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Introduction

- The discrete Fourier transform (DFT) is an efficient method for computing the discrete-time convolution of two signals
- The DFT is a tool for filter design
- The DFT is an efficient method for measuring spectra of discrete-time signals
- The *interpretation* of the DFT of a signal can be difficult because the DFT only provides a complete representation of *finite-duration* signals

Continuous-time Fourier transform (CTFT)

- Fourier transform provides a representation of arbitrary signals as a sum of complex exponentials
- Fourier transform pair for continuous signals:

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(F)\, e^{j2\pi Ft}\, dF$$

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$$x(t) \longleftrightarrow X(F)$$

- Time and frequency show duality
- The frequency response *H(F)* of an LTI system with *unit-sample response* (*impulse response*) *h(t)* is:

$$H(F) \triangleq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t)\, e^{-j2\pi Ft}\, dt$$

Continuous-time Fourier transform (CTFT)

- The response of an LTI system *y(t)* with frequency response *H(F)* to an arbitrary input *x(t)*:

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(F)\, X(F)\, e^{j2\pi F t}\, dF$$

- The Fourier transform of the convolution *x(t) * h(t)* is the product of Fourier transforms *X(F) H(F)* of *x(t)* and *h(t):*

$$x(t) * h(t) \longleftrightarrow X(F)\, H(F)$$

Discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT)

- The discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT) of *x[n]*:

$$X(f) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\, e^{-j2\pi f n}$$

- The *X(f)* is *periodic*. The signal *x[n]* can be expressed as a function of *X(f)*:

$$x[n] = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} X(f)\, e^{j2\pi f n}\, df$$

- Fourier transform pair for discrete-time signal:

$$x[n] \longleftrightarrow X(f)$$

- The time domain is discrete, while the frequency domain is continuous and periodic with the period of *1*

Discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT)

- If we define:

$$Y(f) \; = \; H(f)\; X(f)$$

- The output of a system *y[n]* with frequency response *H(f)* to the input *x[n]* is the ”sum” of the input exponentials, each one being weighted by the frequency response:

$$y[n] \; = \; \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} H(f)\; X(f)\; e^{j2\pi f n}\; df$$

- This means that the Fourier transform of the convolution *x[n] ∗ h[n]* is the product of the Fourier transforms (convolution theorem):

$$x[n] \; * \; h[n] \; \longleftrightarrow \; X(f)\; H(f)$$

Example

- The Fourier transform *W(f)* of the symmetric rectangular pulse *w[n]*:

$$w[n] = \Pi_N[n] \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -N \le n \le N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

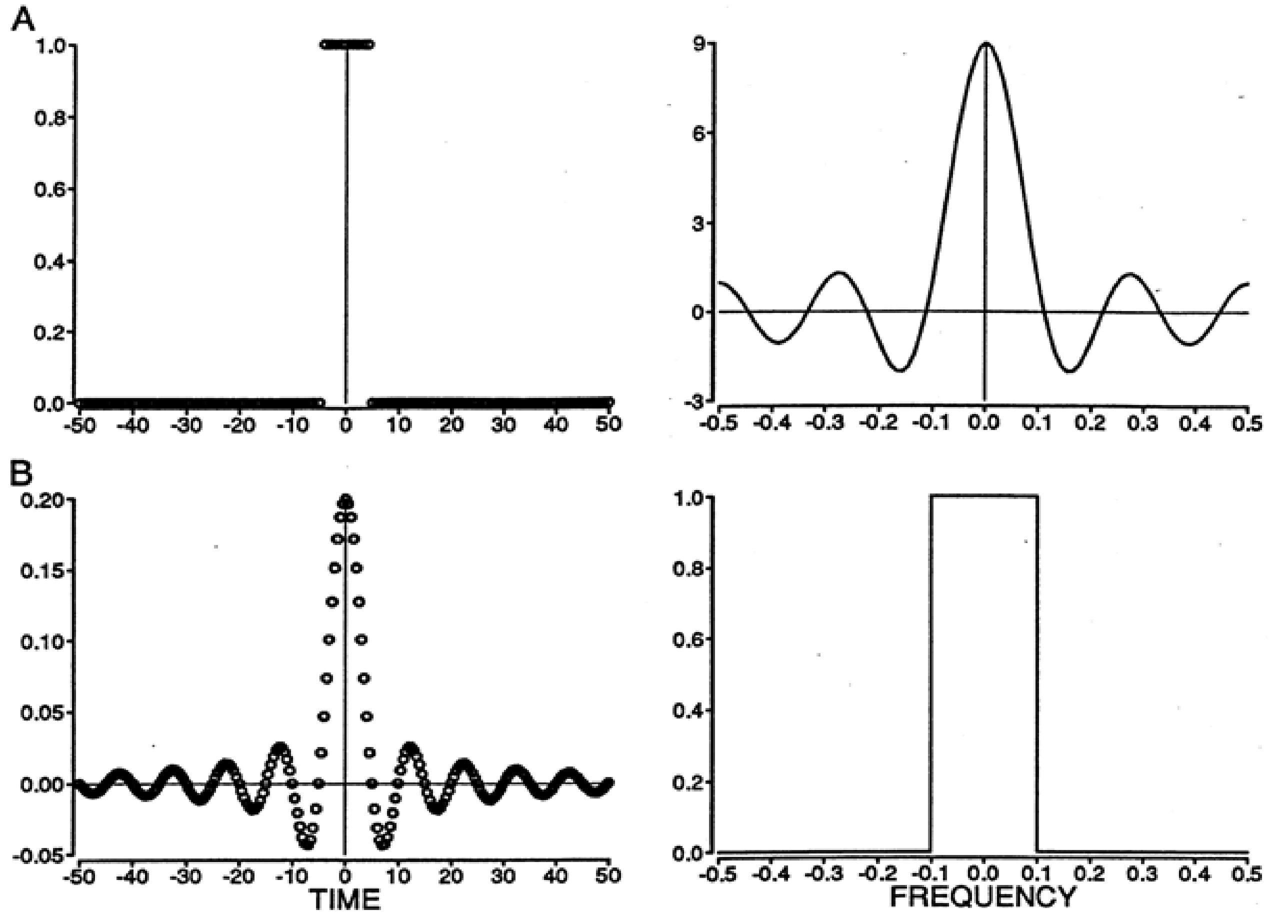
$$W(f) = \sum_{n=-N}^{N} e^{-j2\pi f n} = \frac{\sin \pi(2N+1)f}{\sin \pi f}$$

- The inverse Fourier transform to compute the impulse response *h[n]* of the ideal digital low-pass filter *H(f)*:

$$H(f) = \Pi_W(f) \triangleq \begin{cases} 1 & |f| \le W \\ 0 & W < |f| \le \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$h[n] = \int_{-W}^{W} e^{j2\pi f n}\, df = \frac{\sin 2\pi W n}{\pi n}$$

Example



(Bertrand Delgutte, MIT OpenCourseWare)

Discrete Fourier transform (DFT)

- To compute the DTFT requires an infinite number of operations
- A good representation of the spectrum will be achieved if computing only a finite number of *frequency samples* of the DTFT while the spacing between samples is sufficiently small. Simple results are obtained by sampling in frequency at regular intervals.
- We therefore define the *N-point discrete Fourier* transform $X[k]$ of a signal $x[n]$ of finite duration, $0 \le n \le N-1$, as samples of its transform $X(f)$ taken at intervals of $1/N$:

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]\, e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \qquad X[k] \triangleq X(k/N) \quad \text{for } 0 \le k \le N-1$$

- Because $X(f)$ is periodic with period 1, $X[k]$ is periodic with period N, which justifies only considering the values of $X[k]$ over the interval $[0, N-1]$

Discrete Fourier transform (DFT)

- The finite-duration signal $x[n]$ can be reconstructed from its DFT $X[k]$ by:

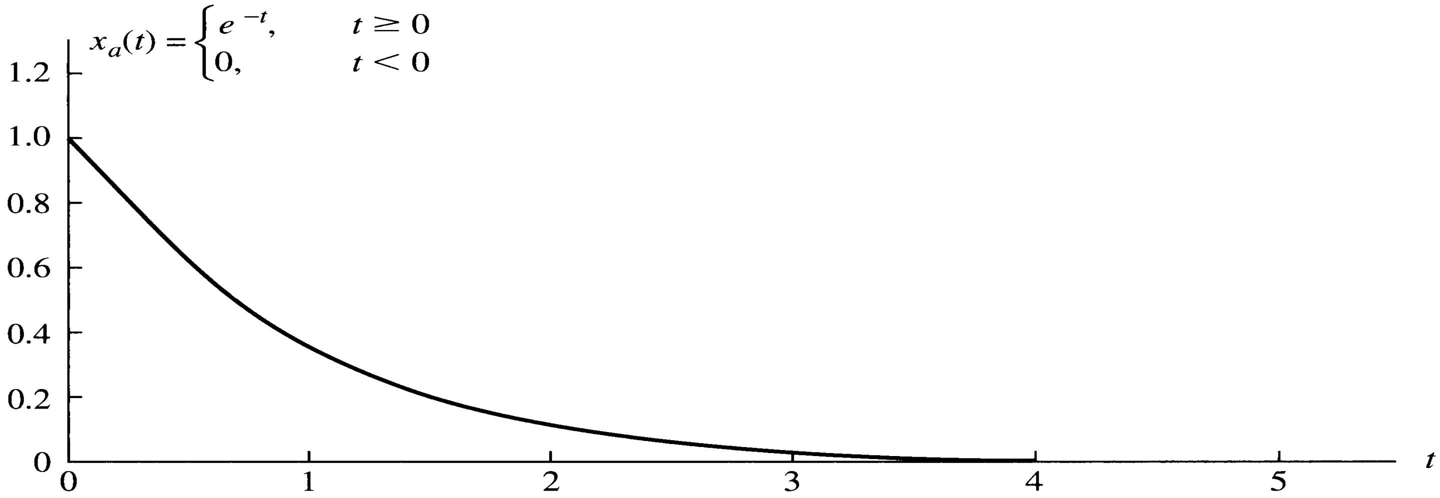
$$x[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k]\, e^{j2\pi kn/N}$$

- The DFT pair for finite-duration signals:

$$x[n] \longleftrightarrow X[k]$$

- Both time and frequency domain are discrete and periodic with period N
- Computing the N-point DFT of a signal implicitly introduces a periodic signal with period N, so that all operations involving the DFT are really operations on periodic signals

Frequency analysis of signals using the DFT (example)



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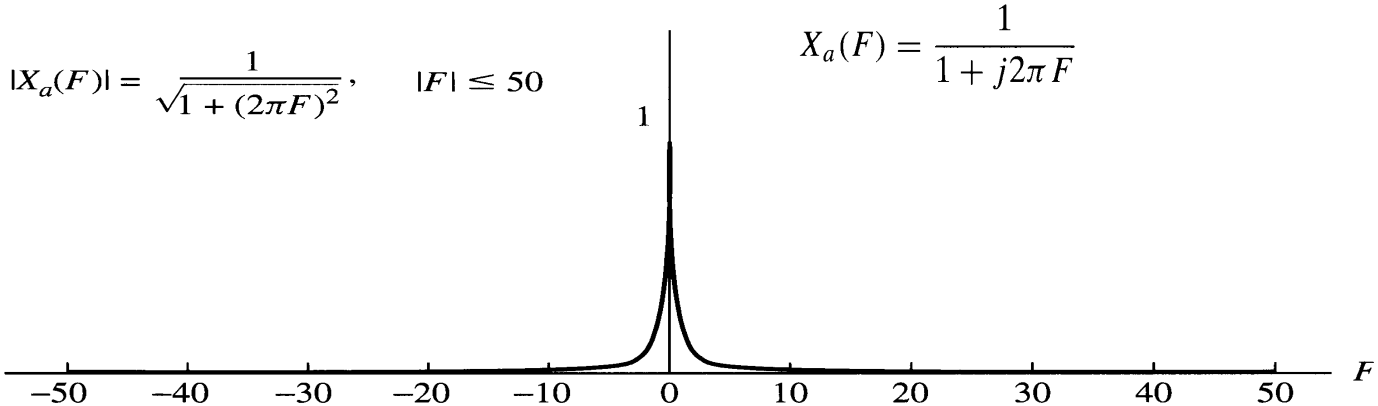

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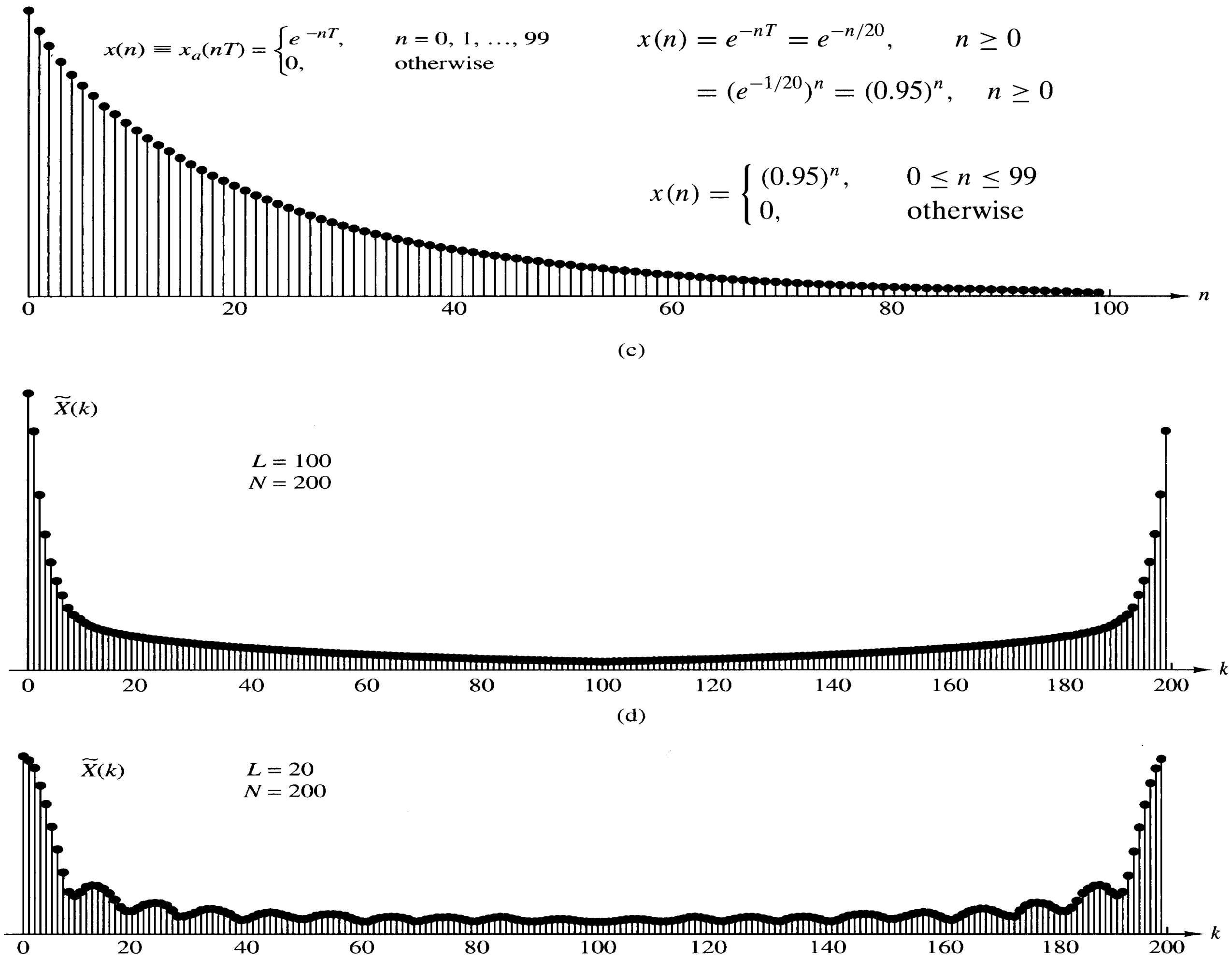
Frequency analysis of signals using the DFT (example)

Fs = 20 smp/s

L=100 (*L*=20)

N = 200



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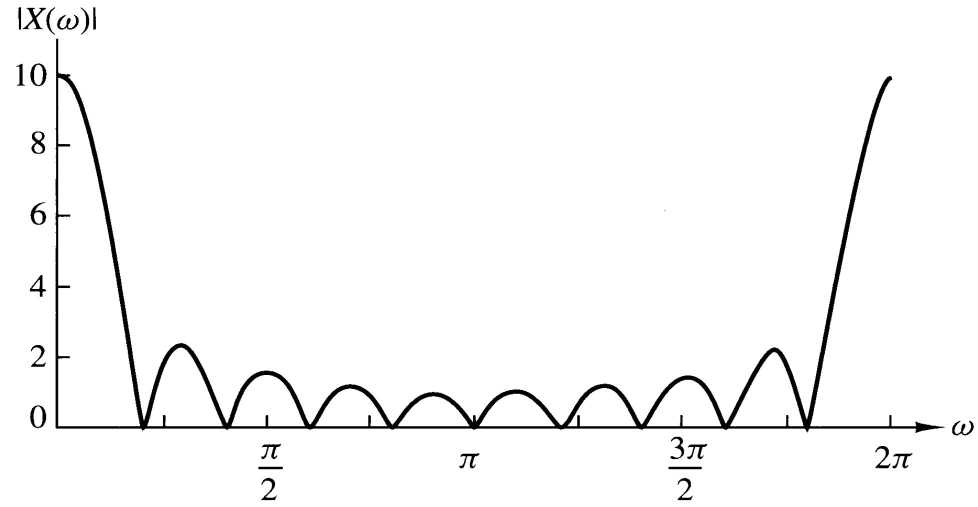
Frequency analysis of discrete-time signals (example)

- A finite-duration sequence of length L :

$$x(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le n \le L-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$X(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} x(n) e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} e^{-j\omega n} = \frac{1-e^{-j\omega L}}{1-e^{-j\omega}} = \frac{\sin(\omega L/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)} e^{-j\omega(L-1)/2}$$



- Determine the N-point DFT of this sequence for $N \ge L$

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Frequency analysis of discrete-time signals (example)

$$X(k) = \frac{1 - e^{-j2\pi kL/N}}{1 - e^{-j2\pi k/N}}, \qquad k = 0, 1, \ldots, N-1$$

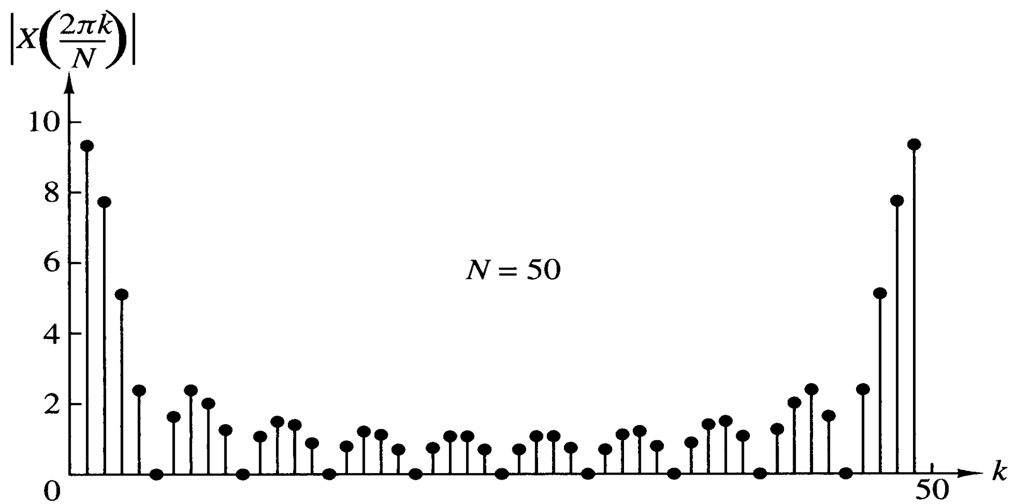
$$= \frac{\sin(\pi kL/N)}{\sin(\pi k/N)} e^{-j\pi k(L-1)/N}$$

- $X(\omega)$ evaluated at the set of N equally spaced frequencies

$$\omega_k = 2\pi k/N,$$

$$k = 0, 1, \ldots, N-1$$

$$L = 10, \; N = 50$$



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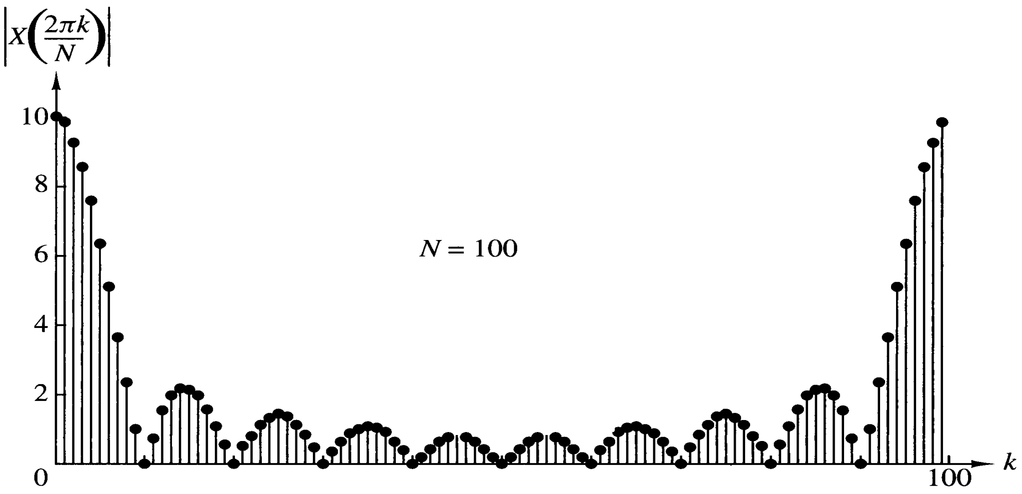
$$k = 0, 1, \ldots, N-1$$

$$L = 10, \; N = 100$$



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Convolution of two finite-duration signals using the DFT

- The following scheme allows filtering the input $x[n]$ by the filter $h[n]$:

  1. Compute the N-point DFT of $x[n]$
  2. Compute the N-point DFT of $h[n]$
  3. Form the product $Y[k] = X[k] \, . \, H[k]$
  4. Compute the inverse N-point DFT of $Y[k]$

Fast Fourier transform (FFT)

- Computation of an N-point DFT by the straightforward method requires $N^{(2)}$ complex multiplications
- FFT methods require only of the order of $N \cdot \log N$ complex multiplications
- For example, for $N = 4096$, an FFT requires 300 times fewer operations than a straightforward DFT

Frequency ranges of some biological signals

• Electrocardiogram	0	–	45	(100) Hz
• Electromyogram	0	–	10	(200) Hz
• Electroencephalogram	0	–	45	(100) Hz