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15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture #21: DSP tools –
DFT – Discrete Fourier Transform

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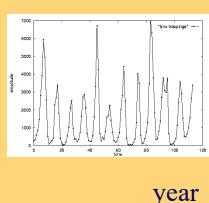
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Goal: given a signal (eg., sales over time
and/or space)

Q: Find patterns and/or compress



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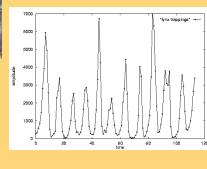
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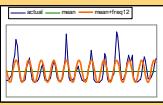


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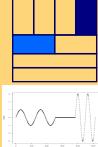


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A1: Fourier (DFT)



A2: Wavelets (DWT)



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Must-read Material

- DFT/DCT: In [PTVF](#) ch. 12.1, 12.3, 12.4; in [Textbook](#) Appendix B.
- Wavelets: In [PTVF](#) ch. 13.10; in [MM](#) [Textbook](#) Appendix C

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Outline

Goal: ‘Find similar / interesting things’

- Intro to DB
- • Indexing - similarity search
- • Data Mining

Indexing - Detailed outline

- primary key indexing
- ..
- • Multimedia –
 - Digital Signal Processing (DSP) tools
 - Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)
 - Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT)

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DSP - Detailed outline

- DFT
 - what
 - why
 - how
 - Arithmetic examples
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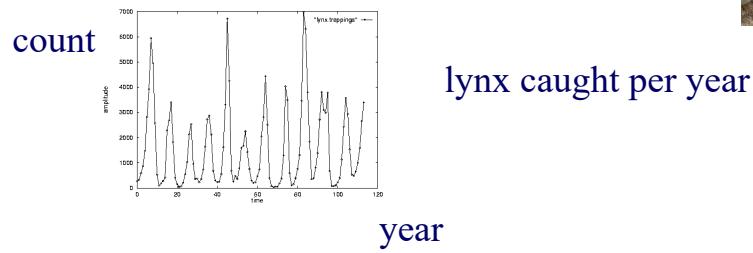
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Introduction

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and/or space)

Find: patterns and/or compress



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What does DFT do?

A: highlights the periodicities

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Why should we care?

A: several real sequences are periodic

Q: Such as?

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Why should we care?

A: several real sequences are periodic

Q: Such as?

A:

- sales patterns follow seasons;
- economy follows 50-year cycle
- temperature follows daily and yearly cycles

Many real signals follow (multiple) cycles

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Why should we care?

For example: human voice!

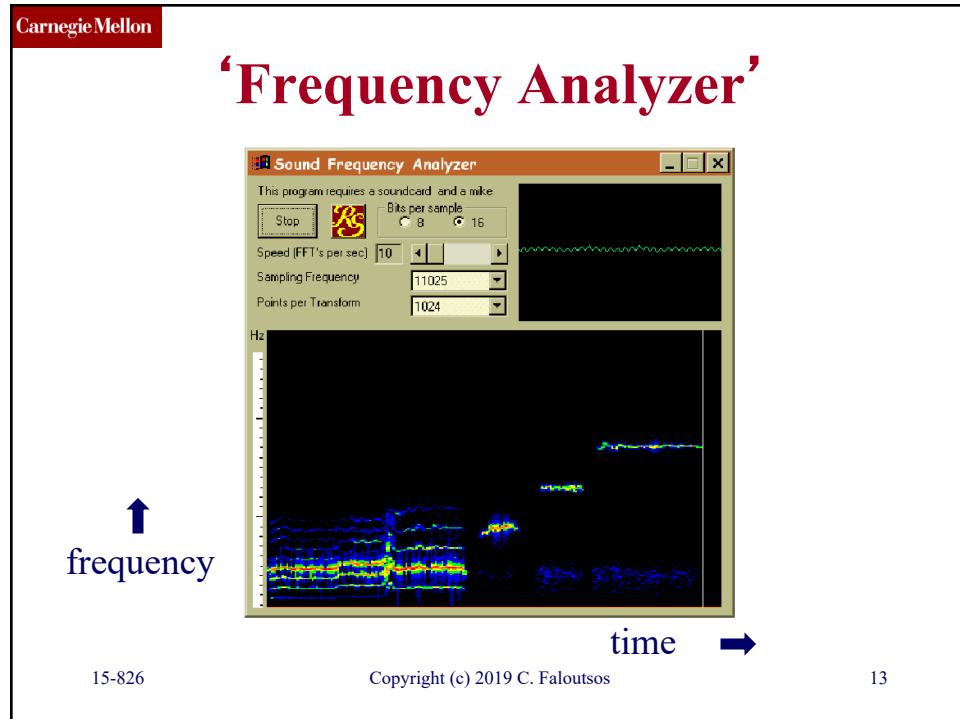
- Frequency analyzer
<http://www.relisoft.com/freeware/freq.html>
- speaker identification
- impulses/noise -> flat spectrum
- high pitch -> high frequency

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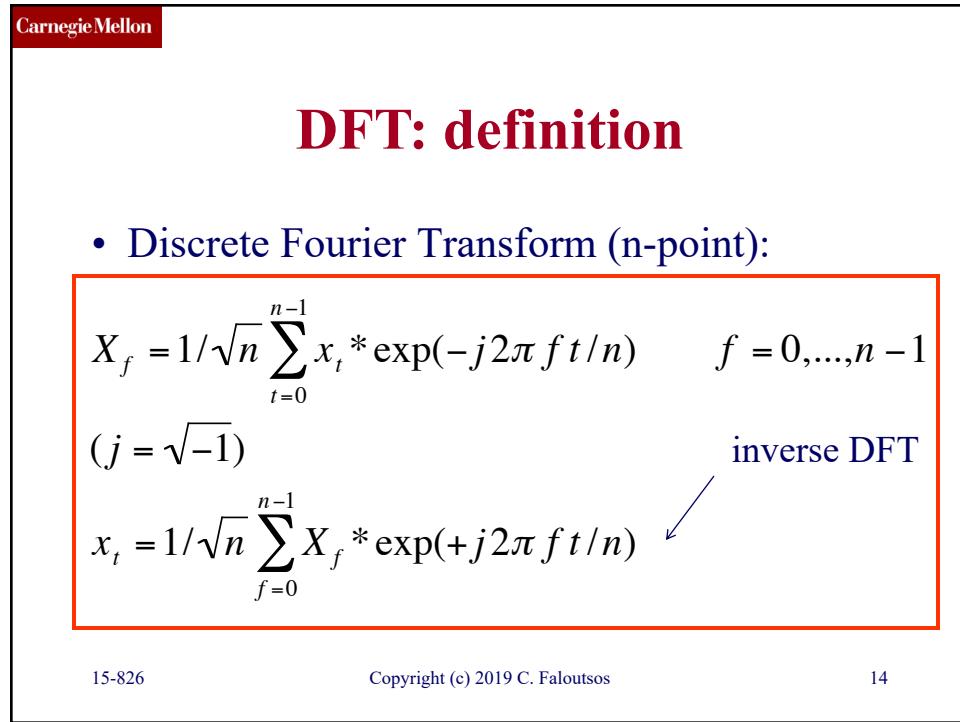
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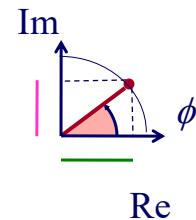


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(Reminder)

$$\exp(\phi * j) = \cos(\phi) + j * \sin(\phi)$$



(fun fact: the equation with the 5 most important numbers:

$$e^{j\pi} + 1 = 0$$

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DFT: definition

- **Good news:** Available in **all** symbolic math packages, eg., in ‘mathematica’
 $x = [1,2,1,2];$
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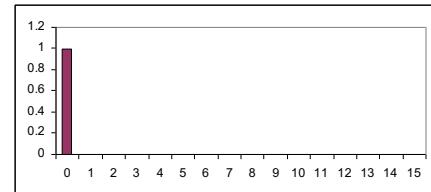
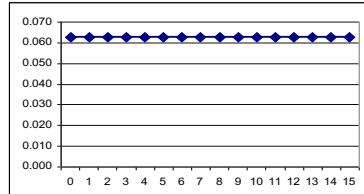
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DFT: examples

flat

 $\text{Plot}[\text{Abs}[\text{Fourier}[x]]];$

Amplitude



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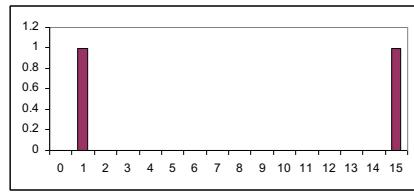
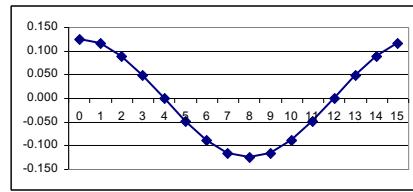
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DFT: examples

Low frequency sinusoid



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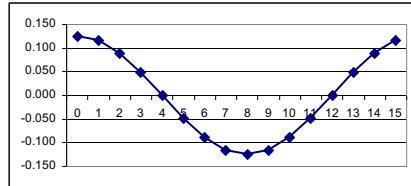
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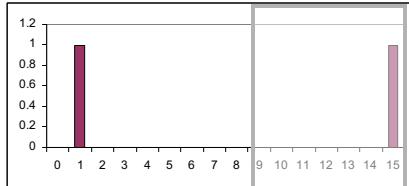
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DFT: examples

- Sinusoid - symmetry property: $X_f = X^*_{n-f}$



time



freq

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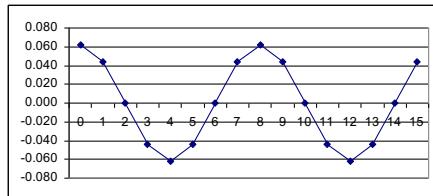
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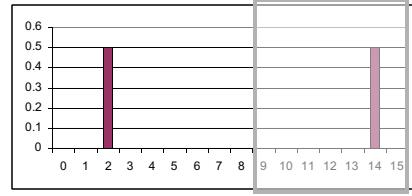
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DFT: examples

- Higher freq. sinusoid



time



freq

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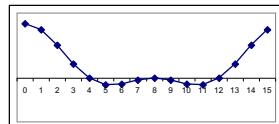
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DFT: examples

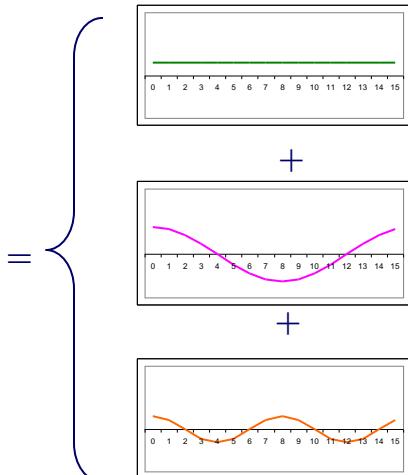
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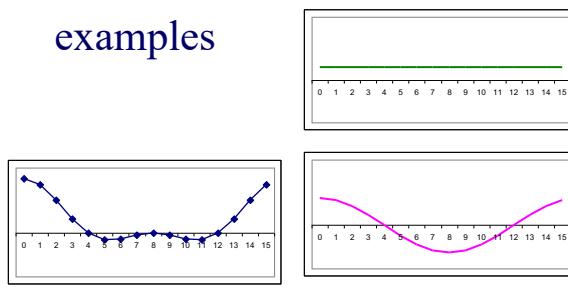
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DFT: examples

examples

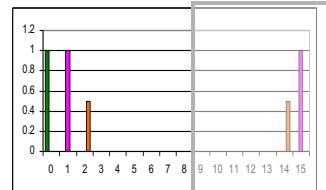


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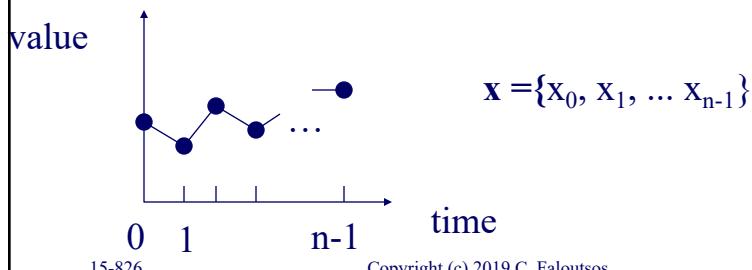
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How does it work?

Decomposes signal to a sum of sine (and cosine) waves.

Q: How to assess ‘similarity’ of \mathbf{x} with a wave?



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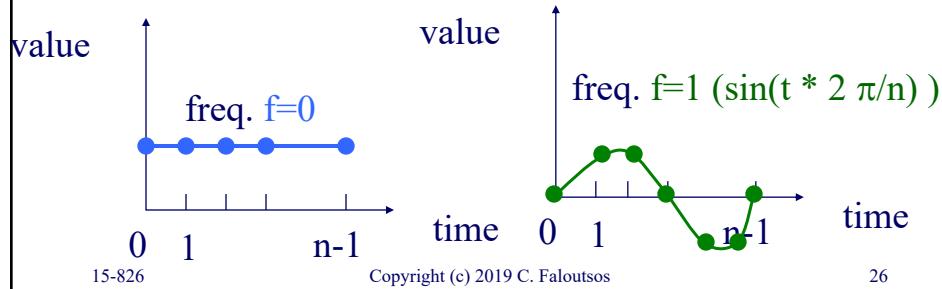
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How does it work?

A: consider the waves with frequency 0, 1, ...;
use the inner-product (~cosine similarity)



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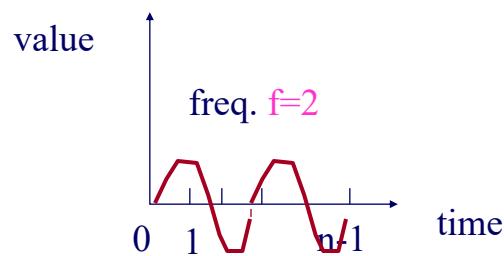
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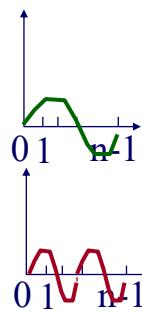
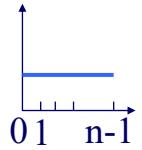
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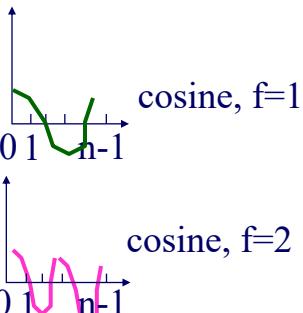
'basis' functions
(vectors)

sine, freq = 1

sine, freq = 2



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How does it work?

- Basis functions are actually n -dim vectors, **orthogonal** to each other
- ‘similarity’ of \mathbf{x} with each of them: inner product
- DFT: \sim all the similarities of \mathbf{x} with the basis functions

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DFT: definition

- (variations:
- $1/n$ instead of $1/\sqrt{n}$
 - $\exp(-\dots)$ instead of $\exp(+\dots)$

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DFT: definition

Observations:

- X_f : are complex numbers except
– X_0 , who is real
- $\text{Im}(X_f)$: ~ amplitude of sine wave of frequency f
- $\text{Re}(X_f)$: ~ amplitude of cosine wave of frequency f
- \mathbf{x} : is the sum of the above sine/cosine waves

more details 

Intuition behind X_f - ‘phasors’

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DFT: definition

- Discrete Fourier Transform (n-point):

$$X_f = 1/\sqrt{n} \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} x_t * \exp(-j2\pi f t/n) \quad f = 0, \dots, n-1$$

$$(j = \sqrt{-1})$$

$$x_t = 1/\sqrt{n} \sum_{f=0}^{n-1} X_f * \exp(+j2\pi f t/n)$$

inverse DFT

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Phasors – intuition behind X_f

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Fourier appx actual

x_t

0 1 179

$n=180$

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Phasors – intuition behind X_f

IBM stock

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\longleftrightarrow

$$X_I: A_I \exp(j \phi)$$

Im Re

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Phasors – intuition behind X_f

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Rotation as $t = 0, \dots$

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Im Re

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Phasors – intuition behind X_f

Each X_f : **phasor**, ie rotating complex number ->
Generates a wave of

- Amplitude A_f
- Phase ϕ_f
- Frequency f

Rotation as $t = 0, \dots$

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$X_I: A_I \exp(j \phi)$

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Phasors – intuition behind X_f

Each X_f : **phasor**, ie rotating complex number ->
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- Phase ϕ_f
- Frequency f
- By its projection on Re
- (and another, imaginary, on Im)
 - But those cancel out

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phasor

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Phasors – intuition behind X_f

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Phasors – intuition behind X_f

X_1

X_2 (every 2nd tick)

....

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Phasors – intuition behind X_f

X_1

X_2

....

X_{179}

X_0

Sum:

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DFT: definition

Observation - SYMMETRY property:

$$X_f = (X_{n-f})^*$$

(“*”: complex conjugate: $(a + b j)^* = a - b j$)

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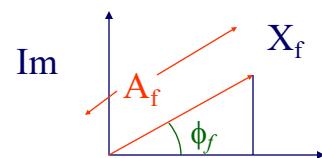
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DFT: definition

Definitions

- $A_f = |X_f|$: amplitude of frequency f
- $|X_f|^2 = \text{Re}(X_f)^2 + \text{Im}(X_f)^2$ = energy of frequency f
- phase ϕ_f at frequency f



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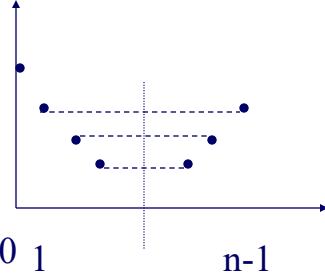
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DFT: definition

Amplitude spectrum: $| X_f |$ vs f ($f=0, 1, \dots, n-1$)

SYMMETRIC (Thus, we plot the **first half only**)



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DFT: definition

Phase spectrum $| \phi_f |$ vs f ($f=0, 1, \dots, n-1$):

Anti-symmetric

(Rarely used)

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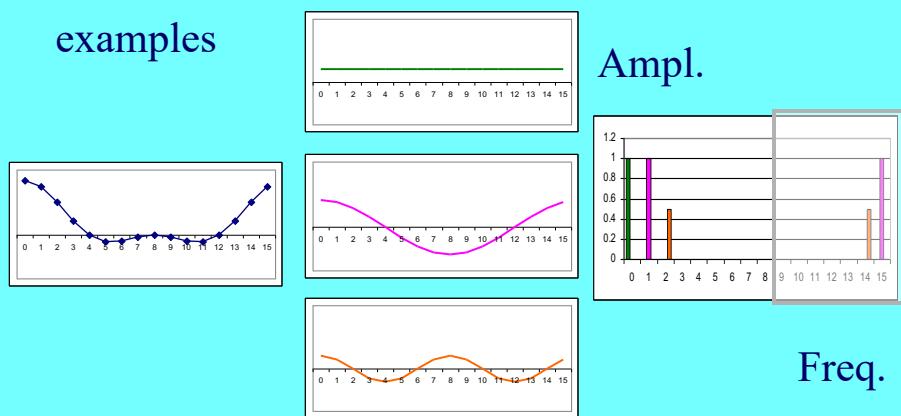
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DFT: examples

examples



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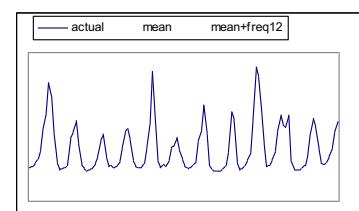
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DFT: Amplitude spectrum

$$\text{Amplitude: } A_f^2 = \text{Re}^2(X_f) + \text{Im}^2(X_f)$$

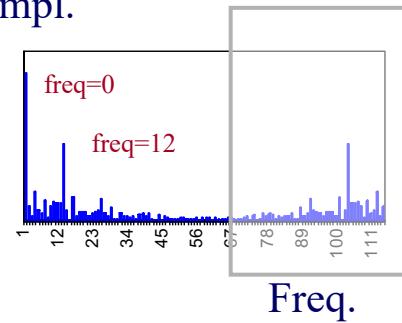
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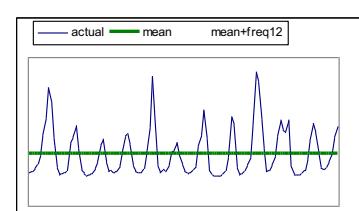
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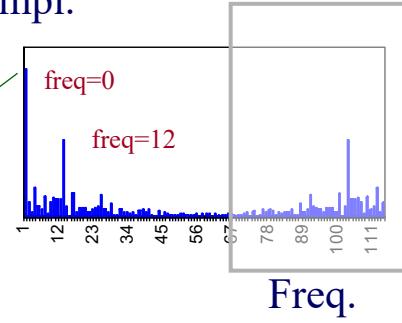
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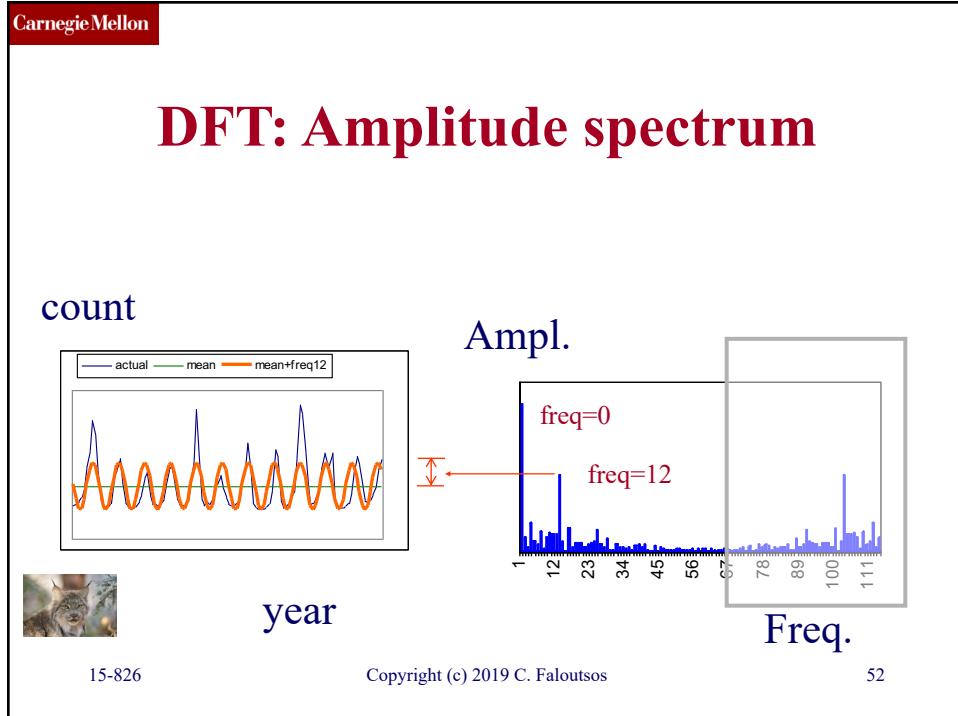


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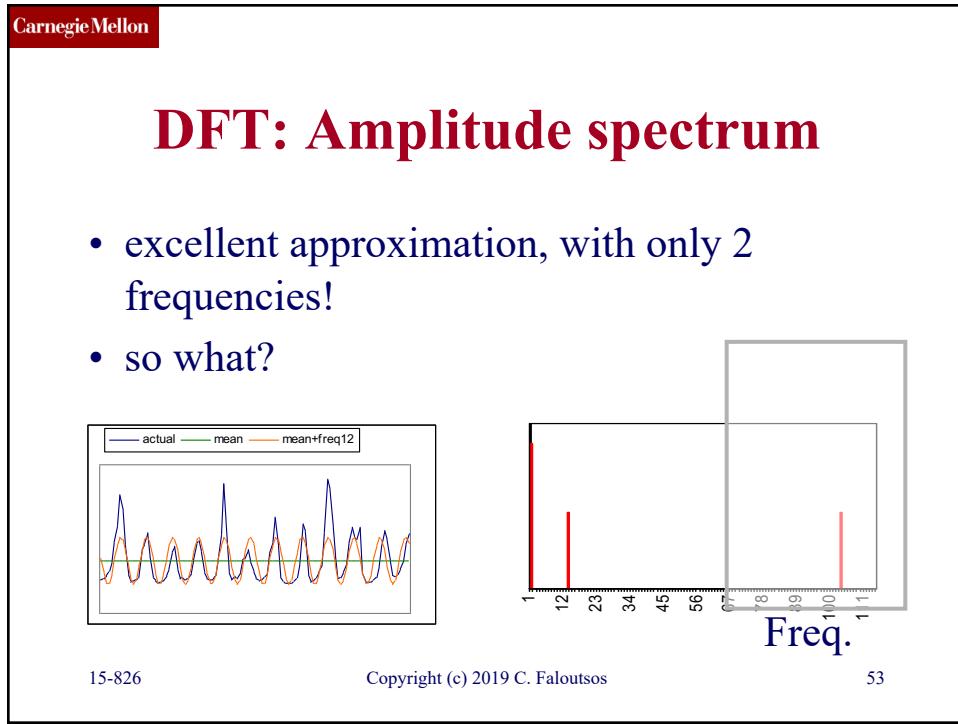
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DFT: Amplitude spectrum

- excellent approximation, with only 2 frequencies!
- so what?
- A1: compression
- A2: pattern discovery
- (A3: forecasting)

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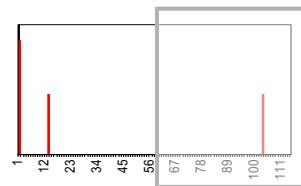
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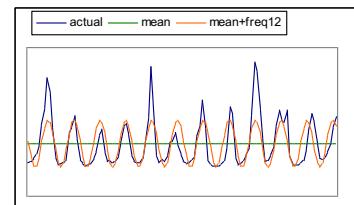
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DFT: Amplitude spectrum

- Let's see it in action (defunct now...)
- (<http://www.dsptutor.freeuk.com/janalyser/FFTSpectrumAnalyser.html>)
- plain sine
- phase shift
- two sine waves
- the 'chirp' function
- <http://ion.researchsystems.com/>

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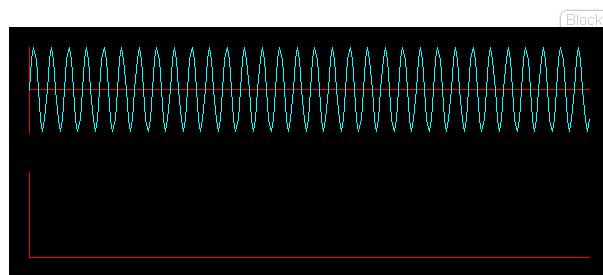
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Plain sine



Number of samples:

256

Sampling rate:

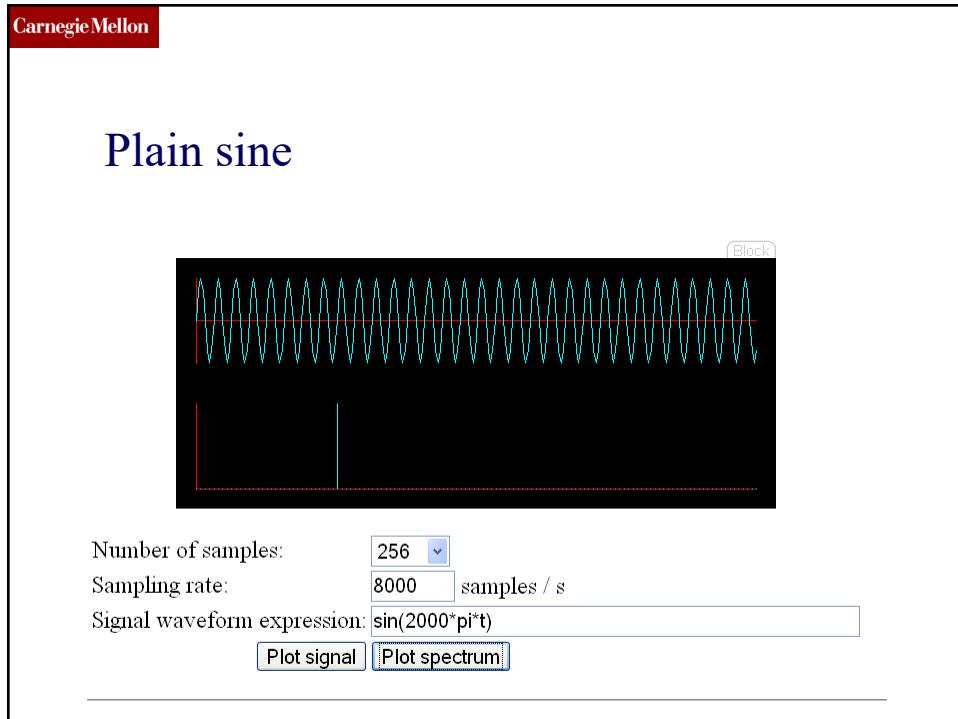
8000 samples / s

Signal waveform expression:

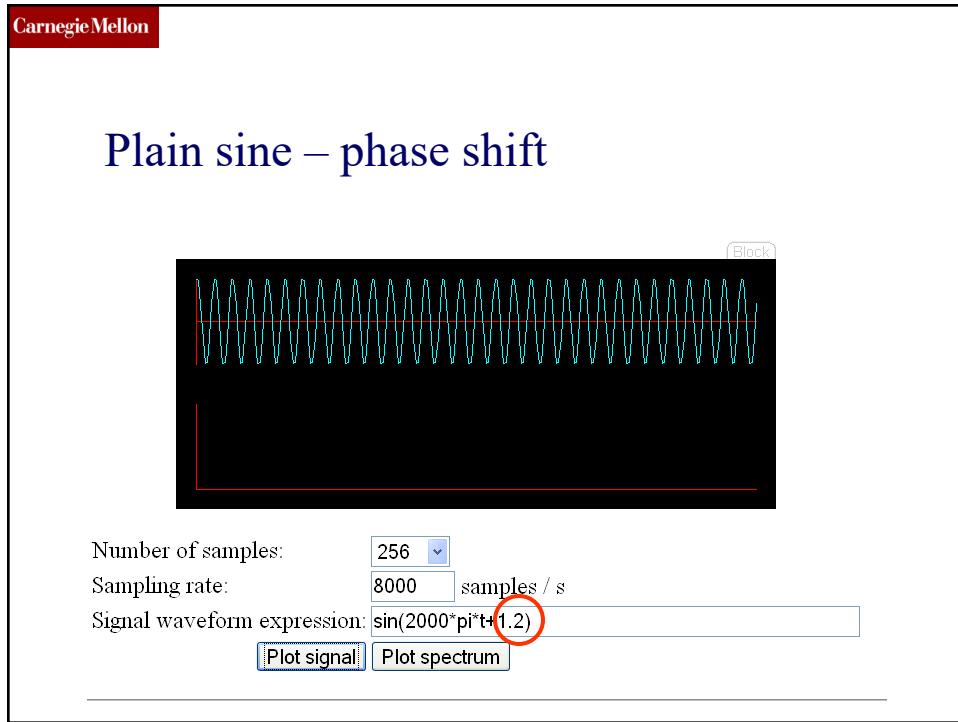
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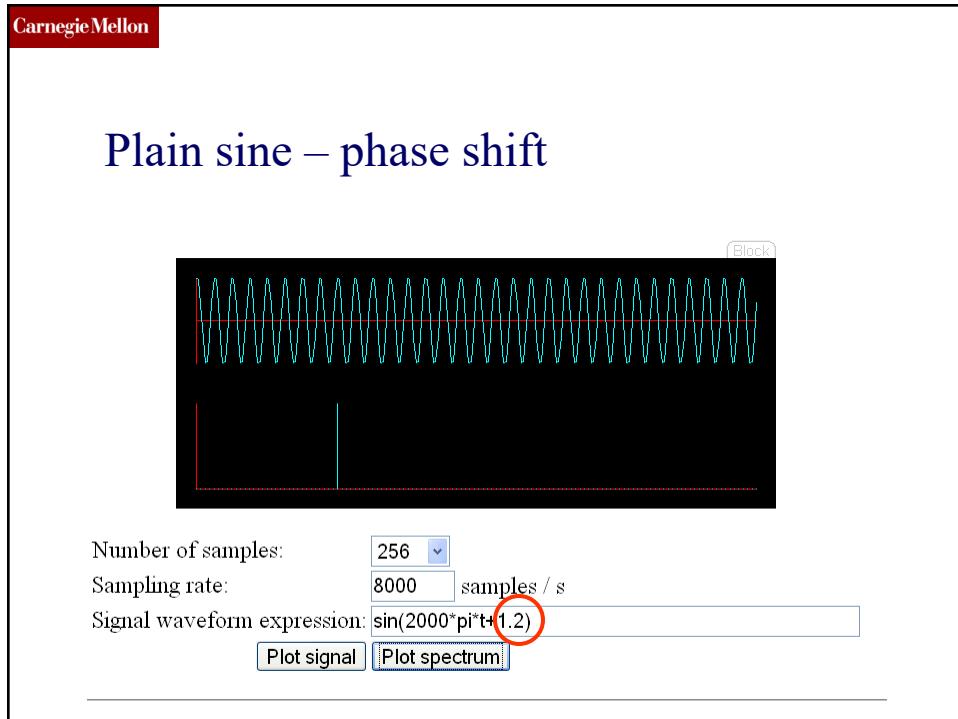
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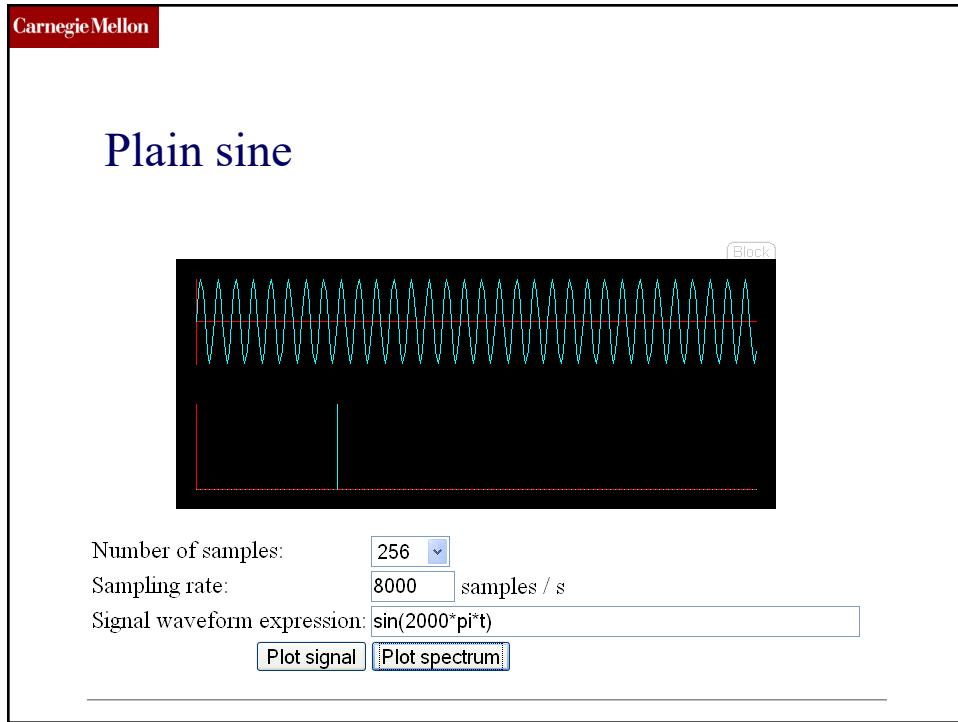
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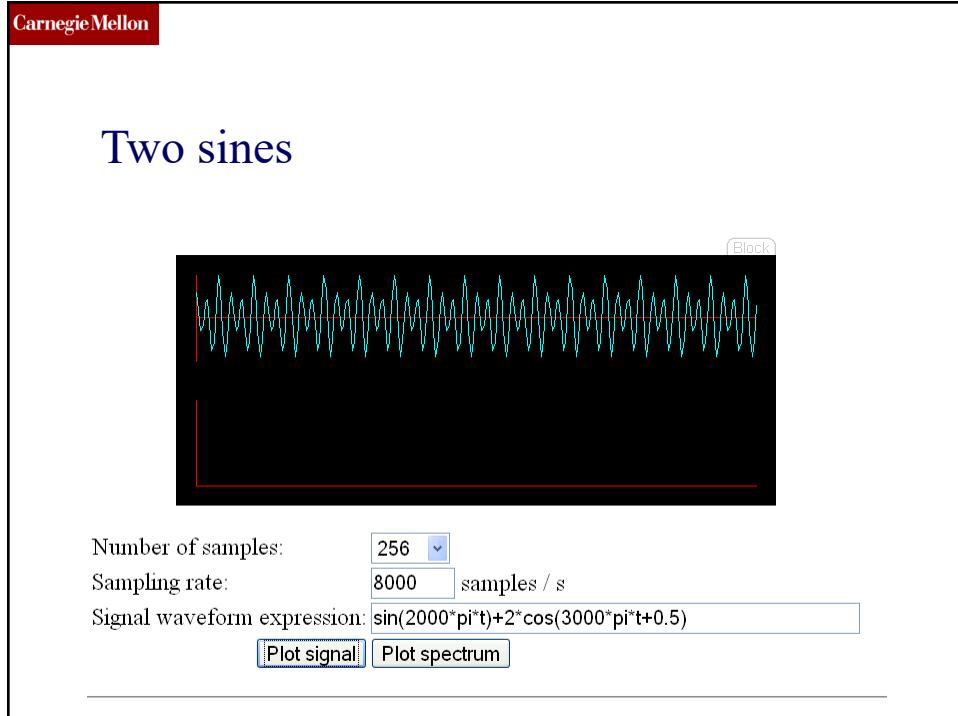
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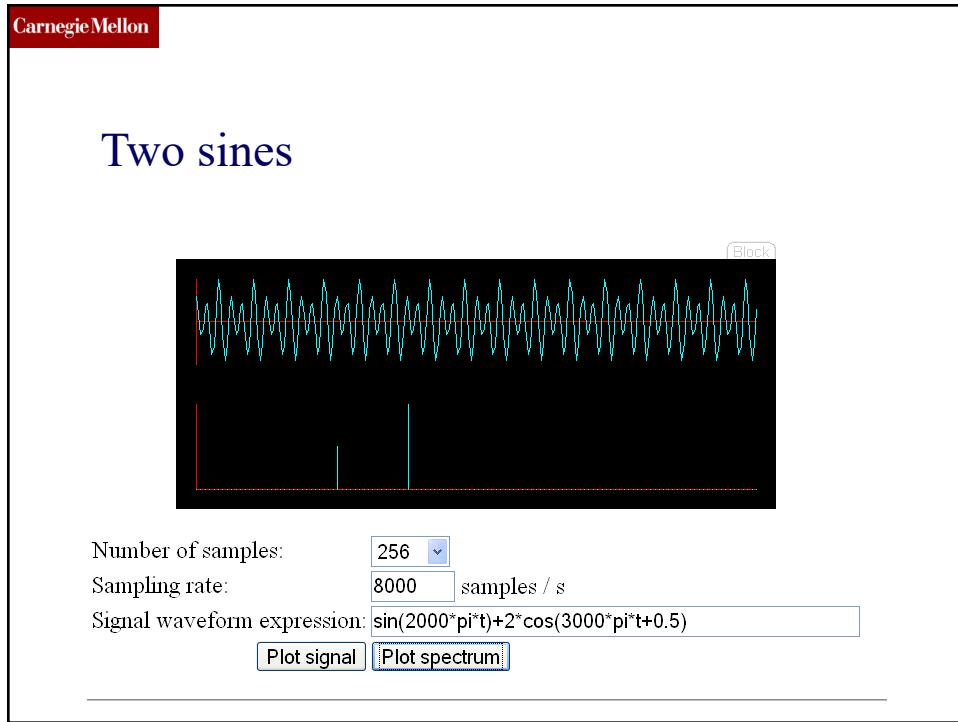
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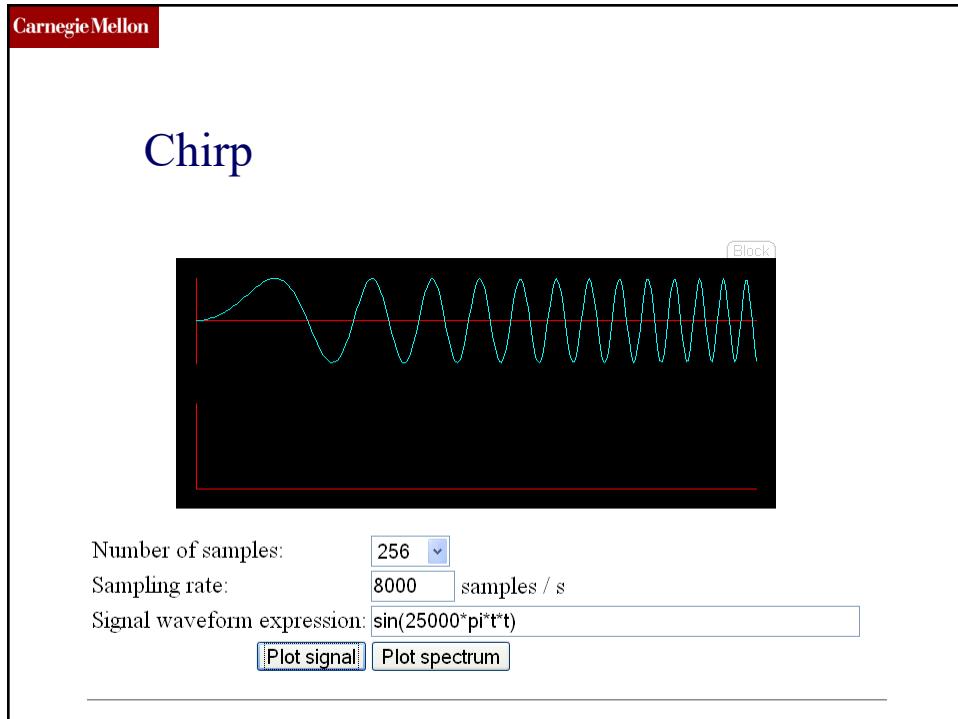
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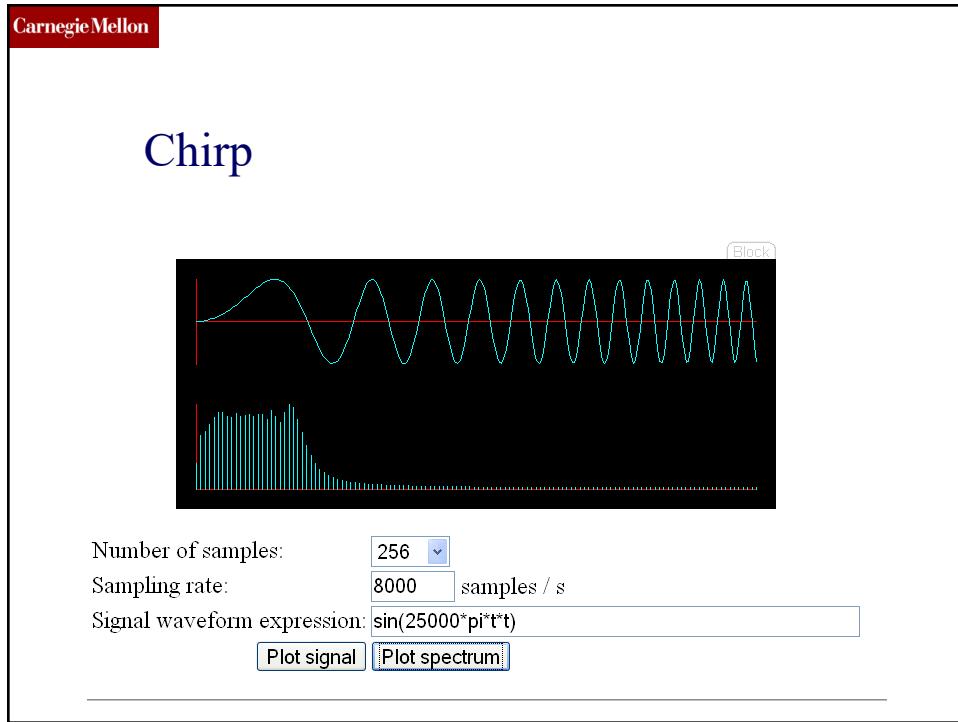
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Properties

- Time shift sounds the same
 - Changes only phase, not amplitudes
- Sawtooth has almost all frequencies
 - With decreasing amplitude
- Spike has all frequencies

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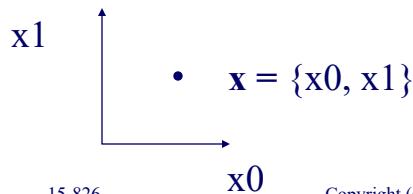
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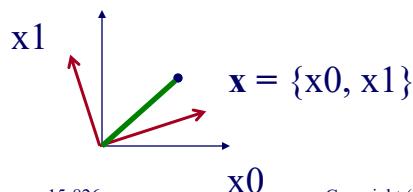
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... equivalently,

matrix \mathbf{F} ($= \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-j2\pi ft} \right]$)

is row-orthonormal

Row: f

Column: t

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_0 \\ X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_f \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{F} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-j2\pi ft} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_t \end{bmatrix}$$

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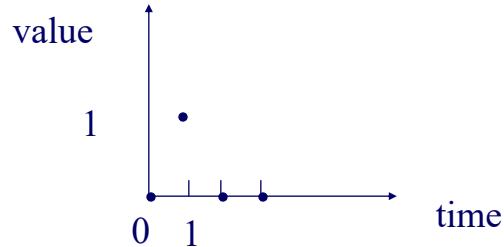
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- Q: check Parseval's theorem

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- A: FLAT!

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Arithmetic examples

- Q: What does this mean?

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Arithmetic examples

- Q: What does this mean?
- A: All frequencies are equally important ->
 - we need n numbers in the frequency domain to represent just one non-zero number in the time domain!
 - “*frequency leak*”

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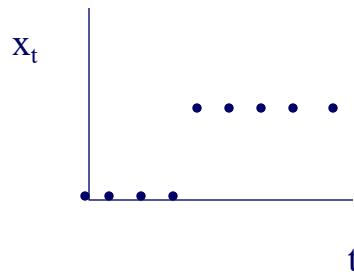
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Observations

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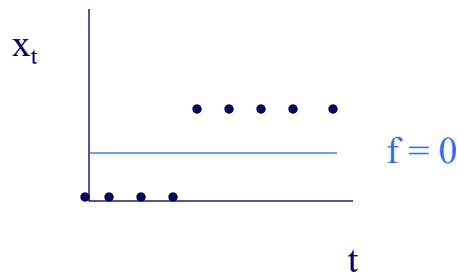
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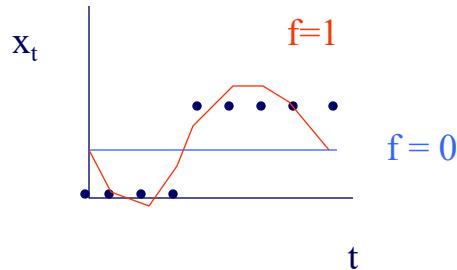
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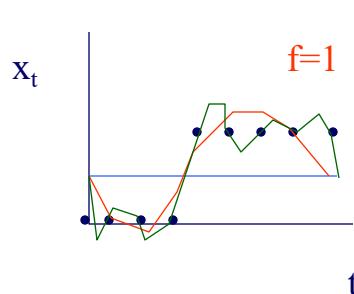
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- the more frequencies,
the better the approx.
- ‘ringing’ becomes worse
- reason: discontinuities; trends

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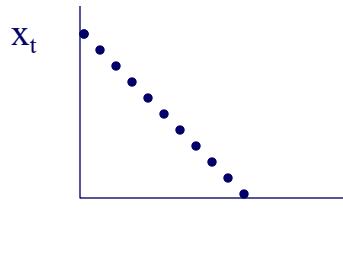
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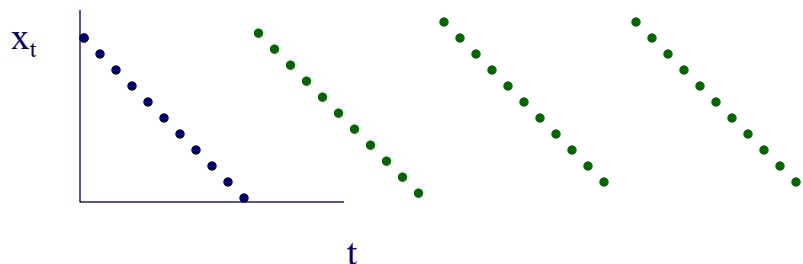
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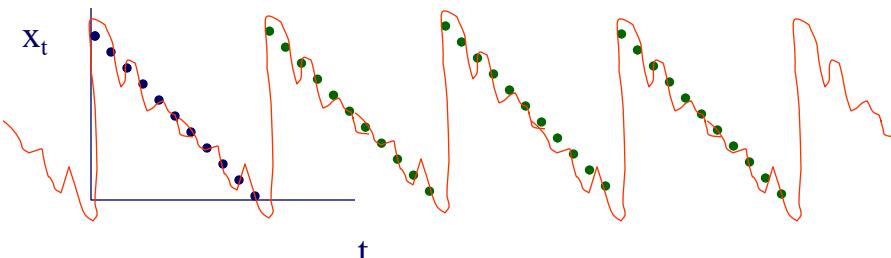
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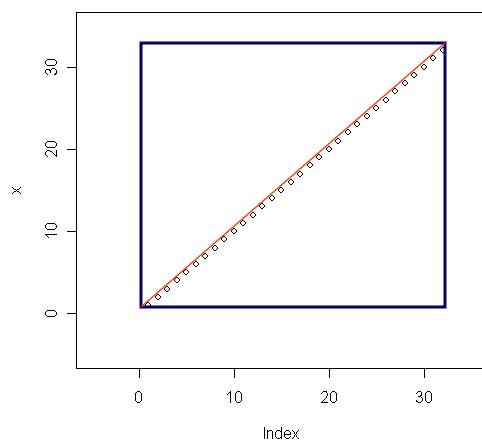
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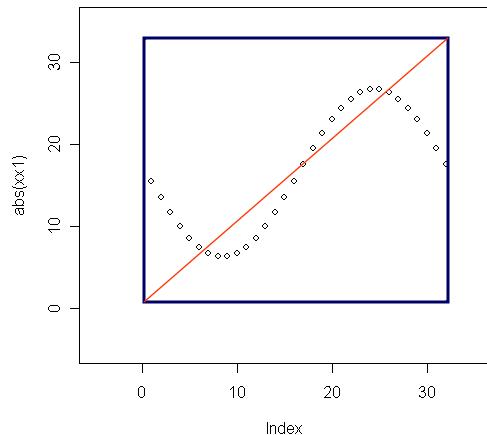
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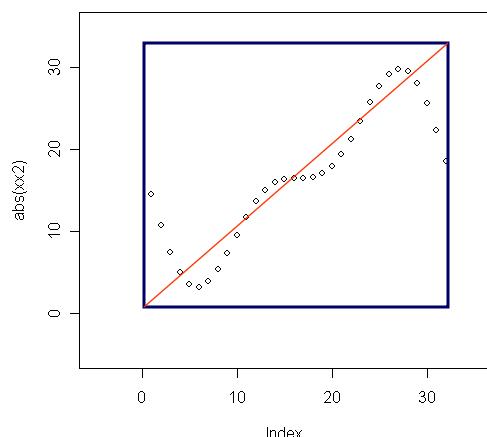
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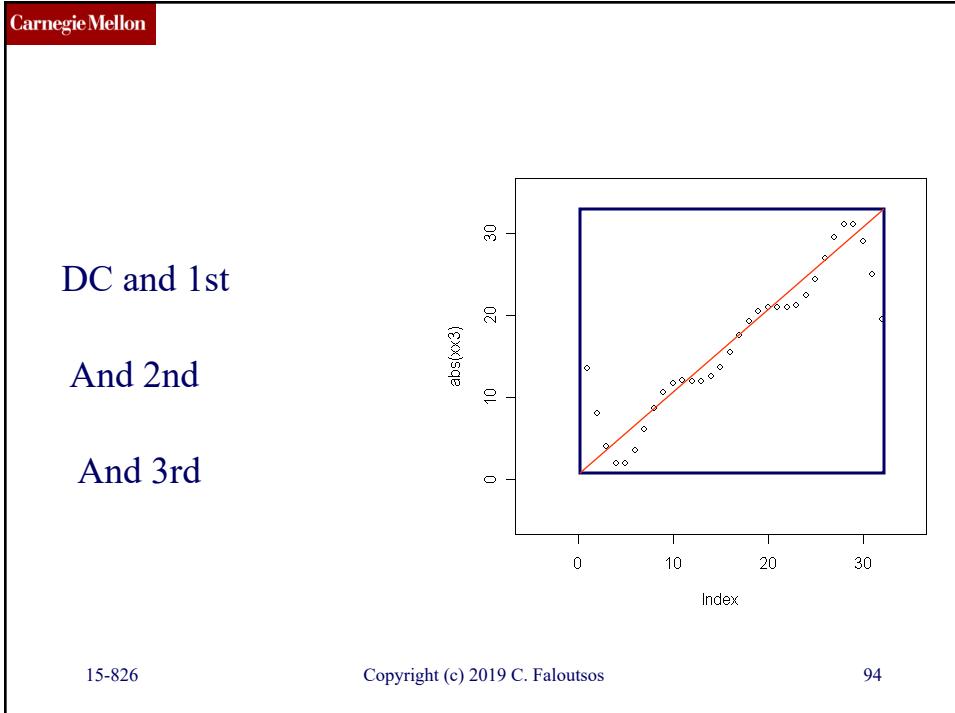


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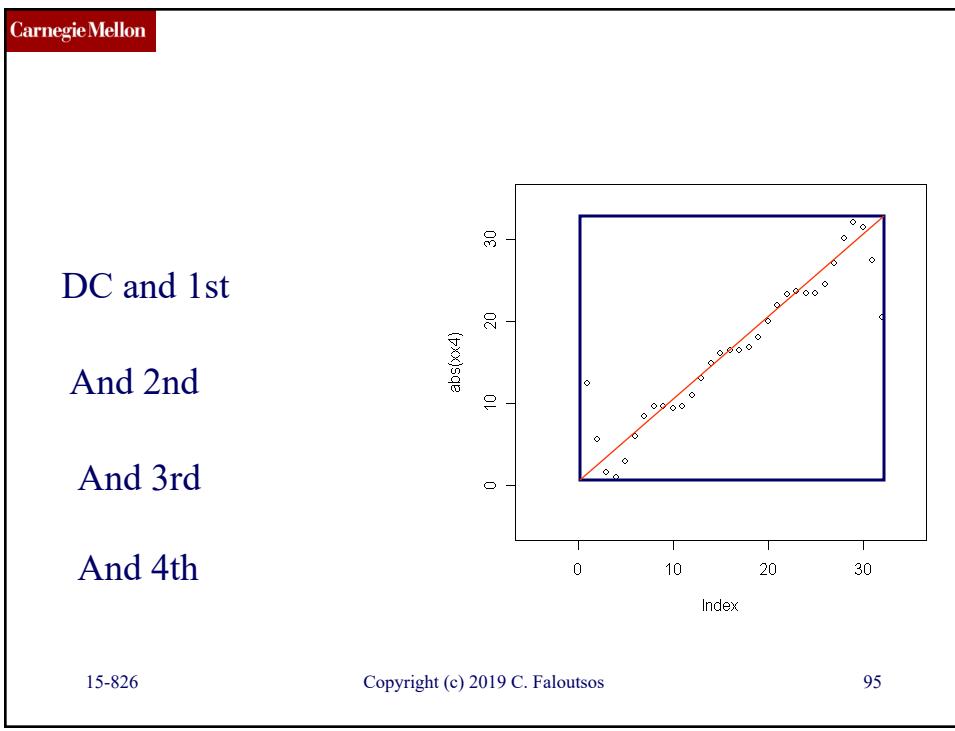
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$$(t = 0, \dots, 3)$$

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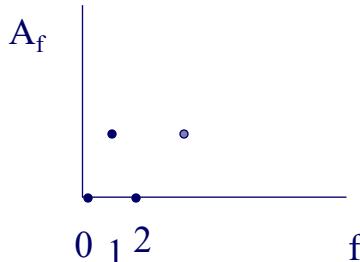
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• Does this make sense?



Property

- Shifting x in time does NOT change the amplitude spectrum
- eg., $x = \{0 0 0 1\}$ and $x' = \{0 1 0 0\}$: same (flat) amplitude spectrum
- (only the phase spectrum changes)
- Useful property when we search for patterns that may ‘slide’

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Summary of properties

- Spike in time: -> all frequencies
- Step/Trend: -> ringing (\sim all frequencies)
- Single/dominant sinusoid: -> spike in spectrum
- Time shift -> same amplitude spectrum

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DCT

Discrete Cosine Transform

- motivation#1: DFT gives complex numbers
- motivation#2: how to avoid the ‘frequency leak’ of DFT on trends?

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DCT

- brilliant solution to both problems: mirror the sequence, do DFT, and drop the redundant entries!

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DCT

- (see Numerical Recipes for exact formulas)

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DCT - properties

- it gives real numbers as the result
- it has no problems with trends
- it is very good when x_t and $x_{(t+1)}$ are correlated

(thus, is used in JPEG, for image compression)

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2-d DFT

- Definition:

$$X_{f_1, f_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_2}} \sum_{i_1=0}^{n_1-1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{n_2-1} x_{i_1, i_2} \exp(-2\pi j i_1 f_1 / n_1) \exp(-2\pi j i_2 f_2 / n_2)$$

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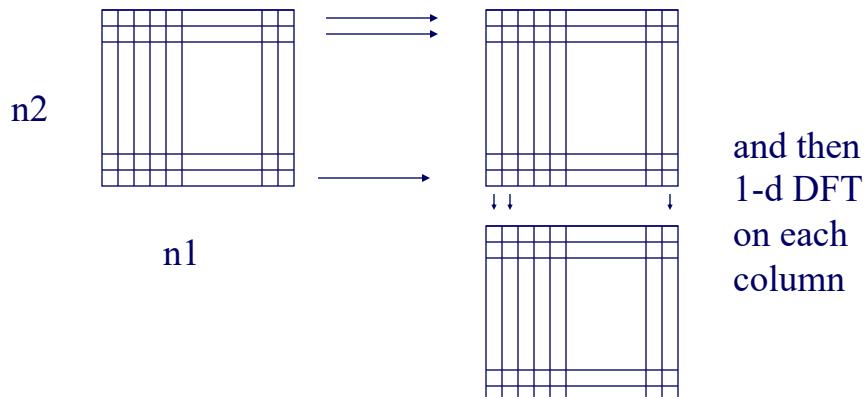
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2-d DFT

- Intuition:



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2-d DFT

- Quiz: how do the basis functions look like?
- for $f_1 = f_2 = 0$
- for $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 0$
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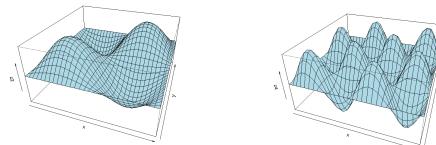
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FFT

- What is the complexity of DFT?

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FFT

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- A: Naively, $O(n^2)$

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FFT

- However, if n is a power of 2 (or a number with many divisors), we can make it

$$O(n \log n)$$

Main idea: if we know the DFT of the odd time-ticks, and of the even time-ticks, we can quickly compute the whole DFT

Details: in Num. Recipes

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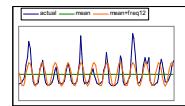
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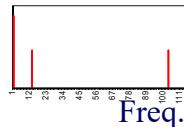
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DFT - Conclusions

- It spots periodicities (with the ‘**amplitude spectrum**’)
- can be quickly computed ($O(n \log n)$), thanks to the FFT algorithm.
- **standard** tool in signal processing (speech, image etc signals)



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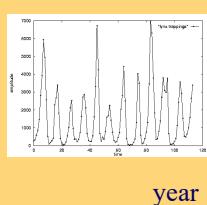
Solutions:

Goal: given a signal (eg., sales over time and/or space)

Q: Find patterns and/or compress

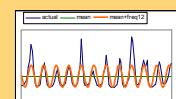


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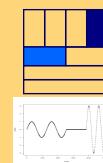


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✓ A1: Fourier (DFT)



A2: Wavelets (DWT)



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