

# Advanced Numerical Analysis

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# Audio signals

Let  $\mathbf{y}$  contain an audio signal.

DFT  $\mathbf{z} = F_n \mathbf{y}$  is called the (frequency) spectrum.

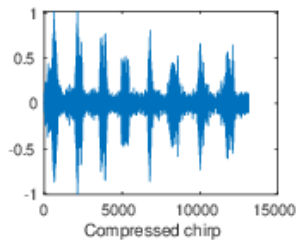
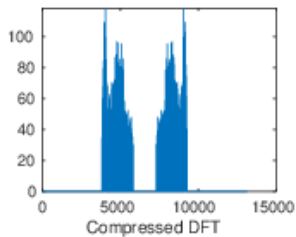
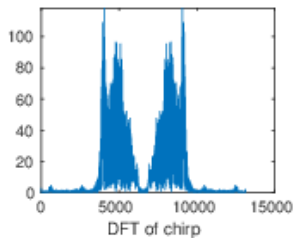
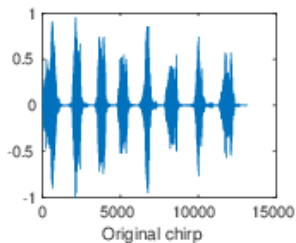
Important audio filtering operations proceed by manipulating  $\mathbf{z}$ , followed by a back transformation to the time domain using inverse DFT.

Examples:

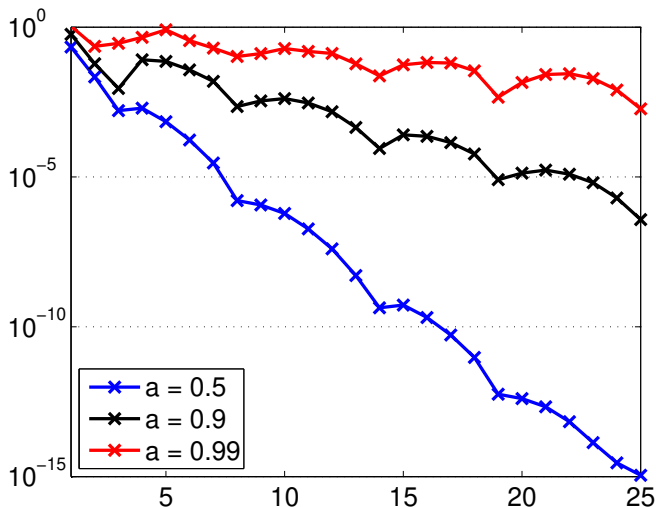
- ▶ **Low-pass filter:** Set high frequencies to zero ( $z_j \leftarrow 0$  for larger  $j$ ), preserve low frequencies.
- ▶ **High-pass filter:** Set low frequencies to zero ( $z_j \leftarrow 0$  for smaller  $j$ ), preserve high frequencies.
- ▶ **Compression:** Set  $z_j \leftarrow 0$  if  $|z_j| \leq \text{tol}$ .



# Audio signals



# The trapezoidal miracle



Error vs.  $N$  for comp. trapezoidal rule  $\int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$  for smooth periodic  $f$

# The trapezoidal miracle resolved

For  $2\pi$ -periodic  $f$ , consider approximation of  $\int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx$ . Because of periodicity, composite trapezoidal rule takes the form

$$Q_h^{(1)}[f] = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(j/N)$$

with  $h = 2\pi/N$ . Let us now consider truncated Fourier expansion

$$f_{N-1}(x) := \sum_{k=-N+1}^{N-1} c_k e^{ikx}.$$

On the one hand, we have

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{ikx} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } k \neq 0, \\ 2\pi & \text{for } k = 0. \end{cases}$$

On the other hand, Lemma 7.5 shows

$$Q_h^{(1)}[e^{ik\cdot}] = \frac{2\pi}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{2\pi ijk/N} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } k = -N+1, \dots, -1, 1, \dots, N-1, \\ 2\pi & \text{for } k = 0. \end{cases}$$

# The trapezoidal miracle resolved

Linearity  $\rightsquigarrow$  composite trapezoidal rule with  $h = 2\pi/N$  integrates truncated Fourier expansion  $f_N$  *exactly*!

Error bound:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \, dx - Q_h^{(1)}[f] \right| &\leq \left| \int_0^{2\pi} (f(x) - f_N(x)) \, dx - Q_h^{(1)}[f - f_N] \right| \\ &\leq 4\pi \sum_{|k| > N} |c_k|. \end{aligned}$$

For real analytic  $2\pi$ -periodic function, Analysis IV told you that  $|c_k|$  decays exponentially fast and, in turn, the error of the composite trapezoidal rule also converges exponentially fast to zero!

# FFT (Fast Fourier Transform)

Some random facts:

- ▶ Published in 1965 by James Cooley and John Tukey.<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ One of MATH@EPFL seminar rooms named after John Tukey.
- ▶ In 1994, Gilbert Strang described the FFT as “the most important numerical algorithm of our lifetime”
- ▶ Our former president worked on it!

## **FAST FOURIER TRANSFORMS: A TUTORIAL REVIEW AND A STATE OF THE ART**

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<sup>1</sup>But, of course, Gauss did it before, in 1805.

# FFT (Fast Fourier Transform)

Let  $n$  be even (later: power of 2). Then  $\omega_n = e^{-2\pi i/n}$  satisfies

$$\omega_n^k = \omega_n^{k+n} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \omega_n^n = 1, \quad \omega_n^{n/2} = -1.$$

Most important relation is trivial:  $\omega_n^{2k} = \omega_{n/2}^k$  This induces a LOT of structure in the DFT matrix

$$F_n = [\omega_n^{jk}]_{j,k=0}^{n-1}.$$

$$F_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_6 & \omega_6^2 & \omega_6^3 & \omega_6^4 & \omega_6^5 \\ 1 & \omega_6^2 & \omega_6^4 & \omega_6^6 & \omega_6^8 & \omega_6^{10} \\ 1 & \omega_6^3 & \omega_6^6 & \omega_6^9 & \omega_6^{12} & \omega_6^{15} \\ 1 & \omega_6^4 & \omega_6^8 & \omega_6^{12} & \omega_6^{16} & \omega_6^{20} \\ 1 & \omega_6^5 & \omega_6^{10} & \omega_6^{15} & \omega_6^{20} & \omega_6^{25} \end{pmatrix},$$

Even rows (0, 2, 4) and feature even powers!



# FFT (Fast Fourier Transform)

Idea: Put even rows first with perfect shuffle permutation:

$$P_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$P_6^T \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_2 \\ x_4 \\ x_1 \\ x_3 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

# FFT (Fast Fourier Transform)

$$P_6^T F_6 = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_6^2 & \omega_6^4 & \omega_6^6 & \omega_6^8 & \omega_6^{10} \\ 1 & \omega_6^4 & \omega_6^8 & \omega_6^{12} & \omega_6^{16} & \omega_6^{20} \\ \hline 1 & \omega_6 & \omega_6^2 & \omega_6^3 & \omega_6^4 & \omega_6^5 \\ 1 & \omega_6^3 & \omega_6^6 & \omega_6^9 & \omega_6^{12} & \omega_6^{15} \\ 1 & \omega_6^5 & \omega_6^{10} & \omega_6^{15} & \omega_6^{20} & \omega_6^{25} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_6^2 & \omega_6^4 & 1 & \omega_6^2 & \omega_6^4 \\ 1 & \omega_6^4 & \omega_6^8 & 1 & \omega_6^4 & \omega_6^8 \\ \hline 1 & \omega_6 & \omega_6^2 & -1 & -\omega_6 & -\omega_6^2 \\ 1 & \omega_6^3 & \omega_6^6 & -1 & -\omega_6^3 & -\omega_6^6 \\ 1 & \omega_6^5 & \omega_6^{10} & -1 & -\omega_6^5 & -\omega_6^{10} \end{array} \right),$$

# FFT (Fast Fourier Transform)

Because of  $\omega_3^k = \omega_6^{2k}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , it follows that

$$P_6^T F_6 = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_3^1 & \omega_3^2 & 1 & \omega_3^1 & \omega_3^2 \\ 1 & \omega_3^2 & \omega_3^4 & 1 & \omega_3^2 & \omega_3^4 \\ \hline 1 & \omega_6 & \omega_6^2 & -1 & -\omega_6 & -\omega_6^2 \\ 1 & \omega_6 \omega_3^1 & \omega_6^2 \omega_3^2 & -1 & -\omega_6 \omega_3^1 & -\omega_6^2 \omega_3^2 \\ 1 & \omega_6 \omega_3^2 & \omega_6^2 \omega_3^4 & -1 & -\omega_6 \omega_3^2 & -\omega_6^2 \omega_3^4 \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} F_3 & F_3 \\ F_3 \Omega_3 & -F_3 \Omega_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$F_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_3^1 & \omega_3^2 \\ 1 & \omega_3^2 & \omega_3^4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Omega_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \omega_6 & \\ & & \omega_6^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Theorem 10.7

Let  $n \geq 2$  be even. Let  $P_n$  be the permutation matrix belonging to the permutation  $\xi : \{0, \dots, n-1\} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, n-1\}$  with

$$\xi : 0 \mapsto 0, 1 \mapsto 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}-1 \mapsto n-2, \frac{n}{2} \mapsto 1, \frac{n}{2}+1 \mapsto 3, \dots, n-1 \mapsto n-1.$$

Then

$$P_n^F = \begin{pmatrix} F_{n/2} & F_{n/2} \\ F_{n/2}\Omega_{n/2} & -F_{n/2}\Omega_{n/2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{n/2} & \\ & F_{n/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{n/2} & I_{n/2} \\ \Omega_{n/2} & -\Omega_{n/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\Omega_{n/2} = \text{diag}(\omega_n^0, \omega_n^1, \dots, \omega_n^{n/2-1}).$$