

- The Discrete Fourier transform sends the data into discrete frequency space.

- If x_0, \dots, x_{N-1} is the data vector x then $\hat{x} = \text{DFT}(x) = Fx$ where $F_{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-ij\omega_p}$

- With $\omega_p = e^{2\pi i/N}$

- In formulas, $\hat{x}_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{-2\pi i k j / N}$

∴ The \hat{x}_j are usually complex numbers, so we plot $|\hat{x}_j|^2$ vs j

Example

Notice the symmetry about $\frac{N}{2}$ (assume now N is even)

Fact 1: If x is a real data vector, N is even

$$(a) \hat{X}_{N-j} = \hat{X}_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, \frac{N}{2} - 1$$

$$(b) \hat{X}_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k \quad \text{and so is real}$$

$$(c) \hat{X}_{N/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k \quad \text{and so is real}$$

Proof: Using the formula for the DFT

$$\hat{X}_{N-j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{-2\pi i k(N-j)/N}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{-2\pi i k} e^{2\pi i k j / N}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{-2\pi i k j / N} = \hat{X}_j$$

Since x_k is real ($\hat{x}_k = x_k$) and $e^{-2\pi i k} = 1$

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$$(b) \hat{x}_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{-2\pi i k \cdot 0/N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k$$

$$(c) \hat{x}_{\frac{N}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{-2\pi i k \frac{N}{2N}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k (e^{-\pi i})^k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (-1)^k x_k$$

• We now want to connect the DFT to the amplitudes of various frequencies present in the data.

• The key is the formula for the inverse DFT

$$x_j = \frac{1}{Np} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{x}_k e^{2\pi i k j / p}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Np} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{x}_k e^{(2\pi i k) j / p}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Np} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{x}_k e^{2\pi i k t_j}$$

where $t_j = j/p$ is a sample point

$$\text{so let } \psi_k(t) = e^{2\pi i k t} = \cos 2\pi k t + i \sin 2\pi k t$$

$$\text{and } \bar{\psi}(t) = \frac{1}{Np} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \hat{x}_k \psi_k(t)$$

the formula above says

$$\bar{\psi}(t_j) = x_j \quad \text{for } j=0, \dots, p-1$$

so $\bar{\psi}$ interpolates the data exactly

Theorem 2

If $x = x_0, x_1, \dots$ is a data stream (time series) sampled at the points t_0, t_1, \dots with

$$t_j = j/N \text{ then}$$

$$Y(f) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{2\pi i k t}$$

interpolates the data.

Since power is amplitude squared

For this reason the collection $\{ \hat{x}_k \}^2$ (or $\frac{1}{N} |x_k|^2$) is called the power spectrum

the power spectrum

Recall $\hat{x}_{N-j} = \overline{\hat{x}_j}$ so $\| \hat{x}_{N-j} \|^2 = \| \hat{x}_j \|^2$

"Conservation of Energy"

Theorem 3

If $\hat{x} = \text{DFT}(x)$ then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |\hat{x}_k|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |x_k|^2$$

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FREQ
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TIME
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Proof Recall F is unitary and unitary matrices preserve inner products and thus norms so

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |x_k|^2 = \|x\|_2^2 = \|Fx\|_2^2 = \|\hat{x}\|_2^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} |\hat{x}_k|^2$$

In addition to the relation $|\hat{X}_{p-k}|^2 = |\hat{X}_k|^2$ [7]
There is a relation in terms of the associated frequencies

evaluated at our sample points $z_j = j/p$

$$e^{2\pi i(n-k)j/p} = e^{2\pi i j} e^{-2\pi i k j/p}$$

$$\psi_{N-k}(z_j) = e$$

$$= \overline{\psi_k(z_j)}$$

In Theorem 2, we substitute

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N/2} \overline{\hat{X}_k} \overline{\psi_k(z)} \quad \text{for} \quad \sum_{k=N/2+1}^{N-1} \hat{X}_k \psi_k(z)$$

we get that

since $\psi_0(t) = 1$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[\hat{x}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{N/2-1} \left[\hat{x}_k \psi_k(t) + \overline{\hat{x}_k \psi_k(t)} \right] + \hat{x}_{N/2} \psi_{N/2}(t) \right]$$

so associated with frequency k , $\psi_k(t) = \cos 2\pi k t + j \sin 2\pi k t$

we have amplitudes

$$|\hat{x}_k|^2 + |\hat{x}_k|^2 = 2 |\hat{x}_k|^2$$

This leads to the periodogram

$$P_0 = \frac{1}{N} |\hat{X}_0|^2$$

$$P_k = \frac{2}{N} |\hat{X}_k|^2 \quad k=1, \dots, \frac{N}{2}-1$$

$$P_{N/2} = \frac{1}{N} |\hat{X}_{N/2}|^2$$

[DEMO]

Power Spectrum estimation

This is the first step in

and there are many other considerations

Nyquist frequency

• Sampling rate, overlapping windows

• averaging spectrum

• etc

Now $y(t)$ still has complex functions in it.
To simplify further, notice that for any complex

number z , $z + \bar{z} = 2\text{Re}(z)$ (Re = real part)

$$\frac{\hat{x}_k \psi_k(t) + \overline{\hat{x}_k \psi_k(t)}}{\hat{x}_k \psi_k(t)} = 2 \text{Re}(\hat{x}_k \psi_k(t))$$

so $= 2 \text{Re}((a_k + ib_k)(\cos 2\pi k t + i \sin 2\pi k t))$ where $\hat{x}_k = a_k + ib_k$
 $= 2[a_k \cos 2\pi k t - b_k \sin 2\pi k t]$

$$\hat{x}_{\frac{N}{2}} \psi_{\frac{N}{2}}(t)$$

We also have a term $\hat{x}_{\frac{N}{2}}$ Since the data

$$= \hat{x}_{\frac{N}{2}} (\cos \frac{N}{2} 2\pi t + i \sin \frac{N}{2} 2\pi t)$$

is real and $\hat{x}_{\frac{N}{2}}$ is real (FACT 1) we just need $\hat{x}_{\frac{N}{2}} \cos(N\pi t)$ for this term. So in the end

Problem: Given Real DATA $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{N-1})$

Sampled at $(t_0, t_1, \dots, t_{N-1})$ with $t_j = j/N$ and N even

Den if $\hat{x}_k = a_k + ib_k$

$$\Delta(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[\hat{a}_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} \hat{a}_k \cos 2\pi k t - b_k \sin 2\pi k t + \hat{a}_{\frac{N}{2}} \cos N\pi t \right]$$

Interpolates the data, $\Delta(t_j) = x_j$ for $j = 0, \dots, N-1$

Interpolates the data, $\Delta(t)$ is a real function now

- Notice that $\Delta(t)$ is a real function in least
- To get the best order M approximation in least squares, you truncate the sum and eliminate the $\frac{N}{2}$ -term