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**Stochastic Processes:**  
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FFT

## Example: 8-point DFT Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} X(0) \\ X(1) \\ X(2) \\ X(3) \\ X(4) \\ X(5) \\ X(6) \\ X(7) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} x(0) \\ \vdots \\ x(2) \\ \vdots \\ x(4) \\ \vdots \\ x(6) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^1 & W_8^2 & W_8^3 & W_8^4 & W_8^5 & W_8^6 & W_8^7 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^2 & W_8^4 & W_8^6 & W_8^0 & W_8^2 & W_8^4 & W_8^6 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^3 & W_8^6 & W_8^1 & W_8^4 & W_8^7 & W_8^2 & W_8^5 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^4 & W_8^0 & W_8^4 & W_8^0 & W_8^4 & W_8^0 & W_8^4 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^5 & W_8^2 & W_8^7 & W_8^4 & W_8^1 & W_8^6 & W_8^3 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^6 & W_8^4 & W_8^2 & W_8^0 & W_8^6 & W_8^4 & W_8^2 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^7 & W_8^6 & W_8^5 & W_8^4 & W_8^3 & W_8^2 & W_8^1 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} x(0) \\ x(1) \\ x(2) \\ x(3) \\ x(4) \\ x(5) \\ x(6) \\ x(7) \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Repeated complex multiplications in EVEN rows



## Re-ordered DFT Matrix

Separate even and odd row operations (and re-order input vector)

$$\begin{bmatrix} X(0) \\ X(1) \\ X(2) \\ X(3) \\ X(4) \\ X(5) \\ X(6) \\ X(7) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0}_{\text{Even samples}} & \underbrace{W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0}_{\text{Odd samples}} & \begin{matrix} x(0) \\ x(4) \\ x(2) \\ x(6) \\ x(1) \\ x(5) \\ x(3) \\ x(7) \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Phasor Rotational Symmetry

To highlight repeated computations on odd samples  
 as  $W_8^4 = -W_8^0$ ,  $W_8^5 = -W_8^1$ ,  $W_8^6 = -W_8^2$ ,  $W_8^7 = -W_8^3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X(0) \\ X(1) \\ X(2) \\ X(3) \\ X(4) \\ X(5) \\ X(6) \\ X(7) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 \\ W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & W_8^2 & -W_8^2 & W_8^1 & -W_8^1 & W_8^3 & -W_8^3 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & W_8^2 & W_8^2 & -W_8^2 & -W_8^2 \\ W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^2 & W_8^2 & W_8^3 & -W_8^3 & W_8^1 & -W_8^1 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^0 \\ W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & W_8^2 & -W_8^2 & -W_8^1 & W_8^1 & -W_8^3 & W_8^3 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^2 & -W_8^2 & W_8^2 & W_8^2 \\ W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^2 & W_8^2 & -W_8^3 & W_8^3 & -W_8^1 & W_8^1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ x(4) \\ x(2) \\ x(6) \\ x(1) \\ x(5) \\ x(3) \\ x(7) \end{bmatrix}$$

Upper & lower left-hand quarters are identical  
 Right hand quarters identical except sign difference!



## Adding “Twiddle Factors”

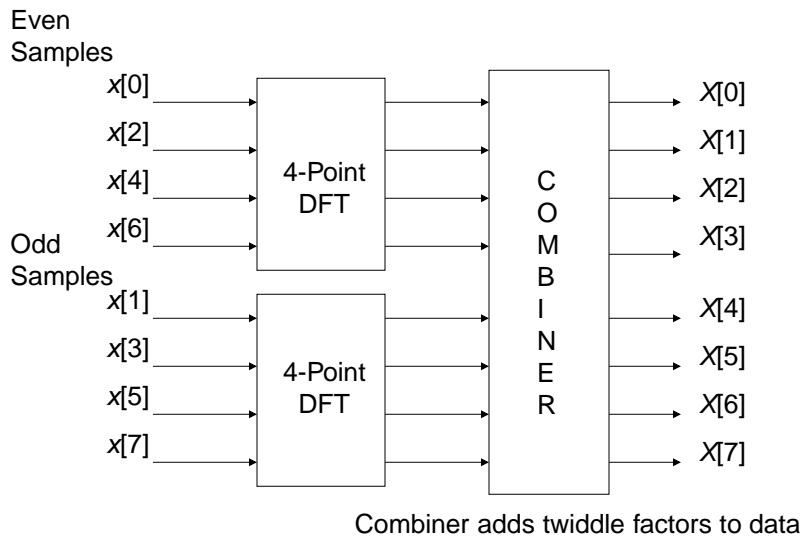
$$\begin{bmatrix} W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 \times W_8^0 & W_8^0 \times W_8^0 & W_8^0 \times W_8^0 & W_8^0 \times W_8^0 \\ W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & W_8^2 & -W_8^2 & W_8^1 \times W_8^0 & W_8^1 \times -W_8^0 & W_8^1 \times W_8^2 & W_8^1 \times -W_8^2 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & W_8^2 \times W_8^0 & W_8^2 \times W_8^0 & W_8^2 \times -W_8^0 & W_8^2 \times -W_8^0 \\ W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^2 & W_8^2 & W_8^3 \times W_8^0 & W_8^3 \times -W_8^0 & W_8^3 \times -W_8^2 & W_8^3 \times W_8^2 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & W_8^0 & -W_8^0 \times W_8^0 & -W_8^0 \times W_8^0 & -W_8^0 \times W_8^0 & -W_8^0 \times W_8^0 \\ W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & W_8^2 & -W_8^2 & -W_8^1 \times W_8^0 & -W_8^1 \times -W_8^0 & -W_8^1 \times W_8^2 & -W_8^1 \times -W_8^2 \\ W_8^0 & W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^2 \times W_8^0 & -W_8^2 \times W_8^0 & -W_8^2 \times -W_8^0 & -W_8^2 \times -W_8^0 \\ W_8^0 & -W_8^0 & -W_8^2 & W_8^2 & -W_8^3 \times W_8^0 & -W_8^3 \times -W_8^0 & -W_8^3 \times -W_8^2 & -W_8^3 \times W_8^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e., 8-point DFT reduced to two 4-point DFT's  
 only need calculate upper left and right quarters

Twiddle Factors make the left and right hand quarters identical



## 8-Point DFT as Two 4-Point DFTs



## Radix-2 FFT

Each 4-point DFT can be reduced to two 2-point DFT's

$$\begin{bmatrix} W^0 & W^0 & W^0 & W^0 \\ W^0 & -W^0 & W^2 & -W^2 \\ W^0 & W^0 & -W^0 & -W^0 \\ W^0 & -W^0 & -W^2 & W^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} W^0 & W^0 & W^0 \times W^0 & W^0 \times W^0 \\ W^0 & -W^0 & W^2 \times W^0 & W^2 \times -W^0 \\ W^0 & W^0 & -W^0 \times W^0 & -W^0 \times W^0 \\ W^0 & -W^0 & -W^2 \times W^0 & -W^2 \times -W^0 \end{bmatrix}$$

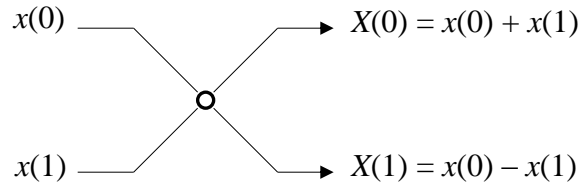
2x2 Quadrants are identical (with twiddle factors)

Two-point "Butterfly" operation

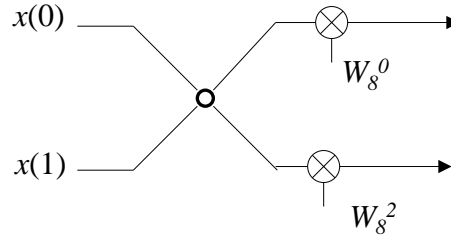
$$\begin{bmatrix} X(0) \\ X(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} W^0 & W^0 \\ W^0 & -W^0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ x(1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X(0) \\ X(1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x(0) \\ x(1) \end{bmatrix}$$

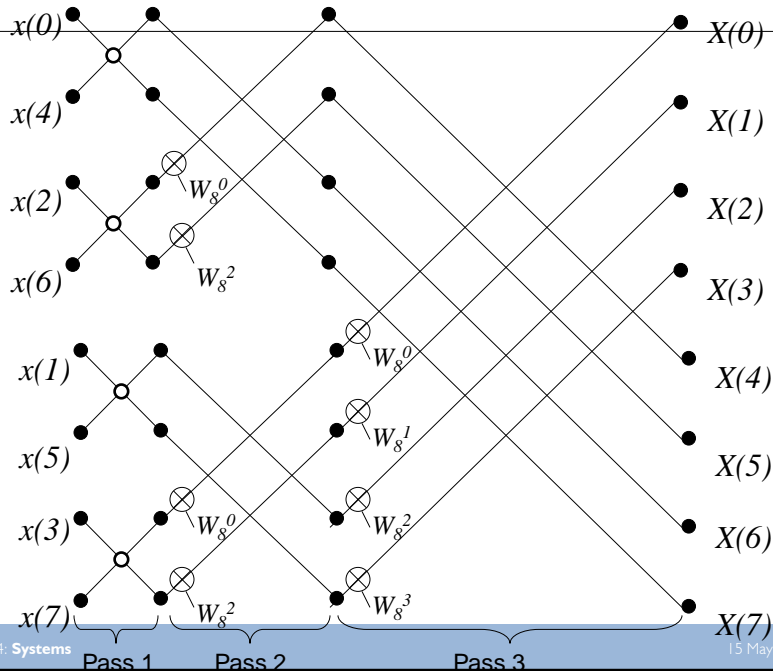
## Two Point Butterfly



With twiddle factors:



## 8-point radix-2 DIT FFT flowgraph:

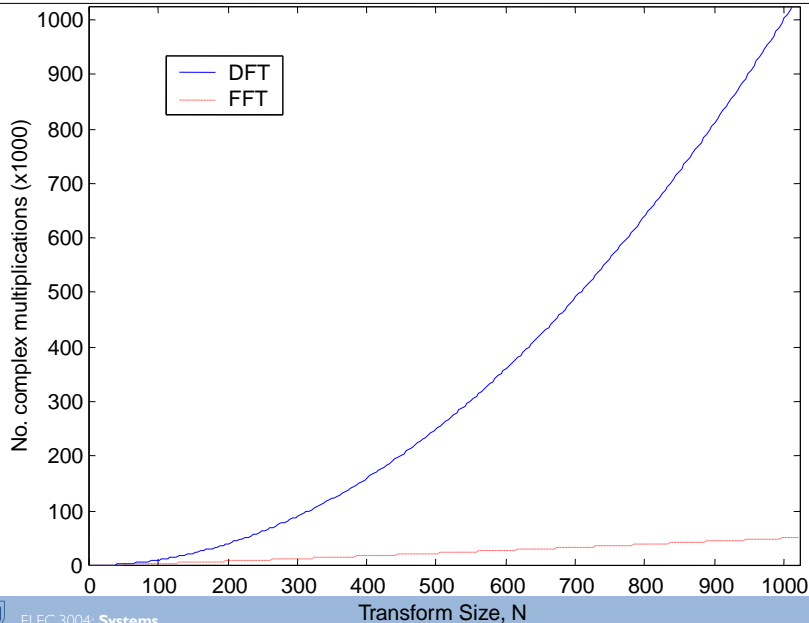


## Features of the FFT

- Reduce complex multiplications from  $N^2$  to:
  - $\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) \log_2(N)$
  - As there are  $\log_2(N)$  passes
  - Each pass requires  $\frac{N}{2}$  complex multiplications
- Disadvantages
  - More complex memory addressing
    - To get appropriate samples pairs for each butterfly
  - FFT can be slower (than DFT) for small  $N$  ( $< 16$ )
- What about the IFFT? We can use same FFT algorithm
  - change sign of twiddle factors
  - and scale output to get  $x[n]$



N-point DFT and FFT Complex Multiplications



## What does it let us do

- For high performance applications, the FFT can be the difference between feasible and infeasible
- EG – 4K video:
  - There are ~8M pixels
  - $N^2 = 6.4 \cdot 10^{13}$      $N \cdot \text{Log}_2(N) = 1.6 \cdot 10^8$
  - You need to do this 30x per second
  - So the flops is on the order of  $2 \cdot 10^{15} = 2$  PFlops using the DFT vs  $4 \cdot 10^9 = 4$  GFlops using the FFT
- An Nvidia V100 maxes out at 120TFlops, a standard CPU is about 100GFlops



## Alternative FFT Algorithms

- Only case covered so far is
  - (one case of) radix-2 decimation in time (DIT) FFT
  - requires sequence length,  $N$ , to be a power of 2
  - achieved by ‘zero padding’ sequence to desired,  $N$
- Decimation in Frequency
  - similar to DIT, twiddle factors on outputs
- Alternatives to radix-2 decomposition
  - Radix 3: for sequence length,  $N = \text{power of 3}$
  - Radix 4: twice as fast as radix 2 FFT
    - half number of passes,  $\log_4(N)$
  - Split radix: mixtures of the above



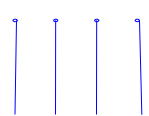
## Applications of the FFT

- Fast (circular) Convolution
  - Convolution requires  $N^2$  MAC operations ☹
  - more efficient alternative via the FFT ☺
    - Take FFT of both sequences
    - Multiply them together (point-wise)
    - Take IFFT to get the result  
[“Hello [FFT-W!](#) *Bonjour cuFFT!*”]
  - Zeropad and you have linear convolution
- Spectral Analysis
  - Estimate (power) spectrum with less computations
  - i.e., what frequencies in our signal are carrying power (i.e., carrying information) ?
- Fast Cross-correlation
  - E.g., correlation detector in digital comm’s

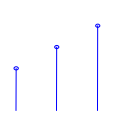


## (Linear) Convolution

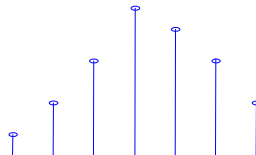
$$h[n] = \{1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1\}$$



$$x[n] = \{0.5 \ 0.75 \ 1.0 \ 1.25\}$$



$$y[n] = x[n]*h[n] = \{0.5 \ 1.25 \ 2.25 \ 3.5 \ 3.0 \ 2.25 \ 1.25\}$$



$$\text{In general: } \text{length}(y[n]) = \text{length}(x[n]) + \text{length}(h[n]) - 1$$





## Circular Convolution

Given  $X[k] = \text{DFT}\{x[n]\}$  and  $H[k] = \text{DFT}\{h[n]\}$

from convolution theorem we know

$$\text{IDFT}\{X[k] \cdot H[k]\} \equiv x[n] * h[n]$$

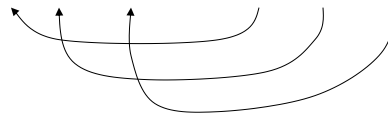
$$\text{IDFT}\{X[k] \cdot H[k]\} = \{3.5 \ 3.5 \ 3.5 \ 3.5\} \leftarrow \text{Wrong Length!}$$

Solution: zero pad both sequences to required length

$$h_p[n] = \{1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0\} \quad x_p[n] = \{0.5 \ 0.75 \ 1.0 \ 1.25 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0\}$$

$$\text{IDFT}\{X_p[k] \cdot H_p[k]\} = [0.5 \ 1.25 \ 2.25 \ 3.5 \ 3.0 \ 2.25 \ 1.25]$$

i.e.,  $x[n]$  and  $h[n]$   
are periodic in time



## Spectral Analysis

- Power Spectral Density (PSD) defined as
  - Fourier Transform of Autocorrelation function

$$S_{xx}(w) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_{xx}(m) \exp(-jwm\Delta t)$$

- In practice, we estimate  $S_{xx}(w)$  from  $\{x[n]\}_0^{N-1}$ 
  - i.e., a finite length of sampled data
- This can be done using  $N$ -point DFT
  - and implemented using the FFT algorithm



## Spectral Analysis

- Estimate of PSD is given by

$$\hat{S}_{xx}[k] = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \exp\left(\frac{-jnk2\pi}{N}\right) \right|^2$$

- This is known as a **periodogram**
  - DFT effectively implements narrow-band filter bank
  - calculate power (i.e., square) at each frequency  $k$
- Again, window functions often required
  - to improve PSD estimate
  - e.g., Hanning, ~~Hamming~~, Bartlet etc

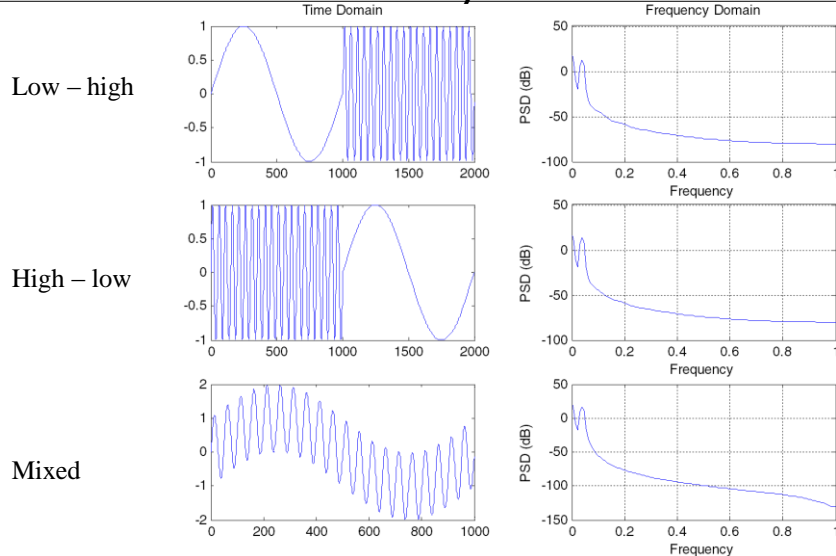


## Spectral Analysis

- When finding PSD as DFT of  $\phi^{xx}[m]$  :
  - $\phi^{xx}[m]$  has an odd length! ( $2M + 1$ )
- Therefore, to use the radix-2 FFT we need to
  - zero pad  $\phi^{xx}[m]$  to length = power of 2
- e.g., for  $M = 2$ ,  $\phi^{xx}[m]$  is of length 5
  - we need to zero pad to length 8, i.e.,
  - $\{\phi^{xx}[-2] \ \phi^{xx}[-1] \ \phi^{xx}[0] \ \phi^{xx}[1] \ \phi^{xx}[2] \ 0 \ 0 \ 0\}$
  - Note, sequence made causal (no change to PSD)
- This estimate of PSD is known as correlogram
  - Note, periodogram is most common estimate of PSD



## Limitations of Fourier Analysis



Note: These signals differ in Phase. PSD is zero phase as  $F\{\phi_{xx}(k)\}$  real & even



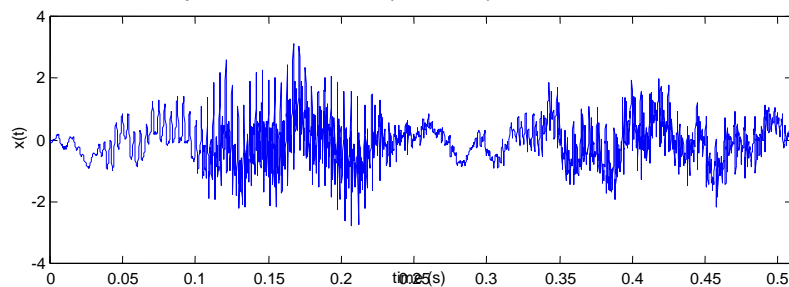
# Time Frequency (Mini-section)

# Spectrum Analysis of Non-Stationary Signals

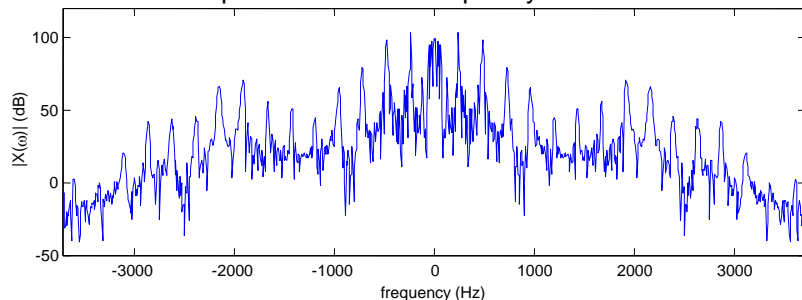
- Spectrum of non-deterministic Signal  $X(\omega)$ 
  - is only valid if  $x(t)$  is stationary
  - i.e., statistics of  $x(t)$  do not change over time
- Real-world signals often only stationary over a short time period of time
  - e.g., speech: assumed stationary over  $t < 60\text{ms}$
- Therefore, take ‘short-time’ DFT of signal
  - i.e., take multiple DFT’s over stationary periods
  - plot how frequency components change over time
  - for speech the plot of time  $\forall$  frequency  $\forall$  power
    - is called a **Spectrogram**

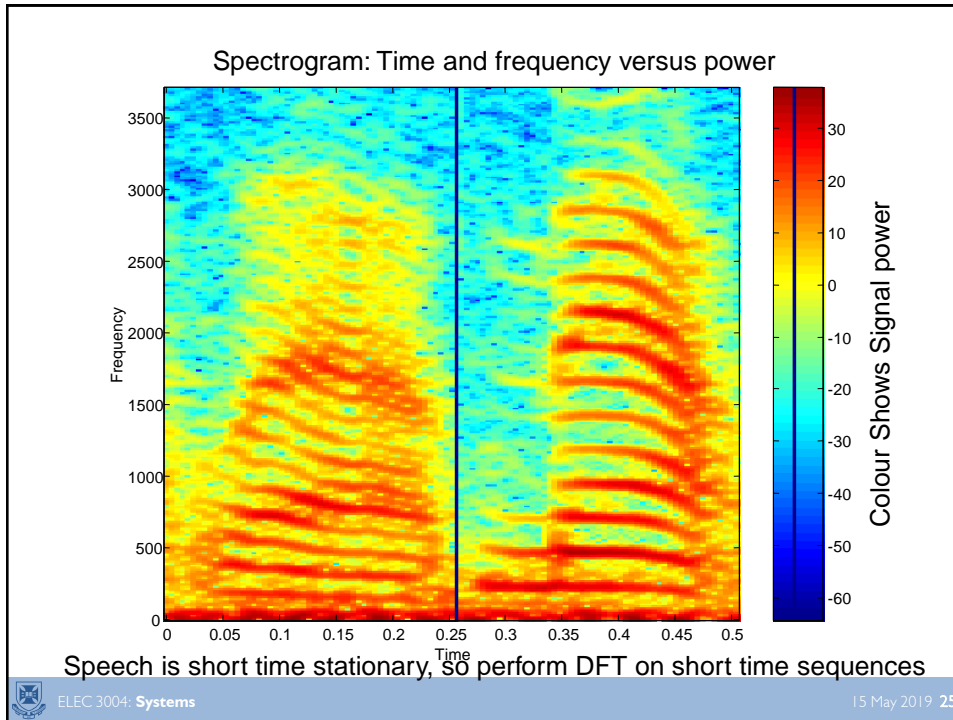


Speech waveform (‘matlab’) time domain



Speech waveform frequency domain





## What about random processes?

- We have mentioned the concept of Gaussian noise on many occasions in the course, how do we treat this correctly?
- What about other random processes?
  - Laplacians
  - Bimodal distributions

# Stochastic Processes

## Deterministic Signal Processing

- The vast majority of the course has covered deterministic signal processing
  - Fourier
  - Laplace
  - LTI Systems
- However, most “interesting” processes are random (stochastic) in Nature
  - Communications
  - Biological signals
  - The perturbations acting on an aeroplane



## Stochastic Signal Processing

- Correctly accounting for stochastic effects on a given dynamic system provides the potential for significant performance gains
- There are many tools designed for stochastic processes
- In Estimation:
  - The Kalman filter family
  - The Particle filter
  - EM, max Likelihood, Bayesian estimators (BLUE)
  - Markov process
- In Control:
  - The Linear Quadratic Regulator



## What was the point of week 1:10 then?

- Stochastic estimation and control (often) uses or extends deterministic techniques in computing their results
- For example, the kalman filter operates by propagating the error and estimate through a deterministic system
- Often, a full stochastic treatment is unnecessary.



# Markov Process

## A random symbol generator

- We have discussed the concept of sampling regularly
- Till now, this sequence comprises of a set of integer values, which may have come from a stochastic process
- What about written language?
  - Consider sampling each character in turn
  - The sequence values are no longer numeric, they belong to one of 128(ascii) symbols
- Markov processes provide a convenient way to model sequences of randomly generated Symbolic data





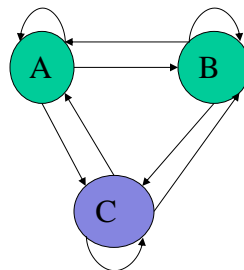
## Markov processes and English

- We would like to develop Sir Android Shakespeare (SAS), a virtual poet
- SAS needs to be able to generate ascii characters in a sequence which forms words, and which then forms sentences.
- Our intention is to train our SAS on the texts of William Shakespeare.



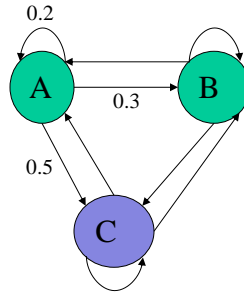
## Markov processes and English

- You could consider building the system that is generating these symbols as a big state machine
- The next symbol is chosen probabilistically based on the current symbol



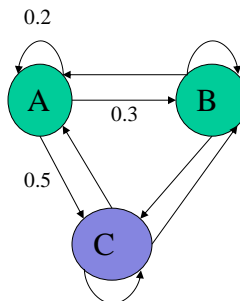
## Probability of transition

- Probability of transition for A
- There are 9 possible transitions edges for a 3 node system



## Rules on the probability of transition

- The sum of probabilities exiting each node must sum to one



## Probability of transition as a matrix

- We can form a matrix which describes the probability of transition given a particular state described as a “one hot” vector

$$X_{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

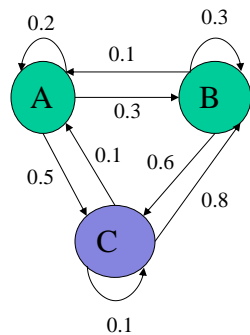
$$T_{X_1 \rightarrow X_0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & ? & ? \\ 0.3 & ? & ? \\ 0.5 & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{X_0|X_{-1}} = T_{X_{-1} \rightarrow X_0} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The columns of T must sum to one (see previous slide)
- Note the transition matrix is often denoted as P



## Lets fill in the rest of that transition Matrix



$$T_{X_0 \rightarrow X_{-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.8 \\ 0.5 & 0.6 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Now What?

- We can generate a sequence by sampling from the distribution  $P_{X_0|X_{-1}}$

$$P_{X_T|X_{T-1}} = T_{X_0 \rightarrow X_{-1}} \cdot X_{T-1}$$

$$X_T \sim P_{X_T|X_{T-1}}$$

- We can estimate the overall distribution of symbols



## Estimating the distribution of symbols

- We want to find the steady state distribution of X.
- Propagate the transition probability

$$P_{SS} = \text{Lim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} (T_{X_0 \rightarrow X_{-1}}^N \cdot X_0)$$

- Or, more easily solve:

$$\mu = \mu \cdot T_{X_0 \rightarrow X_{-1}}$$



## THAT'S AN EIGENVECTOR PROBLEM!

- The distribution of the symbols are simply the left-eigenvectors of the transition matrix

$$\text{Eig}(P^T)$$

- To solve, you can solve the characteristic Eq.

$$|P^T - \lambda I| = 0$$

- We will go through how to solve the eq above in the tutes for a 2x2 matrix



## Can we train the monkey to write Shakespeare?

- We can estimate  $T_{X_0 \rightarrow X_{-1}}$  by inspection of the works of Shakespeare
- For each character in the work, look at  $X_t$  and  $X_{t-1}$
- Add one to the corresponding element in our estimate  $\hat{T}$
- Say we have the character pair “ac”

$$\hat{T} = \hat{T} + \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix}$$



## Can we train the monkey to write Shakespeare?

- Then normalise the columns

$$\hat{T} = \begin{matrix} & 203 & 1001 & 10010 \\ & 299 & 4002 & 80990 \\ & 534 & 6000 & 9990 \end{matrix}$$

$$\hat{T} = \begin{matrix} & 0.2003 & 0.1001 & 0.1001 \\ & 0.2999 & 0.4002 & 0.8099 \\ & 0.5034 & 0.6000 & 0.0999 \end{matrix}$$

- (In the real world case there are 128 possible Ascii characters, so the matrix is much bigger)



## Does it work?

- So for a first order markov model we get....

**t I amy, vin. id wht omanly heay atuss n macon aresethe hired  
boutwhe t, tl, ad torurest t plur I wit hengamind tarer-  
plarody thishand.**



## Higher order markov models

- What if we consider a higher order model
- $X_T \sim P_{X_T|X_{T-1}, X_{T-2} \dots X_{T-N}}$
- We can form a 2nd order Markov model, where we consider a new set of symbols  $U = [X_1 X_2]$
- The Symbol U has  $K^2$  Unique combinations, where K is the number of symbols present in X
- There are still only K unique transitions for each state
- The transition matrix is therefore size  $[K K^N]$



## Does that work?

- 2<sup>nd</sup> order
- **Ther I the heingoid of-pleat, blur it dwere wing waske hat trooss. Yout lar on wassing, an sit." "Yould," "I that vide was nots ther.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **I has them the saw the secorrow. And wintails on my my ent, thinks, fore voyager lanated the been elsed helder was of him a very free bottlemarkable,**
- 4<sup>th</sup>
- **His heard." "Exactly he very glad trouble, and by Hopkins! That it on of the who difficentralia. He rushed likely?" "Blood night that.**
- <https://blog.codinghorror.com/markov-and-you/>



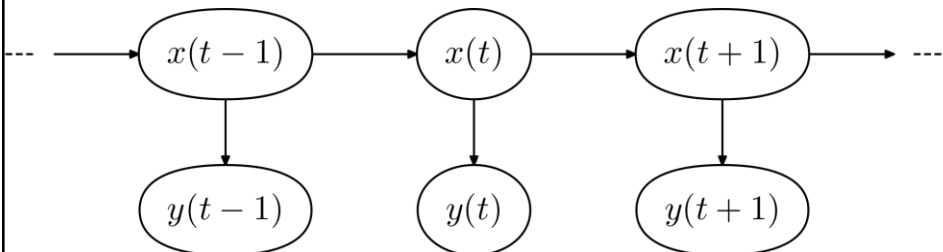
## What if we use whole words as symbols?

- This removes the spelling mistakes, and lets the model cobble together partially syntactically correct sentences
- <https://blog.codinghorror.com/markov-and-you/>
- Would it ever pass the turing test?
  - If we let our standards slip a bit...
- <https://filiph.github.io/markov/>



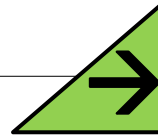
## The Hidden Markov Model

- What if our outputs are driven by some hidden process states
  - Think of the internal states of a state space model – we may not be able to directly measure them
  - Optical Character recognition – the hidden state is the character, the observed state is an image
- The HMM handles this process





## Next Time...



- **Estimation! (Kalman Filters!)**
- **Digital Control!**
- Review:
  - Chapter 12 of Lathi
  - FPE Chapter 1 and 2

- Ponder?  $y[k] = f[k] * h[k]$        $Y(\Omega) = F(\Omega)H(\Omega)$

where  $F(\Omega)$ ,  $Y(\Omega)$ , and  $H(\Omega)$  are DTFTs of  $f[k]$ ,  $y[k]$ , and  $h[k]$ , respectively; that is,

$$f[k] \Leftrightarrow F(\Omega), \quad y[k] \Leftrightarrow Y(\Omega), \quad \text{and} \quad h[k] \Leftrightarrow H(\Omega)$$



## Summary

- FT of sampled data is known as
  - discrete-time Fourier transform (DTFT)
  - discrete in time
  - continuous & periodic in frequency
- DFT is sampled version of DTFT
  - discrete in both time and frequency
  - periodic in both time and frequency
    - due to sampling in both time and frequency
- DFT is implemented using the FFT
- Leakage reduced (dynamic range increased)
  - with non-rectangular window functions



## Summary

- FFT exploits symmetries in the DFT
  - Successively splits DFT in half
    - odd and even samples
  - Reduction to elementary butterfly operation
    - with ‘twiddle factors’
  - Reduce computations from  $N^2$  to  $\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) \log_2(N)$  ☺
- FFT can be used to implement DFT for
  - PSD estimates (periodogram and correlogram)
  - Circular (fast) convolution (and correlation)
    - Requires zero padding to obtain “correct” answer

