

# CMPE 352

# Signal Processing & Algorithms

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# The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

1. Start with the DFT equation for  $G[k]$ :

$$G[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} g[n]e^{-jk\Omega_0 n} \quad 0 \leq k \leq N-1 \quad (\Omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{N})$$

2. Assume  $N$  to be even. Split the time samples into even/odd sequences ( $N' = N/2$ ):

$$G[k] = \underbrace{\sum_{m=0}^{N'-1} g_e[m]e^{-jm\Omega'_0 k}}_{G_e[k]} + e^{-j\Omega_0 k} \underbrace{\sum_{m=0}^{N'-1} g_o[m]e^{-jm\Omega'_0 k}}_{G_o[k]} \quad 0 \leq k \leq N-1 \quad (\Omega'_0 = \frac{2\pi}{N'})$$

(obtained from the even samples) (obtained from the odd samples)

3. Use the following facts:  $G_e[k + N'] = G_e[k]$ , and  $G_o[k + N'] = G_o[k]$  ( $N'$  –periodic)  
and:  $e^{-j(k+N')\Omega_0} = -e^{-jk\Omega_0}$

4. Rewrite  $G[k]$  as:

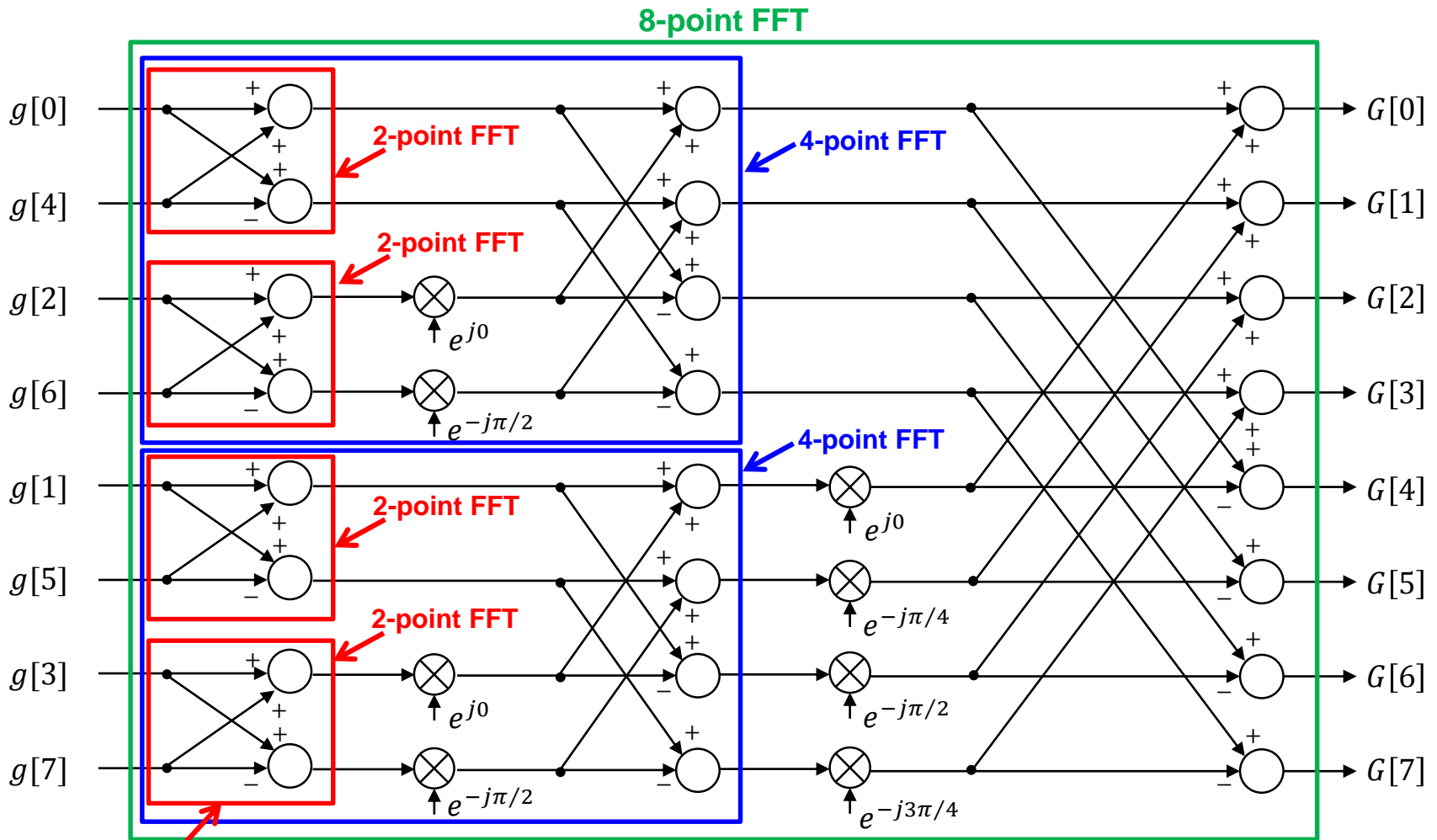
First  $N'$  values of  $G[k]$ :  $G[k] = G_e[k] + e^{-j\Omega_0 k} G_o[k] \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq N' - 1$

Second  $N'$  values of  $G[k]$ :  $G[k + N'] = G_e[k] - e^{-j\Omega_0 k} G_o[k] \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq N' - 1$

5. Assuming  $N'$  to be even, obtain each of  $G_e[k]$  and  $G_o[k]$  through a  $N'$  –point DFT (apply the above algorithm for each DFT)

6. Repeat until the 2 –point DFT is reached (hence  $N$  must be a power of 2)

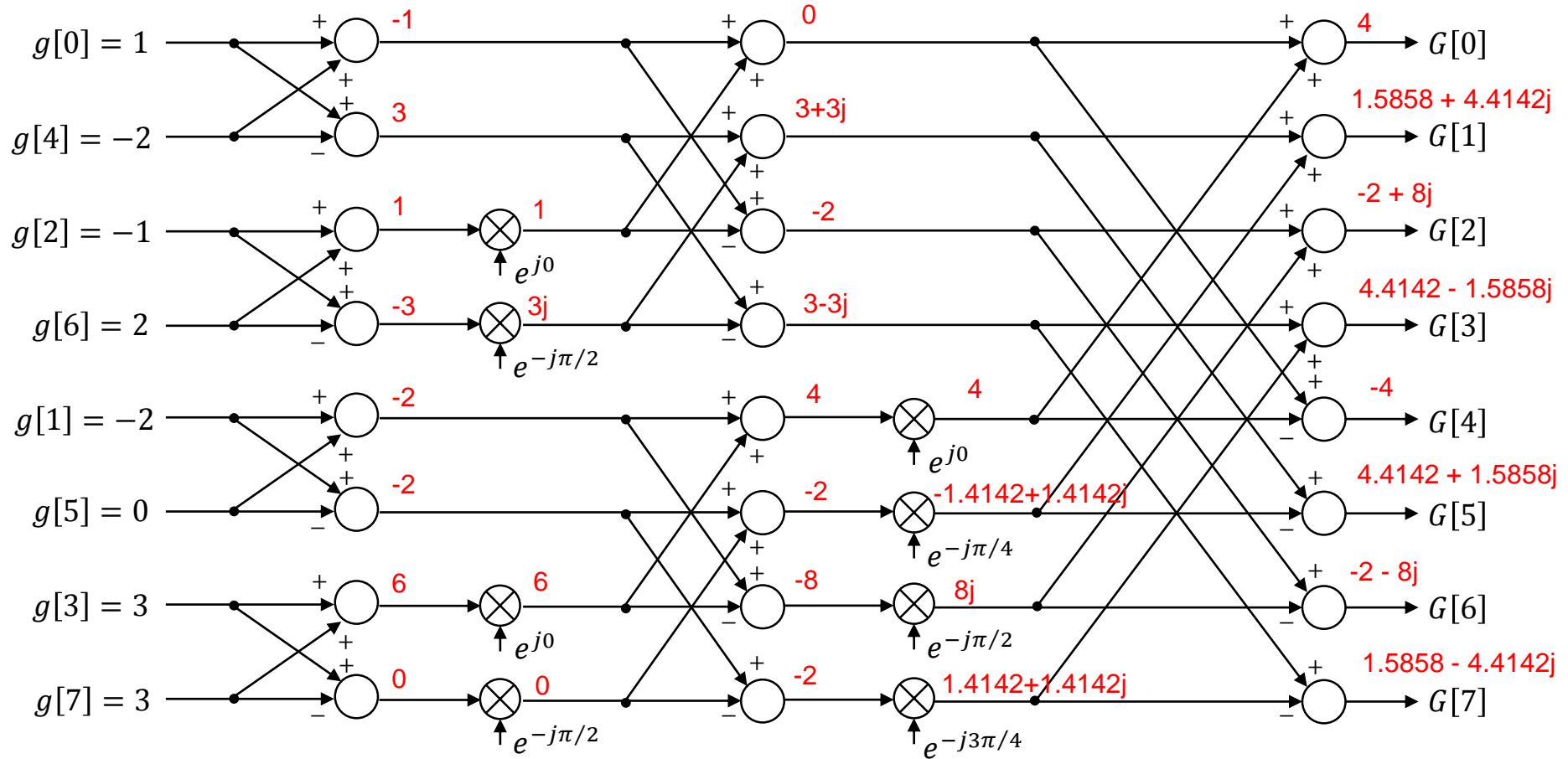
# Example: 8-Point FFT



"Butterfly" operation

# Example: 8-Point FFT

$$g = [1, -2, -1, 3, -2, 0, 2, 3];$$



# Matlab FFT function `fft(.)`

This MATLAB function returns the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of vector `x`, computed with a fast Fourier transform (FFT) algorithm.

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Y = fft(x)
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```
Y = fft(X,n)
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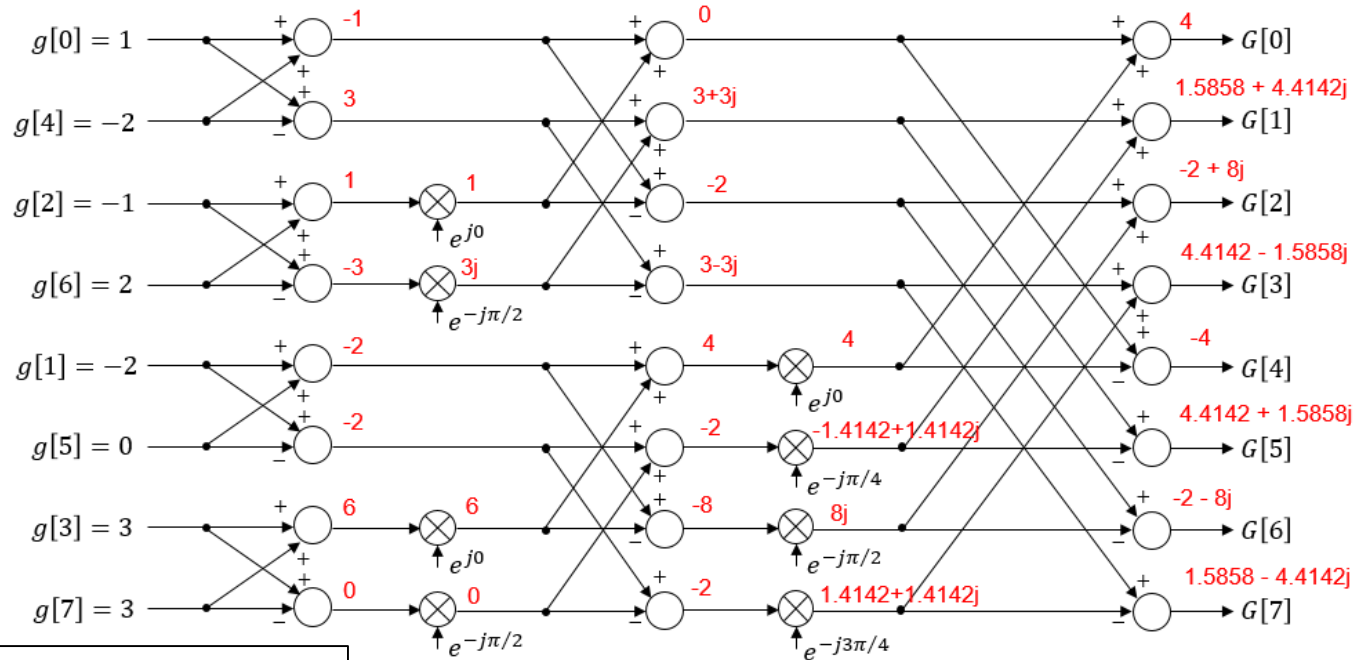
```
Y = fft(X,[],dim)
```

```
Y = fft(X,n,dim)
```

- If  $N$  is a power of 2, the FFT algorithm is automatically applied  
Otherwise the DFT algorithm is applied

# Matlab FFT function fft(.) -- Example

$g = [1, -2, -1, 3, -2, 0, 2, 3];$



```
>> x=[1; -2; -1; 3; -2; 0 ; 2; 3];
>> fft(x)
```

ans =

```
4.0000 + 0.0000i
1.5858 + 4.4142i
-2.0000 + 8.0000i
4.4142 - 1.5858i
-4.0000 + 0.0000i
4.4142 + 1.5858i
-2.0000 - 8.0000i
1.5858 - 4.4142i
```

# Applications of the FFT Algorithm

- The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm is pervasive in computer engineering and computer science
- Essential for the understanding of signals (design of embedded systems, image processing, face recognition, AI applications, etc.)
- Compression algorithms such JPEG, MPEG, MP3, etc., are all based on the FFT algorithm and its principles
- Data transmission (cell phones (3G/4.5G/5G), ADSL, VDSL, etc.) all implement the FFT algorithm
- “The FFT is used billions of times everyday”

# What did we learn this semester?

- What are signals, what are systems?
- Continuous versus discrete – the analog world and the digital world
- Types of signals: periodic and nonperiodic, even and odd
- Basic signal operations: time shifting, scaling and reversing
- Elementary signals: unit impulse, unit step, exponential, sinusoidal
- **Notion of frequency**, harmonic signals, and bandwidth
- Importance of the complex exponential
- The Fourier Series (periodic signals) – various forms
- Amplitude (or magnitude) and phase spectra
- Signal energy and signal power
- Decibel
- The Fourier Transform (nonperiodic signals)
- Properties
- Amplitude (or magnitude) and phase spectra
- System Frequency response
- Filters



# What did we learn this semester?

- Sampling process, A/D conversion
- The Sampling Theorem
- Effect of sampling on signal spectrum – replication, aliasing
- Anti-aliasing low-pass filtering, analog reconstruction
- More on signal sampling and A/D conversion
- Quantizers, quantizing noise, PCM
- Derivation, integration, time-averaging algorithms
- The Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) algorithm
- The Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm