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LECTURE 4: FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM

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- We saw that in this case we have

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- Note that the indices of A_i and B_{j-i} in the j^{th} term all sum up to j .

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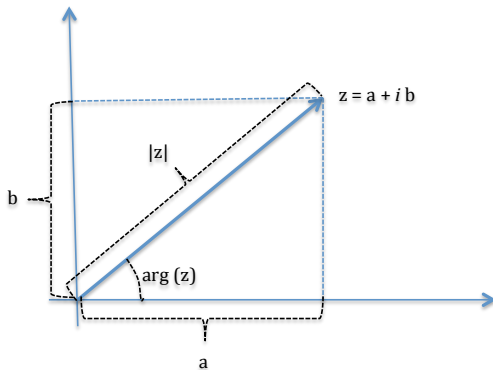
Key Question: What values should we take for x_0, \dots, x_{2n} to avoid “explosion” of size when we evaluate x_i^n while computing $P_A(x_i) = A_n x_i^n + \dots + A_0$?

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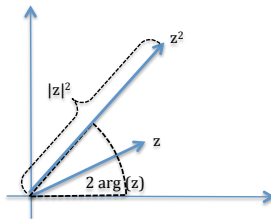


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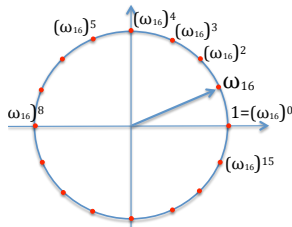
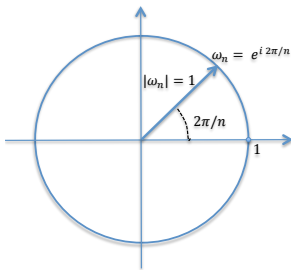
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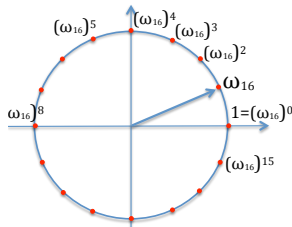
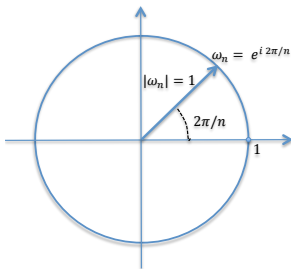
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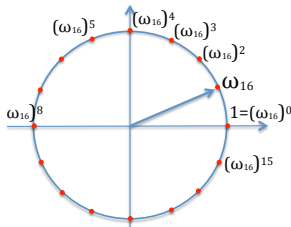
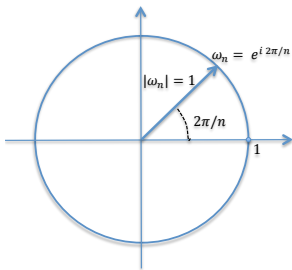


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IFFT algorithm

Inverse Fourier Transform:

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1: function IFFT( $A$ )
2:    $n \leftarrow \text{length}[A]$ 
3:   if  $n = 1$  then return  $A$ 
4:   else
5:      $A^{[0]} \leftarrow (A_0, A_2, \dots, A_{n-2})$ ;
6:      $A^{[1]} \leftarrow (A_1, A_3, \dots, A_{n-1})$ ;
7:      $y^{[0]} \leftarrow \text{FFT}(A^{[0]})$ ;
8:      $y^{[1]} \leftarrow \text{FFT}(A^{[1]})$ ;
9:      $\omega_n \leftarrow e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{n}}$ ; ⇐ different from FFT
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12:       $y_k \leftarrow y_k^{[0]} + \omega \cdot y_k^{[1]}$ ;
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Interpretation of DFT

- We have followed the textbook (CLRS);
- however, what CLRS calls DFT, namely, the sequence

$$\langle P_A(\omega_n^0), P_A(\omega_n^1), P_A(\omega_n^2), \dots, P_A(\omega_n^{n-1}) \rangle$$

is usually considered the Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform (IDFT) of the sequence of the coefficients

$$\langle A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1} \rangle$$

of the polynomial $P_A(x)$;

- $$\langle P_A(\omega_n^0), P_A(\omega_n^{-1}), P_A(\omega_n^{-2}), \dots, P_A(\omega_n^{-(n-1)}) \rangle$$

is considered the “forward operation” i.e., the DFT.

- taking this as the “forward operation” has an important conceptual advantage and is used more often than the textbook’s choice.

Interpretation of DFT

- Another “tweak” of DFT: note that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_n & \omega_n^2 & \dots & \omega_n^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega_n^2 & \omega_n^{2 \cdot 2} & \dots & \omega_n^{2 \cdot (n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega_n^{n-1} & \omega_n^{2(n-1)} & \dots & \omega_n^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_n^{-1} & \omega_n^{-2} & \dots & \omega_n^{-(n-1)} \\ 1 & \omega_n^{-2} & \omega_n^{-2 \cdot 2} & \dots & \omega_n^{-2 \cdot (n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega_n^{-(n-1)} & \omega_n^{-2(n-1)} & \dots & \omega_n^{-(n-1)(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \\
 = n \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

implies:

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \vdots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^2}{\sqrt{n}} & \vdots & \frac{\omega_n^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^2}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{2 \cdot 2}}{\sqrt{n}} & \vdots & \frac{\omega_n^{2 \cdot (n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{2(n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} & \vdots & \frac{\omega_n^{(n-1)(n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \vdots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{-1}}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{-2}}{\sqrt{n}} & \vdots & \frac{\omega_n^{-(n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{-2}}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{-2 \cdot 2}}{\sqrt{n}} & \vdots & \frac{\omega_n^{-2 \cdot (n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{-(n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} & \frac{\omega_n^{-2(n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} & \vdots & \frac{\omega_n^{-(n-1)(n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} \end{pmatrix} \\
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Thus, these two matrices are inverses of each other.

Interpretation of DFT

- This motivates us to “tweak” the definition of DFT:
- Given a sequence of numbers $(A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1})$ the Discrete Fourier Transform of this sequence is the sequence of the values of the polynomial

$$A^*(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (A_0 + A_1x + \dots + A_{n-1}x^{n-1})$$

for $x = \omega_n^{-k}$ for $k = 0, \dots, n-1$; i.e., the sequence of values $A^*(\omega_n^{-k})$:

$$A^*(\omega_n^{-k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (A_0(\omega_n^{-k})^0 + A_1(\omega_n^{-k})^1 + \dots + A_{n-1}(\omega_n^{-k})^{n-1})$$

- Given a sequence of numbers $(A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1})$ the **Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform** of this sequence is the sequence of the values of the same polynomial

$$A^*(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (A_0 + A_1x + \dots + A_{n-1}x^{n-1})$$

but for $x = \omega_n^k$ for $k = 0, \dots, n-1$; i.e., the sequence of values $A^*(\omega_n^k)$

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Interpretation of DFT

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Interpretation of DFT

- *scalar product* (also called *dot product*) of two vectors with real coordinates, $\vec{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ and $\vec{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1})$, denoted by $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$ is defined as

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i y_i$$

- If the coordinates of our vectors are complex numbers, then the scalar product of such two vectors is defined as

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i \overline{y_i}$$

where \overline{z} denotes the complex conjugate of z , i.e., $\overline{a + ib} = a - ib$.

Interpretation of DFT

- Note that

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{\omega_n^k} &= \overline{e^{i\frac{2\pi k}{n}}} = \overline{\cos \frac{2\pi k}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi k}{n}} = \cos \frac{2\pi k}{n} - i \sin \frac{2\pi k}{n} \\ &= \cos \frac{-2\pi k}{n} + i \sin \frac{-2\pi k}{n} = e^{-i\frac{2\pi k}{n}} = \omega_n^{-k}\end{aligned}$$

- Thus, what we had before,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \omega_n^k & \omega_n^{2 \cdot k} & \dots & \omega_n^{k \cdot (n-1)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \omega_n^{-m} \\ \omega_n^{-2m} \\ \vdots \\ \omega_n^{-(n-1)m} \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \omega_n^{(k-m)j} = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } k = m \\ 0 & \text{if } k \neq m \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

simply means that for $k \neq m$ vectors $(1, \omega_n^k, \omega_n^{2 \cdot k}, \dots, \omega_n^{k \cdot (n-1)})$ and $(1, \omega_n^m, \omega_n^{2 \cdot m}, \dots, \omega_n^{m \cdot (n-1)})$ are orthogonal.

Interpretation of DFT

- If we define
$$\vec{e}_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\omega_n^{k \cdot 0}, \omega_n^{k \cdot 1}, \omega_n^{k \cdot 2}, \dots, \omega_n^{k \cdot (n-1)} \right)$$

then
$$\|\vec{e}_k\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{e}_k, \vec{e}_k \rangle} = 1$$

and
$$\langle \vec{e}_k, \vec{e}_m \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } k \neq m$$

- thus, the set of vectors $\{\vec{e}_0, \vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_{n-1}\}$ is an orthonormal base of the vector space of all complex valued sequences of length n .
- Let $\vec{A} = (A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1})$; then for the DFT of this sequence we have

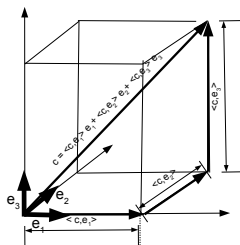
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} P_A(\omega_n^{-k}) &= \frac{A_0}{\sqrt{n}} (\omega_n^{-k})^0 + \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{n}} (\omega_n^{-k})^1 + \frac{A_2}{\sqrt{n}} (\omega_n^{-k})^2 + \dots + \frac{A_{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} (\omega_n^{-k})^{n-1} \\ &= A_0 \frac{(\overline{\omega_n^k})^0}{\sqrt{n}} + A_1 \frac{(\overline{\omega_n^k})^1}{\sqrt{n}} + A_2 \frac{(\overline{\omega_n^k})^2}{\sqrt{n}} + \dots + A_{n-1} \frac{(\overline{\omega_n^k})^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &= \left\langle (A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1}), \left(\frac{(\omega_n^k)^0}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{(\omega_n^k)^1}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{(\omega_n^k)^2}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots, \frac{(\omega_n^k)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right\rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{A}, \vec{e}_k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the DFT of a vector \vec{A} is simply the sequence of projections of \vec{A} onto the base vectors \vec{e}_k , ($k = 0, \dots, n-1$).

Interpretation of DFT

- In an n -dimensional vector space V with an orthonormal base \mathbf{B} every vector \vec{A} can be represented as a linear combination of the base vectors with coefficients equal to the projections of \vec{A} onto the base vectors, i.e., the scalar product $\langle \vec{A}, e_k \rangle$:

$$\vec{A} = \langle \vec{A}, \vec{e}_0 \rangle \vec{e}_0 + \langle \vec{A}, \vec{e}_1 \rangle \vec{e}_1 + \dots + \langle \vec{A}, \vec{e}_{n-1} \rangle \vec{e}_{n-1}$$



Representing vector c as a linear combination of the basis vectors e_1, e_2, e_3 with projections as coefficients

Interpretation of DFT

- Thus, in our case

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} &= \langle \vec{A}, \vec{e}_0 \rangle \vec{e}_0 + \langle \vec{A}, \vec{e}_1 \rangle \vec{e}_1 + \dots + \langle \vec{A}, \vec{e}_{n-1} \rangle \vec{e}_{n-1} \\ &= \frac{P_A(\omega_n^0)}{\sqrt{n}} \vec{e}_0 + \frac{P_A(\omega_n^{-1})}{\sqrt{n}} \vec{e}_1 + \dots + \frac{P_A(\omega_n^{-(n-1)})}{\sqrt{n}} \vec{e}_{n-1}\end{aligned}$$

- Looking at the k^{th} coordinate of both the left and the right side we get

$$A_k = \frac{P_A(\omega_n^0)}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{(\omega_n^0)^k}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{P_A(\omega_n^{-1})}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{(\omega_n^{-1})^k}{\sqrt{n}} + \dots + \frac{P_A(\omega_n^{-(n-1)})}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{(\omega_n^{-(n-1)})^k}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (7)$$

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- A_k is obtained evaluating the polynomial

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at $x = \omega_n^k$, which is exactly what the Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform is.

Interpretation of DFT

- Let us denote the usual orthonormal base of \mathbb{C}^n by \mathcal{B} :

$$\vec{f}_0 = (1, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0), \quad \vec{f}_1 = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots, 0), \quad \vec{f}_2 = (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0), \quad \vec{f}_{n-1} = (0, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

and by \mathcal{F} the base $\mathcal{F} = \{\vec{e}_0, \vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_{n-1}\}$ where $\vec{e}_k = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{\omega_n^{k \cdot 1}}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{\omega_n^{k \cdot 2}}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots, \frac{\omega_n^{k \cdot (n-1)}}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$.

- then

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and also

$$\vec{A} = (P_A(\omega_n^0), P_A(\omega_n^1), A_2, \dots, P_A(\omega_n^{n-1}))_{\mathcal{F}} = \frac{P_A(\omega_n^0)}{\sqrt{n}} \vec{e}_0 + \frac{P_A(\omega_n^{-1})}{\sqrt{n}} \vec{e}_1 + \dots + \frac{P_A(\omega_n^{-(n-1)})}{\sqrt{n}} \vec{e}_n$$

- DFT is just change of base operation: it transforms the sequence of coordinates

$$(A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1})_{\mathcal{B}}$$

in the base \mathcal{B} of vector A into the sequence

$$\left(\frac{P_A(\omega_n^0)}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{P_A(\omega_n^{-1})}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots, \frac{P_A(\omega_n^{-(n-1)})}{\sqrt{n}} \right)_{\mathcal{F}}$$

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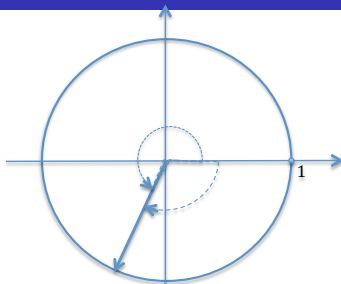
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- Thus, the Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform (IDFT) simply transforms the sequence of the coordinates of \vec{A} in the base \mathcal{F} back to the sequence of coordinates of \vec{A} in base \mathcal{B} , i.e., into $(A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n-1})_{\mathcal{B}}$

Interpretation of DFT



$$(\omega_{2n+1})^k = e^{i \frac{2\pi k}{2n+1}} = e^{-i \frac{2\pi(2n+1-k)}{2n+1}}; \quad k > n$$

- Note that by replacing n with $2n + 1$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^0)}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \frac{(\omega_{2n+1}^k)^0}{\sqrt{2n+1}} + \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^1)}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \frac{(\omega_{2n+1}^k)^1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} + \dots + \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^{2n})}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \frac{(\omega_{2n+1}^k)^{2n}}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \\ &= \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^k)}{2n+1} e^{i \frac{2\pi k \cdot 0}{2n+1}} + \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^1)}{2n+1} e^{i \frac{2\pi k \cdot 1}{2n+1}} + \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^2)}{2n+1} e^{i \frac{2\pi k \cdot 2}{2n+1}} + \dots + \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^{2n})}{2n+1} e^{i \frac{2\pi k \cdot 2n}{2n+1}} \\ &= \sum_{j=-n}^n \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}{2n+1} e^{i \frac{2\pi k \cdot j}{2n+1}} = \sum_{j=-n}^n \left| \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}{2n+1} \right| e^{i \arg(P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j))} e^{i \frac{2\pi k \cdot j}{2n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

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- Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= \sum_{j=-n}^n \left| \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}{2n+1} \right| e^{i \arg(P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j))} e^{i \frac{2\pi k \cdot j}{2n+1}} \\ &= \sum_{j=-n}^n \left| \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}{2n+1} \right| e^{i \left(\frac{2\pi k \cdot j}{2n+1} + \arg(P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)) \right)} \end{aligned}$$

- If we let

$$\begin{aligned} a(t) &= \sum_{j=-n}^n \left| \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}{2n+1} \right| e^{i \left(\frac{2\pi t \cdot j}{2n+1} + \arg(P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)) \right)} \\ &= \sum_{j=-n}^n \left| \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}{2n+1} \right| \left(\cos \left(\frac{2\pi \cdot j}{2n+1} t + \arg(P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)) \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{2\pi \cdot j}{2n+1} t + \arg(P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

then $A_k = a(k)$. Thus the sequence $\langle A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{2n} \rangle$ has been represented as a linear combination of samples of sinusoids of frequencies $\frac{2\pi k}{2n+1}$ for $k = -n$ to $k = n$.

- If \vec{A} is a real vector, the imaginary part of $a(t)$ cancel out because

$P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^{-j}) = \overline{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}$ and we get a real valued interpolation signal $a(t)$.

- Thus, we get

$$a(t) = 2 \sum_{j=0}^n \left| \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}{2n+1} \right| \cos \left(\frac{2\pi \cdot j}{2n+1} t + \arg(P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)) \right)$$

and again $A_k = a(k)$. Thus the sequence $\langle A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{2n} \rangle$ has been represented as a linear combination of samples of sinusoids of frequencies $\frac{2\pi k}{2n+1}$ for $k = -n$ to $k = n$.

- In essence we have approximated the signal with a linear combination of pure harmonic oscillations of frequencies $\frac{2\pi k}{2n+1}$ with amplitudes $2 \left| \frac{P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j)}{2n+1} \right|$ and phase shifts $\arg(P_A(\omega_{2n+1}^j))$.