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Computing Fourier Transforms



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Suppose f is sampled at t_n with $t_n \equiv n\Delta t$ and $\Delta t \equiv \frac{T}{N}$.

- $1/\Delta t$ is the sample frequency,
- $f_n \equiv f(t_n)$ are the sampled function values.

We approximate γ_k with a Riemann integral using the sampled fuction values.



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Note. The harmonic oscillations

$$t \rightsquigarrow e^{2\pi i t \frac{k}{T}}$$
 and $t \rightsquigarrow e^{2\pi i t \frac{k+N}{T}}$

coincide at the sample points t_n .

The second oscillation is an alias of the first.

This phenomenon of **aliasing** has many consequences in discretised Fourier series.



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Theorem.
$$\widetilde{\gamma}_{k} = \mu_{k} = \gamma_{k}(f) + \sum_{j \neq 0} \gamma_{k+jN}(f).$$

Proof. Apply next theorem.



The discrete Fourier coefficients γd_k of f for N=100.



The error $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_k \equiv \gamma \boldsymbol{d}_k {-} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_k$ in the discrete Fourier coefficients.

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Note. Except for the minus-sign in the exponential and the scaling $\frac{1}{N}$ in the definition of the $\tilde{\gamma}_k$, the formulae are the same. Some text books scale both formulae with $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$.

The sequence $(\tilde{\gamma}_k)$ is the **Discrete Fourier Transform** of the sequence (f_n) . The theorem gives the inverse **DFT**.

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This proves orthonormality of the ϕ_k , i.p., linear independence.

A dimension argument $(\dim(\ell(N)) = N)$ shows that the ϕ_k form a basis.

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In particular,
$$\mathbf{f} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \langle \mathbf{f}, \phi_k \rangle \phi_k$$

The def. of the inner product reveals that $\tilde{\gamma}_k = <\mathbf{f}, \phi_k >$.

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Exercise. For $\tilde{\gamma} \equiv (\tilde{\gamma}_0, \dots, \tilde{\gamma}_{N-1}) \in \ell(N)$, put

$$\mathcal{F}(\tilde{\gamma})_n \equiv \mathcal{F}_N(\tilde{\gamma})_n \equiv f_n \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{\gamma}_k e^{2\pi i \frac{nk}{N}} \qquad (k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

With $\mathbf{f} \equiv (f_0, \ldots, f_{N-1})$, prove that

$$\widetilde{\gamma}_k = \frac{1}{N} \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{f})_{N-k} \qquad (k = 0, \dots, N-1).$$

Note that the **DFT** \mathcal{F}_N produces *N*-periodic sequences.

Conclusion. The inverse **DFT** can easily be obtained from the **DFT** and visa versa.

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The **DFT** requires complex arithmetic.

Moreover, as we know form Fourier series, the series converge slowly if the periodic function is discontinuous. Any function f on a bounded interval, say, [0,T] can be extended to a T-periodic function. The obvious extension

$$f(t) \equiv f(t - jT)$$
 $(t \in \mathbb{R}, j \in \mathbb{Z}),$

may lead to a discontinuous function on \mathbb{R} (if $f(0) \neq f(T)$) with slowly decreasing Fourier coefficients $\gamma_k(f)$. With the even extension first

$$f(t) \equiv f(-t), \quad f(t) \equiv f(t-2jT) \qquad (t \in \mathbb{R}, j \in \mathbb{Z})$$

we have an even 2*T*-periodic function that is continuous whenever f is. In particular, γ_k of this function are real.

Similarly, if $\mathbf{f} \in \ell(N)$, then complex arithmetic is avoided and at the same time faster decreasing discrete Fourier coefficients $\tilde{\gamma}_k$ are obtained by extending **f** first to an even function before extending to a periodic function.

For ease of notation, we put γ_k instead of $\tilde{\gamma}_k$.

Example. Suppose $\mathbf{f} = (f_0, \ldots, f_N) \in \ell(N+1)$.

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$$\mathbf{g} \equiv (f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{N-1}, f_N, f_{N-1}, \dots, f_2, f_1) \\ = (g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{N-1}, g_N, g_{N+1}, \dots, g_{2N-2}, g_{2N-1})$$

Note that the extension to a 2N-periodic function is even also around n = 0.

The extended sequence is $(\ldots, \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{g}, \mathbf{g}, \ldots)$, to which we also shall refer to as \mathbf{g} .

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$$g_n = f_n = [\gamma_0 + (-1)^n \gamma_N] + 2\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \gamma_k \cos(2\pi \frac{kn}{N})$$

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$$\mathbf{g} \equiv (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f}^{\mathsf{T}})$$
 with $\mathbf{f}^{\mathsf{T}} \equiv (f_{N-1}, f_{N-2}, \dots, f_1, f_0)$

leads to an 2*N*-periodic function **g** that is even around $n = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $n = N - \frac{1}{2}$. This leads to the so-called **DCT-II** transform:

DCT-II. With $\phi_{n,k} \equiv \cos\left(\pi(n+\frac{1}{2})\frac{k}{N}\right)$, $\gamma_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f_n \phi_{n,k}, \quad f_n = \gamma_0 + 2\sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \gamma_k \phi_{n,k}$

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Odd extensions lead to sines rather than cosines. However, sinus are cosines up to some phase shift and with some simple manipulation, odd extensions also lead to transforms involving cosines only, to the so called **DCT-III** and **DCT-IV**. **DCT-IV** is the standard **DCT** in Matlab:

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In the above **DCT**s, we extended to an even sequence **g** of length 2N. Extension to an even sequence **g** of length 2N - 1 leads to **DCT**s of type **V**, **VI**, **VII** and **VIII**. These **DCT** seem to be rarely used in practice.

Applications of DCT

• Image compression.

Goal. Compression.

2-dimensional (and 3-d) **DCT-II** is used with N low.

JPEG, MJPEG, MPEG use **DCT-II** on 8×8 blocks

• Audio compression.

Goal. Compression and **spectral information**: the techniques in audio compression exploit psygological facts on how we hear combinations of harmonic oscillations, that is, compression depends on the distribution of frequencies.

A related transform, **Modified DCT**, is used in AAC, Vorbis, MP3.

• **Partial Differential Equations**. **DCT**s are used for solving PDEs, where the variants of **DCT** correspond to (slightly) different boundary conditions.
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Formally this argument does not apply to a discrete function, which, in some sense, has 'jumps' in all points t_n . But the argument **does** apply to a (*T*-periodic) function on \mathbb{R} And discretization carries over the properties, in some approximate sense, to the discretized version.

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• The **DFT** coefficients may form bad approximations of the Fourier coefficients of interest,

• The compressibility properties may seriously deteriorate.

The even extension first, as is incorporated in **DCT**, weakens this effect. But, since the even extension, still introduces 'jumps' in the 'derivative', the effect is still noticable. The odd extension (as in **DCT-IV**) may need special attention.

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'Discontinuities' at the ends are 'softened' by multiplying with a smooth function that is zero at the ends. For instance, with

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With
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Using sequences of length N, we summerize this as

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Note that we have exact reconstruction except for the first and last block (usual choice: $F_1 = 0$, $F_k = 0$).

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Including windows, with $C = S^{\top}$, $\mathbf{S} = (S, C)$, $(F_1, F_2) \rightsquigarrow (SF_1, CF_2) \rightsquigarrow \widetilde{\Gamma}_1 \rightsquigarrow (\widetilde{F}_1, \widetilde{G}_2) \rightsquigarrow (S\widetilde{F}_1, C\widetilde{G}_2).$

Theorem.

$$(S\widetilde{F}_1, C\widetilde{G}_2) = (S^2F_1 - SCF_1^{\mathsf{T}}, C^2F_2 + SCF_2^{\mathsf{T}}).$$

With $S^2 + C^2 = 1$, application to long sequences leads to exact reconstruction.

Program

- Computing Fourier Coefficients
- Discrete Fourier Transform
- Discrete Cosine Transform
- Fast Fourier Transform
- Computing Fourier Integrals

Suppose the sequence $\gamma \equiv (\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{N-1}) \in \ell(N)$ is available. The naive way of computing the **DFT**

$$\mathcal{F}(\gamma)_n \equiv f_n = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \gamma_k e^{2\pi i \frac{kn}{N}} \qquad (n = 0, \dots, N-1).$$

requires more than $2N^2$ floating point operations (additions, multiplications): for each of the N ns, 2N flop.

In practice N is huge.

N of the order of $10^6 \sim 10^8$ is not exceptional.

Gauss [first half of the 19th century], Runge [1903] and Cooley & Tukey [1965] in the most cited mathematical paper ever, proposed a computational scheme, **FFT**, that reduces the computational costs to $2N \log_2(N)$ flop. For, e.g., $n = 2^{20} \approx 10^6$, this makes a difference with $2N^2$ of 1 sec versus 3:30 hours.

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or

$$f_n = f_{e,n} + f_{o,n} e^{2\pi \frac{n}{N}}$$
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and $f_{o,n}$ defined similarly:

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To compute f_n for all n = 0, ..., N - 1, we need to compute two Fourier transforms $f_{e,n}$ and $f_{o,n}$ for sequences of coefficients of half of the length and for only half of the number of ns (n = 0, ..., M - 1).

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$$\kappa_{\ell} = 2\kappa_{\ell-1} + 1.5 N = 4\kappa_{\ell-2} + 21.5 N.$$

Repeating, the partitioning trick to $f_{e,n}$ and $f_{o,n}$, etc., and using the fact that $\kappa_0 = 0$, shows that

$$\kappa_{\ell} = 2\kappa_{\ell-1} + 1.5 \, N = 1.5 \, \ell N.$$

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Proof. The 0.5 N comes from the computation of $e^{\pi i \frac{n}{M}}$, which can be computed as $\zeta^n = \zeta^{n-1}\zeta$ with $\zeta = e^{\pi i \frac{1}{M}}$. Note that, $e^{\pi i n 2^{-\ell+j}} = e^{\pi i (2^j n) 2^{-\ell}}$.

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We will represent the **DFT** and **FFT** with respect to column vectors here: $.^{T}$ is the transpose for vectors.

Note that, for consistency of notation, we selected the first index of the vectors to be 0 rather than 1. Our matrices will also be indexed from 0 on: the left top

matrix element will be the (0,0)-entry.

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Let **F** be the $N \times N$ matrix with (n,k)-entry $e^{2\pi i \frac{kn}{N}}$. Then

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{F}\gamma$$

This represents the **DFT** (Discrete Fourier transform) as a MV (matrix-vector multipliciation).

- Note that $\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{F}^* \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I}$: except for the scaling N, the **DFT** matrix **F** is unitary. Here $\mathbf{F}^* \equiv \overline{\mathbf{F}}^T$.
- The inverse $\frac{1}{N}$ **F**^{*} of **F** represents the inverse **DFT**.
- The **DFT** matrix **F** is full: non of its entries is zero. This makes the **MV** expensive.

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Here, $\mathbf{f}' \equiv (f_0, \dots, f_{M-1})^T$, $\mathbf{f}'' \equiv (f_M, \dots, f_{N-1})^T$, $\mathbf{I}_{\ell-1}$ is the $M \times M$ identity matrix, $\mathbf{D}_{\ell-1}$ is the $M \times M$ diagonal matrix with (n, n)-entry $e^{\pi i \frac{n}{M}}$. Note that the even diagonal entries of $D_{\ell-1}$ form $D_{\ell-2}, \dots$

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where *P* is the permutation that puts the even indexed γ_k first: following Matlab $\gamma(P) \equiv (\gamma_{P(0)}, \dots, \gamma_{P(N-1)})^T$. $P(k) \equiv 2k \ (k < M), \ P(k) \equiv 2(k - M) + 1 \ (k > M).$

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This decomposes **F** as a product of a very sparse unitary matrix (only 2 non-zeros per row), two **DFT**s of half size and a permutation. Repeating this decomposition gives **FFT**: **F** is a product of only ℓ very sparse unitary matrices and a permutation.

Suppose $N = q^{\ell}$ for some $q \in \mathbb{N}, q > 2$.

Then we can design a **FFT** algorithm similar to the one for q = 2. For instance, if q = 3, and $(\gamma_0, \ldots, \gamma_{N-1})$ is a sequence of length N, then we can group the coefficients in three classes (γ_{3k}) , (γ_{3k+1}) and (γ_{3k+2}) instead of the two as for q = 2 (the one with even indices and one with odd indices) and we can decompose the f_n accordingly. q is the **radix** of the **FFT**.

The computational costs are in the order of $N \log_3 N$: Comp. Costs $\approx C_q N \log_3 N$ for some $C_q > 0$.

Property. FFT with radix 4 allows the most efficient implementation (i.e., $4 = \operatorname{argmin}_q C_q N \log_q N$).

If, say, $N = 2^{\ell_1} 3^{\ell_2}$, then we can form a **FFT** by

- \bullet applying the FFT with radix 2 $\ell_1\text{-times}$
- followed by ℓ_2 -times the **FFT** with radix 3.

More generally,

We can factorise any $N \in \mathbb{N}$, that is, we can decompose any N into a product of prime factors and we can design a **FFT** for sequences of length N that is a mixture of **FFT**s of radix p_j with p_j the primes that occur in the factors.

However, computationally, this approach is not attractive:

- \bullet we have to factorise N
- coding of such a **FFT** with a mixture of **FFT**s with different radixes is messy
- if the primes are large (with the extremal situation where N itself is prime), then the **FFT** is not faster.

If, for instance, we have to compute Fourier coefficients of a *T*-periodic function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$, then we can select the sample frequency $1/\Delta t$ as we like (with the only restriction that it is sufficiently large), for instance,

 $\Delta t = T/N$ with $N = 2^{\ell}$.

Conclusion.

Some application allow to select N to be a power of 2.

Some application allow sequences $(\gamma_0, \ldots, \gamma_{M-1})$ of length M to be extended to sequences of length 2^{ℓ} (with ℓ such that $2^{\ell-1} < M \leq 2^{\ell}$) by appending with zeros.

Example. The convolution product $\alpha \star \beta$ of the sequence $\alpha = (\gamma_0, \dots, \alpha_{M-1})$ and $\beta = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{M-1})$ is defined by $(\alpha \star \beta)_k \equiv \sum_j \alpha_j \beta_{k-j} \qquad (k = 0, \dots, 2M - 2),$

where we sum over all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ for which α_j and β_{k-j} exists, that is, j such that $j, k - j \in \{0, \dots, M-1\}$.

Application.

If p is the polynomial $p(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \ldots + \alpha_{M-1} x^{M-1}$ and $q(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \ldots + \beta_{M-1} x^{M-1}$, then $(\alpha \star \beta)_k$ are the coefficients of the product polynomial pq.
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Assume that the length of α and β is $M = 2^{\ell}$. Append α and β with zeros to sequences of length $N \equiv 2^{\ell+1}$. Next, extend α and β periodically (period N) and define \star_N :

$$(\alpha \star_N \beta)_k \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \alpha_j \beta_{k-j} \qquad (k=0,\ldots,N-1).$$

Note that the definitions of $\alpha \star \beta$ are consistent (lead to the same values for k < N).

Discrete Convolution Products

Definition. For $\alpha, \beta \in \ell(N)$, let

$$(\alpha \star_N \beta)_k \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \alpha_j \beta_{k-j} \quad (k = 0, \dots, N-1),$$

where $\beta_{k-j} \equiv \beta_{N+k-j}$ if k-j < 0 (periodic extension).

Theorem. $\mathcal{F}_N(\alpha *_N \beta) = \mathcal{F}_N(\alpha) \cdot \mathcal{F}_N(\beta)$, where the --product is coordinate wise (the **Hadamard product**).

Suppose $2^{\ell-1} < N < 2^{\ell}$. Put $L \equiv 22^{\ell}$. Form $\tilde{\beta} \equiv (\beta, \mathbf{0}, \beta)$ to a sequence of length L. Form $\tilde{\alpha} \equiv (\alpha, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0})$ to a sequence of length L.

Property. $(\alpha \star_N \beta)_k = (\tilde{\alpha} \star_L \tilde{\beta})_k$ for $k = 0, \dots, N-1$.

Corollary.
$$(\alpha *_N \beta)_k = (\mathcal{F}_L^{-1}[\mathcal{F}_L(\tilde{\alpha}) \cdot \mathcal{F}_L(\tilde{\beta})])_k \quad (k < N).$$

 $\alpha \star_L \beta$ can be computed with three **DFT** of radix 2 plus L mult.. Costs: $\leq 24N(\ell + 2)$ flop rather than $0.5 N^2$.

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Conclusion. In these applications the FFT is nothing more than an efficient computational tool. The quantities to be computed are in same domain as the inputs (time-domain rather than in frequency domain).

Appending with zeros

Consider $\gamma = (\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{M-1}) \in \ell(M)$ with $2^{\ell-1} < M < N \equiv 2^{\ell}$. Append γ with zeros to a sequence γ^+ of length N:

$$\gamma^+ \equiv (\gamma_0, \ldots, \gamma_{M-1}, 0, \ldots, 0).$$

Observe that $\mathcal{F}_M(\gamma) \neq \mathcal{F}_N(\gamma^+)$, because

$$\sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \gamma_k e^{2\pi i \frac{kn}{M}} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \gamma_k^+ e^{2\pi i \frac{kn}{M}} \neq \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \gamma_k^+ e^{2\pi i \frac{kn}{N}}.$$

Heuristics. Appending with zeros introduces 'discontinuities', thus quickly decreasing Fourier coefficients maybe changed into slowly decreasing ones.

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Conclusion. If the quantities of interest are in the 'dual' domain (frequency rather than time, or time rather than frequency), then appending zeros is not allowed.

Consider $\gamma = (\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_{M-1}) \in \ell(M)$ with $2^{\ell-1} < M < N \equiv 2^{\ell}$. Put

$$\beta_k \equiv e^{-\pi i \frac{k^2}{M}}$$
 (k = 0,..., M - 1).

Note that $e^{2\pi i \frac{kn}{M}} = \overline{\beta}_k \beta_{n-k} \overline{\beta}_n$. Hence,

$$\mathcal{F}_M(\gamma)_n = \sum_{k=0}^{M-1} \gamma_k e^{2\pi i \frac{kn}{M}} = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{M-1} (\gamma_k \overline{\beta}_k) \beta_{n-k}\right) \overline{\beta}_n.$$

Apparently,

$$\mathcal{F}_M(\gamma) = ((\gamma \overline{\beta}) \star_M \beta) \overline{\beta}.$$

Here the convolution product is defined for M-periodic sequences.

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Property. With $\beta_k \equiv e^{-\pi i \frac{k^2}{M}}$, we have that

$$\mathcal{F}_M(\gamma) = \mu \,\overline{eta} \quad ext{with} \quad \mu \equiv (\gamma \,\overline{eta}) \star_M eta$$

As we saw before, the convolution product can be computed with three **DFT** of radix 2 (and length $L \equiv 2N$), plus L multiplications. The multiplications $\gamma \overline{\beta}$ and $\mu \overline{\beta}$ require an additional 2M multiplications.

Program

- Computing Fourier Coefficients
- Discrete Fourier Transform
- Discrete Cosine Transform
- Fast Fourier Transform
- Computing Fourier Integrals

Computing Fourier integrals

f sampled at $t_n = t_0 + n \Delta t$. $1/\Delta t$ sample frequency. For ease of notation, take $t_0 = 0$ (otherwise shift by t_0).

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Here,
$$T = N\Delta t$$
 and $f_n = f(t_n)$.
Of interest for $\omega = \frac{k}{T}$ $(k = 0, ..., N - 1)$.

 $\widehat{f}(\omega)$ to be computed by **DFT**.

Two 'discretizations'! How accurate is this?

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If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ then, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a t_0 and a T > 0 such that $\int_{-\infty}^{t_0} |f(t)| dt < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{t_0+T}^{\infty} |f(t)| dt < \varepsilon$

However,

this observation is often only of theoretical interest. In practice T can be large and huge values of N may be required, or spectral information is requested before all relevant function values f are available.

Windowing

$$\widehat{f}(\omega) \approx \int_{t_0}^{t_0+T} f(t) e^{-2\pi i t \omega} dt$$

Actually, we are computing the Fourier transform of

$$fW_{t_0}$$
, where $W(t) = 1$ if $1 \le t \le T$, and $W(t) = 0$ elsewhere

and
$$W_{t_0}(t) \equiv W(t - t_0)$$
.

W is a **time-window**.

Of interest: the difference between $\hat{f}(\omega)$ and $(fW_{t_0})(\omega)$.

 $\Phi(t,\omega) \equiv \widehat{(fW_t)}(\omega)$ is called a **spectogram** of f.

Effects of windowing

Computing Fourier integrals

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Analysis. Other order: first discretize, then window.

Discretization

$$F(\omega) \equiv \Delta t \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f_n e^{-2\pi i n \Delta t \omega}$$

Relation $\widehat{f}(\omega)$ and $F(\omega)$? Does this depend on ω ?

 $B_f \equiv \{\omega \in \mathbb{R} \mid |\hat{f}(\omega)| \neq 0\}$ is the **frequency band** of f. f is of **bounded bandwidth** if $B_f \subset [-\Omega, +\Omega]$ for some $\Omega > 0$: smallest Ω is the **bandwidth**.

Suppose f is of bandwidth $\leq \Omega$.

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma_k e^{2\pi i \frac{t}{T}k} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \gamma_k = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} f(t) e^{-2\pi i \frac{t}{T}k} dt$$

Take
$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{2\Omega}$$
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In particular, $f_n = f(t_n) = \int_{-\Omega}^{\Omega} \hat{f}(\omega) e^{2\pi i \frac{n \omega}{2\Omega}} d\omega.$

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$$\int_{-\Omega}^{\Omega} [\widehat{f}(\omega) - F(\omega)] e^{2\pi i \frac{n\omega}{2\Omega}} d\omega = 0 \qquad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

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 $\Delta t = \frac{1}{2\Omega}$ is the **Nyquist rate**.

Theorem.

f of bandwidth $\leq \Omega$ & sample frequency $1/\Delta t \geq 2\Omega \Rightarrow$

$$\widehat{f}(\omega) = \Delta t \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f_n e^{-2\pi i n \Delta t \omega} \quad \forall \omega \in [-\Omega, +\Omega]$$

The discretization is exact if the bandwidth $\leq \Omega$ and the sample frequency $\geq 2\Omega$ ($\Delta t \leq 1/(2\Omega)$). Fourier transform of this result leads to

The Shannon–Whittakker Theorem.

f of bandwidth $\leq \Omega$ & sample frequency $1/\Delta t \geq 2\Omega ~~\Rightarrow~$

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f_n \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{t-t_n}{\Delta t}\right) \qquad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$



Discussion. The Shannon–Whittakker theorem tells us that f can be reconstructed from its sample values, if f is of bounded bandwidth and the sample frequency is at least twice the maximal frequency of f. However, reconstruction requires values f_n from the (far) future as well as from the (far) past.

Application. Resampling (sampling at another sampling rate) is possible.

If the new sample rate is $\frac{p}{q}$ times the old sample rate Δt , then, in practice, resampling is achieved by

- 1) upsampling by p
- 2) filtering to get rid of frequencies $> \Omega$
- 3) downsampling by q.

(Details later)

Conclusions

• Discretization is fine provided f is of bounded bandwidth and the sample frequency is high enough.

• Perturbations by windowing can not be avoided. Effects include smearing and leakage. Effects can be diminished by a larger time-window. One effect can be diminished at the cost of others (by other time-windows).