

# Signals and Systems

## Lecture 3

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## DFT Properties

$$\text{DFT: } X[k] = \sum_0^{N-1} x[n] e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$$

$$\text{DTFT: } X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n}$$

Case 1:  $x[n] = 0$  for  $n \notin [0, N - 1]$

DFT is the same as DTFT at  $\omega_k = \frac{2\pi}{N} k$ .

The  $\{\omega_k\}$  are uniformly spaced from  $\omega = 0$  to  $\omega = 2\pi \frac{N-1}{N}$ .

DFT is the  $z$ -Transform evaluated at  $N$  equally spaced points around the unit circle beginning at  $z = 1$ .

Case 2:  $x[n]$  is periodic with period  $N$

DFT equals the normalized DTFT

$$X[k] = \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N}{2K+1} \times X_K(e^{j\omega_k})$$

$$\text{where } X_K(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{-K}^K x[n] e^{-j\omega n}$$

*Number of samples kept symmetrically around the origin.*

## Proof of Case 2

We want to show that if  $x[n] = x[n + N]$  (i.e.  $x[n]$  is periodic with period  $N$ ) then

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N}{2K+1} \times X_K(e^{j\omega_k}) \triangleq \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N}{2K+1} \times \sum_{-K}^K x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n} = X[k]$$

where  $\omega_k = \frac{2\pi}{N}k$ . We assume that  $x[n]$  is bounded with  $|x[n]| < B$ .

We first note that the summand is periodic:

$$x[n + N]e^{-j\omega_k(n+N)} = x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n}e^{-jk\frac{2\pi}{N}N} = x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n}e^{-j2\pi k} = x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n}.$$

We now define  $M$  and  $R$  so that  $2K + 1 = MN + R$  where  $0 \leq R < N$  (i.e.  $MN$  is the largest multiple of  $N$  that is  $\leq 2K + 1$ ). We can now write

$$\frac{N}{2K+1} \times \sum_{-K}^K x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n} = \frac{N}{MN+R} \times \sum_{-K}^{K-R} x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n} + \frac{N}{MN+R} \times \sum_{K-R+1}^K x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n}$$

The first sum contains  $MN$  consecutive terms of a periodic summand and so equals  $M$  times the sum over one period. The second sum contains  $R$  bounded terms and so its magnitude is  $< RB < NB$ .

$$\text{So } \frac{N}{2K+1} \times \sum_{-K}^K x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n} = \frac{MN}{MN+R} \times \sum_0^{N-1} x[n]e^{-j\omega_k n} + P = \frac{1}{1+\frac{R}{MN}} \times X[k] + P$$

$$\text{where } |P| < \frac{N}{MN+R} \times NB \leq \frac{N}{MN+0} \times NB = \frac{NB}{M}.$$

As  $M \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $|P| \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{1}{1+\frac{R}{MN}} \rightarrow 1$  so the whole expression tends to  $X[k]$ .

$(K - R) - (-K) + 1 = 2K + 1 - R = MN \text{ terms}$

$K - (K - R + 1) + 1 = R \text{ terms}$

## Symmetries

If  $x[n]$  has a special property then  $X(e^{j\omega})$  and  $X[k]$  will have corresponding properties as shown in the table (and vice versa):

One domain	Other domain
Discrete	Periodic
Symmetric	Symmetric
Antisymmetric	Antisymmetric
Real	Conjugate Symmetric
Imaginary	Conjugate Antisymmetric
Real + Symmetric	Real + Symmetric
Real + Antisymmetric	Imaginary + Antisymmetric

Symmetric:  $x[n] = x[-n]$   
 $X(e^{j\omega}) = X(e^{-j\omega})$   
 $X[k] = X[(-k)_{\text{mod } N}] = X[N - k]$  for  $k > 0$

Conjugate Symmetric:  $x[n] = x^*[-n]$   
 Conjugate Antisymmetric:  $x[n] = -x^*[-n]$

## Parseval's Theorem

Fourier transforms preserve "energy"

$$\text{CTFT} \quad \int |x(t)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int |X(j\Omega)|^2 d\Omega$$

$$\text{DTFT} \quad \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x[n]|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |X(e^{j\omega})|^2 d\omega$$

$$\text{DFT} \quad \sum_0^{N-1} |x[n]|^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_0^{N-1} |X[k]|^2$$

**Hermitian: A complex matrix that is equal to its own conjugate transpose.**

More generally, they actually preserve complex inner products:

$$\sum_0^{N-1} x[n]y^*[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_0^{N-1} X[k]Y^*[k]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}^H \mathbf{G} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathbf{F}^H \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathbf{F} = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{F} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{N} \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I} \end{aligned}$$

Unitary matrix viewpoint for DFT:

If we regard  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  as vectors, then  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}$  where  $\mathbf{F}$  is a symmetric matrix defined by  $f_{k+1,n+1} = e^{-j2\pi \frac{kn}{N}}$ .

The inverse DFT matrix is  $\mathbf{F}^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{F}^H$   
equivalently,  $\mathbf{G} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \mathbf{F}$  is a **unitary matrix** with  $\mathbf{G}^H \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{I}$ .

# Convolution

DTFT: Convolution  $\rightarrow$  Product

$$x[n] = g[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} g[k]h[n - k]$$

$$\Rightarrow X(e^{j\omega}) = G(e^{j\omega})H(e^{j\omega})$$

DFT: Circular convolution  $\rightarrow$  Product

$$x[n] = g[n] \otimes_N h[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} g[k]h[(n - k) \bmod N]$$

$$\Rightarrow X[k] = G[k]H[k]$$

DTFT: Product  $\rightarrow$  Circular Convolution  $\div 2\pi$

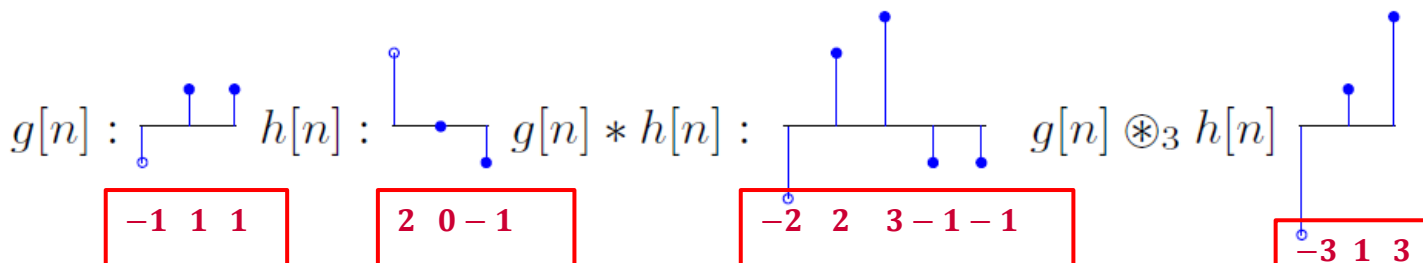
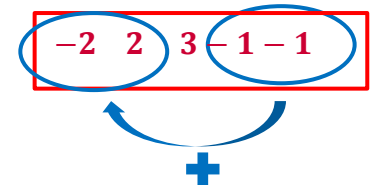
$$y[n] = g[n]h[n]$$

$$\Rightarrow Y(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} G(e^{j\omega}) \otimes_{\pi} H(e^{j\omega}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} G(e^{j\theta})H(e^{j(\omega-\theta)})d\theta$$

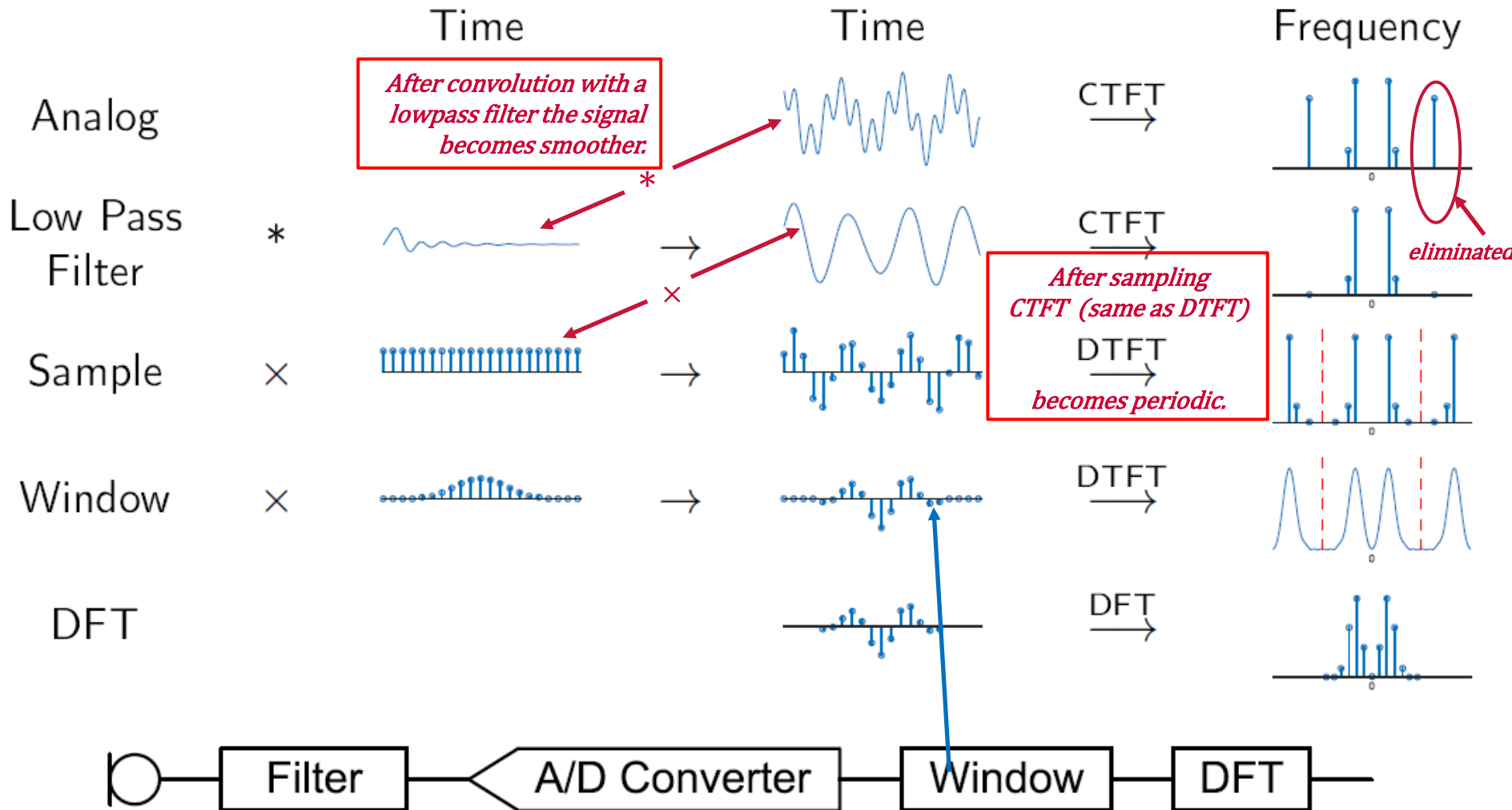
DFT: Product  $\rightarrow$  Circular Convolution  $\div N$

$$y[n] = g[n]h[n]$$

$$\Rightarrow Y[k] = \frac{1}{N} G[k] \otimes_N H[k]$$



# Sampling Process

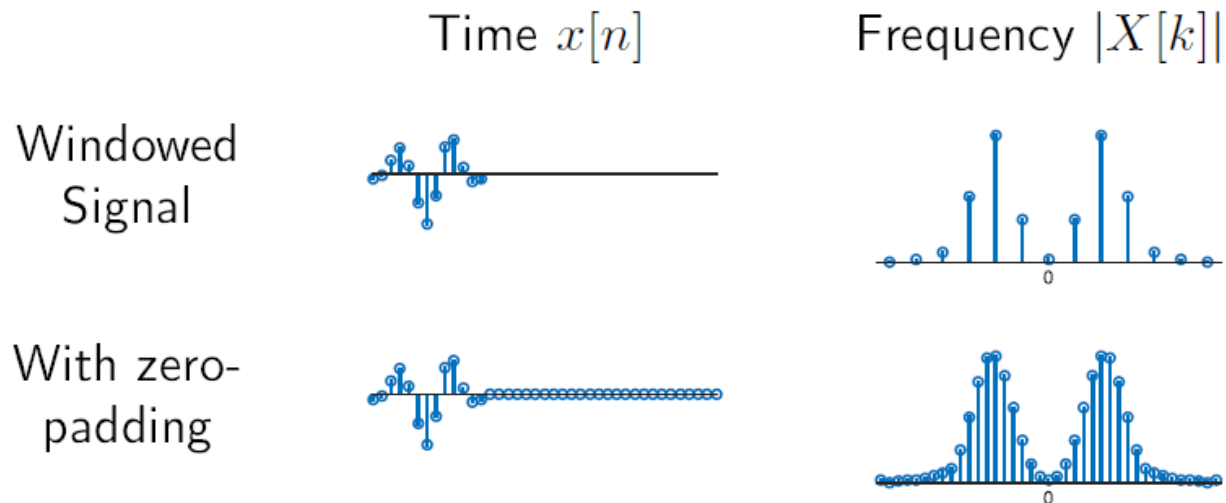


*Lowpass filter the signal in order to make it bandlimited for sampling.*

*Window the signal to make it of finite duration.*

## Zero Padding

Zero padding means added extra zeros onto the end of  $x[n]$  before performing the DFT.



- Zero-padding causes the DFT to evaluate the DTFT at more values of  $\omega_k$ . Denser frequency samples.
- Width of the peaks remains constant: determined by the length and shape of the window.
- Smoother graph but increased frequency resolution is an illusion.

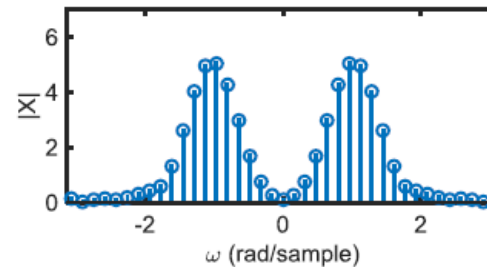


# Phase Unwrapping

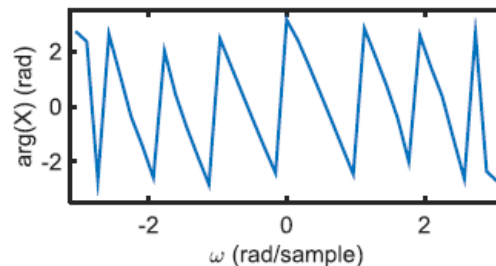
Phase of a DTFT is only defined to within an integer multiple of  $2\pi$ .



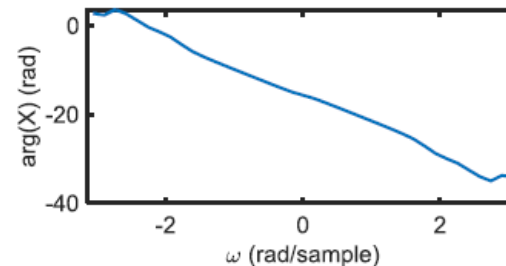
$x[n]$



$|X[k]|$



$\angle X[k]$



$\angle X[k]$  unwrapped

Phase unwrapping adds multiples of  $2\pi$  onto each  $\angle X[k]$  to make the phase as continuous as possible.

## Uncertainty Principle

CTFT uncertainty principle: 
$$\left( \frac{\int t^2 |x(t)|^2 dt}{\int |x(t)|^2 dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{\int \omega^2 |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega}{\int |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

The first term measures the “width” of  $x(t)$  around  $t = 0$ .

It is like  $\sigma$  if  $|x(t)|^2$  was a zero-mean probability distribution.

The second term is similarly the “width” of  $X(j\omega)$  in frequency.

A signal **cannot be concentrated in both time and frequency.**

Proof Outline:

Assume  $\int |x(t)|^2 dt = 1 \Rightarrow \int |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega = 2\pi$  [Parseval]

Set  $v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt} \Rightarrow V(j\omega) = j\omega X(j\omega)$  [by parts]

Now  $\int tx \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \frac{1}{2} tx^2(t) \Big|_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} - \int \frac{1}{2} x^2 dt = 0 - \frac{1}{2}$  [by parts]

So  $\frac{1}{4} = \left| \int tx \frac{dx}{dt} dt \right|^2 \leq \left( \int t^2 x^2 dt \right) \left( \int \left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right|^2 dt \right)$  [Schwartz]

$$= \left( \int t^2 x^2 dt \right) \left( \int |v(t)|^2 dt \right) = \left( \int t^2 x^2 dt \right) \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int |V(j\omega)|^2 d\omega \right)$$

$$= \left( \int t^2 x^2 dt \right) \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \omega^2 |X(j\omega)|^2 d\omega \right)$$

No exact equivalent for DTFT/DFT but a similar effect is true

## Uncertainty Principle Proof Steps

(1) Suppose  $v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt}$ . Then integrating the CTFT definition by parts w.r.t.  $t$  gives

$$X(j\Omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-j\Omega t} dt = \left[ \frac{-1}{j\Omega} x(t)e^{-j\Omega t} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + \frac{1}{j\Omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx(t)}{dt} e^{-j\Omega t} dt = 0 + \frac{1}{j\Omega} V(j\Omega)$$

(2) Since  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right) = x \frac{dx}{dt}$ , we can apply integration by parts to get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} tx \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \left[ t \times \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right]_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{dt} \times \frac{1}{2} x^2 dt = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 dt = -\frac{1}{2} \times 1 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

It follows that  $\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} tx \frac{dx}{dt} dt \right|^2 = \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$  which we will use below.

(3) The Cauchy-Schwarz inequality is that in a complex inner product space  $|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}|^2 \leq (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v})$ . For the inner-product space of real-valued square-integrable functions, this becomes  $\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(t)v(t) dt \right|^2 \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2(t) dt \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v^2(t) dt$ . We apply this with  $u(t) = tx(t)$  and  $v(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$  to get

$$\frac{1}{4} = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} tx \frac{dx}{dt} dt \right|^2 \leq \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 x^2 dt \right) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 dt \right) = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 x^2 dt \right) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v^2(t) dt \right)$$

(4) From Parseval's theorem for the CTFT,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |V(j\Omega)|^2 d\Omega$ . From step (1), we can substitute  $V(j\Omega) = j\Omega X(j\Omega)$  to obtain  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v^2(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Omega^2 |X(j\Omega)|^2 d\Omega$ . Making this substitution in (3) gives

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 x^2 dt \right) \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v^2(t) dt \right) = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 x^2 dt \right) \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega^2 |X(j\Omega)|^2 d\Omega \right)$$

## Summary

- Three types: CTFT, DTFT, DFT
  - DTFT = CTFT of continuous signal  $\times$  impulse train
  - DFT = DTFT of periodic or finite support signal
    - DFT is a scaled unitary transform
- DTFT: Convolution  $\rightarrow$  Product; Product  $\rightarrow$  Circular Convolution
- DFT: Product  $\leftrightarrow$  Circular Convolution
- DFT: Zero Padding  $\rightarrow$  Denser freq sampling but same resolution
- Phase is only defined to within a multiple of  $2\pi$ .
- Whenever you integrate over frequency you need a **scale factor**
  - $\frac{1}{2\pi}$  for CTFT and DTFT or  $\frac{1}{N}$  for DFT
  - e.g. Inverse transform, Parseval, frequency domain convolution

For further details see Mitra: 3 & 5.