

# Discrete Fourier transform

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- ▶ Discrete complex exponential of **discrete frequency  $k$**  and **duration  $N$**

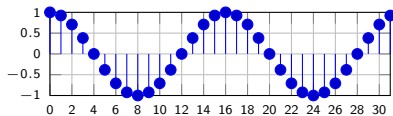
$$e_{kN}(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j2\pi kn/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \exp(j2\pi kn/N)$$

- ▶ The complex exponential is explicitly given by

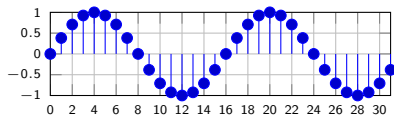
$$e^{j2\pi kn/N} = \cos(2\pi kn/N) + j \sin(2\pi kn/N)$$

- ▶ Real part is a discrete cosine and imaginary part a discrete sine

$\text{Re}(e^{j2\pi kn/N})$ , with  $k = 2$  and  $N = 32$



$\text{Im}(e^{j2\pi kn/N})$ , with  $k = 2$  and  $N = 32$



## Theorem

If  $k - l = N$  the signals  $e_{kN}(n)$  and  $e_{lN}(n)$  coincide for all  $n$ , i.e.,

$$e_{kN}(n) = \frac{e^{j2\pi kn/N}}{\sqrt{N}} = \frac{e^{j2\pi ln/N}}{\sqrt{N}} = e_{lN}(n)$$

- ▶ Exponentials with frequencies  $k$  and  $l$  are equivalent if  $k - l = N$

## Theorem

*Complex exponentials with nonequivalent frequencies are orthogonal. I.e.*

$$\langle e_{kN}, e_{lN} \rangle = 0$$

*when  $k - l < N$ . E.g., when  $k = 0, \dots, N - 1$ , or  $k = -N/2 + 1, \dots, N/2$ .*

- ▶ Signals of canonical sets are “unrelated.” Different rates of change
- ▶ Also note that the energy is  $\|e_{kN}\|^2 = \langle e_{kN}, e_{kN} \rangle = 1$
- ▶ Exponentials with frequencies  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$  are orthonormal

$$\langle e_{kN}, e_{lN} \rangle = \delta(l - k)$$

- ▶ They are an **orthonormal basis** of signal space with  $N$  samples

## Theorem

Opposite frequencies  $k$  and  $-k$  yield conjugate signals:  $e_{-kN} = e_{kN}^*(n)$

## Proof.

- ▶ Just use the definitions to write the chain of equalities

$$e_{-kN}(n) = \frac{e^{j2\pi(-k)n/N}}{\sqrt{N}} = \frac{e^{-j2\pi kn/N}}{\sqrt{N}} = \left[ \frac{e^{j2\pi kn/N}}{\sqrt{N}} \right]^* = e_{kN}^*(n) \quad \square$$

- ▶ Opposite frequencies  $\Rightarrow$  Same real part. Opposite imaginary part  
 $\Rightarrow$  The cosine is the same, the sine changes sign

- ▶ Of the  $N$  canonical frequencies, only  $N/2 + 1$  are distinct.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0, & 1, & \dots, & N/2 - 1 & N/2 \\
 & -1, & \dots, & -N/2 + 1 & \\
 & N - 1, & \dots, & N/2 + 1 & 
 \end{array}$$

- ▶ Frequencies 0 and  $N/2$  have no counterpart. Others have conjugates
- ▶ Canonical set  $-N/2 + 1, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, N/2$  easier to interpret
- ▶ Reasonable  $\Rightarrow$  Can't have more than  $N/2$  oscillations in  $N$  samples
- ▶ With sampling frequency  $f_s$  and signal duration  $T = NT_s = N/f_s$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  Discrete frequency  $k \Rightarrow$  frequency  $f_0 = \frac{k}{T} = \frac{k}{NT_s} = \frac{k}{N}f_s$
- ▶ Frequencies from 0 to  $N/2 \leftrightarrow f_s/2$  have physical meaning
  - $\Rightarrow$  Negative frequencies are conjugates of the positive frequencies

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- ▶ Signal  $x$  of duration  $N$  with elements  $x(n)$  for  $n = 0, \dots, N - 1$
- ▶  $X$  is the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of  $x$  if for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$X(k) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) \exp(-j2\pi kn/N)$$

- ▶ We write  $X = \mathcal{F}(x)$ . All values of  $X$  depend on all values of  $x$
- ▶ The argument  $k$  of the DFT is referred to as frequency
- ▶ DFT is complex even if signal is real  $\Rightarrow X(k) = X_R(k) + jX_I(k)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  It is customary to focus on magnitude

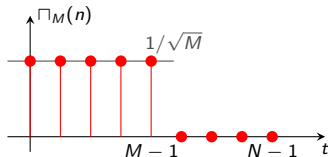
$$|X(k)| = \left[ X_R^2(k) + X_I^2(k) \right]^{1/2} = \left[ X(k)X^*(k) \right]^{1/2}$$

- ▶ Discrete complex exponential (freq.  $k$ )  $\Rightarrow e_{-kN}(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$
- ▶ Can rewrite DFT as  $\Rightarrow X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e_{-kN}(n) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e_{kN}^*(n)$
- ▶ And from the definition of inner product  $\Rightarrow X(k) = \langle x, e_{kN} \rangle$
- ▶ DFT element  $X(k)$   $\Rightarrow$  inner product of  $x(n)$  with  $e_{kN}(n)$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  Projection of  $x(n)$  onto complex exponential of frequency  $k$
  - $\Rightarrow$  How much of the signal  $x$  is an oscillation of frequency  $k$

- ▶ The unit energy square pulse is the signal  $\Pi_M(n)$  that takes values

$$\Pi_M(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \quad \text{if } 0 \leq n < M$$

$$\Pi_M(n) = 0 \quad \text{if } M \leq n$$



- ▶ Since only the first  $M - 1$  elements of  $\Pi_M(n)$  are not null, the DFT is

$$X(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \Pi_M(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{M-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$$

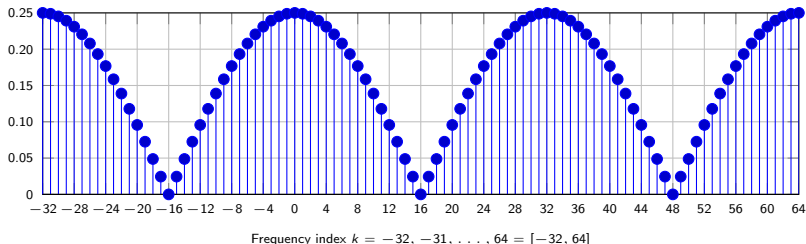
- ▶  $X(k)$  = sum of first  $M$  components of exponential of frequency  $-k$
- ▶ Can reduce to simpler expression but who cares?  $\Rightarrow$  It's just a sum

- ▶ Square pulse of length  $M = 2$  and overall signal duration  $N = 32$

$$X(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N}} \left( 1 + e^{-j2\pi k/N} \right)$$

- ▶ E.g.,  $X(k) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2N}}$  at  $k = 0, \pm N, \dots$  and  $X(k) = 0$  at  $k = 0, \pm 3N/2, \dots$

Modulus  $|X(k)|$  of the DFT of square pulse, duration  $N = 32$ , pulse length  $M = 2$



- ▶ This DFT is **periodic with period  $N$**   $\Rightarrow$  true in general

- ▶ Consider frequencies  $k$  and  $k + N$ . The DFT at  $k + N$  is

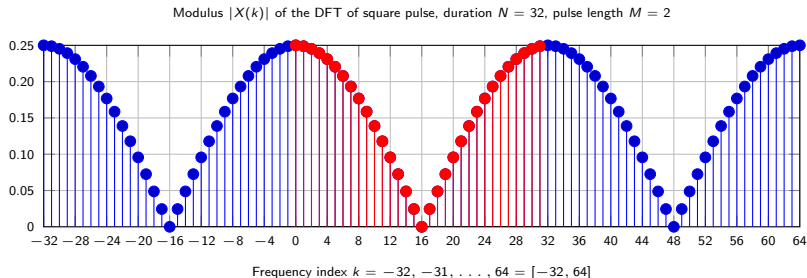
$$X(k + N) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi(k+N)n/N}$$

- ▶ Complex exponentials of freqs.  $k$  and  $k + N$  are equivalent. Then

$$X(k + N) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = X(k)$$

- ▶ DFT values  $N$  apart are equivalent  $\Rightarrow$  DFT has period  $N$
- ▶ Suffices to look at  $N$  consecutive frequencies  $\Rightarrow$  canonical sets
  - $\Rightarrow$  Computation  $\Rightarrow k \in [0, N - 1]$
  - $\Rightarrow$  Interpretation  $\Rightarrow k \in [-N/2, N/2]$  (actually,  $N + 1$  freqs.)
  - $\Rightarrow$  Related by chop and shift  $\Rightarrow [-N/2, -1] \sim [N/2, N - 1]$

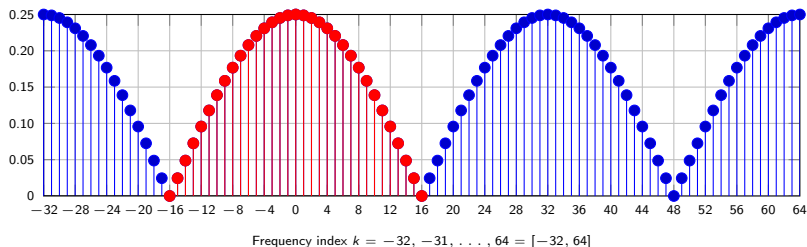
- ▶ DFT of the square pulse highlighting frequencies  $k \in [0, N - 1]$



- ▶ Frequencies larger than  $N/2$  have no clear physical meaning

- ▶ DFT of the square pulse highlighting frequencies  $k \in [-N/2, N/2]$
- ▶ Negative freq.  $-k$  has the same interpretation as positive freq.  $k$
- ▶ One redundant element  $\Rightarrow X(-N/2) = X(N/2)$ . Just convenient

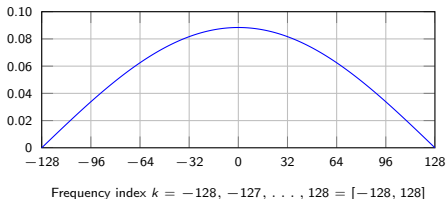
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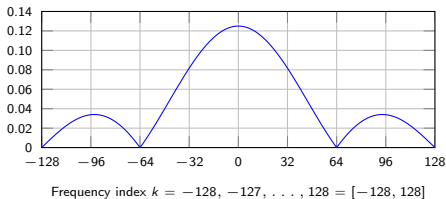
- ▶ Obtain frequencies  $k \in [-N/2, -1]$  from frequencies  $[N/2, N - 1]$

- ▶ The DFT  $X$  gives information on **how fast the signal  $x$  changes**

DFT modulus of square pulse, duration  $N = 256$ , **pulse length  $M = 2$**



DFT modulus of square pulse, duration  $N = 256$ , **pulse length  $M = 4$**

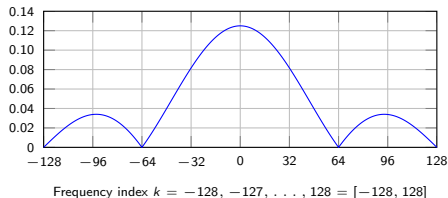


- ▶ For **length  $M = 2$**  have weight at **high frequencies**
- ▶ Length  **$M = 4$**  concentrates weight at **lower frequencies**
- ▶ Pulse of length  **$M = 2$**  **changes more** than a pulse of length  **$M = 4$**

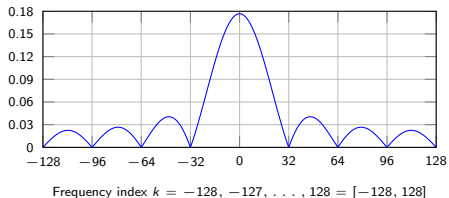


- The **lengthier** the pulse the less it changes  $\Rightarrow$  **DFT concentrates at zero freq.**

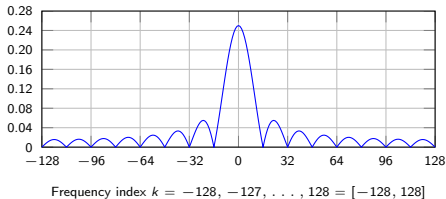
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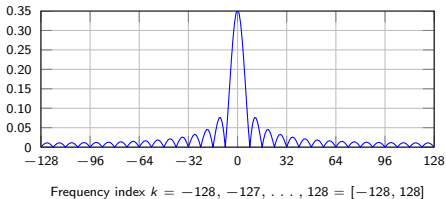
DFT modulus of square pulse, duration  $N = 256$ , **pulse length  $M = 8$**



DFT modulus of square pulse, duration  $N = 256$ , **pulse length  $M = 16$**

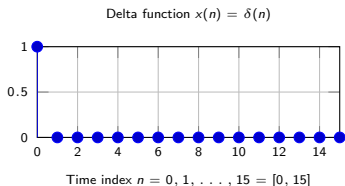


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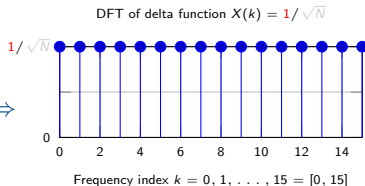


- ▶ The delta function is  $\delta(0) = 1$  and  $\delta(n) = 0$ , else. Then, the DFT is

$$X(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \delta(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \delta(0) e^{-j2\pi k0/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$



DFT  
 $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow$



- ▶ Only the  $N$  values  $k \in [0, 15]$  shown. DFT defined for all  $k$  but periodic
- ▶ Observe that the **energy is conserved**  $\|X\|^2 = \|\delta\|^2 = 1$

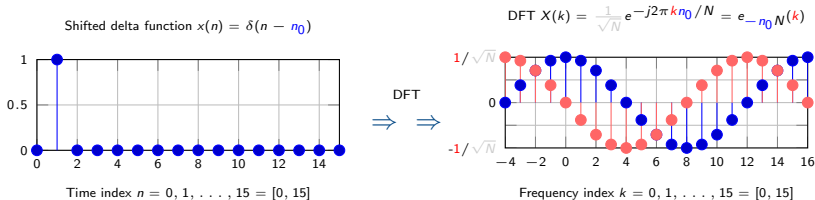
- ▶ For shifted delta  $\delta(n_0 - n_0) = 1$  and  $\delta(n - n_0) = 0$  otherwise. Thus

$$X(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \delta(n - n_0) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \delta(n_0 - n_0) e^{-j2\pi kn_0/N}$$

- ▶ Of course  $\delta(n_0 - n_0) = \delta(0) = 1$ , implying that

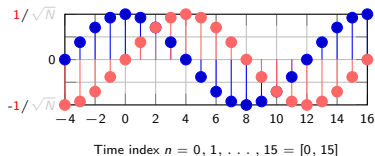
$$X(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-j2\pi kn_0/N} = e_{-n_0 N}(k)$$

- ▶ **Complex exponential of frequency  $-n_0$**  (below,  $N = 16$  and  $n_0 = 1$ )

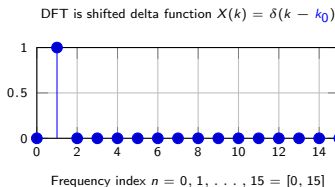


- ▶ Complex exponential of freq.  $k_0 \Rightarrow x(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j2\pi k_0 n/N} = e_{k_0 N}(n)$
- ▶ Use inner product form of DFT definition  $\Rightarrow X(k) = \langle e_{k_0 N}, e_{k N} \rangle$
- ▶ Orthonormality of complex exponentials  $\Rightarrow \langle e_{k_0 N}, e_{k N} \rangle = \delta(k - k_0)$

Complex exponential  $x(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j2\pi k_0 n/N} = e_{k_0 N}(n)$

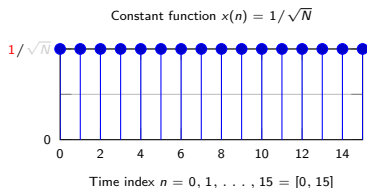


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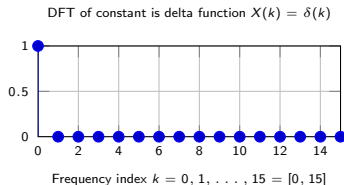


- ▶ DFT of exponential  $e_{k_0 N}(n)$  is shifted delta  $X(k) = \delta(k - k_0)$

- ▶ Constant function  $x(n) = 1/\sqrt{N}$  (it has unit energy) and  $k = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Complex exponential with frequency  $k_0 = 0 \Rightarrow x(n) = e_{0N}$
- ▶ Use inner product form of DFT definition  $\Rightarrow X(k) = \langle e_{0N}, e_{kN} \rangle$
- ▶ Complex exponential orthonormality  $\Rightarrow \langle e_{0N}, e_{kN} \rangle = \delta(k - 0) = \delta(k)$



DFT  
 $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow$



- ▶ DFT of constant  $x(n) = 1/\sqrt{N}$  is delta function  $X(k) = \delta(k)$

- ▶ **DFT of a signal captures its rate of change**
- ▶ Signals that change faster have more DFT weight at high frequencies
  
- ▶ **DFT conserves energy** (all have unit energy in our examples)
- ▶ Energy of DFT  $X = \mathcal{F}(x)$  is the same as energy of the signal  $x$
- ▶ Indeed, an important property we will show
  
- ▶ **Duality of signal - transform pairs** (signals and DFTs come in pairs)
- ▶ DFT of delta is a constant. DFT of constant is a delta
- ▶ DFT of exponential is shifted delta. DFT of shifted delta is exponential
- ▶ Indeed, a fact that follows from the form of the inverse DFT

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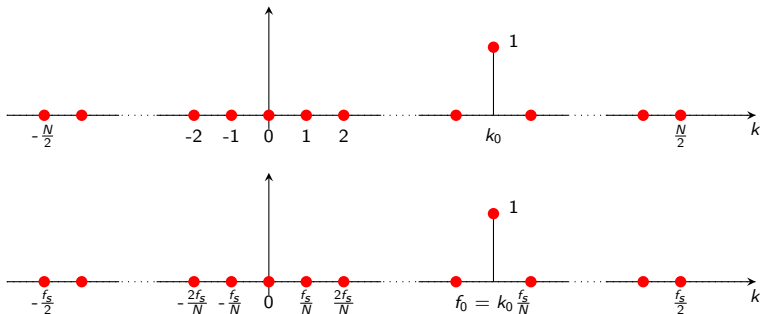
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Properties of the DFT

- ▶ Sampling time  $T_s$ , sampling frequency  $f_s$ , signal duration  $T = NT_s$
- ▶ Discrete frequency  $k \Rightarrow k$  oscillations in time  $NT_s =$  Period  $NT_s/k$
- ▶ Discrete frequency  $k$  equivalent to real frequency  $f_k = \frac{k}{NT_s} = k \frac{f_s}{N}$
- ▶ In particular,  $k = N/2$  equivalent to  $\Rightarrow f_{N/2} = \frac{N/2 f_s}{N} = \frac{f_s}{2}$
- ▶ Set of frequencies  $k \in [-N/2, N/2]$  equivalent to real frequencies ...
  - $\Rightarrow$  That lie between  $-f_s/2$  and  $f_s/2$
  - $\Rightarrow$  Are spaced by  $f_s/N$  (difference between frequencies  $f_k$  and  $f_{k+1}$ )
- ▶ Interval width given by sampling frequency. Resolution given by  $N$



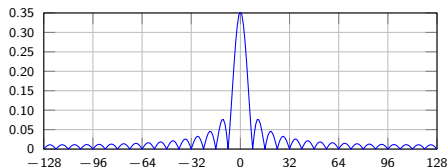
- ▶ Complex exponential of frequency  $f_0 = k_0 f_s / N$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Discrete frequency  $k_0$  and DFT  $\Rightarrow X(k) = \delta(k - k_0)$
- ▶ But frequency  $k_0$  corresponds to frequency  $f_0 \Rightarrow X(f) = \delta(f - f_0)$



- ▶ True only when frequency  $f_0 = (k_0/N)f_s$  is a multiple of  $f_s/N$

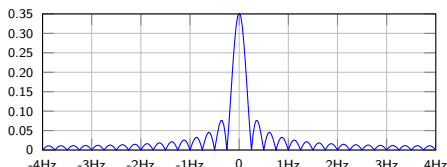
- ▶ Square pulse of length  $T_0 = 4\text{s}$  observed during a total of  $T = 32\text{s}$ .
- ▶ Sampled every  $T_s = 125\text{ms} \Rightarrow$  Sample frequency  $f_s = 8\text{Hz}$
- ▶ Total number of samples  $\Rightarrow N = T/T_s = 256$
- ▶ Maximum frequency  $k = N/2 = 128 \leftrightarrow f_k = f_{N/2} = f_s/2 = 4\text{Hz}$
- ▶ Frequency resolution  $f_s/N = 8\text{Hz}/256 = 0.03125\text{Hz}$

Discrete index, duration  $N = 256$ , pulse length  $M = 32$



Discrete frequency  $k \in [-128, 128]$

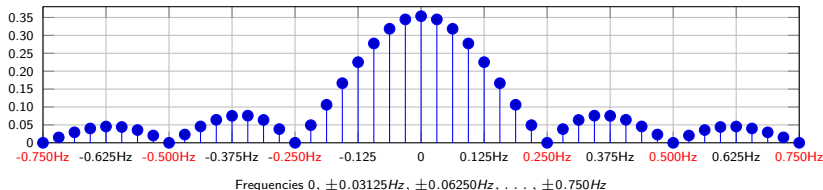
Sampling frequency  $f_s = 8\text{Hz}$ , duration  $T = 32\text{s}$ , length  $T_0 = 4\text{s}$



Frequencies are  $0, \pm f_s/N, \pm 2f_s/N, \dots, \pm f_s/2$

- ▶ Interval between freqs.  $\Rightarrow f_s/N = 8\text{Hz}/256 = 1/32 = 0.03125\text{Hz}$   
 $\Rightarrow 32$  equally spaced freqs for each 1Hz interval = 8 every 0.125 Hz.

Sampling frequency  $f_s = 8\text{Hz}$ , duration  $T = 32\text{s}$ , length  $T = 4\text{s}$



- ▶ Zeros of DFT are at frequencies 0.250Hz, 0.500 Hz, 0.750 Hz, ...  
 $\Rightarrow$  Thus, **zeros** are at frequencies are  $1/T_0, 2/T_0, 3/T_0, \dots$
- ▶ **Most** (a lot) of the DFT **energy** is between freqs.  $-1/T_0$  and  $1/T_0$

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- ▶ Given a Fourier transform  $X$ , the inverse (i)DFT  $x = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(X)$  is

$$x(n) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{j2\pi kn/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) \exp(j2\pi kn/N)$$

- ▶ Same as DFT but for sign in the exponent (also, sum over  $k$ , not  $n$ )
- ▶ Any summation over  $N$  consecutive frequencies works as well. E.g.,

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} X(k) e^{j2\pi kn/N}$$

- ▶ Because for a DFT  $X$  we know that it must be  $X(k+N) = X(k)$

## Theorem

The inverse DFT of the DFT of  $x$  is the signal  $x \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\mathcal{F}(x)] = x$

- ▶ Every signal  $x$  can be written as a sum of complex exponentials

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{j2\pi kn/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} X(k) e^{j2\pi kn/N}$$

- ▶ Coefficient multiplying  $e^{j2\pi kn/N}$  is  $X(k) = k$ th element of DFT of  $x$

$$X(k) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$$

Proof.

- ▶ Let  $X = \mathcal{F}(x)$  be the DFT of  $x$ . Let  $\tilde{x} = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(X)$  be the iDFT of  $X$ .  
⇒ We want to show that  $\tilde{x} \equiv x$

- ▶ From the definition of the iDFT of  $X \Rightarrow \tilde{x}(\tilde{n}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{j2\pi k\tilde{n}/N}$

- ▶ From the definition of the DFT of  $x \Rightarrow X(k) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$

- ▶ Substituting expression for  $X(k)$  into expression for  $\tilde{x}(\tilde{n})$  yields

$$\tilde{x}(\tilde{n}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \right] e^{j2\pi k\tilde{n}/N}$$

Proof.

- ▶ Exchange summation order to sum first over  $k$  and then over  $n$

$$\tilde{x}(\tilde{n}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j2\pi k\tilde{n}/N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \right]$$

- ▶ Pulled  $x(n)$  out because it doesn't depend on  $k$
- ▶ Innermost sum is the inner product between  $e_{\tilde{n}N}$  and  $e_{nN}$ . Orthonormality:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j2\pi k\tilde{n}/N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-j2\pi kn/N} = \delta(\tilde{n} - n)$$

- ▶ Reducing to  $\Rightarrow \tilde{x}(\tilde{n}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) \delta(\tilde{n} - n) = x(\tilde{n})$

- ▶ Last equation is true because only term  $n = \tilde{n}$  is not null in the sum □



- ▶ Discrete complex exponential (freq.  $n$ )  $\Rightarrow e_{nN}(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{j2\pi kn/N}$
- ▶ Rewrite iDFT as  $\Rightarrow x(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e_{nN}(k) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e_{-nN}^*(k)$
- ▶ And from the definition of inner product  $\Rightarrow x(n) = \langle X, e_{nN} \rangle$
- ▶ iDFT element  $X(k)$   $\Rightarrow$  inner product of  $X(k)$  with  $e_{-nN}(k)$
- ▶ Different from DFT, this is **not** the most useful interpretation

▶ Signal as sum of exponentials  $\Rightarrow x(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} X(k) e^{j2\pi kn/N}$

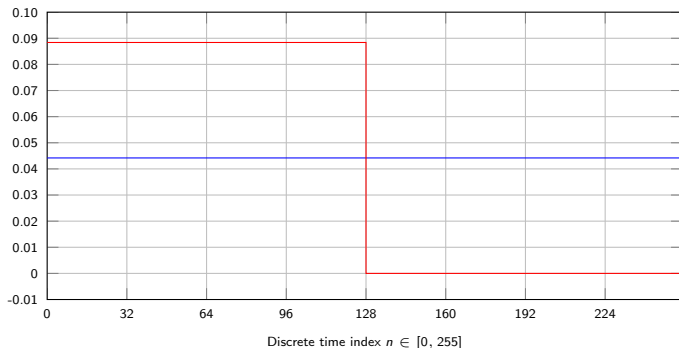
- ▶ Expand the sum inside out from  $k = 0$  to  $k = \pm 1$ , to  $k = \pm 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(n) = & X(0) e^{j2\pi 0n/N} && \text{constant} \\
 & + X(1) e^{j2\pi 1n/N} & + X(-1) e^{-j2\pi 1n/N} & \text{single oscillation} \\
 & + X(2) e^{j2\pi 2n/N} & + X(-2) e^{-j2\pi 2n/N} & \text{double oscillation} \\
 & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 & + X\left(\frac{N}{2} - 1\right) e^{j2\pi\left(\frac{N}{2}-1\right)n/N} & + X\left(-\frac{N}{2} + 1\right) e^{-j2\pi\left(\frac{N}{2}-1\right)n/N} & \left(\frac{N}{2} - 1\right) - \text{oscillation} \\
 & + X\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) e^{j2\pi\left(\frac{N}{2}\right)n/N} & & \frac{N}{2} - \text{oscillation}
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Start with slow variations and **progress on to add faster variations**

- ▶ Consider square pulse of duration  $N = 256$  and length  $M = 128$
- ▶ Reconstruct with frequency  $k = 0$  only (DC component)

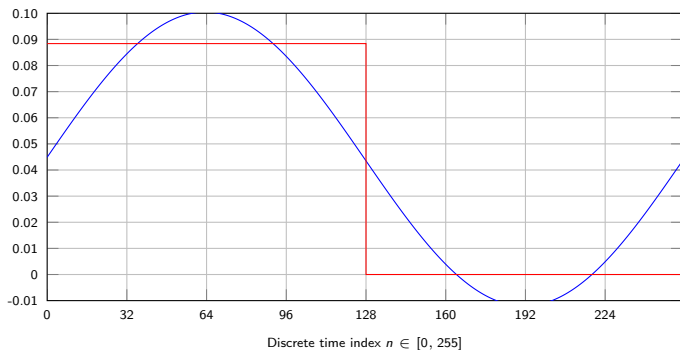
Pulse reconstruction with  $k=0$  frequencies ( $N = 256, M = 128$ )



- ▶ Bound to be not very good  $\Rightarrow$  Just the average signal value

- ▶ Consider square pulse of duration  $N = 256$  and length  $M = 128$
- ▶ Reconstruct with frequencies  $k = 0$ ,  $k = \pm 1$ , and  $k = \pm 2$

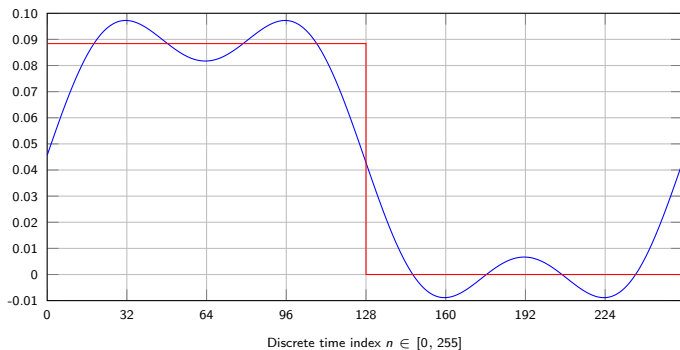
Pulse reconstruction with  $k=2$  frequencies ( $N = 256$ ,  $M = 128$ )



- ▶ Not too bad, sort of looks like a pulse  $\Rightarrow$  only 3 frequencies

- ▶ Consider square pulse of duration  $N = 256$  and length  $M = 128$
- ▶ Reconstruct with frequencies up to  $k = 4$

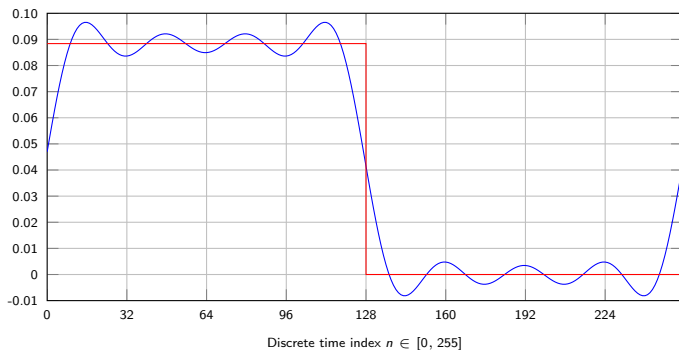
Pulse reconstruction with  $k=4$  frequencies ( $N = 256, M = 128$ )



- ▶ Starts to look like a good approximation

- ▶ Consider square pulse of duration  $N = 256$  and length  $M = 128$
- ▶ Reconstruct with frequencies up to  $k = 8$

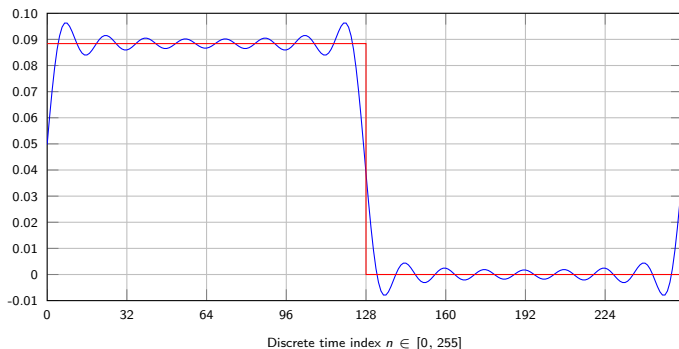
Pulse reconstruction with  $k=8$  frequencies ( $N = 256, M = 128$ )



- ▶ Good approximation of the  $N = 256$  values with 9 DFT coefficients

- ▶ Consider square pulse of duration  $N = 256$  and length  $M = 128$
- ▶ Reconstruct with frequencies up to  $k = 16$

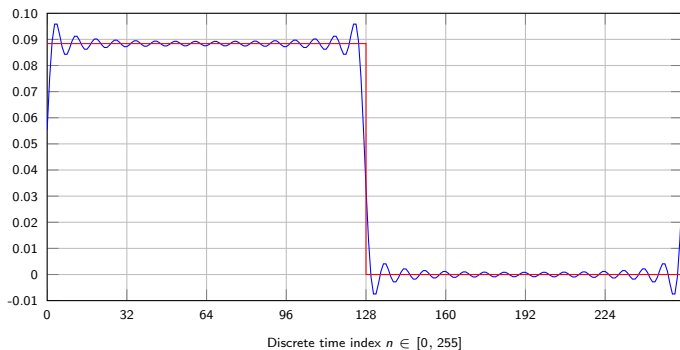
Pulse reconstruction with  $k=16$  frequencies ( $N = 256, M = 128$ )



- ▶ **Compression**  $\Rightarrow$  Store  $k + 1 = 17$  **DFT values** instead of  $N = 128$  samples

- ▶ Consider square pulse of duration  $N = 256$  and length  $M = 128$
- ▶ Reconstruct with frequencies up to  $k = 32$

Pulse reconstruction with  $k=32$  frequencies ( $N = 256, M = 128$ )



- ▶ Can **tradeoff** less **compression** for better signal **accuracy**



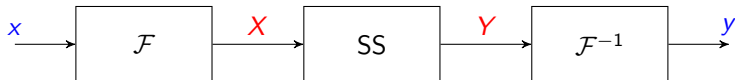
- (1) Start with a signal  $x$  with elements  $x(n)$ . Compute DFT  $X$  as

$$X(k) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$$

- (2) (Re)shape spectrum  $\Rightarrow$  Transform DFT  $X$  into DFT  $Y$

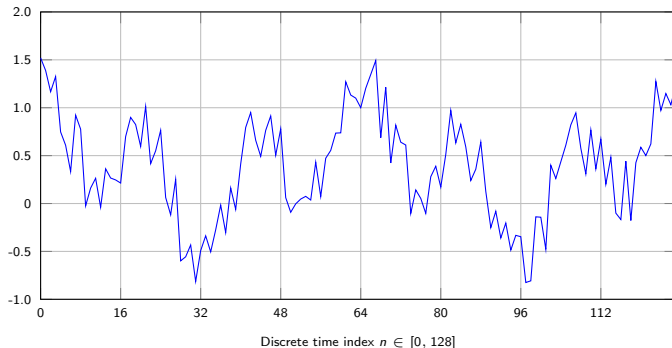
- (3) With DFT  $Y$  available, recover signal  $y$  with inverse DFT

$$y(n) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} Y(k) e^{j2\pi kn/N}$$



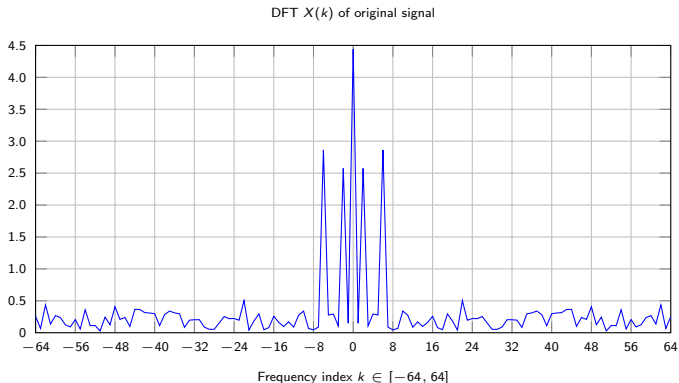
- ▶ An application of spectrum reshaping is to clean a noisy signal
- ▶ Signal with some underlying trend (good) and some noise (bad)

Original signal  $x(n)$ . It moves randomly, but not that much



- ▶ Which is which?  $\Rightarrow$  Not clear  $\Rightarrow$  Let's look at the spectrum (DFT)

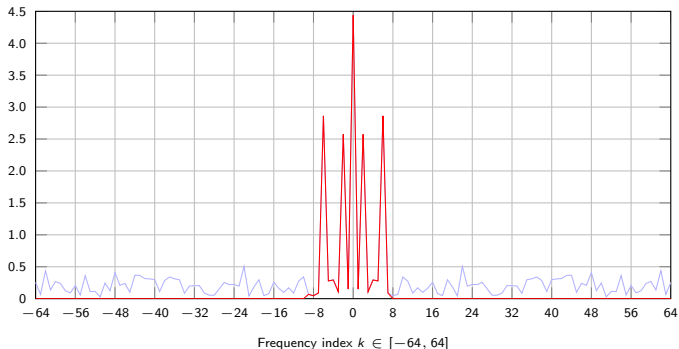
- ▶ An application of spectrum reshaping is to clean a noisy signal
- ▶ Now the trend (spikes) is clearly separated from the noise (the floor)



- ▶ How do we remove the noise?  $\Rightarrow$  Reshape the spectrum

- ▶ An application of spectrum reshaping is to clean a noisy signal
- ▶ Remove freqs. larger than 8  $\Rightarrow Y(k) = 0$  for  $k > 8$ ,  $Y(k) = X(k)$  else

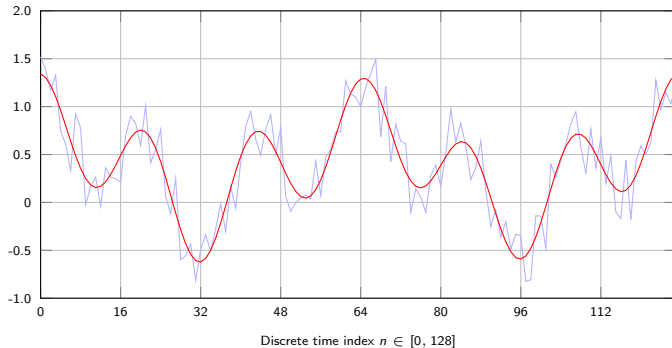
DFT  $Y(k)$  of signal with reshaped spectrum



- ▶ How do we recover the trend?  $\Rightarrow$  Inverse DFT

- ▶ An application of spectrum reshaping is to clean a noisy signal
- ▶ Inverse DFT of reshaped spectrum  $Y(k)$  yields cleaned signal  $y(n)$

Signal  $y(n)$  reconstructed from cleaned spectrum



- ▶ The trend now is clearly visible. Noise has been removed

Discrete complex exponentials

Discrete Fourier transform (DFT), definitions and examples

Units of the DFT

DFT inverse

Properties of the DFT

- ▶ DFTs of real signals (no imaginary part) are **conjugate symmetric**

$$X(-k) = X^*(k)$$

- ▶ Signals of unit energy have transforms of unit energy
- ▶ More generically, the DFT **preserves energy** (Parseval's theorem)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x(n)|^2 = \|x\|^2 = \|X\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |X(k)|^2$$

- ▶ The DFT operator is a **linear** operator

$$\mathcal{F}(ax + by) = a\mathcal{F}(x) + b\mathcal{F}(y)$$

## Theorem

The DFT  $X = \mathcal{F}(x)$  of a *real signal*  $x$  is conjugate symmetric

$$X(-k) = X^*(k)$$

- ▶ Can recover all DFT components from those with freqs.  $k \in [0, N/2]$
- ▶ What about components with freqs.  $k \in [-N/2, -1]$ ?  
⇒ Conjugates of those with freqs  $k \in [0, N/2]$
- ▶ Other elements are equivalent to one in  $[-N/2, N/2]$  (periodicity)



Proof.

- ▶ Write the DFT  $X(-k)$  using its definition

$$X(-k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi(-k)n/N}$$

- ▶ When the signal is real, its conjugate is itself  $\Rightarrow x(n) = x^*(n)$
- ▶ Conjugating a complex exponential  $\Rightarrow$  changing the exponent's sign

- ▶ Can then rewrite  $\Rightarrow X(-k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x^*(n) \left( e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \right)^*$

- ▶ Sum and multiplication can change order with conjugation

$$X(-k) = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \right]^* = X^*(k)$$

□

## Theorem (Parseval)

Let  $X = \mathcal{F}(x)$  be the DFT of signal  $x$ . The energies of  $x$  and  $X$  are the same, i.e.,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |x(n)|^2 = \|x\|^2 = \|X\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |X(k)|^2$$

- ▶ In energy of DFT, any set of consecutive freqs. would do. E.g.,

$$\|X\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |X(k)|^2 = \sum_{k=-N/2+1}^{N/2} |X(k)|^2$$

Proof.

► From the definition of the energy of  $X \Rightarrow \|X\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k)X^*(k)$

► From the definition of the DFT of  $x \Rightarrow X(k) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$

► Substitute expression for  $X(k)$  into one for  $\|X\|^2$  (observe conjugation)

$$\|X\|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\tilde{n}=0}^{N-1} x^*(\tilde{n})e^{+j2\pi k\tilde{n}/N} \right]$$

Proof.

- ▶ Distribute product and exchange order of summations  $\Rightarrow$  sum over  $k$  first

$$\|X\|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{\tilde{n}=0}^{N-1} x(n)x^*(\tilde{n}) \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{+j2\pi k\tilde{n}/N} \right]$$

- ▶ Pulled  $x(n)$  and  $x^*(\tilde{n})$  out because they don't depend on  $k$
- ▶ Innermost sum is the inner product between  $e_{\tilde{n}N}$  and  $e_{nN}$ . Orthonormality:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-j2\pi kn/N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{+j2\pi k\tilde{n}/N} = \langle e_{\tilde{n}N}, e_{nN} \rangle = \delta(\tilde{n} - n)$$

- ▶ Thus  $\Rightarrow \|X\|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{\tilde{n}=0}^{N-1} x(n)x^*(\tilde{n})\delta(\tilde{n} - n) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)x^*(n) = \|x\|^2$
- ▶ True because only terms  $n = \tilde{n}$  are not null in the sum □

## Theorem

*The DFT of a linear combination of signals is the linear combination of the respective DFTs of the individual signals,*

$$\mathcal{F}(ax + by) = a\mathcal{F}(x) + b\mathcal{F}(y).$$

► In particular...

⇒ Adding signals ( $z = x + y$ ) ⇒ Adding DFTs ( $Z = X + Y$ )

⇒ Scaling signals ( $y = ax$ ) ⇒ Scaling DFTs ( $Y = aX$ )

Proof.

- ▶ Let  $Z := \mathcal{F}(ax + by)$ . From the definition of the DFT we have

$$Z(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [ax(n) + by(n)] e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$$

- ▶ Expand the product, reorder terms, identify the DFTs of  $x$  and  $y$

$$Z(k) = \frac{a}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} y(n) e^{-j2\pi kn/N}$$

- ▶ First sum is DFT  $X = \mathcal{F}(x)$ . Second sum is DFT  $Y = \mathcal{F}(y)$

$$Z(k) = aX(k) + bY(k)$$

□

- ▶ DFT of discrete cosine of freq.  $k_0 \Rightarrow x(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \cos(2\pi k_0 n/N)$

- ▶ Can write cosine as a sum of discrete complex exponentials

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{N}} \left[ e^{j2\pi k_0 n/N} + e^{-j2\pi k_0 n/N} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ e_{k_0 N}(n) + e_{-k_0 N}(n) \right]$$

- ▶ From linearity of DFTs  $\Rightarrow X = \mathcal{F}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathcal{F}(e_{k_0 N}) + \mathcal{F}(e_{-k_0 N}) \right]$

- ▶ DFT of complex exponential  $e_{kN}$  is delta function  $\delta(k - k_0)$ . Then

$$X(k) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \delta(k - k_0) + \delta(k + k_0) \right]$$

- ▶ A pair of deltas at positive and negative frequency  $k_0$

▶ DFT of discrete **sine of freq.**  $k_0 \Rightarrow x(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sin(2\pi k_0 n/N)$

▶ Can write sine as a difference of discrete complex exponentials

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{2j\sqrt{N}} \left[ e^{j2\pi k_0 n/N} - e^{-j2\pi k_0 n/N} \right] = \frac{-j}{2} \left[ e_{k_0 N}(n) - e_{-k_0 N}(n) \right]$$

▶ From linearity of DFTs  $\Rightarrow X = \mathcal{F}(x) = \frac{j}{2} \left[ \mathcal{F}(e_{-k_0 N}) - \mathcal{F}(e_{k_0 N}) \right]$

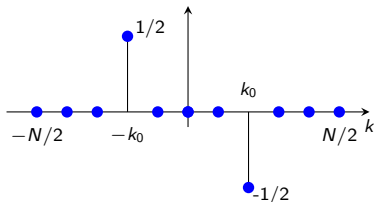
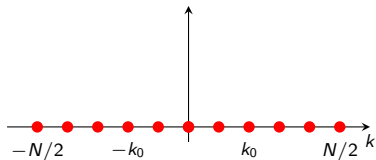
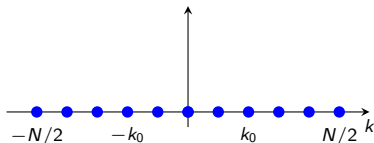
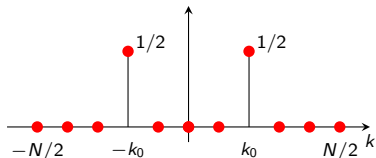
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▶ Pair of **opposite complex** deltas at positive and negative frequency  $k_0$

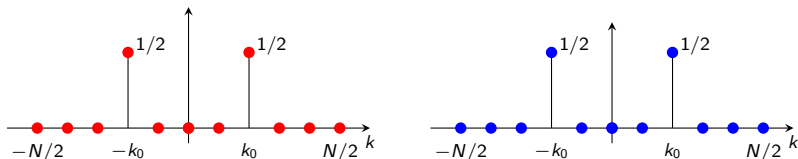


- ▶ **Cosine** has **real** part only (top). **Sine** has **imaginary** part only (bottom)



- ▶ **Cosine** is **symmetric** around  $k = 0$ . **Sine** is **antisymmetric** around  $k = 0$ .

- ▶ Real and imaginary parts are different but the **moduli are the same**



- ▶ Cosine and sine are essentially the same signal (shifted versions)
  - ⇒ The moduli of their DFTs are identical
  - ⇒ Phase difference captured by phase of complex number  $X(\pm k_0)$