

# Discrete Fourier Transform

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## Fourier Transform

- Used for spectral analysis
- Core to filtering (Convolution theorem)
- Core to signal modeling
- The Basic tool of digital signal processing

## LTIs

Eigenfunctions of LTIs?



Are

$$x(n) = e^{jn\omega}, \quad -\infty < n < \infty$$

As:

$$y(n) = h(n) * x(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h(k)x(n-k) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h(k)e^{j\omega(n-k)}$$

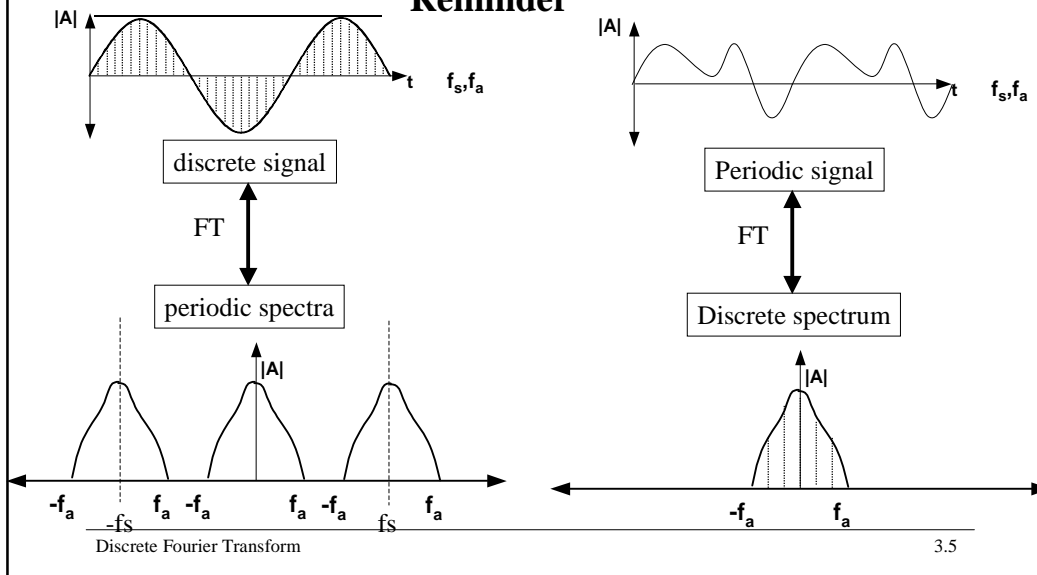
$$= e^{j\omega n} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h(k)e^{-j\omega k} = e^{j\omega n} H(e^{j\omega}) = \lambda e^{j\omega n}$$

$$H(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} h(k)e^{-j\omega k}$$

Discrete Time Fourier Transform

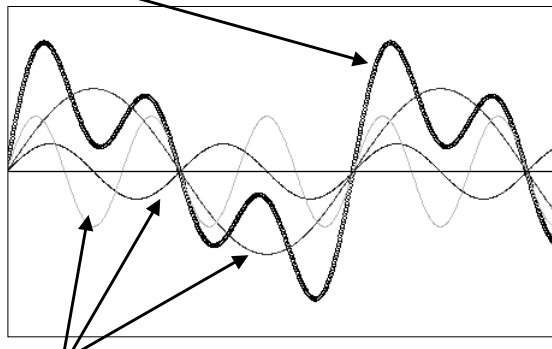
## Discrete Fourier Transform

### Reminder



## Fourier Series Construction

Original Signal  
(Sum of Sinusoidal Components)



Individual Pure Sinusoidal  
Components

## Discrete Fourier Transform

### Discrete Fourier series

Give representation for periodic signals

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(n)e^{jnw_0 t} \quad \text{where} \quad X(n) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{T/2} x(t)e^{-jn\omega_0 t} dt$$

$\omega_0 = 2\pi/T$  where  $T$  is the period of the periodic signal

### Real signal:

Non periodic, *finite length*. We cannot use Fourier Series!

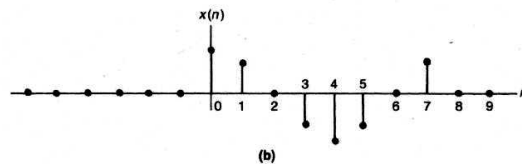
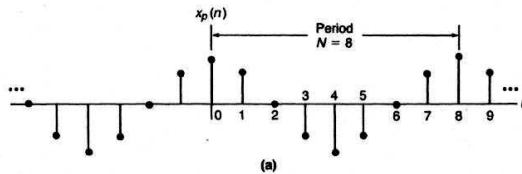


a non-periodic finite sequence can be considered as *one period* of a periodic infinite sequence!

## Discrete Fourier Transform

Example  $x_p(n+kN) = x(n), \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1, \quad -\infty \leq k \leq \infty$

A non-periodic sequence  $x(n)$  and a periodic sequence  $x_p(n)$



$$x(n) = \begin{cases} x_p(n), & 0 \leq n \leq N-1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

## Discrete Fourier Transform

### Discrete Fourier Transform:

Discrete Fourier Series of the periodised signal  $x_p(n)$

Use only one period of the resulting sequence for  $x(n)$

### Definition of the DFT

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_p(n) e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq N-1$$

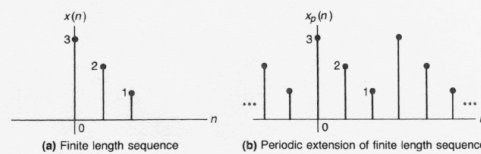
$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq N-1$$

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1 \quad \text{Inverse DFT}$$

## Discrete Fourier Transform

### Example

Sequences used in Example



Calculate the DFT

## Discrete Fourier Transform / Fourier Transform

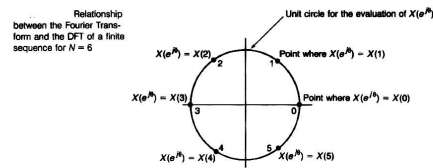
### Discrete Time Fourier Transform

$$X(e^{j\theta}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-jn\theta}$$

### Discrete Fourier Transform

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n) e^{-j\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}\right)n}$$

$$\theta \longrightarrow \frac{2\pi k}{N}$$



## Record length/Frequency resolution/Sampling frequency

$$x_s(k) = x(t) \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t - kT_s) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x(kT_s)$$

$T_s$  is the sampling frequency

$$X(k\Delta f) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(nT) e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}$$

$\Delta f$  is the frequency spacing (resolution) of the DFT coefficients

$$x(nT) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k\Delta f) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}nk}$$

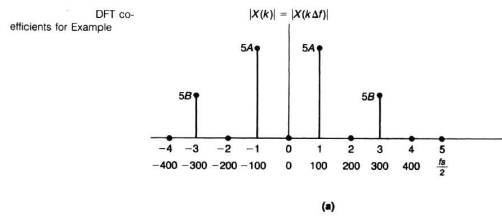
## Record length/Frequency resolution/Sampling frequency

Example:  $x(t) = A \cos(200\pi t) + B \cos(600\pi t)$

Sampled at 1kHz.

Find the period of the resulting sequence  $x(nT)$ , i.e.  $N$

Find the frequency resolution

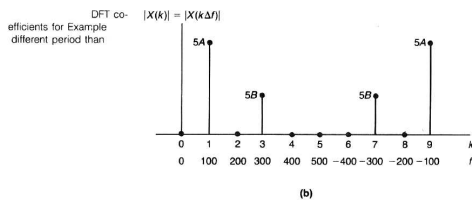


## Record length/Frequency resolution/Sampling frequency

Frequency resolution:  $\Delta f = \frac{f_s}{N} = \frac{1}{T_0}$

$T_0$  : signal duration

*If  $x(nT)$  is made of frequency components spaced by less than  $\Delta f$  Hertz, the DFT will NOT represent them*



Same example but  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 9$

Notice folding around  $k = 5 = f_s/2$

## Record length/Frequency resolution/Sampling frequency

An analogue signal of 200ms length is sampled at 2.5 kHz.

What is the maximum frequency present is aliasing is to be avoided?

What is the frequency resolution of the DFT?

What analogue frequencies are represented by the DFT?

## Record length/Frequency resolution/Sampling frequency

Solution: An analogue signal of 200ms length is sampled at 2.5 kHz.

What is the maximum frequency present is aliasing is to be avoided?

*Nyquist: max frequency =  $f_s/2 = 1.25\text{kHz}$*

What is the frequency resolution of the DFT?

$$\Delta f = \frac{f_s}{N} = \frac{1}{T_0} = \frac{1}{0.2} = 5\text{Hz}$$

What analogue frequencies are represented by the DFT?

0, 5, 10, 15, ..., 1250, -1245, ..., -5 Hz

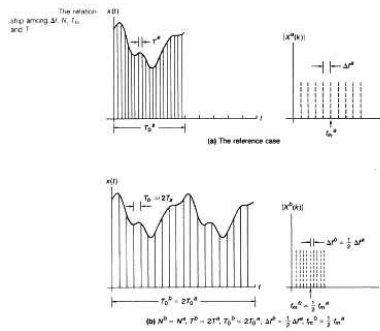


## Examples of applications

Hold  $N$  constant with two sampling periods  $T_a, T_b=2T_a$ .

Effect?

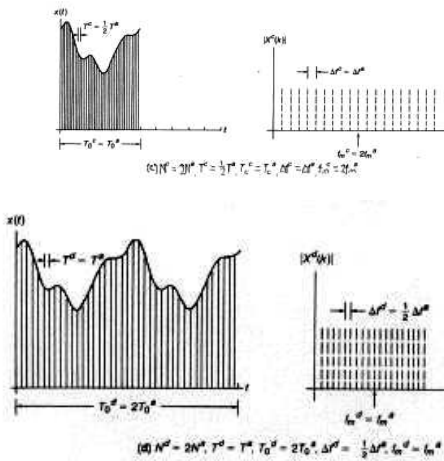
$$\Delta f_a = \frac{1}{T_0} = \frac{1}{NT_a}, \quad \Delta f_b = \frac{1}{T_0} = \frac{1}{NT_b} = \frac{1}{2NT_a} = \frac{\Delta f_a}{2}$$



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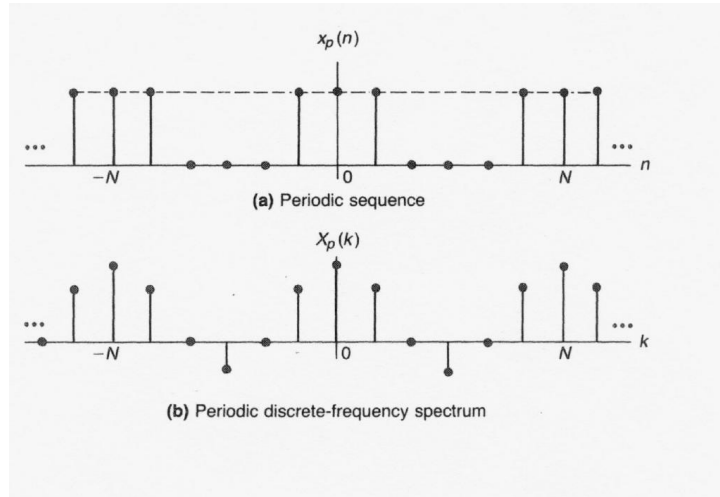
## Examples of applications



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## DFT analysis



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## DFT analysis example

$T_s = 0.01\text{s}$

N	0	1	2	3	4	5
x(n)	5	-1.5	6.5	-3	6.5	-1.5

Frequency content of the sequence?

$$X(k) = \sum_{n=0}^5 x(n) e^{-j\left(\frac{2\pi}{6}\right)nk}$$

Frequency resolution?

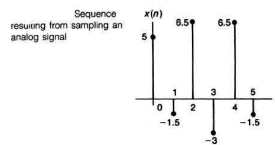
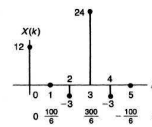


FIGURE 7.23 DFT coefficients of the sequence



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## Properties of the DFT

### Linearity:

$$\text{DFT}[ax_1(n) + bx_2(n)] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [ax_1(n) + bx_2(n)] e^{-j(\frac{2\pi}{N})nk} = aX_1(k) + bX_2(k)$$

### Symmetry

if  $x(n)$  is a sequence of real numbers:

$$\text{Re}[X(k)] = \text{Re}[X(N-k)], \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{N}{2} - 1, \quad N \text{ even}$$

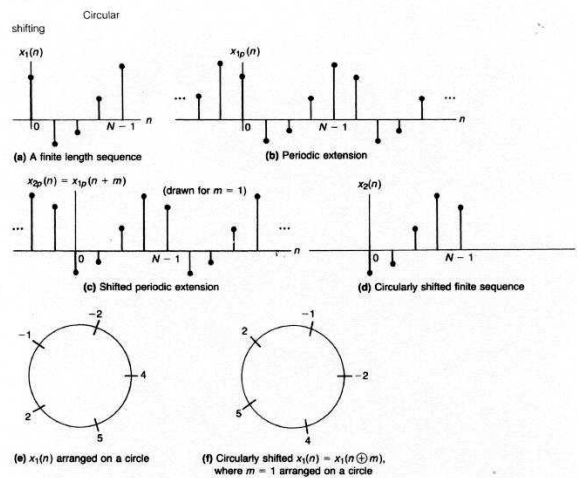
$$\text{Im}[X(k)] = -\text{Im}[X(N-k)], \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{N-1}{2}, \quad N \text{ odd}$$

$$|X(k)| = |X(N-k)|$$

$$\angle X(k) = -\angle X(N-k)$$

## Properties of the DFT

### Circular shift



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$$x_2(n) = x_1(n+m)$$

$$X_2(k) = X_1(k) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}km}$$

### Demonstration

$$x_2(n) = x_1(n+m) = x_1(n) * \delta(n+m)$$

$$X_2(k) = X_1(k) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}km}$$

Direct demonstration left as an exercise

## Properties of the DFT

### Alternate IDFT

$$x(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1$$

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

Duality

$$x(n) \leftrightarrow X(k)$$

$$\frac{1}{N} X(N) \leftrightarrow x(-k) \quad \text{Why } \frac{1}{N} ?$$

PARSEVAL THEOREM

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

## Properties of the DFT

Example:  $x(n) = \cos(2\pi n/N)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$   
 $x(n) = 0$  elsewhere

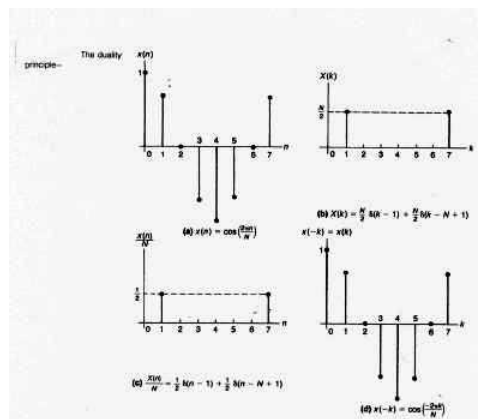
Complete the relationship using the duality principle:

$$x(n) = \cos(2\pi n/N) \leftrightarrow X(k) = ?$$

$$\frac{1}{N} X(n) = ? \leftrightarrow x(-k) = ?$$

## Properties of the DFT

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## Discrete convolution

- Remember: Filtering is a linear convolution!

$$c(n) = x_1(n) * x_2(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(m)x_2(n-m) \quad \text{Discrete Linear convolution}$$

- Infinite signals uncommon!
- Can we do the same with finite, periodic signals?

## Discrete convolution

### Linear Convolution

$$c(n) = x_1(n) * x_2(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(m)x_2(n-m) \quad \text{Linear convolution}$$

### Periodic Convolution

$$X_{1p}(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_{1p}(n) e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$$

$$X_{2p}(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_{2p}(n) e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$$

$$X_{3p}(k) = X_{1p}(k)X_{2p}(k)$$

$$X_{3p}(k) = X_{1p}(k)X_{2p}(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_{1p}(n) x_{2p}(m) e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{N}(n+m)}$$

$$X_{3p}(k) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_{3p}(n) e^{-j\frac{2\pi k}{N}(n)}$$

$$x_{3p}(n) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_{1p}(m)x_{2p}(n-m)$$

Periodic convolution

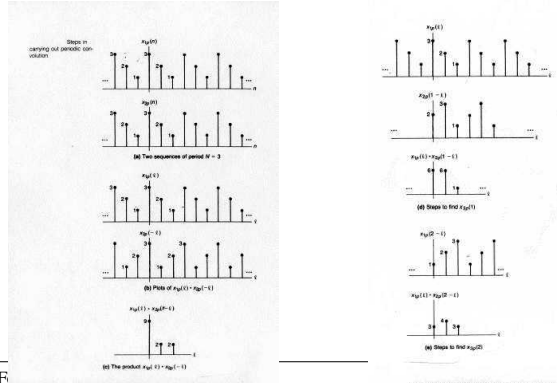
Periodic Convolution: Same as linear convolution but over one period

## Periodic convolution

### Periodic Convolution

$$x_{3p}(n) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_{1p}(m)x_{2p}(n-m) \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{DFT}} \quad X_{3p}(k) = X_{1p}(k)X_{2p}(k)$$

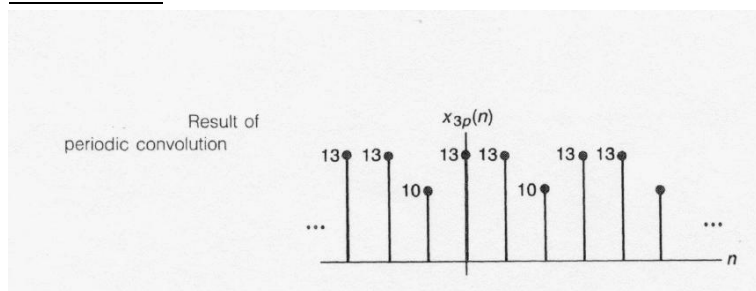
Example: Find the periodic convolution of sequence below



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## Periodic convolution

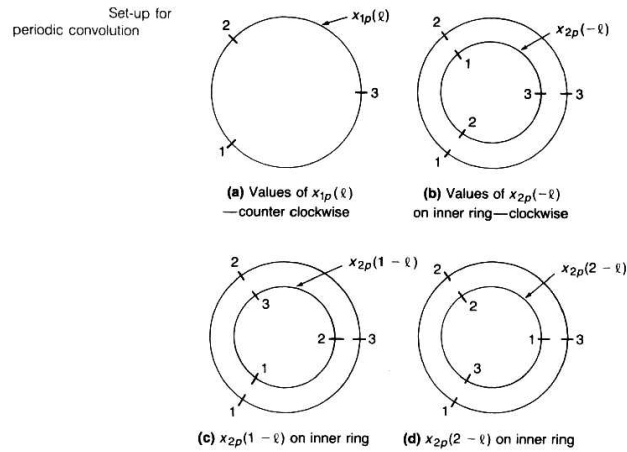
Final result:



A bit tedious?

## Periodic convolution

### Other solution:



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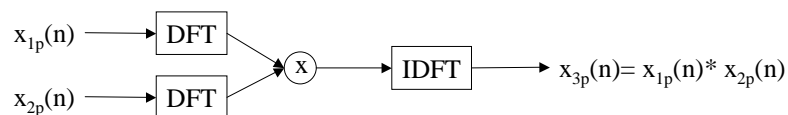
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## Periodic convolution

### Summary:

*Periodic convolution of two sequences can be obtained by:*

- Remaining in the time domain and using the convolution sum directly.
- Moving into the frequency domain using the following scheme:



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## Circular convolution

### New Problem:

*Can we perform linear convolution with finite length signals using DFTs ?*

*If we use DFT, we are dealing with sampled spectrum which implies ... periodic signals!*

*Why not use the sum definition and forget about DFTs?*

## Circular convolution

### A Parte:

Number of points	Direct DFT		Radix 2 FFT		Direct Sum and adds convolution	
	Complex multiplies	Complex additions	Complex multiplies	Complex additions	Complex multiplies	Complex additions
N	$N^2$	$N^2 - N$	$(N/2) \log_2(N)$	$N \log_2(N)$	$2 N^2$	$N^2$
4	16	12	4	8	32	16
16	256	240	32	64	512	256
64	4096	4032	192	384	8192	4096
256	65536	65280	1024	2048	131072	65536
1024	1048576	1047552	5120	10240	2097152	1048576

**DFTs in FFTs form are good for you!**

## Circular convolution

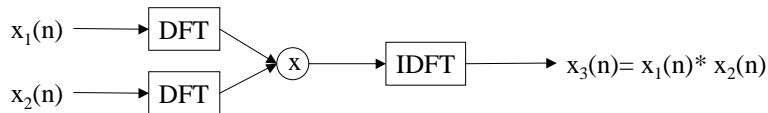
**Definition:**

Consider  $x_1(n]$  and  $x_2(n]$  and  $x_{1p}(n]$  and  $x_{2p}(n]$  their periodic equivalent.

$$x_{3p}(n) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_{1p}(m)x_{2p}(n-m)$$

$$x_3(n) = \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_{1p}(m)x_{2p}(n-m) \right]_{\text{one period}} = x_1(n) * x_2(n) \quad \text{Circular convolution}$$

$$X_{3p}(k) = X_{1p}(k)X_{2p}(k)$$



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## Circular convolution

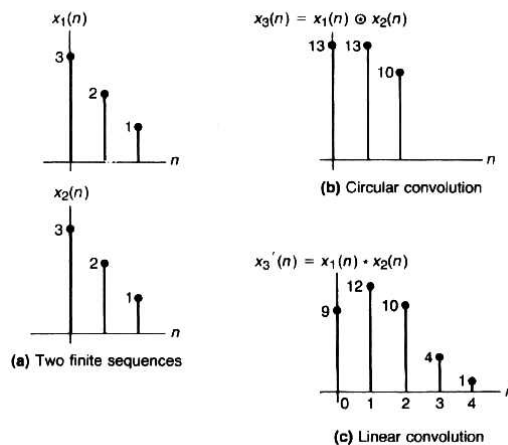
Is it what we want?

*Different values*

*Different length*

*Linear convolution:  
N1+N2-1 length*

*Circular convolution:  
max(N1,N2).*



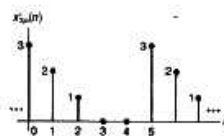
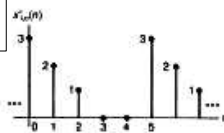
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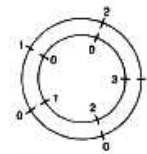
## Circular convolution

Solution?

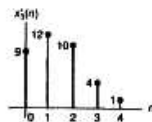
Forcing linear and Circular Convolution to be equivalent



(a) Two periodic sequences



(b) Circular convolution machine



(a) The result of 5-point circular convolution

## Frequency Convolution

Use duality properties

$$x_1(n) * x_2(n) \leftrightarrow X_1(k)X_2(k)$$

$$x_1(n)x_2(n) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{N} X_1(k) * X_2(k)$$

## Correlation

- Measure of similarity
- Target detection & classification
- Noise rejection
- Signal Modeling
- Related to the Power Spectral Density (PSD)
- Related to statistical description of signals (noise)

## Correlation

Same as convolution but with no time reversal.

$$R_{x_1x_2}(n) = x_1(n) \otimes x_2(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(m)x_2(n+m) \quad \text{Crosscorrelation}$$

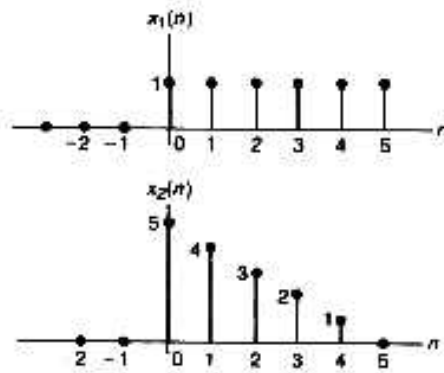
$$R_{x_1x_1}(n) = x_1(n) \otimes x_1(n) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} x_1(m)x_1(n+m) \quad \text{Autocorrelation}$$

## Correlation

### Example

Two sequences

Two sequences



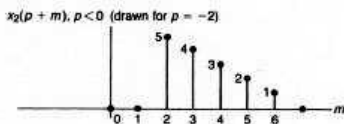
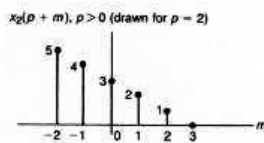
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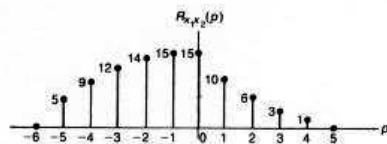
## Correlation

### Example

Left shift ( $p > 0$ ) and right shift ( $p < 0$ )



Result of correlation of  $x_1(n)$  and  $x_2(n)$



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## Correlation

### Properties

$$R_{x_1x_1}(n) = R_{x_1x_1}(-n) \quad \text{Autocorrelation is always even}$$

$$R_{x_1x_2}(n) = R_{x_2x_1}(-n) \quad \text{Cross correlation case}$$

$$R_{x_1x_2}(p) = x_1(n) * x_2(-n)$$

$$R_{x_2x_1}(p) = x_1(-n) * x_2(n)$$

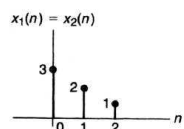
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Convolution

## Correlation and DFTs

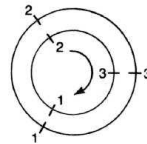
### Circular correlation:

$$\tilde{R}_{x_1x_2}(n) = \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_{1p}(m)x_{2p}(n+m) \right]_{\text{one period}} = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_1(m)x_2(n+m)$$

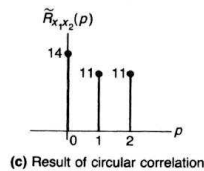
Example



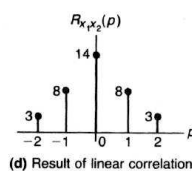
(a) Two identical sequences



(b) Concentric rings for  $p = 0$



(c) Result of circular correlation



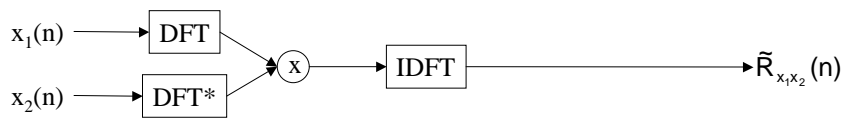
(d) Result of linear correlation

## Correlation and DFTs

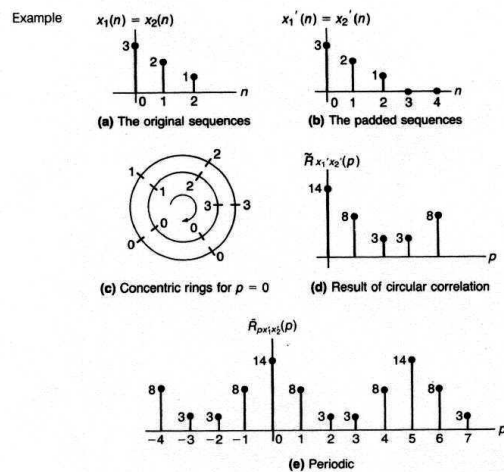
Can we perform circular correlation with DFTs ?

$$\tilde{R}_{x_1x_2}(n) = \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_{1p}(m)x_{2p}(n+m) \right]_{\text{one period}} = x_1(n) \otimes x_2(n) \quad \text{Circular correlation}$$

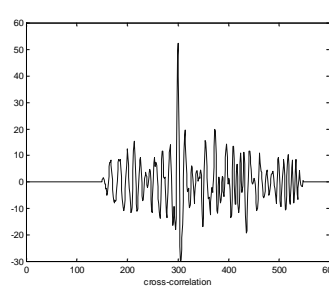
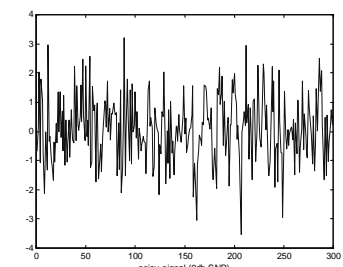
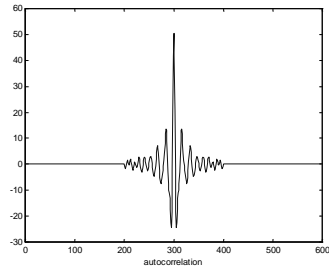
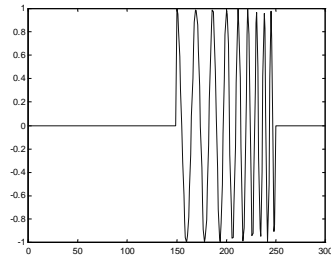
$$\text{DFT}[\tilde{R}_{x_1x_2}(n)] = X_{1p}^*(k)X_{2p}(k)$$



## Linear Correlation and DFTs



## Example of application



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## Learning outcomes

**Discrete Fourier Transform, definition and properties**

**DFT analysis**

**Influence of parameters on frequency estimation**

**Discrete convolution: linear / circular**

**Discrete correlation: linear / circular**

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