

*Computational Methods*  
CMSC/AMSC/MAPL 460

Fourier transform

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# Fourier Methods

- Last class
  - Introduced the Fourier basis
  - Showed why it might be useful
  - Introduced the notion of a Fourier Matrix
  - Introduced the Danielson Lanczos Lemma
  - Introduced the FFT algorithm
- This class
  - Detailed consideration of the FFT algorithm
  - Inverse FFT
  - Application to polynomial multiplication

# Complex Notation

For  $f$ , periodic with period  $p$

Fourier transform  $f(t) \rightarrow F[k]$

$$\begin{aligned} F[k] &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p f(t) e^{-2\pi i k t/p} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \int_0^p f(t) \cos(2\pi k t/p) dt \\ &\quad - i/p \int_0^p f(t) \sin(2\pi k t/p) dt \end{aligned}$$

Inverse Fourier transform  $F[k] \rightarrow f(t)$

$$f(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} F[k] e^{2\pi i k t/p}$$

# Sampling

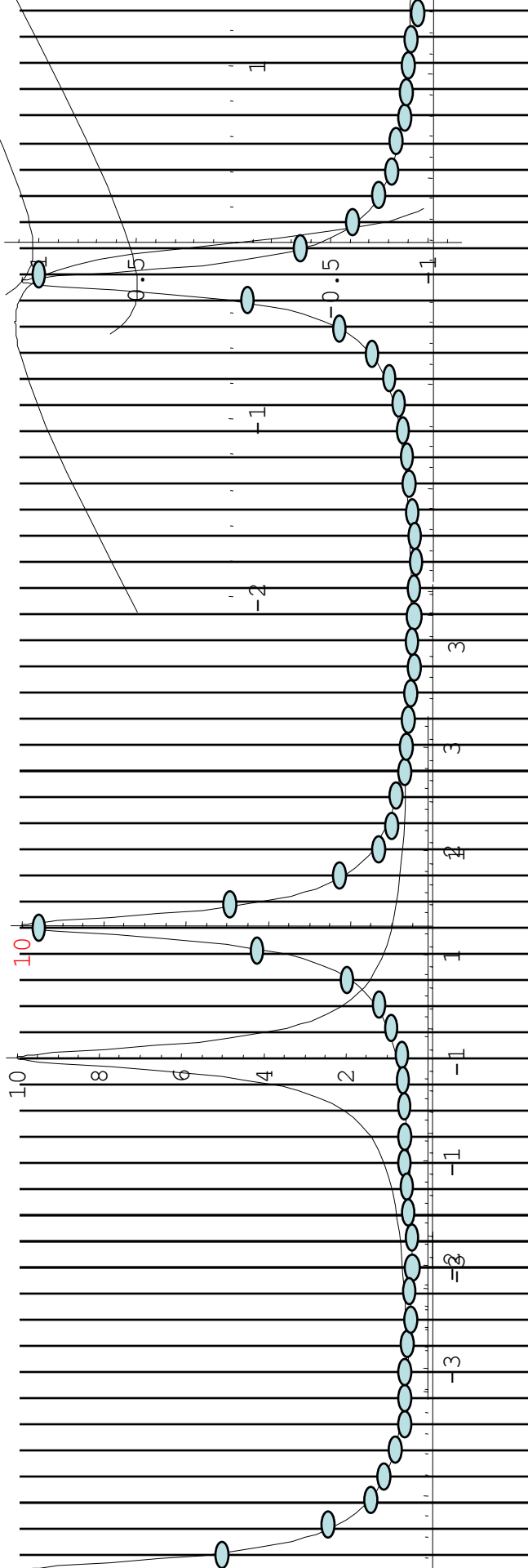
Fourier representations work just fine with sampled data

Simple connection to Fourier of the continuous function it came from

Familiar example: Digital Audio

# DFT

$$\int_0^p f(t) e^{-2\pi i k t/p} dt \xrightarrow{\quad} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \phi[n] e^{-2\pi i k n h/p}$$



$f(t)$   $\xrightarrow{\quad}$

$\phi[n] = f(nh)$

$\Psi$   
 $h$

DFT and its inverse for periodic discrete data

$$\Phi[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \phi[n] e^{-2\pi i k n h/p} \quad p = N h$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \phi[n] e^{-2\pi i k n / N}$$

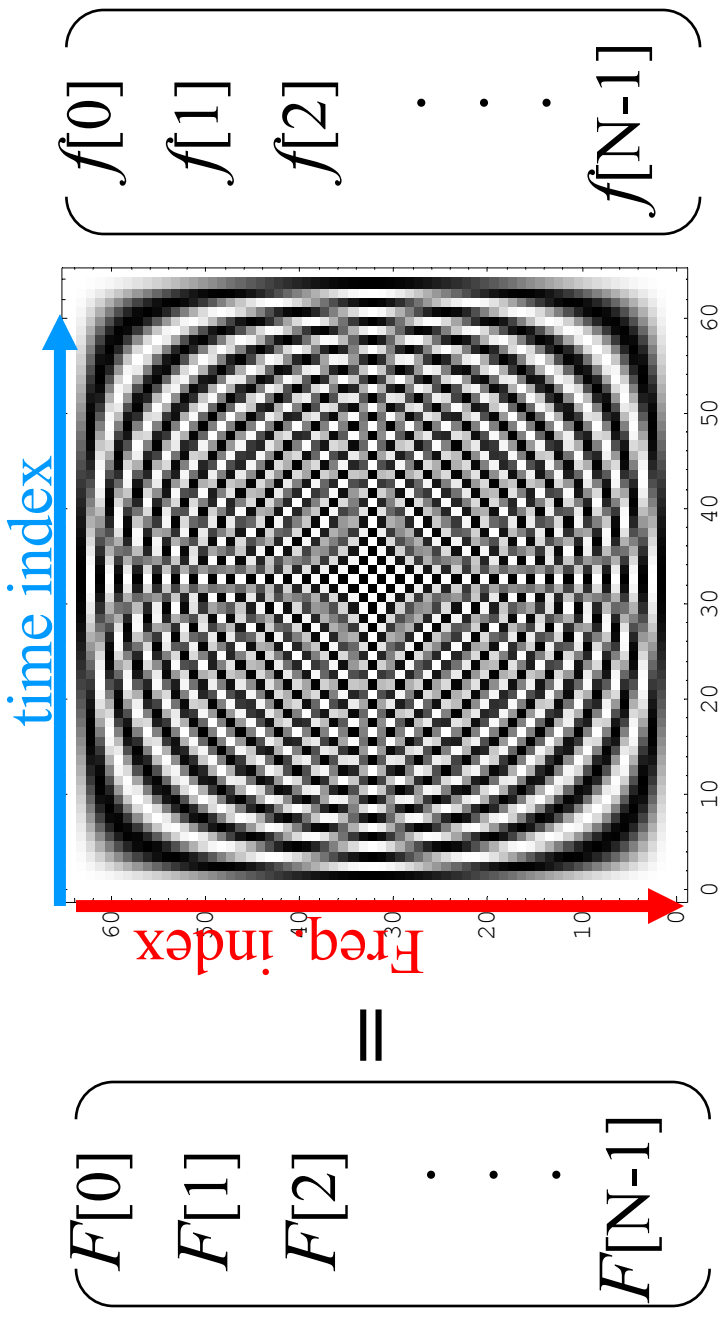
This is automatically periodic in  $k$  with period  $N$

Inverse is like Fourier series, but with only  $p$  terms

# Discrete time Numerical Fourier Analysis

DFT is really just a matrix multiplication!

$$F[m] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i k m/N} f[k]$$



$$F = F_N f$$

# Fourier Matrices

A Fourier matrix of order  $n$  is defined as the following

$$F_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_n & \omega_n^2 & \dots & \omega_n^{n-1} \\ 1 & \omega_n^2 & \omega_n^4 & \dots & \omega_n^{2(n-1)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & \omega_n^{n-1} & \omega_n^{2(n-1)} & \dots & \omega_n^{(n-1)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\omega_n = e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{n}},$$

is an  $n$ th root of unity.

# $i = \sqrt{-1}$ Primitive Roots of Unity

A number  $\omega$  is a *primitive n-th root of unity*, for  $n > 1$ , if

$$\omega^n = 1$$

The numbers  $1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$  are all distinct

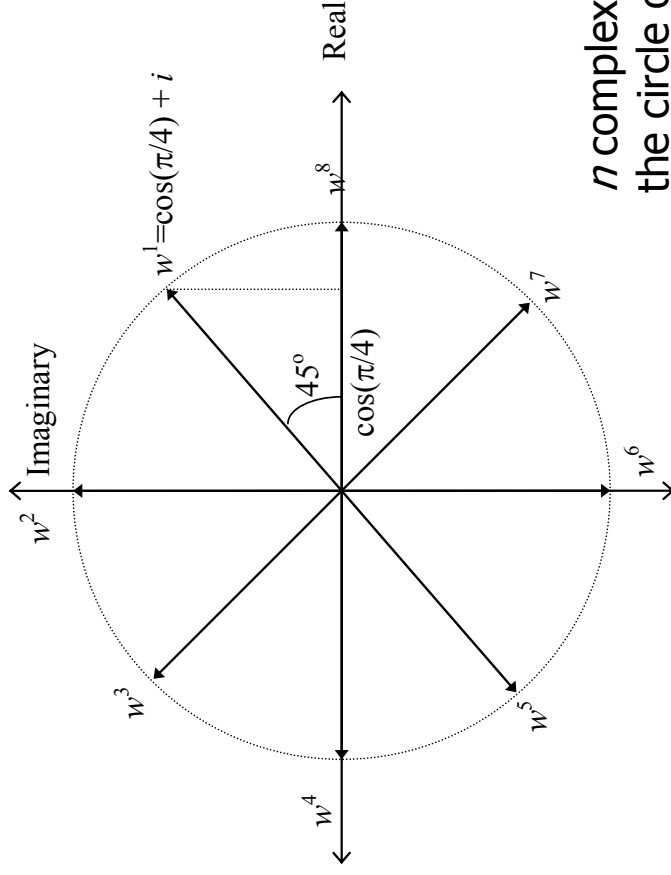
- Example: The complex number  $e^{2\pi i/n}$  is a primitive n-th root of unity, where

**Check: if properties are satisfied**

$$1. \omega^1 = e^{2\pi i/n} \neq 1$$

$$2. \omega^n = \left( e^{2\pi i/n} \right)^n = e^{2\pi i} = \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi = 1$$

$$3. S = \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} \omega^{jp} = \omega^0 + \omega^j + \omega^{2j} + \omega^{3j} + \dots + \omega^{j(n-1)} = 0$$



$n$  complex roots of unity equally spaced around the circle of unit radius centered at the origin of the complex plane.

# Roots of Unity: Properties

- **Property 1:** Let  $\omega$  be the principal  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity. If  $n > 0$ , then  $\omega^{n/2} = -1$ .
  - **Proof:**  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n} \Rightarrow \omega^{n/2} = e^{\pi i} = -1$ . (Euler's formula)
  - **Reflective Property:**
  - **Corollary:**  $\omega^{k+n/2} = -\omega^k$ .
- **Property 2:** Let  $n > 0$  be even, and let  $\omega$  and  $\nu$  be the principal  $n^{\text{th}}$  and  $(n/2)^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity. Then  $(\omega^k)^2 = \nu^k$ .
  - **Proof:**  $(\omega^k)^2 = e^{(2k)2\pi i/n} = e^{(k)2\pi i/(n/2)} = \nu^k$ .
  - **Reduction Property:** If  $\omega$  is a primitive  $(2n)$ -th root of unity, then  $\omega^2$  is a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity.

- L3: Let  $n > 0$  be even. Then, the squares of the  $n$  complex  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity are the  $n/2$  complex  $(n/2)^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity.
- Proof: If we square all of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity, then each  $(n/2)^{\text{th}}$  root is obtained exactly twice since:
  - L1  $\Rightarrow \omega^{k+n/2} = -\omega^k$
  - thus,  $(\omega^{k+n/2})^2 = (\omega^k)^2$
  - L2  $\Rightarrow$  both of these  $= \omega^k$
  - $\omega^{k+n/2}$  and  $\omega^k$  have the same square

• **Inverse Property:** If  $\omega$  is a primitive root of unity, then  $\omega^{-1} = \omega^{n-1}$

– Proof:  $\omega\omega^{n-1} = \omega^n = 1$

# Fast Fourier Transform

- Presented by Cooley and Tukey in 1965, but invented several times, including by Gauss (1809) and Danielson & Lanczos (1948)
- Danielson Lanczos lemma

$$\begin{aligned} F_k &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} e^{2\pi ijk/N} f_j \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{N/2-1} e^{2\pi ik(2j)/N} f_{2j} + \sum_{j=0}^{N/2-1} e^{2\pi ik(2j+1)/N} f_{2j+1} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{N/2-1} e^{2\pi ikj/(N/2)} f_{2j} + W^k \sum_{j=0}^{N/2-1} e^{2\pi ikj/(N/2)} f_{2j+1} \\ &= F_k^e + W^k F_k^o \end{aligned}$$

- So far we have seen what happens on the right hand side
- How about the left hand side?
- When we split the sums in two we have two sets of sums with  $N/2$  quantities for  $N$  points.
- So the complexity is  $N^2/2 + N^2/2 = N^2$
- So there is no improvement
- Need to reduce the sums on the right hand side as well
  - We need to reduce the number of sums computed from  $2N$  to a lower number
  - Notice that the values corresponding to  $k$  and  $k+N/2$  will be the same.
  - The transforms  $F_e^k$  and  $F_o^k$  are periodic in  $k$  with length  $N/2$ .
  - So we need only compute half of them!

# FFT

- So DFT of order  $N$  can be expressed as sum of two DFTs of order  $N/2$  *evaluated at  $N/2$  points*
- Does this improve the complexity?
- Yes  $(N/2)^2 + (N/2)^2 = N^2/2 < N^2$
- But we are not done ....
- Can apply the lemma recursively

$$F_k^e = F_k^{ee} + W^k F_k^{eo}, \quad F_k^o = F_k^{oe} + W^k F_k^{oo},$$

- Finally we have a set of one point transforms
- One point transform is identity

$$F_k^{eoooooooooooo} = f_n$$



# FFT Algorithm

FFT( $n, a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}$ )

//  $n$  is a power of 2

if ( $n == 1$ )

return  $a_0$

$\omega \leftarrow e^{2\pi i / n}$

$(e_0, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n/2-1}) \leftarrow$

FFT( $n/2, a_0, a_2, a_4, \dots, a_{n-2}$ )

$(d_0, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n/2-1}) \leftarrow$

FFT( $n/2, a_1, a_3, a_5, \dots, a_{n-1}$ )

for  $k = 0$  to  $n/2 - 1$

$y_k \leftarrow e_k + \omega^k d_k$

$y_{k+n/2} \leftarrow e_k - \omega^k d_k$

return  $(y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1})$

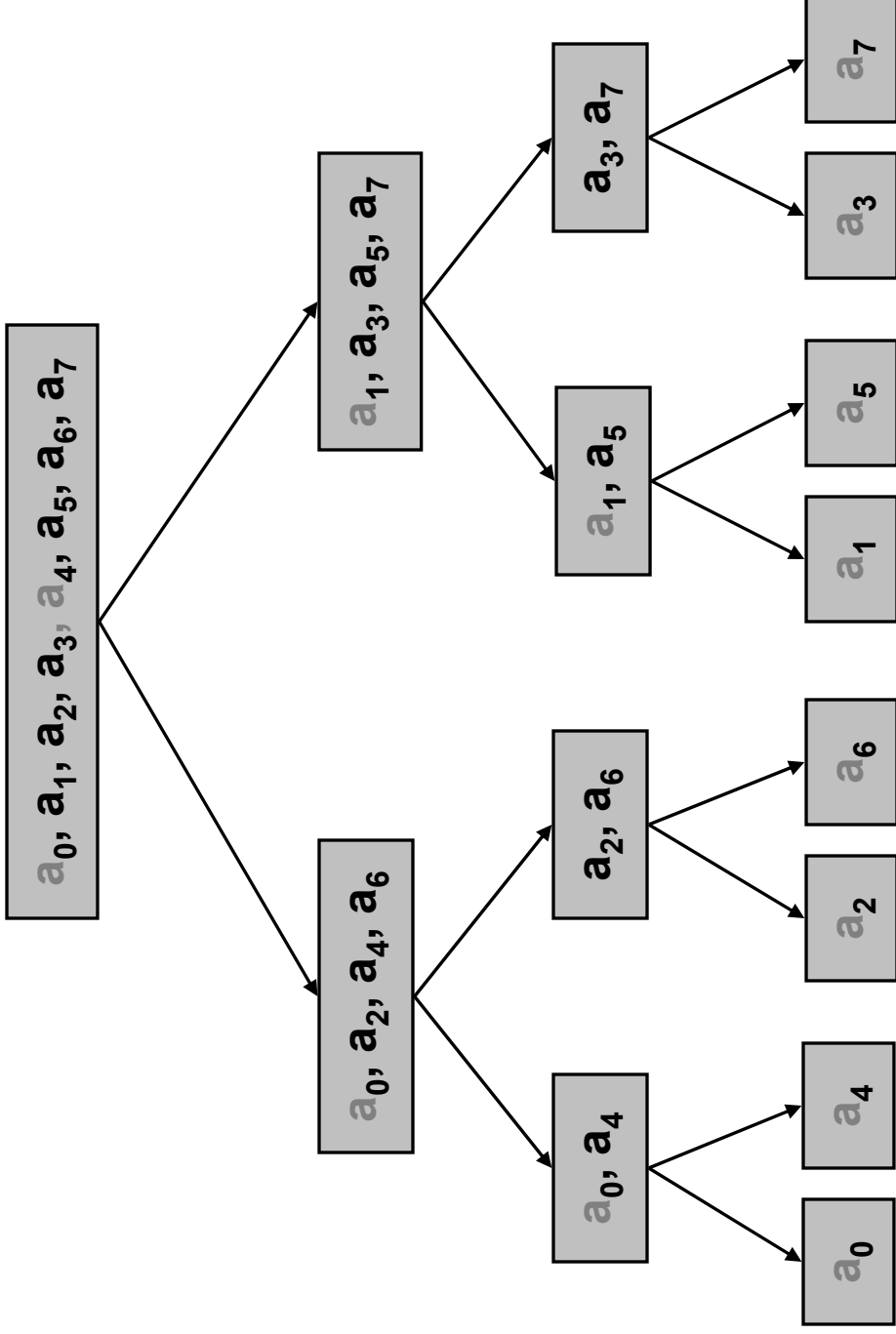
$O(n)$  complex multiplies  
if we pre-compute  $\omega^k$ .

$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$

# Complexity

- Each  $F_k$  is a sum of  $\log_2 N$  transforms and (factors)
- There are  $N F_k$  s
- So the algorithm is  $O(N \log_2 N)$
- *This is a recursive algorithm*

# Scrambled Output of the FFT



"bit-reversed" order

# FFTx

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function y = fftx(x)
%FFTX  Textbook Fast Finite
Fourier Transform.
% FFTX(X) computes the same
finite Fourier transform as FFT(X).
% The code uses a recursive divide
and conquer algorithm for
% even order and matrix-vector
multiplication for odd order.
% If length(X) is m*p where m is
odd and p is a power of 2, the
% computational complexity of this
approach is  $O(m^2 * O(p * \log_2(p)))$ .

x = x(:);
n = length(x);
omega = exp(-2*pi*i/n);
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if rem(n,2) == 0
% Recursive divide and conquer
k = (0:n/2-1)';
w = omega . ^ k;
u = fftx(x(1:2:n-1));
v = w.*fftx(x(2:2:n));
y = [u+v; u-v];
else
% The Fourier matrix.
j = 0:n-1;
k = j';
F = omega . ^ (k*j);
y = F*x;
end
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