# **Discrete Fourier Transform**

• What is Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)?

(Note: It's not DTFT – discrete-time Fourier transform)

- A linear transformation (matrix)
- Samples of the Fourier transform (DTFT) of an aperiodic (with finite duration) sequence
- Extension of Discrete Fourier Series (DFS)

#### • Review: FT, DTFT, FS, DFS

Time signal	Transform	Coeffs.	Coeffs. (con-
		(periodic/aperiodic)	ti./discrete)
Analog aperiodic	FT	Aperiodic	Continuous
Analog periodic	FT	Aperiodic	Continuous (impulse)
	FS	Aperiodic	Discrete
Discrete aperiodic	DTFT	Periodic	Continuous
Discrete periodic	DFS	Periodic	Discrete
Discrete finite-duration	DFT		

### $\diamond$ The Discrete Fourier Series

• Properties of  $W_N$ 

$$W_N = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}}$$
, thus  $W_N^k = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}k}$ 

--  $W_N$  is periodic with period N. (It is essentially cos and sin) :  $W_N^k = W_N^{k \pm N} = W_N^{k \pm 2N} = \cdots$ 

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} W_N^{\ lk} = \begin{cases} N, & \text{if } l = mN \\ 0, & \text{if } l \neq mN \end{cases}$$

$$(Pf) \text{ (i) If } l = m \cdot N, \quad W_N^{\ lk} = W_N^{mk \cdot N} = W_N^0 = 1$$

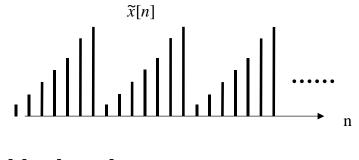
$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} W_N^{\ lk} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} 1 = N$$

$$(\text{ii) If } l \neq m \cdot N, \quad W_N^l \neq 1$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} W_N^{\ lk} = \frac{1 - W_N^{\ lN}}{1 - W_N^l} = \frac{1 - 1}{1 - W_N^l} = 0$$

$$= Y[l] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} W_N^{\ lk} = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[l - mN]$$

• **DFS** for periodic sequences



$$\widetilde{x}[n] = \widetilde{x}[n+rN], \quad period \ N$$

Its DFS representation is defined as follows:

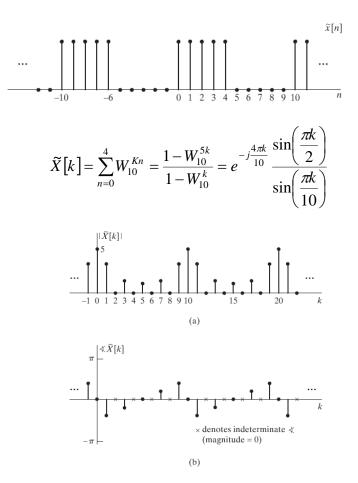
Synthesis equation:  $\tilde{x}[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}kn} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \tilde{X}[k] W_N^{-kn}$ Analysis equation:  $\tilde{X}[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \tilde{x}[n] W_n^{-kn}$ 

*Note*: The tilde in  $\tilde{X}$  indicates a periodic signal.

 $\widetilde{X}[k]$  is periodic of period N.

That is, 
$$\widetilde{X}[r] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \widetilde{x}[n] W_N^m \cdot$$
 QED

#### Example: Periodic Rectangular Pulse Train



## $\diamond$ Sampling the Fourier Transform

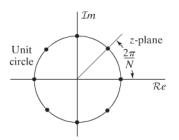
Compare two cases:

(1) Periodic sequence  $\tilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \tilde{X}[k]$ 

(2) Finite duration sequence x[n] = one period of  $\tilde{x}[n]$ 

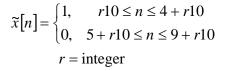
#### An aperiodic sequence:

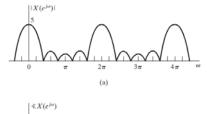
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} x[n] & \to FT \to & X\left(e^{j\omega}\right) & & & x(t) \to FT \to & X\left(j\Omega\right) \\ \uparrow ? & & \downarrow \text{ samples} & & \downarrow \text{ samples} & & \uparrow ? \\ \widetilde{x}[n] \leftarrow IDFS \leftarrow \widetilde{X}[k] = X\left(e^{j\omega}\right)|_{\omega = \frac{2\pi}{N}k} & & x[n] \to DTFT \to X\left(e^{j\omega}\right) \end{array}$$

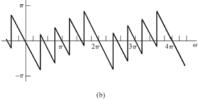


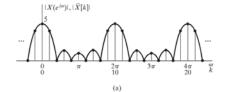
**Figure 8.7** Points on the unit circle at which X(z) is sampled to obtain the periodic sequence  $\tilde{X}[k]$  (N = 8).

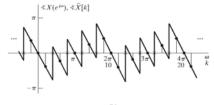
Example: 
$$x[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \le n \le 4\\ 0, & otherwiase \end{cases}$$



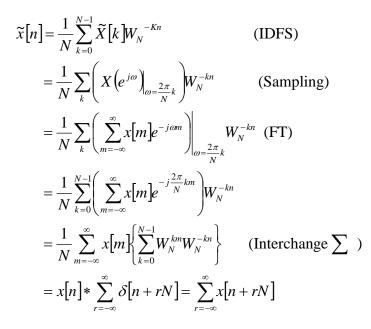


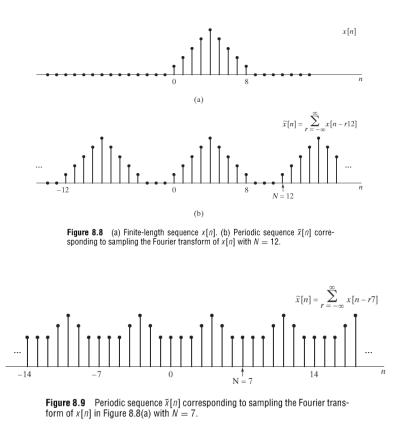












If x[n] has finite length and we take a sufficient number of equally spaced samples of its Fourier Transform ( a number greater than or equal to the length of x[n]), then x[n] is recoverable from  $\tilde{x}[n]$ .

- Two ways (equivalently) to define DFT:
  - (1) N samples of the DTFT of a finite duration sequence x[n]
  - (2) Make the periodic replica of  $x[n] \rightarrow \tilde{x}[n]$

Take the DFS of  $\tilde{x}[n]$ 

Pick up one segment of  $\widetilde{X}[k]$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} x[n] \rightarrow DFT \rightarrow \quad X[k] \\ \downarrow \quad \text{periodic} \qquad \uparrow \text{ one segment} \\ \widetilde{x}[n] \quad \rightarrow DFS \rightarrow \quad \widetilde{X}[k] \end{array}$$

### **\*** Properties of the Discrete Fourier Series

-- Similar to those of FT and z-transform

• Linearity

$$\begin{aligned} &\widetilde{x}_1[n] \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}_1[k] \\ &\widetilde{x}_2[n] \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}_2[k] \end{aligned} \Rightarrow a \widetilde{x}_1[n] + b \widetilde{x}_2[n] \leftrightarrow a \widetilde{X}_1[k] + b \widetilde{X}_2[k] \end{aligned}$$

• Shift

$$\widetilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}[k] = \implies \widetilde{x}[n-m] \leftrightarrow W_N^{km} \widetilde{X}[k] \\ W_N^{-nl} \widetilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}[k-l]$$

• Duality

Def: 
$$\begin{cases} \widetilde{x}[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \widetilde{X}[k] W_N^{-kn} \quad (*) \\ \widetilde{X}[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \widetilde{x}[n] W_N^{nk} \quad (\#) \end{cases}$$
$$\begin{cases} \widetilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}[k] \\ \widetilde{X}[k] \leftrightarrow N \widetilde{x}[-k] \end{cases}$$

• Symmetry  $\widetilde{x}[n] \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}[k]$ Re $\{\widetilde{x}[n]\} \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}_{e}[k] \left(=\frac{1}{2} \left(\widetilde{X}[k] + \widetilde{X}^{*}[-k]\right)\right)$   $j \operatorname{Im}\{\widetilde{x}[n]\} \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}_{o}[k] \left(=\frac{1}{2} \left(\widetilde{X}[k] - \widetilde{X}^{*}[-k]\right)\right)$   $\widetilde{x}_{e}[n] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\widetilde{x}[n] + \widetilde{x}^{*}[-n]\right) \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re}\{\widetilde{X}[k]\}$  $\widetilde{x}_{o}[n] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\widetilde{x}[n] - \widetilde{x}^{*}[-n]\right) \leftrightarrow j \operatorname{Im}\{\widetilde{X}[k]\}$ 

If 
$$\widetilde{x}[n]$$
 is real,  $\widetilde{X}[k] = \widetilde{X}^*[-k]$ .  

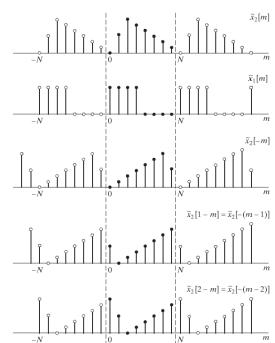
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |\widetilde{X}[k]] = |\widetilde{X}[-k]| \\ \angle \widetilde{X}[k]] = -\angle \widetilde{X}[-k] \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}\{\widetilde{X}[k]\} = \operatorname{Re}\{\widetilde{X}[-k]\} \\ \operatorname{Im}\{\widetilde{X}[k]\} = -\operatorname{Im}\{\widetilde{X}[-k]\} \end{cases}$$

DSP

#### **Periodic Convolution** •

 $\tilde{x}_1[n], \tilde{x}_2[n]$  are periodic sequences with period N  $\sum_{m=0}^{N-1} \widetilde{x}_1[m] \widetilde{x}_2[n-m] \leftrightarrow \widetilde{X}_1[k] \widetilde{X}_2[k]$  $\widetilde{x}_{3}[n] = \widetilde{x}_{1}[n]\widetilde{x}_{2}[n] \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \widetilde{X}_{1}[l]\widetilde{X}_{2}[k-l]$ 



### ♦ Discrete Fourier Transform

• Definition x[n]: length N,  $0 \le n \le N - 1$ 

Making the periodic replica:

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

$$\equiv x[(n \mod u \log N)]$$

$$\equiv x[((n))_{N}]$$

$$\widetilde{X}[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \widetilde{x}[n] W_{N}^{kn}$$

Keep one segment (finite duration)

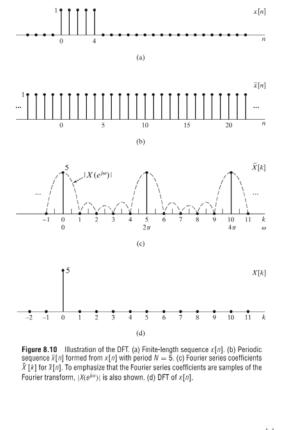
 $X[k] = \begin{cases} \widetilde{X}[k], & 0 \le k \le N-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  That is,  $\widetilde{X}[k] = X[((k))_N]$ 

This finite duration sequence X[k] is the **discrete Fourier transform** (DFT) of x[n]

DSP

Analysis eqn: 
$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] W_N^{kn}, \quad 0 \le k \le N-1$$
  
Synthesis eqn:  $x[n] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] W_N^{-kn}, \quad 0 \le n \le N-1$ 

*Remark:* DFT formula is the same as DFS formula. Indeed, many properties of DFT are derived from those of DFS.



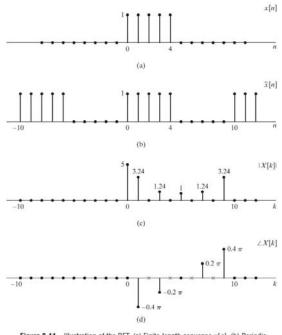


Figure 8.11 Illustration of the DFT. (a) Finite-length sequence x[n]. (b) Periodic sequence  $\bar{x}[n]$  formed from x[n] with period N = 10. (c) DFT magnitude. (d) DFT phase. (x's indicate indeterminate values.)

### ♦ Properties of Discrete Fourier Transform

• Linearity

$$x_{1}[n] \leftrightarrow X_{1}[k] \\x_{2}[n] \leftrightarrow X_{2}[k] \Rightarrow ax_{1}[n] + bx_{2}[n] \leftrightarrow aX_{1}[k] + bX_{2}[k] \\length = \max[N_{1}, N_{2}]$$

• Circular Shift

$$x[n] \leftrightarrow X[k] \implies x[((n-m))_N] \leftrightarrow W_N^{km} X[k]$$
$$W_N^{-\ln} x[n] \leftrightarrow X[((k-l))_N]$$

(*Pf*) From the right side of the  $2^{nd}$  eqn.

$$W_{N}^{Km}X[k] = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}km}X[k] \rightarrow e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N}km}\widetilde{X}[k]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow DFT \qquad \qquad \downarrow IDFS$$

$$x[((n-m))_{N}] \leftarrow x[((n-m))_{N}] = \widetilde{x}[n-m]$$
QED

*Remark:* This is *circular* shift not *linear* shift. (Linear shift of a periodic sequence = circular shift of a finite sequence.)

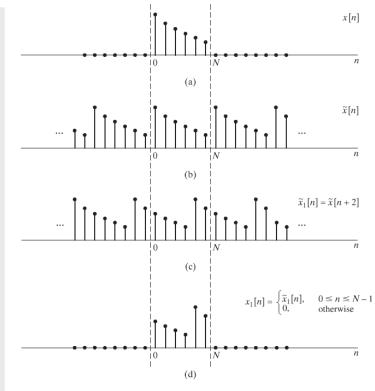
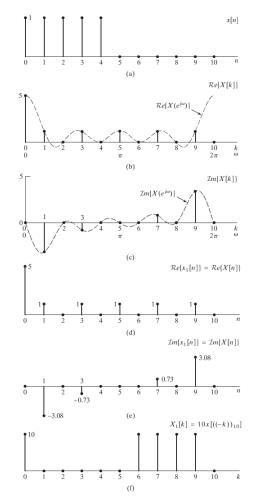


Figure 8.12 Circular shift of a finite-length sequence; i.e., the effect in the time domain of multiplying the DFT of the sequence by a linear-phase factor.

### • Duality

 $x[n] \leftrightarrow X[k]$  $X[n] \leftrightarrow Nx[((-k))_N], \quad 0 \le k \le N - 1$ 



**Figure 8.13** Illustration of duality. (a) Real finite-length sequence x[n]. (b) and (c) Real and imaginary parts of corresponding DFT X[k]. (d) and (e) The real and imaginary parts of the dual sequence  $x_1[n] = X[n]$ . (f) The DFT of  $x_1[n]$ .

### • Symmetry Properties

 $x_{ep}[n] =$  periodic conjugate - symmetric

$$\begin{split} &= \widetilde{x}_{e}[n] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ x[((n))_{N}] + x^{*}[((n))_{N}] \right\}, \quad 0 \le n \le N-1 \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ x[n] + x^{*}[N-n] \right\}, \quad 1 \le n \le N-1 \\ \text{Re} \left\{ x[0] \right\}, \qquad n = 0 \end{cases} \end{split}$$

 $x_{op}[n] =$  periodic conjugate - antisymmetric

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \{x[n] - x^{*}[N - n]\}, & 1 \le n \le N-1 \\ \operatorname{Im}\{x[0]\}, & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

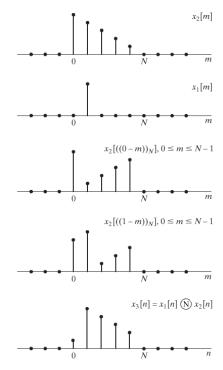
$$x_{ep}[n] \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re}\{X[k]\} & x_{op}[n] \leftrightarrow j \operatorname{Im}\{X[k]\}\}$$
If  $x[n]$  real,  $X[k] = X^{*}[((-k))_{N}], & 0 \le k \le N-1$ 

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |X[k]] = |X[((-k))_{N}] \\ \angle \{X[k]\} = -\angle X[((-k))_{N}] \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}\{X[k]\} = \operatorname{Re}\{X[((-k))_{N}]\} \\ \operatorname{Im}\{X[k]\} = -\operatorname{Im}\{X[((-k))_{N}]\} \end{cases}$$

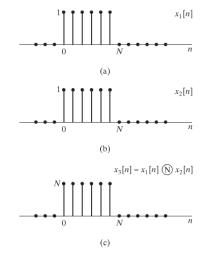
$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}\{x[n]\} \leftrightarrow X_{ep}[k] = \frac{1}{2} \{X[((k))_N] + X^*[((-k))_N]\} \\ \operatorname{Im}\{x[n]\} \leftrightarrow X_{op}[k] = \frac{1}{2} \{X[((k))_N] - X^*[((-k))_N]\} \end{cases}$$

• Circular Convolution

 $x_{3}[n] = x_{1}[n] \Theta x_{2}[n]$   $\equiv \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x[m] x[((n-m))_{N}]$  *N*-point circular convolution  $x_{1}[n] \Theta x_{2}[n] \leftrightarrow X_{1}[k] X_{2}[k]$ 



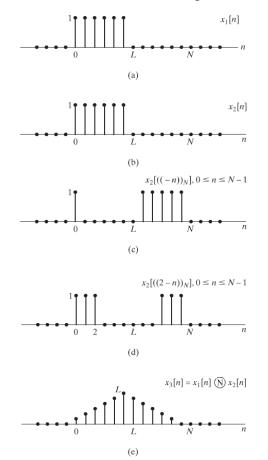
**Figure 8.14** Circular convolution of a finite-length sequence  $x_2[n]$  with a single delayed impulse,  $x_1[n] = \delta[n-1]$ .



### Example: N-point circular convolution of two constant sequences of length N

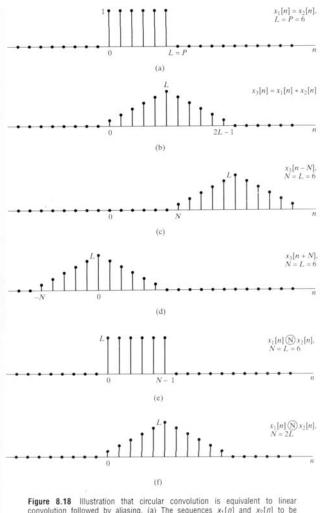
Figure 8.15 N-point circular convolution of two constant sequences of length N.

### 2L-point circular convolution of two constant sequences of length L



### ♦ Linear Convolution Using DFT

• Why using DFT? There are fast DFT algorithms (FFT)



**Figure 8.18** Illustration that circular convolution is equivalent to linear convolution followed by aliasing. (a) The sequences  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$  to be convolved. (b) The linear convolution of  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$ . (c)  $x_3[n - N]$  for N = 6. (d)  $x_3[n + N]$  for N = 6. (e)  $x_1[n] \oplus x_2[n]$ , which is equal to the sum of (b), (c), and (d) in the interval  $0 \le n \le 5$ . (f)  $x_1[n] \oplus x_2[n]$ .

- How to do it?
  - (1) Compute the *N*-point DFT of  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$  separately

 $\rightarrow X_1[k] \text{ and } X_2[k]$ 

- (2) Compute the product  $X_3[k] = X_1[k]X_2[k]$
- (3) Compute the *N*-point IDFT of  $X_3[k] \rightarrow x_3[n]$
- Problems: (a) Aliasing
  - (b) Very long sequence

#### • Aliasing

 $x_1[n]$ , length *L* (nonzero values)

 $x_2[n]$ , length P

In order to avoid aliasing,  $N \ge L + P - 1$ 

(What do we mean avoid aliasing? The preceding procedure is *circular* convolution but we want *linear* convolution. That is,  $x_3[n]$  equals to the linear convolution of  $x_1[n]$  and  $x_2[n]$ )

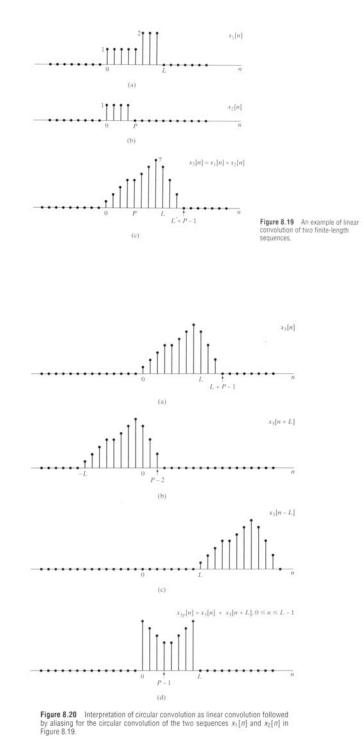


Figure 8.19.

 $x_1[n]$  pad with zeros  $\rightarrow$  length N $x_2[n]$  pad with zeros  $\rightarrow$  length N

Interpretation: (Why call it aliasing?)

 $X_{3}[k]$  has a (time domain) bandwidth of size L + P - 1

(That is, the nonzero values of  $x_3[n]$  can be at most L + P - 1)

Therefore,  $X_{3}[k]$  should have at least L + P - 1 samples. If the sampling rate is insuf-

ficient, aliasing occurs on  $x_3[n]$ .

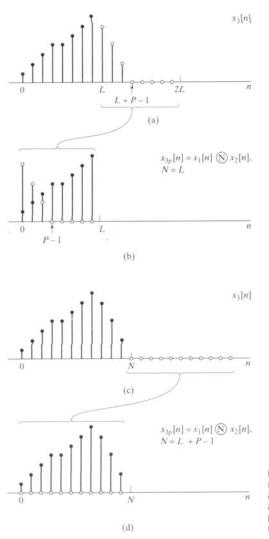


Figure 8.21 Illustration of how the result of a circular convolution "wraps around." (a) and (b) N = L, so the aliased "tail" overlaps the first (P - 1) points. (c) and (d) N = (L + P - 1), so no overlap occurs.

- Very long sequence (FIR filtering)
  - Block convolution
  - $\odot \ Method \ 1 overlap \ and \ add$

Partition the long sequence into sections of shorter length.

For example, the filter impulse response h[n] has finite length P and the input data x[n] is nearly "infinite".

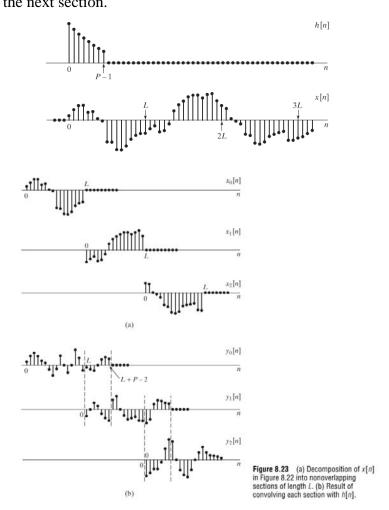
Let 
$$x[n] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} x_r[n-rL]$$
 where  $x_r[n] = \begin{cases} x[n+rL], & 0 \le n \le L-1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

The system (filter) output is a linear convolution:

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} y_r[n - rL]$$
 where  $y_r[n] = x_r[n] * h[n]$ 

*Remark:* The convolution length is L + P - 1. That is, the L + P - 1 point DFT is used.

 $y_r[n]$  has L + P - 1 data points; among them, (P-1) points should be added to the next section.



#### This is called **overlap-add method**.

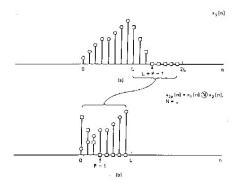
(*Key:* The input data are partitioned into *nonoverlapping* sections → the section outputs are overlapped and added together.)

#### • Method 2 – overlap and save

Partition the long sequence into overlapping sections.

After computing DFT and IDFT, throw away some (incorrect) outputs.

For each section (length L, which is also the DFT size), we want to retain the correct data of length (L - (P - 1)) points



Let h[n], length P

 $x_r[n]$ , length L(L>P)

Then,  $y_r[n]$  contains (P-1) incorrect points at the beginning.

Therefore, we divide into sections of length L but each section overlaps the preceding section by (P-1) points.

$$x_r[n] = x[n + r(L - P + 1) - (P - 1)], \ 0 \le n \le L - 1$$

This is called **overlap-save method**.

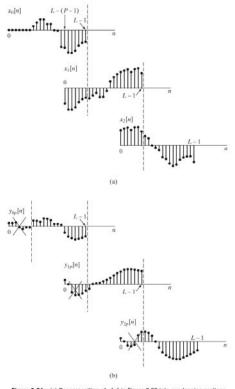


Figure 8.24 (a) Decomposition of x[n] in Figure 8.22 into overlapping sections of length L. (b) Result of convolving each section with h[n]. The portions of each filtered section to be discarded in forming the linear convolution are indicated.