

SOLUTION 12 – MATH-250 Advanced Numerical Analysis I

There is no quiz this week. The exercises marked with **(Python)** are implementation based and can be solved in the Jupyter notebooks which are available on Moodle/Noto.

Exercises

Problem 1.

An audio signal $y_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ can be compressed by computing its discrete Fourier transform (DFT) $\hat{y}_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ and setting all the coefficients whose absolute value relative to the maximum amplitude of the signal is below a certain level, based on a threshold τ , to zero:

$$\hat{y}_i^{(c)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |\hat{y}_i| < \tau \max_{j=0,1,\dots,n-1} |\hat{y}_j| \\ \hat{y}_i & \text{else} \end{cases}, i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

To convert the compressed DFT coefficients to the compressed audio signal, simply apply the inverse DFT to the compressed coefficients $\hat{y}_i^{(c)}, i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.

The Python functions `np.fft.rfft` and `np.fft.irfft` allow to calculate respectively the DFT and the inverse DFT of a real-valued signal using the *Fast Fourier Transform* algorithm. With the help of these functions, implement the function `compress_audio` which takes as input an audio signal `y` and a threshold value `threshold`, and returns the compressed audio signal `y_compressed`.

Test your compression algorithm on the audio signal `foryoublue.wav` which you can download from Moodle and read using the SciPy function `sp.io.wavfile.read`. Test different threshold values $\tau = [0.1, 0.2, 0.5]$ and plot the original and compressed signals for a small extract of the audio (roughly 5000 beats).

Solution. Available in the Jupyter notebook `serie12-sol.ipynb` on Moodle.

Problem 2.

Throughout this problem, for a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we start indexing vectors from 0, i.e., x_0 is the first element of $\mathbf{x}$. In addition, indexing should be understood as taking modulo n . This means, $x_k = x_{k+n}$ for all k . We let $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ denote the DFT of $\mathbf{x}$:

$$\hat{x}_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \exp\left(-\frac{i2\pi kj}{n}\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \omega_n^{kj} \quad (1)$$

where $\omega_n = \exp(-i\frac{2\pi}{n})$.

- (a) For a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ recall that its DFT can be written as $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = F_n \mathbf{x}$, where $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} F_n$ is unitary (by Lemma 7.5). For two vectors $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ show that $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = n^{-1} \langle \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}} \rangle$, where $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ is the DFT of $\mathbf{y}$. Conclude $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = n^{-1/2} \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2$.
- (b) The convolution of two vectors $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, is the vector $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} * \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ defined by

$$z_k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j y_{k-j}, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1.$$

Show that $\hat{z}_i = \hat{x}_i \hat{y}_i$.

Hint: Write out the DFT of $\mathbf{z}$ explicitly using (1) and use that indexing should be understood by taking modulo n .

- (c) Using (b) and the function `np.fft.rfft` and `np.fft.irfft` in Python, implement the convolution operator in Python. For $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & \cdots & 12 \end{pmatrix}^\top$ and $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 11 & \cdots & 3 \end{pmatrix}^\top$ display the output from your implementation.
- (d) Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ contain the coefficients of two polynomials:

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(t) = x_0 + x_1 t + \cdots + x_{n-1} t^{n-1}, \quad p_{\mathbf{y}}(t) = y_0 + y_1 t + \cdots + y_{n-1} t^{n-1}.$$

Let $\mathbf{z}$ contain the coefficients of the product $p_{\mathbf{x}}(t) \cdot p_{\mathbf{y}}(t)$.

Show how $\mathbf{z}$ can be computed in $O(n \log_2 n)$ complexity from a convolution of the vectors $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$ padded with zeros in an appropriate manner. You may use the fact that the functions `rfft` and `irfft` require $O(n \log_2 n)$ operations to compute the DFT of a vector.

Implement a Python function `fft_convolve` that, given $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$, returns $\mathbf{z}$ using your function from (c). Test your implementation for the polynomials

$$p_{\mathbf{x}}(t) = 2 + 3t + t^2 + 2t^3, \quad p_{\mathbf{y}}(t) = 1 + t + 2t^2 + 2t^3.$$

Solution.

- (a) We have $\langle \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}} \rangle = (F_n \mathbf{x})^T (F_n \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^T F_n^H F_n \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^T n F_n^{-1} F_n \mathbf{y} = n \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$.

We conclude that $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} = \sqrt{n^{-1} \langle \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{x}} \rangle} = \sqrt{n}^{-1} \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2$.

- (b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{z}_l &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j y_{k-j} \exp(-i2\pi k l n^{-1}) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} y_{k-j} \exp(-i2\pi(k-j) l n^{-1}) \exp(-i2\pi j l n^{-1})}_{=\hat{y}_l} \\ &= \hat{y}_l \underbrace{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \exp(-i2\pi j l n^{-1})}_{=\hat{x}_l}. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) - (d) Available in the Jupyter notebook `serie12-sol.ipynb` on Moodle.

Problem 3. For a real vector $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the l th component in the discrete cosine-transform (DCT) ¹ is given by

$$\hat{f}_l = \frac{f_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f_k \cos\left(\frac{(2k+1)\pi l}{2n}\right), \quad l = 0, \dots, n-1. \quad (2)$$

- (a) Show how the DCT can be computed from the real part of the DFT of a vector of length $2n$.
- (b) Derive an algorithm requiring only $O(n \log(n))$ operations to compute the DCT of a vector.

Solution.

- (a) Let us define the following vector $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$

$$\mathbf{g} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{f_0}{2} \\ f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Let us compute the DFT of $\mathbf{g}$:

$$\hat{g}_\ell = \frac{f_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f_k \exp\left(-i \frac{2\pi k \ell}{2n}\right).$$

Now multiply $\hat{g}_\ell$ with $\exp\left(-i \frac{\pi \ell}{2n}\right)$ and add $\frac{f_0}{2}(1 - \exp(-i \frac{\pi \ell}{2n}))$:

$$\hat{g}'_\ell = \exp\left(-i \frac{\pi \ell}{2n}\right) \hat{g}_\ell + \frac{f_0}{2} \left(1 - \exp\left(-i \frac{\pi \ell}{2n}\right)\right) = \frac{f_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f_k \exp\left(-i \frac{(2k+1)\pi \ell}{2n}\right) \quad (4)$$

Taking the real part of $\hat{g}'_\ell$ will give you the ℓ th component of the DCT of $\mathbf{f}$.

- (b) The algorithm is as follows
 - 1 Construct $\mathbf{g}$ as in (3)
 - 2 Compute the FFT of $\mathbf{g}$ to get $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$.
 - 3 Multiply and add as in (4) to get $\hat{\mathbf{g}}'$.
 - 4 Return $Re(\hat{\mathbf{g}}')$.

¹There are several versions of the DCT. This type is called DCT-III.