

Discussion 7B

Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

* Motivation

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* Calculating the DFT

(I) Motivation for DFT

a) Why do we care about DFT
(Fourier analysis in general)?

⇒ DFT (and Fourier analysis) allows us to look at
"frequency components" of a signal!

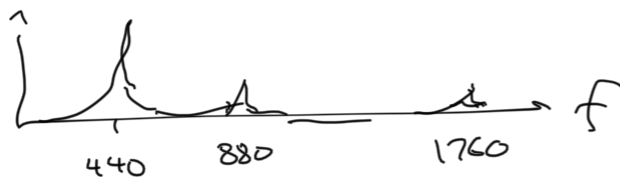
EX: Music

↳ What notes are in the song? What
kind of overtones?



← A - 440 Hz
(tuning note)

Is it just a pure tone?

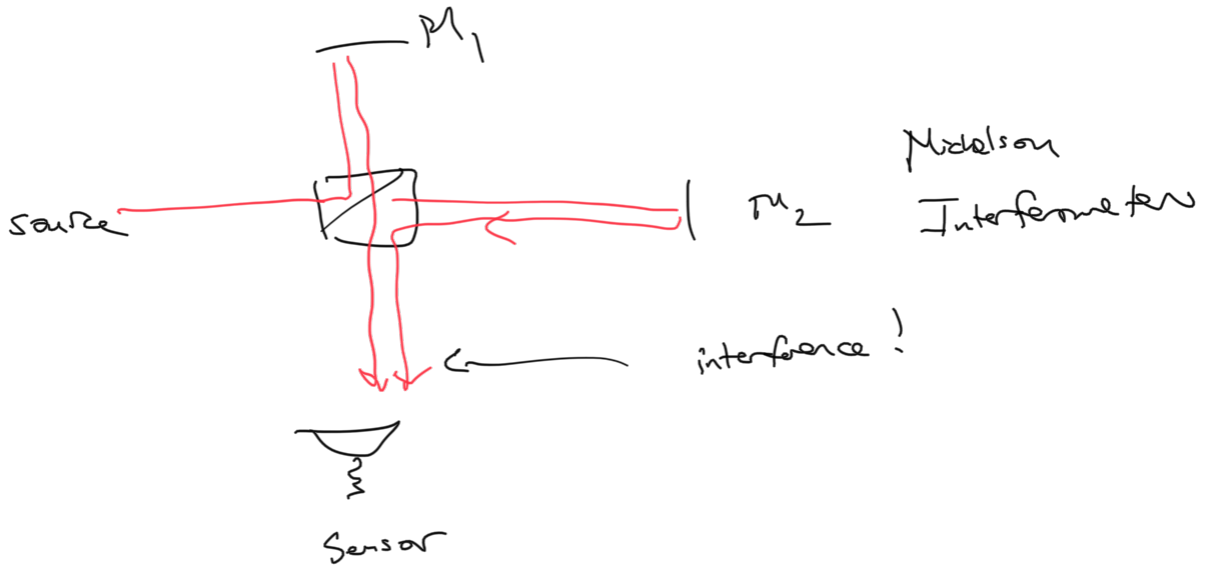


"... .." n ... instrument

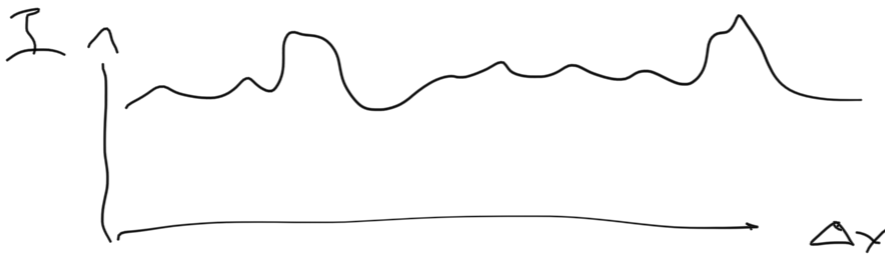
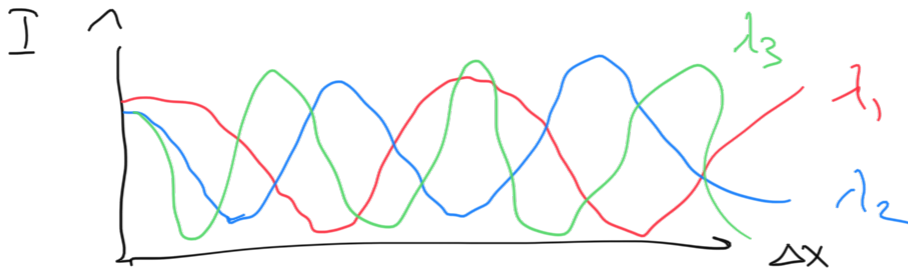
⇒ determines timbre of no.

Ex: spectroscopy

What wavelengths / frequencies of light are present in my signal?



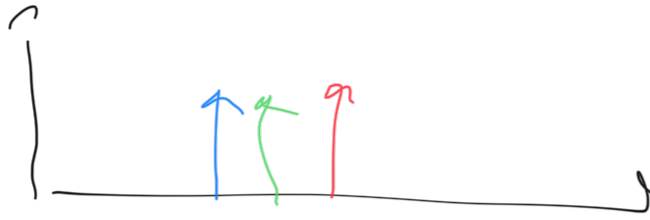
If I move M_2 ,



garbled sensor reading

⇒ can recover frequency components
 $f_1 - f_n$

using a Fourier transform



"Fourier Transform Spectroscopy"

(FTIR)

EX: Image Compression

Your signal could be "busy" in time domain
but sparse in frequency domain

↳ compression!

JPEG uses a related transform called DCT

(discrete cosine transform)

b) Why discrete?

↳ how computers do it

↳ FFT (fast Fourier transform)

$O(N \log N)$ instead of $O(N^2)$

Conclusion: signal processing is everywhere,
and you should take FTIR!

(II) DFT Basis and Interpretation

length N signal:

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x[0] \\ x[1] \\ \vdots \\ x[N-1] \end{bmatrix}$$

DFT Basis:

k th basis vector \vec{u}_k ("index") $\vec{u}_k[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \omega_N^{kn}$
 ($\omega_N = e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N}}$)

That is,

$$\vec{u}_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_N^{k0} \\ \omega_N^{k1} \\ \vdots \\ \omega_N^{k(N-1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_k[0] \\ u_k[1] \\ \vdots \\ u_k[N-1] \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} k = 0 \dots N-1 \\ n = 0 \dots N-1 \end{matrix}$$

DFT Basis Matrix is given by:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_0^T & \dots & \vec{u}_{N-1}^T \\ \vdots & & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

* \vec{u}_i are orthonormal

* U is unitary

$\| \vec{u}_i \| = 1$

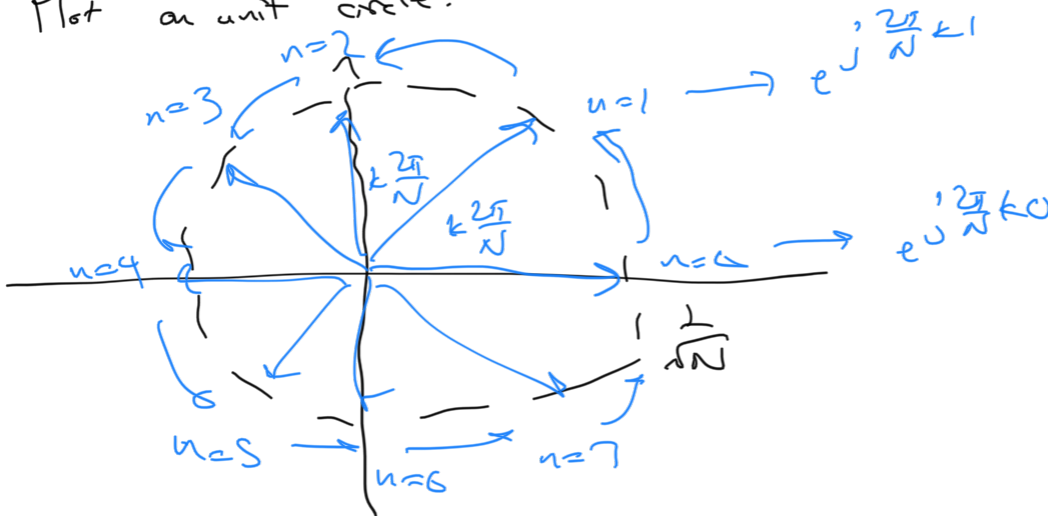
$$\|Uz\| = \|z\|$$

Stop here:

Let's take a closer look at what this all means

$$\vec{u}_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_N^{k0} \\ \vdots \\ \omega_N^{k(N-1)} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}k0} \\ e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}k1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}k(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Plot a unit circle:



Visually, moving around the unit circle
(same kind of cyclic behavior)

$$\vec{u}_k[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn}$$

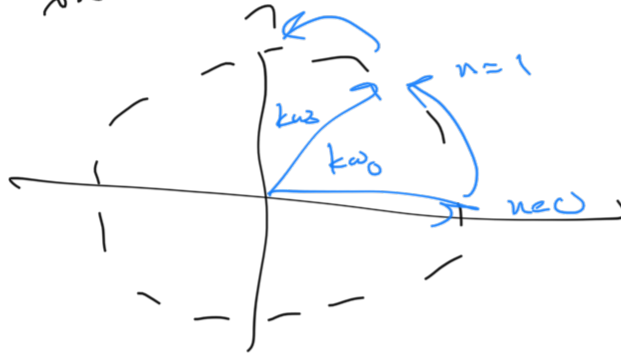
$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

Call $\frac{2\pi}{N} = \omega_0$ (fundamental frequency)

(eg: you have a N -periodic signal)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u}_k[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j(\omega_0 k)n}$$



- k determines how much $u_k[n]$ rotates with each increment of n
- k determines what harmonic of the fundamental frequency we are looking at!

$$\omega = k\omega_0$$

- n is the time index!

In summary,

Each DFT basis \vec{u}_k represents a pure frequency component with frequency $\omega = k\omega_0 = k \frac{2\pi}{N}$

$$u_k[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn}$$

$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{N}$: fundamental frequency
 k : freq index
 n : time index

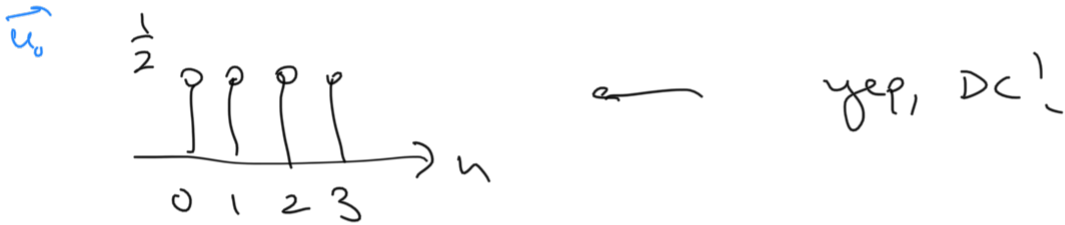
Interpretation
of the
DFT Basis

EX: $N=4$,

$$\vec{u}_k[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn} = \frac{1}{2} e^{j \frac{2\pi}{4} kn} = \frac{1}{2} e^{j \frac{\pi}{2} kn}$$

$k=0$: \vec{u}_0 \longrightarrow expect this to correspond to
 $\omega = k\omega_0 = 0\omega_0 = 0$
 \longrightarrow DC component!

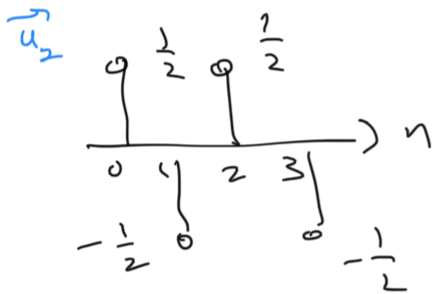
$$\vec{u}_0[n] = \frac{1}{2} e^{j \frac{\pi}{2} 0n} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$k=2$: \vec{u}_2 $\longrightarrow \omega = k\omega_0 = 2 \frac{2\pi}{4} = \pi$

$$\vec{u}_2[n] = \frac{1}{2} e^{j \frac{\pi}{2} 2n} = \frac{1}{2} e^{j \pi n} = \frac{1}{2} (-1)^n$$

???



\longleftarrow high frequency signal

($\omega = \pi$ is highest digital frequency)

(II) Calculating DFT

$x[n]$ \longrightarrow be the time-domain signal,

Let \vec{x} be freq domain representation
 (representatory in DFT basis)
 coordinates

From change of basis:

$$\vec{\bar{x}} = U \vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \vec{u}_0 & \dots & \vec{u}_{N-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X[0] \\ \vdots \\ X[N-1] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\bar{x}} = X[0] \vec{u}_0 + X[1] \vec{u}_1 + \dots + X[N-1] \vec{u}_{N-1}$$

$$\vec{\bar{x}} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] \vec{u}_k$$

Time domain signal $\vec{\bar{x}}$ is a linear combination
 of pure frequencies!

For some reason (by convention),

we say that the Fourier matrix F is
 given by:

$$F = U^*$$

$$\text{So } \vec{\bar{x}} = U \vec{X} \Rightarrow \vec{\bar{x}} = F^* \vec{X}$$

($\vec{\bar{x}}$ synthesis Fourier)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{x} &= T^{-1} X && \text{(Synthesis Equations)} \\ \vec{X} &= T \vec{x} && \text{(Analysis Equations)} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$F^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_N^{1 \times 1} & \dots & \omega_N^{(N-1) \times 1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega_N^{1 \times (N-1)} & \dots & \omega_N^{(N-1) \times (N-1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \vec{u}_0 & \dots & \vec{u}_{N-1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

(1) Roots of Unity

Solution to $z^N = 1$ ($z \in \mathbb{C}$)

a) Show $z^N - 1 = (z-1) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^k$

1st way: start from RHS

$$\begin{aligned} (z-1) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^k &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^{k+1} - z^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^{k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^k \\ &= \underbrace{z^1 + z^2 + \dots + z^N}_{\text{from } \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^{k+1}} - \underbrace{(z^0 + z^1 + \dots + z^{N-1})}_{\text{from } \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^k} \\ &= z^N - z^0 \\ &= z^N - 1 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

2nd way: ?

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^k &= z^0 + z^1 + \dots + z^{N-1} \\ &= 1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^{N-1} \\ &= \frac{1 - z^N}{1 - z} = \frac{z^N - 1}{z - 1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(z-1) \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} z^k = z^N - 1$ \square

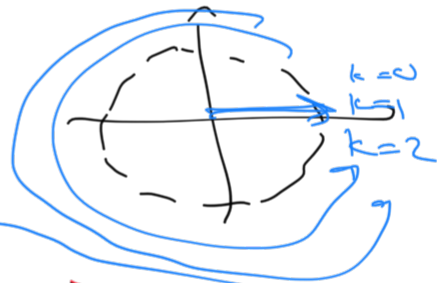
b) Show $\omega_k = e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} k}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a N^{th} root of unity

$$z^N - 1 = 0 \implies z^N = 1$$

Directly show:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_k^N &= \left(e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} k} \right)^N = e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} k N} = e^{j 2\pi k} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So it satisfies $z^N = 1$



Subtlety!

$$\left(e^{j 2\pi} \right)^k \quad k = \frac{1}{2} ? \implies \left(e^{j 2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 ?$$

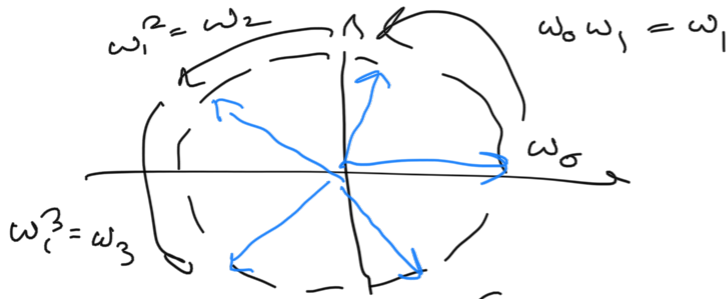
$$\left(e^{j 2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = e^{j 2\pi \frac{1}{2}} = e^{j \pi} = -1$$

(A little subtle)

c) Fifth roots of unity

N^{th} roots of unity $\rightarrow N$ distinct roots

$$N=5: e^{j \frac{2\pi}{5} 0}, e^{j \frac{2\pi}{5} 1}, e^{j \frac{2\pi}{5} 2}, e^{j \frac{2\pi}{5} 3}, e^{j \frac{2\pi}{5} 4}$$



d) $\omega_1 = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}}$ $\left(\omega_k = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}k} \right)$

What is ω_1^2 ? ω_1^3 ? ω_1^{42} ?

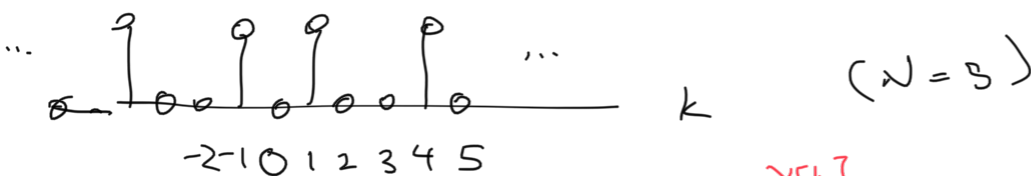
$$\omega_1^2 = \left(e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}} \right)^2 = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot 2} = \omega_2$$

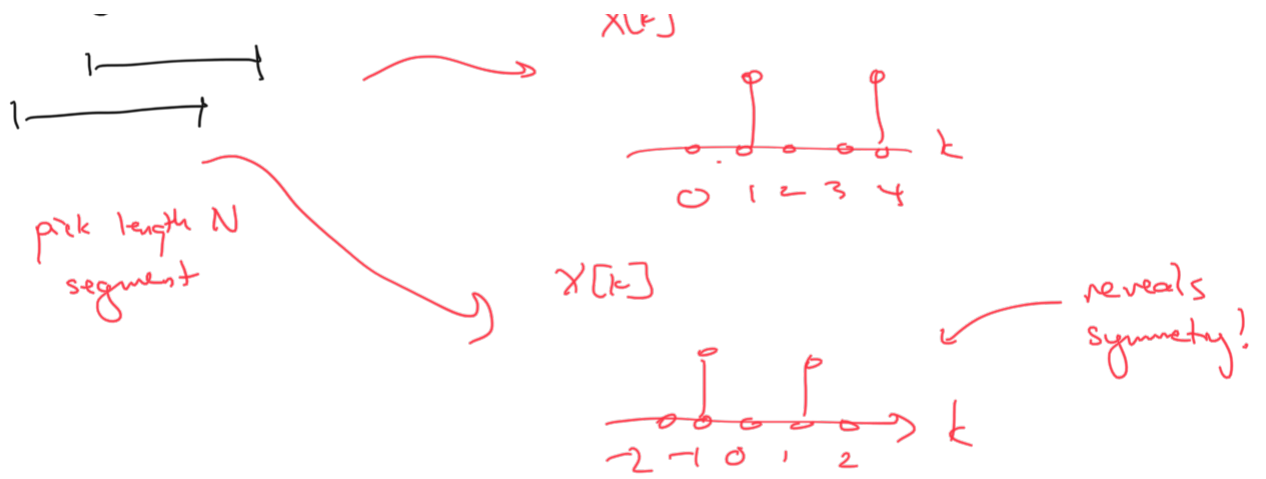
$$\omega_1^3 = \left(e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}} \right)^3 = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot 3} = \omega_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1^{42} &= e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot 42} = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5} (40+2)} = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot 40} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot 2} \\ &= e^{j2\pi(8)} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot 2} = \omega_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_1^{42} = \omega_2$$

- Note that ω_N^{kn} is N -periodic in k !
- What matters is $k \bmod N$
- Often we will use negative values of k
Why? \Rightarrow center around 0





e) $\overline{\omega_1}, \overline{\omega_{42}}$

$$\overline{\omega_1} = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{5}} = \omega_{-1 \bmod 5} = \omega_4$$

$$\overline{\omega_{42}} = \overline{\omega_2} = \omega_{2 \bmod 5} = \omega_3$$

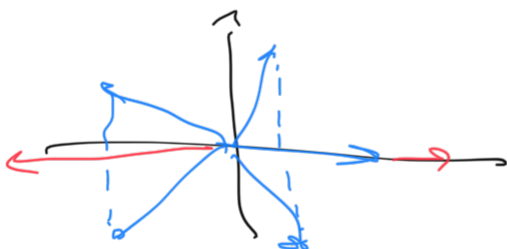
$$\omega_1 = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$$

$$\overline{\omega_1} = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}} = \omega_{-1 \bmod N} = \omega_{N-1}$$

$$\overline{\omega_k} = \omega_{N-k} \quad (\text{in general})$$

f) $\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \omega^k = ?$

(From HW1, you did graphically)



geometric argument that this should equal 0

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \omega^k = \frac{\omega^N - 1}{\omega - 1} \quad (\text{part (a)})$$

But if ω is a N^{th} root of unity,
by def: $\omega^N = 1$

$$\text{Thus, } \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \omega^k = \frac{1-1}{\omega-1} = 0 \quad \text{if } \omega \neq 1$$

edge case!

If $N=1$, $\omega=1$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \omega^k = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} 1^k = N$$

(3.) DFT of Pure Sinusoids

Try to do without multiplying F !

a) $x(t) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}t\right)$

↓ sample 3 times every 1 sec

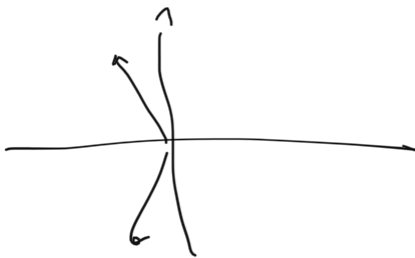
$$x[n] = \left[\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \cdot 0\right) \quad \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \cdot 1\right) \quad \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \cdot 2\right) \right]$$

Mechanically:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}} & e^{j\frac{4\pi}{3}} \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}2} & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}2^2} \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}2} & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}2^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{X} = F^{-1} \vec{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}} & e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}2} \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}2} & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \\ \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}2} \\ 1 - \frac{e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}}}{2} - \frac{e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}2}}{2} \\ 1 - \frac{e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}2}}{2} - \frac{e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}4}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + -\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}(-1) \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}(-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x[0] \\ x[1] \\ x[2] \end{bmatrix}$$

Not messy approach:

Remember that DFT decomposes $x[n]$ into a linear combination of freq components

$$\dots \quad 1 \quad e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}n} \quad 1 \quad e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}n}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n\right) = \frac{1}{2} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}n} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}n}$$

$$\vec{u}_k[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}kn}$$

\swarrow $k=1$ \swarrow $k=-1$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↖ mod 3

$$\begin{cases} X[0] = 0 \\ X[1] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ X[2] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{X} &= X[0] \vec{u}_0 + X[1] \vec{u}_1 + X[2] \vec{u}_2 \\ &= 0 \vec{u}_0 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \vec{u}_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \vec{u}_2 \end{aligned}$$

b) $N=6$

$$x[n] = \left[\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \cdot 0\right) \quad \dots \quad \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} \cdot 5\right) \right]$$

Since $N=6$, $\mathcal{U} = [\vec{u}_0 \ \vec{u}_1 \ \dots \ \vec{u}_5]$

$$\vec{u}_k[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{6}kn}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x[n] = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}n\right) &= \frac{1}{2} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}n} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{j\frac{4\pi}{6}n} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-j\frac{4\pi}{6}n} \end{aligned}$$

↖ $k=1$ ↖ $k=-1$

$$\left(2 \frac{2\pi}{6} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \quad \left(-2 \frac{2\pi}{6} = -\frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} \vec{u}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} \vec{u}_{-2}$$

↖ mod 6

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} \vec{u}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{6} \vec{u}_4$$

\parallel \parallel
 $X[2]$ $X[4]$

$$X[2] = X[4] = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$X[0] = X[1] = X[3] = X[5] = 0$$

$$\vec{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \sqrt{6}/2 \\ 0 \\ \sqrt{6}/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Why are $X[-2]$ and $X[4]$ equal?

coefficients of $e^{j \frac{2\pi}{6} 2n}$ vs $e^{j \frac{2\pi}{6} 4n}$

$$(e^{j 2\pi n}) e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{6} 2n} = e^{j (2\pi n - \frac{2\pi}{6} 2n)}$$

$$= e^{j \frac{2\pi}{6} (6n - 2n)}$$

$$= e^{j \frac{2\pi}{6} 4n} \quad \checkmark$$

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c) General case:

$$x(t) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} mt\right),$$

$$m = 0 \dots N-1$$

If $x[n]$ is length N ,

$$x[n] = \left[\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} m(n)\right) \quad \dots \quad \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} m(N-1)\right) \right]$$

$$x[n] = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} mn\right) = \frac{1}{2} e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} mn} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} mn}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \vec{u}_m + \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \vec{u}_{-m}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \vec{u}_m + \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \vec{u}_{N-m}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X[m] = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \\ X[N-m] = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \\ \text{all else is } 0 \end{array} \right.$$

for $m \neq 0$

Special case: $x[n] = 1$ ($m=0$)

$$\Rightarrow x[n] = 1 = X[0] \frac{e^{j \frac{2\pi}{N} 0 n}}{\sqrt{N}} \quad k=0$$

$$1 = X[0] \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X[0] = \sqrt{N} \\ \text{all else is } 0 \end{array} \right.$$

for $m=0$

$$\cos(x) = \frac{e^{jx} + e^{-jx}}{2}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}mn\right) = \frac{e^{j\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}mn\right)} + e^{-j\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}mn\right)}}{2}$$

\hookrightarrow "x"