

1. Interpolation with DFT

In this question, we want to show you how to perform interpolation by adding "zeros" on DFT frequency domain.

Remember we have that $\vec{x} = U\vec{X}$ or more explicitly

$$\vec{x} = X[0]\vec{u}_0 + \dots + X[n-1]\vec{u}_{n-1} \quad (1)$$

That is, \vec{x} is a linear combination of the (normalized) complex exponentials \vec{u}_i with coefficients $X[i]$.

- (a) Compute the DFT coefficients \vec{X} for the following signal:

$$\vec{x} = [\cos(\frac{2\pi}{6}(0)) \quad \cos(\frac{2\pi}{6}(1)) \quad \cos(\frac{2\pi}{6}(2)) \quad \cos(\frac{2\pi}{6}(3)) \quad \cos(\frac{2\pi}{6}(4)) \quad \cos(\frac{2\pi}{6}(5))]^T.$$

- (b) As we can see from (a), the DFT coefficients of \vec{x} satisfy with $X[m] = 0$ for all $|m| > 1$. Here, we use the convention of treating $X[n-k]$ as $X[-k]$ for $k < \frac{n}{2}$ where n is the length of the \vec{x} vector. Let's create another set of DFT coefficients:

$$\vec{Y} = [X[0], X[1], X[2], \frac{X[3]}{2}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{X[3]}{2}, X[4], X[5]]^T.$$

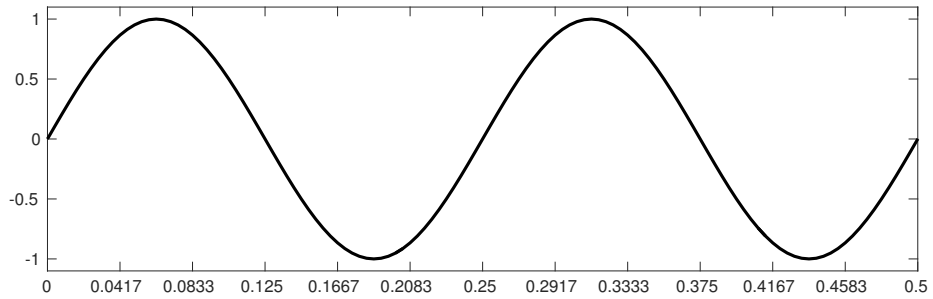
Now use the DFT basis with $n = 12$ to perform an inverse DFT and compute a time domain signal \vec{y} . How are \vec{x} and \vec{y} related to each other? Remember that \vec{x} is sampled from $x(t) = \cos(\frac{2\pi}{6}t)$ at 1Hz.

- (c) Based on the above example, how can we perform interpolation for a sampled signal \vec{x} with its DFT coefficients \vec{X} if we know $X[m] = 0$ for all $|m| > k$?

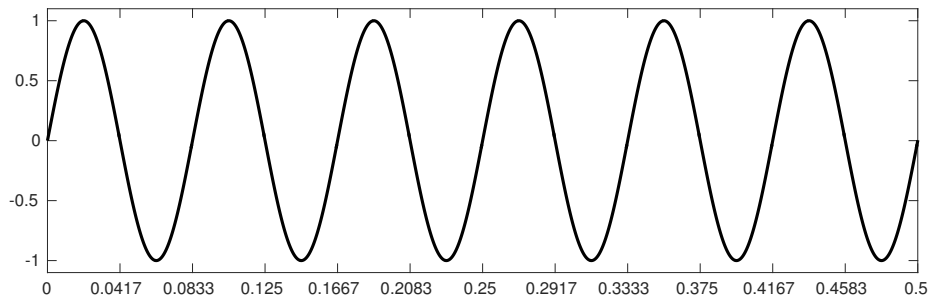
2. The wagon wheel effect

Suppose that we are recording a video of a wheel spinning. Our video camera captures an image of the wheel at a rate of 24 frames per second. Furthermore, let's assume that the wheel is spinning in the XY plane, and the camera is pointed down the Z axis such that it is looking at the wheel straight on. The wheel has a radius of 1 unit, and each image of the wheel is centered such that it can be represented as a plot of the unit circle about the origin of the XY plane.

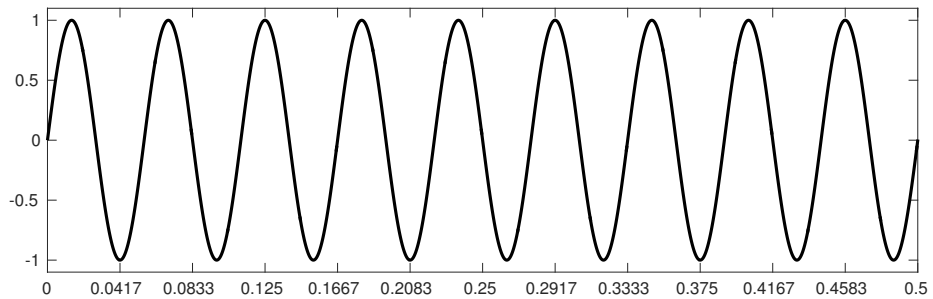
- (a) We want to track the y position of a point on the wheel through time based on what we see in the recorded video. The point starts at $(1,0)$ at time $t = 0$. The wheel spins counter clockwise from the perspective of the camera at a rate of 4 revolutions per second, and the y position of the point is given by $y(t) = \sin(8\pi t)$. Indicate on the plot below where we will sample the y position of the point from $t = 0$ to $t = 1/2$.



- (b) What does this sampled signal look like in the frequency domain when we apply the DFT on the points we sampled from time $0 \leq t < 1/2$?
- (c) Now, suppose that the wheel spins at 12 revolutions per second. Indicate on the plot where we will sample the y position of the point.



- (d) What does the sampled signal look like now in the frequency domain when we apply the DFT on the points we sampled from time $0 \leq t < 1/2$?
- (e) Now, let's spin the wheel at 18 revolutions per second. Indicate where the y position is sampled.



- (f) What does the sampled signal look like in the frequency domain now?
- (g) How many frames per second would our camera need to record the wheel spinning at a rate of n revolutions per second so that we can accurately represent the y position of the point on the wheel over time in the frequency domain?