

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.

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}} & e^{j\frac{2\pi(2)}{N}} & \dots & e^{j\frac{2\pi(N-1)}{N}} \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi(2)}{N}} & e^{j\frac{2\pi(4)}{N}} & \dots & e^{j\frac{2\pi 2(N-1)}{N}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & e^{j\frac{2\pi(N-1)}{N}} & e^{j\frac{2\pi 2(N-1)}{N}} & \dots & e^{j\frac{2\pi(N-1)(N-1)}{N}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega_N^1 & \omega_N^2 & \dots & \omega_N^{(N-1)} \\ 1 & \omega_N^2 & \omega_N^{2 \cdot 2} & \dots & \omega_N^{(N-1)2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega_N^{N-1} & \omega_N^{2(N-1)} & \dots & \omega_N^{(N-1)(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

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 .

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

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

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

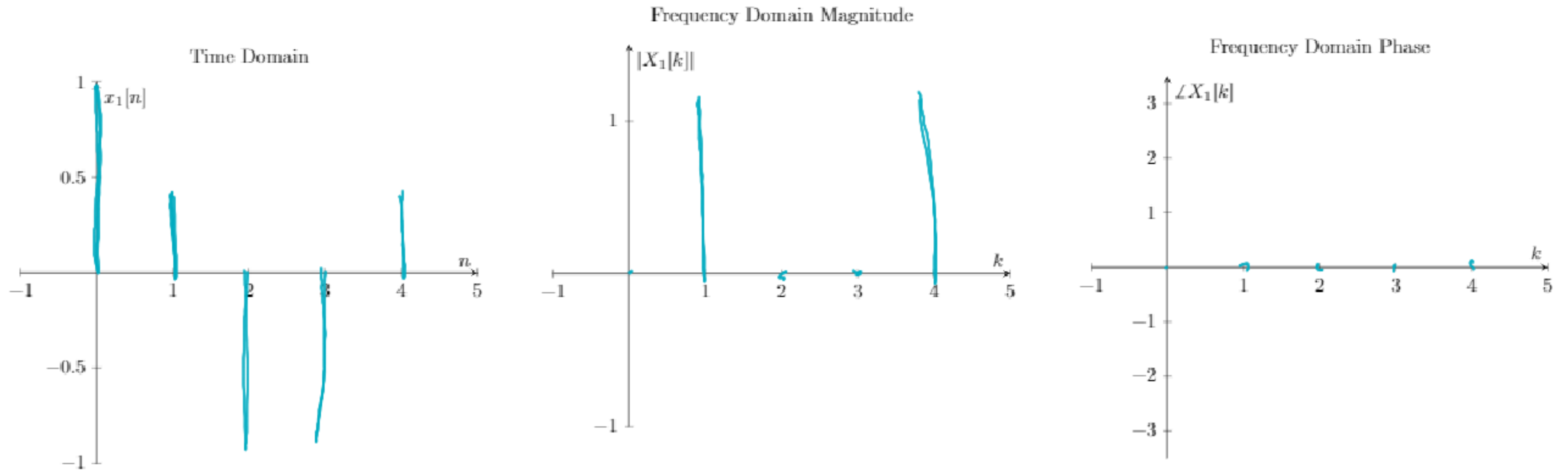
$$\begin{aligned}x_1[n] &= \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}n\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} + e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} + e^{j\frac{8\pi}{5}n} \right) \\&= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{j\frac{2\pi}{5}n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{j\frac{8\pi}{5}n} \right) \\&= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\vec{u}_1[n] + \vec{u}_4[n] \right)\end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{X}_1 &= U^T \underline{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} u_1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} u_2 \right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

(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 .



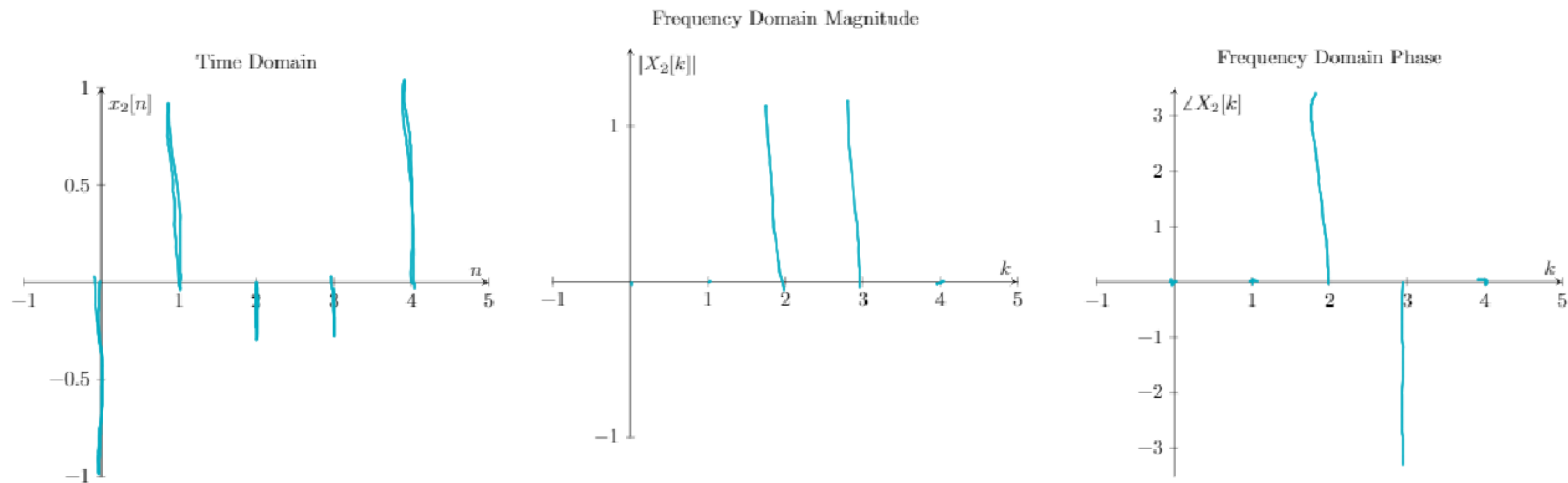
(e) Now let's consider the case where we have a non-zero phase. Let $x_2[n] = \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{5}n + \pi\right)$. Find the DFT coefficients \vec{X}_2 for \vec{x}_2 .

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{5}n + \pi\right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j\frac{4\pi}{5}n} e^{j\pi} + e^{-j\frac{4\pi}{5}n} e^{-j\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{j\frac{4\pi}{5}n} e^{j\pi} + e^{\frac{6\pi}{5}n} e^{-j\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{j\frac{4\pi}{5}n} e^{j\pi} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} e^{\frac{6\pi}{5}n} e^{-j\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(u_2[n] e^{j\pi} + u_3[n] e^{-j\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{j\pi} u_2[n] + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{-j\pi} u_3[n] \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\vec{X}_2 = U^H \vec{x}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{j\pi} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} e^{-j\pi} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (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 .



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

$$\vec{x}_3 = U \vec{X}_3 = [u_0 \dots u_n] \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 2u_0 + e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}}u_1 + e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}}u_4$$

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

$$\frac{8\pi}{5} - \frac{10\pi}{5} = -\frac{2\pi}{5}$$

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

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