

EDISP (NWL2)  
(English) Digital Signal Processing  
Transform, FT, DFT

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## Transform concept

We want to analyze the signal  $\longrightarrow$  represent it as “built of” some building blocks (well known signals), possibly scaled

$$x[n] = \sum_k A_k \phi_k[n]$$

- ▶ The number  $k$  of “blocks”  $\phi_k[n]$  may be finite, infinite, or even a continuum (then  $\sum \longrightarrow \int$ )
- ▶ Scaling coefficients  $A_k$  are usually real or complex numbers
- ▶  $\phi_k$  are complex harmonics  $e^{j\theta_k n}$  or cosines or *wavelets* . . .
- ▶ If the representation (*expansion*) is unique for a class of functions, the set  $\phi_k[n]$  is called a *basis* for this class.
- ▶ The above representation is an “*Inverse* . . . transform”. The “. . . transform” (the forward one) is the way to calculate  $A_k$  coefficients from the given signal  $x[n]$ .
- ▶ The forward transform is mathematically a *cast (projection)* onto the basis  $\phi_k$ , and it is calculated with *inner product, scalar product* of a signal with a *dual basis*  $\tilde{\phi}_k$  functions  $A_k = \langle x[n], \tilde{\phi}_k[n] \rangle$  (for an orthogonal transform,  $\tilde{\phi}_k = \phi_k$ )

In a Fourier transform, we take the basis representing different frequencies.

# Fourier spectrum of a limited energy signal

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x(n)|^2 < \infty, (x[n] \in \ell^2) \quad X(e^{j\theta}) \text{ – a continuous, periodic function.}$$

Fourier spectrum definition:

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X(e^{j\theta}) e^{jn\theta} d\theta$$

$$X(e^{j\theta}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) e^{-jn\theta} \quad \longrightarrow \text{inverse transform}$$

**Linearity:**  $ax[n] + by[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} aX(e^{j\theta}) + bY(e^{j\theta})$

**Time shift:**  $x[n - n_0] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} e^{-jn_0\theta} X(e^{j\theta}),$

**Frequency shift:**  $e^{jn\theta_0} x[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(e^{j(\theta-\theta_0)})$

**Convolution:**  $x[n] * y[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} X(e^{j\theta}) \cdot Y(e^{j\theta}),$

**Modulation:**  $x[n] \cdot y[n] \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} X(e^{j\phi}) \cdot Y(e^{j\theta-\phi}) d\phi$

**(Parseval's):**  $E = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |x(n)|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X(e^{j\theta})|^2 d\theta$

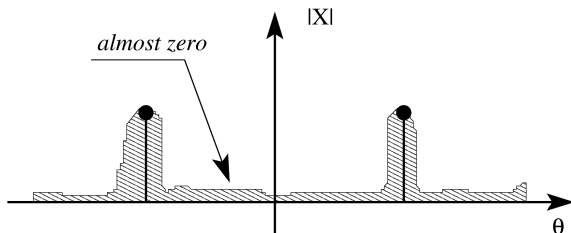
## A simple example

A very long piece of sinusoid:  $\sin(\theta_x n)$  for  $n \in 0, 1, \dots, N-1$  (or  $1/2je^{jn\theta_x} - 1/2je^{-jn\theta_x}$ )

Scalar product of  $1/2je^{jn\theta_x}$  with  $e^{-jn\theta}$

- ▶ when  $\theta = \theta_x$ :  $\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} 1/2je^0 = jN/2$
- ▶ when  $\theta \neq \theta_x$ :  $\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} 1/2je^{jn\theta_x - \theta} = \dots jN/2$  times mean value of a complex sine  $\rightarrow$  almost zero

Similar for  $-\theta_x$ , and we get two strong components in spectrum at  $\pm\theta_x$  (plus “almost zero” around – for thorough analysis see next slide)



## A full-fledged example

We sample  $x_a(t) = \text{rect}(\frac{t-0.5}{T})$  with  $T_s = T/L$

$$x_a(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq t < T \\ 0 & \text{for other } t \end{cases} \quad x[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = 0, 1, \dots, L-1 \\ 0 & \text{for other } n \end{cases}$$

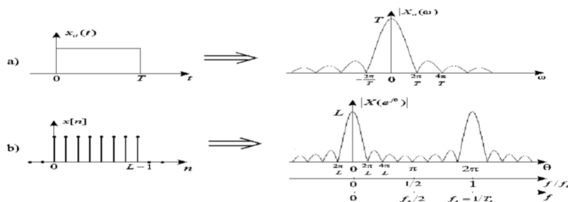
$$X_a(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_a(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$X(e^{j\theta}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x(n) e^{-jn\theta}$$

$$X_a(\omega) = T \frac{\sin(\omega T/2)}{\omega T/2} e^{-j\omega T/2}$$

$$X(e^{j\theta}) = e^{-j(L-1)\theta/2} \frac{\sin(L\theta/2)}{\sin(\theta/2)}$$

(hint:  $(\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} q^n = (1 - q^N)/(1 - q))$ )



**At home:** Repeat calculations for  $x_a = \text{rect}(\frac{t-0.5}{T}) \cdot \cos(\omega t)$ ; select  $\omega$  such that an integer number of periods fits in  $T$ .

# Periodic (limited mean power) signal FT

Limited mean power condition:  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x(n)|^2 < \infty$

Periodicity with period  $N \rightarrow$  no component that is nonperiodic or periodic with different period.

Conclusion: only  $N$ -periodic components (this includes  $N/k$ :  $N/2, N/3, \dots$ )  
 $\rightarrow e^{j2\pi nk/N}$

Fourier spectrum definition:

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N},$$

defined for  $-\infty < k < \infty$   
but periodic with period  $N$   
(e.g.  $0 < k < N-1$ )

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{j2\pi kn/N}$$

$\rightarrow$  inverse transform

$\rightarrow$  We represent  $x[n]$  as a sum of  $N$  complex cosines with angular frequencies  $\theta_k = \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$



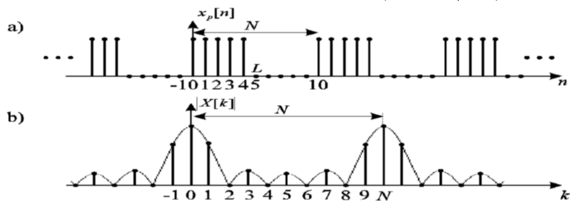
## Example

Discrete-time unipolar square wave:

$x_p[n]$  with period  $N = 10$  has  $L = 5$  nonzero samples ( $n = 0, 1, \dots, L - 1$ ) in each period

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_p(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = \sum_{n=0}^{L-1} e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = e^{-j(L-1)\pi k/N} \frac{\sin(L\pi k/N)}{\sin(\pi k/N)}, \quad k$$

The amplitude spectrum  $|X[k]| = \left| \frac{\sin(L\theta_k/2)}{\sin(\theta_k/2)} \right|$ ,  $\theta_k = 2\pi k/N$  is shown





# Discrete Fourier Transform

- ▶ A signal  $x[n]$  defined for  $-\infty < n < \infty$
- ▶ Its spectrum  $X(e^{j\theta})$  defined for continuous  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$
- ▶ Life is short ...

→ Let us take a fragment of  $x[n]$ :  $x_0[n]$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$

$$x_0[n] = x[n]g[n], \text{ where } g[n] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1 \\ 0 & \text{for others } n \end{cases}$$

$g[n]$  – *window (gate?) function* (here: a *rectangular window*) ( $w[n]$  we reserve for *white noise*)

→ We take only  $N$  values of  $\theta_k = \frac{2\pi}{N} k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$

$$X_0(e^{j\theta_k}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_0(n) e^{-jn\theta_k} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_0(n) e^{-j2\pi nk/N}$$

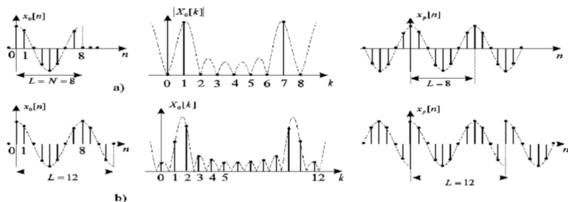
# DFT properties

extras w.r.t. FT properties

**Orthogonality** of basis functions – (see next slide)

**Periodicity** As we sample the spectrum, the reconstructed signal is periodic with period  $N$ . If we compute IDFT for  $-\infty < n < \infty \dots$

- ▶ A non-periodic signal was reconstructed as periodic
- ▶ A periodic signal was reconstructed as  $N$ -periodic



# DFT as an orthogonal transform

An orthogonal transform (e.g. DFT) is a decomposition of a function (signal) on a set of orthogonal basis functions  $\phi_k[n]$ .

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} A(k) \cdot \phi_k[n]$$

Because of  $\phi_k[n]$  orthogonality,  $A(k)$  are easy to calculate:

$$A(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) \cdot \phi_k^*(n)$$

Basis sequences (transform kernel) have to be orthogonal:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \phi_k(n) \cdot \phi_m^*(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & m = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{Scalar product is zero = orthogonal!}$$

DFT basis functions  $\phi_k(n) = e^{-jn\theta_k} = e^{-j2\pi nk/N}$  are orthogonal – we chose  $\theta_k$  so that they be!

## Inverse DFT

Let's take forward DFT definition as a linear equation set, with  $x_0[n]$  as unknowns. When we multiply both sides by  $e^{j2\pi rk/N}$ ,  $r = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$  and sum for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_0(k) e^{j2\pi rk/N} &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_0(n) e^{-j2\pi nk/N} \right] e^{j2\pi rk/N} = \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_0(n) e^{j2\pi k(r-n)/N} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_0(n) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{j2\pi k(r-n)/N}\end{aligned}$$

Complicated? No! Orthogonality of basis helps – the second sum is mainly 0:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{j2\pi k(r-n)/N} = \begin{cases} N, & r = n \\ 0, & r \neq n \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_0(k) e^{j2\pi rk/N} = N x_0(r), \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$x_0(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_0(k) e^{j2\pi nk/N}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

So IDFT is almost the same as DFT – remove minus and scale by  $1/N$ .

# Forward and Inverse DFT - transformation matrix

$x$  and  $\mathcal{F}(x)$  are sets of  $N$  numbers – i.e. vectors in  $N$ -dimensional space.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(x) &= F \cdot x \\ F^{-1} \cdot \mathcal{F}(x) &= F^{-1} \cdot F \cdot x \\ F^{-1} \cdot \mathcal{F}(x) &= x\end{aligned}$$

algebraic trivia:

How to construct  $F$  matrix?  $F_{kn} = e^{-j2\pi nk/N}$

What is  $F^{-1}$ ? (not-so-trivial, but see IDFT slide)

Note nice properties of  $F$  matrix...

## Entertainment maths

When we define  $\mathcal{F}$  as mathematicians like it – with factor of  $1/\sqrt{N}$  at both forward and inverse transform, then:

- ▶  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(x))$  gives  $x(-n)$
- ▶  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(x))))$  gives again  $x$
- ▶  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(x)))$  gives  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(x)$

The same happens with  $F$  matrix, of course.

## Simple DFT matrices

▶  $N = 1 \dots$

▶  $N = 2 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

▶  $N = 4 \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{bmatrix}$

If you remember this, you may implement DFT with order 1, 2 or 3 without any multiplication (with pencil and paper or with a digital circuit).

## Problems to be studied

What happens to the spectrum (and DFT) when

- ▶ Signal is inverted in time  $x_1(n) = x(-n)$
- ▶ Signal is upsampled by factor of two  $x_1(2n) = x(n)$ ;  $x_1(2n+1) = 0$  (or three, or more)
- ▶ Signal is extended with zeros (zero-padded) to a double/triple/... length
- ▶ Signal is decimated (downsampled)  
 $x_1(n) = x(2n)$ ; odd samples  $x(2n+1)$  are discarded
- ▶ Signal is modulated with  $(-1)^n$ , with a complex cosine  $e^{j\theta_0 n}$ , real cosine  $\cos(\theta_0 n)$  or real sine ...

### Decimation

When Roman soldiers ran away chased by Spartakus, Marcus Licinius Krassus ordered to kill *one out of each ten* – deci – of them. The morale has risen, and next time they were more eager to be killed in the battlefield. In three years, they defeated Spartakus at the Silarus river.

The decimation factor (defined as  $N_{original}/N_{left}$ ) was 10/9 in that case – in signal practice the factor is usually 2, 4, or even  $2^K$