector.

```
%%Examples
% when x is a vector
xvec = [1:0.2:4]'
```

```
xvec = 16x1
    1.0000
    1.2000
    1.4000
    1.6000
    1.8000
    2.0000
    2.2000
    2.4000
    2.6000
    2.8000
     .
     .
     .
```

```
%fft(x)
y = fft(xvec)
```

```
y = 16x1 complex
 40.0000 + 0.0000i
 -1.6000 + 8.0437i
 -1.6000 + 3.8627i
 -1.6000 + 2.3946i
 -1.6000 + 1.6000i
 -1.6000 + 1.0691i
 -1.6000 + 0.6627i
 -1.6000 + 0.3183i
 -1.6000 + 0.0000i
 -1.6000 - 0.3183i
     .
     .
     .
```

```
%ifft(y)
```

```
yi = ifft(y)
```

```
yi = 16x1
    1.0000
    1.2000
    1.4000
    1.6000
    1.8000
    2.0000
    2.2000
    2.4000
    2.6000
    2.8000
     ⋮
     ⋮
```

```
% when x is a matrix
```

```
xmat = [1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 10 2 3; 4 3 6 0]
```

```
xmat = 4x4
```

```
    1     2     3     4
    5     6     7     8
    9    10     2     3
    4     3     6     0
```

```
%fft(x)
```

```
y = fft(xmat)
```

```
y = 4x4 complex
```

```
19.0000 + 0.0000i  21.0000 + 0.0000i  18.0000 + 0.0000i  15.0000 + 0.0000i
-8.0000 - 1.0000i -8.0000 - 3.0000i   1.0000 - 1.0000i   1.0000 - 8.0000i
 1.0000 + 0.0000i   3.0000 + 0.0000i -8.0000 + 0.0000i -1.0000 + 0.0000i
-8.0000 + 1.0000i -8.0000 + 3.0000i   1.0000 + 1.0000i   1.0000 + 8.0000i
```

```
%ifft(y)
```

```
yi = ifft(y)
```

```
yi = 4x4
```

```
    1     2     3     4
    5     6     7     8
    9    10     2     3
    4     3     6     0
```

## Usage, $y = \text{fft}(x,n)$

This returns the  $n$ -point DFT. if no value is specified, but  $y$  and  $x$  must be of the same size.

- If  $x$  is a vector and the length of  $x$  is less than  $n$ , then  $x$  is padded with trailing zeros to length  $n$ .
- If  $x$  is a vector and the length of  $x$  is greater than  $n$ , then  $x$  is truncated to length  $n$ .
- if  $x$  is a matrix, then each column is treated as in the vector case.
- if  $x$  is a multidimensional array, then the first array dimension whose size does not equal 1 is treated as in the vector case.

```
%%Examples
% when x is a vector and length of x is less than n.
xvec = [1:0.5:4]';

%fft(x,n)
n = length(xvec) + 2
```

```
n = 9
```

```
y = fft(xvec,n)
```

```
y = 9x1 complex
 17.5000 + 0.0000i
 -6.8616 - 1.4637i
  1.1104 - 3.7817i
  2.5000 + 0.8660i
 -0.9987 + 1.5792i
 -0.9987 - 1.5792i
  2.5000 - 0.8660i
  1.1104 + 3.7817i
 -6.8616 + 1.4637i
```

```
%ifft(y,n)
yi = ifft(y,n)
```

```
yi = 9x1
 1.0000
 1.5000
 2.0000
 2.5000
 3.0000
 3.5000
 4.0000
-0.0000
 0
```

```
length(y)
```

```
ans = 9
```

```
% when x is a vector and length of x is greater than n.
n = length(xvec) - 2
```

```
n = 5
```

```
y = fft(xvec,n)
```

```
y = 5x1 complex
 10.0000 + 0.0000i
 -1.2500 + 1.7205i
 -1.2500 + 0.4061i
 -1.2500 - 0.4061i
 -1.2500 - 1.7205i
```

```
%ifft(y,n)
yi = ifft(y,n)
```

```
yi = 5x1
 1.0000
```

```
1.5000
2.0000
2.5000
3.0000
```

```
length(y)
```

```
ans = 5
```

```
% when x is a matrix
xmat = [1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 10 2 3; 4 3 6 0];
%fft(x)
y = fft(xmat,n);
%iFFT(y,n)
yi = ifft(y,n);
```

## Usage, $y = \text{fft}(x,n,\text{dim})$

This returns the Fourier transform along the dimension `dim`. E.g, if `x` is a matrix, then `fft(x,n,2)` returns the `n`-point Fourier Transform of each row.

```
% when x is a matrix
xmat = [1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 10 2 3; 4 3 6 0];
%fft(x)
y = fft(xmat,n,2);
%iFFT(y,n,2)
yi = ifft(y,n,2);
```

## Example: Compute the fft of $f(x) = \sin(x)$ at 16 points

```
a = 0; b = 2*pi;
n = 16;

%n sample points
x = linspace(a,b,n+1);
x(end) = [];
%function f(x)
f = @(x) sin(x);
f(x);

%fft of f(x)
y = fft(f(x))
```

```
y = 1x16 complex
-0.0000 + 0.0000i -0.0000 - 8.0000i -0.0000 - 0.0000i 0.0000 - 0.0000i ...
```

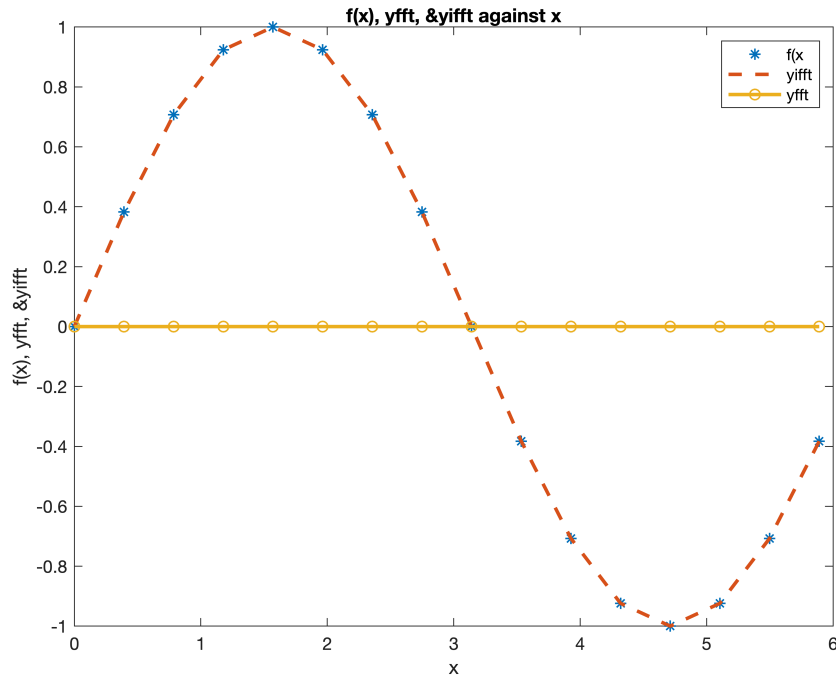
```
%iFFT of f(x)
yifft = ifft(y);

%plotting
figure(1)
plot(x,f(x), '*', 'LineWidth',2); hold on
plot(x,yifft, '--', 'LineWidth',2); hold on
```

```
plot(x,y,'-o','LineWidth',2);
```

Warning: Imaginary parts of complex X and/or Y arguments ignored.

```
xlabel('x'); ylabel('f(x), yfft, &yifft');
title('f(x), yfft, &yifft against x');
legend('f(x)', 'yifft', 'yfft');
```



## Example: Compute the fft of $f(x) = \cos(2x) + \sin(5x)$ at 16 points

```
%function f(x)
f = @(x) cos(2*x) + sin(5*x);
f(x);

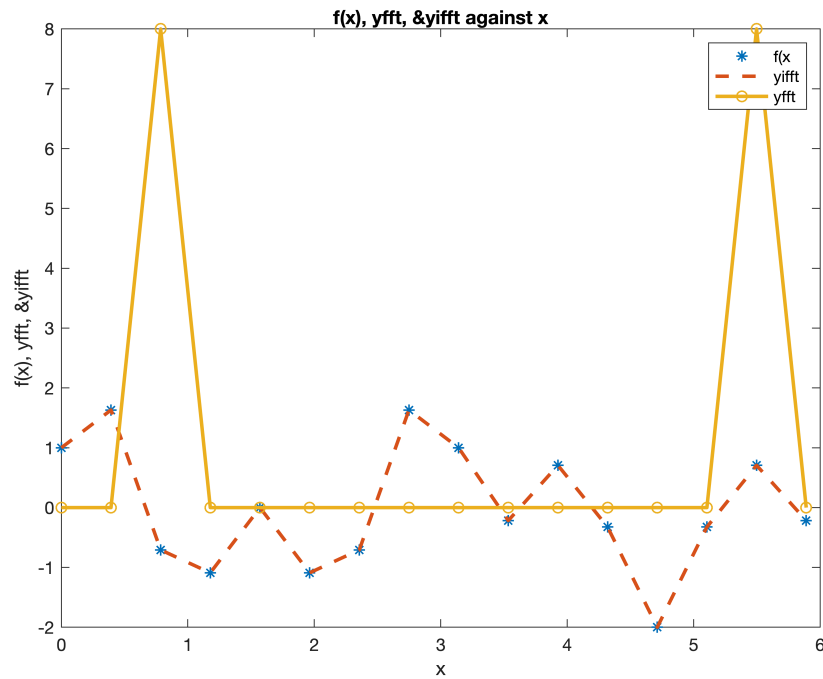
%fft of f(x)
y = fft(f(x));

%ifft of f(x)
yifft = ifft(y);

%plotting
figure(2)
plot(x,f(x),'*','LineWidth',2); hold on
plot(x,yifft,'--','LineWidth',2); hold on
plot(x,y,'-o','LineWidth',2);
```

Warning: Imaginary parts of complex X and/or Y arguments ignored.

```
xlabel('x'); ylabel('f(x), yfft, &yifft');
title('f(x), yfft, &yifft against x');
legend('f(x)', 'yifft', 'yfft');
```



## fftshift

It shifts zero-frequency components to center of spectrum.

### Usage, $y = \text{fftshift}(x)$

This rearranges a Fourier transform  $X$  by shifting the zero-frequency component to the center of the array.

- If  $x$  is a vector, then `fftshift` swaps the left and the right halves of  $x$ .
- If  $X$  is a matrix, then `fftshift` swaps the first quadrant of  $x$  with the third, and the second quadrant with the fourth.
- If  $x$  is a multidimensional array, then `fftshift` swaps half-spaces of  $x$  along each dimension.

### Usage, $y = \text{fftshift}(x, \text{dim})$

This operates along the dimension, `dim`, of  $x$ . e.g, if  $x$  is a matrix whose rows represent multiple 1-D transforms, then `fftshift(x,2)` swaps the halves of each row of  $x$ .

## Examples

```
%for x a vector
```

```
x
```

```
x = 1x16
```

```
0    0.3927    0.7854    1.1781    1.5708    1.9635    2.3562    2.7489 ...
```

```
y = fftshift(x)
```

```
y = 1x16
    3.1416    3.5343    3.9270    4.3197    4.7124    5.1051    5.4978    5.8905 ...
```

```
y = fftshift(x,2)
```

```
y = 1x16
    3.1416    3.5343    3.9270    4.3197    4.7124    5.1051    5.4978    5.8905 ...
```

```
% for x a Matrix
% when x is a matrix
xmat = [1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 10 2 3; 4 3 6 0]
```

```
xmat = 4x4
     1     2     3     4
     5     6     7     8
     9    10     2     3
     4     3     6     0
```

```
y = fftshift(xmat)
```

```
y = 4x4
     2     3     9    10
     6     0     4     3
     3     4     1     2
     7     8     5     6
```

```
y = fftshift(xmat,2)
```

```
y = 4x4
     3     4     1     2
     7     8     5     6
     2     3     9    10
     6     0     4     3
```

## Example: Compute the fftshift of $f(x) = \cos(2x) + \sin(5x)$ at 16 points

```
a = -2; b = 2;
n = 10;

%n sample points
x = linspace(a,b,n);
%function f(x)
f = @(x) cos(2*x) + sin(5*x);
f(x);

%fft of f(x)
y = fft(f(x));

%fftshift
y = fftshift(y);
x = fftshift(x);

%plotting
```

```
figure(3)
plot(x,abs(y),'-*','LineWidth',2);
xlabel('x'); ylabel('yfft');
title('yfft against x');
```

