

DFT Ch8_ProblemSession 1

Example 8-1: In order to compute the 4-point DFT of the sequence $x[n] = \{1, 1, 0, 0\}$, we carry out the sum (??) four times, once for each value of $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$. When $N = 4$, all the exponents in (??) are integer multiples of $\pi/2$ because $2\pi/N = \pi/2$.

$$\begin{aligned} X[0] &= x[0]e^{-j0} + x[1]e^{-j0} + x[2]e^{-j0} + x[3]e^{-j0} \\ &= 1 + 1 + 0 + 0 = 2 \\ X[1] &= 1e^{-j0} + 1e^{-j\pi/2} + 0e^{-j\pi} + 0e^{-j3\pi/2} \\ &= 1 + (-j) + 0 + 0 = 1 - j = \sqrt{2}e^{-j\pi/4} \\ X[2] &= 1e^{-j0} + 1e^{-j\pi} + 0e^{-j2\pi} + 0e^{-j3\pi} \\ &= 1 + (-1) + 0 + 0 = 0 \\ X[3] &= 1e^{-j0} + 1e^{-j3\pi/2} + 0e^{-j3\pi} + 0e^{-j9\pi/2} \\ &= 1 + (j) + 0 + 0 = 1 + j = \sqrt{2}e^{j\pi/4} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain the four DFT coefficients $X[k] = \{2, \sqrt{2}e^{-j\pi/4}, 0, \sqrt{2}e^{j\pi/4}\}$.

Note: The term “coefficient” is commonly applied to DFT values. This is appropriate because $X[k]$ is the (complex amplitude) coefficient of $e^{j(2\pi/N)kn}$ in the IDFT (??).

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Example 8-2: The 4-point DFT in Example 8-1 is the sequence $X[k] = \{2, \sqrt{2}e^{-j\pi/4}, 0, \sqrt{2}e^{j\pi/4}\}$. If we compute the 4-point IDFT of this $X[k]$, we should recover $x[n]$ when we apply the IDFT summation (??) for each value of $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$. As before, the exponents in (??) are all integer multiples of $\pi/2$ when $N = 4$.

$$\begin{aligned} x[0] &= \frac{1}{4} (X[0]e^{j0} + X[1]e^{j0} + X[2]e^{j0} + X[3]e^{j0}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (2 + \sqrt{2}e^{-j\pi/4} + 0 + \sqrt{2}e^{j\pi/4}) = \frac{1}{4} (2 + (1 - j) + 0 + (1 + j)) = 1 \\ x[1] &= \frac{1}{4} (X[0]e^{j0} + X[1]e^{j\pi/2} + X[2]e^{j\pi} + X[3]e^{j3\pi/2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (2 + \sqrt{2}e^{j(-\pi/4+\pi/2)} + 0 + \sqrt{2}e^{j(\pi/4+3\pi/2)}) = \frac{1}{4} (2 + (1 + j) + (1 - j)) = 1 \\ x[2] &= \frac{1}{4} (X[0]e^{j0} + X[1]e^{j\pi} + X[2]e^{j2\pi} + X[3]e^{j3\pi}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (2 + \sqrt{2}e^{j(-\pi/4+\pi)} + 0 + \sqrt{2}e^{j(\pi/4+3\pi)}) = \frac{1}{4} (2 + (-1 + j) + (-1 - j)) = 0 \\ x[3] &= \frac{1}{4} (X[0]e^{j0} + X[1]e^{j3\pi/2} + X[2]e^{j3\pi} + X[3]e^{j9\pi/2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (2 + \sqrt{2}e^{j(-\pi/4+3\pi/2)} + 0 + \sqrt{2}e^{j(\pi/4+9\pi/2)}) = \frac{1}{4} (2 + (-1 - j) + (-1 + j)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have verified that the length-4 signal $x[n] = \{1, 1, 0, 0\}$ can be recovered from its 4-point DFT coefficients, $X[k] = \{2, \sqrt{2}e^{-j\pi/4}, 0, \sqrt{2}e^{j\pi/4}\}$.

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