
Subject: Re: FFT confusion

Posted by [kapoorconsciousness](#) on Sat, 05 Aug 2017 22:13:01 GMT

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Same issue, this chirp peaks at ω_0 and $\omega_0 + 2 * \text{chirprate}$ rather than just $\omega_0 + \text{chirprate}$, have you figured it out why yet?

On Monday, May 19, 2003 at 5:46:19 PM UTC+2, Julian Field wrote:

> Kenneth Bowman <k-bowman@null.tamu.edu> wrote in message

news:<k-bowman-FF6825.10385215052003@news.tamu.edu>...

>> In article <7126861e.0305150615.29c97045@posting.google.com>,

>> jefield@taz.qinetiq.com (Julian Field) wrote:

>>

>>> Hi,

>>>

>>> I'd be enormously grateful if anyone could help me with this.

>>>

>>> I'm looking at the power spectra of "chirp" radio signals and am

>>> having problems getting sensible plots. The following code should

>>> generate a complex sinusoidal chirp whose frequency runs from 100 to

>>> 150 Hz and then plot its power spectrum:

>>>

>>> However I'm getting a frequency spectrum running from 100 to *200* Hz

>>> and I'm really confused. This problem has been bugging me for ages and

>>> I'd be very grateful if anyone could point out my mistake(s).

>>

>> Your signal is not a linear combination of frequencies between 100 and

>> 150 Hz. If it were you would get something like this.

>>

>> pro spec

>> time = (2.0/1000)*findgen(1001) ; time (s). NB 1001 samples in 2s

>> ; so sampling freq is 500 Hz thus

>> ; Nyquist freq is 250 Hz

>> i = complex(0,1)

>>

>> freq1 = REPLICATE(100.0, 1001) ; single frequency #1

>> freq2 = REPLICATE(150.0, 1001) ; single frequency #2

>>

>> theta1 = 2*pi*freq1*time ; chirp phase angle

>> theta2 = 2*pi*freq2*time ; chirp phase angle

>> signal = exp(i*theta1) + exp(i*theta2)

>>

>> neg_freq_axis = reverse(-(250.0/500)*findgen(501)))

>> pos_freq_axis = ((250.0/499)*findgen(500)) + 1.0

>> freq_axis = [neg_freq_axis,pos_freq_axis] ; x-axis for plot

>>

>> window,2,xsize=500,ysize=250

>> plot,freq_axis,alog10(shift(((abs(fft(signal)))^2),500)),

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>> xrange=[0,260],$
>> /xstyle,$
>> xticklen=1,$
>> xgridstyle=1,$
>> yticklen=1,$
>> ygridstyle=1
>>
>> end
>>
>> Even in this case you do not get perfect delta-function spikes in the
>> power spectrum due to finite signal length and sampling.
>>
>> To construct your frequency-swept chirp, you have to use frequencies
>> over a larger range than the "pure" frequencies contained in your signal.
>>
>> Ken Bowman
>
> Thank you very much for your help.
>
> Best wishes,
>
> Julian
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