ESE 531: Digital Signal Processing

Lecture 20: April 5, 2022

Fast Fourier Transform



Last Time

- Discrete Fourier Transform
 - Linear convolution through circular convolution
 - Overlap and add
 - Overlap and save
 - Circular convolution through DFT
- Today
 - The Fast Fourier Transform

Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)



Fast Fourier Transform Algorithms

■ We are interested in efficient computing methods for the DFT and inverse DFT:

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

$$W_N = e^{-j\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)}$$
.

Reminder: Inverse DFT via DFT

■ Recall that we can use the DFT to compute the inverse DFT:

$$\mathcal{DFT}^{-1}\{X[k]\} = \frac{1}{N} \left(\mathcal{DFT}\{X^*[k]\}\right)^*$$

 Hence, we can just focus on efficient computation of the DFT.

■ Straightforward computation of an N-point DFT (or inverse DFT) requires N² complex multiplications.

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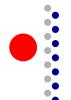
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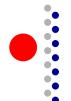
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FFT Algorithms via Decimation

- Most FFT algorithms decompose the computation of a DFT into successively smaller DFT computations.
 - Decimation-in-time algorithms decompose x[n] into successively smaller subsequences.
 - Decimation-in-frequency algorithms decompose X[k] into successively smaller subsequences.
- Note: Assume length of x[n] is power of 2 ($N = 2^{\nu}$). If not, zero-pad to closest power of 2.

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These are two DFTs, each with half the number of samples (N/2)

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Remember this trick, it will turn up often.

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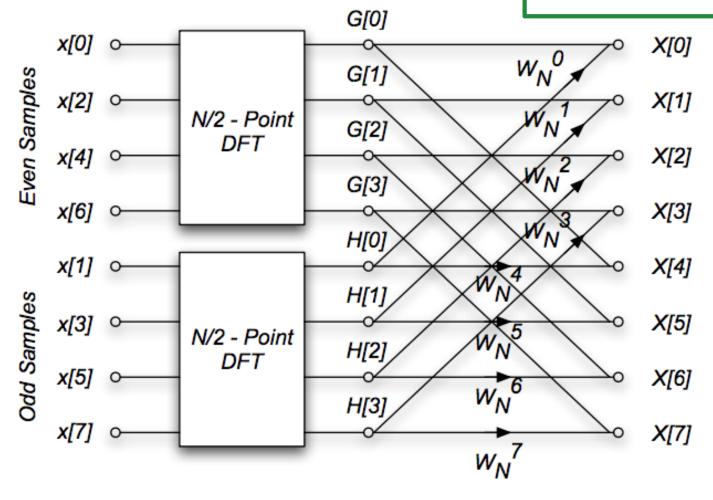
$$\triangleq G[k] + W_N^k H[k], \quad k = 0, ..., N-1$$

where we have defined:

$$G[k] \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \sum_{r=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[2r]W_{N/2}^{rk} \Rightarrow \text{DFT of even samples}$$
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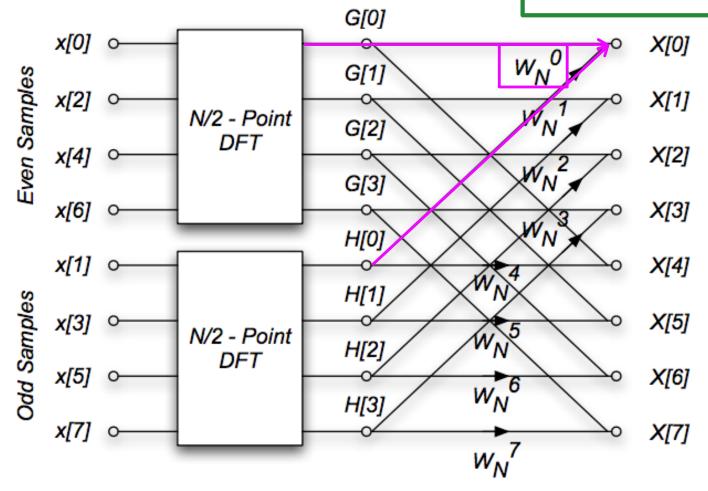
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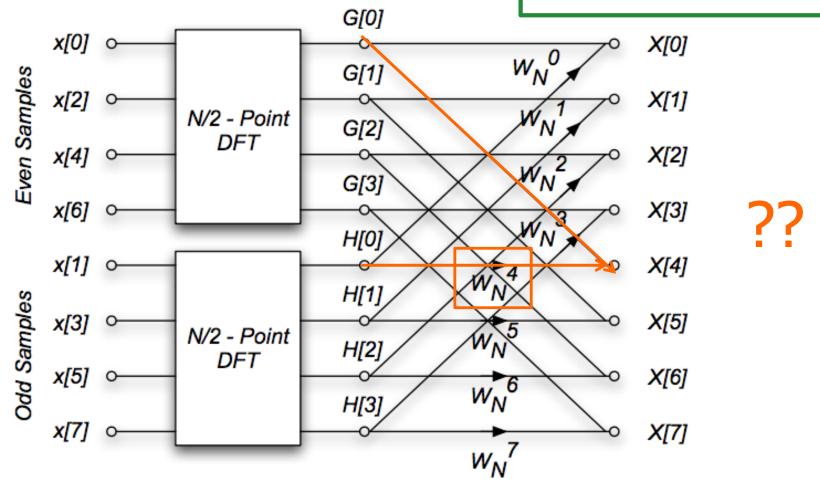
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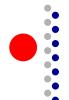
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$$= G[k]$$

□ So,

$$G[k + (N/2)] = G[k]$$

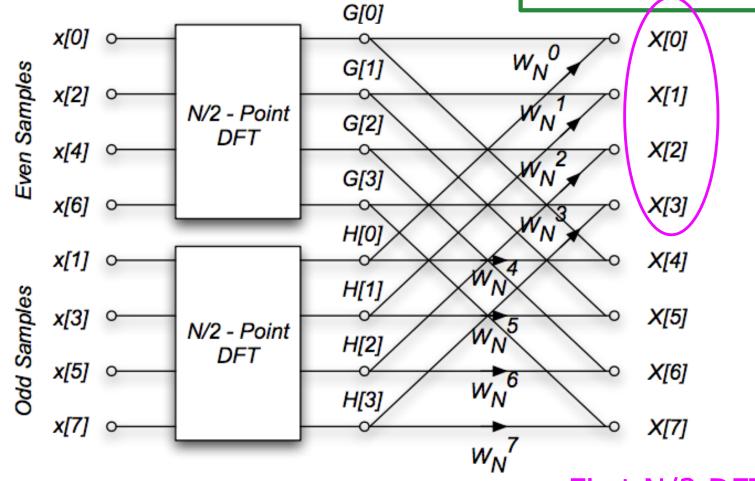
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□ The periodicity of G[k] and H[k] allows us to further simplify. For the first N/2 points we calculate G[k] and $W_N^kH[k]$, and then compute the sum

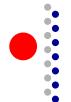
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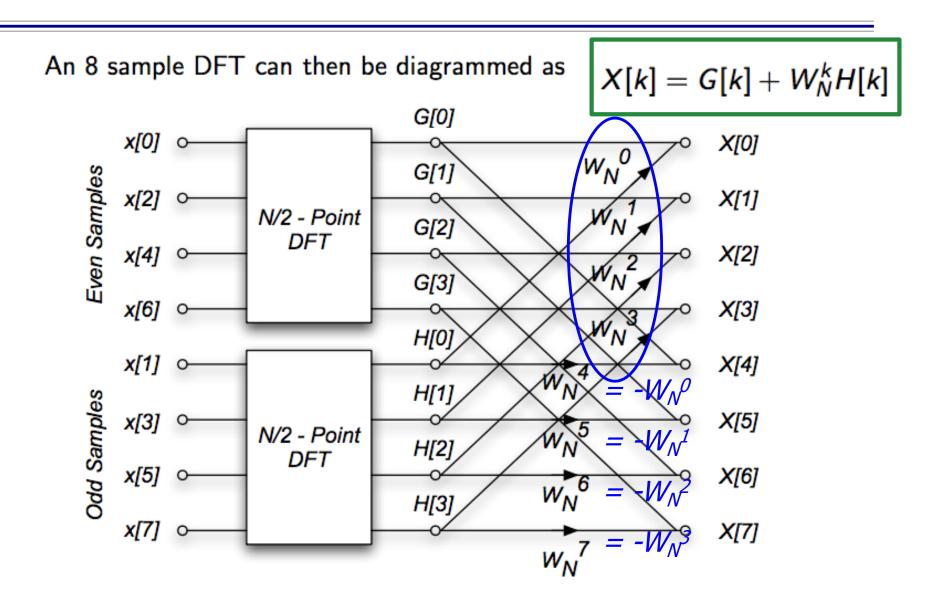
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$$= \left(e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}k}\right) \left(e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N} \times \frac{N}{2}}\right)$$

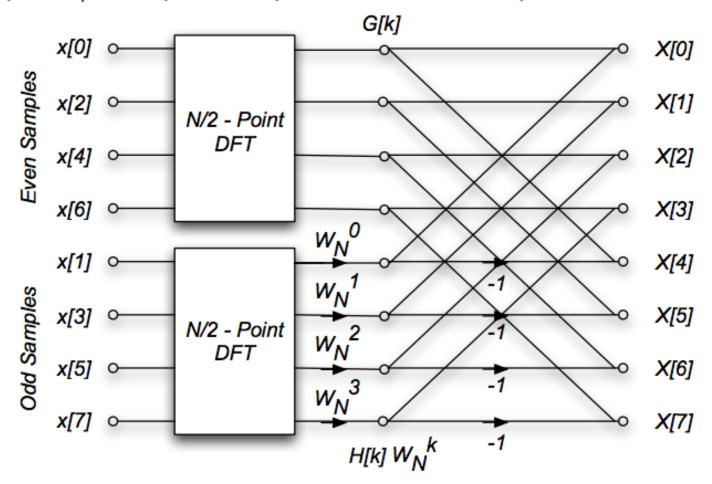
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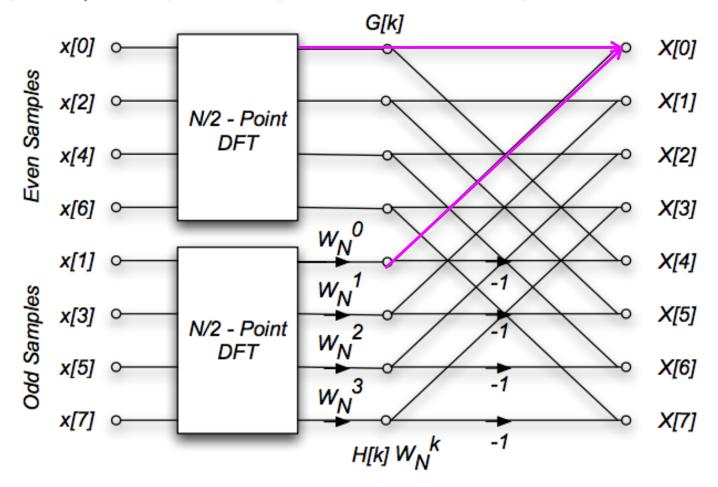
- We previously calculated G[k] and $W_N^kH[k]$.
- Now we only have to compute their difference to obtain the second half of the spectrum. No additional multiplies are required.



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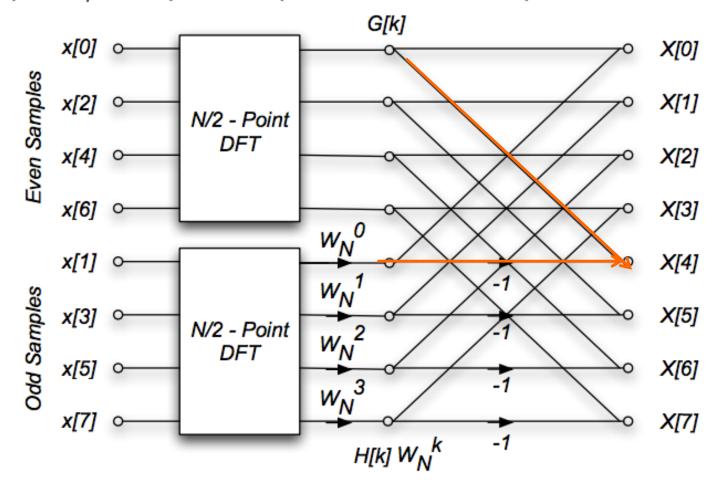
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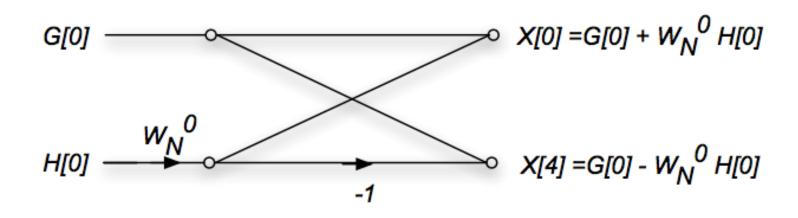
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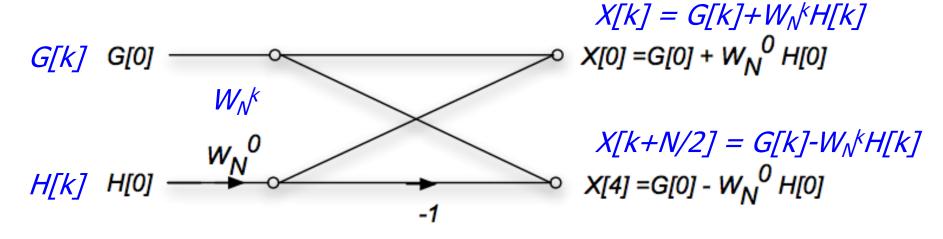
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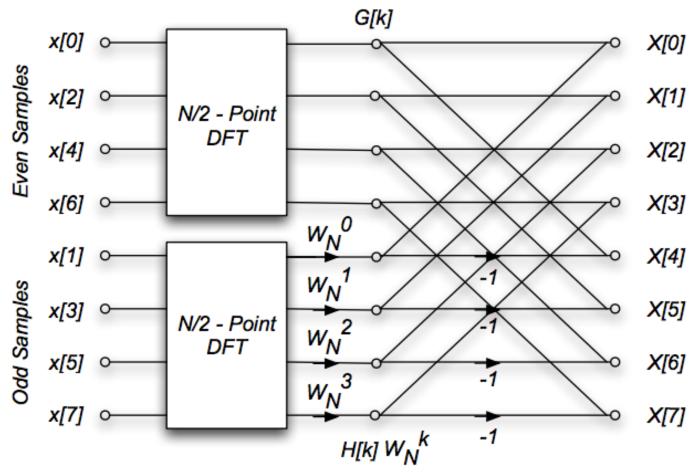
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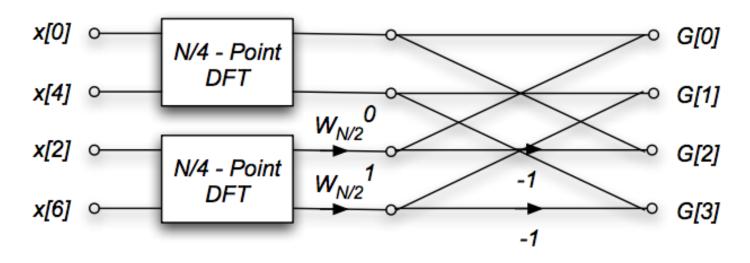
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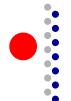
 \square Still O(N²) operations.... What should we do?



We can use the same approach for each of the N/2 point DFT's. For the N = 8 case, the N/2 DFTs look like



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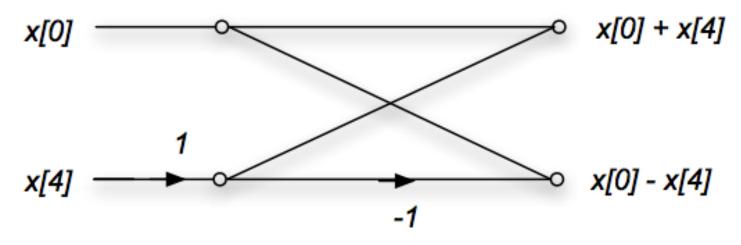
$$X[0]=x[0] + x[1]$$

 $X[1]=x[0] - x[1]$

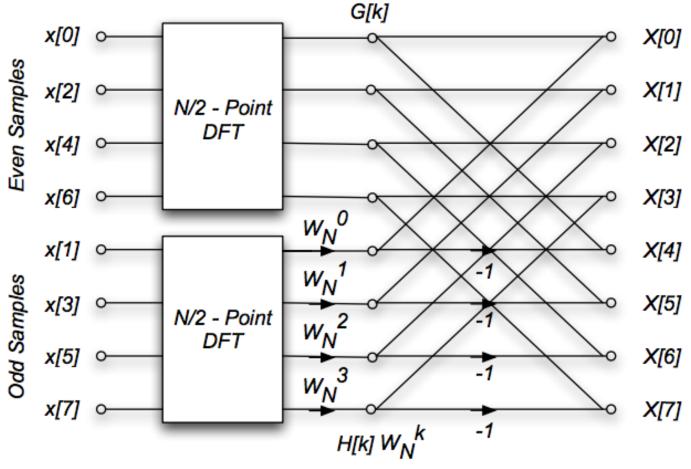
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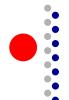
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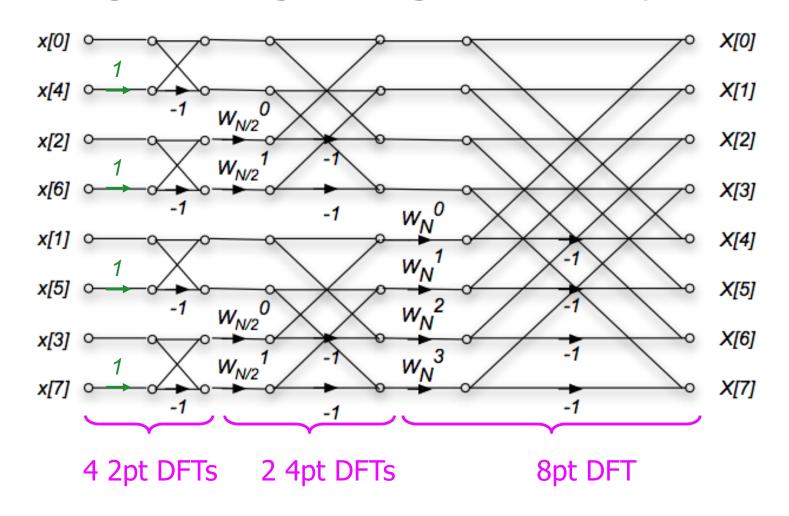


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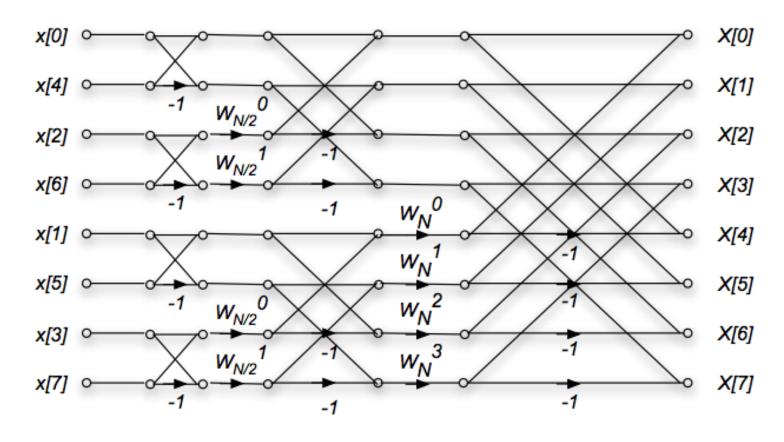




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- □ The order of the input to the decimation-in-time FFT algorithm must be permuted.
 - Net effect is reversing the bit order of indexes

This is illustrated in the following table for N = 8.

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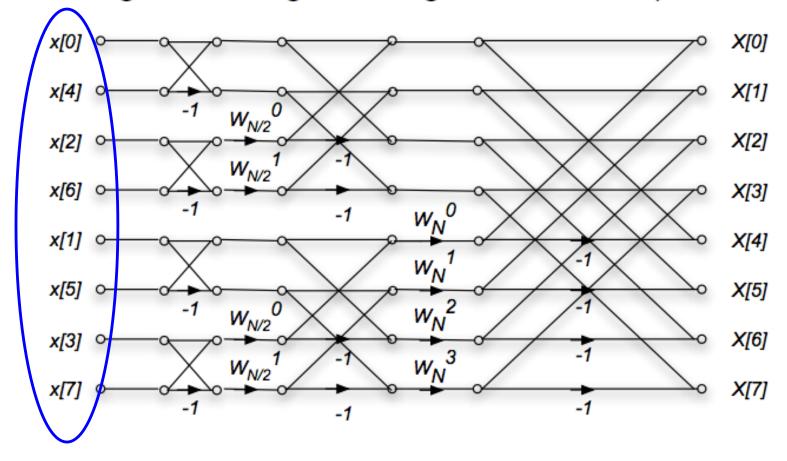
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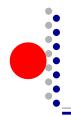
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$$= \sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[n] W_N^{2m} + \sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} x[n+N/2] W_N^{2m}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{(N/2)-1} (x[n] + x[n+N/2]) W_{N/2}^{m}$$

This is the N/2-length DFT of first and second half of x[n] summed.



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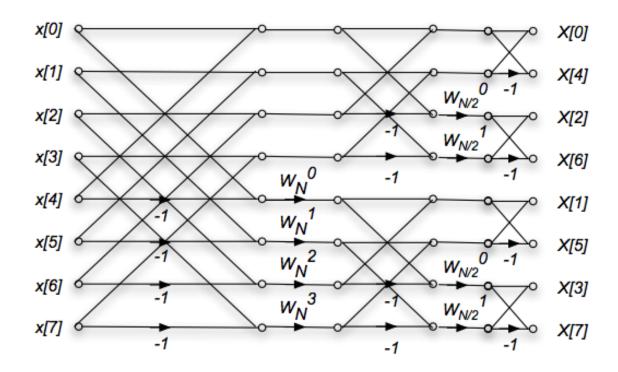
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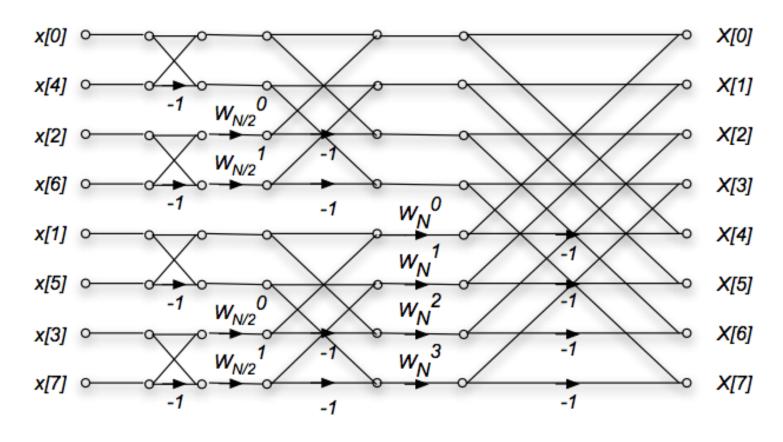
The diagram for and 8-point decimation-in-frequency DFT is as follows



This is just the decimation-in-time algorithm reversed!

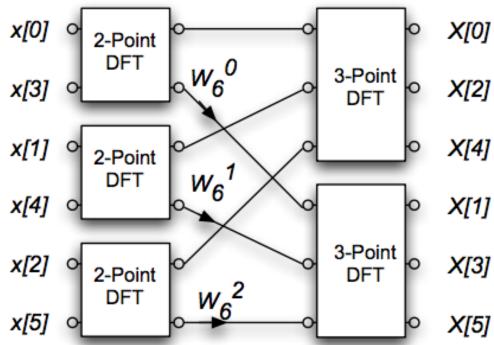
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- $lue{}$ A similar argument applies for any length DFT, where the length N is a composite number
- □ For example, if N=6, with decimation-in-frequency you could compute three 2-point DFTs followed by two 3-point DFTs

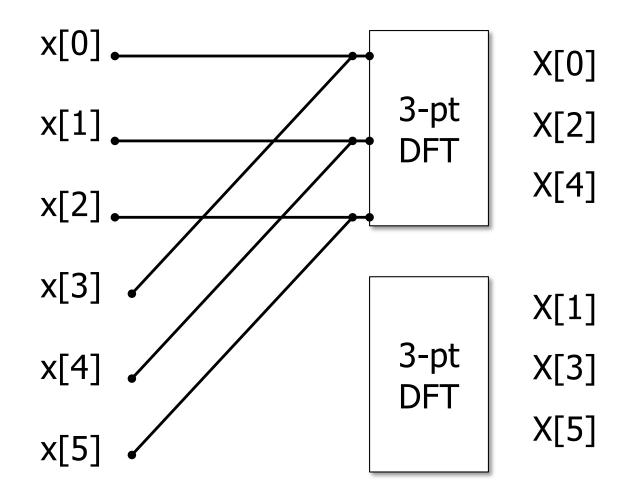


x[0]	6-pt DFT	X[0]
x[1]		X[1]
x[2]		X[2]
x[3]		X[3]
x[4]		X[4]
x[5]		X[5]

$$X[2r] = DFT_{\frac{N}{2}} \{(x[n] + x[n + N/2])\}$$

$$X[2r+1] = DFT_{\frac{N}{2}} \{(x[n] - x[n + N/2]) W_N^n\}$$

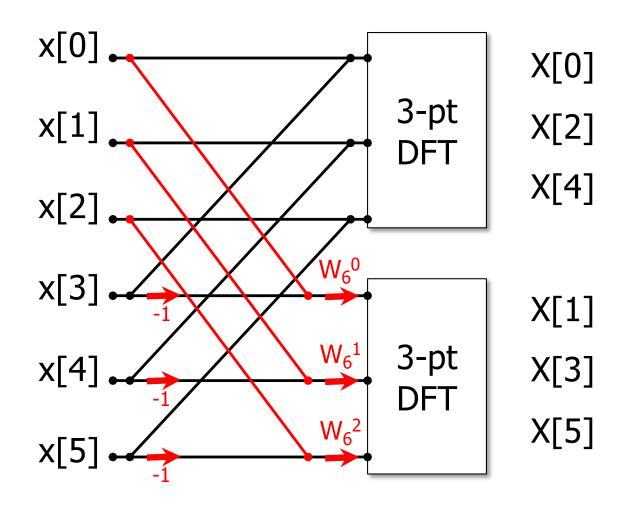
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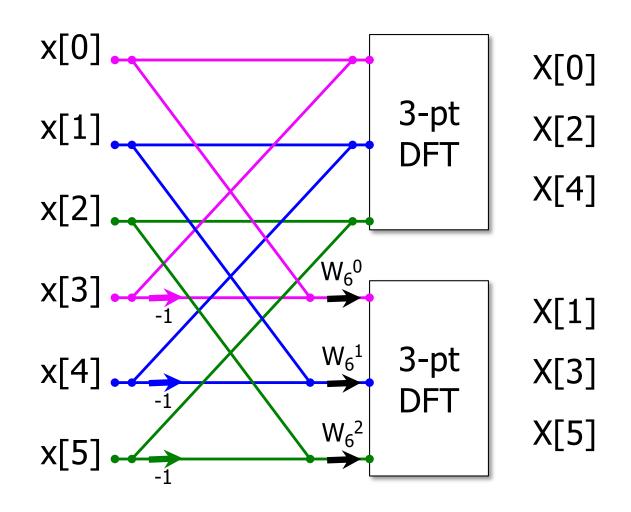


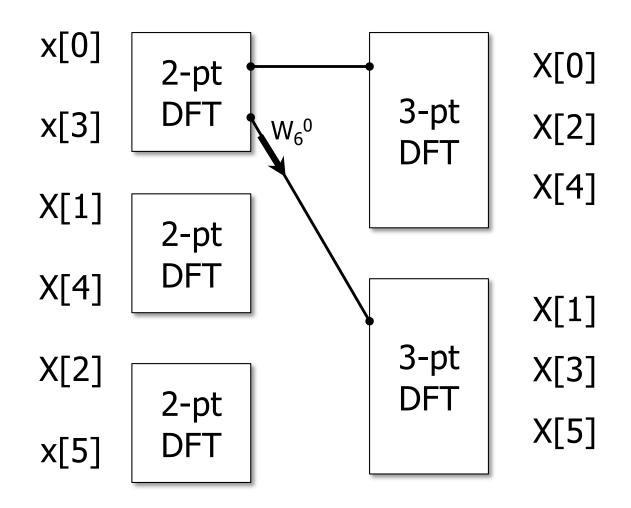
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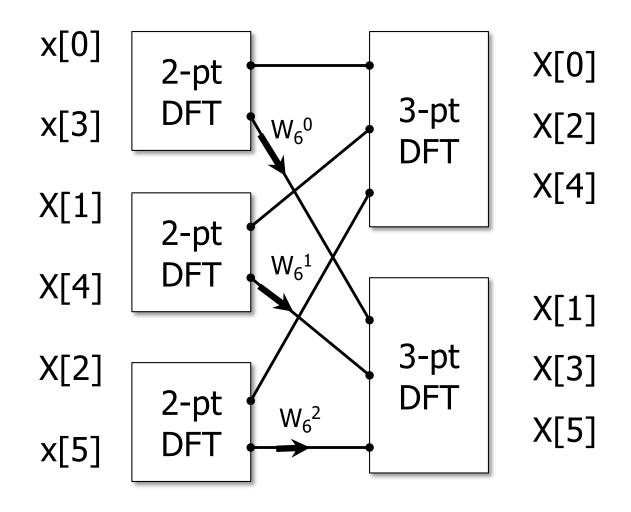
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- □ Good component DFTs are available for lengths up to 20(ish). Many of these exploit the structure for that specific length
 - For example, a factor of

$$W_N^{N/4} = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}(N/4)} = e^{-j\frac{\pi}{2}} = -j$$

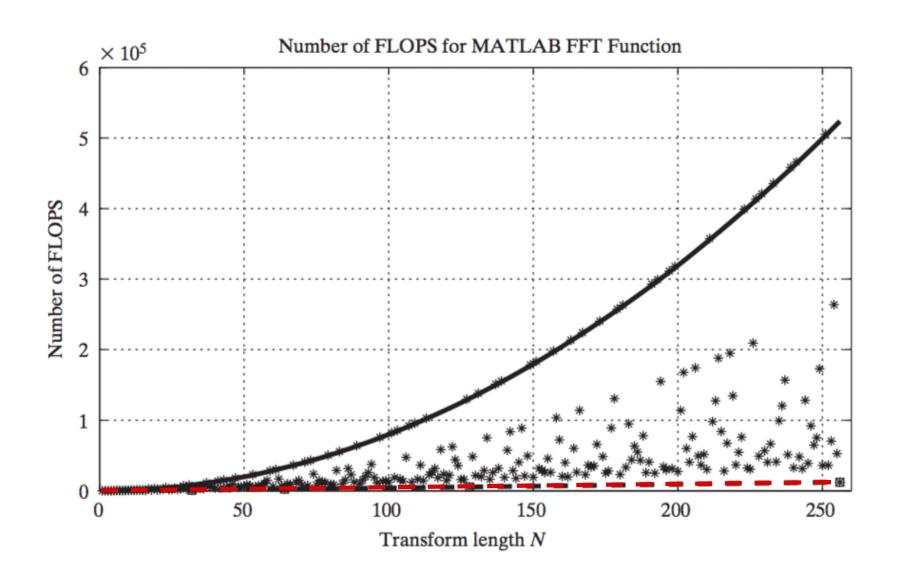
Just swaps the real and imaginary components of a complex number. Hence a DFT of length 4 doesn't require any complex multiples.

- Half of the multiples of an 8-point DFT also don't require multiplication
- Composite length FFTs can be very efficient for any length that factors into terms of this order

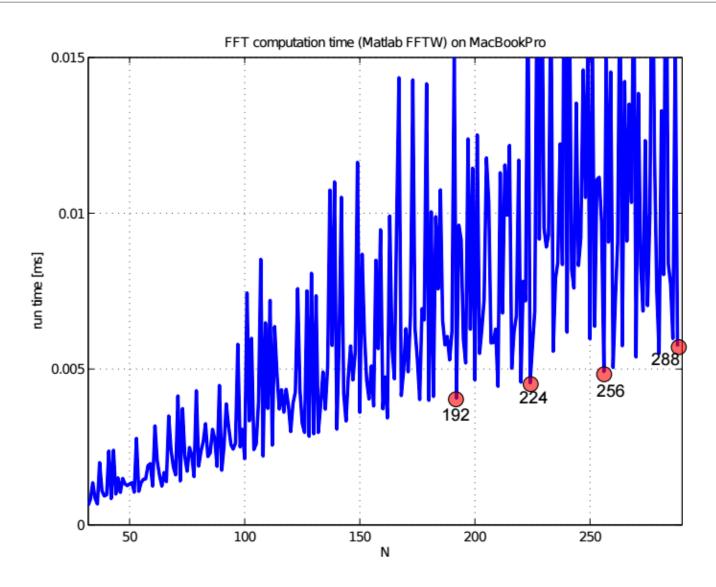
- \blacksquare For example N = 693 factors into
 - N = (7)(9)(11)
- each of which can be implemented efficiently. We would perform
 - 9 x 11 DFTs of length 7
 - 7 x 11 DFTs of length 9, and
 - 7 x 9 DFTs of length 11

- Historically, the power-of-two FFTs were much faster (better written and implemented).
- For non-power-of-two length, it was faster to zero pad to power of two.
- Recently this has changed. The free FFTW package implements very efficient algorithms for almost any filter length. Matlab has used FFTW since version 6

FFT Computation FLOPS



FFT Computation Time



FFT as Matrix Operation

$$\begin{pmatrix} X[0] \\ \vdots \\ X[k] \\ \vdots \\ X[N-1] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} W_N^{00} & \cdots & W_N^{0n} & \cdots & W_N^{0(N-1)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ W_N^{k0} & \cdots & W_N^{kn} & \cdots & W_N^{k(N-1)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ W_N^{(N-1)0} & \cdots & W_N^{(N-1)n} & \cdots & W_N^{(N-1)(N-1)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x[0] \\ \vdots \\ x[n] \\ \vdots \\ x[N-1] \end{pmatrix}$$

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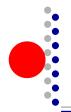
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- ullet FFT is a decomposition of W_N into a more sparse form:

$$F_{N} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{N/2} & D_{N/2} \\ I_{N/2} & -D_{N/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W_{N/2} & 0 \\ 0 & W_{N/2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{Even-Odd Perm.} \\ \text{Matrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

□ $I_{N/2}$ is an identity matrix. $D_{N/2}$ is a diagonal matrix with entries 1, W_N , ..., $W_N^{N/2-1}$



FFT as Matrix Operation

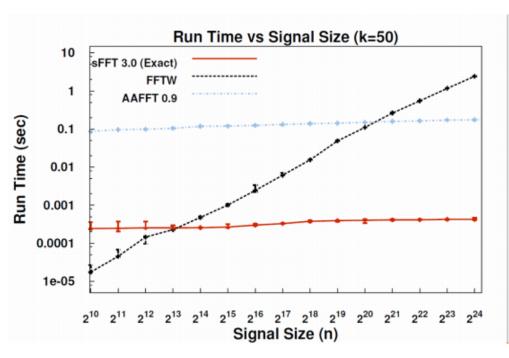
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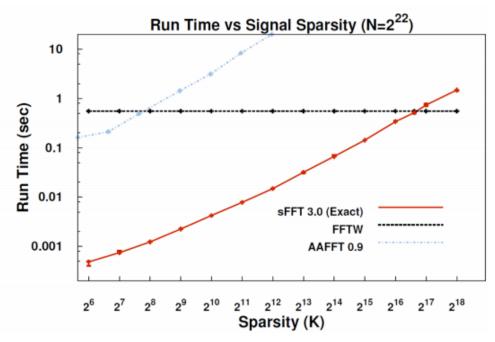
Example: N = 4

$$F_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & W_4 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -W_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Beyond NlogN

- □ What if the signal x[n] has a k sparse frequency
 - A. Gilbert et. al, "Near-optimal sparse Fourier representations via sampling
 - H. Hassanieh et. al, "Nearly Optimal Sparse Fourier Transform"
 - Others...
 - O(K Log N) instead of O(N Log N)





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Big Ideas

Fast Fourier Transform

- Enable computation of an N-point DFT (or DFT⁻¹) with the order of just N· log₂ N complex multiplications.
- Most FFT algorithms decompose the computation of a DFT into successively smaller DFT computations.
 - Decimation-in-time algorithms
 - Decimation-in-frequency
- Historically, power-of-2 DFTs had highest efficiency
- Modern computing has led to non-power-of-2 FFTs with high efficiency
- Sparsity leads to reduced computation on order K· logN

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- □ HW 7 due tonight midnight
- □ HW 8 due 4/12
 - Out now