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Signal Processing in Practice

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Convolution

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- Convolution is linear: $y[n] = (x * h)[n] \quad \equiv \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$
- $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ can only represent finite sequences \rightsquigarrow How to define \mathbf{A} ?

Handling Boundaries

- Signal $x[n]$ has length N
- Filter $h[n]$ has length M

What is the size of the output?

1. Full Mode

- **Output:** $N + M - 1$
- Assumes zero-padding

2. Same Mode

- **Output:** N
- Centre crop of 'Full'

3. Valid Mode

- **Output:** $N - M + 1$
- Filter *fully overlaps*

Full Mode Linear Convolution

Linear convolution represented as a **Toeplitz matrix**

- $h = [h_0, h_1, h_2]$, $M = 3$
- $x = [x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$, $N = 5$
- The output y has length $5 + 3 - 1 = 7$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \\ y_6 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & h_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{T} \text{ (Toeplitz)}} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Same Mode Linear Convolution

- $h = [h_0, h_1, h_2]$, $M = 3$
- $x = [x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$, $N = 5$
- The output y has length 5

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \\ y_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Valid Mode Linear Convolution

- $h = [h_0, h_1, h_2]$, $M = 3$
- $x = [x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$, $N = 5$
- The output y has length $5 - 3 + 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Circular Convolution \Leftrightarrow Linear Convolution + Periodic Extension

What does the modulo operator $(n - k)_N$ actually imply?

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & h_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Linear (Toeplitz)}} \xrightarrow{\text{Wrap Tails}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{h_2} & \mathbf{h_1} \\ h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{h_2} \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Circular (Circulant)}}$$

Circular Convolution

Circular convolution maps $\mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$

The operator is a **circulant matrix**

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_0 & 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 \\ h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 & h_2 \\ h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & h_2 & h_1 & h_0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{C} \text{ (Circulant)}} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each row is a cyclic shift of the previous one (periodic wrap-around).

Eigenstructure of Circulant Matrices

Theorem

Every circulant matrix \mathbf{C} is diagonalized by the DFT matrix \mathbf{F} , i.e.

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{F}$$

where $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{N-1})$

The eigenvalues λ_k are exactly the DFT coefficients of the filter h .

$$\lambda_k = H[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h[n] e^{-j2\pi nk/N}$$

Zeros in the DFT and Rank of the Convolution Matrix

Since the eigenvalues are the DFT coefficients $H[k]$

$$\det(\mathbf{C}) = \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} \lambda_k = \prod_{k=0}^{N-1} H[k]$$

- If $H[k] \neq 0$ for all k , then $\det(\mathbf{C}) \neq 0$
The matrix is **full rank**
The convolution is invertible
- If $H[k] = 0$ for some k , the matrix is **singular**

The Cocktail Party Problem

Reverberation/Echo

The model:

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] + \eta[n]$$

The goal: Recover $x[n]$ given $y[n]$ and $h[n]$

This is known as **deconvolution** or **channel equalization**

The Inverse Filter

Naive solution in Fourier domain

$$Y(\omega) = X(\omega)H(\omega) + N(\omega)$$

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The Noise Amplification Problem

Typically, $H(\omega) \rightarrow 0$ as $\omega \rightarrow \pi$

Therefore, $\frac{N(\omega)}{H(\omega)} \rightarrow +\infty$

The Wiener Filter

Instead of perfect inversion, we minimize the mean-square error

$$\hat{X}(\omega) = G(\omega)Y(\omega)$$

The optimal filter $G(\omega)$ is:

$$G(\omega) = \frac{H^*(\omega)}{|H(\omega)|^2 + \text{NSR}(\omega)}$$

where $\text{NSR} = \frac{S_{nn}(\omega)}{S_{xx}(\omega)}$ is the noise-to-signal ratio

Intuition:

- Where SNR is high ($|H(\omega)|^2 \gg \text{NSR}$), $G \approx 1/H$ (Inverse Filter)
- Where SNR is low ($|H(\omega)|^2 \ll \text{NSR}$), $G \approx 0$ (Attenuate Noise)

Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)

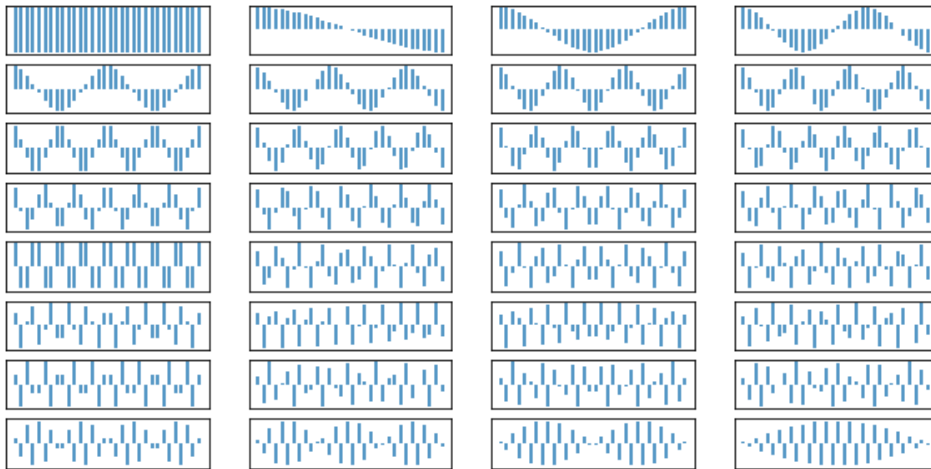
What does the DCT do?

Key idea

Project a signal onto a set of **cosine basis functions**

- Real-valued
- Ordered from smooth to oscillatory
- Energy concentrates in low indices

1D DCT basis functions



DCT-II definition

For a signal $x[n]$, $n = 0, \dots, N - 1$:

$$\hat{x}[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{N} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) k \right)$$

- Linear transform
- Orthogonal basis
- Perfect reconstruction/Unitary transform

Matrix form: $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}$

From 1D to 2D

For a signal $x[m, n]$

$$\hat{x}[k, \ell] = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[m, n] \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{M}\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)k\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{N}\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\ell\right)$$

Separability

2D DCT = DCT on rows, then columns

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{D}^{\top}$$

2D DCT basis functions

