

A Non-sparse Tutorial on Sparse FFTs

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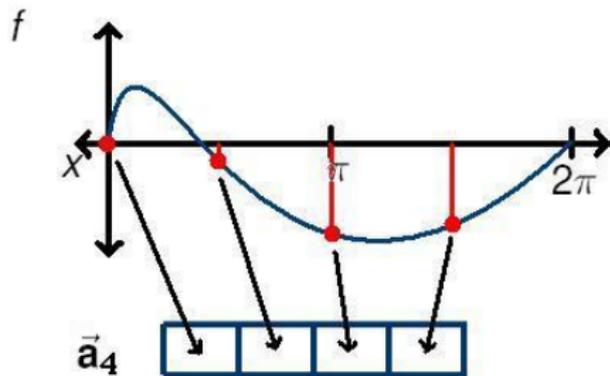
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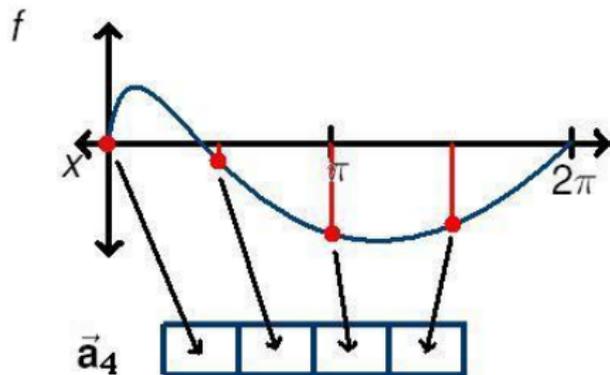


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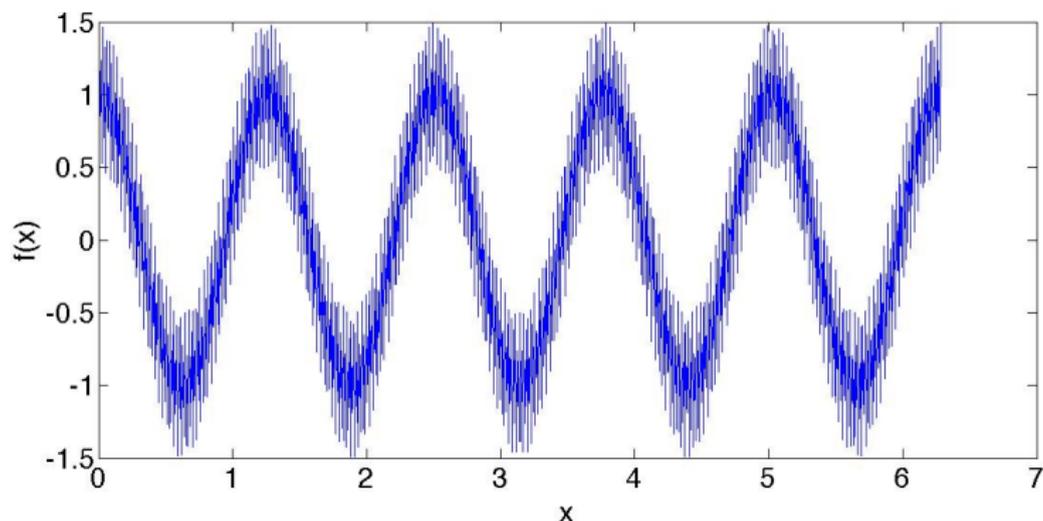
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Example: $\cos(5x) + .5 \cos(400x)$



- $f(x) = (1/4)e^{-400x \cdot i} + (1/2)e^{-5x \cdot i} + (1/2)e^{5x \cdot i} + (1/4)e^{400x \cdot i}$
- $\Omega = \{-400, -5, 5, 400\}$
- $C_1 = C_4 = 1/4$, and $C_2 = C_3 = 1/2$

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$$O\left(\frac{d^2 \cdot D^4 \cdot \log^4 N}{\epsilon^2 \cdot \log D}\right).$$

- $\vec{\hat{f}} \in \mathbb{C}^{N^D}$ consists of \hat{f} for $\vec{\omega} \in \mathbb{Z}^D$ with $\|\vec{\omega}\|_\infty \leq N/2$
- $\vec{\hat{f}}_d^{\text{opt}} \in \mathbb{C}^{N^D}$ is a best d -sparse approximation to $\vec{\hat{f}}$

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- A randomized result achieves the same bounds w.h.p. using $O\left(\frac{d \cdot D^4 \cdot \log^5 N}{\epsilon \cdot \log D}\right)$ samples and runtime.
- The full FFT uses $O(N^D \cdot D \cdot \log N)$ operations

Four Step Approach

Approximate $\{(\omega_j, C_j) \mid 1 \leq j \leq k\}$ by sampling

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A Sparse Fourier Transform will...

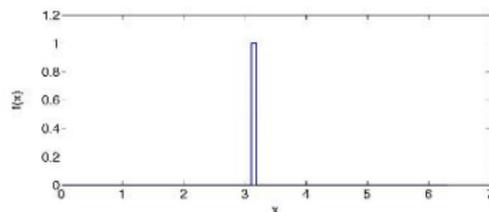
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$$f_j(x) = C'_j \cdot e^{x \cdot \omega_j \cdot i} + \epsilon(x)$$

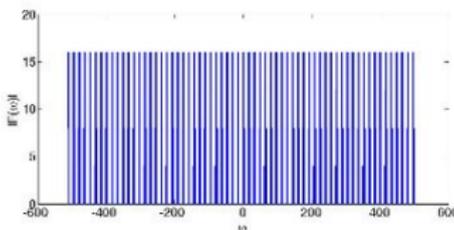
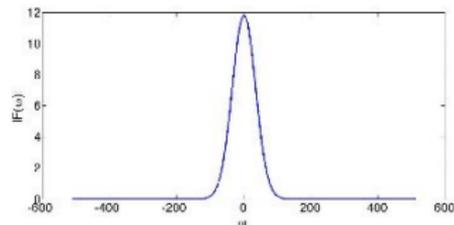
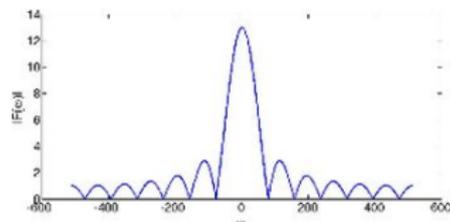
- 2 $\tilde{\Omega} \leftarrow$ Use $f_j(x)$ to learn all $\omega_j \in \Omega$
- 3 $\tilde{C}_j \leftarrow$ Estimate C_j for each $\omega_j \in \tilde{\Omega}$
- 4 Repeat on $f - \sum_{\omega_j \in \tilde{\Omega}} \tilde{C}_j \cdot e^{x \cdot \omega_j \cdot i}$, or not...

Design Decision #1: Pick a Filter

Space



Fourier



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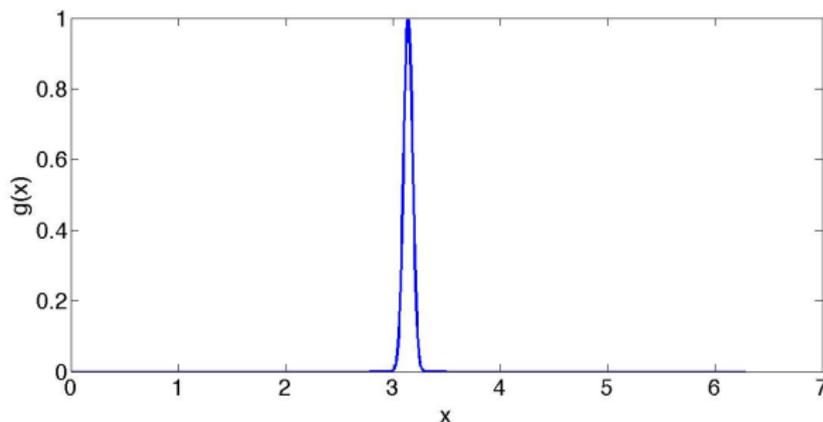
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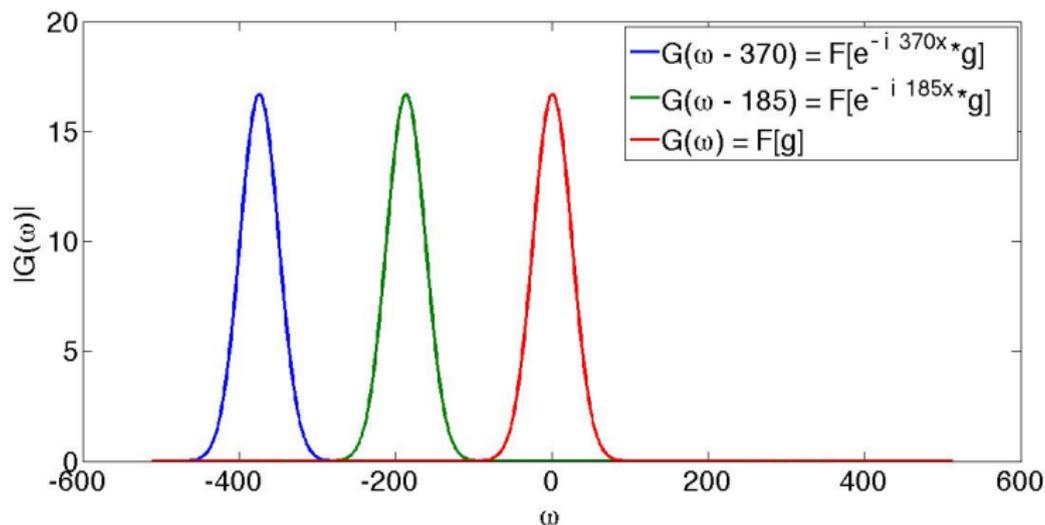


- Supports fast approximate convolutions: $\text{Conv}[g, f](j\Delta x)$ is

$$\sum_{h=0}^{N-1} g(h\Delta x) f((j-h)\Delta x) \approx \sum_{h=N/2-c}^{N/2+c} g(h\Delta x) f((j-h)\Delta x).$$

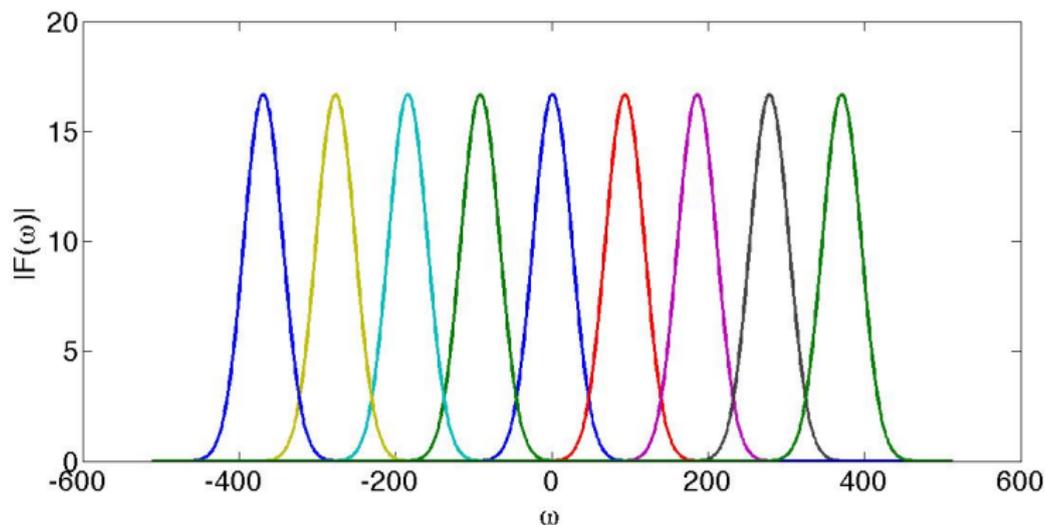
- $\Delta x = 2\pi/N$, c small

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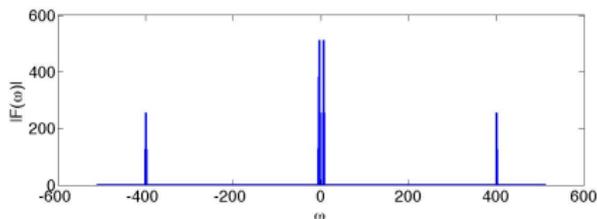
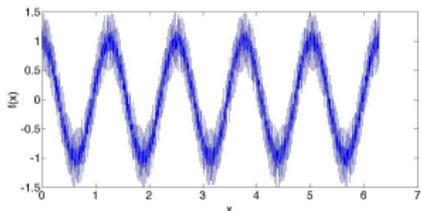
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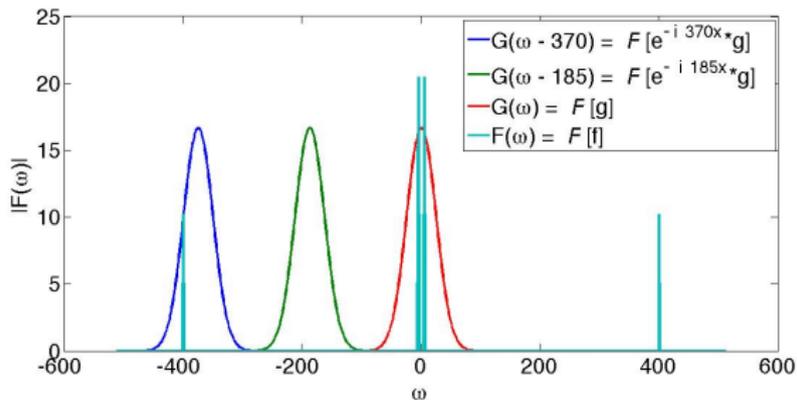


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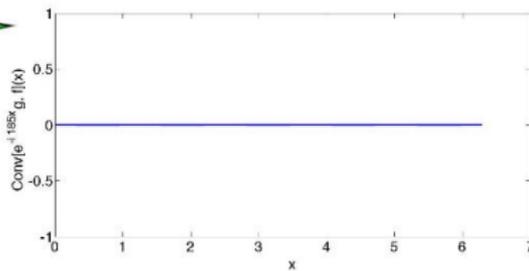
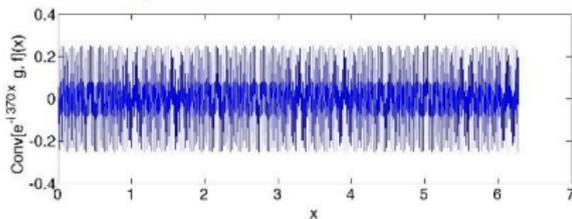
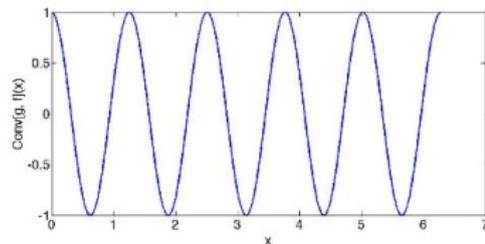
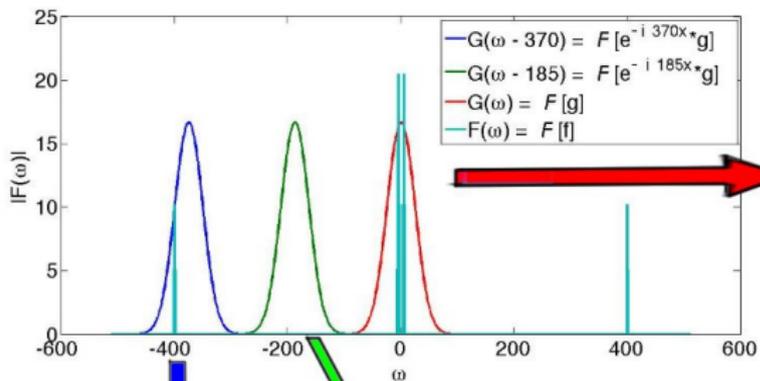
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- $\mathcal{F}[\text{Conv}[g, f](x)](\omega) = \mathcal{F}[g](\omega) * \mathcal{F}[f](\omega)$
- Convolution allows us to select parts of f 's spectrum



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Binning Summary

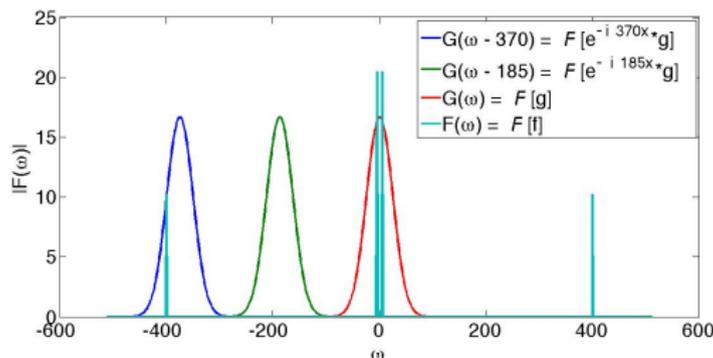
- 1 Large support in Fourier \implies Need few modulations of g to bin

$$e^{-i2ax}g(x), e^{-i ax}g(x), g(x), e^{i ax}g(x), e^{i2ax}g(x)$$

- 2 Small Support in Space \implies Need few samples for convolutions

$$\text{Conv}[e^{-i ax}g, f](j\Delta x) \approx \sum_{h=\frac{N}{2}-c}^{\frac{N}{2}+c} e^{-i ah\Delta x} g(h\Delta x) f((j-h)\Delta x), \quad \mathbf{c \text{ small}}$$

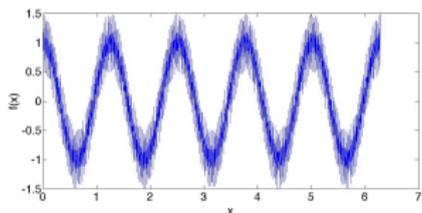
- 3 **Problem:** Two frequencies can be binned in the same bucket



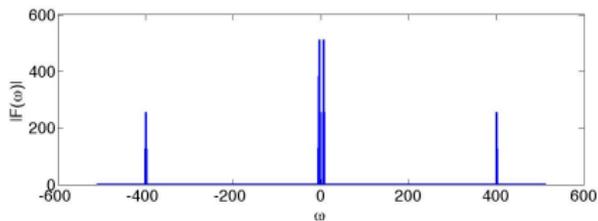
Shift and Spread the Spectrum of f



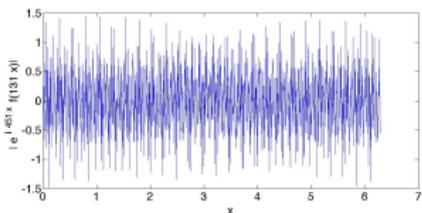
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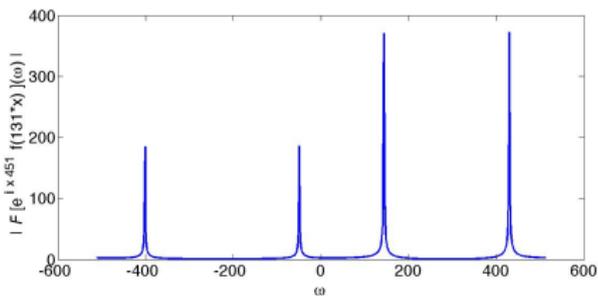
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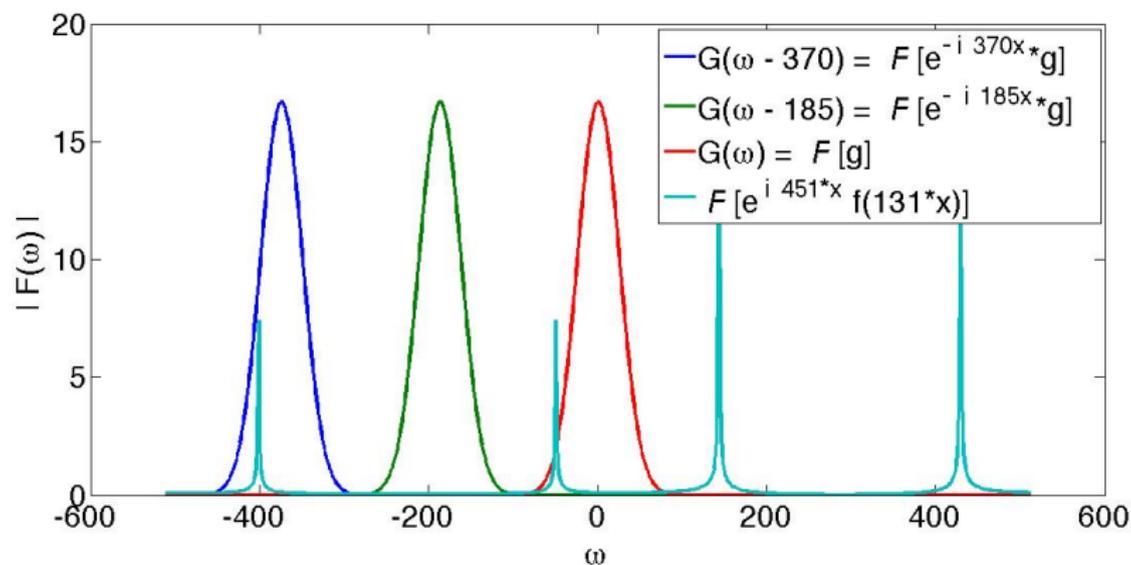
$e^{i451x} f(131 * x)$



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Frequency Isolation



- We have isolated one of the previously collided frequencies in

$$\text{Conv}[e^{-i370x} g(x), e^{i451x} f(131x)](x)$$

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Frequency Isolated in a Convolution

$$f_j(x) := \text{Conv}[e^{-in_j ax} g(x), e^{im_j x} f(d_j x)](x) = C'_j \cdot e^{x \cdot \omega'_j \cdot i} + \epsilon(x)$$

- 1 Compute the phase of

$$\frac{f_j(h_1 \Delta x)}{f_j(h_1 \Delta x + \pi)} \approx e^{\pi i \cdot \omega'_j}$$

- 2 Perform a modified binary search for ω'_j . A variety of methods exist for making decisions about the set of frequencies ω'_j belongs to at each stage of the search...

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Design Decision #3: Coefficient Estimation

Frequency Isolated in a Convolution

$$f_j(x) := \text{Conv}[e^{-in_jax} g(x), e^{im_jx} f(d_jx)](x) = C'_j \cdot e^{x \cdot \omega'_j \cdot i} + \epsilon(x)$$

- 1 Sometimes the procedure for identifying ω'_j automatically provides estimates of $C'_j \dots$
- 2 If not, we can compute $C'_j \approx e^{-x \cdot \omega'_j \cdot i} f_j(x)$ if $\epsilon(x)$ small
- 3 Approximate C'_j via (Monte Carlo) integration techniques, e.g.,

$$C'_j \approx \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-x \cdot \omega'_j \cdot i} f_j(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{K} \sum_{h=1}^K e^{-x_h \cdot \omega'_j \cdot i} f_j(x_h)$$

What have we got so far?

Approximate $\{(\omega_j, C_j) \mid 1 \leq j \leq k\}$ by sampling

$$f(x) \approx \sum_{j=1}^k C_j \cdot e^{x \cdot \omega_j \cdot i}, \quad \Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_k\} \subset \left(-\frac{N}{2}, \frac{N}{2}\right] \cap \mathbb{Z}$$

- 1 We can isolate (a proxy for) each $\omega_j \in \Omega$, in some

$$f_j(x) = \text{Conv}[e^{-i n x} g(x), e^{i m_l x} f(d_l x)](x)$$

for some n, m_l, d_l triple with high probability (w.h.p.).

- 2 We can identify ω_j by, e.g., doing a binary search on \hat{f}_j
- 3 We can get a good estimate of C_j from $f_j(x)$ once we know ω_j

We have a lot of estimates, $\{(\tilde{\omega}_j, \tilde{C}_j) \mid 1 \leq j \leq c_1 k \log^{c_2} N\}$, which contain the true Fourier frequency/coefficient pairs.

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- Analyzing probability of isolation is akin to considering tossing balls (frequencies of f) into bins (pass regions of modulated filter)

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where $(\tilde{\omega}_j, \tilde{C}_j)$ were obtained from the last round

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We Can Quickly Sample From Residual Signal

The Residual Signal We Need to Sample

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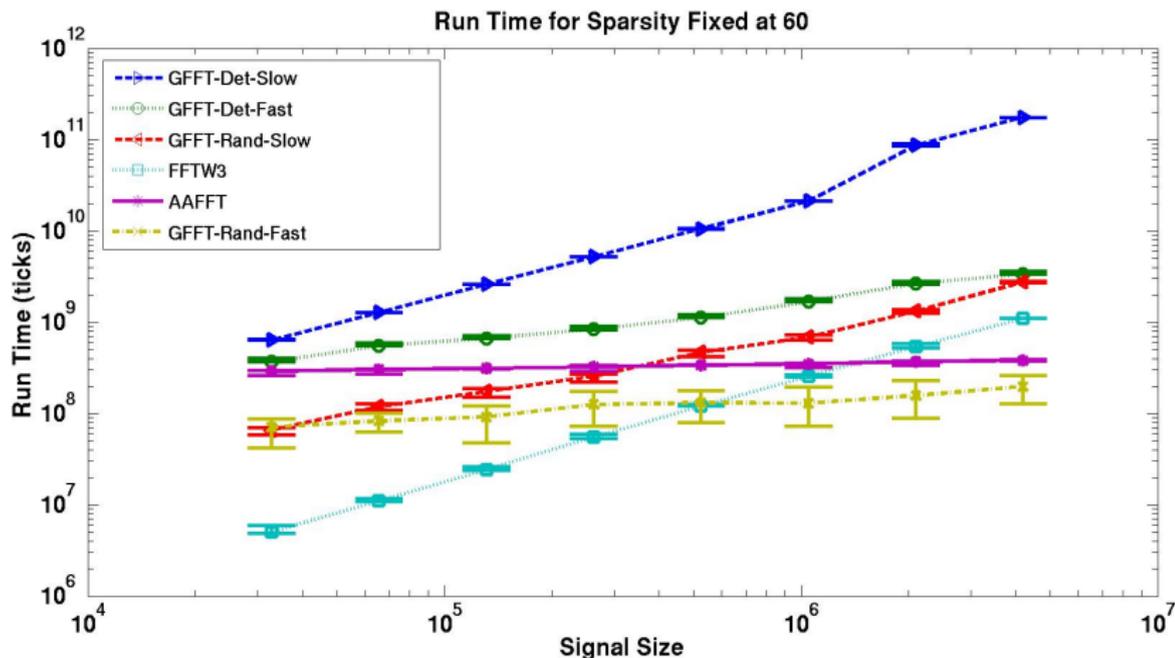
- Subtracting Fourier terms from previous rounds, $(\tilde{\omega}_h, \tilde{C}_h)$, from each “frequency bin” they fall into
 - ▶ We know what filter’s pass region each $\tilde{\omega}_h$ will fall into (e.g., call it n_h). Subtract \tilde{C}_h from the Fourier transform of

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for each (m_l, d_l) -pair during subsequent rounds.

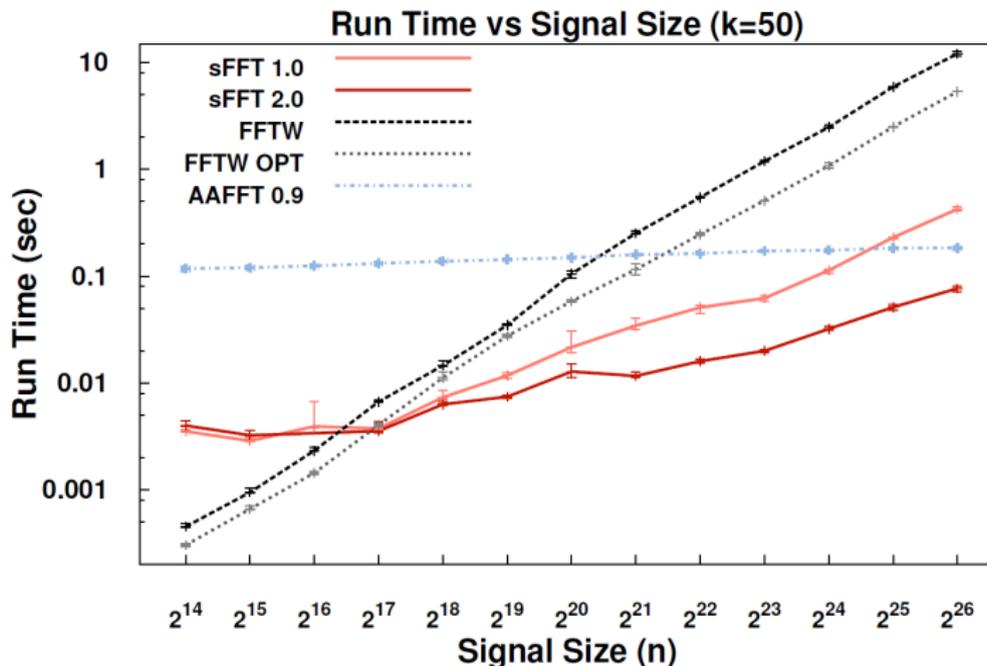
- Or, we can use nonequispaced FFT ideas (several grids on arithmetic progressions, frequencies nonequispaced).

Publicly Available Codes: FFTW, AAFFT, and GFFT



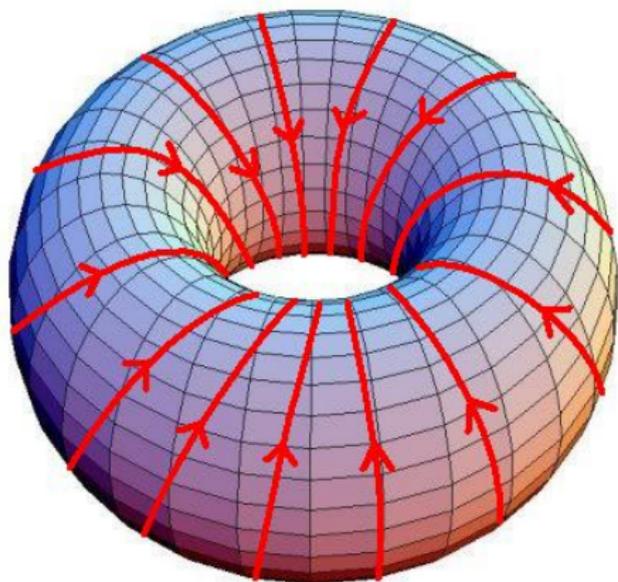
- FFTW: <http://www.fftw.org>
- AAFFT, GFFT: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/gopherfft/>

Publicly Available Codes: SFT 1.0 and 2.0



• <http://groups.csail.mit.edu/netmit/sFFT/code.html>

Extending to Many Dimensions



- Sample $f^{\text{new}}(x) = f\left(x_{\frac{\tilde{N}}{P_1}}, \dots, x_{\frac{\tilde{N}}{P_D}}\right)$, with $\tilde{N} = \prod_{d=1}^D P_d > N^D$
- Works because $\mathbb{Z}_{\tilde{N}}$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{P_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{P_D}$.

Thank You!

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