

# **The Fourier transform**

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### **Recommended readings:**

- *A Digital Signal Processing Primer*, Ken Steiglitz. Addison-Wesley, 1996.
- *The Computer Music Tutorial*, Curtis Roads. MIT Press, 1995.
- *DSP First: A Multimedia Approach*, J. H. McClelland, R. W. Schafer, M. A. Yoder. Prentice Hall, 1998.

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### **Basic Mathematics**

- Complex numbers

$(x + jy)$  where  $x$  : real part

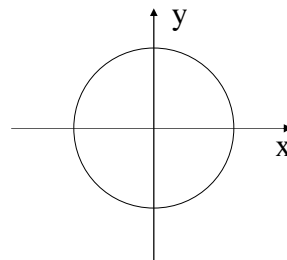
$y$  : imaginary part

$j : \sqrt{-1}$

- Complex plane

x-axis (real part)

y-axis (imaginary part)

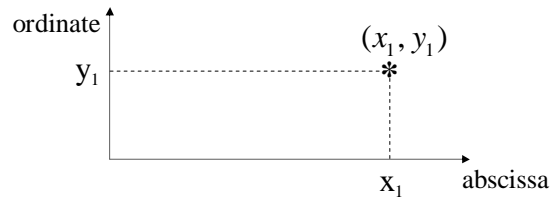


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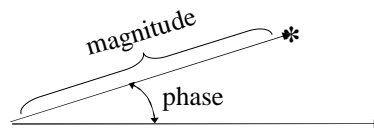
- Rectangular co-ordinates



- Polar co-ordinates

magnitude :  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

phase :  $\tan^{-1}(y/x)$



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- number e

$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = 2.718281\dots$$

- Complex exponential

$$e^{(x+jy)}$$

- Sine function

$$\sin(x)$$

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- Euler's identity

$$e^{jx} = \cos(x) + j \sin(x)$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j}$$

- linear magnitude and dB

$$\text{dB} = 20 \log\left(\frac{A}{A_0}\right)$$

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Complex exponential:

$$\bar{x}(t) = Ae^{j(\omega_0 t + \phi)} = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) + jA \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

Real sinewave:

$$x(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) = A \left( \frac{e^{j(\omega_0 t + \phi)} + e^{-j(\omega_0 t + \phi)}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} X e^{j\omega_0 t} + \frac{1}{2} X^* e^{-j\omega_0 t} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{x}(t) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{x}^*(t)$$

$$= \text{Re}\{\bar{x}(t)\}$$

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## Continuous Fourier transform

$$X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x(t)e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$t$ : Continuous time index in seconds

$\omega$ : Continuous frequency index in radians per second

**inverse transform:**

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} X(\omega)e^{j\omega t} d\omega$$

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## Discrete Fourier transform (DFT)

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)e^{-j\omega_k n}$$

$$\omega_k = 2\pi k/N, N \text{ even}, k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$\omega$ : discrete radian frequency,

$n$ : discrete time index in samples,

$k$ : discrete frequency index in bins.

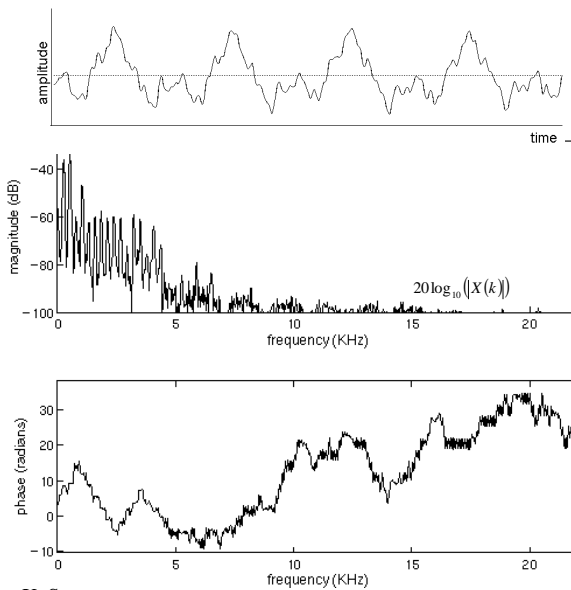
**Hertz-Radian relationship:**  $f = f_s \omega/2\pi$

$f$ : frequency in Hz,  $f_s$ : sampling rate,  $\omega$ : radian frequency.

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(... DFT)



a few periods  
of a piano sound  
 $x(n)$

magnitude  
spectrum

$$20 \log_{10}(|X(k)|)$$

phase  
spectrum

$$\angle X(k)$$

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**Inverse DFT:**

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{j\omega_k n}$$

**FFT implementation of the DFT:** divide-and-conquer

DFT: proportional to  $N^2$   
FFT: proportional to  $N \log N$

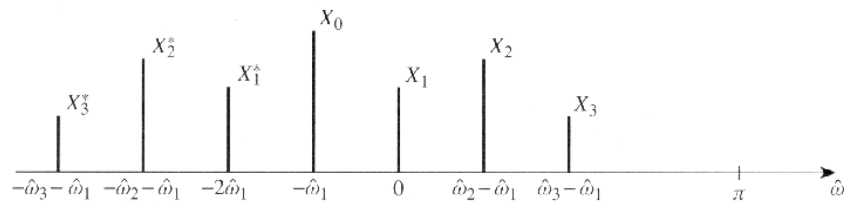
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## Frequency shifting

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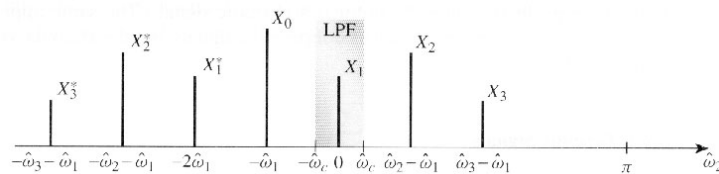
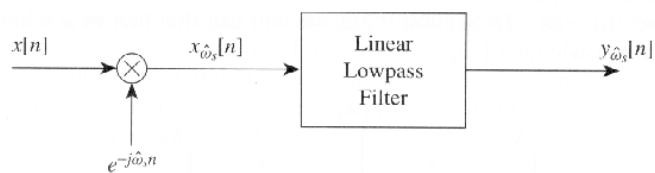
$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{\hat{\omega}_s}[n] &= x[n]e^{-j\hat{\omega}_s n} \\
 &= \left[ X_0 + \sum_{k=1}^N \left( X_k e^{j\hat{\omega}_k n} + X_k^* e^{-j\hat{\omega}_k n} \right) \right] e^{-j\hat{\omega}_s n} \\
 &= X_0 e^{-j\hat{\omega}_s n} + \sum_{k=1}^N \left( X_k e^{j(\hat{\omega}_k - \hat{\omega}_s)n} + X_k^* e^{-j(\hat{\omega}_k + \hat{\omega}_s)n} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



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## Channel Filters



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## Running-Sum Filtering

Difference equation:

$$y[n] = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} x[n-l]$$

Frequency response:

$$H(\hat{\omega}) = \sum_{m=0}^{L-1} e^{-j\hat{\omega}m} = \left( \frac{\sin(\hat{\omega}L/2)}{L \sin(\hat{\omega}/2)} \right) e^{-j\hat{\omega}(L-1)/2}$$

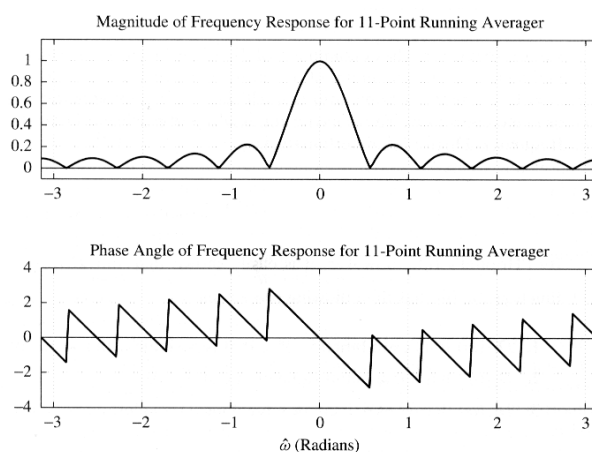
The zeros of  $H(\hat{\omega})$  are equally spaced at  $\hat{\omega} = 2\pi k/L$

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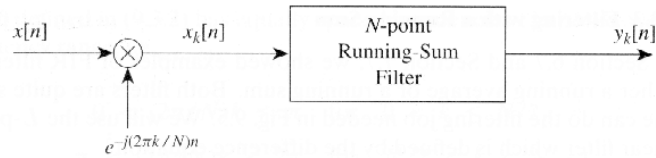


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## Spectral Analysis



$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} X[l] e^{j(2\pi/N)ln} \quad \text{periodic signal}$$

after the multiplier:

$$x_k[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} X[l] e^{j(2\pi/N)ln} e^{-j(2\pi/N)kn}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} y_k[n] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} H(e^{j2\pi(l-k)/N}) X[l] e^{j(2\pi/N)(l-k)n} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} H(e^{j0}) X[k] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\substack{l=0 \\ l \neq k}}^{N-1} H(e^{j2\pi(l-k)/N}) X[l] e^{j(2\pi/N)(l-k)n} \end{aligned}$$

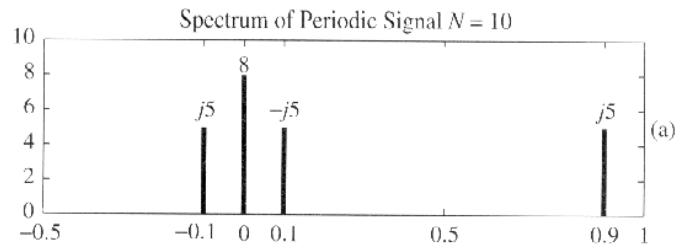
since  $H(e^{j0}) = N$  and  $H(e^{j2\pi(l-k)/N}) = 0$  when  $(l-k) \neq 0$

$$y_k[n] = X[k]$$

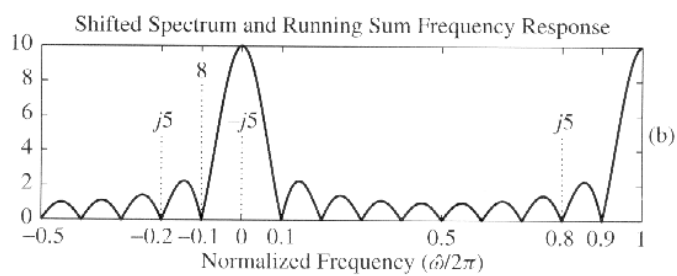
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$$\begin{aligned}
 y_k[n] &= \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} x_k[n-l] \\
 &= \sum_{m=n-N+1}^n x_k[m] = \sum_{m=n-N+1}^n x[m] e^{-j(2\pi/N)km}
 \end{aligned}$$

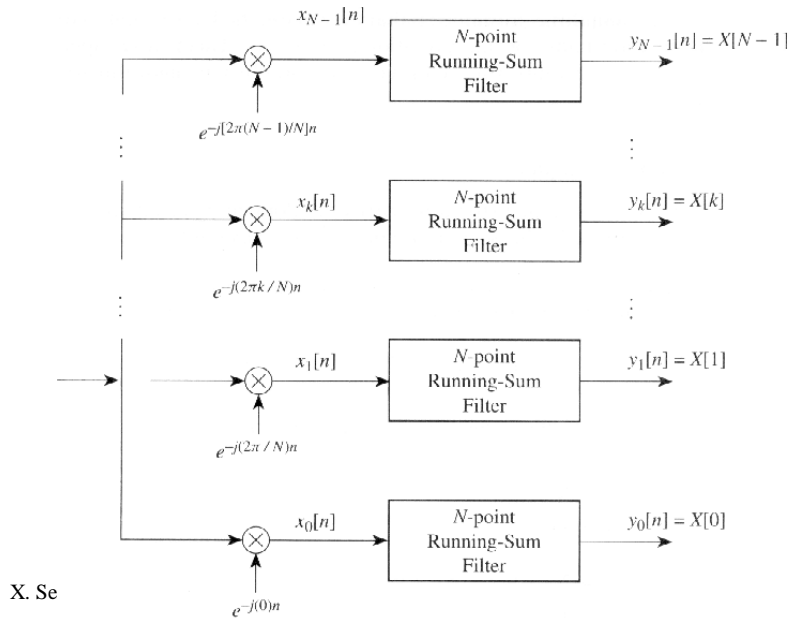
using  $n = N - 1$

$$X[k] = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x[m] e^{-j(2\pi/N)km} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

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(...spectral analysis)



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(...spectral analysis)

the DFT:

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j(2\pi/N)kn} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j(2\pi/N)kn} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

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## DFT properties

$x \leftrightarrow X$  (transform pairs)

$X = DFT(x), x = IDFT(X)$

- **Linearity:**

$ax_1 + bx_2 \leftrightarrow aX_1 + bX_2$  (mixing commutes with the DFT)

- **Convolution:**

convolution  $\leftrightarrow$  point - by - point multiplication

- **Shift:**

shift  $\leftrightarrow$  multiplication by a complex exponential

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### (... DFT properties)

- **Evenness:**

even  $\leftrightarrow$  real - valued

(even function : for every  $k, x_k = x_{-k}$ )

- **Zero padding:**

zero padding  $\leftrightarrow$  interpolation

- **Power:**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x(n)|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |X(k)|^2 \quad (\text{Rayleigh})$$

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## DFT examples

$$x_1[n] = e^{j(2\pi k_0/N)n} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_1[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_1[n] e^{-j(2\pi/N)kn} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{j(2\pi k_0/N)n} e^{-j(2\pi/N)kn} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{-j(2\pi/N)(k-k_0)n} \\ &= 1 + e^{-j(2\pi/N)(k-k_0)} + e^{-j(2\pi/N)(k-k_0)2} + \dots + e^{-j(2\pi/N)(k-k_0)(N-1)} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-j(2\pi/N)(k-k_0)N}}{1 - e^{-j(2\pi/N)(k-k_0)}} = N\delta[k - k_0] \end{aligned}$$

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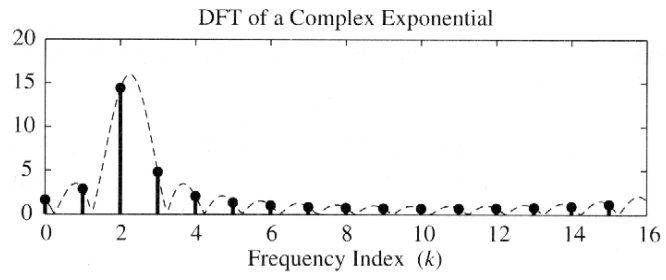
$$x_3[n] = e^{j(\hat{\omega}_0 n + \phi)} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_3[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{j(\hat{\omega}_0 n + \phi)} e^{-j(2\pi/N)kn} \\ &= e^{j\phi} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{-j(2\pi k/N - \hat{\omega}_0)n} \\ &= e^{j\phi} \left( e^{-j(0)} + e^{-j(2\pi k/N - \hat{\omega}_0)} + \dots + e^{-j(2\pi k/N - \hat{\omega}_0)(N-1)} \right) \\ &= e^{j\phi} \frac{1 - e^{-j(2\pi k/N - \hat{\omega}_0)N}}{1 - e^{-j(2\pi k/N - \hat{\omega}_0)}} \\ &= e^{j\phi} e^{-j(2\pi k/N - \hat{\omega}_0)(N-1)/2} \frac{\sin((2\pi k/N - \hat{\omega}_0)N/2)}{\sin((2\pi k/N - \hat{\omega}_0)/2)} \end{aligned}$$

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