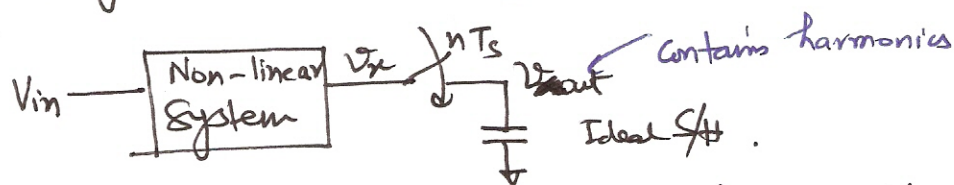


# Signal estimation using DFT/Matlab:

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Example: characterizing the distortion of a S/H using a single tone input.



Use a discrete time periodic sequence with period  $N$ .

$$v[n] = v[n+N]$$

Then  $v[n]$  can be represented as DFS.

$$v[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} V[k] e^{+j\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)kn}$$

complex DFS coefficients  
 $V[k] = |v[k]| \cdot e^{j\angle v[k]}$   
 $= B_m e^{j\phi_m}$

$V[k]$  are easily computed using FFT.

•  $N \rightarrow$  record length or FFT size.

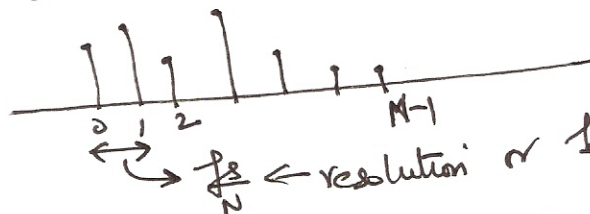
frequencies:

$$\left\{ 0, \frac{2\pi}{N}, \frac{2\pi}{N} \cdot 2, \dots, \left(\frac{2\pi}{N}\right)(N-1) \right\}$$

$\frac{N}{f_s} \rightarrow$  time in continuous-time axis

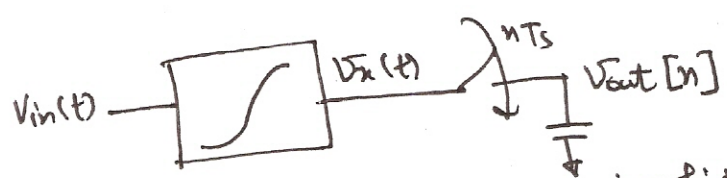
$\frac{f_s}{N} \rightarrow$  resolution of the FFT.

$\rightarrow$  spacing between the tones.



P.S. •  $M \rightarrow$  record length = size of the data collected from simulation or measurement

• If the FFT is taken over the whole record length then  
 FFT size =  $M$ . i.e.  $N=M$ .



$$V_{in} = A \sin(2\pi f_{in} t) = \text{Im} \{ A e^{j2\pi f_{in} t} \}$$

$$V_x = \sum_k a_k e^{j2\pi k f_{in} t}$$

$a_1 \rightarrow$  fundamental  
 $a_{2,3, \dots}$  harmonics

$$\Rightarrow V_{out}[n] = V_{out}\left(\frac{n}{f_s}\right) = \sum_k a_k e^{j2\pi k f_{in} \cdot \frac{n}{f_s}}$$

$V_{out}[n]$  is periodic only when

$$e^{j2\pi k f_{in} \frac{(n+N)}{f_s}} = e^{j2\pi k f_{in} \frac{n}{f_s}}$$

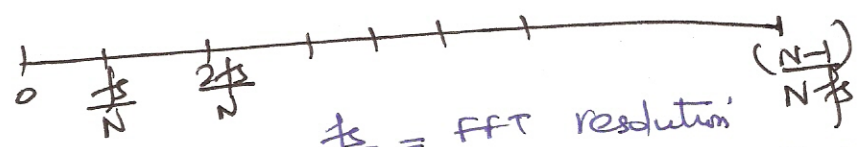
$$\Rightarrow 2\pi \frac{f_{in}}{f_s} N = 2m\pi, \quad m \in \mathbb{I}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{f_{in}}{f_s} = \frac{m}{N}} \quad \leftarrow \text{only then } V_{out}[n] \text{ is a periodic sequence and DFS is valid.} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

In time-domain

$$\frac{m}{f_{in}} = \frac{N}{f_s} \Rightarrow \text{'m' cycles of } f_{in} = \text{'N' cycles of } f_s$$

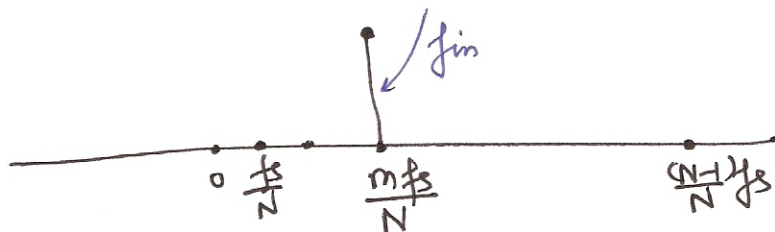
If  $\textcircled{1}$  is satisfied  $V_{out}[n]$  can be expressed as discrete-~~time~~ Fourier Series.



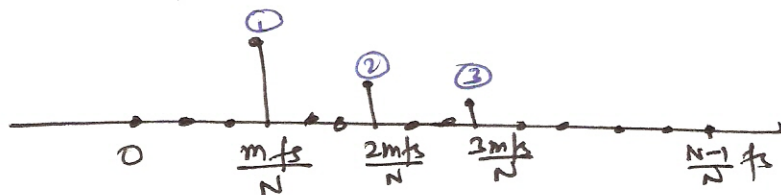
- $\frac{f_s}{N}$  = FFT resolution
- Each tone is called a "bin"
- 'N' bins for an N-point FFT.

for  $f_{in} = \frac{m}{N} f_s$

⑦



with distortion  $\rightarrow$  components at multiple of  $\frac{m f_s}{N}$



- choose  $f_{in}$  and  $f_s$  carefully else the sampled sequence will not be periodic and the FFT will not show the correct results.

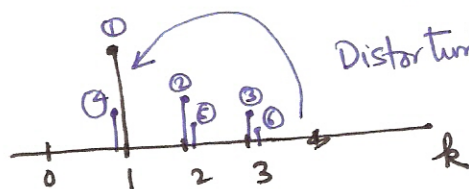
Example:

select  $f_{in} = \frac{m}{N} f_s = \frac{f_s}{4}$

harmonic components  $\rightarrow 0, \frac{f_s}{4}, \frac{2f_s}{4}, \frac{3f_s}{4}, f_s, \dots$

record length  $= N = 4$

for  $\frac{f_s}{4} = \frac{2f_s}{8}$ , is record length equal to 8??  
 $\hookrightarrow$  make sure that  $m$  &  $N(=M)$  are relatively prime.



Distortion folds back.

## DFT (or FFT)

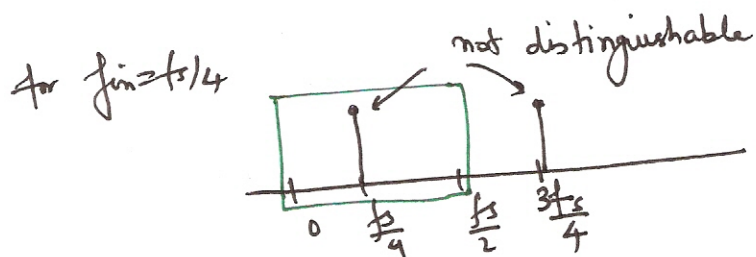
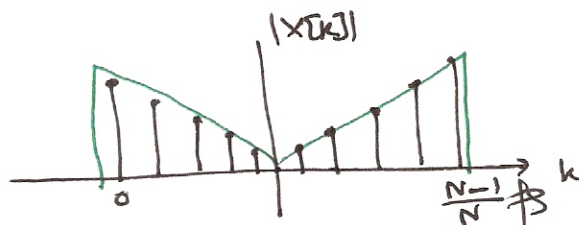
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conjugate symmetry

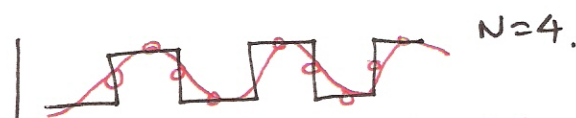
$$X^*[k] = X[N-k]$$

$$\Rightarrow |X[k]| = |X[N-k]|$$

$$\text{and } \angle X[k] = -\angle X[N-k]$$



↳ will not yield correct distortion analysis.



$\Rightarrow \frac{f_s}{4}, \frac{3f_s}{4}, \dots, (2m+1)\frac{f_s}{4}$   
are indistinguishable from each other  
↳ information is contained in a single bin

⇒ Not just enough that if

$$\frac{f_{in}}{f_s} = \frac{m}{N}, \text{ necessary but not sufficient}$$

⇒ Use  $f_{in} = \frac{m}{N} f_s$ ,  $m$  is prime wrt  $N$  (and  $N$  is large compared to  $m$ ) so that the harmonics don't alias back to the fundamental

Also choose  $N = 2^p$  for FFT computation

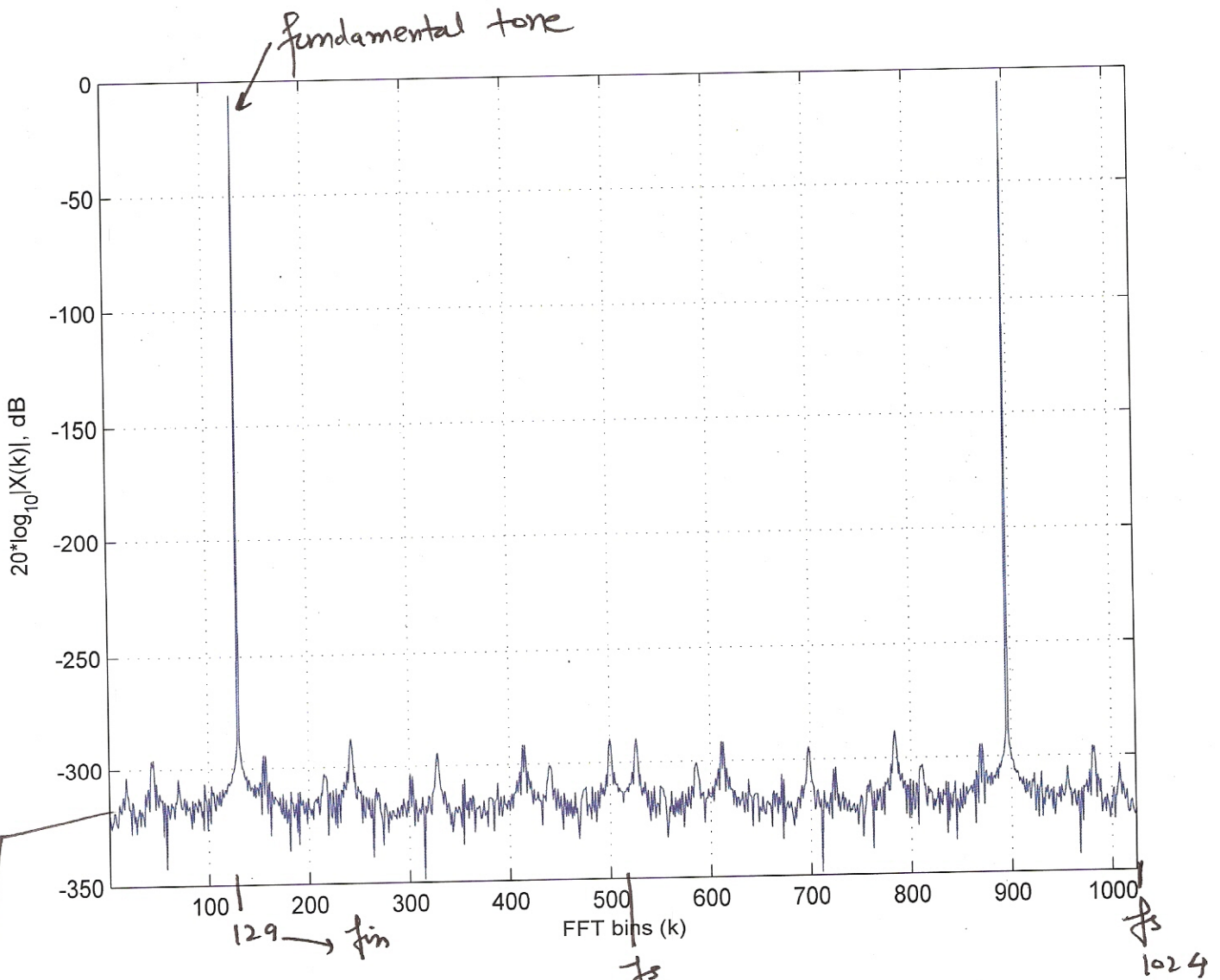
$$\text{Eg. } f_{in} = \frac{m}{2^{10}} f_s = \frac{m}{1024} f_s.$$

See "FFT Demat. m"

$$\text{Here } f_{in} = \frac{129}{1024} f_s.$$

# "FFT Demo1.m"

- Absolute value of the FFT doesn't matter due to the normalizing factors.

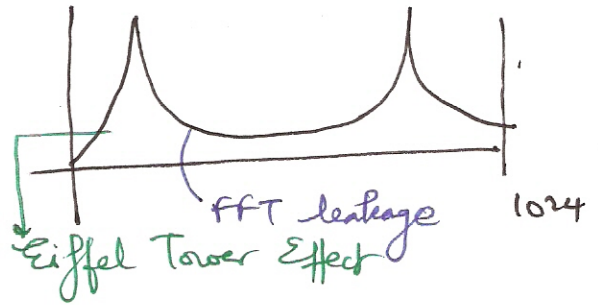


Noise floor due to the limited precision of the computer.

What happens when  $f_{in} = \frac{129.01}{1024} f_s$ .

- Bins which are supposed to be zero are now filled up, and are only 80/90 dB lower,

$\Rightarrow$  Signal is not periodic  
 $\Rightarrow \frac{m}{f_{in}} \neq \frac{N}{f_s}$



Consider a finite length sequence  $x[n]$  with length  $N$ .  
 (FFT Recap)

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j\omega n} \rightarrow \text{DTFT}$$

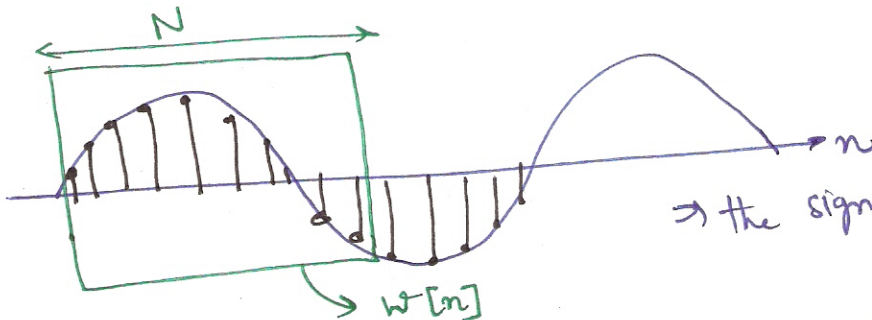
$$\tilde{x}[n] = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n-rN]$$

$$\tilde{x}[n] \xleftrightarrow{\text{DFS}} \tilde{X}[k] \leftarrow \text{periodic}$$

$$\Rightarrow x[n] \xleftrightarrow{\text{DFT}} X[k] \leftarrow \text{fixed length } N$$

DFT is sampled DTFT with  $\omega = \frac{2\pi k}{N}$ .

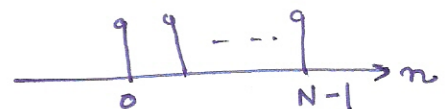
But  $x[n] = \sin(2\pi \frac{f_{in} n}{f_s})$  is a periodic signal of infinite length and we restrict it to a length  $N$ .



$\Rightarrow$  the signal  $x[n]$  is windowed.

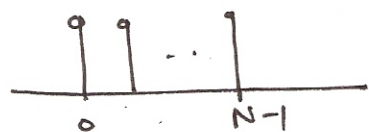
$$\Rightarrow x[n] \cdot w[n]$$

rectangular window



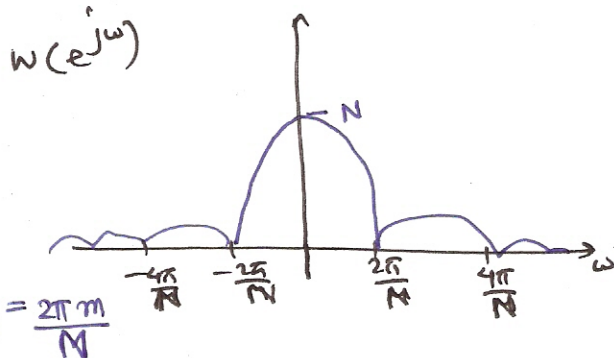
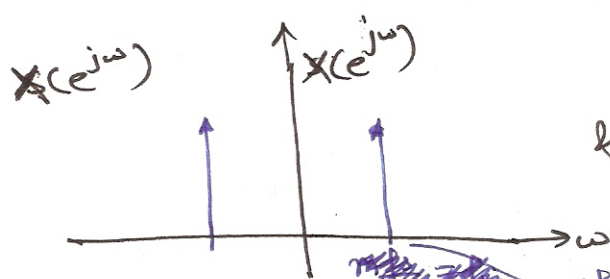
$$p[n] = x[n] \cdot w[n] \xleftrightarrow{\text{DTFT}} X(e^{j\omega}) \otimes W(e^{j\omega})$$

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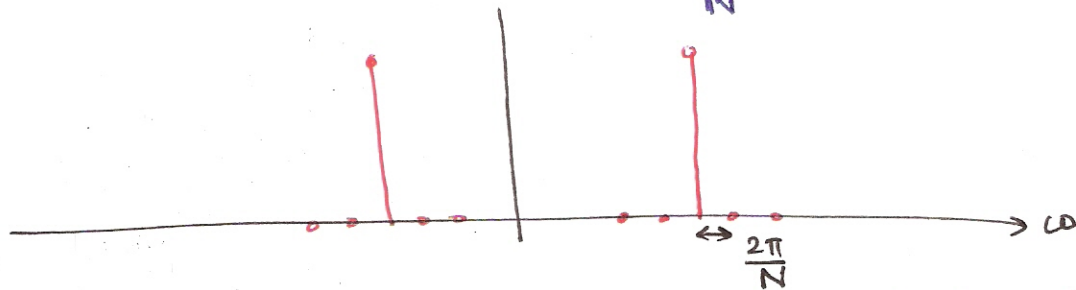
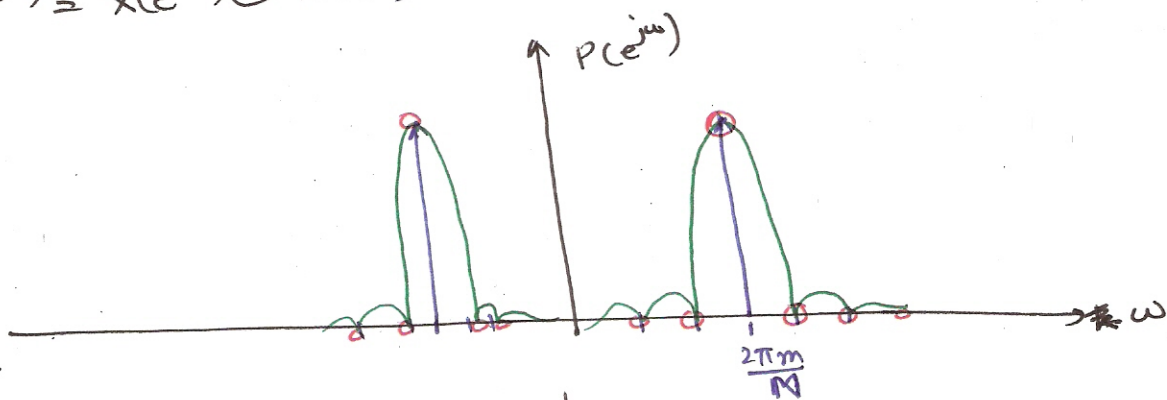


$$\Rightarrow e^{-j\omega \frac{(N-1)}{2}} \frac{\sin(\frac{\omega N}{2})}{\sin(\frac{\omega}{2})}$$

← avg delay of  $\frac{(N-1)}{2}$  samples



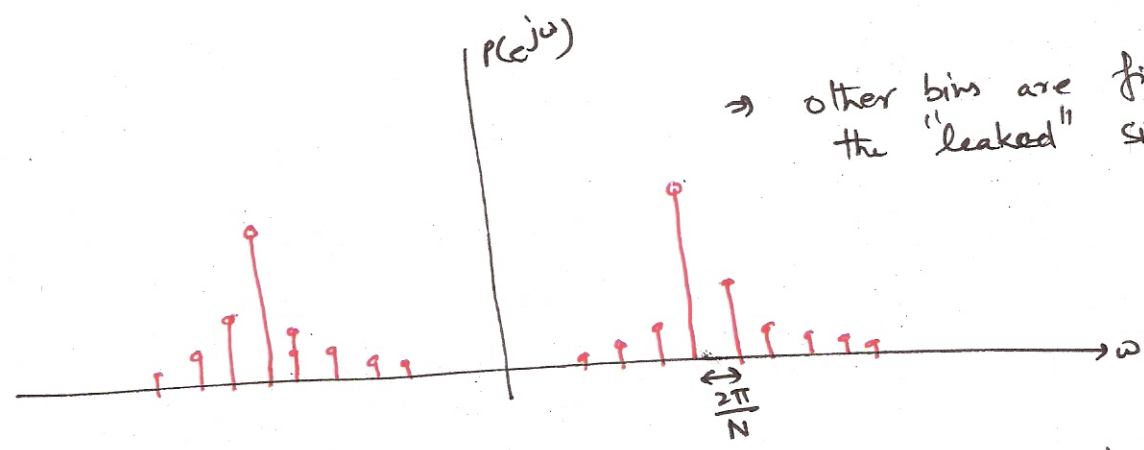
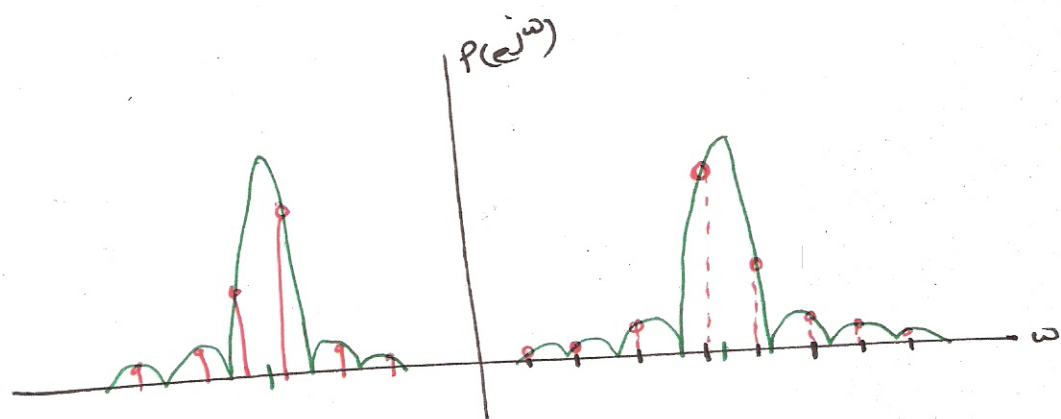
$$P(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{j\omega}) \otimes W(e^{j\omega})$$



$\Rightarrow$  If  $f_{in} = \frac{m}{N} f_s$ , i.e. the input is rationally related to the clock frequency, we get a single peak and other bins are zero.

$\Rightarrow$  DFT computes DFS properly.

What if  $\frac{f_m}{f_s} \neq \frac{m}{M}$

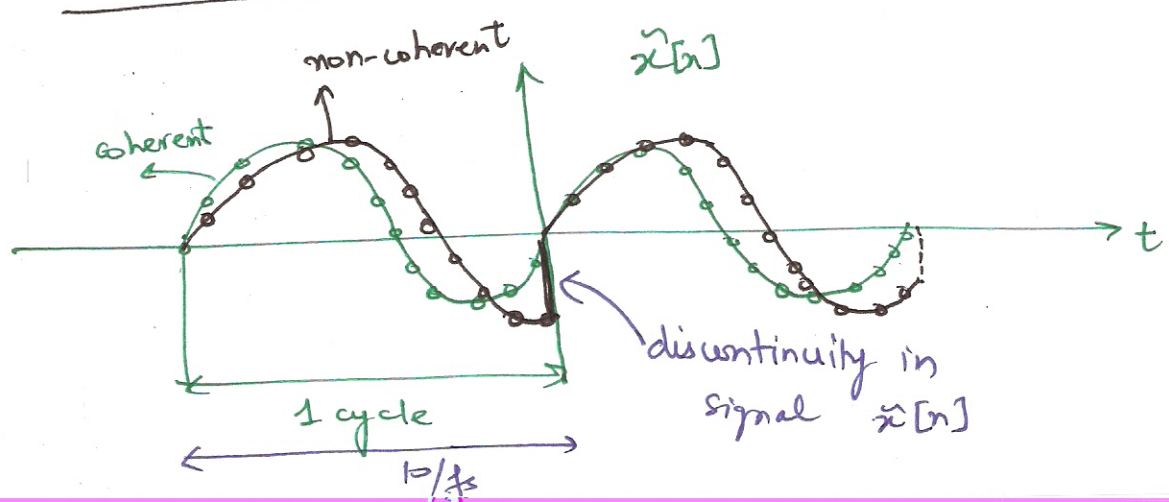


→ other bins are filled up with the "leaked" sine wave.

The closer  $\frac{f_m}{f_s} \rightarrow \frac{m}{N}$ , the Eiffel tower becomes taller.  
[see Matlab code fftdemo2].

- Synchronous sampling  
or Coherent sampling.

Time domain understanding.



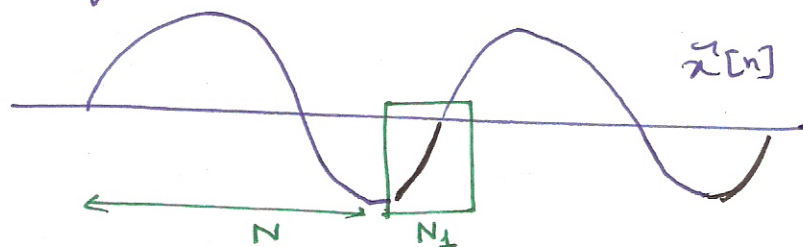
Temporal discontinuity in  $\tilde{x}[n]$  while taking DFT causes FFT leakage

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$\therefore$  discontinuity  $\rightarrow$  step function  $\rightarrow$  has all frequency components.

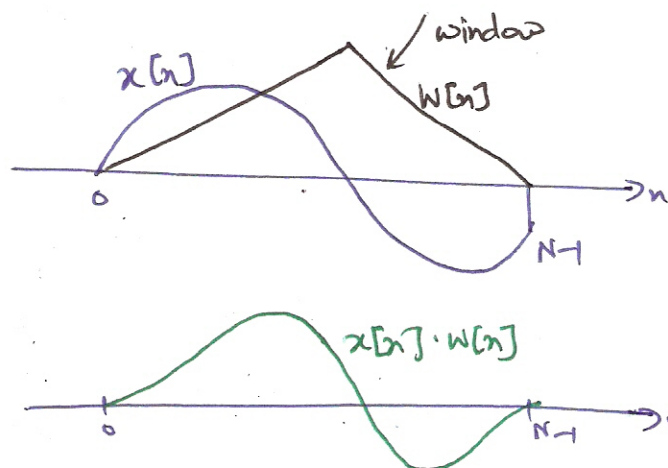
How to subdue the effect of the discontinuity in ~~incoherent~~ non-coherent sampling?

① Signal reconstruction



Adjust 'N' such that it has full cycles of  $x[n]$   
 $\rightarrow$  impractical to implement.

② Attenuate the discontinuity.

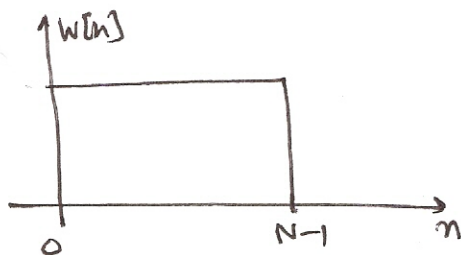


Use custom window instead of rectangular window.

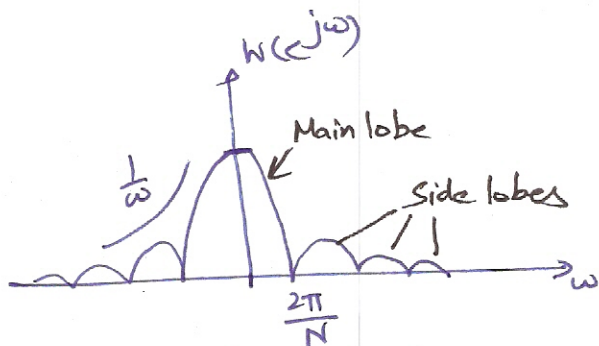
$\rightarrow$  give lesser emphasis on the ends and more importance to the signal in the middle.

$\rightarrow$  A large number of windows are reported in literature and are available in Matlab.

## Rectangular window

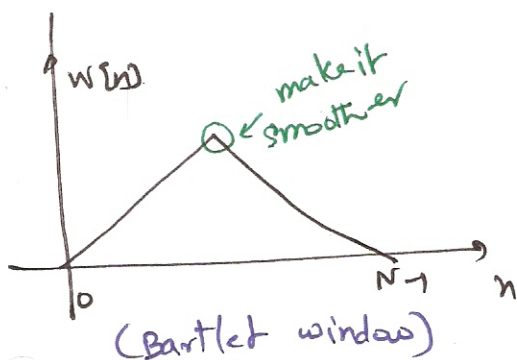


$$\propto \frac{\sin(\frac{N\omega}{2})}{\sin(\frac{\omega}{2})}$$

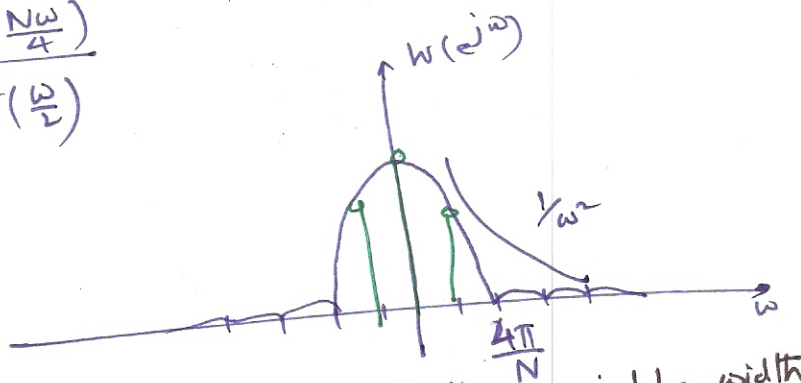


no. of signal bins,  $n_b = 1$

## Triangular window



$$\propto \frac{\sin^2(\frac{N\omega}{4})}{\sin^2(\frac{\omega}{2})}$$

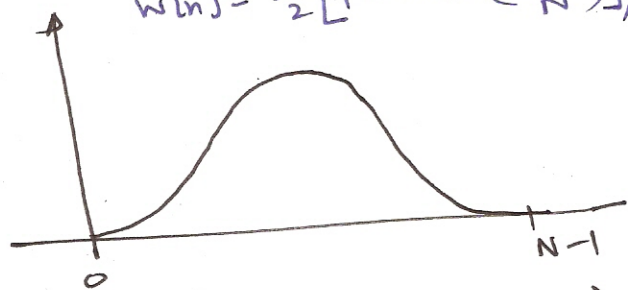


Double the main-lobe width  
larger side-lobe suppression

number of signal bins,  $n_b = 3$

## Paired-cosine window (Hann, Hanning...)

$$w[n] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{N}\right) \right], \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1$$



$$\text{for } x[n] = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{1024} \cdot 128n\right)$$

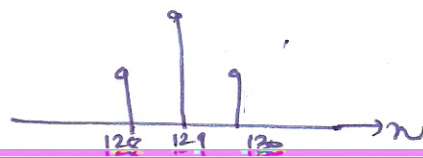
$$\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)]$$

$$p[n] = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{1024} \cdot 128n\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{1024}\right) \right]$$

$$= A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{1024} \cdot 128n\right) - \frac{A}{4} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{1024} \cdot 128n\right) - \frac{A}{4} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{1024} \cdot 130n\right)$$

Signal bins  $\Rightarrow$  128, 129, 130

$n_b = 3$

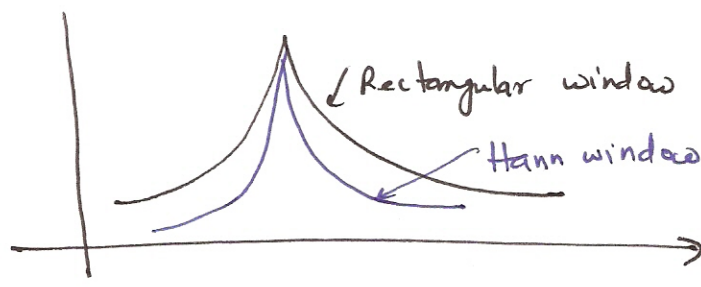


Using Hann window,

- If the sampling is not coherent, the energy of the tone disperses into the side bins
- But with Hann window, the FFT leakage is a lot smaller than ~~was~~ with the rectangular window.

Check with Matlab

for  $f_m = \frac{129.01}{1024} f_s$



⇒ Also the harmonics don't leak and smear into each other as much as with rect window.

Other windows

Blackmann-Harris Window:

$$w[n] = a_0 + a_1 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}n\right) + a_2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}2n\right) + a_3 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}3n\right).$$

$$-\frac{N}{2} \leq n \leq \frac{N}{2},$$

length  $L = N+1$

$$a_0 = 0.35875$$

$$a_1 = 0.48829$$

$$a_2 = 0.14128$$

$$a_3 = 0.01168$$

Look up in Matlab



⇒ Maximum Sidelobe Suppression (but main lobe width is ~~also~~ larger)

Matlab:  $L=32$ ;  
`NVtool(blackmannharris(L)).`

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