

X-FFT

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1 X-FFT - Fast Fourier Transform

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In [8]: from IPython.display import HTML
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In [9]: HTML('http://www.ams.org/journals/mcom/1965-19-090/S0025-5718-1965-0178586-1/')
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Out[9]: <IPython.core.display.HTML at 0x7f27b419fa90>
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There are several FFT implementations in python. We will use the NumPy and SciPy ones. The fastest is PyFFTW.

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In [9]: import numpy as np
import scipy as scp
%pylab
```

Using matplotlib backend: Qt4Agg

Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

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In [2]: help(np.fft)
```

Help on package numpy.fft in numpy:

NAME

numpy.fft

FILE

/home/jpsilva/anaconda/lib/python2.7/site-packages/numpy/fft/_init_.py

DESCRIPTION

Discrete Fourier Transform (:mod:'numpy.fft')

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.. currentmodule:: numpy.fft

Standard FFTs

.. autosummary::

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fft	Discrete Fourier transform.
ifft	Inverse discrete Fourier transform.
fft2	Discrete Fourier transform in two dimensions.
ifft2	Inverse discrete Fourier transform in two dimensions.

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fftn      Discrete Fourier transform in N-dimensions.
ifftn     Inverse discrete Fourier transform in N dimensions.

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Real FFTs

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   rfft      Real discrete Fourier transform.
   irfft     Inverse real discrete Fourier transform.
   rfft2     Real discrete Fourier transform in two dimensions.
   irfft2    Inverse real discrete Fourier transform in two dimensions.
   rfftn     Real discrete Fourier transform in N dimensions.
   irfftn    Inverse real discrete Fourier transform in N dimensions.

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Hermitian FFTs

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   hfft      Hermitian discrete Fourier transform.
   ihfft     Inverse Hermitian discrete Fourier transform.

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Helper routines

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   fftfreq   Discrete Fourier Transform sample frequencies.
   rfftfreq  DFT sample frequencies (for usage with rfft, irfft).
   fftshift  Shift zero-frequency component to center of spectrum.
   ifftshift Inverse of fftshift.

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Background information

Fourier analysis is fundamentally a method for expressing a function as a sum of periodic components, and for recovering the function from those components. When both the function and its Fourier transform are replaced with discretized counterparts, it is called the discrete Fourier transform (DFT). The DFT has become a mainstay of numerical computing in part because of a very fast algorithm for computing it, called the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), which was known to Gauss (1805) and was brought to light in its current form by Cooley and Tukey [CT]_. Press et al. [NR]_ provide an accessible introduction to Fourier analysis and its applications.

Because the discrete Fourier transform separates its input into components that contribute at discrete frequencies, it has a great number of applications in digital signal processing, e.g., for filtering, and in

this context the discretized input to the transform is customarily referred to as a **signal**, which exists in the **time domain**. The output is called a **spectrum** or **transform** and exists in the **frequency domain**.

Implementation details

There are many ways to define the DFT, varying in the sign of the exponent, normalization, etc. In this implementation, the DFT is defined as

```
.. math::
    A_k = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} a_m \exp\left\{-2\pi i \frac{mk}{n}\right\}
    \quad k = 0, \ldots, n-1.
```

The DFT is in general defined for complex inputs and outputs, and a single-frequency component at linear frequency f is represented by a complex exponential $a_m = \exp\{2\pi i f m \Delta t\}$, where Δt is the sampling interval.

The values in the result follow so-called "standard" order: If `A = fft(a, n)`, then `A[0]` contains the zero-frequency term (the mean of the signal), which is always purely real for real inputs. Then `A[1:n/2]` contains the positive-frequency terms, and `A[n/2+1:]` contains the negative-frequency terms, in order of decreasingly negative frequency. For an even number of input points, `A[n/2]` represents both positive and negative Nyquist frequency, and is also purely real for real input. For an odd number of input points, `A[(n-1)/2]` contains the largest positive frequency, while `A[(n+1)/2]` contains the largest negative frequency. The routine `np.fft.fftfreq(n)` returns an array giving the frequencies of corresponding elements in the output. The routine `np.fft.fftshift(A)` shifts transforms and their frequencies to put the zero-frequency components in the middle, and `np.fft.ifftshift(A)` undoes that shift.

When the input `a` is a time-domain signal and `A = fft(a)`, `np.abs(A)` is its amplitude spectrum and `np.abs(A)**2` is its power spectrum. The phase spectrum is obtained by `np.angle(A)`.

The inverse DFT is defined as

```
.. math::
    a_m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k \exp\left\{2\pi i \frac{mk}{n}\right\}
    \quad m = 0, \ldots, n-1.
```

It differs from the forward transform by the sign of the exponential argument and the normalization by $1/n$.

Real and Hermitian transforms

When the input is purely real, its transform is Hermitian, i.e., the


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DATA

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absolute_import = _Feature((2, 5, 0, 'alpha', 1), (3, 0, 0, 'alpha', 0)...
division = _Feature((2, 2, 0, 'alpha', 2), (3, 0, 0, 'alpha', 0), 8192...
print_function = _Feature((2, 6, 0, 'alpha', 2), (3, 0, 0, 'alpha', 0)...
using_mklfft = True
```

In [3]: help(scp.fft)

Help on function fft in module mklfft.fftpack:

fft(a, n=None, axis=-1)

Compute the one-dimensional discrete Fourier Transform.

This function computes the one-dimensional **n*-point* discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) with the efficient Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm [CT].

Parameters

a : array_like

Input array, can be complex.

n : int, optional

Length of the transformed axis of the output.

If 'n' is smaller than the length of the input, the input is cropped.

If it is larger, the input is padded with zeros. If 'n' is not given, the length of the input along the axis specified by 'axis' is used.

axis : int, optional

Axis over which to compute the FFT. If not given, the last axis is used.

Returns

out : complex ndarray

The truncated or zero-padded input, transformed along the axis indicated by 'axis', or the last one if 'axis' is not specified.

Raises

IndexError

if 'axes' is larger than the last axis of 'a'.

See Also

numpy.fft : for definition of the DFT and conventions used.

ifft : The inverse of 'fft'.

fft2 : The two-dimensional FFT.

fftn : The **n*-dimensional* FFT.

rfftn : The **n*-dimensional* FFT of real input.

fftfreq : Frequency bins for given FFT parameters.

Notes

FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) refers to a way the discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) can be calculated efficiently, by using symmetries in the calculated terms. The symmetry is highest when 'n' is a power of 2, and the transform is therefore most efficient for these sizes.

The DFT is defined, with the conventions used in this implementation, in the documentation for the 'numpy.fft' module.

References

.. [CT] Cooley, James W., and John W. Tukey, 1965, "An algorithm for the machine calculation of complex Fourier series," *Math. Comput.* 19: 297-301.

Examples

```
>>> np.fft.fft(np.exp(2j * np.pi * np.arange(8) / 8))
array([-3.44505240e-16 +1.14383329e-17j,
        8.00000000e+00 -5.71092652e-15j,
        2.33482938e-16 +1.22460635e-16j,
        1.64863782e-15 +1.77635684e-15j,
        9.95839695e-17 +2.33482938e-16j,
        0.00000000e+00 +1.66837030e-15j,
        1.14383329e-17 +1.22460635e-16j,
        -1.64863782e-15 +1.77635684e-15j])
```

```
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> t = np.arange(256)
>>> sp = np.fft.fft(np.sin(t))
>>> freq = np.fft.fftfreq(t.shape[-1])
>>> plt.plot(freq, sp.real, freq, sp.imag)
[<matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x...>, <matplotlib.lines.Line2D object at 0x...>]
>>> plt.show()
```

In this example, real input has an FFT which is Hermitian, i.e., symmetric in the real part and anti-symmetric in the imaginary part, as described in the 'numpy.fft' documentation.

Let's obtain the FFT of

$$e^{\frac{i2\pi k}{8}}$$

for $k = 1, \dots, 8$

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In [15]: np.fft.fft(np.exp(2j * np.pi * np.arange(8) / 8))
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Out[15]: array([-3.44505240e-16 +1.14383329e-17j,
        8.00000000e+00 -8.52057261e-16j,
        2.33482938e-16 +1.22460635e-16j,
        0.00000000e+00 +1.22460635e-16j,
        9.95839695e-17 +2.33482938e-16j,
        -8.88178420e-16 +1.17293449e-16j,
        1.14383329e-17 +1.22460635e-16j,
        0.00000000e+00 +1.22460635e-16j])
```

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In [16]: x = np.exp(2j * np.pi * np.arange(9) / 8)
        xt = np.fft.fft(x)
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In [17]: plot(xt)
Out[17]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f4897a5dc50>]

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1.0.1 Optional

- Install [FFTW](#) `sudo apt-get install fftw3 libfftw3-dev`
- Install [PyFFTW](#) `pip install PyFFTW`

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In [1]: import pyfftw

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In [7]: %load_ext version_information
        %version_information numpy, scipy, pyfftw

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The version_information extension is already loaded. To reload it, use:

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%reload_ext version_information
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Out[7]:

Software	Version
Python	2.7.8 —Anaconda 2.1.0 (64-bit)— (default, Aug 21 2014, 18:22:21) [GCC 4.4.7 20120313 (Red Hat 4.4.7-1)]
IPython	2.3.1
OS	posix [linux2]
numpy	1.9.1
scipy	0.14.0
pyfftw	0.9.2
Fri Dec 05 14:20:07 2014 CET	

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In [2]: from IPython.core.display import HTML
        def css_styling():
            styles = open("./styles/custom.css", "r").read()
            return HTML(styles)
        css_styling()
```

Out[2]: <IPython.core.display.HTML at 0x7fcfb8ffd550>

In []: