

Exercise 2 (Discrete Fourier Transform).

Let $f = (f_1, \dots, f_N) \in \mathbb{C}^N$ be a finite signal. In this exercise, we want to derive the discrete version of the Fourier Transform.

- a) For $j \in \mathbb{Z}$, we set $\omega_N^{(j)} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{j}{N}$. Consider the space \mathbb{C}^N with the standard inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^N x_k \cdot \overline{y_k} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{C}^N.$$

Show that the vectors

$$b_j := \left(N^{-1/2} \cdot e^{i \cdot \omega_N^{(j-1)} \cdot (k-1)} \right)_{1 \leq k \leq N} \in \mathbb{C}^N \quad \text{for } j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$

form an orthonormal basis of $(\mathbb{C}^N, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$. Find coefficients $\hat{f} = (\hat{f}_1, \dots, \hat{f}_N)$ such that

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^N \hat{f}_j \cdot b_j.$$

The mapping $F_N : \mathbb{C}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^N$, $f \mapsto \hat{f}$ is called *Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)*.

orthonormality $\Rightarrow \langle b_i, b_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ where δ is Kronecker delta

let $i=j$, then

$$\langle b_i, b_i \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^N (N^{-1/2} e^{i \omega_N^{(i-1)} (k-1)}) (N^{-1/2} e^{-i \omega_N^{(i-1)} (k-1)})$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^N e^0$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \cdot N = 1 \quad \text{thus } b_j \text{ form an orthonormal basis}$$

Q.E.D.