

ECE 161A: The Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

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Discrete Time Fourier Transform of Periodic Sequences

$$\tilde{x}[n] \overset{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \tilde{X}(e^{j\omega})$$

We will use the following observation about exponential sequences

$$e^{j\omega_0 n} \longleftrightarrow 2\pi \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \omega_0 + 2\pi r)$$

and so

$$W_N^{-nk} = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn} \longleftrightarrow 2\pi \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k + 2\pi r)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x}[n] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn} \overset{\text{linearity}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k + 2\pi r) \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{X}[k] \delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k)\end{aligned}$$

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DTFT of periodic sequences

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DFS Summary

With $W_N = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N} kn} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] W_N^{-nk} \quad (\text{Synthesis Equation})$$

$$\tilde{X}[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N} kn} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] W_N^{nk} \quad (\text{Analysis Equation})$$

Fourier Transform (DTFT of $\tilde{x}[n]$)

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N} kn} \xleftrightarrow{\text{linearity}} \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{X}[k] \delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N} k)$$

Procedure for computing DTFT of periodic sequences

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Sampling the DTFT

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n}$$

Sample using a train of impulses in the frequency domain

$$P(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k)$$

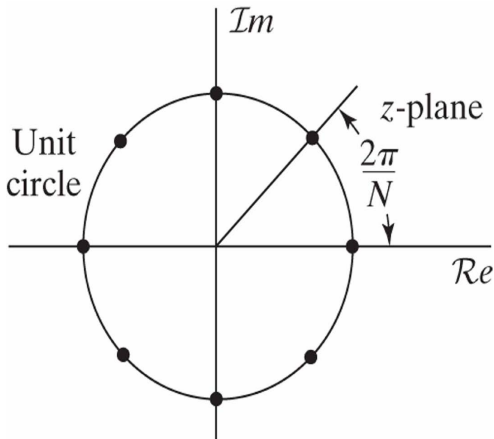
N controls the spacing $\frac{2\pi}{N}$ of the frequency samples. The sampled DTFT is given by

$$\begin{aligned} X_s(e^{j\omega}) &= X(e^{j\omega})P(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega})\frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k) \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}})\delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k) = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{X}[k]\delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k) \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{X}[k] = X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}})$, the samples of the DTFT of $x[n]$ on the unit circle at a spacing of $\frac{2\pi}{N}$.

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \xrightarrow{N} \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{X}[k]\delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k) \leftrightarrow \left(N, \tilde{X}[k] = X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}}), k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \right)$$

Figure 8.7 Points on the unit circle at which $X(z)$ is sampled to obtain the periodic sequence $\tilde{X}[k]$ ($N=8$).



Frequency Sampling

$$\begin{aligned}x[n] &\leftrightarrow X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \xrightarrow{N} X_s(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{X}[k]\delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k) \\&\leftrightarrow \left(N, \tilde{X}[k] = X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}}), k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \right) \leftrightarrow \tilde{x}[n]\end{aligned}$$

Important questions

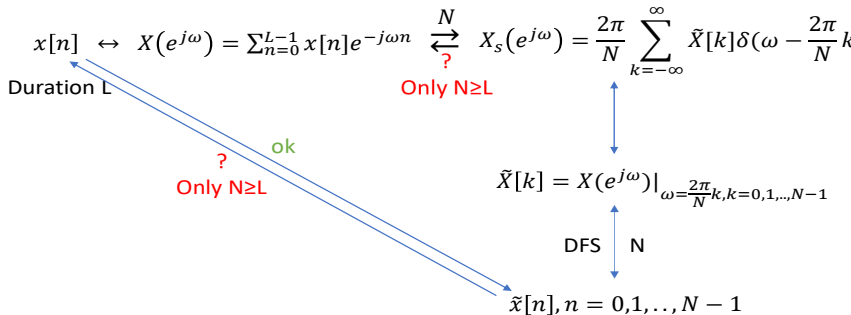
1. What is the relationship $\tilde{x}[n]$ and $x[n]$?
2. Can we recover $x[n]$ from $\tilde{x}[n]$?

Significance: If we can answer yes to the second question, then $\tilde{X}[k]$ has all the information needed to determine $X(e^{j\omega})$!.

Frequency Sampling: Pictorial Depiction

Suppose $x[n]$ is of duration L , i.e. $x[n]$ is nonzero for $n = 0, 1, \dots, L - 1$.

The frequency sampling pictorially is shown below.



Frequency Sampling Theorem (FST)

$$x[n] \leftrightarrow X(e^{j\omega}) \xrightarrow{N} X_s(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{X}[k] \delta(\omega - \frac{2\pi}{N}k) \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}[k] = X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}}) \leftrightarrow \tilde{x}[n]$$

Theorem:

1. $\tilde{x}[n] = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n + rN]$ (time domain aliasing)
2. If $x[n]$ is of finite duration L , then for $N \geq L$ $x[n]$ can be recovered from $\tilde{x}[n]$ and

$$x[n] = \tilde{x}[n]w[n]$$

where $w[n]$ is rectangular window

$$w[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq n \leq N-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Recovery of $x[n]$ from $\tilde{x}[n]$

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n + rN] = \dots + x[n - N] + x[n] + x[n + N] + \dots$$

If $x[n]$ is of duration L , then $x[n]$ is nonzero between $0 \leq n \leq L - 1$.

$x[n - N]$ is nonzero between $N \leq n \leq N + L - 1$.

$x[n + N]$ is nonzero between $-N \leq n \leq -N + L - 1$.

No overlap and hence no aliasing for $N \geq L$.

$x[n]$ can be obtained by keeping samples of $\tilde{x}[n]$, $0 \leq n \leq N - 1$.

Mathematically

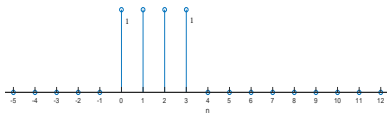
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Example

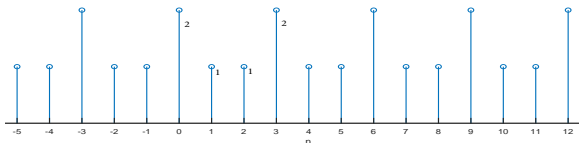
Duration $L = 4$



Three samples ($N = 3$) in the frequency domain.

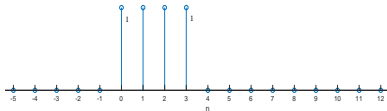
$$\tilde{x}[n] = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n - r3] = \begin{cases} x[0] + x[3], & n = \dots, -3, 0, 3, \dots \\ x[1], & n = \dots, -2, 1, 4, \dots \\ x[2], & n = \dots, -1, 2, 5, \dots \end{cases}$$

$N=3$



Example Cont'd

Duration $L=4$

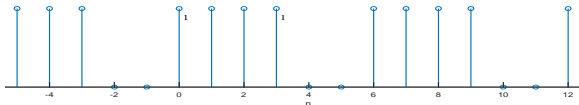


Six samples ($N = 6$) in the frequency domain.

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n - r6]$$

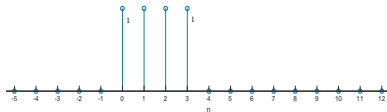
A period of $\tilde{x}[n]$ is $x[n]$ padded with 2 ($6 - 4$) zeros.

$N=6$

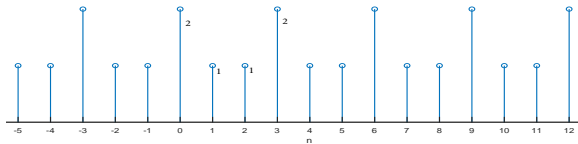


Example: Summary

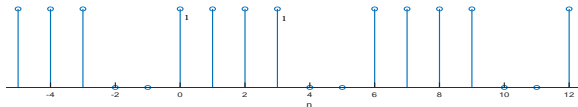
Duration $L=4$



$N=3$



$N=6$



Discrete Time Fourier Transform (DFT)

Define

$$X[k] = \begin{cases} \tilde{X}[k] = X(e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}k}), & k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We can now rewrite the equations involving only $x[n]$ and $X[k]$.

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{nk}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (\text{DFT})$$

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] W_N^{-nk}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (\text{IDFT})$$

DFS versus DFT

DFS:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{X}[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] W_N^{nk} \\ \tilde{x}[n] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] W_N^{-nk}\end{aligned}$$

DFT:

$$\begin{aligned}X[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{nk}, k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \text{ (DFT)} \\ x[n] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] W_N^{-nk}, n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \text{ (IDFT)}\end{aligned}$$

1. DFS applies to periodic signals and DFT to finite duration signals.
2. In DFS, N is the periodicity and in DFT $N \geq L$, where L is the duration of the sequence.