

# **Discrete Fourier Series & Discrete Fourier Transform**

## Chapter Intended Learning Outcomes

- (i) Understanding the relationships between the  $z$  transform, discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT), discrete Fourier series (DFS) and discrete Fourier transform (DFT)
- (ii) Understanding the characteristics and properties of DFS and DFT
- (iii) Ability to perform discrete-time signal conversion between the time and frequency domains using DFS and DFT and their inverse transforms

## Discrete Fourier Series

DTFT may not be practical for analyzing  $x[n]$  because  $X(e^{j\omega})$  is a function of the **continuous** frequency variable  $\omega$  and we cannot use a digital computer to calculate a continuum of functional values

DFS is a frequency analysis tool for **periodic infinite-duration discrete-time** signals which is practical because it is **discrete** in frequency

The DFS is derived from the Fourier series as follows.

Let  $\tilde{x}[n]$  be a **periodic** sequence with **fundamental period**  $N$  where  $N$  is a positive **integer**. Analogous to (2.2), we have:

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \tilde{x}[n + rN] \quad (7.1)$$

for any integer value of  $r$ .

Let  $x(t)$  be the continuous-time counterpart of  $\tilde{x}[n]$ . According to Fourier series expansion,  $x(t)$  is:

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{jk\Omega_0 t} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{\frac{j2\pi kt}{T_p}} \quad (7.2)$$

which has frequency components at  $\Omega = 0, \pm\Omega_0, \pm2\Omega_0, \dots$ . Substituting  $x(t) = \tilde{x}[n]$ ,  $T_p = N$  and  $t = n$ :

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e^{\frac{j2\pi kn}{N}} \quad (7.3)$$

Note that (7.3) is valid for discrete-time signals as only the sample points of  $x(t)$  are considered.

It is seen that  $\tilde{x}[n]$  has frequency components at  $\omega = 0, \pm2\pi/N, \pm(2\pi/N)(2), \dots$ , and the respective complex exponentials are  $e^{j(2\pi/N(0))}, e^{\pm j(2\pi/N(1))}, e^{\pm j(2\pi/N(2))}, \dots$ .

Nevertheless, there are only  $N$  **distinct frequencies** in  $\tilde{x}[n]$  due to the periodicity of  $e^{j2\pi k/N}$ .

Without loss of generality, we select the following  $N$  distinct complex exponentials,  $e^{j(2\pi/N(0))}, e^{j(2\pi/N(1))}, \dots, e^{j(2\pi/N(N-1))}$ , and thus the infinite summation in (7.3) is reduced to:

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_k e^{\frac{j2\pi kn}{N}} \quad (7.4)$$

Defining  $\tilde{X}[k] = Na_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ , as the **DFS coefficients**, the inverse DFS formula is given as:

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] e^{\frac{j2\pi kn}{N}} \quad (7.5)$$

The formula for converting  $\tilde{x}[n]$  to  $\tilde{X}[k]$  is derived as follows.

Multiplying both sides of (7.5) by  $e^{-j(2\pi/N)rn}$  and summing from  $n = 0$  to  $n = N - 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] e^{\frac{-j2\pi rn}{N}} &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] e^{\frac{j2\pi kn}{N}} \right) e^{\frac{-j2\pi rn}{N}} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] e^{\frac{j2\pi(k-r)n}{N}} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{j2\pi(k-r)n}{N}} \right] \quad (7.6)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the orthogonality identity of complex exponentials:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{j2\pi(k-r)n}{N}} = \begin{cases} 1, & k - r = mN, \quad m \text{ is an integer} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.7)$$

(7.6) is reduced to

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] e^{-\frac{j2\pi rn}{N}} = \tilde{X}[r] \quad (7.8)$$

which is also periodic with period  $N$ .

Let

$$W_N = e^{-\frac{j2\pi}{N}} \quad (7.9)$$

The DFS analysis and synthesis pair can be written as:

$$\tilde{X}[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] W_N^{kn} \quad (7.10)$$

and

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] W_N^{-kn} \quad (7.11)$$

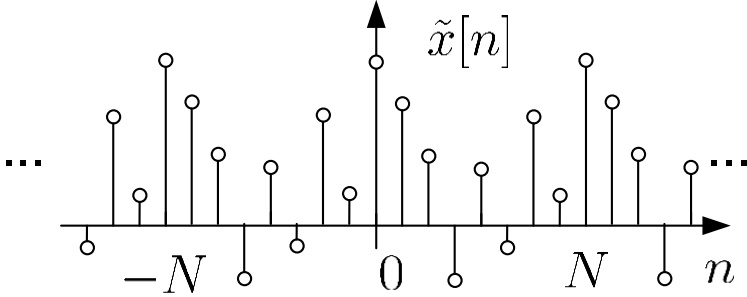
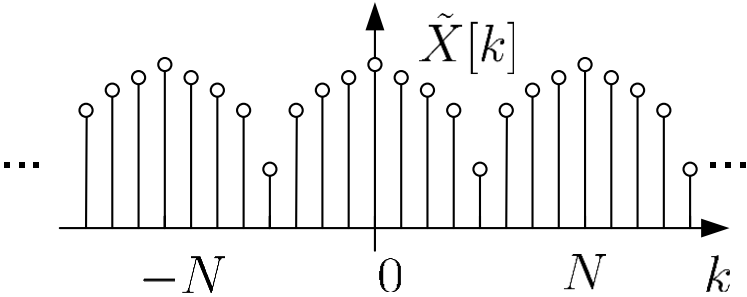
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Fig.7.1: Illustration of DFS

### Example 7.1

Find the DFS coefficients of the periodic sequence  $\tilde{x}[n]$  with a period of  $N = 5$ . Plot the magnitudes and phases of  $\tilde{X}[k]$ . Within one period,  $\tilde{x}[n]$  has the form of:

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, 1, 2 \\ 0, & n = 3, 4 \end{cases}$$

Using (7.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{X}[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] W_N^{kn} \\ &= W_5^0 + W_5^k + W_5^{2k} \\ &= 1 + e^{-\frac{j2\pi k}{5}} + e^{-\frac{j4\pi k}{5}} \\ &= e^{-\frac{j2\pi k}{5}} \left( e^{\frac{j2\pi k}{5}} + 1 + e^{-\frac{j2\pi k}{5}} \right) \\ &= e^{-\frac{j2\pi k}{5}} \left[ 1 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{5} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$



Similar to Example 6.2, we get:

$$|\tilde{X}[k]| = \left| 1 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{5} \right) \right|$$

and

$$\angle(\tilde{X}[k]) = -\frac{2\pi k}{5} + \angle \left( 1 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{5} \right) \right)$$

The key MATLAB code for plotting DFS coefficients is

```
N=5;  
x=[1 1 1 0 0];  
k=-N:2*N;                                %plot for 3 periods  
Xm=abs(1+2.*cos(2*pi.*k/N)); %magnitude computation  
Xa=angle(exp(-2*j*pi.*k/5).*(1+2.*cos(2*pi.*k/N)));  
                                     %phase computation
```

The MATLAB program is provided as ex7\_1.m.

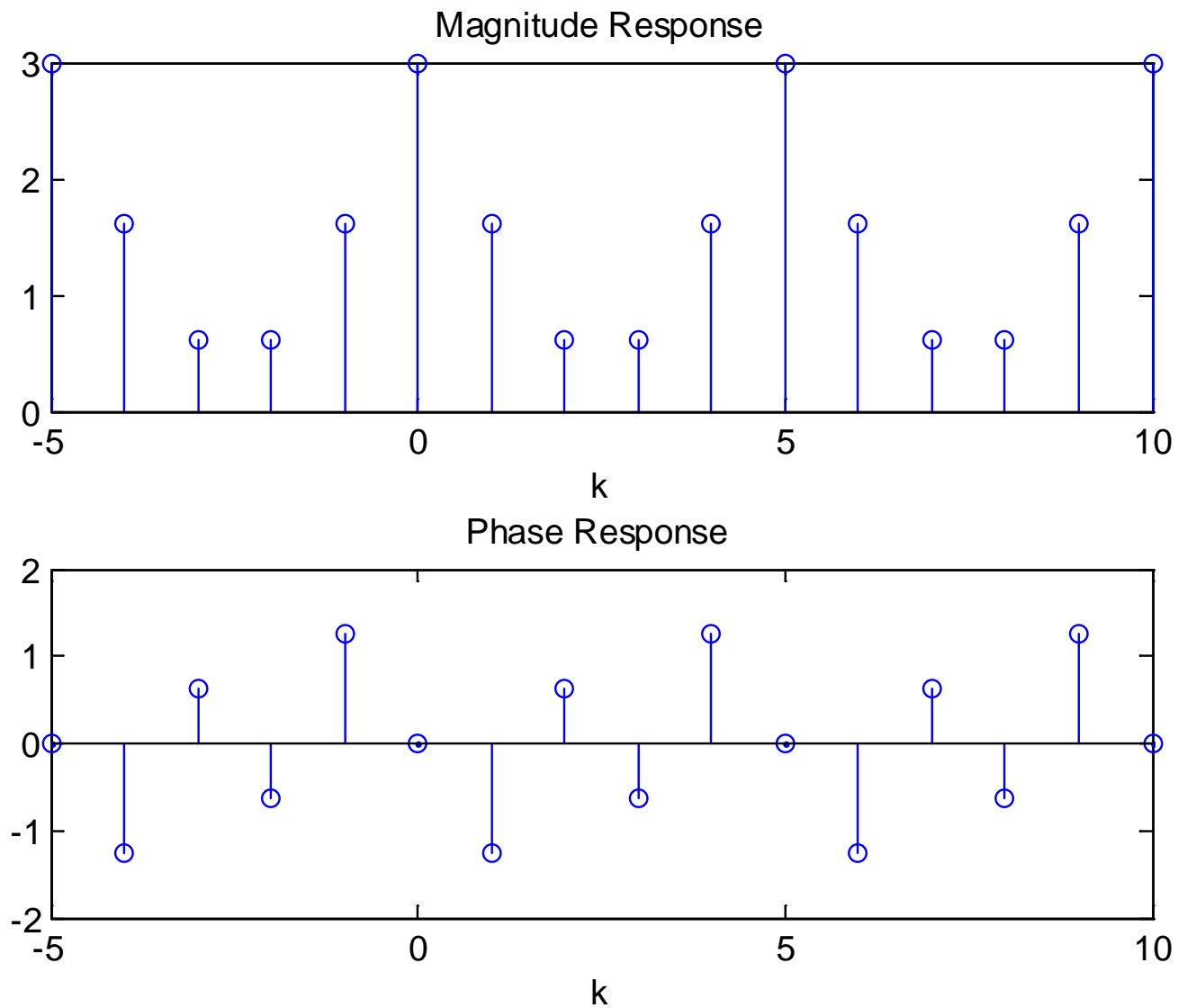


Fig.7.2: DFS plots

## Relationship with DTFT

Let  $x[n]$  be a **finite-duration** sequence which is extracted from a periodic sequence  $\tilde{x}[n]$  of period  $N$ :

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} \tilde{x}[n], & 0 \leq n \leq N-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.12)$$

Recall (6.1), the DTFT of  $x[n]$  is:

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \quad (7.13)$$

With the use of (7.12), (7.13) becomes

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n]e^{-j\omega n} \quad (7.14)$$

Comparing the DFS and DTFT in (7.8) and (7.14), we have:

$$\tilde{X}[k] = X(e^{j\omega})|_{\omega=\frac{2\pi k}{N}} \quad (7.15)$$

That is,  $\tilde{X}[k]$  is equal to  $X(e^{j\omega})$  sampled at  $N$  distinct frequencies between  $\omega \in [0, 2\pi]$  with a uniform frequency spacing of  $2\pi/N$ .

Samples of  $X(e^{j\omega})$  or DTFT of a finite-duration sequence  $x[n]$  can be computed using the DFS of an infinite-duration periodic sequence  $\tilde{x}[n]$ , which is a periodic extension of  $x[n]$ .

## Relationship with z Transform

$X(e^{j\omega})$  is also related to  $z$  transform of  $x[n]$  according to (5.8):

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = X(z)|_{z=e^{j\omega}} \quad (7.16)$$

Combining (7.15) and (7.16),  $\tilde{X}[k]$  is related to  $X(z)$  as:

$$\tilde{X}[k] = X(z)|_{z=e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}}} = X(e^{j\frac{2\pi k}{N}}) \quad (7.17)$$

That is,  $\tilde{X}[k]$  is equal to  $X(z)$  evaluated at  $N$  equally-spaced points on the unit circle, namely,  $1, e^{j2\pi/N}, \dots, e^{j2(N-1)\pi/N}$ .

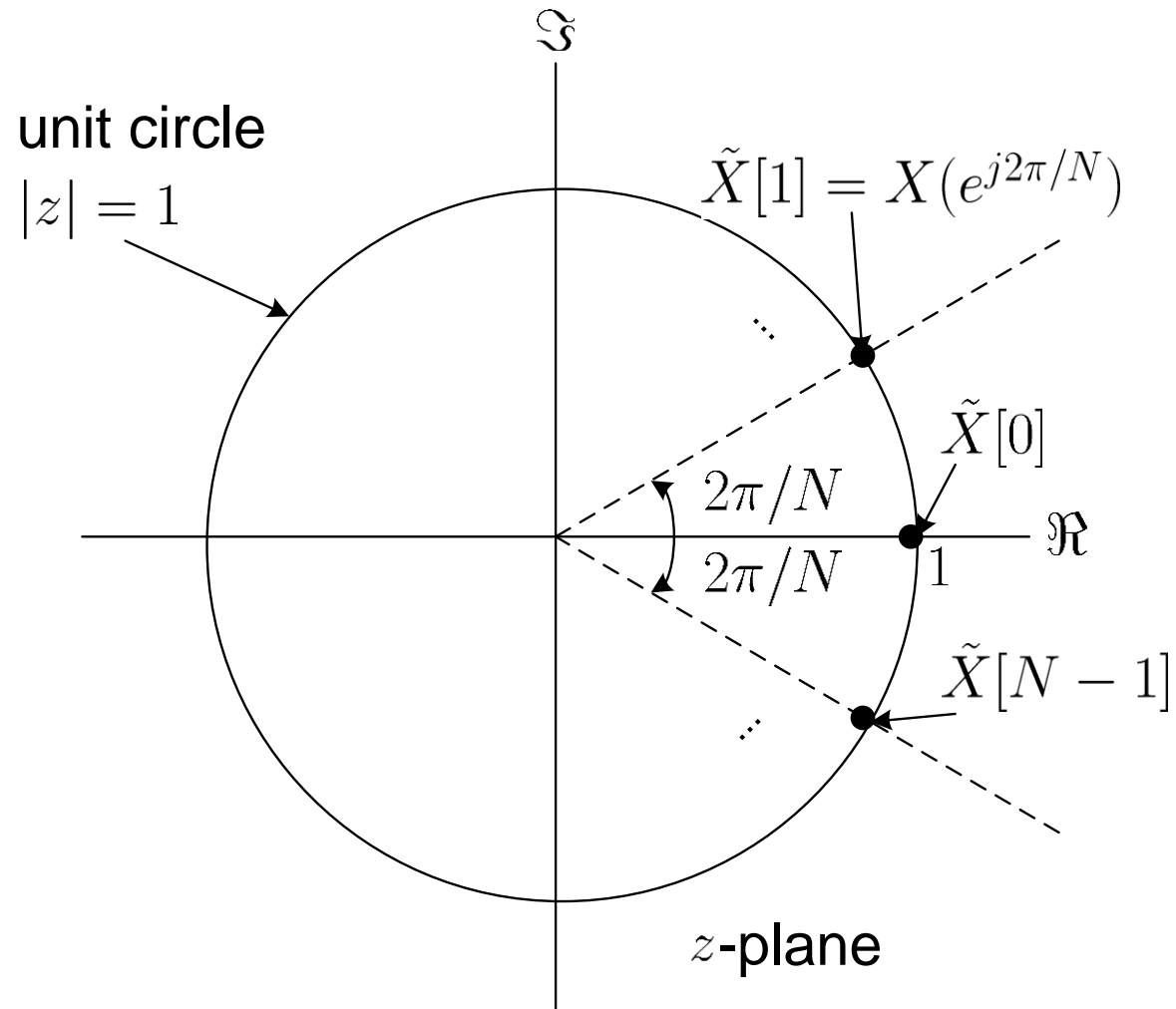


Fig.7.3: Relationship between  $\tilde{X}[k]$ ,  $X(e^{j\omega})$  and  $X(z)$

### Example 7.2

Determine the DTFT of a finite-duration sequence  $x[n]$ :

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, 1, 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then compare the results with those in Example 7.1.

Using (6.1), the DTFT of  $x[n]$  is computed as:

$$\begin{aligned} X(e^{j\omega}) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]e^{-j\omega n} \\ &= 1 + e^{-j\omega} + e^{-j2\omega} \\ &= e^{-j\omega} (e^{j\omega} + 1 + e^{-j\omega}) \\ &= e^{-j\omega} [1 + 2\cos(\omega)] \end{aligned}$$

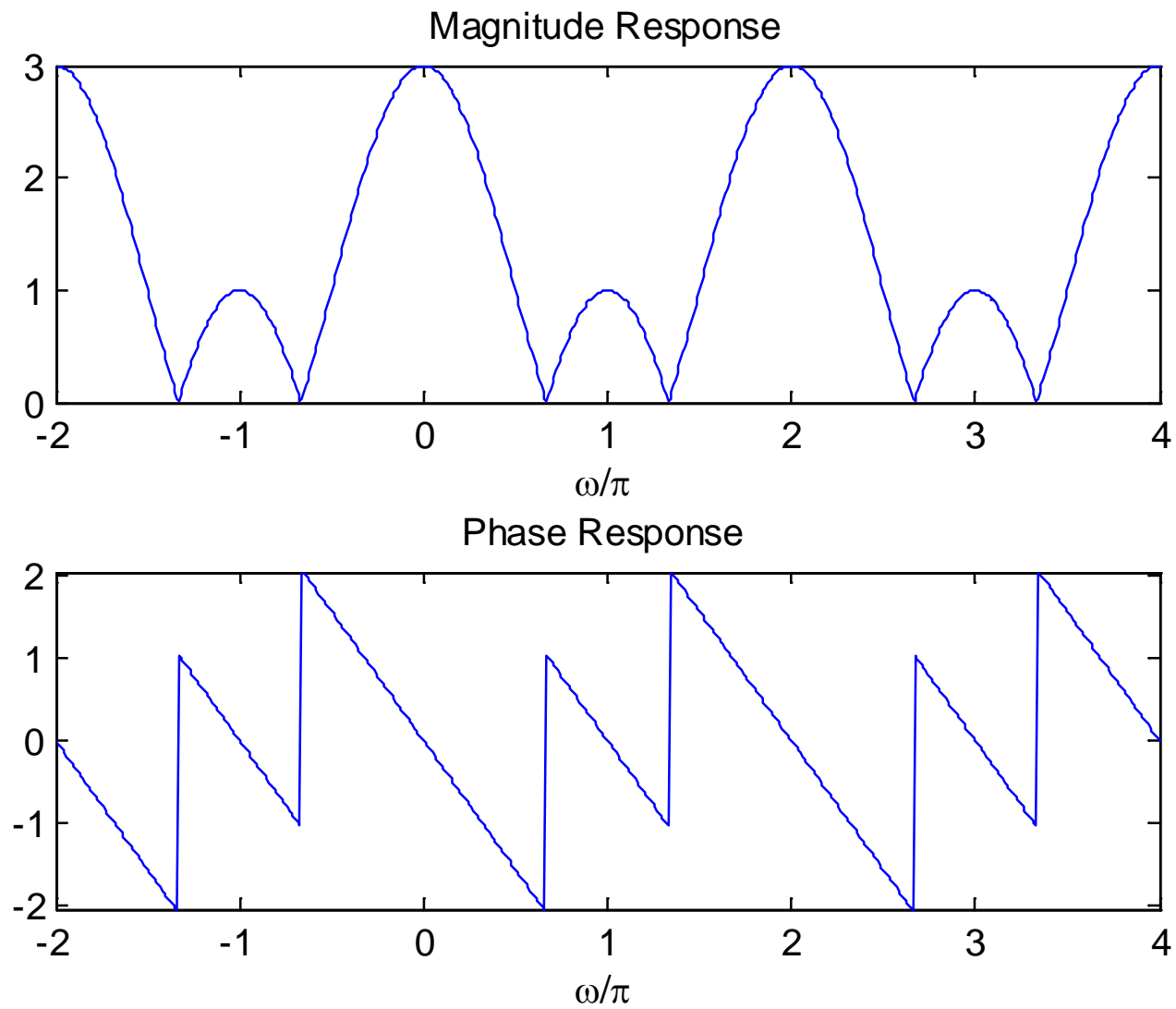


Fig.7.4: DTFT plots



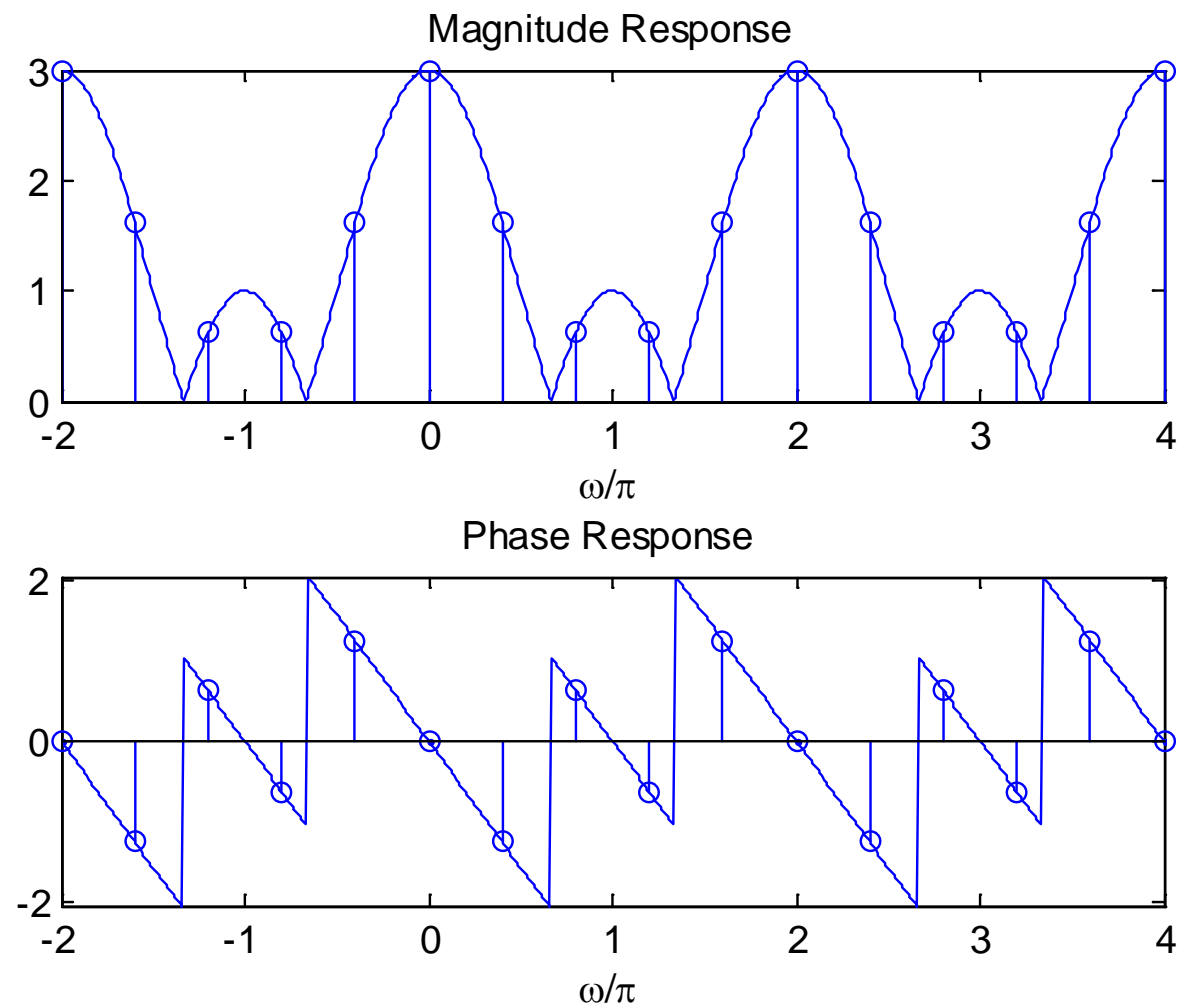


Fig.7.5: DFS and DTFT plots with  $N = 5$

Suppose  $\tilde{x}[n]$  in Example 7.1 is modified as:

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, 1, 2 \\ 0, & n = 3, 4, \dots, 9 \end{cases}$$

Via appending 5 zeros in each period, now we have  $N = 10$ .

**What is the period of the DFS?**

**What is its relationship with that of Example 7.2?**

**How about if infinite zeros are appended?**

The MATLAB programs are provided as `ex7_2.m`, `ex7_2_2.m` and `ex7_2_3.m`.

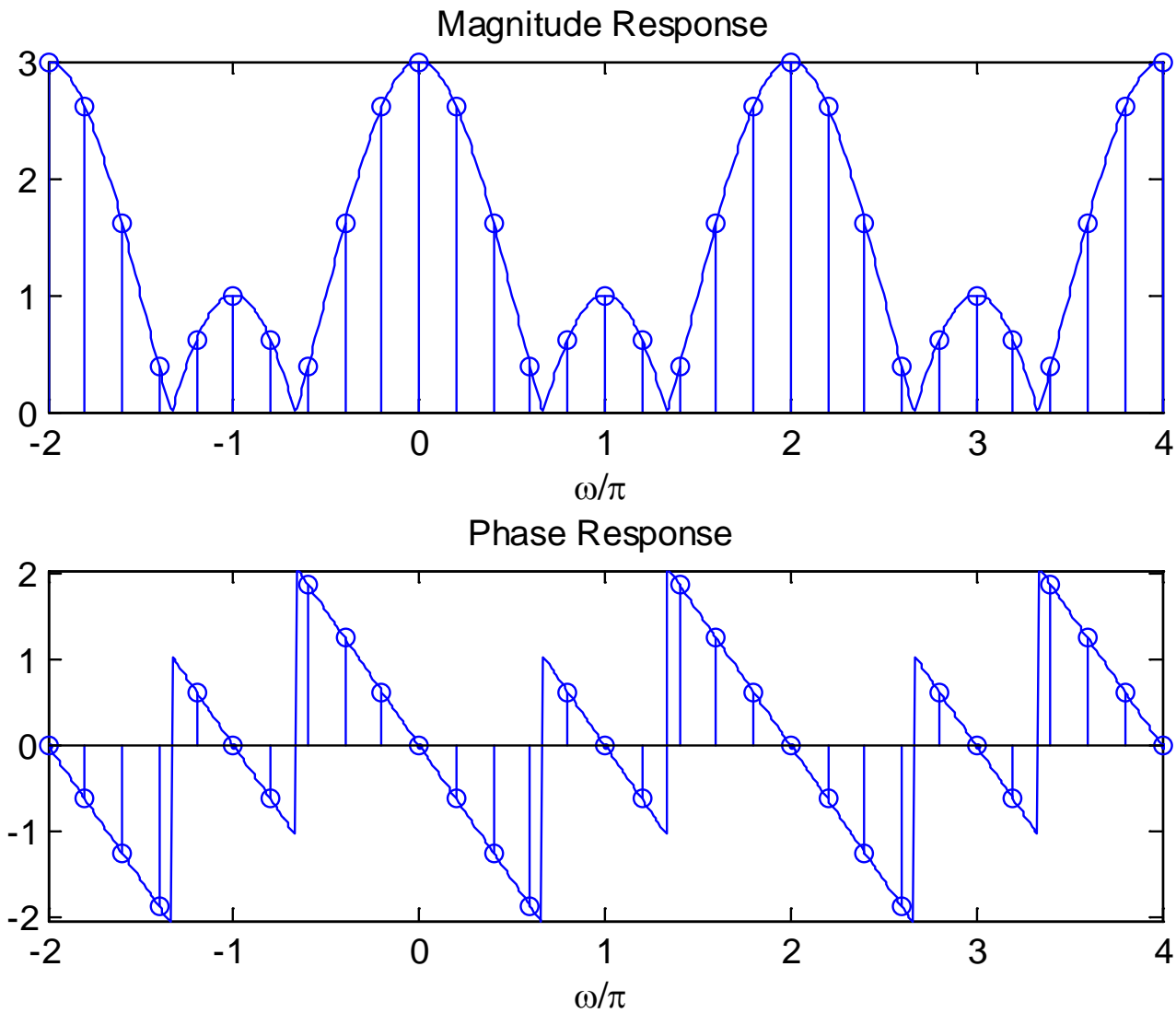


Fig.7.6: DFS and DTFT plots with  $N = 10$

# Properties of DFS

## 1. Periodicity

If  $\tilde{x}[n]$  is a periodic sequence with period  $N$ , its DFS  $\tilde{X}[k]$  is also periodic with period  $N$ :

$$\tilde{x}[n] = \tilde{x}[n + rN] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}[k] = \tilde{X}[k + rN] \quad (7.18)$$

where  $r$  is any integer. The proof is obtained with the use of (7.10) and  $W_N^{rN} = e^{-j2\pi r} = 1$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{X}[k + rN] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] W_N^{(k+rN)n} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] W_N^{nk} W_N^{n(rN)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] W_N^{nk} = \tilde{X}[k] \end{aligned} \quad (7.19)$$

## 2. Linearity

Let  $(\tilde{x}_1[n], \tilde{X}_1[k])$  and  $(\tilde{x}_2[n], \tilde{X}_2[k])$  be two DFS pairs with the same period of  $N$ . We have:

$$a\tilde{x}_1[n] + b\tilde{x}_2[n] \leftrightarrow a\tilde{X}_1[k] + b\tilde{X}_2[k] \quad (7.20)$$

## 3. Shift of Sequence

If  $\tilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}[k]$ , then

$$\tilde{x}[n - m] \leftrightarrow W_N^{km} \tilde{X}[k] \quad (7.21)$$

and

$$W_N^{-nl} \tilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}[k - l] \quad (7.22)$$

where  $N$  is the period while  $m$  and  $l$  are any integers. Note that (7.21) follows (6.10) by putting  $\omega = 2\pi k/N$  and (7.22) follows (6.11) via the substitution of  $\omega_0 = 2\pi l/N$ .

## 4. Duality

If  $\tilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}[k]$ , then

$$\tilde{X}[n] \leftrightarrow N\tilde{x}[-k] \quad (7.23)$$

## 5. Symmetry

If  $\tilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}[k]$ , then

$$\tilde{x}^*[n] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}^*[-k] \quad (7.24)$$

and

$$\tilde{x}^*[-n] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}^*[k] \quad (7.25)$$

Note that (7.24) corresponds to the DTFT conjugation property in (6.14) while (7.25) is similar to the time reversal property in (6.15).

## 6. Periodic Convolution

Let  $(\tilde{x}_1[n], \tilde{X}_1[k])$  and  $(\tilde{x}_2[n], \tilde{X}_2[k])$  be two DFS pairs with the same period of  $N$ . We have

$$\tilde{x}_1[n] \tilde{\otimes} \tilde{x}_2[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_1[m] \tilde{x}_2[n-m] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}_1[k] \tilde{X}_2[k] \quad (7.26)$$

Analogous to (6.18),  $\tilde{\otimes}$  denotes discrete-time convolution within one period.

With the use of (7.11) and (7.21), the proof is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_1[m] \tilde{x}_2[n-m] \right] W_N^{nk} &= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_1[m] \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_2[n-m] W_N^{nk} \right] \\
&= \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_1[m] \tilde{X}_2[k] W_N^{mk} \\
&= \tilde{X}_2[k] \left[ \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}_1[m] W_N^{mk} \right] \\
&= \tilde{X}_1[k] \tilde{X}_2[k]
\end{aligned} \tag{7.27}$$

To compute  $\tilde{x}[n] \tilde{\otimes} \tilde{y}[n]$  where both  $\tilde{x}[n]$  and  $\tilde{y}[n]$  are of period  $N$ , we indeed only need the samples with  $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ .



Let  $\tilde{z}[n] = \tilde{x}[n] \otimes \tilde{y}[n]$ . Expanding (7.26), we have:

$$\tilde{z}[n] = \tilde{x}[0]\tilde{y}[n] + \cdots + \tilde{x}[N-2]\tilde{y}[n - (N-2)] + \tilde{x}[N-1]\tilde{y}[n - (N-1)] \quad (7.28)$$

For  $n = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{z}[0] &= \tilde{x}[0]\tilde{y}[0] + \cdots + \tilde{x}[N-2]\tilde{y}[0 - (N-2)] + \tilde{x}[N-1]\tilde{y}[0 - (N-1)] \\ &= \tilde{x}[0]\tilde{y}[0] + \cdots + \tilde{x}[N-2]\tilde{y}[0 - (N-2) + N] + \tilde{x}[N-1]\tilde{y}[0 - (N-1) + N] \\ &= \tilde{x}[0]\tilde{y}[0] + \cdots + \tilde{x}[N-2]\tilde{y}[2] + \tilde{x}[N-1]\tilde{y}[1] \end{aligned} \quad (7.29)$$

For  $n = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{z}[1] &= \tilde{x}[0]\tilde{y}[1] + \cdots + \tilde{x}[N-2]\tilde{y}[1 - (N-2)] + \tilde{x}[N-1]\tilde{y}[1 - (N-1)] \\ &= \tilde{x}[0]\tilde{y}[1] + \cdots + \tilde{x}[N-2]\tilde{y}[1 - (N-2) + N] + \tilde{x}[N-1]\tilde{y}[1 - (N-1) + N] \\ &= \tilde{x}[0]\tilde{y}[1] + \cdots + \tilde{x}[N-2]\tilde{y}[3] + \tilde{x}[N-1]\tilde{y}[2] \end{aligned} \quad (7.30)$$

A period of  $\tilde{z}[n]$  can be computed in matrix form as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{z}[0] \\ \tilde{z}[1] \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{z}[N-2] \\ \tilde{z}[N-1] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}[0] & \tilde{y}[N-1] & \cdots & \tilde{y}[2] & \tilde{y}[1] \\ \tilde{y}[1] & \tilde{y}[0] & \cdots & \tilde{y}[3] & \tilde{y}[2] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \tilde{y}[N-2] & \tilde{y}[N-3] & \cdots & \tilde{y}[0] & \tilde{y}[N-1] \\ \tilde{y}[N-1] & \tilde{y}[N-2] & \cdots & \tilde{y}[1] & \tilde{y}[0] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}[0] \\ \tilde{x}[1] \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{x}[N-2] \\ \tilde{x}[N-1] \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.31)$$

### Example 7.3

Given two periodic sequences  $\tilde{x}[n]$  and  $\tilde{y}[n]$  with period 4:

$$[\tilde{x}[0] \ \tilde{x}[1] \ \tilde{x}[2] \ \tilde{x}[3]] = [4 \ -3 \ 2 \ -1]$$

and

$$[\tilde{y}[0] \ \tilde{y}[1] \ \tilde{y}[2] \ \tilde{y}[3]] = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4]$$

Compute  $\tilde{z}[n] = \tilde{x}[n] \tilde{\otimes} \tilde{y}[n]$ .

Using (7.31),  $\tilde{z}[n]$  is computed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{z}[0] \\ \tilde{z}[1] \\ \tilde{z}[2] \\ \tilde{z}[3] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}[0] & \tilde{y}[3] & \tilde{y}[2] & \tilde{y}[1] \\ \tilde{y}[1] & \tilde{y}[0] & \tilde{y}[3] & \tilde{y}[2] \\ \tilde{y}[2] & \tilde{y}[1] & \tilde{y}[0] & \tilde{y}[3] \\ \tilde{y}[3] & \tilde{y}[2] & \tilde{y}[1] & \tilde{y}[0] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}[0] \\ \tilde{x}[1] \\ \tilde{x}[2] \\ \tilde{x}[3] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 10 \\ 4 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

The square matrix can be determined using the MATLAB command `toeplitz([1,2,3,4],[1,4,3,2])`. That is, we only need to know its first row and first column.

Periodic convolution can be utilized to compute convolution of finite-duration sequences in (3.17) as follows.

Let  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$  be finite-duration sequences with lengths  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively, and  $z[n] = x[n] \otimes y[n]$  which has a length of  $(M + N - 1)$

We append  $(N - 1)$  and  $(M - 1)$  zeros at the ends of  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$  for constructing periodic  $\tilde{x}[n]$  and  $\tilde{y}[n]$  where both are of period  $(M + N - 1)$

$z[n]$  is then obtained from one period of  $\tilde{x}[n] \tilde{\otimes} \tilde{y}[n]$ .

### Example 7.4

Compute the convolution of  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$  with the use of periodic convolution. The lengths of  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$  are 2 and 3 with  $x[0] = 2$ ,  $x[1] = 3$ ,  $y[0] = 1$ ,  $y[1] = -4$  and  $y[2] = 5$ .

The length of  $x[n] \otimes y[n]$  is 4. As a result, we append two zeros and one zero in  $x[n]$  and  $y[n]$ , respectively. According to (7.31), the MATLAB code is:

```
toeplitz([1,-4,5,0],[1,0,5,-4])*[2;3;0;0]
```

which gives

```
2      -5      -2      15
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Note that the command `conv([2,3],[1,-4,5])` also produces the same result.

## Discrete Fourier Transform

DFT is used for analyzing discrete-time **finite-duration** signals in the frequency domain

Let  $x[n]$  be a finite-duration sequence of length  $N$  such that  $x[n] = 0$  outside  $0 \leq n \leq N - 1$ . The DFT pair of  $x[n]$  is:

$$X[k] = \begin{cases} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{kn}, & 0 \leq k \leq N - 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.32)$$

and

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] W_N^{-kn}, & 0 \leq n \leq N - 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.33)$$

If we extend  $x[n]$  to a periodic sequence  $\tilde{x}[n]$  with period  $N$ , the DFS pair for  $\tilde{x}[n]$  is given by (7.10)-(7.11). Comparing (7.32) and (7.10),  $X[k] = \tilde{X}[k]$  for  $0 \leq k \leq N - 1$ . As a result, **DFT and DFS are equivalent** within the interval of  $[0, N - 1]$

That is, we just extract one period of  $\tilde{x}[n]$  and  $\tilde{X}[k]$  to construct (7.32) and (7.33).

As a result, the DFT pair is not well theoretically justified and we cannot apply (7.32) to produce (7.33) or vice versa as in DFS, DTFT and Fourier transform.

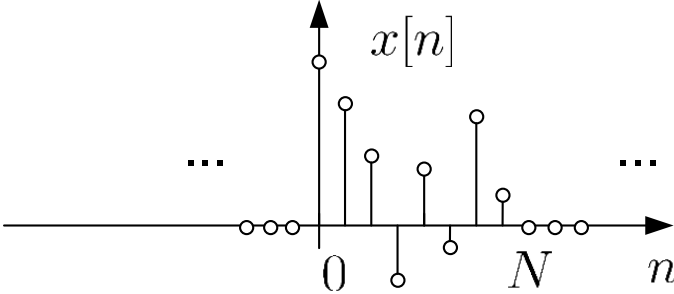
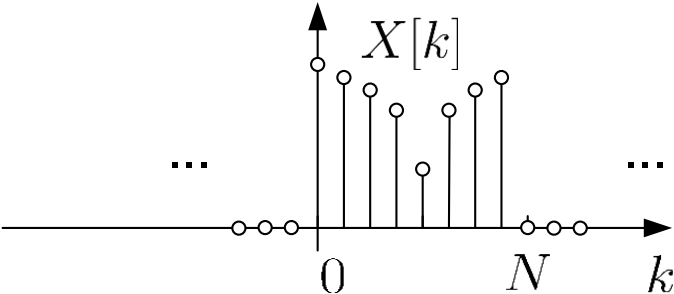
time domain	frequency domain
 <p>A stem plot of a discrete-time signal <math>x[n]</math> versus <math>n</math>. The horizontal axis is labeled <math>n</math> and has markers at 0 and <math>N</math>. The vertical axis is labeled <math>x[n]</math>. The signal is zero for <math>n &lt; 0</math> and <math>n &gt; N</math>, indicated by ellipses (...). Between <math>n=0</math> and <math>n=N</math>, there are several non-zero samples represented by stems with open circles at the top.</p>	 <p>A stem plot of the Discrete-Time Fourier Transform <math>X[k]</math> versus <math>k</math>. The horizontal axis is labeled <math>k</math> and has markers at 0 and <math>N</math>. The vertical axis is labeled <math>X[k]</math>. The signal is zero for <math>k &lt; 0</math> and <math>k &gt; N</math>, indicated by ellipses (...). Between <math>k=0</math> and <math>k=N</math>, there are several non-zero samples represented by stems with open circles at the top.</p>
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Fig.7.7: Illustration of DFT



### Example 7.5

Find the DFT coefficients of a finite-duration sequence  $x[n]$  which has the form of

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, 1, 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Using (7.32) and Example 7.1 with  $N = 3$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} X[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^2 x[n] W_N^{kn} = W_3^0 + W_3^k + W_3^{2k} \\ &= e^{-\frac{j2\pi k}{3}} \left[ 1 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{3} \right) \right] \\ &= \begin{cases} 3, & k = 0 \\ 0, & k = 1, 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Together with  $X[k]$  whose index is outside the interval of  $0 \leq k \leq 2$ , we finally have:

$$X[k] = \begin{cases} 3, & k = 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If the length of  $x[n]$  is considered as  $N = 5$  such that  $x[3] = x[4] = 0$ , then we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} X[k] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{kn} = W_5^0 + W_5^k + W_5^{2k} \\ &= \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{j2\pi k}{5}} \left[ 1 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi k}{5} \right) \right], & k = 0, 1, \dots, 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The MATLAB command for DFT computation is `fft`. The MATLAB code to produce magnitudes and phases of  $X[k]$  is:

```
N=5;
x=[1 1 1 0 0]; %append 2 zeros
subplot(2,1,1);
stem([0:N-1],abs(fft(x))); %plot magnitude response
title('Magnitude Response');
subplot(2,1,2);
stem([0:N-1],angle(fft(x))); %plot phase response
title('Phase Response');
```

According to Example 7.2 and the relationship between DFT and DFS, the DFT will approach the DTFT when we append infinite zeros at the end of  $x[n]$

The MATLAB program is provided as `ex7_5.m`.

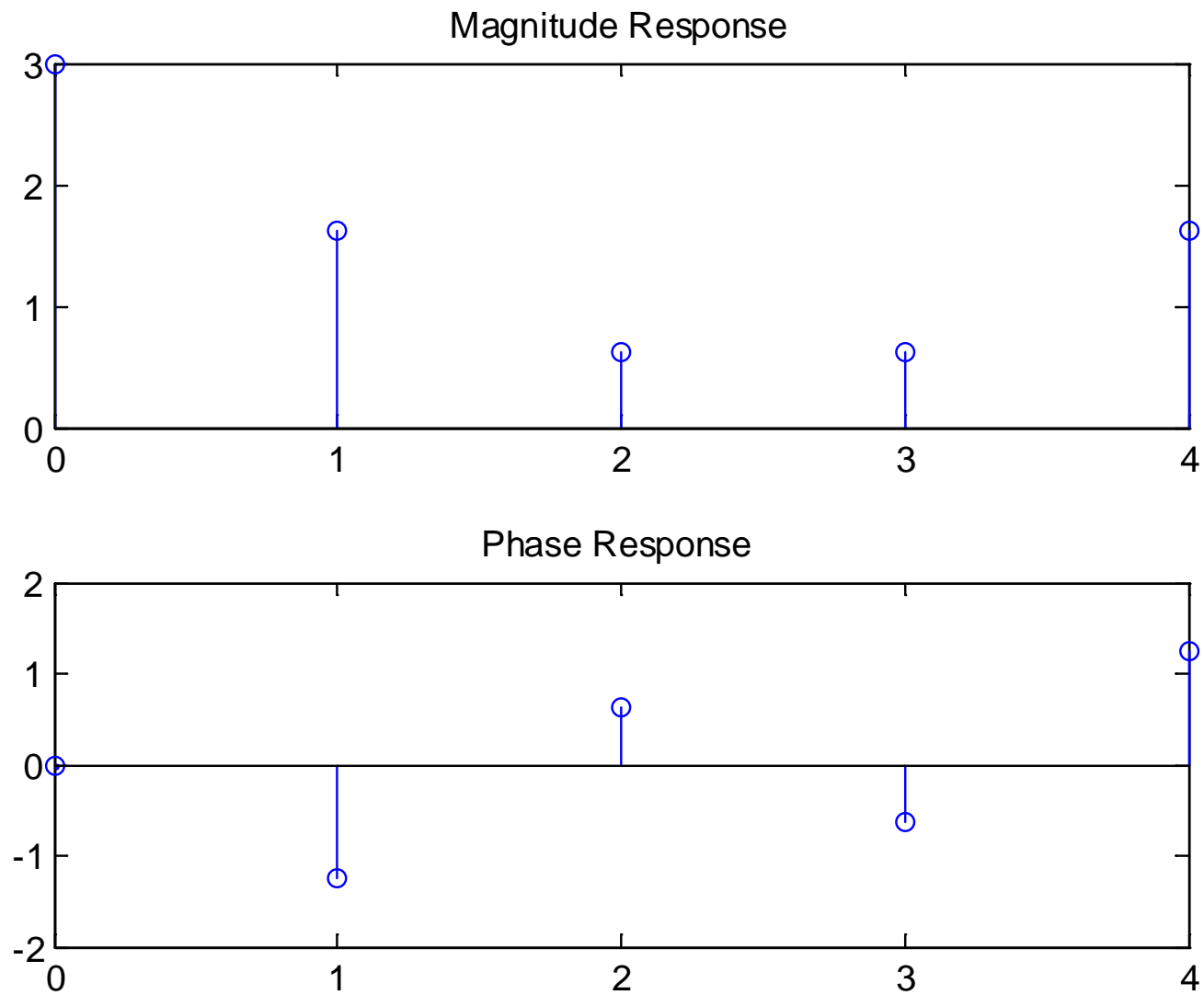


Fig.7.8: DFT plots with  $N = 5$

### Example 7.6

Given a discrete-time finite-duration sinusoid:

$$x[n] = 2 \cos(0.7\pi n + 1), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, 20$$

Estimate the tone frequency using DFT.

Consider the continuous-time case first. According to (2.16), Fourier transform pair for a complex tone of frequency  $\Omega_0$  is:

$$e^{j\Omega_0 t} \leftrightarrow 2\pi\delta(\Omega - \Omega_0)$$

That is,  $\Omega_0$  can be found by locating the peak of the Fourier transform. Moreover, a real-valued tone  $\cos(\Omega_0 t)$  is:

$$\cos(\Omega_0 t) = \frac{e^{j\Omega_0 t} + e^{-j\Omega_0 t}}{2}$$

From the Fourier transform of  $\cos(\Omega_0 t)$ ,  $\Omega_0$  and  $-\Omega_0$  are located from the two impulses.

Analogously, there will be two peaks which correspond to frequencies  $0.7\pi$  and  $-0.7\pi$  in the DFT for  $x[n]$ .

The MATLAB code is

```
N=21;           %number of samples is 21
A=2;           %tone amplitude is 2
w=0.7*pi;      %frequency is 0.7*pi
p=1;           %phase is 1
n=0:N-1;       %define a vector of size N
x=A*cos(w*n+p); %generate tone
X=fft(x);       %compute DFT
subplot(2,1,1);
stem(n,abs(X)); %plot magnitude response
subplot(2,1,2);
stem(n,angle(X)); %plot phase response
```

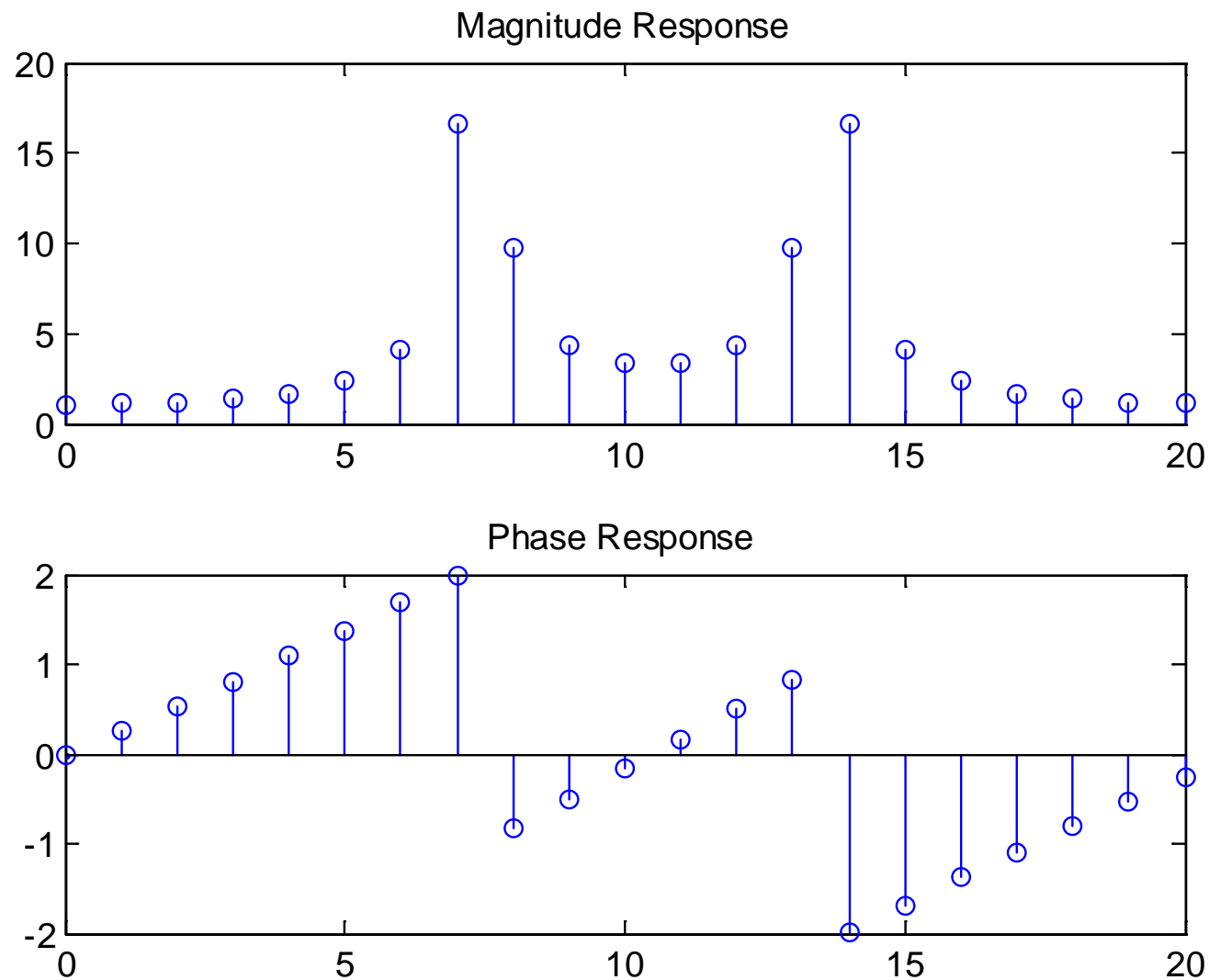


Fig.7.9: DFT plots for a real tone

X =

1.0806	1.0674+0.2939i	1.0243+0.6130i
0.9382+0.9931i	0.7756+1.5027i	0.4409+2.3159i
-0.4524+4.1068i	-6.7461+15.1792i	6.5451-7.2043i
3.8608-2.1316i	3.3521-0.5718i	3.3521+0.5718i
3.8608+2.1316i	6.5451+7.2043i	-6.7461-15.1792i
-0.4524-4.1068i	0.4409-2.3159i	0.7756-1.5027i
0.9382-0.9931i	1.0243-0.6130i	1.0674-0.2939i

Interestingly, we observe that  $\Re\{X[k]\} = \Re\{X[N - k]\}$  and  $\Im\{X[k]\} = -\Im\{X[N - k]\}$ . In fact, all real-valued sequences possess these properties so that we only have to compute around half of the DFT coefficients.

As the DFT coefficients are complex-valued, we search the frequency according to the magnitude plot.



There are two peaks, one at  $k = 7$  and the other at  $k = 14$  which correspond to  $\omega = 0.7\pi$  and  $\omega = -0.7\pi$ , respectively.

From Example 7.2, it is clear that the index  $k$  refers to  $\omega = 2\pi k/N$ . As a result, an estimate of  $\omega_0$  is:

$$\hat{\omega}_0 = \frac{2\pi \cdot 7}{21} \approx 0.6667\pi$$

To improve the accuracy, we append a large number of zeros to  $x[n]$ . The MATLAB code for  $x[n]$  is now modified as:

```
x=[A*cos(w.*n+p) zeros(1,1980)];
```

where 1980 zeros are appended.

The MATLAB code is provided as `ex7_6.m` and `ex7_6_2.m`.

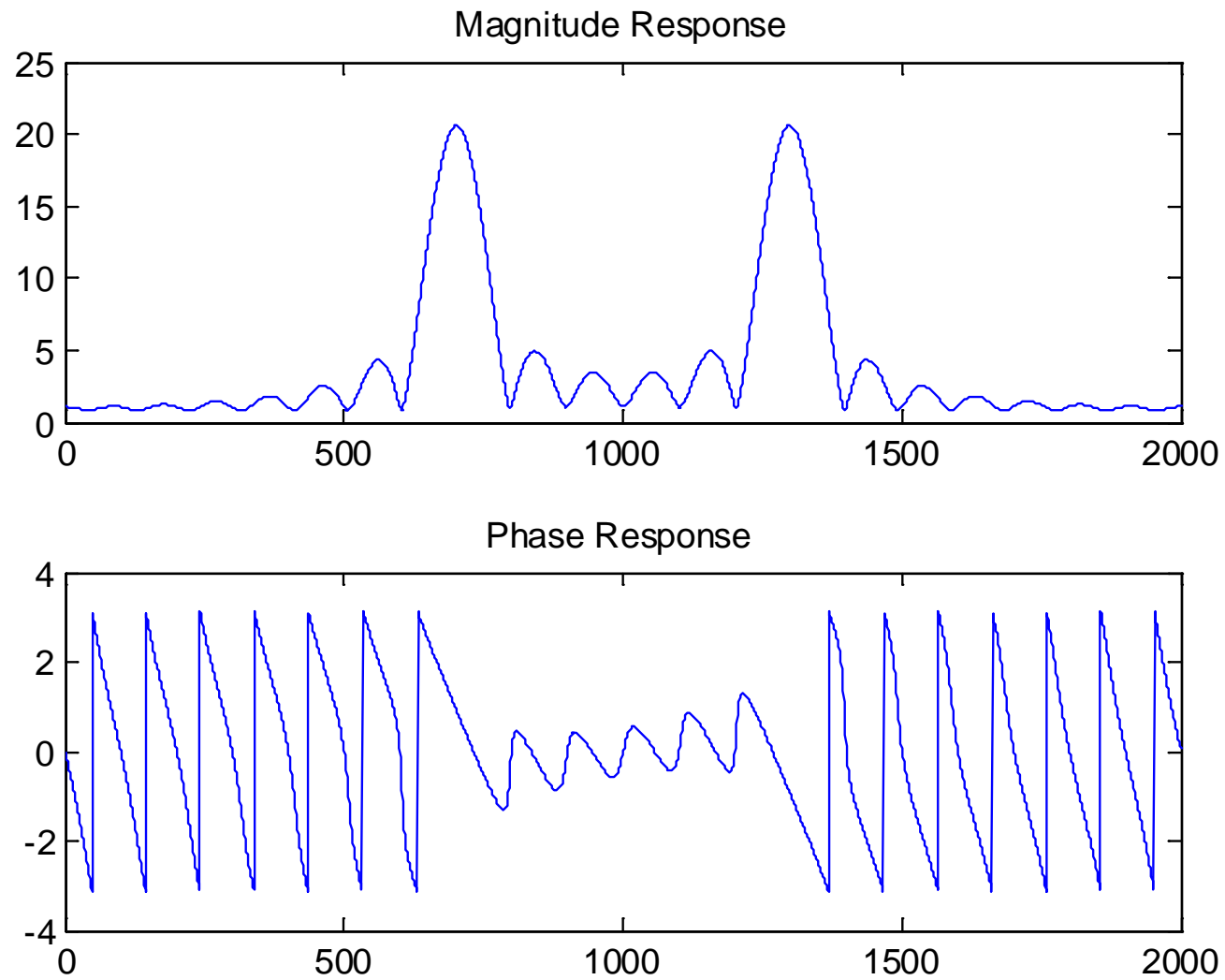


Fig.7.10: DFT plots for a real tone with zero padding

The peak index is found to be  $k = 702$  with  $N = 2001$ . Thus

$$\hat{\omega}_0 = \frac{2\pi \cdot 702}{2001} \approx 0.7016\pi$$

### Example 7.7

Find the inverse DFT coefficients for  $X[k]$  which has a length of  $N = 5$  and has the form of

$$X[k] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0, 1, 2 \\ 0, & n = 3, 4 \end{cases}$$

Plot  $x[n]$ .

Using (7.33) and Example 7.5, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x[n] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} X[k] W_N^{-kn} = \frac{1}{5} (W_5^0 + W_5^{-n} + W_5^{-2n}) \\
 &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} e^{\frac{j2\pi n}{5}} \left[ 1 + 2 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi n}{5} \right) \right], & n = 0, 1, \dots, 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

The main MATLAB code is:

```

N=5;
X=[1 1 1 0 0];
subplot(2,1,1);
stem([0:N-1],abs(ifft(X)));
subplot(2,1,2);
stem([0:N-1],angle(ifft(X)));

```

The MATLAB program is provided as ex7\_7.m.

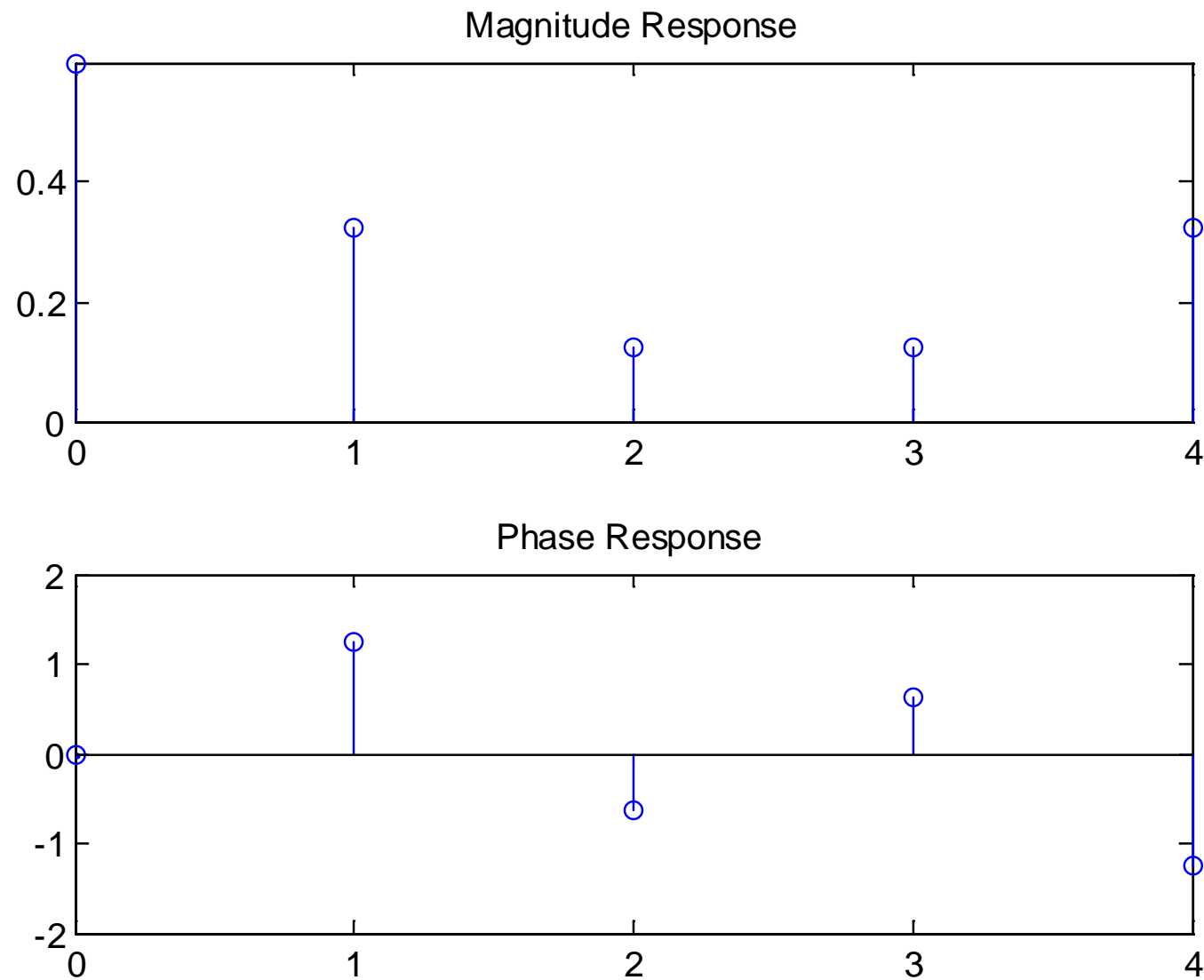


Fig.7.11: Inverse DFT plots

## Properties of DFT

Since DFT pair is equal to DFS pair within  $[0, N - 1]$ , their properties will be identical if we take care of the values of  $x[n]$  and  $X[k]$  when the indices are outside the interval

### 1. Linearity

Let  $(x_1[n], X_1[k])$  and  $(x_2[n], X_2[k])$  be two DFT pairs with the same duration of  $N$ . We have:

$$ax_1[n] + bx_2[n] \leftrightarrow aX_1[k] + bX_2[k] \quad (7.34)$$

Note that if  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$  are of different lengths, we can properly append zero(s) to the shorter sequence to make them with the same duration.

## 2. Circular Shift of Sequence

If  $x[n] \leftrightarrow X[k]$ , then

$$x[(n - m) \bmod (N)] \leftrightarrow W_N^{km} X[k] \quad (7.35)$$

Note that in order to make sure that the resultant time index is within the interval of  $[0, N - 1]$ , we need **circular shift**, which is defined as

$$(n - m) \bmod (N) = n - m + r \cdot N \quad (7.36)$$

where the integer  $r$  is chosen such that

$$0 \leq n - m + r \cdot N \leq N - 1 \quad (7.37)$$

### Example 7.8

Determine  $x_1[n] = x[(n - 2) \bmod (4)]$  where  $x[n]$  is of length 4 and has the form of:

$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ 3, & n = 1 \\ 2, & n = 2 \\ 4, & n = 3 \end{cases}$$

According to (7.36)-(7.37) with  $N = 4$ ,  $x_1[n]$  is determined as:

$$x_1[0] = x[(0 - 2) \bmod (4)] = x[2] = 2, \quad r = 1$$

$$x_1[1] = x[(1 - 2) \bmod (4)] = x[3] = 4, \quad r = 1$$

$$x_1[2] = x[(2 - 2) \bmod (4)] = x[0] = 1, \quad r = 0$$

$$x_1[3] = x[(3 - 2) \bmod (4)] = x[1] = 3, \quad r = 0$$



### 3. Duality

If  $x[n] \leftrightarrow X[k]$ , then

$$X[n] \leftrightarrow Nx[(-k) \bmod (N)] \quad (7.38)$$

### 4. Symmetry

If  $x[n] \leftrightarrow X[k]$ , then

$$x^*[n] \leftrightarrow X^*[(-k) \bmod (N)] \quad (7.39)$$

and

$$x^*[(-n) \bmod (N)] \leftrightarrow X^*[k] \quad (7.40)$$

## 5. Circular Convolution

Let  $(x_1[n], X_1[k])$  and  $(x_2[n], X_2[k])$  be two DFT pairs with the same duration of  $N$ . We have

$$x_1[n] \otimes_N x_2[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_1[m] x_2[(n - m) \bmod (N)] \leftrightarrow X_1[k] X_2[k] \quad (7.41)$$

where  $\otimes_N$  is the **circular convolution** operator.

## Fast Fourier Transform

FFT is a **fast algorithm** for DFT and inverse DFT computation.

Recall (7.32):

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{kn}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq N-1 \quad (7.42)$$

Each  $X[k]$  involves  $N$  and  $(N-1)$  **complex** multiplications and additions, respectively.

Computing all DFT coefficients requires  $N^2$  **complex multiplications** and  $N(N-1)$  **complex additions**.

Assuming that  $N = 2^v$ , the corresponding computational requirements for FFT are  $0.5N \log_2(N)$  **complex multiplications** and  $N \log_2(N)$  **complex additions**.

$N$	Direct Computation		FFT	
	Multiplication	Addition	Multiplication	Addition
	$N^2$	$N(N - 1)$	$0.5N \log_2(N)$	$N \log_2(N)$
2	4	2	1	2
8	64	56	12	24
32	1024	922	80	160
64	4096	4022	192	384
$2^{10}$	1048576	1047552	5120	10240
$2^{20}$	$\sim 10^{12}$	$\sim 10^{12}$	$\sim 10^7$	$\sim 2 \times 10^7$

Table 7.1: Complexities of direct DFT computation and FFT

Basically, FFT makes use of two ideas in its development:

- Decompose the DFT computation of a sequence into successively smaller DFTs
- Utilize two properties of  $W_N^k = e^{-j2\pi k/N}$ :
  - complex conjugate symmetry property:

$$W_N^{k(N-n)} = W_N^{-kn} = (W_N^{kn})^* \quad (7.43)$$

- periodicity in  $n$  and  $k$ :

$$W_N^{kn} = W_N^{k(n+N)} = W_N^{n(k+N)} \quad (7.44)$$

## Decimation-in-Time Algorithm

The basic idea is to compute (7.42) according to

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=\text{even}}^{N-1} x[n]W_N^{kn} + \sum_{n=\text{odd}}^{N-1} x[n]W_N^{kn} \quad (7.45)$$

Substituting  $n = 2r$  and  $n = 2r + 1$  for the first and second summation terms:

$$\begin{aligned} X[k] &= \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r]W_N^{2rk} + \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r+1]W_N^{(2r+1)k} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r] (W_N^2)^{rk} + W_N^k \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r+1] (W_N^2)^{rk} \end{aligned} \quad (7.46)$$

Using  $W_N^2 = W_{N/2}$  since  $W_N^2 = e^{-j2\pi/N \cdot 2} = e^{-j2\pi/(N/2)}$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} X[k] &= \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r] W_{N/2}^{rk} + W_N^k \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r+1] W_{N/2}^{rk} \\ &= G[k] + W_N^k \cdot H[k], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \end{aligned} \quad (7.47)$$

where  $G[k]$  and  $H[k]$  are the DFTs of the even-index and odd-index elements of  $x[n]$ , respectively. That is,  $X[k]$  can be constructed from two  $N/2$ -point DFTs, namely,  $G[k]$  and  $H[k]$ .

Further simplifications can be achieved by writing the  $N$  equations as 2 groups of  $N/2$  equations as follows:

$$X[k] = G[k] + W_N^k \cdot H[k], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N/2 - 1 \quad (7.48)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
X[k + N/2] &= \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r] W_{N/2}^{r(k+N/2)} + W_N^{k+N/2} \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r+1] W_{N/2}^{r(k+N/2)} \\
&= \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r] W_{N/2}^{rk} - W_N^k \sum_{r=0}^{N/2-1} x[2r+1] W_{N/2}^{rk} \\
&= G[k] - W_N^k \cdot H[k], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N/2 - 1
\end{aligned} \tag{7.49}$$

with the use of  $W_{N/2}^{N/2} = 1$  and  $W_N^{N/2} = -1$ . Equations (7.48) and (7.49) are known as the **butterfly merging** equations.

Noting that  $N/2$  multiplications are also needed to calculate  $W_N^k H[k]$ , the number of multiplications is reduced from  $N^2$  to  $2(N/2)^2 + N/2 = N(N+1)/2$ .

The decomposition step of (7.48)-(7.49) is repeated  $v$  times until 1-point DFT is reached.



## Decimation-in-Frequency Algorithm

The basic idea is to decompose the frequency-domain sequence  $X[k]$  into successively smaller subsequences.

Recall (7.42) and employing  $W_N^{2r(n+N/2)} = W_N^{2nr} \cdot W_N^{rN} = W_N^{2nr}$  and  $W_N^2 = W_{N/2}$ , the even-index DFT coefficients are:

$$\begin{aligned} X[2r] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{n(2r)} = \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} x[n] W_N^{2nr} + \sum_{n=N/2}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{2nr} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} x[n] W_N^{2nr} + \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} x[n + N/2] W_N^{2r(n+N/2)} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} (x[n] + x[n + N/2]) \cdot W_{N/2}^{nr}, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, N/2 - 1 \quad (7.50) \end{aligned}$$

Using  $W_N^{Nr} = 1$  and  $W_N^{N/2} = -1$ , the odd-index coefficients are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X[2r+1] &= \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} x[n] W_N^{n(2r+1)} + \sum_{n=N/2}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{n(2r+1)} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} x[n] W_N^n W_{N/2}^{nr} + \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} x[n+N/2] W_N^{(n+N/2)(2r+1)} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} x[n] W_N^n W_{N/2}^{nr} + W_N^{N/2(2r+1)} \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} x[n+N/2] W_N^{n(2r+1)} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{N/2-1} (x[n] - x[n+N/2]) W_N^n \cdot W_{N/2}^{nr}, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, N/2-1 \quad (7.51)
 \end{aligned}$$

$X[2r]$  and  $X[2r+1]$  are equal to  $N/2$ -point DFTs of  $(x[n] + x[n+N/2])$  and  $(x[n] - x[n+N/2]) W_N^n$ , respectively. The decomposition step of (7.50)-(7.51) is repeated  $v$  times until 1-point DFT is reached

## Fast Convolution with FFT

The convolution of two finite-duration sequences

$$y[n] = x_1[n] \otimes x_2[n]$$

where  $x_1[n]$  is of length  $N_1$  and  $x_2[n]$  is of length  $N_2$  requires computation of  $(N_1 + N_2 - 1)$  samples which corresponds to  $N_1 N_2 - \min\{N_1, N_2\}$  complex multiplications

An alternate approach is to use FFT:

$$y[n] = \text{IFFT}\{\text{FFT}\{x_1[n]\} \times \text{FFT}\{x_2[n]\}\}$$

In practice:

- Choose the minimum  $N \geq N_1 + N_2 - 1$  and is power of 2
- Zero-pad  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$  to length  $N$ , say,  $\tilde{x}_1[n]$  and  $\tilde{x}_2[n]$
- $\tilde{y}[n] = \text{IFFT}\{\text{FFT}\{\tilde{x}_1[n]\} \times \text{FFT}\{\tilde{x}_2[n]\}\}$

From (7.33), the inverse DFT has a factor of  $1/N$ , the IFFT thus requires  $N + (N/2)\log_2(N)$  multiplications. As a result, the total multiplications for  $\tilde{y}[n]$  is  $2N + (3N/2)\log_2(N)$

Using FFT is more computationally efficient than direct convolution computation for longer data lengths:

$N_1$	$N_2$	$N$	$N_1N_2 - \min\{N_1, N_2\}$	$2N + (3N/2)\log_2(N)$
2	5	8	8	52
10	15	32	140	304
50	80	256	3950	3584
50	1000	2048	49950	37888
512	10000	16384	4119488	376832

MATLAB and C source codes for FFT can be found at:

<http://www.ece.rutgers.edu/~orfanidi/intro2sp/#progs>