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SOLUTION 1. For brevity, the discussion bellow follows MATLAB's syntax. The corresponding Python commands are very similar (please see the provided code on Moodle).

- 1. Let N be the length of the vector  ${\tt s}$  containing the samples. The sampling time is  ${\tt Ts} = {\tt 1/fs}$ . The command to generate the vector  ${\tt t}$  is
  - t = linspace(0, (N-1)\*Ts, N);

Equivalently, we can do:

- t = (0:Ts:(N-1)\*Ts);
- 2. From the discussion in the class, we know that the points of the DFT are spaced  $1/T_p$  Hz apart, where  $T_p = NT_s$ . For computational efficiency, we choose N to be an integer power of 2. If  $s_f=fft(s,N)$ , then the components of  $s_f$  are associated to the frequencies

$$\underbrace{0,\frac{1}{T_p},\ldots,\frac{1}{2T_s}-\frac{1}{T_p}}_{\text{N/2 components}},\underbrace{-\frac{1}{2T_s},-\frac{1}{2T_s}+\frac{1}{T_p},\ldots,-\frac{1}{T_p}}_{\text{N/2 components}}.$$

If we plot fftshift(s\_f) then the components are associated to the frequencies  $-\frac{1}{2T_s}$ ,  $-\frac{1}{2T_s}$  +  $\frac{1}{T_p}$ , ...,  $-\frac{1}{T_p}$ , 0,  $\frac{1}{T_p}$ , ...,  $\frac{1}{2T_s}$  -  $\frac{1}{T_p}$ . Thus one possibility to create the vector  $\mathbf{f}$  is

$$f = linspace(-1/(2*Ts), 1/(2*Ts)-1/Tp, N);$$

Another possibility is

$$f = (-1/(2*Ts):1/Tp:1/(2*Ts)-1/Tp);$$

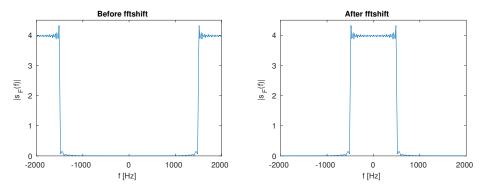


Figure 1: Effect of the fftshift command.

3. Note. Since title is the name of a built-in MATLAB function, you cannot use it as the name of a function argument. In the following code, we called the argument plottitle instead.

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function sol_tfplot(s, fs, name, plottitle)
% SOL_TFPLOT Time and frequency plot
% SOL_TFPLOT(S, FS, NAME, TITLE) displays a figure window with two
% subplots. Above, the signal S is plotted in time domain; below,
% the signal is plotted in frequency domain. NAME is the "name" of the
% signal, e.g., if NAME is 's', then the labels on the y-axes will be
% 's(t)' and '|s_F(f)|', respectively. TITLE is the title that will
% appear above the two plots.
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% Note: Since TITLE is the name of a built-in Matlab function, you cannot
% use it as the name of a function argument. In the following code, we
% called the argument PLOTTITLE instead.
if ~isscalar(fs)
    error('Fs must be scalar');
end
\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\%}}} Compute the time and frequency axes
Ts = 1/fs;
t = linspace(0, (length(s)-1)*Ts, length(s));
NFFT = 2^nextpow2(length(s)); % for computational efficiency
Tp = NFFT*Ts;
f = linspace(-1/(2*Ts), 1/(2*Ts)-1/Tp, NFFT);
% Compute the FFT
s_f = fft(s,NFFT);
% Correct the scaling and the frequency axis
% Use fftshift to move the negative frequencies to the left
s_f = Ts * fftshift(s_f);
figure;
% First plot: time
subplot(2,1,1); plot(t, s);
xlabel('t [s]'); ylabel(sprintf('%s(t)', name));
title(plottitle);
% Second plot: frequency
subplot(2,1,2); plot(f, abs(s_f));
xlabel('f [Hz]'); ylabel(sprintf('|%s_F(f)|', name));
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SOLUTION 2. Please see the provided MATLAB/Python routines, which are self-explanatory. For the AM demodulator we also provide an alternative solution which uses a filter.