

# DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORM (DFT)

Continuous-time Fourier transform:

$$G(f) = F[g(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-j2\pi ft} dt$$

$$g(t) = F^{-1}[G(f)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(f) e^{+j2\pi ft} df$$

Suppose we have N samples  $g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{N-1}$

$$g_n = g(nT_s), \quad n=0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$T_s$  = sample spacing,  $f_s = \frac{1}{T_s}$  = sampling frequency.

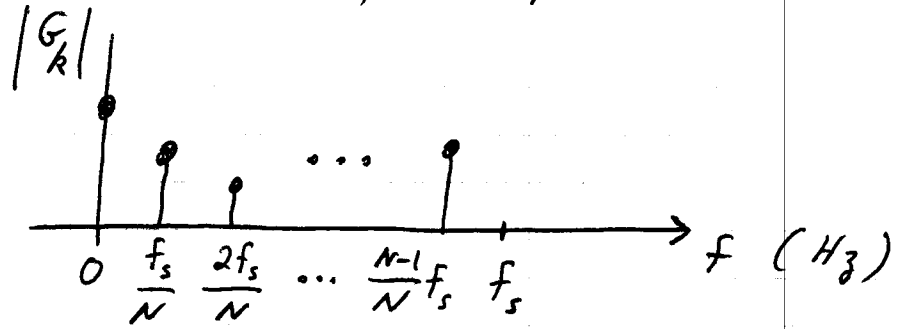
DFT:

$$G_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} g_n e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn}, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

IDFT:

$$g_n = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} G_k e^{+j \frac{2\pi}{N} kn}, \quad n=0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

The  $G_0, G_1, \dots, G_{N-1}$  are samples in the frequency spectrum:



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Spaced by  $\frac{f_s}{N}$

For real  $g_n$ , the DFT is unique only up to  $\frac{1}{2} f_s$ .

To compute the DFT:

$$G_0 = g_0 \cdot 1 + g_1 \cdot 1 + \dots + g_{N-1} \cdot 1$$

$$G_1 = g_0 \cdot 1 + g_1 \cdot e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N}} + \dots + g_{N-1} \cdot e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} (N-1)}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$G_{N-1} = g_0 \cdot 1 + g_1 \cdot e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} (1 \cdot (N-1))} + \dots + g_{N-1} \cdot e^{-j \frac{2\pi}{N} (N-1)^2}$$

How many "multiply and add" operations?

### Fast Fourier Transform (FFT):

A more efficient algorithm to compute the DFT that requires  $\approx N \cdot \log_2 N$  multiply/adds.

**Table 2.3** Savings in complex multiplications and additions when the FFT is used instead of the DFT.

N	DFT		FFT		Ratio of DFT multiplications to FFT multiplications	Ratio of DFT additions to FFT additions
	Number of complex multiplications	Number of complex additions	Number of complex multiplications	Number of complex additions		
2	4	2	1	2	4	1
4	16	12	4	8	4	1.5
8	64	56	12	24	5.3	2.3
16	256	240	32	64	8.0	3.75
32	1024	992	80	160	12.8	6.2
64	4096	4032	192	384	21.3	10.5
128	16384	16256	448	896	36.6	18.1
256	65536	65280	1024	2048	64.0	31.9
512	262144	261632	2304	4608	113.8	56.8
1024	1048576	1047552	5120	10240	204.8	102.3
2048	4194304	4192256	11264	22528	372.4	186.1
4096	16777216	16773120	24576	49152	682.7	341.3
8192	67108864	67100672	53248	106496	1260.3	630.0