

Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

$$\vec{x} = U \vec{X}$$

time domain

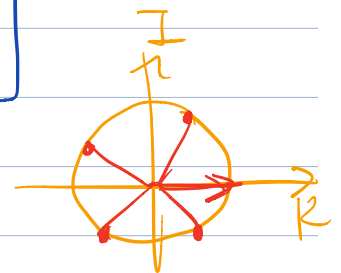
frequency domain

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} w^0 & w^0 & \dots & w^0 \\ w^1 & w^1 & w^2 & \dots & w^{N-1} \\ \vdots & w^2 & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w^0 & w^{N-1} & \dots & w^{(N-1)(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

N : # samples

$$w = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$$

N^{th} root of unity



k^{th} column of U :

$$\begin{bmatrix} w^{0 \cdot k} \\ w^{1 \cdot k} \\ w^{2 \cdot k} \\ \vdots \\ w^{(N-1)k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} (w^k)^0 \\ ()^1 \\ ()^2 \\ \vdots \\ ()^{N-1} \end{matrix}$$

- ① All columns are unit norm
- ② All columns are orthonormal

1. DFT

In order to get practice with calculating the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT), this problem will have you calculate the DFT for a few variations on a cosine signal.

Consider a sampled signal that is a function of discrete time $x[t]$. We can represent it as a vector of discrete samples over time \vec{x} , of length N .

$$\vec{x} = [x[0] \quad \dots \quad x[N-1]]^T \quad (1)$$

Let $\vec{X} = [X[0] \quad \dots \quad X[N-1]]^T$ be the signal \vec{x} represented in the frequency domain, then

$$\vec{x} = U\vec{X} \quad (2)$$

and the inverse operation is given by

$$\vec{X} = U^{-1}\vec{x} = U^*\vec{x} \quad (3)$$

where the columns of U are the orthonormal DFT basis vectors.

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}} & e^{j\frac{2\pi(2)}{N}} & \dots & e^{j\frac{2\pi(N-1)}{N}} \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi(2)}{N}} & e^{j\frac{2\pi(4)}{N}} & \dots & e^{j\frac{2\pi 2(N-1)}{N}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi(N-1)}{N}} & e^{j\frac{2\pi 2(N-1)}{N}} & \dots & e^{j\frac{2\pi(N-1)(N-1)}{N}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_N^1 & \omega_N^2 & \dots & \omega_N^{(N-1)} \\ 1 & \omega_N^2 & \omega_N^{2 \cdot 2} & \dots & \omega_N^{(N-1) \cdot 2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega_N^{N-1} & \omega_N^{2(N-1)} & \dots & \omega_N^{(N-1)(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

where $\omega_N = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$ is the N th primitive root of unity.

We sometimes call the components of \vec{X} the *DFT coefficients* of the time-domain signal \vec{x} . We can think of the components of \vec{X} as weights that represent \vec{x} in the DFT basis.

- (a) Let's begin by looking at the DFT of $x_1[n] = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}n\right)$ for $N = 5$ samples $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, 4\}$. Compute the DFT basis matrix U .

$$N=5 \quad \omega_5 = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{4\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{6\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{8\pi}{5}} \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{4\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{8\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{12\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{16\pi}{5}} \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{6\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{12\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{18\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{24\pi}{5}} \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{8\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{16\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{24\pi}{5}} & e^{j\frac{32\pi}{5}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u}_i[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{j\frac{2\pi i}{5}n}$$

(b) Write out \vec{x}_1 in terms of the DFT basis vectors.

$$\vec{x}_1[n] = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}n\right)$$

$$e^{j\frac{8\pi}{5}n} = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{5}n}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}n\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} + e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\vec{u}_1[n] + \vec{u}_4[n] \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{j\frac{8\pi}{5}n} \\ &= e^{j\left(\frac{8\pi}{5}n - 2\pi n\right)} \\ &= e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{x}_1 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \vec{u}_1 + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \vec{u}_4$$

(c) Find the DFT coefficients $X_1[k]$.

$$\vec{x}_1 = U \vec{X}_1$$

$$U^* U = I$$

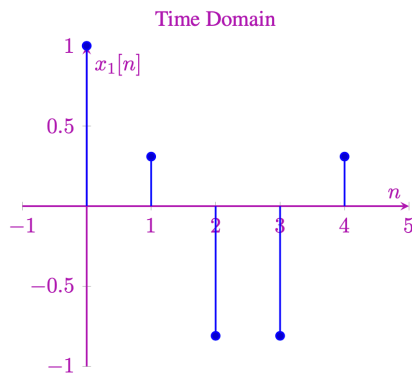
$$U^* \vec{x}_1 = \vec{X}_1$$

$$\vec{X}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\vec{u}_0^* & - \\ -\vec{u}_1^* & - \\ -\vec{u}_2^* & - \\ -\vec{u}_3^* & - \\ -\vec{u}_4^* & - \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} (\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_4) \right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{matrix} \vec{u}_0^* \\ \vec{u}_1^* \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} (\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_4) \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} (\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_4) \end{matrix}$$

(d) Plot the time domain representation of $x_1[n]$. Plot the magnitude, $|X_1[k]|$, and plot the phase, $\angle X_1[k]$, for the DFT representation \vec{X}_1 .

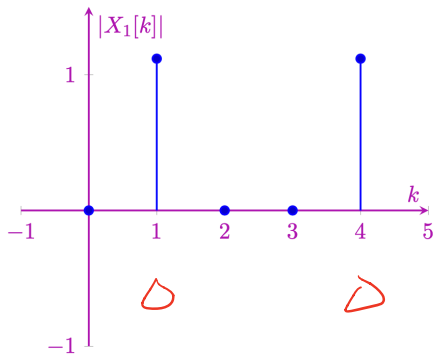
$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}n\right)$
 $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$



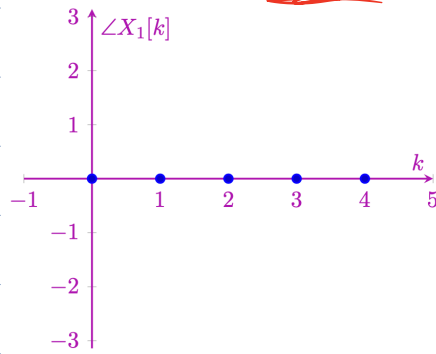
* the phase of negative real numbers is π (or $-\pi$) and phase = 0 for positive real numbers

A diagram of the complex plane with a horizontal real axis (R) and a vertical imaginary axis (I). A blue vector is drawn in the first quadrant, making an angle θ with the positive real axis. Several blue dots are plotted on the real axis, representing the real parts of the DFT coefficients.

Frequency Domain Magnitude



Frequency Domain Phase



- (e) Now let's consider the case where we have a non-zero phase. Let $x_2[n] = \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{5}n + \pi\right)$. Find the DFT coefficients \vec{X}_2 for \vec{x}_2 . $N=5$

$$\cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{5}n + \pi\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j\frac{4\pi}{5}n} e^{j\pi} + e^{-j\frac{4\pi}{5}n} e^{-j\pi} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{j\frac{4\pi}{5}n} e^{j\pi} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{-j\frac{4\pi}{5}n} e^{-j\pi} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\vec{u}_2[n] e^{j\pi} + \vec{u}_3[n] e^{-j\pi} \right)$$

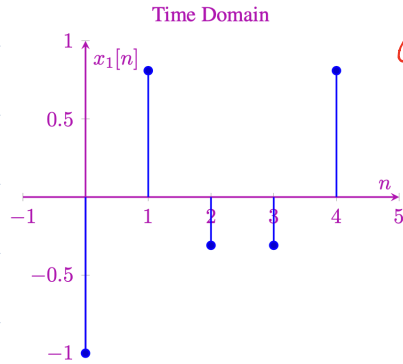
$$\vec{x}_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{j\pi} \vec{u}_2 + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{-j\pi} \vec{u}_3$$

$$\vec{X}_2 = \mathbf{U}^* \vec{x}_2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\vec{u}_0^* & - \\ -\vec{u}_1^* & - \\ -\vec{u}_2^* & - \\ -\vec{u}_3^* & - \\ -\vec{u}_4^* & - \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{j\pi} \vec{u}_2 + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{-j\pi} \vec{u}_3 \right)$$

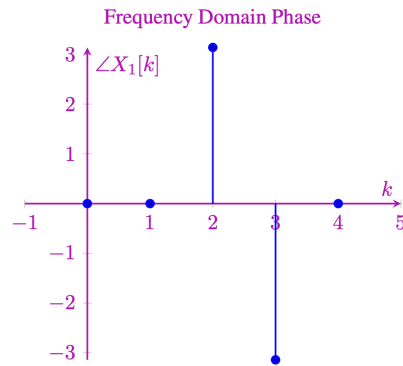
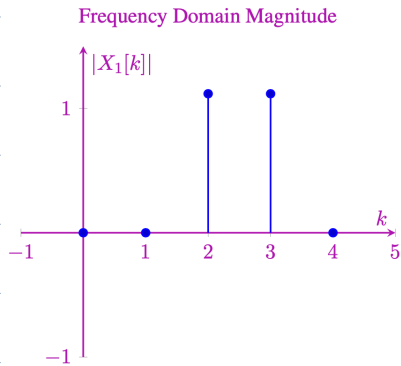
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{j\pi} \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{-j\pi} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (f) Plot the time domain representation of $x_2[n]$. Plot the magnitude, $|X_2[k]|$, and plot the phase, $\angle X_2[k]$, for the DFT representation \vec{X}_2 .



$$\cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{5}n + \pi\right)$$

$$n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$$



(g) Now let's look at the reverse direction. Given $\vec{X}_3 = [2 \ e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} \ 0 \ 0 \ e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}}]^T$, find $x_3[n]$.

$$\vec{x}_3 = U \vec{X}_3$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ \vec{u}_0 & \dots & \vec{u}_4 \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2\vec{u}_0 + e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}}\vec{u}_1 + e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}}\vec{u}_4$$

$$\vec{x}_3[n] = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot 4n}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{5}n}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}n - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$