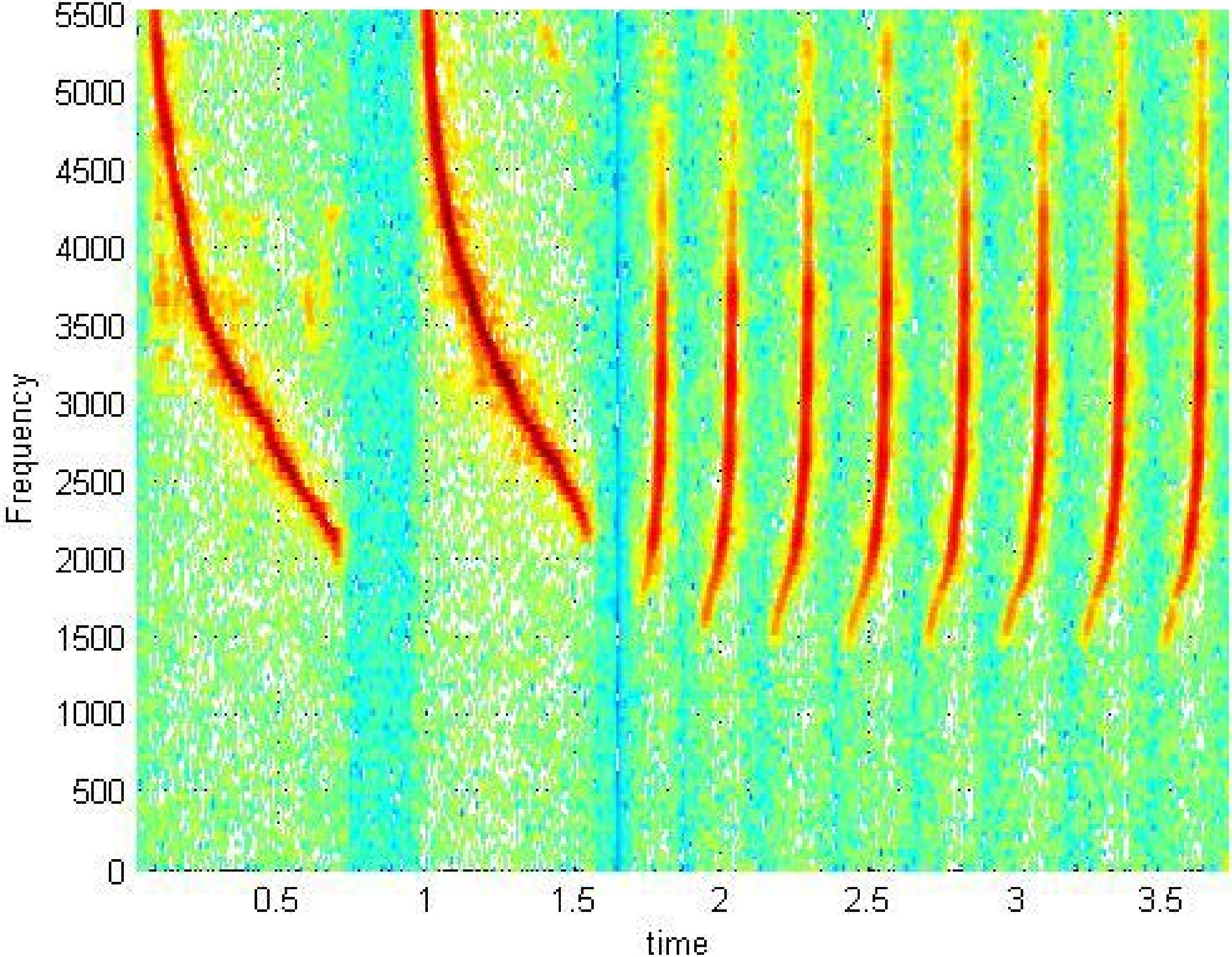
Fourier Transforms

COS 323

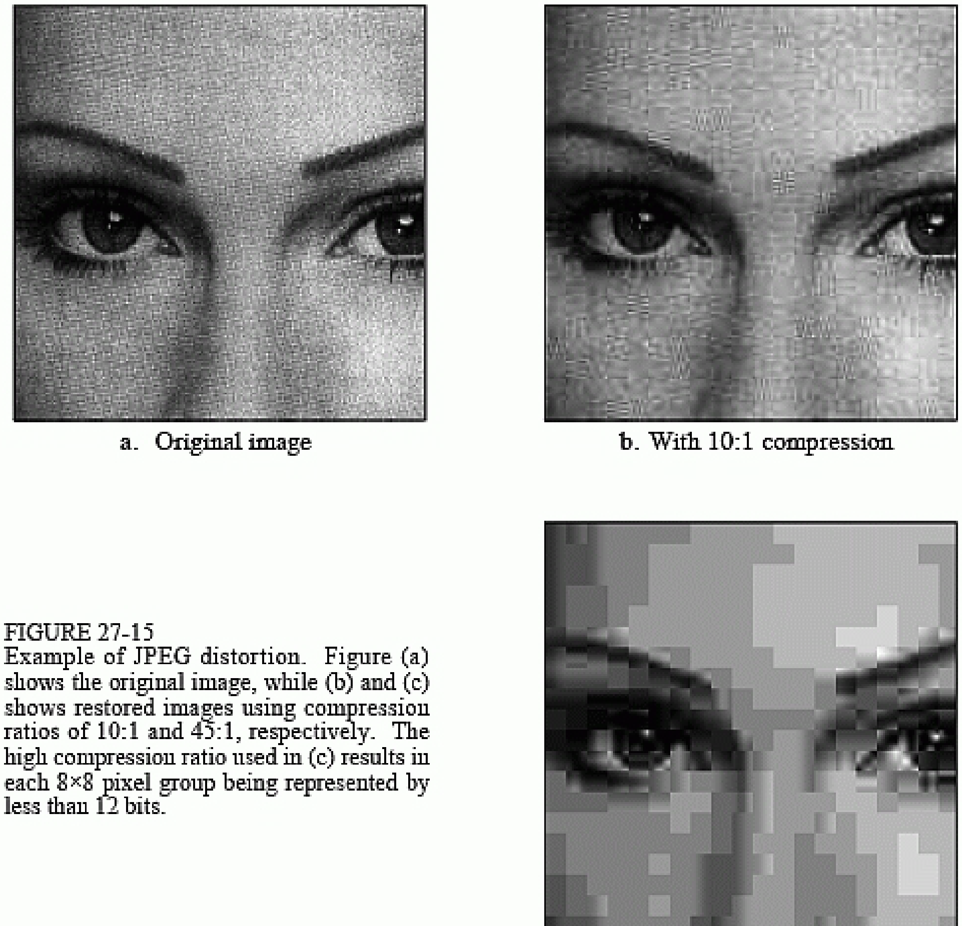
Life in the Frequency Domain

Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)

Spectrogram, Northern Cardinal



JPEG Image Compression



a. Original image

b. With 10:1 compression

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Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)

[Steven W. Smith 1997]

Fourier Transform and Convolution

- Fourier transform turns convolution into multiplication:

$$\mathcal{F}\big(f(x) * g(x)\big) = \mathcal{F}\big(f(x)\big)\ \mathcal{F}\big(g(x)\big)$$

(and vice versa):

$$\mathcal{F}\big(f(x)\, g(x)\big) = \mathcal{F}\big(f(x)\big) * \mathcal{F}\big(g(x)\big)$$

Fourier Transform

- Continuous Fourier transform:

$$\mathrm{F}(k) = \mathcal{F}\big(f(x)\big) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\, e^{-2\pi i k x} dx$$

- Discrete Fourier transform:

$$\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{k}} = \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} f_x\, e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{n} x}$$

- F is a function of frequency – describes how much of each frequency *f* contains
- Fourier transform is invertible

Computing Discrete Fourier Transform

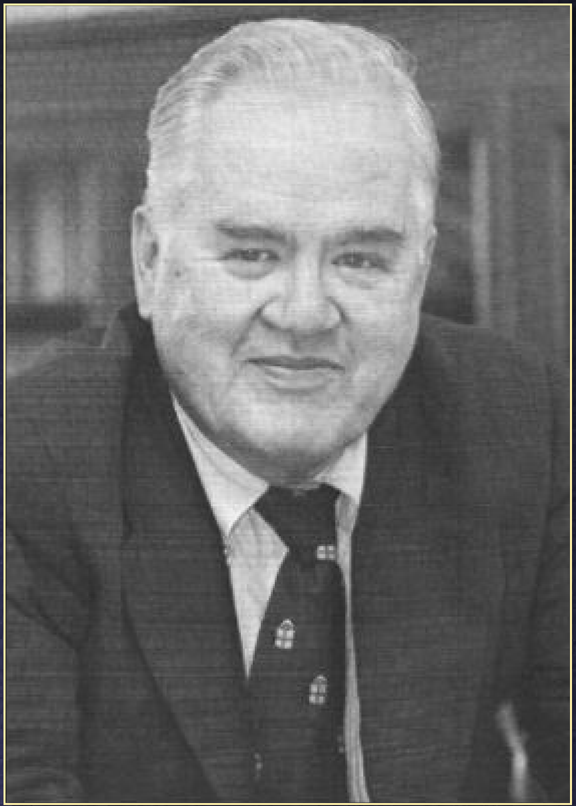
$$\mathrm{F_k} = \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} f_x \, e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{n} x}$$

- Straightforward computation: for each of *n* DFT values, loop over *n* input samples. Total: $O(n^2)$
- Fast Fourier Transform (FFT): $O(n \log_2 n)$ time
  - Revolutionized signal processing, filtering, compression, etc.

The FFT

Discovered by Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855)

The FFT



Rediscovered and popularized in 1965 by
J. W. Cooley and John Tukey (Princeton alum and faculty)

The FFT

$$\mathrm{F_k} = \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} f_x \, e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{n} x}$$

$$\text{Let } \omega_n = e^{-2\pi i / n} = \cos(2\pi / n) - i \sin(2\pi / n)$$

$$\text{Then } \mathrm{F_k} = \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} f_x \omega_n^{xk}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{n/2-1} f_{2x} \omega_n^{2xk} + \sum_{x=0}^{n/2-1} f_{2x+1} \omega_n^{(2x+1)k}$$

The FFT

Key idea: divide and conquer

- Separate computation on even and odd elements

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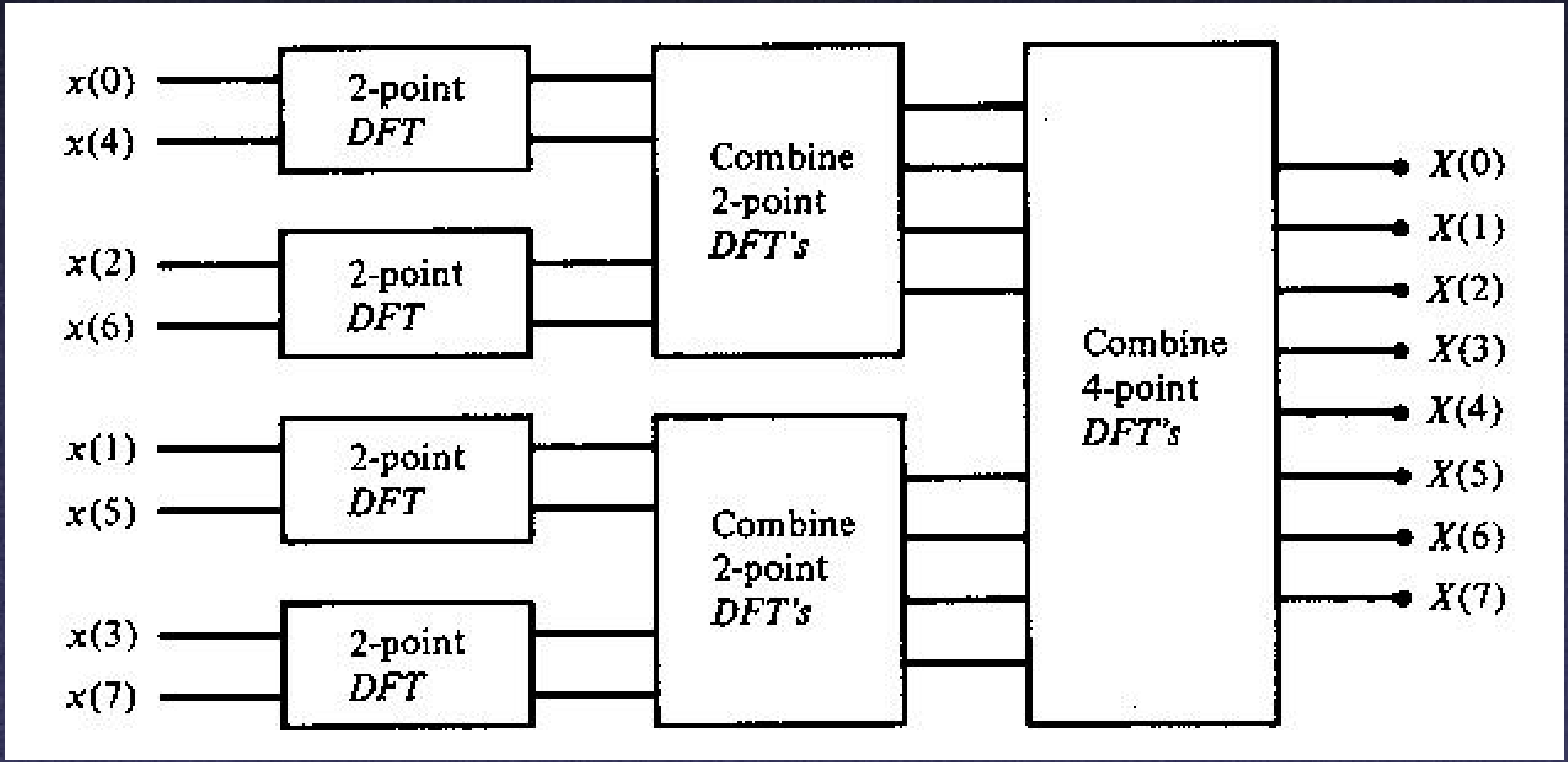
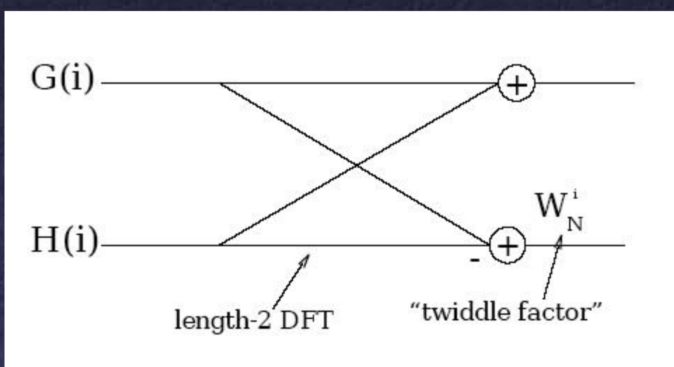
$$= \underbrace{\sum_{x=0}^{n/2-1} f_{2x}\omega_{n/2}^{xk}}_{\text{Half-size FFT on even elements}} + \omega_n^{k} \underbrace{\sum_{x=0}^{n/2-1} f_{2x+1}\omega_{n/2}^{xk}}_{\text{Half-size FFT on odd elements}}$$

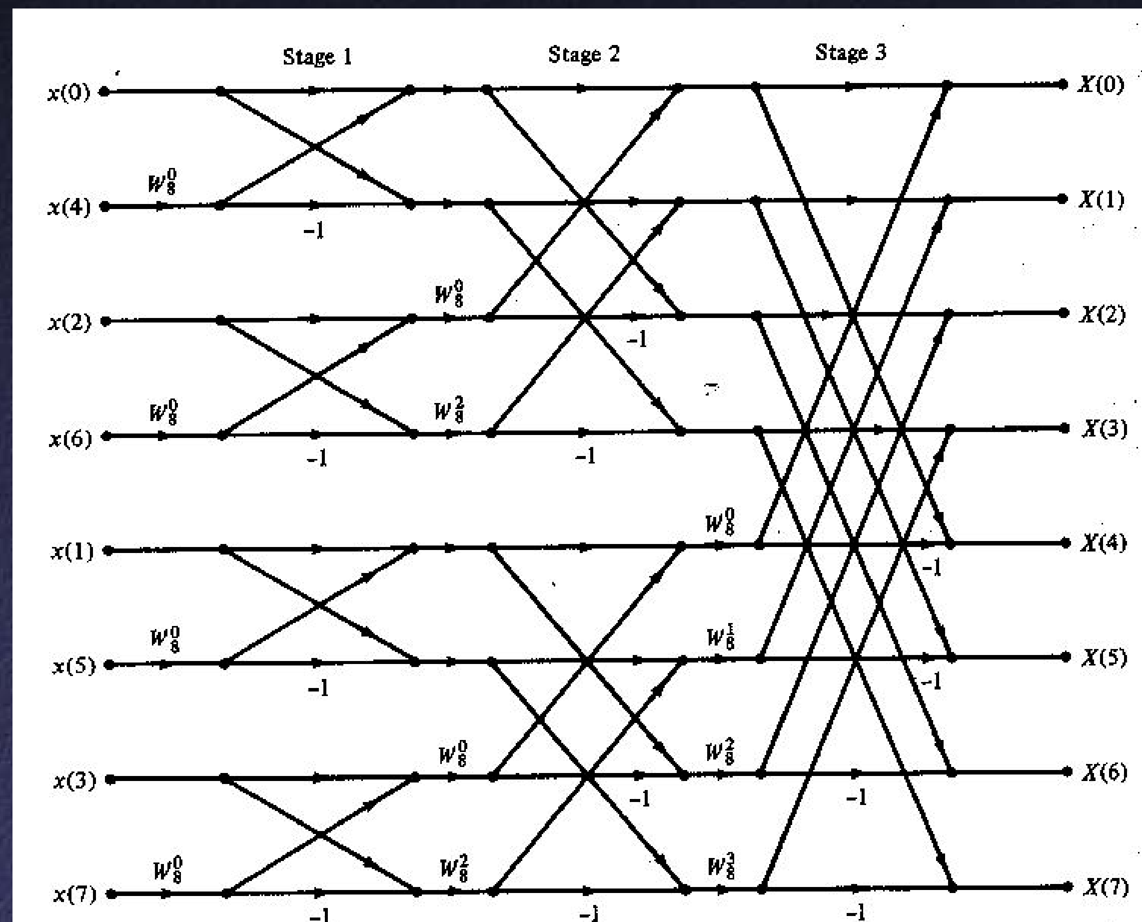
The FFT

- Now apply algorithm recursively!



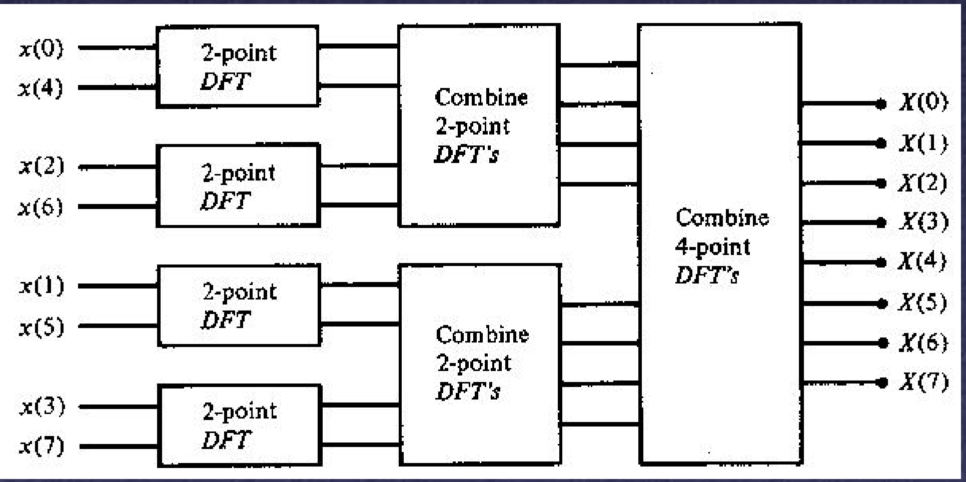
FFT Butterfly





The FFT

- Final detail: how to find elements involved in initial size-2 FFTs?



- Bit reversal!

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\begin{aligned}
0 &\to 000 \to 000 \to 0\\
1 &\to 001 \to 100 \to 4\\
2 &\to 010 \to 010 \to 2\\
3 &\to 011 \to 110 \to 6\\
4 &\to 100 \to 001 \to 1\\
5 &\to 101 \to 101 \to 5\\
6 &\to 110 \to 011 \to 3\\
7 &\to 111 \to 111 \to 7
\end{aligned}
$$

FFT Running Time

- Time to compute FFT of length n:
  - Solve two subproblems of length $n/2$
  - Additional processing proportional to n

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$$

- Recurrence relation with solution

$$T(n) = c\,n \log_2 n$$

FFT Running Time

- Proof:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$$

$$c\,n\log_2 n \stackrel{?}{=} 2\left(c\,{}^{n}\!/_{2}\log_2 {}^{n}\!/_{2}\right) + cn$$

$$c\,n\log_2 n \stackrel{?}{=} c\,n\left((\log_2 n) - 1\right) + cn$$

$$c\,n\log_2 n \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} c\,n\log_2 n - cn + cn$$

DFT of Real Signals

- Standard FFT is complex $\rightarrow$ complex
  - n real numbers as input yields n complex numbers
  - But: symmetry relation for real inputs $F_{n-k} = (F_k)^*$
  - Variants of FFT to compute this efficiently
- Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT)
  - Reflect real input to get signal of length $2n$
  - Resulting FFT real and symmetric
  - n real numbers as input, n real numbers as output

Application: JPEG Image Compression

- Perceptually-based lossy compression of images
- Algorithm
  - Transform colors
  - Divide into 8×8 blocks
  - 2-dimensional DCT on each block
  - Perceptually-guided quantization
  - Lossless run-length and Huffman encoding

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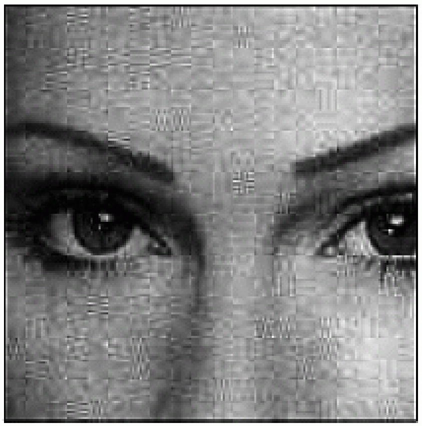

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Discrete
Cosine
Transform
(DCT)

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Application: Polynomial Multiplication

- Usual algorithm for multiplying two polynomials of degree n is $O(n^2)$
- Observation: can use DFT to efficiently go between polynomial coefficients f_x

$$f(t) = \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} f_x t^x$$

and polynomial evaluated at $\omega_n{}^k$

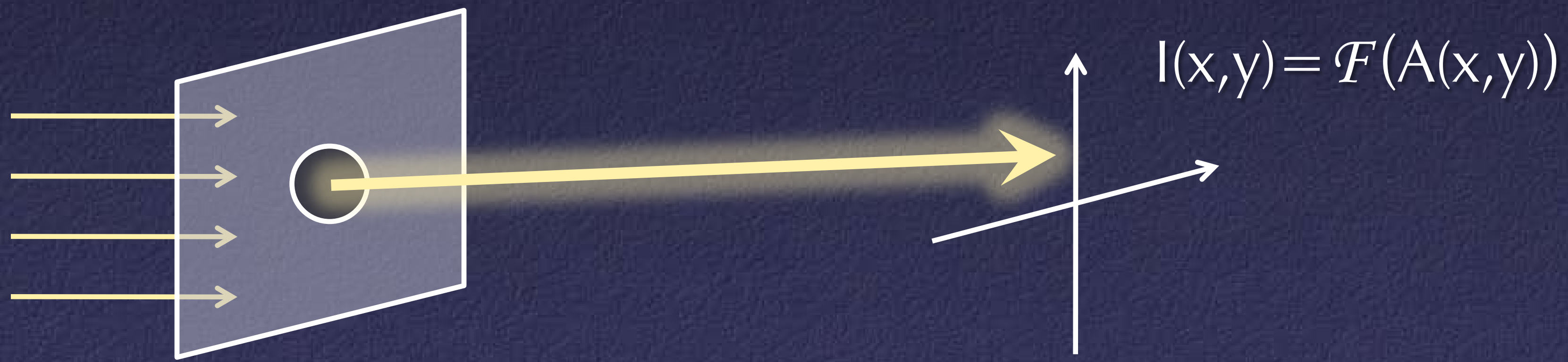
$$f(\omega_n{}^k) = \mathrm{F}_k = \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} f_x \omega_n{}^{kx}$$

Application: Polynomial Multiplication

- So, we have an $O(n \log n)$ algorithm for multiplying two degree-n polynomials:
  - DFT on coefficients
  - Multiply
  - Inverse DFT

Application: Diffraction

- (Far-field) diffraction pattern of parallel light passing through an aperture is Fourier transform of aperture



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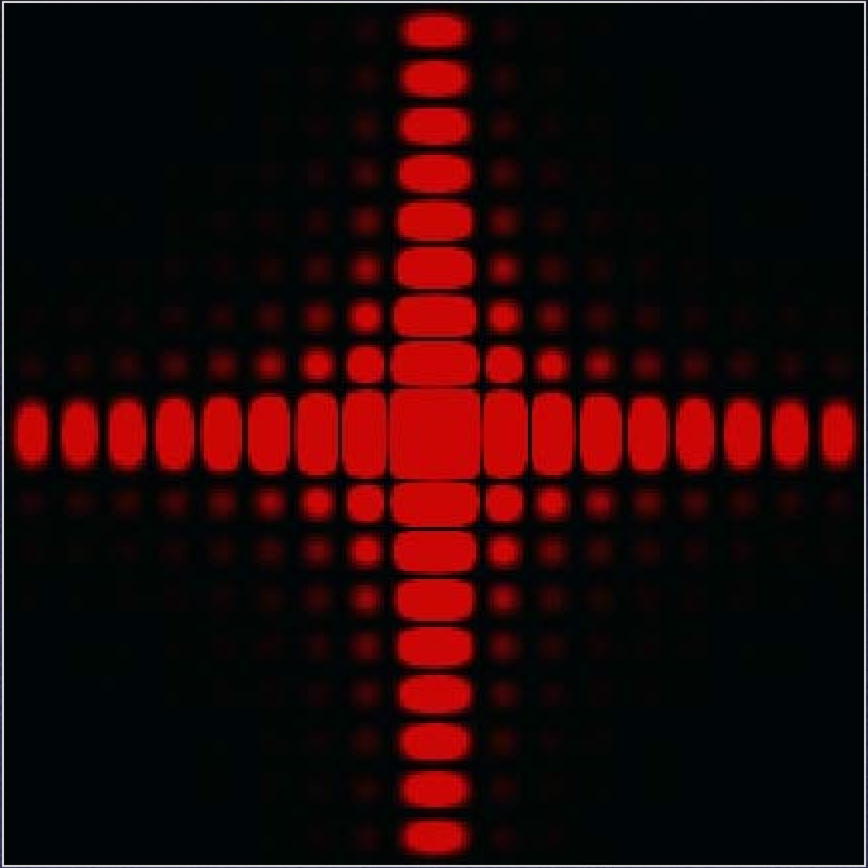
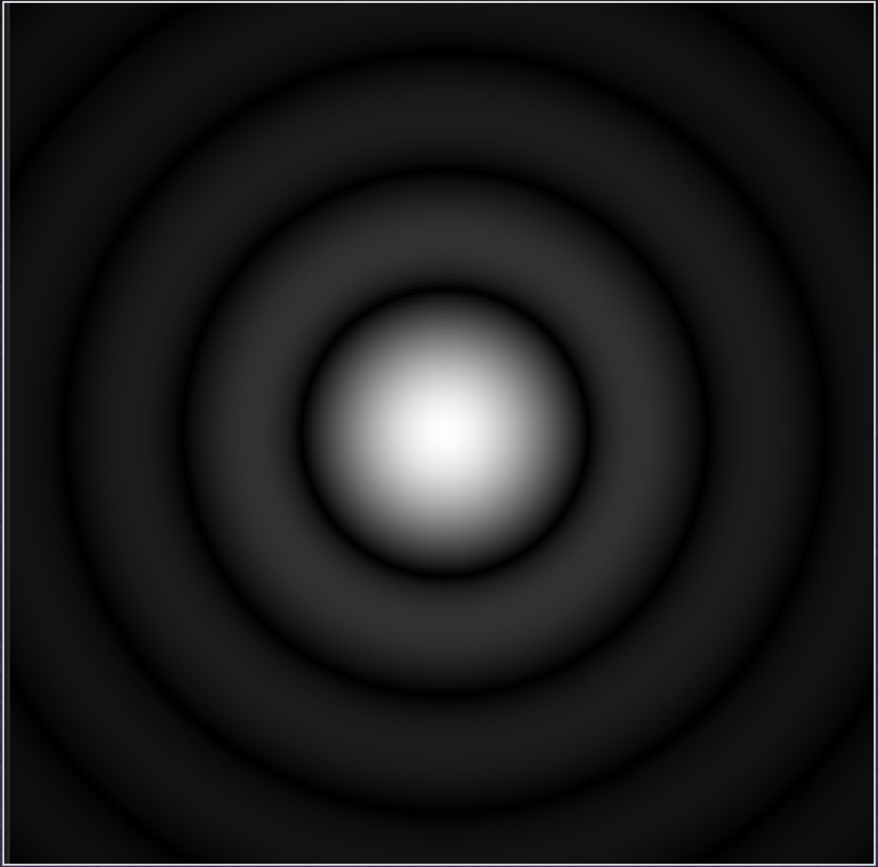


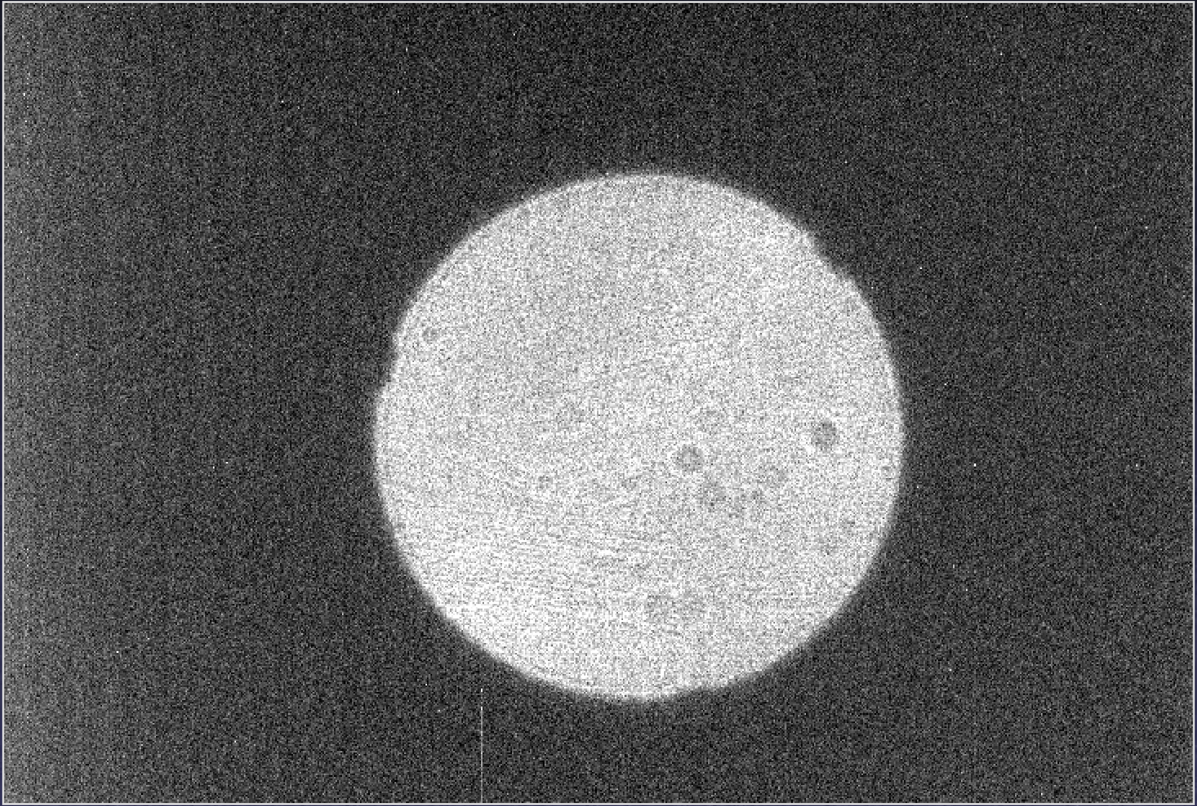
Square aperture

Application: Diffraction



Circular aperture: Airy disk

Application: Diffraction



Diffraction + defocus in telescope image