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**Chapter 7: Digital Representation of Signals**

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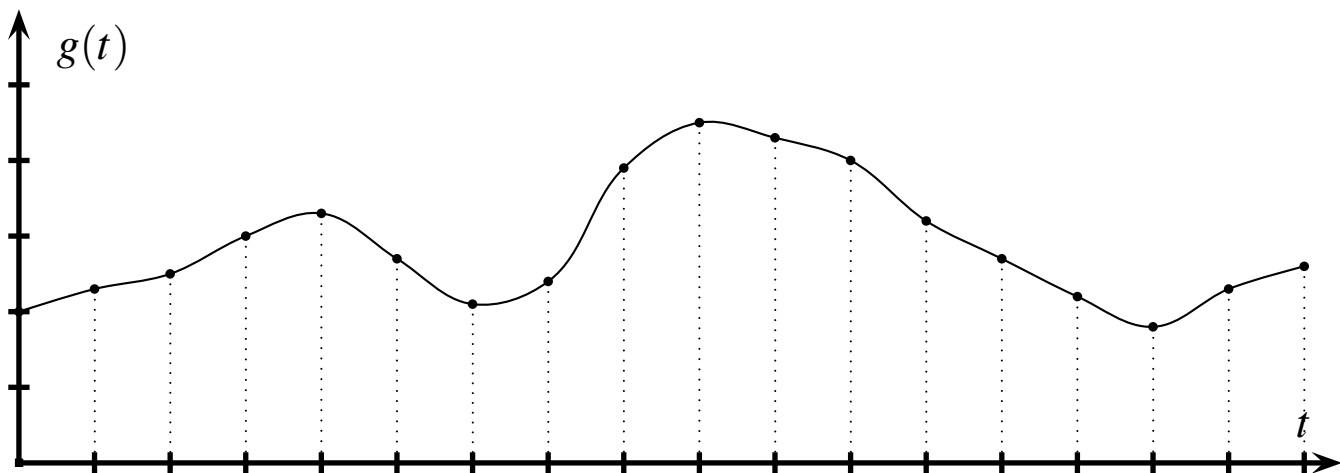
# 7. Digital Representation of Signals

## 7.1 Basic Concepts

### 7.1.1 Background and motivation

- In modern electronic systems, analog signals are often represented by a set of *samples*.
- This is termed *digitization* of the signal.

Question: Under which conditions can the signal be reconstructed from these samples, and how?



- Such a reconstruction is (obviously) impossible in general, but may be achieved under the certain assumptions regarding the properties of the original signal.
- The key assumption is that the original signal may be represented as a linear combination of *basis signals*.

General form:

$$g(t) = \sum_{k=0}^p a_k \cdot f_k(t)$$

in which:

- The  $a_k$ 's are constants.
- $f_k$  is the  $k^{\text{th}}$  *basis signal*.

Example: polynomial representation

$$f_k(t) = t^k$$

$$g(t) = \sum_{k=0}^p a_k \cdot t^k$$

Example: sinusoidal representation

- In this case, the basis signals are of the form

$$f_k(t) = e^{2\pi i \cdot f \cdot t}$$

- $i = \sqrt{-1}$  is the “imaginary” unit of the complex numbers.
- $f$  is a “base frequency” — the signal to be represented is assumed to be periodic of this frequency.
- In effect, this amounts to a representation of the form

$$g(t) = \sum_{k=0}^p (a_k \cdot \cos(2\pi f \cdot k \cdot t) + b_k \cdot \sin(2\pi f \cdot k \cdot t))$$

- Each of these representations, as well as methods of translation between them, will now be investigated.

## 7.2 Polynomial Representation

**7.2.1 Fact – unique curve fitting with polynomials** *Given a sequence  $\langle (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \rangle$  of points with  $x_i < x_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , there is a unique polynomial of degree at most  $n - 1$  which passes through each of these points.*

PROOF: First, uniqueness is established. Let  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  each be polynomials of degree at most  $n - 1$  with the further property that

$$p_j(x_i) = y_i$$

for  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Then

$$p_2(x_i) - p_1(x_i) = 0$$

for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . However,  $p_2 - p_1$  is also a polynomial of degree at most  $n - 1$ , with roots  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ . If  $p_2 - p_1$  is not the zero polynomial, then by the fundamental theorem of algebra (1.8.3), each  $(x - x_i)$  must be a factor of  $p_2(x) - p_1(x)$ , so

$$(p_2 - p_1)(x) = (x - x_1) \cdot (x - x_2) \cdot \dots \cdot (x - x_n) \cdot q(x)$$

for some nonzero polynomial  $q(x)$ . Since the above polynomial is of degree at least  $n$ , yet  $p_2 - p_1$  is of degree at most  $n - 1$ , it follows that  $p_2 - p_1 = 0$ ; *i.e.*,  $p_1 = p_2$ .

To establish existence, it suffices to observe that the following polynomial has the desired properties.

$$p(x) := \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{(x - x_j)}{(x_i - x_j)} \right) \cdot y_i$$

□

## 7.2.2 LaGrange interpolation

The formula

$$p(x) := \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{(x - x_j)}{(x_i - x_j)} \right) \cdot y_i \quad (*)$$

introduced in the proof of 7.2.1 is called the *LaGrange interpolation* of  $\langle (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \rangle$ .

- Each summand of this formula involves  $\Theta(n^2)$  multiplications to expand the numerator. [To expand the factored polynomial into an unfactored one requires  $\Theta(n^2)$  multiplications of the form  $x_j \cdot x_{j'}$ .]
- Each denominator is a number. There is a one-time amortized cost of  $\Theta(n^2)$  to compute all factors of the form  $(x_i - x_j)$ , and a time of  $\Theta(n)$  for each denominator to perform the associated multiplications.
- Thus, each summand requires  $\Theta(n^2)$  time, and so a naïve algorithm for computing the LaGrange interpolation of a polynomial of degree  $n$  requires  $\Theta(n^3)$  time.
- There are two ways to improve upon this bound.

### 7.2.3 LaGrange interpolation via division

- In the formula \* of 7.2.2, note that two distinct summands differ in only one factor in the numerator, and one in the denominator.
- The idea is to take advantage of this similarity and avoid repeated multiplications.
- The problem is that each factor is missing in at least one product.
- The solution proceeds in four steps:

(i) Compute the large product of the form

$$\prod_{j=1}^n (x - x_j)$$

just once as an expanded polynomial of the form:

$$q(x) = a_n \cdot x^n + a_{n-1} \cdot x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \cdot x + a_0$$

(ii) Divide this polynomial by  $(x - x_i)$  to obtain

$$q_i(x) = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n (x - x_j)$$

(iii) Compute all numbers of the form  $x_i - x_j$  for  $i \neq j$ .

(iv) Using the result of (iii), compute the numbers

$$c_i = 1 / \left( \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n (x_i - x_j) \right)$$

one for each  $i$ .



## 7.2.5 LaGrange interpolation via stepwise interpolation

- Let  $S = \langle (x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \rangle$  be a nonempty sequence of  $n$  pairs of real numbers, let  $m \leq n$ , and let  $p$  be a polynomial of degree  $m - 1$  with the property that

$$p(x_i) = y_i$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$ . Define the polynomial

$$\text{RFit}(p, S, m)(x) := (y_m - p(x_m)) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{(x - x_j)}{(x_m - x_j)} + p(x) \quad (*)$$

**7.2.6 Lemma** *Conditions as in 7.2.5 above, the polynomial  $\text{RFit}(p, S, m)$  satisfies*

$$\text{RFit}(p, S, m)(x_i) = y_i$$

*for all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . In particular,  $\text{RFit}(p, S, n)$  passes through every point of  $S$ .*

PROOF: For  $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$ , *i.e.*, for  $x = x_i$ , the term  $(x - x_j)$  with  $x_j = x_i$  in the large product will be zero, and so the entire left summand is zero. The entire value will therefore be the right summand, which has value  $p(x_i)$ .

For  $i = m$ , *i.e.*, for  $x = x_m$ , the large  $(m - 1)$ -fold product evaluates to one, and so the value is  $(y_m - p(x_m)) \cdot 1 + p(x_m) = y_m$ .  $\square$

## 7.2.7 Newtonian interpolation

- The realization of an algorithm which uses the formula (\*) of 7.2.5 is straightforward in principle.
- The induction is “primed” by choosing the initial polynomial to be  $p(x) = y_1$ .



- However, to understand the complexity, it is necessary to identify two data types and three critical operations.

Arbitrary polynomials: The data type Poly consists of all polynomials in a single variable, which is usually taken to be  $x$ .

Polynomials of degree one: The data type Poly1 consists of just those polynomials in Poly which have degree one and lead coefficient one; *i.e.*, those polynomials which are of the form  $x + a$ , with  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Polynomial evaluation: The operation

$$\text{PolyEval} : \text{Poly} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

evaluates a polynomial at a real number, returning a real number.

Polynomial addition: The operation

$$\text{PolyAdd} : \text{Poly} \times \text{Poly} \rightarrow \text{Poly}$$

adds two polynomials together, returning a polynomial.

Limited polynomial multiplication: The operation

$$\text{PolyMult1} : \text{Poly} \times \text{Poly1} \rightarrow \text{Poly}$$

takes an arbitrary polynomial and polynomial of degree one, and returns their product.

Scalar polynomial multiplication: The operation

$$\text{PolyMultReal} : \text{Poly} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Poly}$$

takes an arbitrary polynomial and a real number, and returns the result of multiplying each coefficient of the polynomial by the real number.

- As the first step in building an algorithm for polynomial interpolation based upon the rules of 7.2.5, define  $\text{RFitAux}(S, i)$  to be the expansion (multiplied out) of the following intermediate polynomial.

$$(x - x_1) \cdot (x - x_2) \cdot \dots \cdot (x - x_i)$$

- Note that

$$\text{RFitAux}(S, i) = \text{PolyMult1}(\text{RFitAux}(S, i - 1), (x - x_i))$$

- Next, note that  $\text{RFit}(p, S, m)$  may be expressed somewhat informally by the following formula.

$$\text{RFit}(p, S, m) = (y_m - p(x_m)) \cdot \frac{\text{RFitAux}(S, m - 1)}{\text{PolyEval}(\text{RFitAux}(S, m - 1), x_m)} + \text{RFit}(p, S, m - 1)$$

- To make things precise for an algorithm, all of the polynomial operations must be expressed explicitly.

$$\text{RFit}(p, S, m) = \text{PolyAdd} \left( \text{PolyMultReal} \left( \text{RFitAux}(S, m - 1), \frac{y_m - \text{PolyEval}(p, x_m)}{\text{PolyEval}(\text{RFitAux}(S, m - 1), x_m)} \right), \text{RFit}(p, S, m - 1) \right) \quad (NI)$$

- This equation represents the basis of *Newtonian interpolation*.
- It is applied iteratively to obtain the interpolating polynomial.
- The complexity will now be examined.

## 7.2.8 Horner's rule

- The function PolyEval is best realized by *Horner's rule*.
- The idea is easily illustrated via example.
- Consider the polynomial  $2x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}2x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 1 &= x \cdot (2x^2 + 3x + 5) + 1 \\ &= x \cdot (x \cdot (2x + 3) + 5) + 1 \\ &= x \cdot (x \cdot (x \cdot (x \cdot (2) + 3) + 5) + 1)\end{aligned}$$

- To evaluate this polynomial at  $x = 4$ , use an “inside-out” approach on the last representation in the sequence:
  - Evaluate  $(2) = 2$ ;
  - Evaluate  $x \cdot (2) + 3 = 11$ ;
  - Evaluate  $x \cdot (11) + 5 = 49$ ;
  - Evaluate  $x \cdot (49) + 1 = 197$ .
- Pseudocode for this algorithm is as follows:

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function PolyEval( $p$  : polynomial,  $a$  : real) : real;  
  /* Function to evaluate  $p(a)$  */  
  /* Note:  $\text{coefficient}(\sum(a_j \cdot x_j), i) = a_i$  */  
   $s \leftarrow \text{coefficient}(p, \text{degree}(p))$ ;  
  for  $i \leftarrow \text{degree}(p) - 1$  downto 0 do  
     $s \leftarrow s * a + \text{coefficient}(p, i)$ ;  
  return  $s$ ;
```

### 7.2.9 The complexity of Newtonian interpolation

- Horner's rule (7.2.8) runs in time  $\Theta(n)$ , with  $n$  the degree of the polynomial.
- The function PolyAdd simply adds coefficients together, power-by-power, and so may easily be realized to run in time  $\Theta(n)$ , with  $n$  the maximum of the degrees of the two polynomials.
- The function PolyMult1 may be realized with  $2 \cdot n$  multiplications, where  $n$  is the degree of the larger polynomial. Thus, it may be realized in time  $\Theta(n)$ .
- The function PolyMultReal may be realized in time  $\Theta(n)$ , with  $n$  the degree of the polynomial, since it just multiplies each coefficient of the polynomial by a constant.
- It follows that one iteration of the assignment (NI) of 7.2.7 will run in time  $\Theta(n)$ .
- Since this computation must be iterated for  $m$  from 2 to  $n$ , it follows that the entire process of Newtonian interpolation requires  $\Theta(n^2)$  time.

## 7.2.10 The Vandermonde matrix

- The matrix equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \cdots & x_n^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

characterizes a polynomial

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot x^i$$

which passes through the points in  $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)\}$ .

- Note that the square matrix in the middle has the form

$$(C^0 \ C^1 \ C^2 \ \dots \ C^{n-1}) \quad \text{with} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $C^i$  meaning that each member of  $C$  is raised to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  power.

- Such a structure is called a *Vandermonde matrix*, and has determinant

$$\prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} (x_k - x_j)$$

and so is invertible (since the  $x_i$ 's are all distinct).

- Solving systems of linear equations takes  $O(n^3)$  time, and so this is not the best approach for computing an interpolating polynomial.
- The Vandermonde-matrix perspective will be useful in the study of sinusoidal representations, however.

## 7.3 Sinusoidal Representation

### 7.3.1 Complex numbers and roots of unity

- Following standard mathematical notation, the symbol  $i$  will be used in the remainder of this chapter to denote  $\sqrt{-1}$ .

Note: Electrical engineers usually use  $j$  instead, since in their domain  $i$  has already been conscripted to denote current.

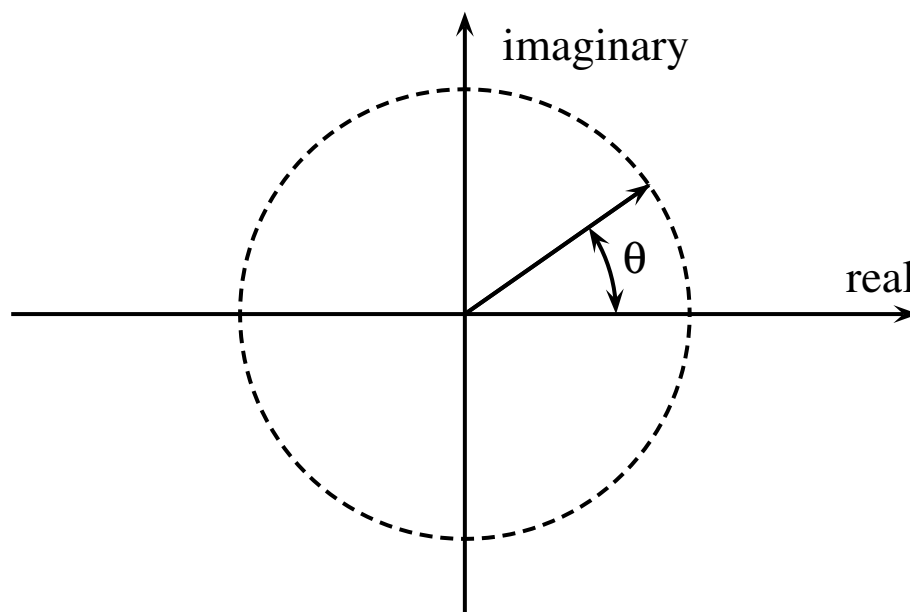
- The symbol  $e$  is also reserved for the rest of this section to denote the basis of the natural logarithms:  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1/k!$

- The identity

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

is well known.

- From it and the Pythagorean equation, it follows that for any real number  $\theta$ ,  $e^{i\theta}$  has magnitude one.
- In the complex plane,  $e^{i\theta}$  may be visualized as a unit vector at angle  $\theta$  (in radians) from the real axis:



### 7.3.2 Roots of unity

- (a) A complex number  $c$  with the property that  $c^n = 1$  is called an  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity.
- (b) A complex  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity  $c$  for which  $c^k \neq 1$  for  $0 < k < n$  is called a *principal* (or *primitive*)  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity.

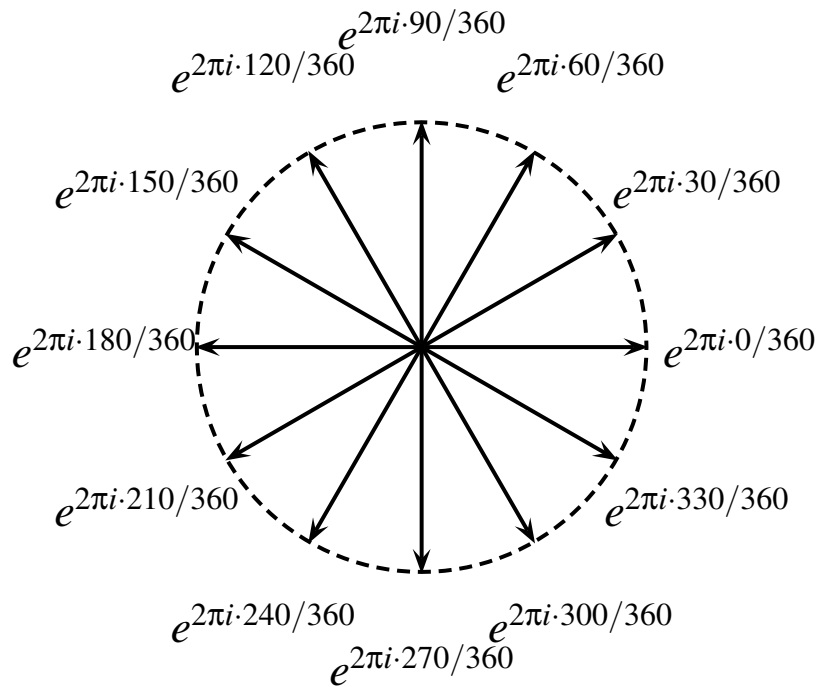
### 7.3.3 Properties of principal $n^{\text{th}}$ roots of unity

- (a) If  $k$  and  $n$  are relatively prime positive integers with  $k < n$ , then  $e^{2\pi ik/n}$  is a principal  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity.
- (b) For any principal  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity  $\rho$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho^k = \sum_{k=1}^n \rho^k = 0.$$

## PROOF OUTLINE:

- Part (a) is immediate from the fact that  $e^{2\pi ik/n^m} = 1$  iff  $(2\pi ik/n) \cdot m$  is a multiple of  $2\pi$ , which is true iff  $(m \cdot k/n)$  is an integer.
- Part (b) is most easily seen by visualizing the vector addition of the summands. The diagram below shows this situation for  $n = 12$ .



□

### 7.3.4 Notation for principal $n^{\text{th}}$ roots of unity

- $\rho_n = e^{2\pi i/n}$
- $\rho_{-n} = e^{2\pi i(n-1)/n}$



## 7.4 The Discrete Fourier Transform

### 7.4.1 The problem of polynomial multiplication

- In signal- and image-processing applications, the operation of multiplying two polynomials arises frequently.
- This operation is often termed *convolution*, and is denoted by  $*$ .
- More precisely, let

$$p_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n_1-1} a_k \cdot x^k \qquad p_2(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n_2-1} b_k \cdot x^k$$

- Then

$$p_1 * p_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{n_1+n_2-2} \sum_{r+s=k} a_r \cdot b_s \cdot x^{r+s}$$

- The “naïve” algorithm for computing the convolution of two polynomials requires time  $\Theta(n_1 \cdot n_2)$ , or  $\Theta(n^2)$  if both polynomials are of degree  $n$ .
- Using the discrete Fourier transform plus a divide-and-conquer strategy, it will be shown that this time may be reduced to  $\Theta(n \cdot \log(n))$ .

## 7.4.2 An overview of the discrete Fourier transform

- Operationally, the discrete Fourier transform may be viewed as a mapping from polynomials to polynomials.

- If

$$p = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k$$

and  $m \geq n$ , then the *discrete Fourier transform* of  $p$  of degree  $m$

$$\mathfrak{F}_m(p) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} F_m(p, k) \cdot x^k$$

is a complex polynomial of degree at most  $n - 1$ .

- The coefficients  $F_m(p, k)$  are in general complex numbers, even though all of the  $a_k$ 's are real.
- This transform has the following desirable properties:

1. It is invertible; that is, there is a mapping  $\mathfrak{F}_m^{-1}$  (called the inverse discrete Fourier transform) with the property that

$$\mathfrak{F}_m^{-1}(\mathfrak{F}_m(p)) = \mathfrak{F}_m(\mathfrak{F}_m^{-1}(p)) = p$$

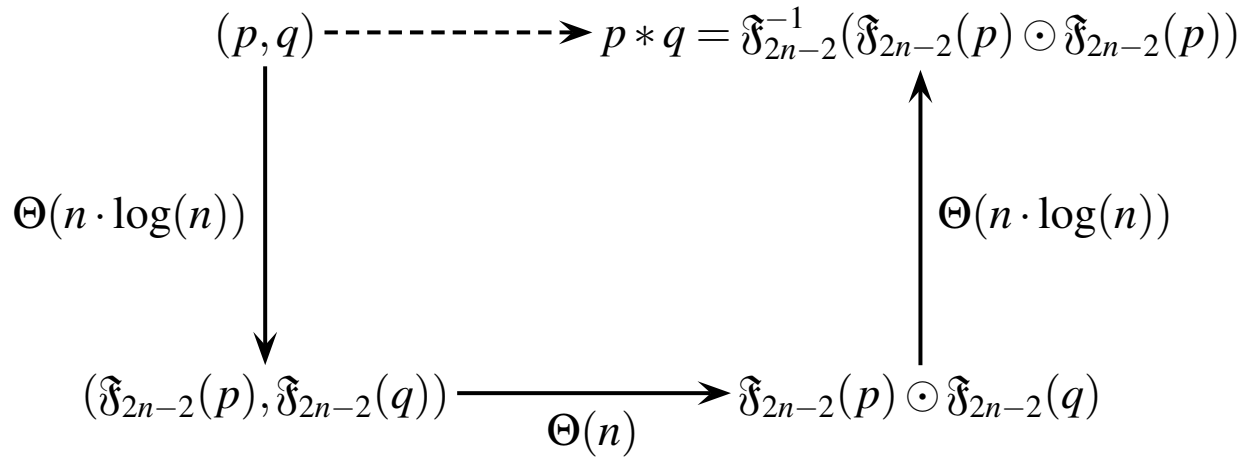
2. The convolution  $p * q$  of two polynomials corresponds to pointwise multiplication of the corresponding coefficients of the discrete Fourier transform. If

$$p_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k \qquad p_2(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k \cdot x^k$$

then

$$\mathfrak{F}_m(p_1 * p_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n-2} F_m(p_1, k) \cdot F_m(p_2, k) \cdot x^k$$

- To compute  $p * q$ , the solid path indicated in the following diagram is followed:



- In the above  $\odot$  denotes pointwise multiplication.
- It will now be shown in detail how these computations are realized using an implementation of the discrete Fourier transform known as the fast Fourier transform.

### 7.4.3 The discrete Fourier transform

- Let

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k$$

be a polynomial of degree at most  $n - 1$ , and let  $m \geq n$ .

- (a) The  $m^{\text{th}}$ -degree *discrete Fourier transform* (DFT for short) of  $p$  is given by

$$\mathfrak{F}_m(p) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} F_m(p, k) \cdot x^k$$

with

$$F_m(p, k) = p(\rho_m^k) = p(e^{2\pi i k/m})$$

- Thus,

$$F_m(p, k) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot e^{2\pi i k \ell/m} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{k\ell}$$

### 7.4.4 Notation

- The polynomial  $p$ , as given above, may be represented by the sequence

$$\langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1} \rangle$$

- The  $m^{\text{th}}$ -degree DFT may then be viewed as the sequence

$$\langle F_m(p, 0), F_m(p, 1), F_m(p, 2), \dots, F_m(p, m-1) \rangle$$

- This notation will be used frequently in that which follows.

### 7.4.5 Matrix representation

- There is a convenient matrix representation of the DFT:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\
 1 & \rho_m & \rho_m^2 & \rho_m^3 & \cdots & \rho_m^{m-1} \\
 1 & \rho_m^2 & \rho_m^4 & \rho_m^6 & \cdots & \rho_m^{2(m-1)} \\
 1 & \rho_m^3 & \rho_m^6 & \rho_m^9 & \cdots & \rho_m^{3(m-1)} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 1 & \rho_m^{m-1} & \rho_m^{2(m-1)} & \rho_m^{3(m-1)} & \cdots & \rho_m^{(m-1)^2}
 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_m(p, 0) \\ F_m(p, 1) \\ F_m(p, 2) \\ F_m(p, 3) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ F_m(p, m-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

- This representation leads naturally to the construction of the inverse DFT.

**7.4.6 Lemma** *The above square matrix has the following inverse:*

$$\frac{1}{m} \cdot \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\
 1 & \rho_{-m} & \rho_{-m}^2 & \rho_{-m}^3 & \cdots & \rho_{-m}^{m-1} \\
 1 & \rho_{-m}^2 & \rho_{-m}^4 & \rho_{-m}^6 & \cdots & \rho_{-m}^{2(m-1)} \\
 1 & \rho_{-m}^3 & \rho_{-m}^6 & \rho_{-m}^9 & \cdots & \rho_{-m}^{3(m-1)} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 1 & \rho_{-m}^{m-1} & \rho_{-m}^{2(m-1)} & \rho_{-m}^{3(m-1)} & \cdots & \rho_{-m}^{(m-1)^2}
 \end{pmatrix} \square$$

### 7.4.7 The inverse discrete Fourier transform

- Let

$$p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k$$

be a polynomial of degree at most  $n - 1$ , and let  $m \geq n$ .

- (a) The  $m^{\text{th}}$ -degree *inverse discrete Fourier transform* (*inverse DFT* for short) of  $p$  is given by

$$\mathfrak{F}_m^{-1}(p) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} F_m^{-1}(p, k) \cdot x^k$$

with

$$F_m^{-1}(p, k) = \frac{1}{m} \cdot p(\rho_{-m}^k) = \frac{1}{m} \cdot p(e^{-2\pi i k/m})$$

- Thus,

$$F_m^{-1}(p, k) = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot e^{-2\pi i k \ell/m} = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_{-m}^{k\ell}$$

### 7.4.8 Notation

- In analogy to 7.4.4, if the polynomial  $p$  may be represented by the sequence

$$\langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1} \rangle$$

then the  $m^{\text{th}}$ -degree inverse DFT may be viewed as the sequence

$$\langle F_m^{-1}(p, 0), F_m^{-1}(p, 1), F_m^{-1}(p, 2), \dots, F_m^{-1}(p, m-1) \rangle$$

- This notation will be used frequently in that which follows.

### 7.4.9 Matrix representation of the inverse DFT

- Using 7.4.6, and in analogy to 7.4.5, there is a convenient matrix representation of the inverse DFT:

$$\frac{1}{m} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \rho_{-m} & \rho_{-m}^2 & \rho_{-m}^3 & \dots & \rho_{-m}^{m-1} \\ 1 & \rho_{-m}^2 & \rho_{-m}^4 & \rho_{-m}^6 & \dots & \rho_{-m}^{2(m-1)} \\ 1 & \rho_{-m}^3 & \rho_{-m}^6 & \rho_{-m}^9 & \dots & \rho_{-m}^{3(m-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \rho_{-m}^{m-1} & \rho_{-m}^{2(m-1)} & \rho_{-m}^{3(m-1)} & \dots & \rho_{-m}^{(m-1)^2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_m^{-1}(p, 0) \\ F_m^{-1}(p, 1) \\ F_m^{-1}(p, 2) \\ F_m^{-1}(p, 3) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ F_m^{-1}(p, m-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

### 7.4.10 Proposition – the inverse DFT is really an inverse

- For any polynomial  $p$  of degree at most  $n - 1$ , and any  $m \geq n$ ,

$$\mathfrak{F}_m^{-1}(\mathfrak{F}_m(p)) = \mathfrak{F}_m(\mathfrak{F}_m^{-1}(p)) = p$$

PROOF: This follows immediately from the matrix representations of 7.4.5, 7.4.6 and 7.4.9.  $\square$

### 7.4.11 Further notation

- (a) The symbol  $\odot$  will be used to denote pointwise multiplication. Thus, if

$$p_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k \qquad p_2(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k \cdot x^k$$

Then

$$p_1 \odot p_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} a_k \cdot b_k \cdot x^k$$

- (b) For any complex number  $\alpha$  and any positive integer  $n$ , define the matrix

$$M(\alpha, n) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 & \dots & \alpha^{m-1} \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 & \alpha^6 & \dots & \alpha^{2(m-1)} \\ 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^6 & \alpha^9 & \dots & \alpha^{3(m-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha^{m-1} & \alpha^{2(m-1)} & \alpha^{3(m-1)} & \dots & \alpha^{(m-1)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Note that the matrix which represents the  $m^{\text{th}}$  degree DFT is

$$M(\rho_m, m)$$

while that which represents the  $m^{\text{th}}$ -degree inverse DFT is

$$\frac{1}{m} \cdot M(\rho_{-m}, m)$$



- The problem of showing that

$$\mathfrak{F}_m(p * q) = \mathfrak{F}_m(p) \odot \mathfrak{F}_m(q)$$

will now be addressed.

#### 7.4.12 Proposition *Let*

$$p_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k \qquad p_2(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k \cdot x^k$$

*be two polynomials of degree at most  $n - 1$ , and let*

$$q = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} c_k \cdot x_k := p_1 * p_2 = \sum_{k=0}^{n_1+n_2-2} \sum_{r+s=k} a_r \cdot b_s \cdot x^{r+s}$$

*Then*

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ c_{2n-2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & a_{n-3} & \cdots & a_1 \\ a_1 & a_0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & \cdots & a_2 \\ a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{n-1} & \cdots & a_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & a_{n-2} & a_{n-3} & a_{n-4} & a_{n-5} & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & a_{n-1} \\ \vdots & a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & a_{n-3} & a_{n-4} & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & a_{n-3} & \cdots & a_0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & 0 & a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & \cdots & a_1 & a_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{n-1} & \cdots & a_2 & a_1 & a_0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{n-1} & a_{n-2} & a_{n-3} & \cdots & a_1 & a_0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ b_{n-1} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

PROOF: Straightforward verification.  $\square$

**7.4.13 Some useful matrix and vector notation** Let

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 \\ v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_{\ell-1} \\ v_\ell \end{pmatrix}$$

Define

$$\text{RotDn}(V) = \begin{pmatrix} v_\ell \\ v_0 \\ v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_{\ell-2} \\ v_{\ell-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\text{Circ}(V) = \begin{pmatrix} v_0 & v_\ell & v_{\ell-1} & \cdots & v_1 \\ v_1 & v_0 & v_\ell & \cdots & v_2 \\ v_2 & v_1 & v_0 & \cdots & v_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{\ell-1} & v_{\ell-2} & v_{\ell-3} & \cdots & v_\ell \\ v_\ell & v_{\ell-1} & v_{\ell-2} & \cdots & v_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= ( v \text{ RotDn}(V) \text{ RotDn}^2(V) \cdots \text{RotDn}^{\ell-1}(V) )$$

Now let  $m \geq n$ , and for

$$p_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k \qquad p_2(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k \cdot x^k$$

define the following two vectors of  $m$  rows each, noting in particular that the last  $m - n$  entries of each are 0.

$$\mathcal{V}(p_1, m) = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathcal{V}(p_2, m) = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_{n-1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**7.4.14 Observation** *The matrix equation of 7.4.12 may be rewritten as*

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_{2n-2} \end{pmatrix} = \text{Circ}(\mathcal{V}(p_1, 2n-1) \cdot \mathcal{V}(p_2, 2n-1))$$

□

**7.4.15 Lemma** Let  $p = \sum_{k=0}^n$  be a polynomial of degree at most  $n - 1$ . Then, for any integer  $m \geq n$ ,

$$M(\rho_m, m) \cdot \text{Circ}(\mathcal{V}(p, m)) \cdot \frac{1}{m} \cdot M(\rho_{-m}, m)$$

is the diagonal matrix

$$\mathfrak{F}_m^\Delta(p) := \begin{pmatrix} F_m(p, 0) & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & F_m(p, 1) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F_m(p, 2) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & F_m(p, m-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

PROOF: The  $(\ell, j)^{th}$  entry of  $M(\rho_m, m) \cdot \text{Circ}(\mathcal{V}(p, m))$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^{\ell \cdot k} \cdot \bar{a}_{(m+k-j) \bmod(m)} \quad \text{with } \bar{a}_k = \begin{cases} a_k & \text{if } k \leq n-1 \\ 0 & \text{if } k \geq n \end{cases} \\ &= \rho_m^{\ell \cdot j} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^{\ell \cdot (k-j)} \cdot \bar{a}_{(m+k-j) \bmod(m)} \\ &= \rho_m^{\ell \cdot j} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^{\ell \cdot (k-j) \bmod(m)} \cdot \bar{a}_{(m+k-j) \bmod(m)} \\ &= \rho_m^{\ell \cdot j} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^{\ell \cdot (m+k-j) \bmod(m)} \cdot \bar{a}_{(m+k-j) \bmod(m)} \\ &= \rho_m^{\ell \cdot j} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^{\ell \cdot k} \cdot \bar{a}_k = \rho_m^{\ell \cdot j} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^{\ell \cdot k} \cdot a_k = \rho_m^{\ell \cdot j} \cdot F_m(p, \ell) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$M(\rho_m, m) \cdot \text{Circ}(\mathcal{V}(p, m)) = \mathfrak{F}_m^\Delta(p) \cdot M(\rho_m, m)$$

Since  $1/m \cdot M(\rho_{-m}, m)$  is the inverse of  $M(\rho_m, m)$ , the result follows.

□

- Finally, it is possible to prove the main characterization theorem.

**7.4.16 Theorem – translation between convolution and pointwise multiplication** *Let*

$$p_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k \qquad p_2(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} b_k \cdot x^k$$

*be two polynomials of degree at most  $n - 1$ . Then*

$$p_1 * p_2 = \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}^{-1}(\mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(\mathcal{V}(p_1, 2n-1)) \odot \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(\mathcal{V}(p_2, 2n-1)))$$

PROOF: Denote the coefficients of  $p_1 * p_2$  as follows:

$$p * q = \sum_{k=0}^{2n-2} c_k \cdot x^k$$

The following further notation is also useful.

$$C := \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}^{\updownarrow}(p_2) := \begin{pmatrix} F_{2n-1}(p_2, 0) \\ F_{2n-1}(p_2, 1) \\ \vdots \\ F_{2n-1}(p_2, 2n-2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H = M(\rho_{2n-1}, 2n-1) \qquad H^{-1} = \frac{1}{m} \cdot M(\rho_{-2n+1}, 2n-1)$$

Now

$$C = \text{Circ}(\mathcal{V}(p_1, 2n-1)) \cdot \mathcal{V}(p_2, 2n-1) \quad [\text{by 7.4.14}]$$

$$= (H^{-1} \cdot H) \cdot \text{Circ}(\mathcal{V}(p_1, 2n-1)) \cdot (H^{-1} \cdot H) \cdot \mathcal{V}(p_2, 2n-1)$$

$$= H^{-1} \cdot (H \cdot \text{Circ}(\mathcal{V}(p_1, 2n-1)) \cdot H^{-1}) \cdot (H \cdot \mathcal{V}(p_2, 2n-1))$$

$$= H^{-1} \cdot \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}^{\Delta} \cdot (H \cdot \mathcal{V}(p_2, 2n-1)) \quad [\text{by 7.4.15}]$$

$$= H^{-1} \cdot \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}^{\Delta} \cdot \mathfrak{F}^{\downarrow}(p_2) \quad [\text{Just the FFT!}]$$

$$= H^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(p_1, 0) \cdot \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(p_2, 0) \\ \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(p_1, 1) \cdot \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(p_2, 1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(p_1, 2n-2) \cdot \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(p_2, 2n-2) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}^{-1}(\mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(\mathcal{V}(p_1, 2n-1)) \odot \mathfrak{F}_{2n-1}(\mathcal{V}(p_2, 2n-1)))$$

□

## 7.5 The Fast Fourier Transform

### 7.5.1 Motivation

- For the DFT to be useful in the implementation of polynomial multiplication, it is necessary to have a fast algorithm for computing both the DFT and its inverse.
- The “naïve” algorithm (matrix multiplication) is  $\Theta(n^2)$ , with  $n - 1$  the degree of each polynomial.
- This is the same complexity as that of direct polynomial multiplication, and offers no particular advantage for solving such problems.
- The *fast Fourier transform (FFT)* is a divide-and-conquer solution for the computation of the DFT and its inverse, and runs in time  $\Theta(n \cdot \log(n))$ .
- The idea is as follows:

$$p = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k = \text{a polynomial}$$

Define:

$$p_{\text{even}}(x) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \text{ even}}}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^{k/2} \quad p_{\text{odd}}(x) = \sum_{\substack{k=0 \\ k \text{ odd}}}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^{(k-1)/2}$$

- Note that

$$p(x) = p_{\text{even}}(x^2) + p_{\text{odd}}(x^2) * x$$

- Use a divide-and-conquer algorithm to compute the DFT's of  $p_{\text{even}}(x)$  and  $p_{\text{odd}}(x)$ , and then to combine the results.

**7.5.2 Proposition** Let  $p = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \cdot x^k$  be a polynomial of degree at most  $n - 1$ , and let  $m$  be an even number with  $m \geq n$ . Then:

(a) For all  $k$ ,  $0 < k < m/2$ ,

$$F_m(p, k) = F_{m/2}(p_{\text{even}}, k) + F_{m/2}(p_{\text{odd}}, k) \cdot \rho_m^k$$

(b) For all  $k$ ,  $m/2 \leq k < m$ ,

$$F_m(p, k) = F_{m/2}(p_{\text{even}}, k) - F_{m/2}(p_{\text{odd}}, k) \cdot \rho_m^k$$

PROOF: First let  $k < m/2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_{m/2}(p_{\text{even}}, k) &= \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \text{ even}}}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_{m/2}^{k\ell/2} = \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \text{ even}}}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{k\ell} \\ F_{m/2}(p_{\text{odd}}, k) &= \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \text{ odd}}}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_{m/2}^{k(\ell-1)/2} = \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \text{ odd}}}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{k(\ell-1)} \end{aligned}$$

since  $\rho_{m/2} = \rho_m^2$ . This establishes part (a), since

$$\begin{aligned} F_m(p, k) &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{k\ell} = \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \text{ even}}}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{k\ell} + \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \text{ odd}}}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{k(\ell-1)} \cdot \rho_m^k \\ &= F_{m/2}(p_{\text{even}}, k) + F_{m/2}(p_{\text{odd}}, k) \cdot \rho_m^k \end{aligned}$$

The key to establishing part (b) is to note that for  $m/2 \leq k < m$ ,

$$\rho_m^{k-m/2} = \rho_m^k \cdot \rho_m^{-m/2} = \begin{cases} \rho_m^k & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \\ -\rho_m^k & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

since

$$\rho_m^{-m/2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \\ -1 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$



Thus

$$\begin{aligned} F_m(p, k) &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{k\ell} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{\ell(k-m/2)} \cdot \rho_m^{\ell m/2} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \text{ even}}}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{\ell(k-m/2)} + \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \text{ odd}}}^{n-1} a_\ell \cdot \rho_m^{\ell(k-m/2)} \\ &= F_{m/2}(p_{\text{even}}, k) - F_{m/2}(p_{\text{odd}}, k) \cdot \rho_m^k \end{aligned}$$

□

### 7.5.3 Remarks

- Note that  $m$  must be even for the above result to hold, since  $m/2$  must be an integer.
- Since this result will be applied recursively,  $m$  must in fact be a power of two.
- This is not a significant restriction, since  $m$  can always be chosen to be the smallest power of two which is larger than the sum of the degrees of the two polynomials.

### 7.5.4 The pseudocode for the FFT

- In the algorithm below, it is assumed that the input polynomial is represented as a vector, as described in 7.4.4 and 7.4.8.
- The intermediate variables *fft\_even* and *fft\_odd* are also of this type.
- Note that this algorithm must work with complex numbers, even if the coefficients of the input polynomial are real.
- The complexity is clearly  $\Theta(n \cdot \log(n))$ , with  $n$  the size of the input vector.
- This is easily seen by writing down the recurrence relation, which is similar to that for mergesort.

```
function FFT(a : vector) : vector;  
  n ← length(a)  
  if (n = 1)  
    then return a  
    else  
      ⟨ fft_even ← FFT(even_part(a));  
        fft_odd ← FFT(odd_part(a));  
      ⟩  
  shift ← 1;  
  for s ← 0 to n/2 − 1 do  
    ⟨ result[s] ← fft_even[s] + fft_odd[s] * shift;  
      result[s + n/2] ← fft_even[s] − fft_odd[s] * shift;  
      shift ← shift *  $e^{2\pi i/n}$ ;  
    ⟩  
  return result;
```

### 7.5.5 Further notes on the FFT

- $\Theta(n \cdot \log(n))$  algorithms which significantly better constant multipliers are possible.
- Chips and chipsets which perform FFT's are widely used.
  - Such chips/chipsets are characterized by:
    - number of points ( $n$  in the algorithm)
    - resolution per point
  - The cutting edge: ST/Philips STV0300:
    - Intended use: digital television.
    - Up to 8192 points ( $2^{13}$ ).
    - Resolution per point is  $2 \times 12$  bits (24 bits total for a complex value) for up to 2048 points and  $2 \times 10$  bits for up to 8192 points.
    - Processing time for an 8192-point FFT: 410  $\mu$ sec.
    - Projected cost in bulk: less than \$50.
  - Typical stock components: 64 to 256 points, at resolutions per point of up to  $2 \times 18$ .
- The FFT algorithm makes it easy to combine such chips for larger  $n$ .
- Multidimensional DFT's (and hence FFT's) are important in applications such as image processing.