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vector of amplitudes and phase offsets that happen to be encoded in the form of complex numbers.

To modify a Spectrum, you can access the hs directly. For example:

```
spectrum.hs *= 2
spectrum.hs[spectrum.fs > cutoff] = 0
```

The first line multiples the elements of hs by 2, which doubles the amplitudes of all components. The second line sets to 0 only the elements of hs where the corresponding frequency exceeds some cutoff frequency.

But Spectrum also provides methods to perform these operations:

```
spectrum.scale(2)
spectrum.low_pass(cutoff)
```

You can read the documentation of these methods and others at http://greenteapress.com/thinkdsp.html.

At this point you should have a better idea of how the Signal, Wave, and Spectrum classes work, but I have not explained how the Fast Fourier Transform works. That will take a few more chapters.

## 2.5 Exercises

Solutions to these exercises are in chap02soln.ipynb.

Exercise 2.1 If you use Jupyter, load chap02.ipynb and try out the examples. You can also view the notebook at http://tinyurl.com/thinkdsp02.

Exercise 2.2 A sawtooth signal has a waveform that ramps up linearly from -1 to 1, then drops to -1 and repeats. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sawtooth\_wave

Write a class called SawtoothSignal that extends Signal and provides evaluate to evaluate a sawtooth signal.

Compute the spectrum of a sawtooth wave. How does the harmonic structure compare to triangle and square waves?

**Exercise 2.3** Make a square signal at 1100 Hz and make a wave that samples it at 10000 frames per second. If you plot the spectrum, you can see that most of the harmonics are aliased. When you listen to the wave, can you hear the aliased harmonics?

Exercise 2.4 If you have a spectrum object, spectrum, and print the first few values of spectrum.fs, you'll see that they start at zero. So spectrum.hs[0] is the magnitude of the component with frequency 0. But what does that mean?

## Try this experiment:

- 1. Make a triangle signal with frequency 440 and make a Wave with duration 0.01 seconds. Plot the waveform.
- 2. Make a Spectrum object and print spectrum.hs[0]. What is the amplitude and phase of this component?
- 3. Set spectrum.hs[0] = 100. Make a Wave from the modified Spectrum and plot it. What effect does this operation have on the waveform?

Exercise 2.5 Write a function that takes a Spectrum as a parameter and modifies it by dividing each element of hs by the corresponding frequency from fs. Hint: since division by zero is undefined, you might want to set spectrum.hs[0] = 0.

Test your function using a square, triangle, or sawtooth wave.

- 1. Compute the Spectrum and plot it.
- 2. Modify the Spectrum using your function and plot it again.
- 3. Make a Wave from the modified Spectrum and listen to it. What effect does this operation have on the signal?

**Exercise 2.6** Triangle and square waves have odd harmonics only; the sawtooth wave has both even and odd harmonics. The harmonics of the square and sawtooth waves drop off in proportion to 1/f; the harmonics of the triangle wave drop off like  $1/f^2$ . Can you find a waveform that has even and odd harmonics that drop off like  $1/f^2$ ?

Hint: There are two ways you could approach this: you could construct the signal you want by adding up sinusoids, or you could start with a signal that is similar to what you want and modify it.