

# Discrete Fourier transform

Gilbert Strang (1994): “FFT is the most important numerical algorithm of our lifetime”

Included in Top 10 Algorithms of 20th Century by the IEEE journal Computing in Science & Engineering

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrete\\_Fourier\\_transform](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrete_Fourier_transform)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast\\_Fourier\\_transform](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast_Fourier_transform)

# Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)

- ▶ Real version of Fast Fourier Transform
- ▶ Expansion into a cosine Fourier series
- ▶ More possible definitions

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n \cos \left[ \frac{\pi}{N} \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) k \right], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1.$$

- ▶ Inverse transform (up to a scale factor)

$$X_k = \frac{x_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} x_n \cos \left[ \frac{\pi}{N} \left( k + \frac{1}{2} \right) n \right], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1.$$

- ▶ Encoding of a JPEG image: color transformation, splitting into 8x8 blocks
- ▶ Each block is an 8x8 matrix of integers in [0, 255]
- ▶ Subtract 128 - values in [-128, 127]
- ▶ Twodimensional DCT:

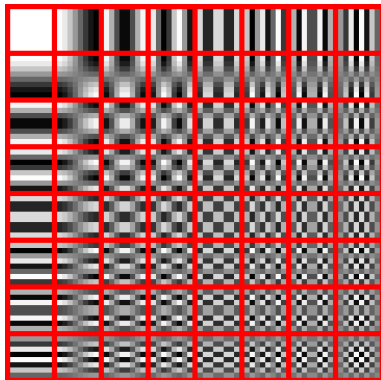
$$G_{u,v} = \frac{1}{4} \alpha(u) \alpha(v) \sum_{x=0}^7 \sum_{y=0}^7 g_{x,y} \cos \left[ \frac{(2x+1)u\pi}{16} \right] \cos \left[ \frac{(2y+1)v\pi}{16} \right]$$

- ▶ Normalization factors (for orthonormal transformation)

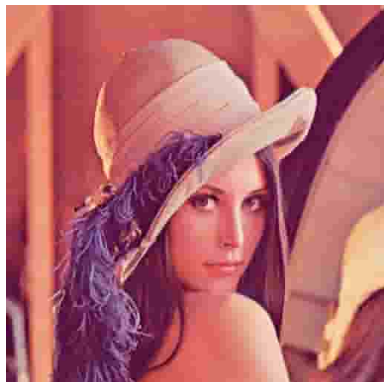
$$\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \text{if } t = 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Rounding, other technical steps, ...

We obtain the original 8x8 image as a linear combination of the following basis:



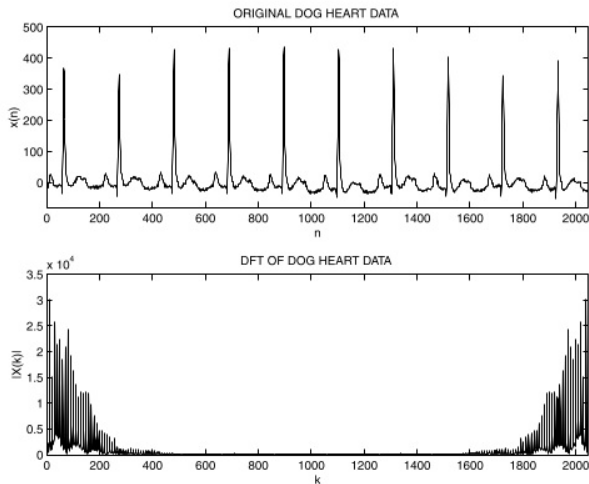
# DCT in JPEG



29993 bytes vs. 5872 bytes

- ▶ Psychoacoustic model - identification of sound components, which are important for human perception of sound/music
- ▶ (Windowed) DFT is used to obtain the frequency spectrum
- ▶ Subband decomposition
- ▶ First song used by Karlheinz Brandenburg to develop the MP3: “Tom’s Diner” by Suzanne Vega

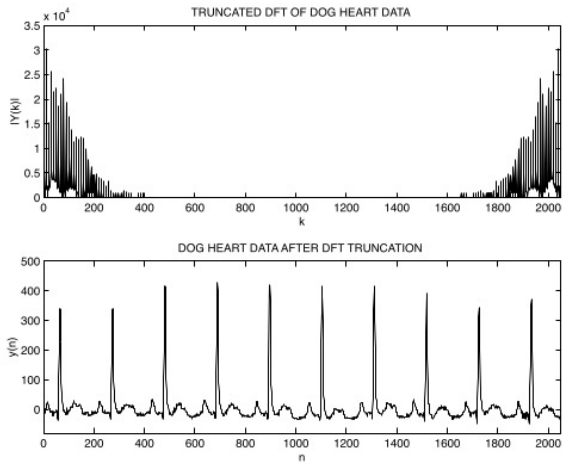
# Signal Processing



**FIGURE 2.2**

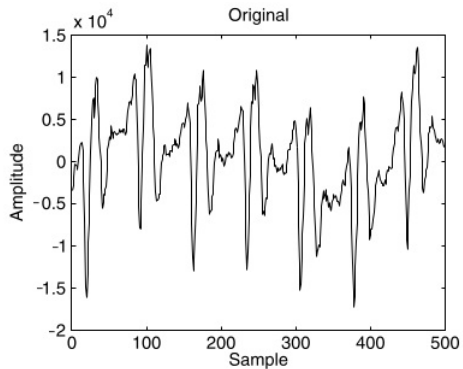
2048 samples recorded of a dog heart and its DFT coefficients. The magnitudes of the DFT coefficients are shown (see property 1 in Section 2.5.1).





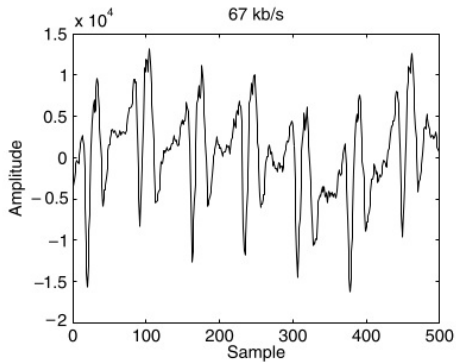
**FIGURE 2.3**  
The truncated DFT coefficients and the time signal reconstructed from the truncated DFT.

# Data Compression



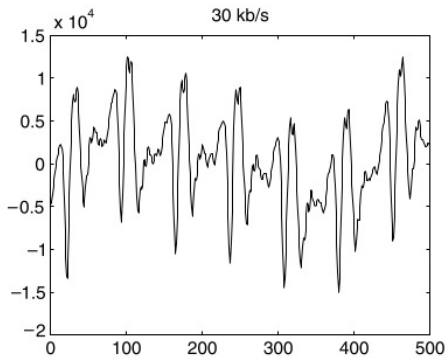
**FIGURE 2.25**

A piece of an example audio signal, sampled at 32 khz. Shown is the left channel of the stereo signal.



**FIGURE 2.26**

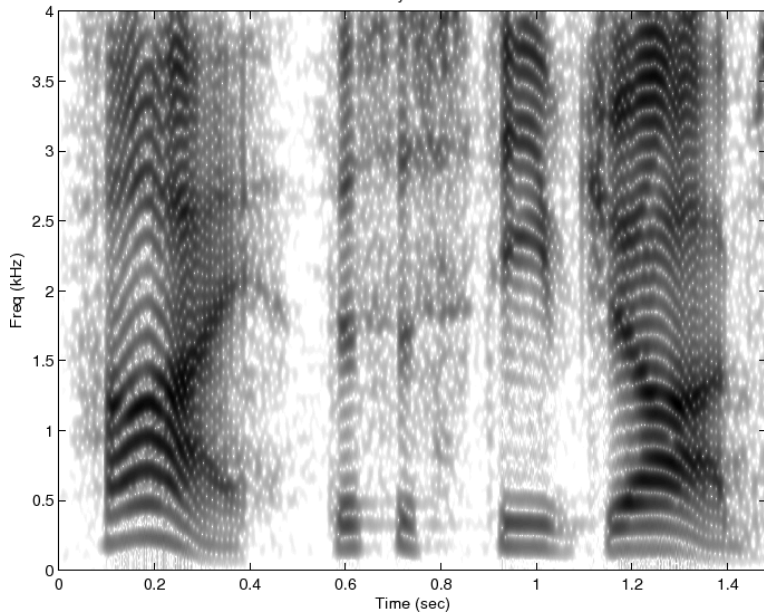
The stereo audio signal, coded and decoded with 67 kb/s. The left channel is shown.



**FIGURE 2.27**

The left channel of the stereo audio signal, coded and decoded, but with 30 kb/s.

Hi - This is <you-know-who>



Classic spectrogram of a speech sample

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[y,fs,bits] = wavread('SpeechSample.wav');
soundsc(y,fs); % Let's hear it
% for classic look:
colormap('gray'); map = colormap; imap = flipud(map);
M = round(0.02*fs); % 20 ms window is typical
N = 2*nextpow2(4*M); % zero padding for interpolation
w = 0.54 - 0.46 * cos(2*pi*[0:M-1]/(M-1));
colormap(imap); % Octave wants it here
spectrogram(y,N,fs,w,-M/8,1,60);
colormap(imap); % Matlab wants it here
title('Hi - This is <you-know-who> ');
ylim([0,(fs/2)/1000]); % don't plot neg. frequencies
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The image displays a page of a musical score for Richard Wagner's Parsifal, Act 2. The score is arranged in a standard format with multiple staves for different instruments and voices. The top right corner indicates the measure number '208'. A vertical arrow on the left side is labeled 'FREQUENCY', and a horizontal arrow at the bottom is labeled 'TIME'. The score includes parts for Flute 2, Horns 2, 3, and 4, Clarinet, Trumpets 1-4, Trombones 1-3, Basses, Violin, Viola, and Cello/Double Bass. The notation includes various musical symbols such as clefs, notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'pp' (pianissimo). The score is printed on a white background with black ink.

Figure 2.3: Time and Frequency represented in a musical score. "... zum Raum wird hier die Zeit" (Richard Wagner, "Parsifal"). Reprinted with kind permission of Schott Musik International, Mainz.

Karlheinz Gröchenig (a.k.a. Charlie):  
 "Foundations of Time-Frequency Analysis"



Hi, Dr. Elizabeth?  
Yeah, uh... I accidentally took  
the Fourier transform of my cat...

