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# Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) and its Inverse

**DEFINITION:**  $\underline{\mathbf{F}} = \text{DFT}(\underline{\mathbf{f}}) = \underline{\Omega}_N \cdot \underline{\mathbf{f}}$  matrix form of DFT

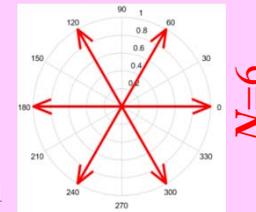
$$F_k = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kj} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j \omega_N^{kj}, \quad k=0,1,\dots,N-1$$

scalar form of DFT

where  $\underline{\Omega}_N$  is the square matrix  $\underline{\Omega}_N = \left( \omega_N^{kj} \right)_{k,j=0,1,\dots,N-1}$  whose elements are the powers of  $\omega_N = e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{N}}$   
 ( $\omega_N$  is a primitive\*  $N^{\text{th}}$  root of unity)

\* A primitive  $N^{\text{th}}$  root of unity  $z$  is a  $N^{\text{th}}$  root of unity such that the powers  $\{(z)^k\}_{k=0,\dots,N-1}$  provide all the  $N^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity:  $z^N - 1 = 0$

$$\zeta = \sqrt[N]{1} = \sqrt[N]{[\rho = 1, \theta = 0]} = \left[ 1, \frac{2\pi}{N}k \right]_{k=0,1,\dots,N-1} = \left\{ e^{ik\frac{2\pi}{N}} \right\}_{k=0,1,\dots,N-1}$$



(\* see SC2\_01b)

## Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform (IDFT)

**DEFINITION:**  $\underline{\mathbf{f}} = \text{IDFT}(\underline{\mathbf{F}}) = \underline{\Omega}_N^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{F}}$  matrix form of IDFT

$$f_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} F_k e^{+\frac{2\pi i}{N}kj}, \quad j=0,1,\dots,N-1$$

scalar form of IDFT

where  $\underline{\Omega}_N^{-1}$  is given by: complex conjugate matrix (since  $\underline{\Omega}_N$  is symmetric)

(simple to compute)  $\underline{\Omega}_N^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} (\underline{\Omega}_N)^H = \frac{1}{N} \bar{\underline{\Omega}}_N = \frac{1}{N} \left( \omega_N^{-kj} \right)_{k,j=0,1,\dots,N-1}$

# Examples

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}} = \text{DFT}(\underline{\mathbf{f}}) = \underline{\Omega}_N \underline{\mathbf{f}}$$

$$\underline{\Omega}_N = \left[ (\omega_N)^{kj} \right]_{k,j=0,1,\dots,N-1} \quad \text{dove} \quad \omega_N = e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{N}}$$

$i^0 = 1$  these 4 values  
 $i^1 = i$  are repeated  
 $i^2 = -1$  continuously for  
 $i^3 = -i$  the periodicity of  $i^p$

$$N=2 \quad \omega_2 = e^{-\pi i} = -1$$

$$N=4 \quad \omega_4 = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} = -i$$

$$\underline{\Omega}_2 = \left[ (-1)^{hk} \right]_{h,k=0,1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\Omega}_4 = \left( -i^{hk} \right)_{h,k=0,1,2,3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & (-i)^2 & (-i)^3 \\ 1 & (-i)^2 & (-i)^4 & (-i)^6 \\ 1 & (-i)^3 & (-i)^6 & (-i)^9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & (-i)^2 & (-i)^3 \\ 1 & (-i)^2 & (-i)^4 & (-i)^6 \\ 1 & (-i)^3 & (-i)^6 & (-i)^9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\underline{\Omega}_N$  is symmetric

$\omega_N$  is a primitive  $N^{\text{th}}$  root of 1

$\underline{\Omega}_N$  contains, as elements, all the  $N^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity

```

syms f0 f1; f=[f0;f1];
N=2; w=exp(sym(-2*pi*i/N))
W =
-1      \omega_N
k=0:N-1; W=w.^(k'*k); disp(W)
[ 1,  1]
[ 1, -1]
F=W*f
F =
f0 + f1
f0 - f1
    
```

← DFT

```

N=4; w=exp(sym(-2*pi*i/N))
W =
-i      \omega_N
k=0:N-1; W=w.^(k'*k)
W =
[ 1,  1,  1,  1]
[ 1, -i, -1,  i]
[ 1, -1,  1, -1]
[ 1,  i, -1, -i]
    
```

# Main property of $\Omega_N$ : its inverse matrix can be found immediately!

... without computing an inverse matrix

```
N=...; w=exp(sym(-2*pi*i/N)); k=0:N-1; W=w.^(k'*k);
WW=simplify(W*W), D=simplify(W'*W)
```

N=2

```
WW =
[2, 0]
[0, 2]
D =
[2, 0]
[0, 2]
```

N=3

```
WW =
[3, 0, 0]
[0, 0, 3]
[0, 3, 0]
D =
[3, 0, 0]
[0, 3, 0]
[0, 0, 3]
```

N=4

```
WW =
[4, 0, 0, 0]
[0, 0, 0, 4]
[0, 0, 4, 0]
[0, 4, 0, 0]
D =
[4, 0, 0, 0]
[0, 4, 0, 0]
[0, 0, 4, 0]
[0, 0, 0, 4]
```

N=5

```
WW =
[5, 0, 0, 0, 0]
[0, 0, 0, 0, 5]
[0, 0, 0, 5, 0]
[0, 0, 5, 0, 0]
[0, 5, 0, 0, 0]
D =
[5, 0, 0, 0, 0]
[0, 5, 0, 0, 0]
[0, 0, 5, 0, 0]
[0, 0, 0, 5, 0]
[0, 0, 0, 0, 5]
```

$$\Omega_N^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} (\Omega_N)^H = \frac{1}{N} \bar{\Omega}_N = \frac{1}{N} (\omega_N^{-kj})_{k,j=0,1,\dots,N-1}$$

H stays for "complex conjugate transpose" of the matrix

since the matrix is symmetric,  $(\Omega_N)^H$  is only the complex conjugate matrix

# Examples $\underline{\mathbf{f}} = \text{IDFT}(\underline{\mathbf{F}}) = \Omega_N^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{F}}$

$$\Omega_N^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} (\Omega_N)^H = \frac{1}{N} \bar{\Omega}_N = \frac{1}{N} (\omega_N^{-kj})_{k,j=0,1,\dots,N-1}$$

**N=2**  $\omega_2 = e^{-\pi i} = -1$

**N=4**  $\omega_4 = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} = -i$

$$\Omega_2 = \left[ (-1)^{hk} \right]_{h,k=0,1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_4 = \left( -i^{hk} \right)_{h,k=0,1,2,3} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (-1)^{hk} \right]_{h,k=0,1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

the complex conjugate of a real number is itself

$$\Omega_4^{-1} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ (-i)^{hk} \right]_{h,k=0,1,2,3} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

complex conjugate  $\overline{-i} = +i$

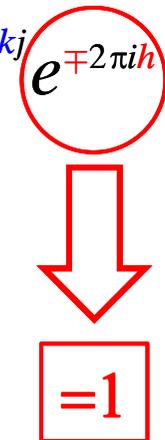
```
syms f0 f1; f=[f0;f1];
N=2; w=exp(sym(-2*pi*i/N));
k=0:N-1; W=w.^(k'*k);
disp([W N*inv(W)])
[ 1, 1, 1, 1]
[ 1, -1, 1, -1]
F=W*f; disp(1/2*W*F) ← IDFT
f0
f1
```

```
syms f0 f1 f2 f3; f=[f0;f1;f2;f3];
N=4; w=exp(sym(-2*pi*i/N));
k=0:N-1; W=w.^(k'*k);
disp([conj(W) N*inv(W)])
[ 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]
[ 1, 1i, -1, -1i, 1, 1i, -1, -1i]
[ 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1]
[ 1, -1i, -1, 1i, 1, -1i, -1, 1i]
F=W*f; all(simplify(1/N*conj(W)*F == f))
ans = logical
1
```

# Periodicity of the DFT<sub>N</sub>

$$F_k = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kj} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j \omega_N^{kj}, \quad k=0,1,\dots,N-1$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{k\pm hN} &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}(k\pm hN)j} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kj} e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}(\pm hN)j} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kj} e^{\mp 2\pi i h j} = \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kj} = F_k \end{aligned}$$



→ The **DFT<sub>N</sub>** is periodic with period **N**

$$\underline{\mathbf{f}} = (f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{N-1})^T \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}} = (\dots, F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{N-1}, F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{N-1}, F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{N-1}, \dots)^T$$

# DFT and IDFT in MATLAB

In *MATLAB* a **DFT** is computed by `fft(...)` and an **IDFT** is computed by `ifft(...)`:

```
f=[-2 -1 0 1 2]';  
F=fft(f)  
F =  
    0  
 -2.5000 + 3.4410i  
 -2.5000 + 0.8123i  
 -2.5000 - 0.8123i  
 -2.5000 - 3.4410i  
ifft(F)  
ans =  
 -2.0000  
 -1.0000  
  0.0000  
  1.0000  
  2.0000
```

```
disp(k'*k)  
    0    0    0    0  
    0    1    2    3  
    0    2    4    6  
    0    3    6    9
```

```
N=4; f=[1:N]';  
k=0:N-1; w=-i;  
W4a=w.^(k'*k);  
W4b=w.^mod(k'*k,N);  
disp([W4a*f    fft(f)    W4b*f])  
    10+0i    10+0i    10+0i  
   -2+2i    -2+2i    -2+2i  
   -2+0i    -2+0i    -2+0i  
   -2-2i    -2-2i    -2-2i
```

```
disp(mod(k'*k,N))  
    0    0    0    0  
    0    1    2    3  
    0    2    0    2  
    0    3    2    1
```

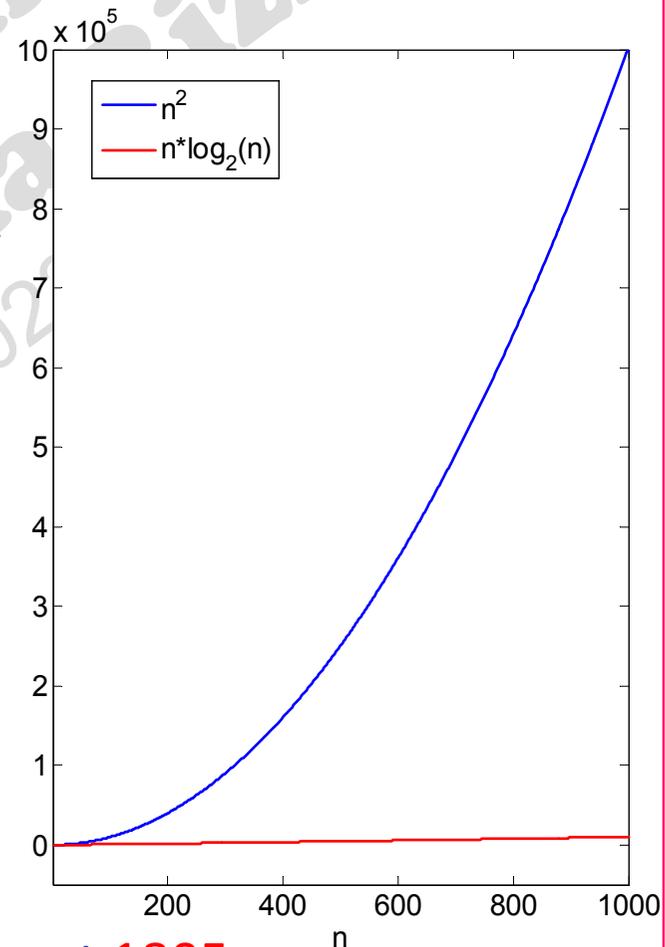
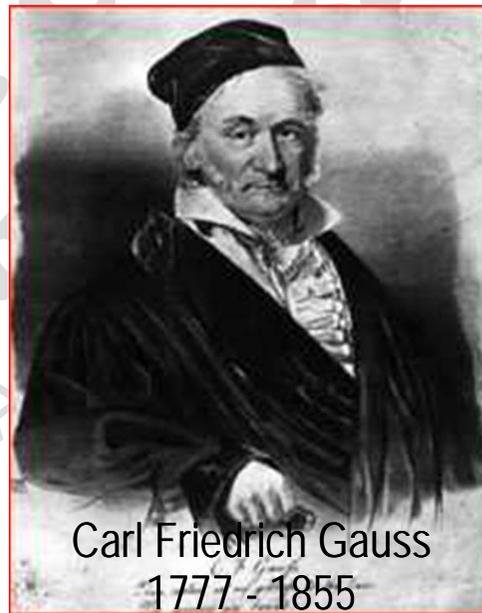
**equal**

# Fast Fourier Transform

## FFT Algorithm (Cooley-Tuckey, 1965)

It reduced the computational complexity of a  $DFT_N$  from  $N^2$  (Mat-Vec product) to  $N \log_2 N$ , allowing wide use of Fourier-based mathematical methods in the numerical environment.

There is currently a family of FFT algorithms: each of them is applicable to particular data and architectures. All mathematical software libraries offer one or more FFT routines (CUDA cuFFT, C/C++ FFTW).



This algorithm was already known to Gauss in about 1805.

# FFT: Divide and Conquer algorithm

## Idea for N=4 (power of 2)

```

N=2; w2=exp(sym(-2*pi*i/N)); k2=(0:N-1)'; W2=w2.^(k2*k2');  $\Omega_2$ 
%% Divide et Impera (Divide and Conquer)
% 1) decomposition into 2 problems of size N/2
p=[f0;f2]; % even-index components
d=[f1;f3]; % odd-index components
% 2) resolution of 2 subproblems of size N/2
DFTp=W2*p; % DFT(2)
DFTd=W2*d; % DFT(2)
% 3) combination of the previous results
G = [DFTp + (w4.^k2).*DFTd;
     DFTp - (w4.^k2).*DFTd];
 $\Theta(N)$ 
 $2T(N/2)$ 
 $\Theta(N)$ 
%% compare G e F4
N=4; w4=exp(sym(-2*pi*i/N)); k4=(0:N-1)'; W4=w4.^(k4*k4');
syms f0 f1 f2 f3; f=[f0;f1;f2;f3]; F4=W4*f; % DFT(4)  $\Omega_4$ 
all(G == F4) % all equal components?
ans =
    logical
     1
    
```

(N=2<sup>p</sup> the best case)  $T(N) = 2T(N/2) + \Theta(N)$  (recurrent formula)

solution   $T(N) = \Theta(N \log_2 N)$  computational complexity

# More on the DFT matrix $\Omega_N$

```
N=4; w=exp(sym(-2i*pi/N));
k=0:N-1; W=w.^mod(k'*k,N);
disp(cond(W))
1 ← well-conditioned →
disp(norm(W)/sqrt(N))
1 the matrix leaves the length of a vector unchanged
disp((W/sqrt(N))^4)
[1, 0, 0, 0]
[0, 1, 0, 0]
[0, 0, 1, 0]
[0, 0, 0, 1]
```

$\Omega_N$

```
N=8; w=exp(sym(-2i*pi/N));
k=0:N-1; W=w.^mod(k'*k,N);
disp(cond(W))
1
disp(norm(W)/sqrt(N))
1
all(all(round((W/sqrt(N))^4) == eye(N)))
ans =
logical
1
```

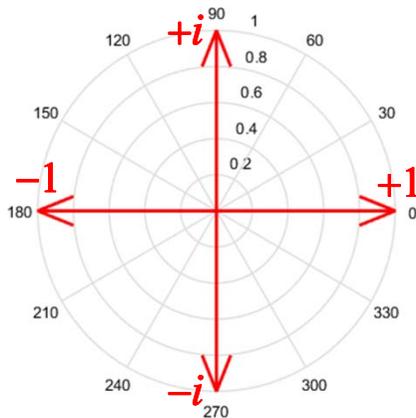
```
disp(roots(charpoly(W/sqrt(N))))
-1 v(+1)=2
1 v(-1)=1
1 v(-i)=1
-1i v(+i)=1
```

```
format short; disp(eig(double(W)/sqrt(N))); format short g
1.0000 - 0.0000i 1
-1.0000 - 0.0000i -1
1.0000 + 0.0000i 1
0.0000 - 1.0000i -i
-1.0000 - 0.0000i -1
-0.0000 + 1.0000i i
1.0000 + 0.0000i 1
0.0000 - 1.0000i -i
```

$v(+1)=3$   
 $v(-1)=2$   
 $v(+i)=1$   
 $v(-i)=2$

algebraic multiplicity

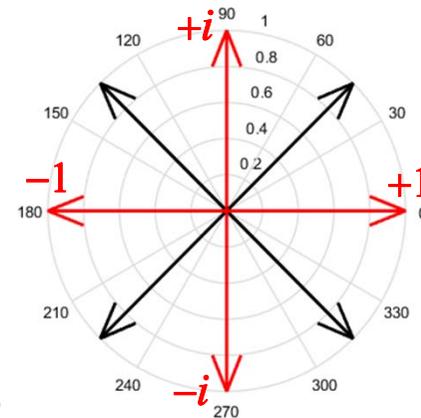
The eigenvalues of  $\Omega_N$  are the **quartic roots of unity**:  $-1, +1, -i, +i$  (also with multiplicity  $> 1$ )



$N=4$



$N=8$



Since the matrix  $\Omega_N$  is **symmetric**, why are its eigenvalues **complex**?



# Main Properties of the DFT

Let  $\mathcal{F}_N$  be the map which transforms a vector  $\underline{\mathbf{f}} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  into its DFT vector:

$$\mathcal{F}_N : \underline{\mathbf{f}} \in \mathbb{C}^N \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{f}}] = \underline{\mathbf{F}} \in \mathbb{C}^N$$

- $\mathcal{F}_N$  is an invertible linear map.
- If  $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$  is real, then  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$  is hermitian symmetric, i.e.  $\mathbf{F}_j = \overline{\mathbf{F}_{(N-j) \bmod N}}$ , and conversely if  $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$  is symmetric hermitian, then  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$  is real.
- If  $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$  is imaginary, then  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$  is hermitian anti-symmetric, i.e.  $\mathbf{F}_j = -\overline{\mathbf{F}_{(N-j) \bmod N}}$  and conversely if  $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$  is anti-symmetric hermitian, then  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$  is imaginary.
- Circular shift: let  $\underline{\mathbf{f}}^{[\pm h]}$  be the vector obtained from  $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$  by shifting its components of  $\pm h$  places,  $h \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{f}_j^{[\pm h]} = \mathbf{f}_{(j \pm h) \bmod N}$ , then

each component  $\mathbf{F}_k$  is rotated by  $2\pi/N(\mp h)k$   $\mathbf{F}_k^{[\pm h]} = e^{2\pi i/N(\mp h)k} \mathbf{F}_k$  where  $\underline{\mathbf{F}} = \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{f}}]$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}^{[\pm h]} = \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{f}}^{[\pm h]}]$ .

- Circular convolution: if  $\boxed{\cdot * \cdot}$  denotes the Hadamard product and  $\boxed{\circledast}$  the circular convolution of two vectors, then

$$\mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{f}} \boxed{\cdot * \cdot} \underline{\mathbf{g}}] = \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{f}}] \circledast \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{g}}] \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{f}} \boxed{\circledast} \underline{\mathbf{g}}] = \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{f}}] \boxed{\cdot * \cdot} \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{\mathbf{g}}]$$

more important

- Parseval Equality:  $\|\underline{\mathbf{F}}\|_2^2 = N \|\underline{\mathbf{f}}\|_2^2$

# DFT Properties: examples

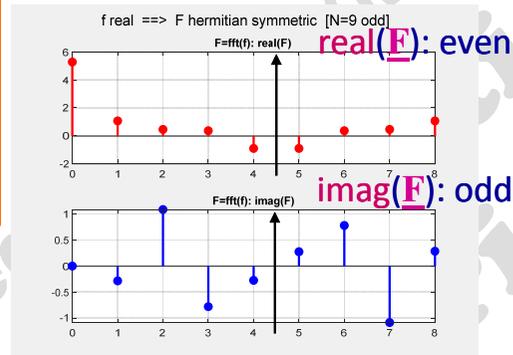
$f$  real  $\Rightarrow F$  hermitian symmetric i.e.  $\text{real}(F)$  is even and  $\text{imag}(F)$  is odd

```
f=rand(9,1); F=fft(f)
F =
 3.1201 + 0.0000i
 0.32241 - 0.92876i
 0.50997 - 0.1572i
 0.2268 - 0.31177i
 0.72486 + 1.0463i
 0.72486 - 1.0463i
 0.2268 + 0.31177i
 0.50997 + 0.1572i
 0.32241 + 0.92876i
```

complex conjugate

$$F_j = \overline{F_{(N-j) \bmod N}}$$

$j=0, \dots, N-1$



```
f=rand(8,1); F=fft(f)
F =
 4.3162 + 0.0000i
 0.49473 - 0.67916i
 1.0416 + 0.45693i
 -0.13001 - 0.98218i
 -0.61102 + 0.0000i
 -0.13001 + 0.98218i
 1.0416 - 0.45693i
 0.49473 + 0.67916i
```

complex conjugate

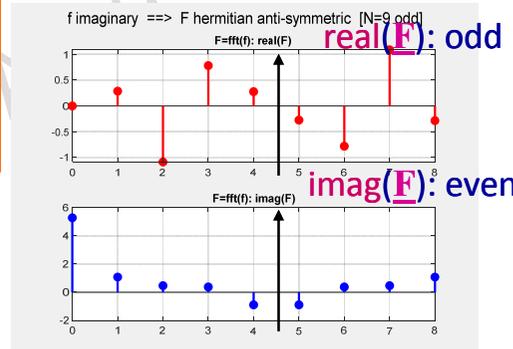
$f$  imaginary  $\Rightarrow F$  hermitian anti-symmetric i.e.  $\text{real}(F)$  is odd and  $\text{imag}(F)$  is even

```
f=1i*rand(9,1); F=fft(f)
F =
imaginary 0 + 5.2737i
 0.28598 + 1.0773i
 -1.0881 + 0.46825i
 0.78202 + 0.37306i
 0.27534 - 0.88918i
 -0.27534 - 0.88918i
 -0.78202 + 0.37306i
 -1.0881 + 0.46825i
 -0.28598 + 1.0773i
```

opposite complex conjugate

$$F_j = -\overline{F_{(N-j) \bmod N}}$$

$j=0, \dots, N-1$



```
f=1i*rand(8,1); F=fft(f)
F =
imaginary 0 + 4.3162i
 0.67916 + 0.49473i
 -0.45693 + 1.0416i
 0.98218 - 0.13001i
imaginary 0 - 0.61102i
 -0.98218 - 0.13001i
 0.45693 + 1.0416i
 -0.67916 + 0.49473i
```

opposite complex conjugate

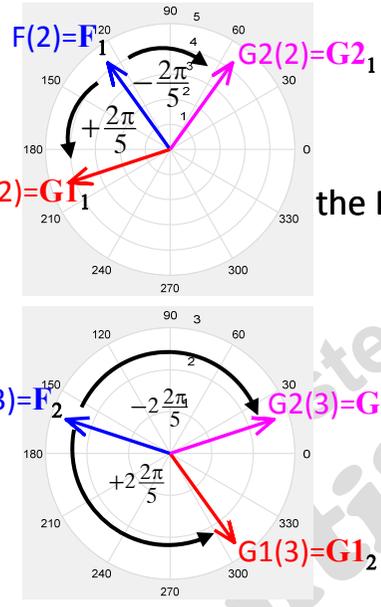
# Circular shift property: example

$$f_j^{[\pm h]} = f_{(j \pm h) \bmod N} \iff \underline{F}^{[\pm h]}_k = e^{2\pi i/N(\mp h)k} F_k$$

```
f=(1:5)'; N=numel(f); K=(0:N-1)'; g1=circshift(f,[-1 0]); g2=circshift(f,[+1 0]);
ColNames1={'k index','g1=circshift(f,[-1 0])','f vector','g2=circshift(f,[+1 0])'};
Tab1=table(K,g1,f,g2,'VariableNames',ColNames1); disp(Tab1)
F=fft(f); G1=fft(g1); G2=fft(g2); J=2; compass(F(J),'b'); hold on; compass(G1(J),'r')
compass(G2(J),'m')
```

k index	g1=circshift(f,[-1 0])	f vector	g2=circshift(f,[+1 0])
0	-1 on rows = up by 1	1	5 +1 one rows = down by 1
1		2	1
2		3	2
3		4	3
4		5	4

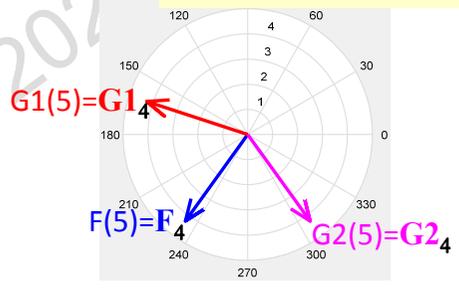
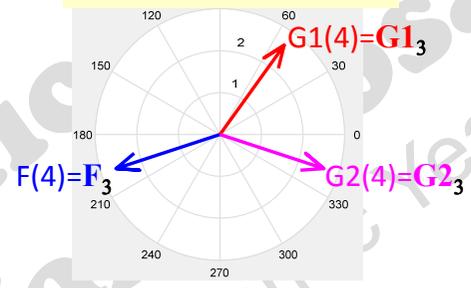
complex numbers in polar coordinates



the DFT indices start from 0, but in MATLAB they start from 1

$$g1_{(j-1) \bmod N} = f_j \quad h=-1$$

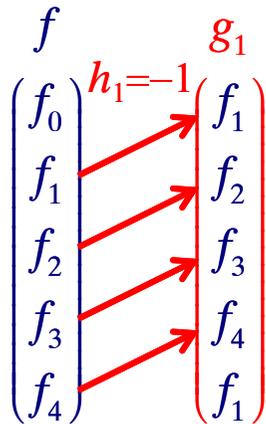
$$g2_{(j+1) \bmod N} = f_j \quad h=+1$$



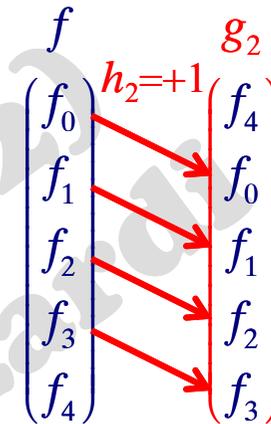
```
ColNames2={'k index','k*2*pi/N','h=-1 ==> unwrap(angle(G1)-angle(F))', 'h=+1 ==> unwrap(angle(G2)-angle(F))'};
a=2*pi/N; Tab2=table(K,K*a,unwrap(angle(G1)-angle(F)), ...
unwrap(angle(G2)-angle(F)),'VariableNames',ColNames2); disp(Tab2)
```

k index	k*2*pi/N	h=-1 ==> unwrap(angle(G1)-angle(F))	h=+1 ==> unwrap(angle(G2)-angle(F))
0	0	0	0
1	1.2566	1.2566	-1.2566
2	2.5133	2.5133	-2.5133
3	3.7699	3.7699	-3.7699
4	5.0265	5.0265	-5.0265

## Circular shift property: example



$$\mathbf{f}_j^{[\pm h]} = \mathbf{f}_{(j \pm h) \bmod N} \implies \underline{\mathbf{F}}^{[\pm h]}_k = e^{2\pi i / N (\mp h) k} \mathbf{F}_k$$



```

N=5; K=(0:N-1)'; f=(1:5)';
h1=-1; g1=circshift(f,[h1 0]);
h2=+1; g2=circshift(f,[h2 0]);
F=fft(f); G1=fft(g1); G2=fft(g2);
fprintf('\ncompare arguments of DFT(f) to arguments of DFT(g1) [in radians]\n')
disp([angle(F(K+1)).*exp(-2i*pi/N*h1*K) angle(G1(K+1))])
compare arguments of DFT(f) to arguments of DFT(g1) [in radians]
      0          0
    -2.8274     -2.8274
   -0.94248    -0.94248
    0.94248     0.94248
    2.8274     2.8274
                                     equal

fprintf('\ncompare arguments of DFT(f) to arguments of DFT(g2) [in radians]\n')
disp([angle(F(K+1)).*exp(-2i*pi/N*h2*K) angle(G2(K+1))])
compare arguments of DFT(f) to arguments of DFT(g2) [in radians]
      0          0
    0.94248     0.94248
    0.31416     0.31416
   -0.31416    -0.31416
   -0.94248    -0.94248
                                     equal
    
```

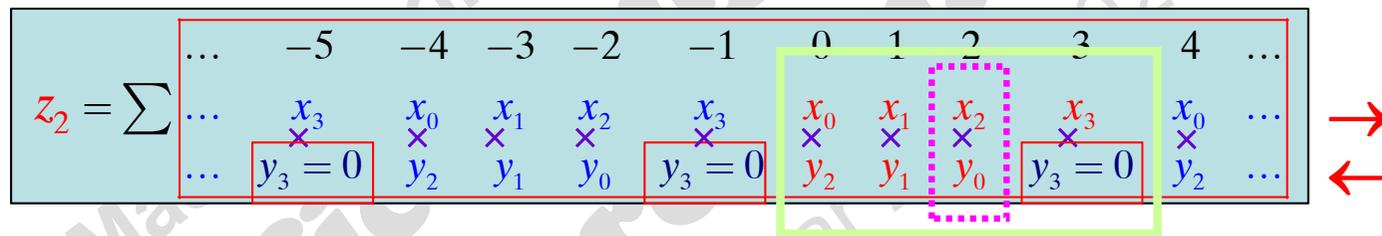
# Circular convolution of two vectors

Cyclic or circular convolution  
or modulo- $N$  circ. convolution:

$$z = x \circledast y: z_j = \sum_{h=0}^{N-1} x_h y_{[j-h]_{\text{mod } N}}, \quad j = 0, \dots, N-1$$

where the sequences  $\{x_h\}$  and  $\{y_k\}$  are assumed periodic and of equal length  $N$ ;  $\{z_j\}$  will also be periodic and of length  $N$ .

For instance, from  $\{x_h\}_{h=0,1,2,3}$  and  $\{y_k\}_{k=0,1,2} = \{y_0, y_1, y_2, \text{zero-pad } y_3=0\}$ , the element  $z_2$  is computed as



The following steps are executed:

- the second sequence is reversed  $\{y_k\}_k$  ( $\leftarrow$ );
- its element  $y_0$  is aligned to the element  $x_j$ , of the first sequence having index equal to that of the component  $z_j$  to be computed;
- the aligned components of the two sequences are multiplied;
- these products are summed together.

```
x=[1 2 -1 1]; y=[1 2 3];
z=cconv(x,y)
z = 1 4 6 5 -1 3
```

```
y=[y 0]; % zero-padding
Z2=x(0+1)*y(2+1)+x(1+1)*y(1+1)+x(2+1)*y(0+1)+x(3+1)*y(3+1);
disp([Z2 z(2+1)])
6 6 ← since in MATLAB indices start from 1
```

# Convolution in MATLAB: examples

in Signal Processing Toolbox

MATLAB `conv()`: linear convolution and `cconv()`: cyclic convolution

$$z = x * y: z_j = \sum_{h=0}^{m-1} x_h y_{j-h}, \quad j=0, \dots, n+m-2$$

$$z = x \circledast y: z_j = \sum_{h=0}^{N-1} x_h y_{[j-h]_{\text{mod } N}}, \quad j = 0, \dots, N-1$$

`x=[1 2 -1]; y=[1 2 3];`

`{}`: cell array

```

c=conv(x,y)
c = 1 4 6 4 -3
c=conv(x,y,'same')
c = 4 6 4
c=conv(x,y,'valid')
c = 6
c=conv(x,y,'full') % default
c = 1 4 6 4 -3
        
```

equal

```

cc=cconv(x,y)
cc = 1 4 6 4 -3
disp(sum(cc))
12
disp({cconv(x,y,1);cconv(x,y,2);cconv(x,y,3)})
{ [ 12] } => sum=12
{ [ 4 8] } => sum=12
{ [5 1 6] } => sum=12
        
```

length of the output vector

## Convolution properties of DFT<sub>N</sub>

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$$\mathcal{F}_N[\underline{f} \circledast \underline{g}] = \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{f}] \cdot * \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{g}] \quad \leftarrow \text{more important}$$

```

f=[3 0 4]'; g=[3 1 2]'; N=numel(f); % equal length
disp(max(abs(fft(cconv(f,g,N)) - fft(f).*fft(g))))
4.4409e-16
    
```

1

$$\mathcal{F}_N[\underline{f} \cdot * \underline{g}] = \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{f}] \circledast \mathcal{F}_N[\underline{g}]$$

```

f=[3 0 4]'; g=[3 1 2]'; N=numel(f); % equal length
disp(max(abs(fft(f.*g) - cconv(fft(f),fft(g),N)/N)))
8.8818e-16
    
```

What is the computational cost for computing the convolution  $\otimes$  of two vectors with  $N$  components?

$$u = v \otimes w$$

$$u_j = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} v_k w_{(j-k) \bmod N}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1 \quad \mathcal{O}(N^2)$$

Efficient algorithm  $\mathcal{O}(N \log_2 \lceil N \rceil) \ll \mathcal{O}(N^2)$

to compute  $\underline{h} = \underline{f} \otimes \underline{g}$  by means of DFT:

- $\underline{F} = \mathbf{F}_N[\underline{f}]$  and  $\underline{G} = \mathbf{F}_N[\underline{g}]$ ;
- $\underline{H} = \underline{F} \cdot * \underline{G}$ ;
- $\underline{h} = \underline{f} \otimes \underline{g} = \mathbf{F}_N^{-1}[\underline{H}]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{O}(2M \log_2 \lceil N \rceil) \\ &\mathcal{O}(N) \\ &\mathcal{O}(M \log_2 \lceil N \rceil) \end{aligned}$$

**Application:**

multiply two integers by convolution in ALU

$$403 \times 213 = 85839$$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 3 \cdot 10^0 + 0 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^2 \\ ff &= 3 \cdot 10^0 + 0 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^2 + \text{zero-padding} \\ &\quad 0 \cdot 10^3 + 0 \cdot 10^4 \end{aligned}$$

```
f=[3 0 4]'; g=[3 1 2]';
ff=[f;0;0]; gg=[g;0;0]; % zero-padding
F=fft(ff); G=fft(gg);
h=ifft(F.*G);
```

```
disp([cconv(f,g) h])
     9         9
     3         3
    18=8 (reaminder) 18
    5 ← 4 ←(carry over) 4
     8         8
```

The **Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)** is the numerical tool to approximate the coefficients of a **Fourier Series (FS)** and to approximate some samples of a **Fourier Transform (FT)**, mathematical tools widely used in applications precisely by virtue of the existence of several "fast" algorithms to compute a DFT.